

# Laura L. Johnsen

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Current Affiliation:

PhD Candidate in Anthropology, 2012-present  
Binghamton University, SUNY  
Advisor: Joshua Reno

### Education:

M. A. Anthropology, 2014  
Binghamton University, SUNY  
Advisor: Chris Reiber

B.A. Psychology, 2012  
State University of New York at New Paltz, NY  
Advisor: Glenn Geher

B.A. Theatre Arts, 2012  
Concentration: Technical Design  
State University of New York at New Paltz, NY  
Advisor: Andrea Varga

### Research Interests:

- Human Sexuality
- Virtual Reality
- Intimacy
- Pornography
- Human Evolution
- Darwinian Literary Analysis

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## Costume Design Resume

### Current Affiliation:

MA/PhD. Student in Anthropology, 2012-present  
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State University of New York at New Paltz, NY  
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## Teaching Experience:

### Teaching Awards

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Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award	2018 Binghamton University, SUNY
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### Instructor of Record

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<i>Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 10400)</i>	Fall 2019 Ithaca College
<i>Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 202)</i>	Fall 2019
Online Course	Tompkins Cortland Community College
<i>Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 202)</i>	Summer Session 1 2019
Online Course	Tompkins Cortland Community College
<i>Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 111)</i>	Spring 2019 SUNY Broome Community College
<i>Evolutionary Studies Seminar (EvoS 301)</i>	Spring 2019 SUNY New Paltz
<i>Evolution and Its Impact (ISP 265)</i>	Fall 2018 John Jay College of Criminal Justice
<i>Darwinian Medicine (ANTH 248)</i>	Spring 2018 Binghamton University, SUNY
<i>Medical Anthropology for Pre-Health Students (ANTH 240)</i>	Summer 2015-present Winter 2016-present
Online Course	Binghamton University, SUNY
<i>The Body (ANTH 465/ WGSS 484C)</i>	Spring 2017 Binghamton University, SUNY
<i>Sex and Evolution (ANTH 246)</i>	Fall 2015 Binghamton University, SUNY

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### Teaching Assistant

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<i>Introduction to Biological Anthropology (ANTH 168)</i>	Spring 2013 and Spring 2014
Instructor: Dr. Andrew Merriwether	Binghamton University, SUNY
<i>Language Culture and Communication (ANTH 114)</i>	Fall 2013
Instructor: Dr. Douglas Glick	Binghamton University, SUNY
<i>Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 111)</i>	Fall 2012
Instructor: Dr. Siobhan Hart	Binghamton University, SUNY

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### Fellowships

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John Money Fellowship, \$3,000	2018 Kinsey Institute at Indiana University
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## **Publications:**

### ***Books***

**Johnsen, L.** & Reno, J. (under contract). Pornography: The manufacture of Eroticism. Anthropology of Stuff Series. NY: Routledge Press.

### ***Book Chapters***

**Johnsen, L.** & Geher, G. (2017) Fashion as a Medium of Intrasexual Competition. In Oxford Handbook of Women and Competition. M. L. Fisher (Ed.), The Oxford Handbook of Women and Competition. NY: Oxford University Press.

Newmark, R., & **Johnsen, L.** (2017) Intrasexual Competition Among Beauty Pageant Contestants. M. L. Fisher (Ed.), The Oxford Handbook of Women and Competition. NY: Oxford University Press.

### ***Journal Articles***

Burch, R. L., & **Johnsen, L.** (2019). Captain Dorito and the Bombshell: Supernormal Stimuli in Comics and Film. *Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences*.

**Johnsen, L.**, Kruger, D.J., Geher, G., Newmark, R.L., Garcia, & J., Wiegrand, A. (2017). Childhood Injuries as a Function of Sex, Life History, and Neighborhood Safety: An Ecological Perspective. *Human Ethology Bulletin*, 32(3): 85-108.

**Johnsen, L. L.**, Guitar, A. E., & Geher, G. (2015). Divorce Patterns and the Male-to-Female Mortality Ratio: Is Midlife Crisis the Death of Men? *EvoS Journal: The Journal of the Evolutionary Studies Consortium*, 6(2): 33-41.

Carmen, R. A., Geher, G., Glass, D.J., Guitar, A.E., Grandis, T., **Johnsen, L.**, Philip, M., Newmark, R. L., Trouton, G.R., & Trauber, B. R. (2013). Evolution Integrated Across All Islands of the Human Behavioral Archipelago: All Psychology as Evolutionary Psychology. *EvoS Journal: The Journal of the Evolutionary Studies Consortium* 5(1): 108-126.

Garcia, J. R., Geher, G., Crosier, B., Saad, G., Gambacorta, D., **Johnsen, L.**, & Pranckitas, E. (2011). The interdisciplinarity of evolutionary approaches to human behavior: A key to survival in the ivory archipelago. *Futures*, 43(8), 749-761.  
doi:10.1016/j.futures.2011.05.018

### ***Book Reviews***

**Johnsen, L.** (2014). The 'animal' within: A review of the Rational Animal. [Review of the book: The rational animal: How evolution made us smarter than we think, by D. Kenrick and V. Griskevicius.] *Human Ethology Bulletin*, (4) 31-33.

## **Presentations:**

### ***Invited Speaking Events***

- Johnsen, L.** (2019). Wild, Wild Web: Exploring Porn's Conquest of the Digital Frontier . Anthropology Department Lecture Series. Binghamton University, NY.
- Johnsen, L.** (2019). Hijacking Hardcore: Feminist Interpretations of Pornography: Controversies, Criticisms, Creativity, & Cumming into a New Era. Anthropology Department Lecture Series. Binghamton University, NY.
- Johnsen, L.** (2019). Fabricating the Erotic: Critical Analyses on Producing Pornography. Anthropology Department Lecture Series. Binghamton University, NY.
- Johnsen, L.** (2017). From Gutenberg to Good-Vibrations. Presented at the American Women's Medical Association Meeting. Binghamton University, NY.

### ***Conference Awards***

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<b>Best Student Talk*</b>	2018
Feminist Evolutionary Perspectives Society	North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference SUNY New Paltz

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### ***Conference Papers***

- Johnsen, L., Cormier, I., & Fisher, M.L.** (2019). She Works Hard for the Money: Competitive Tactics Among Camgirls. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference at the NonProfit Center, Boston, MA.
- Johnsen, L. & Burch, R.** (2018). Good or bad, they're bombshells: creating supernormal female stimuli in comics and film. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference at SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz NY.\*
- Burch, R. & Johnsen, L.** (2018). Captain Dorito: Creating supernormal male stimuli in comics and film. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference at SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz NY.
- Johnsen, L.** (2017). Hooking In then Hooking Up: Explorations in Virtual Reality Sex and Its Implications for the Future of Human Sexuality. Presented at the Conference on the Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences at Binghamton University, Vestal NY.
- Johnsen, L.** (2016). When Plug Meets Socket: Making Love in Digital Landscapes. Presented at the University of Rhode Island Graduate Student Conference at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI.
- Johnsen, L. & Newmark, R.** (2015). Catching the crown: An evolutionary analysis

of female competitiveness in beauty pageants. Presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Independent Conference at SUNY New Paltz

**Johnsen, L.,** Fisher, M. L., Newmark, R. L., & Geher, G. (2014). Wicked and Wild: Men and Women's Perception of Personality Traits in Harlequin Blaze Romance Novels. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz.

**Johnsen, L.,** Kruger, D., & Geher, G. (2011) Childhood Injuries as a Result of Intra-sexual Competition. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at Binghamton University, Vestal, NY.

Geher, G., **Johnsen, L.,** Kurtz, A., & Williams, S. (2011) Mating Psychology based Health Education. Presented at Darwin Day at SUNY New Paltz

**Johnsen, L.** (2010) The Impact of Marriage and Divorce on the Male to Female Mortality Ratio. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz and International Society of Human Ethology Conference at the University of Wisconsin

### *Conference Posters*

**Johnsen, L.**(2016). Making Wired Love: Evolutionary Implications of Virtual Sex. Presented at the Conference on the Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences at St, Mary's University, Halifax, Canada.

Newmark, R. & **Johnsen, L.** (Presenter) (2015). Catching the crown: An evolutionary analysis of female competitiveness in beauty pageants. Presented at the Conference on the Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences at Suffolk University in Boston, MA.

Guitar, A., Carmen, R., & **Johnsen, L.** (2015). M.O.M.S. and P.O.M.S.: A new terminology for sexual strategies among women. Presented at the Conference on the Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences at Suffolk University in Boston, MA.

**Johnsen, L.** (2014) Lady in Red: The Role of Women's Clothing in Intrasexual Competition. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz.

**Johnsen, L.,** Fisher, M. L., Newmark, R. L., Geher, G. (2013). Back Off My [Wo]Man: An Analysis of Personality Traits in Harlequin Romance Novels. Presented at the International Society of Human Ethology at the University of Michigan.

**Johnsen, L.,** Varga, A., Geher, G. (2012): Evolved to Cabaret: Exploring Human Behavioral Evolution through Costume Design. Presented at Human Evolution and Behavior Society conference at University of New Mexico.

**Johnsen, L.,** Fisher, M., Geher, G. (2012): Light my fire: Mating Strategies and Preferences in Blaze Romance Novels. Presented at North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at Plymouth State University

Newmark, R.L., Geher, G., Philip, M.M., & **Johnsen, L.** (2012). Perceptions of Romantic Partners. EvoS Summit, New Paltz, NY.

Newmark, R.L., Geher, G., Philip, M.M., & **Johnsen, L.** (2012). Perceptions of Romantic

Partners. Conference of the NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Plymouth, NH.

**Johnsen, L.,** Kruger, D. Geher, G. (2011) Childhood Neighborhood Safety as a Predictor of Childhood Injury, Life History Strategy, and Sexuality. Presented at the Human Evolution and Behavior Society conference in Montpellier, France

**Johnsen L.,** Fisher, M. Williams, M., Geher, G (2011) Women’s Sexuality and Mate Preferences as Revealed by “Blaze” Romances. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at Binghamton University

**Johnsen, L.,** Kruger, D. Geher, G. (2010) Childhood Injuries as a Result of Intra-sexual Competition. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz and at the International Society of Human Ethology Conference at the University of Wisconsin

### ***Course Guest Lectures***

**Johnsen, L.** (2017, 2018). Sex and Gender. Presented in Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH-111) and Introduction to Anthropological Thought (ANTH-501), Instructor for both courses: Josh Reno. Binghamton University, NY.

**Johnsen, L.** (2016, 2017). Orgasms and Evolution Parts 1&2. Presented in Sex and Evolution (ANTH 246), and Darwinian Medicine (ANTH 248). Instructor for both courses: Amanda Guitar.

**Johnsen, L.,** Varga, A., Geher, G. (2012): Evolved to Cabaret: Exploring Human Behavioral Evolution through Costume Design. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at Plymouth State University and SUNY New Paltz Evolutionary Studies Lecture Series ([video](#)).

### **Conference Organization**

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<b>Co-Host/Co-Organizer</b>	June 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Conference on the Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences for the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society	Binghamton University, SUNY
Co-Host/Co-Organizer: Amanda E. Guitar	

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### **Administrative Experience**

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<b>Graduate Assistant</b>	2018-present
Library Administration Office	Binghamton University, SUNY
<b>Graduate Assistant</b>	2018-present
Human Rights Institute	Binghamton University, SUNY
<b>Graduate Assistant</b>	2014-2015
Biomedical Anthropology Program	Binghamton University, SUNY

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### Leadership Positions

<b>Business Agent</b> Graduate Student Employees Union Communication Workers of America-1104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Served as a resource for graduate student employees concerning the GSEU contract and policies</li> <li>• Managed graduate student employee workplace issues</li> <li>• Negotiated the 2016-2019 GSEU contract with New York State</li> </ul>	2015-2017 Binghamton, New York
<b>Steering Committee</b> Feminist Evolutionary Perspectives Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize FEPS Meetings at NEEPS</li> <li>• Record and report meeting minutes</li> </ul>	2014-present Binghamton University, SUNY
<b>Student Representative</b> North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized student-keynote networking luncheon</li> <li>• Represented student interests on NEEPS e-board</li> </ul>	2013-2015 Binghamton University, SUNY
<b>Undergraduate Liaison</b> Anthropology Graduate Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinated with Undergraduate Anthropology Organization to organize Graduate Student Presentations for UAO members</li> <li>• Brought UAO concerns to AGO meetings</li> </ul>	2014-2015 Binghamton University, SUNY
<b>Steering Committee</b> Anthropology Graduate Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized and Lead AGO meetings</li> </ul>	2013-2014 Binghamton University, SUNY