

# Megan Nicole Williams

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2020** PhD Psychology, Advisor: Coren Apicella  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
Committee: Coren Apicella, Jay Gottfried, and Michael Platt
- 2018** Teaching Certificate  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2017** M.A. Psychology  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
Committee: Coren Apicella, Robert Kurzban, and Loretta Flanagan-Cato
- 2015** B.S. Evolutionary Anthropology, with Distinguished Honors  
B.A. Psychology  
Summa Cum Laude  
Phi Beta Kappa Society  
*Rutgers University*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Karolinska Institutet                        | Visiting Scholar<br>Department of Clinical Neuroscience<br>Fall 2017 |
| Alan Alda Science<br>Communication Boot Camp | Summer 2018  |

### PUBLICATIONS

Williams, M.N, & Apicella, C.L. (2017). Copulins do not affect men's sexual behavior. *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology*.

Williams, M. N., & Jacobson, A. (2016). Effect of Copulins on Rating of Female Attractiveness, Mate-Guarding, and Self-Perceived Sexual Desirability. *Evolutionary Psychology*, 14(2), 1474704916643328.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Williams, M.N. (2017) Body odor influences mate quality estimation via sexual disgust.

Williams, M.N, Apicella, C.L., Little, A. (2017). Hunter-gatherers reveal the role of experience and familiarity on preferences for averageness in faces.

## HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**2015 Williams, M.N., & Jacobson, A.** Effect of copulins on rating of female attractiveness, mate-guarding and self-perceived sexual desirability. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society*, Boston, Massachusetts. **Awarded best student talk**

**2015-2020** School of Arts and Sciences Franklin Fellowship

**2018** "Body Odors Influence Mate Quality Estimation via Sexual Disgust and Sexual Attraction." **American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) Psychological Science Research Grant (\$1,000)**

**2018** "What does your body odor reveal about you?" **Graduate Student BenTalk Finalist**

**2018** "Body Odors Influence Mate Quality Estimation via Sexual Disgust and Sexual Attraction." **School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship**

**2018** "Body Odors Influence Mate Quality Estimation via Sexual Disgust and Sexual Attraction." **American Psychological Foundation Henry David Travel Grant (1,500)**

**2018 Graduate Fellow**, Evolutionary Behavioral Economic workshop hosted by CEBEX at Cervo Institute Prague

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**2017 Williams, M.N., & Apicella, C.L.** The role of synthetic copulins on men's sexual behavior. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society*, Boise, Idaho.

- 2016 Williams, M.N., & Jacobson, A.** Effect of copulins on rating of female attractiveness, mate-guarding and self-perceived sexual desirability. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society*, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2015 Williams, M.N., & Jacobson, A.** Effect of copulins on rating of female attractiveness, mate-guarding and self-perceived sexual desirability. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society*, Boston, Massachusetts.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### ***GUEST LECTURES***

“The Birthing Process” in Psychology Department’s “Women’s Behavioral Biology” Seminar (taught by Coren Apicella) at the University of Pennsylvania. (Spring, 2016)

“Economic Games” in Psychology Department’s “Social Psychology” class (taught by Coren Apicella) at the University of Pennsylvania. (Spring, 2018)

“Olfaction and Mating” in Psychology Department’s “Social Psychology” class (taught by Coren Apicella) at the University of Pennsylvania. (Spring, 2018)

### ***TEACHING ASSISTANT***

**Position:** Graduate Teaching Assistant (General Psychology and Social Psychology)

**Company Name:** University of Pennsylvania

**Dates Employed:** Aug 2016 – Present

**Position:** Supplemental Instructor

**Company Name:** Rutgers University Athletic Department

**Dates Employed:** Aug 2013 – May 2015

## **UNDERGRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDIES**

Mathew Dong  
Mackenzie Holmes

Ena Agbodza  
Tochukwu Awachie

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Human Behavior and Evolution Society  
American Psychological Association  
Society of Personality and Social Psychology  
North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society

## **VOLUNTEER WORK**

**Franklin Institute: Be a Scientist: Be a Physician**

**Job:** Support staff

**Date:** April 22, 2018

**Franklin Institute: Science Carnival on the Parkway**

**Job:** Exhibitor check-in

**Date:** April 28, 2018

**Franklin Institute**

**Job:** Science Presenter

**Date:** Spring 2018-present