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## Education

<b>Ph.D. Anthropology</b> , University of Nevada, <i>Las Vegas, NV</i>	Present
Dissertation: <i>The Impact of Social Ecology on Morality</i>	
<b>M.A. Anthropology</b> , University of Nevada, <i>Las Vegas, NV</i>	2014
<b>B.S. Psychology</b> , University of Central Florida, <i>Orlando, FL</i>	2010
<i>(Focus in Anthropology)</i>	
<b>B.A. Public Administration</b> , University of Central Florida, <i>Orlando, FL</i>	2010
<i>(Minor in Emergency Management and Homeland Security)</i>	

## Areas of Specialization & Current Research

- Field research in the Republic of Croatia in affiliation with the University of Zadar focused on the impact of coalitions and alliances on moral reasoning and judgment.
- Evolution of morality, cooperation, & coalitional psychology; political psychology; environmental influence on social cognition; cultural evolution; psychology of rumor, gossip, and strategic information.

## Awards

- **2015**
  - United States Fulbright Research Grant (~\$21,000)
  - Friends of World Anthropology Research Grant (\$1,500)
  - UNLV International Programs Scholarship (\$800)
  - Rocchio Anthropology Research Scholarship (\$1,000)
  - UNLV Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Grant (\$1,100)
  - UNLV Patricia Sastaunik Scholarship (\$2,500)
- **2014**
  - Peterson Anthropology Research Scholarship (\$1,050)
  - UNLV Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Grant (\$1,000)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner UNLV 2014 Graduate Research Forum: Social Science Poster Presentation
- **2013**
  - UNLV Patricia Sastaunik Scholarship (\$2,500)
  - UNLV Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Grant (\$800)
  - UNLV Anthropology Research Forum first place research award

## Current Positions

**UNLV Presidential Student Ambassador** 2014 – Present

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV*

One of 10 students representing the president's office and student body of UNLV at various functions by engaging with local dignitaries, state officials, community leaders, alumni, and the general public.

**Research Assistant** 2012 – Present

*University of Nevada, The Society, Evolution, and Culture Lab, Las Vegas, NV*

The SEC lab conducts experimental and field research centered on the evolution of human sociality and cooperation. Additional foci of research include trust, the influence of environmental and institutional factors on behavior, costly signaling, and morality (Dir. Dr. Pierre Lienard).

## **Publications**

Moncrieff, M. & Lienard, P. (2015). A Natural History of the Drag Queen Phenomenon. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*

Lienard, P., Moncrieff, M., & Martinez, M. (2014). Religious propositional attitudes and underdetermination of public representation: Commentary on Ara Norenzayan's Big Gods. *Religion*, 1-6.

Lienard, P., Martinez, M., & Moncrieff, M. (2013). What are we measuring? *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 3(1), 65–68.

Moncrieff, M.A. (2010). When You Believe in Things You Don't Understand: An Evolutionary Exploration of Paranormal, Superstitious, and Religious Belief (Honors Thesis). University of Central Florida, Orlando.

## **Conference Presentations**

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P., & Martinez, M.). 2015, April. "A Natural History of the Drag Queen Phenomenon." *The NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P., & Martinez, M.). 2014, June. "Omission, Consequence, Responsibility, and Settlement." *Morality: Evolutionary Origins and Cognitive Mechanisms Workshop*, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P., & Martinez, M.). 2014, April. "The Sin of the City: Social Networking in Rural and Urban Environments." *GPSA Research Forum, UNLV*, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P., & Martinez, M.). 2013, November. "The Sin of the City: Social Networking in Rural and Urban Environments." *The annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Chicago, Illinois.

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P., & Martinez, M.). 2013, April. "A Cross-Cultural Examination of Correlates of Painful Religious Practices." *The annual meeting of the Southwestern Anthropological Association*, San Jose, California.

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P. & Martinez, M.). 2013, April. "The attraction of low-cost social networks", *RCC, Aarhus University*, Denmark.

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P., & Martinez, M.). 2013, February. "Competing Social Networks in Open and Closed Cultural Environments." *Annual meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research*, Mobile, Alabama.

Moncrieff, M. (with Lienard, P., & Martinez, M.). 2012, October. "The Glorious Trinity: Cooperation, Commitment, and the Collective." *Homo Experimentalis: Experimental Approaches in the Study of Religion*. LEVYNA. Brno, CZ. Keynote.

Moncrieff, M.A., Sims, V.K., Lum, H.C., & Halse, S.E. (2011). When You Believe in Things You Don't Understand: An Evolutionary Exploration of Paranormal, Superstitious, and Religious Belief. *Poster presented at the APS 23rd Annual Conference*, Washington, DC.

## Invited Lectures

*“Human Coalitional Psychology: An Emerging Framework for Understanding Ethnicity, Race, and Nationalism”*, University of Zadar, Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, Invited Lecture Dr. Dunja Brozović Rončević, Spring 2016

*“The Importance of Experimental Research in the Social Sciences”*, Zagreb School of Economics and Management, Invited Lecture Dr. Ivana Bušljeta Banks, Fall 2015

*“Graduate Scholars and Scientists”*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas financial donor and community event, Spring 2014

*“Cognitive Research Methods in Anthropology”*, Ethnographic Field Methods, Anthropology 438, Invited Lecture Dr. Alyssa Crittenden, Spring 2014

*“Animal Training and Cognitive Research”*, Psychology of Human-Animal Interactions, Psychology 3630, Invited Lectures Dr. Matthew Chin & Dr. Heather Lum, Fall 2007 – Fall 2011

## Additional Training

- Central European University 2014: Summer School in Morality: Evolutionary Origins & Cognitive Mechanisms

## Academic Experience

**Instructor** June 2015 – Present

*Ashford University, San Diego, CA*

- Introduction to Social Anthropology (ANT 101)
- Introduction to Social Science (SSC 101)

**UNLV Graduate College Special Projects Graduate Assistant** August 2014 – May 2015

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV*

Perform and analyze qualitative and quantitative research projects for the UNLV Graduate College.

**Instructor / Teaching Assistant** August 2012 – August 2014

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV*

- Introduction to Social Anthropology (ANTH 101)
- History of Anthropology (ANTH 436)
- Anthropology of Animals (ANTH 360)
- Culture and Evolution: Darwinian Models of Culture (ANTH 417/617)

**Research Assistant** January 2009 – March 2012

*University of Central Florida, Applied Cognition & Technology Lab, Orlando, FL*

Applied Cognition and Technology Lab (ACAT), emphasis in cognition, human factors, and individual difference psychology (Dir. Dr. Valerie Sims and Dr. Matthew Chin).

**Teaching Assistant** May 2009 – December 2009

*University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL*

Teaching assistant for Dr. Daniel McConnell's Developmental Psychology course.

## Honors in the Major Thesis

“When You Believe in Things You Don’t Understand”: An Evolutionary Exploration of Paranormal, Superstitious, and Religious Belief, *University of Central Florida, Applied Cognition & Technology Lab, Orlando, FL*, January 2009 – July 2010

## Honors & University Affiliations

- Secretary & Public Relations Officer: UNLV Anthropology Society (2013-2014)
- Lambda Alpha Honors Society Member
- Former member of the Burnett Honors College: UCF Honors in the Major Program
- Psi Chi International Honors Society Member

## Professional Affiliations

- American Anthropological Association, Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Association for Psychological Science, Society for Cross-Cultural Research

## Skills & Technical Experience

- Psychometrics / Survey Development
- SPSS Statistics with emphasis in behavioral research methods
- Ethnographic, interview, & qualitative research
- ESRI's ArcGIS
- Digital video editing software including Final Cut Pro
- SuperLab
- Grant writing
- Curriculum development
- Research ethics training and IRB protocol preparation knowledge

## Work History

**Contributor** March 2014 – October 2014

*Oxford University Press, New York, NY*

- Develop curriculum and presentation materials for Oxford University Press collegiate textbooks.

**SES Site Coordinator** August 2009 – July 2012

*Chancellor Supplemental Educational Services, Orlando, FL*

- Coordinated supplemental educational programs for Title 1 tutoring programs in five Central Florida counties including the oversight of tutors and curriculum.

**Education Coordinator** October 2006 – July 2012

*Walt Disney World / The Seas & Animal Kingdom, Lake Buena Vista, FL*

- Created educational programming for guests and school groups while supervising a team of educators during daily programs, presentations and tours.
- Participated in the facilitation of dolphin research projects in various cognitive and physiological studies.
- Instructed middle and high school groups in science, career and conservation based classes at The Seas and Disney's Animal Kingdom.

**Substitute K-12 Teacher** January 2009 – August 2009

*Kelly Educational Staffing, Orlando, FL*

- Instructed grades K-12 in a formal educational setting during the absence of the primary instructor.

**Operations Consultant (Education and Animal Care)** May 2008 – August 2008

*Cypress Gardens, Winter Haven, FL*

- Developed new standard operating procedures, formed new educational programming, and improved budgeting procedures for Cypress Gardens' animal care and education department.

**NatureWorks Manager** May 2006 – October 2006

*Orlando Science Center, Orlando, FL*

- Created curriculum, wrote grants, delivered educational talks, expanded upon pre-existing programs, and oversaw the care and health of several hundred animals while managing an animal husbandry staff and volunteer program of over 70 people.

**House Manager** November 2005 – July 2006

*SAK Comedy Lab, Orlando, FL*

- Managed staffing and large volunteer program, guest service, cash control, food and beverage, ticketing, training and development, and show operations.

**Hospitality & House Manager** June 2005 – April 2010

*Orlando Science Center, Orlando, FL*

- Oversaw guest service, operations, security, and special events of this 207,000 sq. ft. science education facility.