

LAUREN NICOLE LESKO

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EDUCATION

- September 2018 - Present
 - **University of California, Los Angeles**
 - Social Psychology PhD Program (M.S. Fall 2019)
- 2013 - 2017
 - **University of California, Los Angeles**
 - Anthropology (B.S.)
 - Ecology, Behavior, & Evolution (B.S.)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- UCLA Academic Senate Grant 2020
- UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program 2019
- NSF GRFP 2018
- NSF GRFP Honorable Mention 2017
- A.R. Wallace Scholarship for International Field and Marine Research 2016
- Holmes O. Miller Scholarship for Field Study 2016
- UCLA Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Research Scholarship 2016
- College Honors Program, UCLA
- Highest Departmental Honors in Ecology, Behavior, & Evolution

SPECIALIZED RESEARCH TRAINING AND SKILLS

- Programs and programming languages: SQL syntax, R, SPSS, Bash, FSL, Blimp
- Data analysis courses and workshops attended: Multilevel Modeling, Missing Data, ANOVA, Regression, Statistics for Neuroimaging, Biostatistics, Power Analysis
- Data science skills: GitHub, cluster computing, web scraping, cloud computing, Shiny for interactive documents
- Fieldwork training in Dja rainforest, Cameroon: ethograms and wildlife observation

*CHAPTERS, *ARTICLES, AND ^COMMENTS

*Denotes a mentee**

*Lesko, L., Peng, S., & Haselton, M. (2022, forthcoming). Hormones and Women's Social Behavior: What We Know and What We Need to Know. *Annual Review of Psychology*

^Lesko, L. & Miller, C.* (2022, forthcoming). Avoid allowing the ends to justify the means: Comment. *Personality Science*

*Gangestad, S., Haselton, M., Dinh, T., & Lesko, L. (2021). Characterizing Women's Desires Across the Ovulation Cycle. *Handbook of Human Mating*

*POSTERS AND ^PRESENTATIONS

*Denotes a mentee**

⁺Lesko, L., Moore, T., & Haselton, M. (2022). Distinguishing Sexual Attraction from Sexual Desire. Datablitz to be presented at the 2022 annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Sexuality Preconference.

*Miller, C.,⁺ Venkatesh, A.,⁺ Shearin, O.,⁺ Garza, D.,⁺ Lesko, L., & Strickland, L. M. (2021). Investigating Compliance with Public Health Guidance for COVID-19. Poster presented at UCLA's 2021 Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference

⁺Lesko, L. (May 2020). Distinguishing between sexual attraction and sexual desire. Talk presented to the Social Area of the UCLA Psychology Department

⁺Lesko, L. (November 2019). Are sexual attraction and sexual desire separable? Talk presented to the Quantitative Area of the UCLA Psychology Department

*Lesko, L., & Haselton, M. (May 2019). Distinguishing between sexual attraction and sexual desire: The case of asexuality. Poster presented at the 2019 annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society

SELECTED TEACHING, MENTORING, AND OUTREACH

- January 2022 - June 2022
 - **Mentor for Psychology Research Opportunity Programs (PROPS)**
 - Mentoring two undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds through a project involving lit review, survey data collection, analysis in R, and writing up
- September 2021 - Present
 - **Managing Twenty-Nine Research Assistants**
 - Coordinating research assistants for five projects. Mentoring them through the research process, including literature review, IRB applications, survey methods, participant scheduling and management, data analysis in R, and write-up
- November 2021
 - **Reviewer for Social-Personality Undergraduate Research (SPUR) Program**
 - An internship program seeking to increase research opportunities for students from historically underrepresented racial backgrounds
- January 2021 - June 2021
 - **Graduate-Undergraduate Mentor (GUM)**
 - Attended mentorship training workshops. Met with an undergraduate once per month to mentor her through applying to graduate programs in psychology
- Fall 2020 - June 2022
 - **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor**
 - Mentoring an undergraduate in the Anthropology department through her research design, data collection, and write-up for her Honors Thesis
- March 2020 - Present
 - **Undergraduate Mentor**
 - Mentoring four undergraduate students through collaboratively running and publishing their own project; including mentoring on research basics such as literature reviews, data collection, data analyzation, data visualization, and writing
- September 2019 - Present

- **Underrepresented Graduate Students in Psychology Brownbag Committee**
 - Spearheaded an alumni speaker event in Fall 2019, coordinated a discussion of issues facing minority faculty in Winter 2020, organized and moderated a mentor event in Fall 2020, organized and moderated a finance event in Winter 2021
- September 2019 - March 2020
 - **Volunteer at 826LA Mar Vista**
 - Tutoring underprivileged youth aged six to seventeen. Tutoring in all subjects, but with a focus on writing. Meeting with students three hours per week.
- Winter 2019
 - **Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Psychology (Psych 100)**
 - Managed discussion groups once per week, held office hours, graded lab reports, graded free response test questions, and proctored exams.
- September 2017 - June 2018
 - **Science Aide at Paradise Canyon Elementary School**
 - Helped the school to implement the Next Generation Science Standards by designing lesson plans, educating teachers, and teaching lessons
- Spring 2017
 - **Philanthropy as Civic Engagement at UCLA**
 - Researched the philanthropic organization Kindred Spirits Care Farm and wrote a series of grant proposals that ultimately won the organization \$49,000
- Summer 2016
 - **English Teacher near Yangshuo, China**
 - Taught children aged 6 to 16, spent six weeks developing lesson plans and teaching, successfully taught students basic conversation