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## Academic Positions

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| 2020 | Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL. |
| 2019 | Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, CA.        |

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## Education

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| 2018 | <b><u>University of Connecticut</u></b><br>Ph.D. Anthropology<br><i>Graduate Certificate</i> in Cognitive Science<br><i>Graduate Certificate</i> in Human Rights |
| 2012 | <b><u>University of Connecticut</u></b><br>M.A., Anthropology  |
| 2009 | <b><u>Colorado State University</u></b><br>M.A., Philosophy  |
| 2007 | <b><u>Colorado University</u></b><br>B.A., Anthropology, Art History, and Philosophy   |

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## Publications

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### **Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

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| Forthcoming  | <b>Kiper, J.,</b> Lillie, C., Gwon, Y., Wilson, R., & Harris, L. Propaganda and its effects on empathy: The moral psychology of international speech crimes.  |
| Under review | <b>Kiper, J.</b> Propaganda and Mass Atrocity Crimes: The Case Study of the Yugoslav Wars.  |
| In press     | <b>Kiper, J.,</b> Stich, S., Machery, E., & Barrett, H.C. Experimental philosophy. In D. Ludwig, I. Koskinen, Z. Mncube, L. Poliseli, & L. Reyes-Galindo (Eds.), <i>Negotiating Local and Global Perspectives on Scientific Practice</i> .  |
| In press     | <b>Kiper, J.,</b> & Sosis, R. The Roots of intergroup conflict and the co-option of the religious system: An evolutionary perspective on religious terrorism. In J. Liddie and T. Shackelford (Eds.), <i>Oxford Handbook of Evolutionary Perspectives on Religion</i> (pp. 265-281). New York: Oxford University Press. |
| 2020         | <b>Kiper, J.,</b> Gwon, Y., & Wilson, R.A. How propaganda works: Nationalism, revenge and empathy in Serbia. <i>Journal of Cognition and Culture</i> , 20, 403-430.   |
| 2020         | <b>Kiper, J.,</b> & Sosis, R. The systemics of violent religious nationalism: A case study of the Yugoslav Wars. <i>Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture</i> , 14(1), 45-70.   |

- 2020 Wilson, R.A., & **Kiper, J.** Brandenburg in an era of populism: Risk analysis in the first amendment. *Law and Public Affairs*, 5(2), 57-121.
- 2020 Sosis, R., Shaver, J., Purzycki, B., & **Kiper, J.** Soul mates? Conflicts and complementarities in the evolutionary and cognitive sciences of religion. In J. Barrett (Ed.), *Oxford Handbook for the Cognitive Science of Religion*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2019 **Kiper, J.** How dangerous propaganda works. In P. Dojčinović (Ed.), *Propaganda and International Criminal Law: From Cognition to Criminality* (pp. 217-236). New York: Routledge.
- 2019 **Kiper, J.** Cultivating Peace in the Heart of the Balkans. *Sapiens—Anthropology/Everything Human*. 22 February 2019: <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/yugoslav-wars-veterans/>
- 2018 **Kiper, J.**, & DiVietro, S. When and when not to forgive. In S. DiVietro & J. Kiper (Eds.), *Perspectives on Forgiveness: Contrasting Approaches to Concepts of Forgiveness and Revenge* (pp. vii-xxv). The Netherlands: Brill.
- 2018 DiVietro, S., & **Kiper, J.** Revenge and forgiveness in domestic violence intervention. In S. DiVietro & J. Kiper (Eds.), *Perspectives on Forgiveness: Contrasting Approaches to Concepts of Forgiveness and Revenge* (pp. 77-116). The Netherlands: Brill.
- 2017 Sosis, R., & **Kiper, J.** Sacred versus secular values: Cognitive and evolutionary sciences of religion and religious freedom. In T.S. Shah (Ed.), *Homo Religiosis? Exploring the Roots of Religion and Religious Freedom in Human Experience* (pp. 89-119). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2017 **Kiper, J.**, & Sosis, R. The Logic and location of strong reciprocity: Anthropological and philosophical considerations. In M. Li & D. Tracer (Ed.), *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Fairness, Equity and Justice* (pp. 107-128). New York: Springer.
- 2016 **Kiper, J.**, & Sosis, R. Shaking the tyrant's bloody robe: Evolutionary perspectives on intergroup conflict, religion, and ethnic violence. *Politics and Life Sciences*, 35(1), 27-40.
- 2016 **Kiper, J.**, & Sosis, R. Why terrorism terrifies us. In M. Taylor (Ed.), *Evolutionary Psychology and Terrorism: New Perspectives on Political Violence* (pp. 102-123). New York: Routledge.
- 2015 Purzycki, B., **Kiper, J.**, Shaver, J., Finkel, D., & Sosis, R. Religion. In R.A. Scott & M. Stephens (Eds.), *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (pp. 1-16). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- 2015 **Kiper, J.** War propaganda, war crimes, and post-conflict justice in Serbia: An ethnographic account. *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 19(5), 572-591.
- 2015 **Kiper, J.** Toward an anthropology of war propaganda. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 38(1), 129-146.

- 2014 **Kiper, J.**, & Sosis, R. Moral intuitions and the religious system: An adaptationist account. *Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences*, 1(2), 172-199.
- 2014 Sosis, R., & **Kiper, J.** Religion is more than belief: What evolutionary theories of religion tell us about religious commitments. In M. Bergmann & P. Kain (eds.), *Challenges to Religion and Morality: Disagreements and Evolution* (pp. 256-276). New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 **Kiper, J.** Why anthropology remains integral to cognitive science. *Topics in Cognitive Science – Journal of the Cognitive Science Society*, 6(1), 151-152.
- 2012 **Kiper, J.** Do human rights have religious foundations? *Religion and Human Rights*, 7(2), 109-131.
- 2011 **Kiper, J.** Henry Shue on basic rights: A Defense. *Human Rights Review*, 12(4), 505-514.

### **Volumes**

- 2018 DiVietro, S., & **Kiper, J.** (Eds.), *Perspectives on Forgiveness: Contrasting Approaches to Concepts of Forgiveness and Revenge*. The Netherlands: Brill.
- 2018 **Kiper, J.** *Propaganda and Mass Violence in the Yugoslav Wars: A Post-Conflict Ethnography*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Connecticut.

### **Commentaries and Books Reviews**

- 2020 **Kiper, J.** Knowing across cultures. *Anthropology News*. September 30, 2020.
- 2020 **Kiper, J.** Toward an evolutionary-science based metaethics. *Religion, Brain and Behavior*, 10(3), 15-23.
- 2018 **Kiper, J.**, & Sosis, R. Toward a More Comprehensive Theory of Self-Sacrificial Violence. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 41, 26-27.
- 2016 **Kiper, J.** Right views: The shared insights of Buddhism, biology, and existentialism. *Religion, Brain and Behavior*, 6(1), 88-91.
- 2015 **Kiper, J.**, & Meier, J. The problems and origins of big gods. *Religion, Brain and Behavior*, 5(4), 298-305.
- 2014 Sosis, R., & **Kiper, J.** Why religion is better conceived as a complex system than a normative institution. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 37, 275-276.
- 2014 **Kiper, J.** Review of Edward Slingerland's Trying Not to Try: The Art and Sciences of Spontaneity. *Journal of the Cognitive Science of Religion*, 2(2), 164-169.
- 2014 **Kiper, J.** Beyond utopia: The history and future of human rights. *Warscapes*. September 16, 2014.
- 2014 **Kiper, J.** Review of Buddhist Biology: Ancient Eastern Wisdom meets Modern Science by David Barish. *The View of Life: Anything and Everything from an Evolutionary Perspective*. April 23, 201.

2011      **Kiper, J.** It depends on what you mean by “altruism.” *Proceedings of the Kent State May 4<sup>th</sup> Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, No. 10:* <http://philosophy/kent.edu/journal/001001>.

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## Professional Presentations

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*Evidence in Propaganda Trials: Rethinking the Limits of Regulatory Frameworks.* American Anthropological Association’s Annual Meeting, Vancouver, November 20, 2019.

*Rehumanization among Veterans of the Yugoslav Wars: Rethinking Reconciliation and Post-Conflict Justice.* Social Practice of Human Rights, Dayton University, Dayton, OH, October 3, 2019.

*War Propaganda, Mass Violence, and Crimes against Humanity.* War Frenzy: Exploring the Violence of Propaganda Conference, Princeton University, NJ, May 11, 2017.

*An Anthropology of Propaganda.* Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 27, 2017.

*What Evolutionary Theory tells us about Religious Terrorism.* International Conference on Religion, Violence, and Peace, Wake Forest University, NC, April 10, 2015.

*Religion: “What it is” and “What it is like.”* Teaching Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 27, 2015.

*Shaking the Tyrant’s Bloody Robe: Evolutionary Perspectives on Intergroup Conflict, Religion, and Ethnic Violence.* Ethnic and Religious Conflict Conference, Arizona State University, AZ, February 27, 2015.

*“I Should Help, but I Wouldn’t”: The Psychology of Revenge and Its Application in Domestic Violence Intervention.* Forgiveness and Revenge: Probing the Boundaries, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom, July 10, 2014.

*A Tentative Model of Prosecutorial War Propaganda and Criminal Speech in International Law.* Language Fest, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 24, 2014.

*A Theoretical Framework towards Understanding the Role of Third-Person Cognition in the Evolution of Cooperation and Religious Systems.* (Presented with Richard Sosis). Seventh Annual Conference for the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, SUNY, New Paltz, NY, April 11, 2014.

*Is there a Coherent Causal Connection between War Propaganda and Violence?* Tenth Anniversary Human Rights Institute Conference: Contexts of Human Rights, Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, Storrs, September 18, 2013.

*Moral Distance: At the Intersection of Propaganda, Perpetrators, and Prosecutors.* ARIL and Cross Currents Conference, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, New York, NY, July 17, 2013.

*How Peer-pressure Moderates the Effect of War Propaganda: Experimental Evidence for Understanding Wartime Injustices.* Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society, Chapman University, Anaheim, CA, June 7, 2013.

*Moral Intuitions and the Religious System: An Adaptationist Account.* (Presented with Richard Sosis). Colloquium on Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences, Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 23, 2013.

*Signaling Trust and Coping with Uncertainty: The Value of Religious Ritual.* Religion and Failure: A Weekly Seminar Series in the Anthropology of Religion, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 28, 2013.

*War Propaganda and Support for Mass Violence: An Ethnographic Account.* AAAS Annual Conference, General Poster Session, Boston, MA, February 17, 2013.

*"We Defended Our Country: That is Not a Crime:" Serbian Veterans and War Crime Investigations in Post-War Serbia.* Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, February 4, 2013.

*Religion is more than Belief: What Evolutionary Theories tell us about Religious Commitments.* (Presented with Richard Sosis). Knowing in Religion and Morality Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September 8, 2012.

*Forgiveness is Costly: The Evolution of Forgiveness and Its Philosophical Implications.* Forgiveness: Probing the Boundaries, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom, July 12, 2012.

*To What Extent Does Propaganda Cause Violence?* The Law and Society Association International Conference, Honolulu, HI, June 8, 2012.

*Do Human Rights Have Religious Foundations?* Human Rights in a Global Perspective Conference, Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC, September 30, 2011.

*Sacred vs. Secular Values: Cognitive and Evolutionary Sciences of Religion and Religious Freedom.* (Presented with Richard Sosis) Religious Freedom Project, Georgetown University, Washington, DC., May 3, 2011.

*The Adaptive Value of Story Telling.* Society for Psychological Anthropology Meeting, Santa Monica, CA, April 3, 2011.

*It Depends On What You Mean by "Altruism."* Kent State May 4<sup>th</sup> Philosophy Conference, Kent State University, Kent, OH, March 12, 2011.

*Henry Shue on Basic Rights: A Defense.* Third Annual Graduate Human Rights Conference: The Ideals & Realities of Social & Economic Rights, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 16, 2010.

*Laying Down a Path in Walking: Embodied Cognition.* (Presented with Darko Saranac) Space and Time across Language, Disciplines and Cultures Conference, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, April 9, 2010.

*Quantum Theory, Quantum Minds, and the Hard Problem of Consciousness.* The American Philosophical Association, Central Division Conference, Chicago, IL, April 18, 2008.

*Can Physical Science Solve the Problems of Phenomenal Consciousness?* Mind, Brain and Experience Conference, Colorado University, Denver, CO, April 11, 2008.

*Incoherence Revealed: David Gauthier's Game Theory and Argument for Impartiality.* The Inter-Mountain West Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 28, 2008.

*The Incompleteness of Quantum Consciousness.* The International Humanities Conference, Honolulu, HI, January 14, 2008.

*Love and Compassion: Gandhi, King, and the Philosophy of Peace.* The Inter-Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, February 11, 2005.

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## Curated Exhibits

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*Recovery and Reconciliation after the Yugoslav Wars: A Study in Portraits and Legacies of those Who Now Fight for Peace* (co-curated with Robin Albarano). Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Hallway, Connecticut, Storrs, CT, February 10 to March 14, 2017.

*A Legacy of Veteran Expressions after War: Every Veteran's Life tells a Story and Every Veteran Leaves a Legacy* (co-curated with Robin Albarano). Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Gallery, Connecticut, Storrs, CT, January 1 to February 28, 2017.

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## **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

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2020	John Templeton Foundation, Geography of Philosophy Project, Subaward
2017	Human Rights Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Human Rights Institute. University of Connecticut.
2016	Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Anthropology Department. University of Connecticut.
2016	Dennison Nash Fellowship, Anthropology Department, University of Connecticut.
2016	Spring Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
2015	Excellence in Teaching, Office of the Provost, University of Connecticut.
2015	Research Excellence in Law Grant (Co-Pi), University of Connecticut School of Law.
2014	Dennison Nash Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
2014	Dean Ross MacKinnon Endowment, University of Connecticut.
2013	Human Rights Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
2013	Department of Anthropology Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
2013	IRES Graduate Fellowship, Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Workshop, Chapman University, CA.
2013	Coolidge Fellowship, ARIL and Cross Currents Colloquium, Union Seminary, Columbia University, New York, NY.
2012	The Annual Paper Competition for Graduates in the Anthropology Department at the University of Connecticut.
2012	Human Rights Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
2012	Department of Anthropology Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
2011	The Annual Paper Competition for Graduates in the Anthropology Department at the University of Connecticut.
2010	Department of Anthropology Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
2010	European Science Days Fellowship, Johannes Kepler University, Steyr, Austria.
2007	The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Undergraduate Essay Contest in Philosophy.
2007	The Eldon Steven's Award: Outstanding Senior Thesis for the 2006-2007 Academic Year, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.
2006	Curiosity Unlimited Scholarship, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

2006	Letters, Arts and Sciences Scholarship, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.
2006	Alumni Scholarship, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.
2005	Benjamin Brown Fellowship for Independent Research Abroad, University of Colorado.
2005	Award Presenter at the Inter-Mountain Philosophy Conference 2005, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.
2004	Janis Tharp Student Enrichment Fund, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.
2004	University of Colorado Independent Scholar Award.
2004	Alumni Scholarship, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.
2004	Richard & Jane Francis Scholarship for Philosophy, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

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## **Teaching History**

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### **Courses Taught at the Undergraduate Level**

Cognitive Science: A Philosophical Introduction, Colorado State University.  
 Comparative Religion, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 Culture, Language and Thought, University of Connecticut.  
 Human Rights in Democratizing Countries, University of Connecticut.  
 Introduction to Biological Anthropology, University of Alabama at Birmingham.  
 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, University of Alabama at Birmingham.  
 Introduction to Human Rights, University of Connecticut  
 Other People's Worlds, University of Connecticut.  
 Social Anthropology, University of Connecticut.  
 World Religions, University of Connecticut.

### **Teaching Assistantships**

Appreciation of Philosophy, Colorado State University.  
 History and Philosophy of Scientific Thought, Colorado State University.  
 Introduction to Anthropology, University of Connecticut.  
 Moral and Social Problems, Colorado State University.  
 World Philosophies, Colorado State University.

### **Foreign Language Instruction**

English as a Second Language (ESL), Goodwin College.

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## **Professional Affiliations**

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American Anthropological Association  
 American Psychology Law Society  
 Association for Political and Legal Anthropology  
 Cognitive Science Society  
 International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion  
 Law and Society Association  
 Society for the Anthropology of Religion

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## **Professional Skillsets**

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### **Foreign Languages**

*Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian* (proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking)

*Latin and Classical Greek* (working proficiency in reading)

*Spanish* (limited working proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking)

### **Modeling, Statistical Packages, and Programing**

R, SPSS

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## **References**

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