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Education

- 2000-2008 University of California, Los Angeles, CA
Doctor of Philosophy degree awarded June, 2008 / Evolutionary
Anthropology.
- 1998-2000 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Master of Arts degree awarded August 2000 / Latin American Studies,
Anthropology
- 1990-1994 Hampshire College, Amherst, MA
Bachelor of Arts degree awarded May 1994 / Anthropology, Literary
Journalism

Research Statement

My research interests revolve around the evolution of human mating strategies, with a particular focus on long-term mate choice and women's sexual strategies. I conduct field research with the Shuar, an indigenous hunter-horticultural population in Amazonian Ecuador, and lab-based studies in the U.S.

Publications

- Pillsworth, E.G. (2008) Mate preferences among the Shuar of Ecuador: Trait rankings and peer evaluations. *Evolution & Human Behavior*. 29(4), 256-267.
- Haselton, M.G., Mortezaie, M, Pillsworth, E.G., Bleske-Rechek, A., Frederick, D.A. (2007). Ovulatory shifts in human female ornamentation: Near ovulation, women dress to impress. *Hormones and Behavior*. 51, 40-45.
- Pillsworth, E.G., Haselton, M.G. (2006). Women's sexual strategies: The evolution of long-term bonds and extrapair sex. *Annual Review of Sex Research*. 17, 59-100.
- Pillsworth, E.G., Haselton, M.G. (2006). Male sexual attractiveness predicts differential ovulatory shifts in female extra-pair attraction and male mate retention. *Evolution and Human Behavior*. 27(4), 247-258.
- Pillsworth, E.G., Haselton, M.G. (2005). The Evolution of Coupling. *Psychological Inquiry*, 16(2&3), 98-104.
- Fessler, D.M.T., Pillsworth, E.G., Flanson, T. (2004) Angry men and disgusted women: An evolutionary approach to the influence of emotions on risk-taking. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*. 95(1), 107-23.
- Pillsworth, E.G. , Haselton, M.G., Buss, D.M. (2004). Ovulatory Shifts in Female Sexual Desire. *Journal of Sex Research*. 41(1), 55-65.

Pillsworth, E.G. (1999) "Who is the *Soldadera*? Women in the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920." *Best Essays of the University of New Mexico*. 11(1), 22-27.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Pillsworth, E.G., Barrett, H.C. (In prep) Women's subordination and resistance in Shuar marriage: A case for female choice in the evolution of human mating.

Pillsworth, E.G. (In prep) Measuring social assessments: agreement, bias, and effects on romantic desirability: An example from the Shuar.

Awards

- 2007 Chancellorial Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA
- 2006 Special Research Grant, Anthropology Department, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2004 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2004 Elizabeth Blackwell, M.D. Best Paper Award, Center for the Study of Women, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2004 Conference Travel Grant, Anthropology Department, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2004 Edward A. Dickson Award, Communication Studies Program, UCLA
- 2003 Latin American Center Small Grants, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2003 Graduate Research Grant, Anthropology Department, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2003 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Communication Studies Program, UCLA
- 2003 Conference Travel Grant, Anthropology Department, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2001 Regents Fellowship, Anthropology Department, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2001 Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 2000 Chancellor's Fellowship, Anthropology Department, U. of California, Los Angeles
- 1999 Title VI Fellowship (Foreign Language and Area Studies), Univ. of New Mexico
- 1998 Title VI Fellowship (Foreign Language and Area Studies), Univ. of New Mexico

Presentations

Pillsworth, E.G. (2008). *Human Mating: Adaptations for Sexual Preferences and Long-Term Mate Choice.* Invited talk at the Exploring Darwin Conference, Palomar College, San Marcos, CA.

Pillsworth, E.G. (2007). *Realistic Mate Choice among Unmarried Shuar Teenagers.* Presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, College of William & Mary.

Pillsworth, E.G. (2006). *Long-term mate preferences among the Shuar.* Presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, University of Pennsylvania.

Pillsworth, E.G. & Haselton, M.G. (2005). *To have and to hold: Male mate retention tactics as a function of sexual attractiveness and partners fertility.* Presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Austin, TX.

- Pillsworth, E. G. (2004). *The object of desire: Women's mate preferences as a function of current mating environment and fertility status*. Presented at annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Berlin, Germany.
- Haselton, M. G. & Pillsworth, E. G. (2004) *Conditional Expression of Female Desires and Male Mate Retention Efforts Across the Human Ovulatory Cycle*. Presented at the International Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA
- Pillsworth, E.G., Fessler, D.M.T., Flanson, T. (2003) *Emotional Arousal and Risk-Taking: The interaction of sex and emotion*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, University of Nebraska.
- Pillsworth, E.G. (2003) *Context-dependent adaptive shifts in female sexual desire across the menstrual cycle*. Presented at the quarterly Human Nature and Society Conference, Los Angeles.
- Pillsworth, E.G., Haselton, M.G., Buss, D.M. (2003) *Making the Most of It: Menstrual cycle changes in sexual desire and behavior are sensitive to women's current mating environment*. Poster presented at the 2003 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Los Angeles.
- Pillsworth, E.G. (2002) *Optimal Mating Strategies: Context specificity in female sexual desire*. Presented at the Biological Anthropology Colloquium, UCLA.
- Pillsworth, E.G., Haselton, M.G. (2002) *What Women Know... and Men Don't: Changes in women's sexual behavior found as a function of fertility*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Rutgers University.

Field Research

- Aug-Sep '08 Morona Santiago and Pastaza Provinces, Ecuador. Assisted with the AHRC Culture & the Mind Project's international research program on early theory of mind, dualism, and folk psychology.
- Sep-Dec '06 Pastaza Province, Ecuador. Dissertation research. Personality and mate choice data with Shuar high school students.
- Jun-Aug '06 Williamson County, Texas. Pilot project. Personality and mate choice data with rural high school students.
- Feb-Dec '05 Morona Santiago and Pastaza Provinces, Ecuador. Dissertation research. Ethnographic data and mate preferences data in Shuar villages. Funded by a National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant.
- Jun-Aug '03 Morona Santiago Province, Ecuador. Preliminary field visit to Shuar villages. Relationship history interviews.
- Aug-Dec '93 Oaxaca and Michoacán, Mexico. BA Thesis research. Ethnography of family relations in rural Mexico.

Teaching Experience

- Winter '06 Anthropology Department, University of California, LA
Teaching Assistant, Anthro 124P: Evolution of Human Sexual Behavior

- Fall '03 Anthropology Department, University of California, LA
Teaching Assistant, Anthro 7: Human Evolution
- Winter '02 Communication Studies Program, University of California, LA
Teaching Assistant: CS 150: Research Methods
- Fall '02 Communication Studies Program, University of California, LA
Teaching Assistant: CS 150: Research Methods
- Spring '02 Anthropology Department, University of California, LA
Teaching Assistant, Anthro 7: Human Evolution
- Fall '01 Anthropology Department, University of California, LA
Class Reader, Anthro 124: Evolution & Biology of Human Behavior
- Spring '01 Communication Studies Program, University of California, LA
Class Reader, CS 197J: Evolution of Communication

Professional Experience

- 2008 Visiting Scholar, UCLA Center for the Study of Women
- 2008 Administrator, UCLA Center for Culture, Brain, and Development
- 2008 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for *Women & Health*
- 2008 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for the *European Journal of Social Psychology*
- 2007-2008 Lab Manager for Dr. Martie Haselton, Evolution and Social Psychology Lab
- 2004-2008 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for *Evolution and Human Behavior*
- 2003-2008 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for *Human Nature*
- 2006 UCLA Center for Behavior, Evolution, & Culture representative at the annual meetings of the Human Behavior & Evolution Society
- 2003-2005 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Martie Haselton, UCLA Psychology Department and Communication Studies Program (Project: Changes in women's social behavior across the ovulatory cycle)
- 2004 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Daniel Fessler, UCLA Anthropology Department (Project: Context-dependent Mate Preferences)
- 2003 Head Teaching Assistant, Anthro 7: Human Evolution (F'03), UCLA Anthropology Department
- 2003 Staff Research Associate for Dr. Daniel Fessler, UCLA Anthropology Department (Project: Emotions and Risk-Taking)
- 2003 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for the *Journal of Sex Research*
- 2001-2002 Graduate Student Representative, Influential Scholars Speaker Series Planning Committee, Anthropology Department, UCLA
- 1999-2000 Assistant Archivist, Center for Southwest Research, Pictorial Collections, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 1998-2000 Graduate Student Representative, Grants & Awards Committee, Latin American Studies Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 1994-1998 Public Information Coordinator, New York State Systemic Initiative (NYSSI): Urban Network for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education, (An NSF-Funded Education Reform Project), NYS Education Dept., Albany NY

Languages & Statistics

- Spanish (conversant); Shuar (beginner)
- Advanced regression analysis using Stata and SPSS

Professional Organizations

- American Anthropological Association
- Human Behavior and Evolution Society
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology

References

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