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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I have wide interests in behavioral ecology and cultural evolution approaches to human behavior. My research addresses conflicts of interest and trade-offs in human family relationships (e.g. gendered conflict, parent-offspring conflict, sibling competition) and applies evolutionary models of behavior to inform related public/global health practice. I direct the *Applied Evolutionary Anthropology Lab* at UCSB, and carry out field research in Mwanza, Tanzania in collaboration with the Tanzanian National Institute for Medical Research. I also conduct research utilizing secondary demographic surveys, online surveys, and on campus with students. Current research priorities include (i) the social learning of gender ideology, particularly among men; (ii) the evolution of marriage systems and the role of marriage in shaping wellbeing; (iii) parental care, childhood and transitions to adulthood; and (iv) establishing best practice for equitable cross-national partnerships in field research in anthropology.

EDUCATION

2009	PhD. Anthropology, University College London.
2004	MSc. Evolutionary Psychology, (Distinction) University of Liverpool.
2003	BSc. Biological Sciences, University College London.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Jul 2020 – present	Associate Professor Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jul 2016 – Jun 2020	Assistant Professor Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sep 2015–Jun 2016	Lecturer (Assistant Professor Equivalent) Department of Population Health London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.
Sep 2013–Aug 2015	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Department of Population Health London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.
Sep 2010–Aug 2013	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Department of Anthropology University College London.
Jul 2009–Jun 2010	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Centre for Population Studies, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2023 Cultural Evolution Society Transformation Fund
\$107,156 *"Norm Misperception and Conformity as Barriers to Positive Change in Gender Ideology: A Mixed Methods Study in Tanzania"*.
- 2023 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant
\$25,175 *"The Social and Reproductive Ramifications for Men Supporting Gender Equity Efforts"*.
- 2019 National Science Foundation Senior Research Award
\$199,074 *"Assessing the Costs and Benefits of Cultural Practices"*.
- 2019 UCSB Regents Junior Faculty Fellowship
\$7,500 summer salary support. *"Understanding Men's Incentives for Women's Empowerment: Testing Predictions from Sexual Conflict Theory in Tanzania"*.
- 2018 Hellman Fellowship
\$40,905 *"Understanding Men's Incentives for Women's Empowerment: Testing Predictions from Sexual Conflict Theory in Tanzania"*.
- 2018 UCSB College of Letters and Science Conference Support
\$2,500. *"Understanding Harmful Cultural Practices: Origins, Drivers and Behavior Change"*.
- 2013* Medical Research Council Population Health Scientist Research Fellowship
£276,325 (\$341,151) *"Population Health Meets Evolutionary Anthropology: Family Structure, Rural Livelihoods and Child Health in Tanzania"*.
- 2010* Leverhulme Trust Early Career Research Fellowship
£97,649 (\$120,558) *"The Evolutionary Demography of Human Family Size"*.
- 2009* Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship
£77,043 (\$95,117). *"The Behavioural Ecology of Modern Families: A Longitudinal Study of Parental Investment and Child Development"*.
- 2005 Economic and Social Research Council PhD Studentship
Stipend and fees, 3 years.

* Funded independent postdoctoral research fellow positions, as listed under professional positions.

AWARDS

- 2021 Outstanding Organization Advisor
Service award for role as Faculty Graduate Advisor, nominated by Anthropology graduate students.
- 2013 European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association New Investigator Award.
Prize consisted of invited plenary talk at the 2013 EHBEA annual conference.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books & Volumes

3. Lawson, DW, Alami S, Somefun O. (Editors). (2023). Gendered Conflict in the Human Family. *Evolutionary Human Sciences*.
2. Lawson DW, Sear R, Shenk M, Stearns S & Kaplan H. (Editors). (2016). Understanding Variation in Human Fertility: What Can We Learn From Evolutionary Demography? *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*. 371(1692).
1. Gibson MA & Lawson DW. (Editors). (2014). Applied Evolutionary Anthropology: Darwinian Approaches to Contemporary World Issues. New York: Springer.

Peer Reviewed Articles in Journals (* - co-first author)

42. Lawson DW*, Chen Z*, Kilgallen J, Brand, CO, Ishungisa AM, Schaffnit S, Kumogola Y, Urassa M. (in press). Misperception of peer beliefs reinforces inequitable gender norms among Tanzanian men.
41. Lawson DW, Alami S, Somefun OD. (2023). Gendered conflict in the human family. *Evolutionary Human Sciences*. 5, e12.
40. Baraka J, Lawson DW*, Schaffnit SB, Wamoyi J, Urassa M (2023). Why marry early? Parental influence, agency and gendered conflict in Tanzanian marriages. *Evolutionary Human Sciences*. 4, e49.
39. Kilgallen JA, Schaffnit SB, Kumogola Y, Galura A, Urassa M, Lawson DW. (2022). Positive correlation between women's status and intimate partner violence suggests violence backlash in Mwanza, Tanzania. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 27: NP20331-60.
38. Urassa M, Lawson DW*, Wamoyi J, Gurmu E, Gibson MA, Madhivanan P, Placek C. (2021). Cross-cultural research must prioritize equitable collaboration. *Nature Human Behaviour*.
37. Schaffnit SB & Lawson DW. (2021). Married too young? The behavioral ecology of 'child marriage'. *Social Sciences*. 10: 161.
36. Lawson DW, Schaffnit SB, Kilgallen JA, Kumogola Y, Galura A & Urassa M. (2021). He for She? Variation and exaggeration in men's support for women's empowerment in northern Tanzania. *Evolutionary Human Sciences*. 3: E27.
35. Schaffnit SB, Urassa M, Wamoyi J, Dardoumpa M, & Lawson DW. (2021). "I have never seen something like that": Discrepancies between lived experiences and the global health concept of child marriage in northern Tanzania. *PLOS ONE*. 16(4): e0249200
34. Lawson DW, Schaffnit SB, Hassan A, Urassa M. Shared interests or sexual conflict? Spousal age gap, women's empowerment & fertility in rural Tanzania. *Evolution and Human Behavior*. 42: 165-175.
33. Schaffnit SB, Wamoyi J, Urassa M, Dardoumpa M, & Lawson DW. (2020). When marriage is the best available option: perceptions of opportunity and risk in female adolescence in Tanzania. *Global Public Health*. 16, 1820-1833.
32. Lawson DW, Lynes R, Morris A & Schaffnit SB. (2020). What does the American public know about 'child marriage'? *PLOS ONE* 15(9):e0238346.

31. Berg V, Lawson DW, Rotkirch A. (2020). Financial opportunity costs and deaths among close kin are independently associated with reproductive timing in a contemporary high-income society. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*. 287: 20192478.
30. Schaffnit SB, Urassa M & Lawson DW. (2019). 'Child marriage' in context: Exploring local attitudes towards early marriage in rural Tanzania. *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*. 27:1-13
29. Hassan A, Schaffnit SB, Sear R, Urassa M & Lawson DW. Fathers favour sons, mothers don't discriminate: a study of sex-biased parental care in north-western Tanzania. (2019). *Evolutionary Human Sciences*. 1, e13.
28. Hedges S, Lawson DW, Todd J, Urassa M & Sear R. (2019). Sharing the load: the influence of co-resident children on the allocation of work and schooling in north-western Tanzania. *Demography*. 56:1931-1956
27. Hedges S, Sear R, Todd J, Urassa M & Lawson DW. (2019). Earning their keep? Fostering, children's education and work in north-western Tanzania. *Demographic Research*. 41:263-292.
26. Schaffnit SB, Hassan A, Urassa M & Lawson DW. (2019). Parent-offspring conflict unlikely to explain 'child marriage' in northwestern Tanzania. *Nature Human Behaviour*. 3:346-353.
25. Schaffnit SB, Urassa M & Lawson DW. (2019). 'Child marriage' in context: Exploring local attitudes towards early marriage in rural Tanzania. *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*. 27:1
24. Hedges S, Sear R, Todd J, Urassa M, & Lawson DW. (2018). Trade-offs in time allocation: Mixed support for embodied capital models of the demographic transition in rural Tanzania. *Current Anthropology* 59: 644-654.
23. Lawson DW & Gibson MA. (2018). Polygynous marriage and child health in Sub-Saharan Africa: What is the evidence for harm? *Demographic Research*. 39:177-208.
22. Lawson DW, Núñez-de la Mora A, Cooper GD, Prentice AM, Moore SE, Sear R. (2017). Marital status and sleeping arrangements predict salivary testosterone levels in rural Gambian men. *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology* 3: 221-240.
21. Lawson DW, Schaffnit SB, Hassan A, Ngadaya E, Ngowi B, Mfinanga SGM, James S, Borgerhoff Mulder M. (2017). Father absence but not fosterage predicts food insecurity, relative poverty, and poor child health in northern Tanzania. *American Journal of Human Biology* 29 e22938.
20. Sear R, Lawson DW, Kaplan H, Shenk M. (2016). Understanding variation in human fertility: What can we learn from evolutionary demography? *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 371, 20150144
19. Lawson DW & Borgerhoff Mulder M. (2016). The offspring quantity-quality trade-off and human fertility variation. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 371, 20150145.
18. Lawson DW, James S, Ngadaya E, Ngowi B, Mfinanga SGM, Borgerhoff Mulder M. (2015). No evidence that polygynous marriage is a harmful cultural practice in northern Tanzania. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA* 112(45), 13827-13832.
17. Hedges S, Borgerhoff Mulder M, James S & Lawson DW. (2015). Sending children to school: rural livelihoods and parental investment in child education in northern Tanzania. *Evolution & Human Behavior* 37:142-151.

16. Gibson MA & Lawson DW. (2015). Applying evolutionary anthropology. *Evolutionary Anthropology: Issues, News and Reviews* 24(1): 3-14.
15. Lawson DW, Borgerhoff Mulder M, Ghiselli ME, Ngadaya E, Ngowi B, Mfinanga SGM, Hartwig K. & James S. (2014). Ethnicity and child health in northern Tanzania: Maasai pastoralists are disadvantaged compared to neighbouring ethnic groups. *PLOS ONE* 9: e110447.
14. Pound N, Lawson DW, Toma, A.M & Richmond, R. Penton-Voak I. (2014). Facial asymmetry is not associated with childhood ill-health in a large British cohort study. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 282:20141639.
13. Lawson DW, Makoil A & Goodman A. (2013). Sibling configuration predicts individual and descendant socioeconomic success in a modern post-industrial society. *PLOS ONE* 8: e73698.
12. Nettle D, Gibson MA, Lawson DW & Sear, R. (2013). Human behavioural ecology: Current research and future prospects. *Behavioural Ecology* 24: 1031-1040.
11. Alvergne A. Lawson DW, Clarke P & Mace, R. (2013). Fertility, parental investment and the early adoption of modern contraception in rural Ethiopia. *American Journal of Human Biology* 25: 107-115.
10. Lawson DW, Alvergne A. & Gibson MA. (2012). The life history trade-off between fertility and child survival. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 279: 1748 4755-4764.
9. Goodman A, Koupil I & Lawson DW. (2012). Low fertility increases descendant socioeconomic position but reduces long-term fitness in a modern post-industrial society. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*. 279: 4342-4351.
8. Lawson DW & Mace R. (2011). Parental investment and the optimization of human family size. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 366, 333-343.
7. Gibson MA & Lawson DW. (2011). 'Modernization' increases parental investment and sibling resource competition: evidence from a rural development initiative in Ethiopia. *Evolution & Human Behavior* 32, 97-105.
6. Lawson DW & Mace R. (2010). Siblings and childhood mental health: evidence for a later-born advantage. *Social Science and Medicine* 70, 2061-2069.
5. Lawson DW & Mace R. (2010). Optimizing modern family size: trade-offs between fertility and the economic costs of reproduction. *Human Nature* 21, 39-61.
4. Lawson DW & Mace R. (2009). Trade-offs in modern parenting: a longitudinal study of sibling competition for parental care. *Evolution & Human Behavior* 30, 170-183.
3. Lawson DW & Mace R. (2008). Sibling configuration and childhood growth in contemporary British families. *International Journal of Epidemiology* 37, 1408-1421.
2. Sear R, Lawson DW & Dickins T. (2007). Synthesis in the human evolutionary behavioural sciences. *Journal of Evolutionary Psychology* 5 3-28.
1. Scott BE, Lawson DW & Curtis V. (2007). Hard to handle: understanding mother's handwashing behaviour in Ghana. *Health Policy & Planning* 22 216-224

Chapters in Edited Books

6. Lawson DW. Parental care. (in press) Koster J, Scelza B, Shenk M (Eds). *Human Behavioral Ecology*. Cambridge University Press.
5. Lawson DW & Gibson MA. (in press) *Evolutionary Approaches to Population Health: Insights on Polygynous Marriage, 'Child Marriage' and Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting*. Invited

Contribution to Burger O, Lee R & Sear, R. (Eds). Human Evolutionary Demography. Open Book Publishers.

4. Gibson MA & Lawson DW. (2018). Population issues in development. International Encyclopaedia of Anthropology. Wiley.
3. Lawson DW & Uggla C. (2014). Family structure and health in the developing world: What can evolutionary anthropology contribute to population health science. In Gibson MA & Lawson DW. (Eds) Applied Evolutionary Anthropology: Darwinian Approaches to Contemporary World Issues. New York: Springer.
2. Gibson MA & Lawson DW. (2014). Applying evolutionary anthropology to a changing world. In Gibson MA & Lawson DW. (Eds) Applied Evolutionary Anthropology: Darwinian Approaches to Contemporary World Issues. Springer.
1. Lawson DW. (2011). Life history theory and human reproductive behaviour. In Swami, V. (Ed) Evolutionary Psychology: A Critical Introduction pp. 183-214. BPS: Blackwell.

Other Writing: Commentaries, Book Reviews, Popular Media, etc.

13. Lawson DW. (2021). Fostering an inclusive and equitable global research community in cross-cultural social science. *Author Aid Blog*.
12. Lawson DW. (2021). Book Review: Are Men Animals? How modern masculinity sells men short. *Men and Masculinities*.
11. Lawson DW. (2021). When is marriage harmful to women? *Human Behavior and Evolution Society Newsletter*
10. Lawson DW, Urassa M & Schaffnit SB. (2020). Using mixed methods to correct stubborn misconceptions about child marriage. *Nature Behavioural and Social Sciences Forum*.
9. Lawson DW & Schaffnit SB. (2019). Distinguishing reality from stereotype in the end child marriage movement. *Nature Behavioral Sciences Forum*.
8. Lawson DW & Gibson MA. 2018. Understanding 'Harmful Cultural Practices.' *Anthropology News* 59: 3; e219-e222.
7. Lawson DW, James S, Ngadaya E, Ngowi B, Mfinanga SGM, Borgerhoff Mulder M. (2016). Reply to Rieger and Wagner: Context matters when studying purportedly harmful cultural practices. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*. 113(13), E1771-E1772
6. Lawson DW & Hedges S. (2015). The costs and benefits of child labour. *Current Anthropology* 56, 545-568.
5. Lawson DW & James S. (2014). Maasai in Tanzania: World fame but empty stomachs. *Improving Nutrition and Food Security: Guardian Global Development Professionals Network*. Dec 2014.
4. Nettle D, Gibson MA, Lawson DW, & Sear R. (2013). How much you need to engage with mechanism depends on what you are trying to do. *Behavioral Ecology* 24: 1046-1047
3. Lawson DW. (2011). A review of 'Animal homosexuality: a biosocial approach' by A. Poiani. *Animal Behaviour* 81, 499.
2. Lawson DW, Jordan FM & Magid, K. (2008). On sex and suicide bombing: an evaluation of Kanazawa's 'Evolutionary Psychological Imagination'. *Journal of Evolutionary Psychology* 6, 73-84.

1. Lawson DW. (2007). Frustrated felines and excited ungulates: a review of 'Homosexual behaviour in animals - an evolutionary perspective' Edited by V. Sommer and P. Vasey. *Journal of Evolutionary Psychology* 5, 257-260.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations (Plenary Talks, Departmental Seminars & Colloquia, Workshops, etc.)

- 2024 **Plenary Speaker**, *European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association*, Montpellier.
- 2023 Studying Sensitive Topics in the Quantitative Social Sciences Workshop, University College London
- 2022 Workshop: *Moving towards a holistic transdisciplinary view to Ecology & Evolution of Infectious Diseases*, Atlanta
- 2022 *Evolutionary Demography Seminar Series*, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- 2019 *Evolution of Social Complexity Seminar Series*, Arizona State University.
- 2019 *Department of Anthropology Colloquia Series*, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2019 *Department of Anthropology Colloquia Series*, University of New Mexico.
- 2017 *Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology Seminar Series*, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2017 Invited Speaker, *California Workshop on Evolutionary Social Sciences*, San Louis Obispo.
- 2016 *Broom Centre for Demography Seminar Series*, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2016 *Understanding Harmful Cultural Practices in Africa: International Collaborators Workshop*, Addis Ababa.
- 2016 *Behavior Evolution and Culture Seminar Series*, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2015 *Department of Anthropology / Broom Centre for Demography Seminar*, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2015 *Department of Anthropology Seminar Series*, UC Davis.
- 2015 *Department of Anthropology*, Stanford University.
- 2014 *Department of Psychology*, University of Helsinki.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, *Institute of Child and Youth Studies*, University of Lethbridge.
- 2014 Invited Seminar for the *Leverhulme Centre for Integrated Research on Agriculture and Nutrition*, London International Development Centre.
- 2014 *Department of Social Policy Seminar Series*, London School of Economics and Political Science.
- 2013 **Plenary Speaker** (New Investigator Award), *European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association*, Amsterdam.
- 2013 *Centre for Population Biology Seminar Series*, UC Davis.
- 2013 *Department of Anthropology Seminar*, University of Kent.
- 2013 *Department of Anthropology Seminar*, Durham University.
- 2011 Invited Speaker at the *Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin*.
- 2010 *Centre for Population Studies*, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- 2008 *Invited Speaker, IUSSP Workshop on Female Life Histories*, University of Bristol.
- 2008 *Department of Anthropology Seminar Series*, University of Kent.
- 2005 *Department of Psychology Seminar Series*, University of East London.

Conference Presentations (not including co-authored work presented by students & collaborators).

- 2023 Human Behaviour and Evolution Society, Palm Springs (Paper)
- 2021 Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Virtual Conference (Paper)
- 2021 Cultural Evolution Society, Virtual Conference (Paper)
- 2021 California Workshop for Evolutionary Social Sciences (Paper)
- 2019 European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association conference, Toulouse (Paper).
- 2018 American Anthropology Association conference, San Jose (Paper).
- 2018 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Amsterdam (Paper).
- 2016 Children and Family Dynamics in Sub-Saharan Africa, International Seminar, Institut National D'études Démographiques, Paris (Paper).
- 2015 European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association, Helsinki (Paper).
- 2013 International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, South Korea (Paper).
- 2013 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Miami (Paper).
- 2012 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Albuquerque (Paper).
- 2011 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Montpellier (Paper).
- 2011 European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association conference, Giessen (Paper).
- 2010 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Oregon (Paper).
- 2010 Population Association of America, Dallas (Poster).
- 2009 International Union for the Scientific Study of Population conference, Marrakech (Paper).

- 2009 British Society for Population Studies conference, Sussex (Paper).
- 2008 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Kyoto (Paper).
- 2008 European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association conference, Montpellier (Paper).
- 2006 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Philadelphia (Paper).
- 2005 British Society for Population Studies conference, Kent (Paper).
- 2004 Human Behaviour & Evolution Society conference, Berlin (Paper).

MENTORSHIP

Postdoctoral Scholars (positions funded by grants listed above)

- Dr Alexander Ishungisa, National Institute for Medical Research (2023 – present)
- Dr Charlotte Brand, University of Exeter (2023 – present)
- Dr Susan Schaffnit, University of California, Santa Barbara (2016-2020)

PhD Committee Chair

- Joseph Kilgallen, University of California, Santa Barbara (in progress)
- Anushé Hassan, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (2021)
- Sophie Hedges, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (2019)

PhD Committee Member

- Elizabeth Agey, University of California, Santa Barbara (2023)
- Renée Hagen, University of California, Los Angeles (2023)
- Sarah Alami, University of California, Santa Barbara (2022)
- Carmen Hove, University of California, Santa Barbara (2022)
- Laura Brown, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (2016)
- Caroline Ugglá, University College London (2015)

MA Committee Chair

- Zhian Chen, University of California, Santa Barbara (in progress).
- Joseph Kilgallen, University of California, Santa Barbara (2021)

MA Committee Member

- Cristiano Parmeggiani, University of California, Santa Barbara (in progress)
- Yoanna Burro, University of California, Santa Barbara (in progress)
- Elizabeth Agey, University of California, Santa Barbara (2019)
- Sarah Alami, University of California, Santa Barbara (2019)

Undergraduate Mentorship (undergraduate projects directed, UCSB)

- Tara Zahraie (2021-2023)
- Amelia Kaveladze (2021-2022)
- Theo Lee (2021-2022)
- Megan Kenner (2019-20)
- Kristopher Buranasombati (2019-20)
- Omar Hernandez (2019-2020)
- Zhian Chen (2019-2020)
- Addison Morris (2018-2019)
- Morgan Thackson (2018-2019)
- Sally Li (2018-2019)
- Rachel Lynes (2018-2019)

AuthorAid

AuthorAid is a global networking initiative partnering scholars from low and middle-income countries with volunteer faculty mentors. I have mentored two scholars, holding regular meetings, giving feedback on research and providing career advice.

- Oluwaseyi Somefun, University of the Western Cape, South Africa (2019 – present)

- Roseline Achola, Makerere University, Uganda (2019)

TEACHING

University of California, Santa Barbara (2016-present)

- Behavioral Ecology of the Family (Instructor, Undergraduate)
- International Development and Population Health (Instructor, Undergraduate)
- Cultural Evolution (Instructor, Undergraduate)
- Methods in the Human Behavioural Sciences (Instructor, Undergraduate)
- Contemporary Topics in Biological Anthropology (Instructor, Graduate Seminar)
- Applying Evolutionary Anthropology (Instructor, Graduate Seminar)
- Research Topics in Demography (Instructor, Graduate Seminar)
- Understanding Men's Support for Gender Equality (Instructor, Undergraduate Hons Seminar)

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (2009-2015)

- Population Studies (Instructor, Graduate Seminar)
- Design and Analysis of Epidemiological Surveys (Instructor, Graduate Seminar)
- Research Design and Analysis (Instructor, Graduate Seminar)
- Statistics for Epidemiologists and Public Health (Instructor, Graduate Seminar)

University College London (2009-2012)

- Evolution and Human Behaviour (Instructor, Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Biological Anthropology (Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate)
- Behavioural Ecology and Sociobiology (Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate)
- Evolutionary Medicine (Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic Society Membership and Positions

- European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association (Member)
 - Co-founder (with Rebecca Sear, Kevin Laland and Thomas Dickins)
 - Steering Committee Member and Secretary (2008-2011)
- Biosocial Society
 - Elected Committee Member (2011-2013)
- Cultural Evolution Society (Member)
- American Anthropology Association (Member)
- Human Behavior and Evolution Society (Member)

Conference and Workshop Organization

- Lead organizer of the workshop "Understanding 'Harmful Cultural Practices': Origins, Drivers and Behavior Change". March 2018. UCSB ~60 delegates.
- Co-organizer of the 2016 European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association Conference to be held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Four-day meeting in March-April 2016, ~250 delegates.
- Co-organizer of the workshop "Applied Evolutionary Anthropology: Darwinian Approaches to Contemporary World Issues". Sept 2011. University of Bristol, UK. ~30 delegates.
- Co-organizer of the European Human Behaviour & Evolution Conference. March 2007. London School of Economics, UK. ~150 delegates

Editorial Positions

- 2019-2022 Editor, PLOS One.
- 2015-present Editorial Board Member: *Human Nature*.
- 2007-2011 Book Reviews Editor: *Journal of Evolutionary Psychology*.

Reviewing

- 2019-present National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants Advisory Panel.
- 2015-present Reviewed multiple grant applications for: The National Science Foundation, The Leaky Foundation, The UK Economic and Social Research Council.
- 2007-present Regular invited peer reviewer for over 30 different journals, including: *Annals of Human Biology, American Journal of Human Biology, Behavioural Ecology, Behavioural Ecology and Sociobiology, Biology Letters, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Current Anthropology, Demography, Demographic Research, Evolution and Human Behaviour, Evolutionary Human Sciences, Evolution Medicine and Public Health, Ethology, European Sociological Review, Evolutionary Psychology, Feminist Economics, Frontiers in Evolutionary Psychology and Neuroscience, Heredity, Human Ethnology Bulletin, Human Nature, Journal of Biosocial Science, Journal of Ethology, Journal of Evolutionary Psychology, Journal of Marriage and the Family, PLoS ONE, Population Research and Policy Review, Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, PNAS, Public Health, Social Science and Medicine, The Sociological Quarterly.*

University Service at the University of California, Santa Barbara

- 2020-present Faculty Graduate Advisor and Chair of the Graduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2019-present Graduate Committee Member, Department of Anthropology
- 2018-present Faculty Mentor, Graduate Scholars Program
- 2019 Central Fellowship Review Committee
- 2016-2019 Diversity Committee, Department of Anthropology

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

My research has been covered in the national and international press. Highlights include: articles in *Futurity* on the wellbeing implications of polygyny and early marriage (based on Lawson et al. 2015; Schaffnit et al. 2019); a live television interview for *Arise News* for which my research on the health of Maasai pastoralists was a headline story (Lawson et al. 2014); feature articles by *The Economist* (based on Pound et al. 2014 and Goodman et al. 2012); an extended feature article (4 pages) in *New Scientist* (drawing on Goodman et al. 2012 and Lawson & Mace 2011); and several news bulletins and feature articles by the *BBC News, The Guardian* and *The Times* on family structure and child development (reporting on Lawson & Mace 2008; 2009). My research has also been frequently featured by University media at UCSB including *The Current* and *Daily Nexus* (student newspaper).