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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

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| 2022 | PhD Comparative Human Development – Behavioral Biology
The University of Chicago. |
| 2016 | MS Forensic Science – Biology/Chemistry with Honors
University of Central Oklahoma. |
| 2014 | BA with Honors in Anthropology,
Minors in Biology and Natural Science
Oklahoma Baptist University. |

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| 2021 | Facebook
User Experience Research Graduate Intern |
| 2017-22 | Institute for Mind and Biology, The University of Chicago, USA
Fellow |
| 2017, 2020 | Interacting Minds Centre / Recreational Fear Lab,
Aarhus University, Denmark
Visiting Researcher |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Under Review **Scrivner, C.** The Psychology of Morbid Curiosity.

R&R Rim, N.W., Choe, K.W., **Scrivner, C.**, & Berman, M.G. Introducing Point-of-Interest as an alternative to Area-of-Interest for fixation duration analysis.

2021 **Scrivner, C.** An Infectious Curiosity: Morbid Curiosity and Media Preferences During a Pandemic. *Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture*.

2021 **Scrivner, C.**, Johnson, J.A., Kjeldgaard-Christiansen, J., & Clasen, M. Pandemic Practice: Horror Fans and Morbidly Curious Individuals Are More Psychologically Resilient During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Personality and Individual Differences*.

2020 Andersen, M., Schjoedt, U., Price, H., Rosas, F., **Scrivner, C.**, & Clasen, M. Playing with Fear: A Field Study in Recreational Horror. *Psychological Science*

2020 Taji, W., **Scrivner, C.**, & Maestripieri, D. Toward a general theory of human individual differences: Can evolutionary psychology meet the challenge? *Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences*.

2020 **Scrivner, C.**, Holbrook, C., Fessler, D.M.T., & Maestripieri, D. Gruesomeness conveys formidability: Perpetrators of gratuitously grisly acts are conceptualized as larger, stronger, and more likely to win. *Aggressive Behavior*.

- 2019** **Scrivner, C.**, Choe, K.W., Henry, J., Lyu, M., Maestriperi, D., & Berman, M.G. Violence reduces attention to faces and draws attention to points of contact. *Scientific Reports*.
- 2018** **Scrivner, C.** & Maestriperi, D. Creativity patterns in the production of scientific theories and literary fiction. *KNOW: A Journal on the Formation of Knowledge*.

Book Chapters

- Under Review*** **Scrivner, C.** Curiosity: A Behavioral Biology Perspective. In T. Shackelford & L. Al-Shawaf (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Evolution and the Emotions*.
- Under Review*** **Scrivner, C.**, Lukaszewski, A., Al-Shawaf, L., & Sznycer, D. The Common Grammar that Governs Multiple Emotions. In T. Shackelford & L. Al-Shawaf (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Evolution and the Emotions*.
- Under Review*** Sell, A. **Scrivner, C.**, Landers, M & Anthony, L. The Neutralization Theory of Hatred. In T. Shackelford & L. Al-Shawaf (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Evolution and the Emotions*.
- 2018** Marvel-Coen, J., **Scrivner, C.** & Maestriperi, D. Morningness-eveningness and sociosexuality from a life history perspective. In V. Zeigler-Hill & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of Personality and Individual Differences*.

Book Reviews

- 2017** **Scrivner, C.** Human Behavioral Biology: It's Complicated [Review of the book *Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst*]. *Human Ethology*.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Competitive Grants

2020	Gianinno Graduate Research Grant (\$1500)
2019	Gianinno Graduate Research Grant (\$2000)
2019	Human Behavior and Evolution Society, student funding grant (\$1600)
2019	Pozen Family Center for Human Rights symposium event co-sponsorship (\$400)
2019-20	Mary Anne and James L. Rynerson Research Grant (\$10,000)
2018-20	Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society Collaborative Research Project (\$35,433)
2018-19	Mary Anne and James L. Rynerson Research Grant (\$10,000)
2018	Pozen Family Center for Human Rights Graduate Student Master Class and Workshop Fund (\$1500)
2017	The University of Chicago Graduate Student Council Advanced Travel Fund (\$600)
2015	University of Central Oklahoma Student Research, Creative, & Scholarly Activities Grant (\$500)

Travel Grants

2019	Gianinno Conference Fund (\$1000)
2018	Institute for Mind and Biology Travel Fund (\$1000)
2018	Gianinno Conference Fund (\$750)
2018	Institute for Mind and Biology Travel Fund (\$750)

Fellowships

2020-21	Social Science Research Center Graduate Student Fellowship
2016-21	The University of Chicago Social Sciences Fellowship (\$31,000/Year)

Awards

2020	SPSP Graduate Registration Award
2015	University of Central Oklahoma Student Research, Creative, & Scholarly Activities Award (\$1000)
2015	ARL/DNA Solutions Endowed Scholarship Award (\$1000)
2015	Forensic Science Institute Endowed Scholarship Award (\$1000)
2015	TA Tuition Waiver Award, UCO Department of Biology (\$1129)

INVITED TALKS

2020	Pomona College, Claremont, CA.
2020	Interacting Minds Centre, Aarhus University. Aarhus, Denmark
2019	Psychology Club. Carthage College. Kenosha, WI.
2019	Justice, Attention, and Motivation Lab. Department of Psychology, Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL.
2019	Social, Personality, and Organizational Brown Bag. Psychology Department, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Urbana-Champaign, IL.
2015	Tri-Beta Speaker Series at Oklahoma Baptist University. Shawnee, OK.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Organized Conferences, Workshops, & Symposia

2019	Weekly Workshop: <i>Social Cognition, Aggression, and Research in Evolution (SCARE)</i> at The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
2019	Symposium: <i>Cognitive Evolutionary Foundations of Conflict</i> at the Institute for Mind and Biology, The University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

- 2019** **Symposium:** *Experiencing Violence: From Laboratory to Community* at the Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2018** **Conference:** *The Allure of Violence: Bridging Perception, Cognition, and Culture* at The Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, The University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

Conference Presentations (first author only)

- 2021** **Scrivner, C.** *The Psychology of Morbid Curiosity* at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention
- 2020** **Scrivner, C.** *Morbid Curiosity and Monsters* at the Zombie Apocalypse Medicine Meeting.
- 2020** **Scrivner, C.** *The Psychology of Morbid Curiosity: Development of the Morbid Curiosity Scale and its Relationship to Behavior* at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.
- 2020** **Scrivner, C.** *The Psychology of Morbid Curiosity* at the Association for Psychological Science. Chicago, IL. (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020** **Scrivner, C.,** Holbrook, C., Fessler, D.M.T., & Maestripieri, D. *Gruesomeness Conveys Formidability* at the Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL. (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020** **Scrivner, C.** *The Psychology of Morbid Curiosity* at the European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association Conference. Krakow, Poland (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2019** **Scrivner, C.,** Choe, K.W., Henry, J., Lyu, M., Maestripieri, D., & Berman, M.G. *Watching People People Watch: Using Eye Tracking to Study the Perception of Violent Social Interactions* at the International Society for Human Ethology Summer Institute. Zadar, Croatia.

- 2019** **Scrivner, C.**, Choe, K.W., Lyu, M., Maestriperi, D., & Berman, M.G.
Fixating on Violence: Visual assessment of violent social interactions at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference. Boston, MA.
- 2019** **Scrivner, C.**, Choe, K.W., Lyu, M., Maestriperi, D., & Berman, M.G.
Taking a Look at Violence at the Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2018** **Scrivner, C.**, Choe, K.W., Maestriperi, D., & Berman, M.G. *Visual Attention Biases in Viewing Scenes of Violence* at the International Society for Human Ethology Congress. Santiago, Chile.
- 2018** **Scrivner, C.**, Ibarra, F., & Maestriperi, D. *An Evolutionary Approach to Attentional and Emotional Biases in Coalitional Violence* at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2018** **Scrivner, C.**, & Maestriperi, D., *An Evolutionary Cost-Benefit Framework of Religious Beliefs and Behaviors* at Future Directions on the Evolution of Rituals, Beliefs, and Religious Minds. Erice, Sicily, Italy.
- 2016** **Scrivner, C.**, Gibson, K., & Creecy, J. *Beyond DNA: An Epigenetic Approach to Identical Twin Identification* at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2016** **Scrivner, C.**, Gibson, K., & Creecy, J. *Twin Identification: Moving Beyond DNA* at Oklahoma Research Day. Talequah, Oklahoma

Campus and Departmental Talks

- 2020** Proseminar at the Institute for Mind and Biology, The University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- 2019** Proseminar at the Institute for Mind and Biology, The University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Chicago

Lecturer

Mind II (Winter 2020)

Mind I (Autumn 2020, 2 Sections)

Teaching Assistant

Habits of a Free Mind (Spring 2020; Dr. Pamela Paresky)

Computing for Social Sciences (Spring 2019; Dr. Ben Soltoff)

Mind III (Spring 2019; Dr. Jean Decety)

Mind II (Winter 2019; Dr. Katherine Krpan)

Mind I (Autumn 2018; Dr. Dario Maestriperi).

Intro to Comparative Human Development (Autumn 2018; Dr. Eugene Raikhel)

The University of Central Oklahoma

Lecturer

General Biology Laboratory (2014 – 2016; 9 Sections)

Teaching Assistant

Embryology (Autumn 2015; Dr. Nikki Seagraves)

PUBLISHED ESSAYS

- 2020** **Scrivner, C.** Horror Fans Have More Fun During a Pandemic. *Nautilus*.
- 2018** **Scrivner, C.** Diversity and Inclusion vs Free Speech on Campus.
Quillette.
- 2017** **Scrivner, C.** Guest Blogger at *Savage Minds/Anthrodendum*.
- 2016** **Scrivner, C.** When DNA Isn't Enough: Methylation, Forensics, and Twins
– Part 2. *Forensic Outreach*.

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– Part 1. *Forensic Outreach*.
- 2016** **Scrivner, C.** The Paleo Diet: Brilliantly Simple, or Simply Wrong?
Anthro/Zine.
- 2015** **Scrivner, C.** Neanderthals: Were They "Human?" *Anthro/Zine*.

SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

"You know you want to look: University of Chicago grad student has made a specialty of morbid curiosity." (Profile; front page of Sunday paper). [The Chicago Tribune](#)

"Horror movie fans are better at coping with the coronavirus pandemic." [New Scientist](#)

"I feel fine: fans of world-ending films 'coping better with the pandemic.'" [The Guardian](#)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

University and Departmental Service

Dean's Advisory Council, Division of Social Sciences.

University of Chicago. 2019-20.

Fellows Council, Institute for Mind and Biology.

University of Chicago. 2019-21.

Social Chair, Comparative Human Development Student Association.

University of Chicago. 2017-18

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Personality and Individual Differences, Adaptive Human Behavior & Physiology, Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture, EvoS Journal

Member

Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES)

International Society for Human Ethology (ISHE)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Association for Psychological Science (APS)