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**Educational History**

Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, 2001. Major: Individual Differences and Evolutionary Psychology;  
Minor: Quantitative Methods.

Dissertation: The Benefits and Costs of Friendship

B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Psychology and Spanish, 1996. Summa cum laude, with honors  
in Psychology.

**Academic Background**

Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Department of Psychology, 2008-

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Department of Psychology, 2003-2008

Research Associate, Study of Mathematically Precocious Youth, Vanderbilt University, Department of  
Psychology and Human Development, 2001-2003.

**Awards, Grants, and Honors (2003-)**

UWEC Student Research Day Third Place Poster (“25 Years of GRE Scores and Graduate Enrollment  
Data...”), Psychology Division; May 2011

UWEC Excellence in Teaching Award (nominated by UWEC alumni), August 2010

UWEC Student Research Day First Place Poster (“Science Literacy and its Correlates...”), Psychology  
Division; April 2010

UWEC Student Research Day Second Place Poster (“Women’s Appearance and Body Shape across the  
Menstrual Cycle...”), Psychology Division; April 2010

UWEC McNair Faculty Mentor; 2005 (Nalee Xiong), 2006 (Brittany Gragg), 2007 (Michael Ojibway),  
2008 (Lyndsay Nelson), 2010 (Brittany Rose Henn)

UWEC Small Research Grant, 2003 (Assessment); 2004 (International Sexuality Description Project);  
2005 (Affective Shifts); 2007 (Familial Similarity in Adult Romantic Attachment); 2010 (Women’s  
Body Shape and Appearance across the Menstrual Cycle)

UWEC Grant for Providing Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates; 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,  
2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Invited presenter on Student Evaluations of Instruction at UWEC, annual Arts & Sciences retreat, August  
2009

Recognition for Contribution to Students (student nominations), UWEC Student Support Services program, 2009

UWEC Student Research Day Third Place Poster (“Attractiveness and Rivalry in Women’s Friendships with Women”), Behavioral & Social Sciences Division, Category II; April 2009

Invited Workshop Leader at UW-System Office of Professional Instructional Development (OPID) Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI, April 2009

Lead Presenter to the University Community, First Annual Provost/CETL Lecture: Student Evaluations of Instruction, March 2009

UWEC Grant for Professional Development (weekly travel to the U of MN), Fall 2008

Invited Faculty Teaching Fellow, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at UWEC, 2008-2009

Invited faculty representative, UW System conversation on a uniform set of learning outcomes, May 2008

Invited speaker at freshman provocation, *Greater Expectations of a Liberal Education*, January 2008

Governor’s Award for High Demand Faculty; 2006, 2007

UWEC Grant for University Research and Creative Activity; 2007

UWEC Center for Alcohol Studies and Education Grant for Research Involving Alcohol; 2006

Mensa Education and Research Foundation Award for Excellence in Research; 2006

Wisconsin System Intercampus Communities of Practice (ICoP) Grant for Bringing Technological Innovations to the Millenium Student; 2006

UWEC Student Research Day Third Place Poster (“Getting Both Sides of the Story...”), Behavioral & Social Sciences Division; May 2006

Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Grant-in-Aid, July 2005

UWEC Student Research Day First Place Poster (“Happy Babies Make Men More Attractive...”), Behavioral & Social Sciences Division; April 2005

### **Grant Proposals**

Proposal submitted (Dec. 2011) to the Spencer Foundation: A Prospective Study of Change in College Students’ Scientific Literacy. Not funded.

### **Editorial Activities and Service to the Profession**

Associate Editor, 2011-ongoing: *Evolutionary Psychology*

Consulting Editor, 2011-2013: *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality Processes and Individual Differences (JPSP: PPID)*

Ad Hoc Referee: *American Journal of Psychology*; *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*; *Educational Assessment*; *Educational Psychology Review*; *Equal Opportunities International*; *European Journal of Social Psychology*; *Evolutionary Psychology*; *Evolution and Human Behavior*; *Gifted Child Quarterly*; *Higher Education Research and Development*; *Human Nature*; *Intelligence*; *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*; *Journal of Applied Psychology*; *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*; *Journal of Family Psychology*; *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes*; *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality Processes and Individual Differences*; *Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology*; *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*; *Personal Relationships*; *Personality and Individual Differences*; *Psychological Record*; *Psychological Science*; *Scandinavian Journal of Psychology*; *Sex Roles*

Judge for Young Investigator Award papers, Human Behavior and Evolution Society, 2007

External Examiner, Doctoral Defense of D.M. Diako, University of Pretoria, South Africa (May 2011)

MA Thesis Committee Member for Lyndsay A. Nelson, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC (Spring 2011)

MA Thesis Committee Member for Abigail Stellmacher, Speech and Language Disorders, UWEC Spring (2011)

MA Thesis Committee Member for Mark W. Remiker, Washington State University, Pullman, WA (Spring 2010)

External Examiner, Doctoral Defense of Caroline Connolly, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland (Jan. 2010)

### **Publications (Refereed)**

Bleske-Rechek, A., Somers, E., Micke, C., Erickson, L., Matteson, L., Schumacher, B., Stocco, C., & Ritchie, L. (2012). Benefit or burden? Attraction in cross-sex friendship. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, Online first: April 25, 2012. doi:10.1177/0265407512443611.

Bleske-Rechek, A., Fuerstenberg, E. A., Harris, H. D., & Ryan, D. E. (2011). Men and women, work and family: A test of competing perspectives. *Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology*, 5, 275-292.

Bleske-Rechek, A., & Fritsch, A. (2011). Student consensus on RateMyProfessors.com. *Practical Assessment, Research & Evaluation*, 16. Available online: <http://pareonline.net/pdf/v16n18.pdf>.

Bleske-Rechek, A., Harris, H. D., Denkiner, K., Webb, R. M., Erickson, L., & Nelson, L. A. (2011). Physical cues of ovulatory status: A failure to replicate enhanced facial attractiveness and reduced waist-to-hip ratio at high fertility. *Evolutionary Psychology*, 9, 336-353. Available online: <http://www.epjournal.net/filestore/EP09336353.pdf>.

Bleske-Rechek, A., Nelson, L. A., Baker, J. P., Remiker, M. W., & Brandt, S. J. (2010). Moral decisions in the Trolley Problem: People save five over one unless the one is young, genetically related, or a romantic partner. *Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology*, 4, 115-127.

Bleske-Rechek, A., & Lighthall, M. (2010). Attractiveness and rivalry in women's friendships with women. *Human Nature*, 21, 82-97. doi: 10.1007/s12110-010-9081-5

- Bleske-Rechek, A., & Michels, K. (2010). RateMyProfessors.com: Testing assumptions about student use and misuse. *Practical Assessment, Research & Evaluation, 15*. Available online: <http://pareonline.net/getvn.asp?v=15&n=7>.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Remiker, M. W., & Baker, J. P. (2009). Similar from the start: Assortment in young adult dating couples and its link to relationship stability over time. *Individual Differences Research, 7*, 142-158.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., VandenHeuvel, B., Vander Wyst, M. (2009). Age variation in mating strategies and mate preferences: Beliefs versus reality. *Evolutionary Psychology, 7*, 179-205.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Remiker, M. W., & Baker, J. P. (2008). Narcissistic men and women think they are so hot...but they are not. *Personality and Individual Differences, 45*, 420-424.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Zeug, N., & Webb, R. M. (2007). Discrepant performance on multiple-choice and short answer assessments and the relation of performance to general scholastic aptitude. *Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education, 32*, 89-105.
- 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.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Remiker, M. W., Swanson, M. R., & Zeug, N. M. (2006). Women more than men attend to indicators of good character: Two experimental demonstrations. *Evolutionary Psychology, 4*, 341-354.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., & Buss, D. M. (2006). Sexual strategies pursued and mate attraction tactics deployed. *Personality and Individual Differences, 40*, 1299-1311.
- Lubinski, D., Benbow, C. P., Webb, R. M., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006). Tracking exceptional human capital over two decades. *Psychological Science, 17*, 194-199.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Lubinski, D., & Benbow, C. P. (2004). Meeting the educational needs of special populations: Advanced Placement's role in developing exceptional human capital. *Psychological Science, 15*, 217-224.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., & Webb, R. M. (2002). Neglected aspects and unsupported claims [Comment]. *American Psychologist, 57*, 1132-1133.
- Shackelford, T. K., LeBlanc, G. J., Weekes-Shackelford, V. A., Bleske-Rechek, A. L., Euler, H. A., & Hoier, S. (2002). Psychological adaptations to human sperm competition. *Evolution and Human Behavior, 23*, 123-138.
- Bleske, A. L. (2001). Obedience, conformity, and social roles: Active learning in a large introductory psychology class. *Teaching of Psychology, 28*, 260-262.
- Bleske, A. L., & Buss, D. M. (2001). A comprehensive theory of human mating must explain between-group and within-group differences [Comment]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 23*, 593-594.
- Bleske, A. L., & Shackelford, T. K. (2001). Poaching, promiscuity, and deceit: Combating mating rivalry in same-sex friendships. *Personal Relationships, 8*, 407-424.

- Bleske-Rechek, A. L., & Buss, D. M. (2001). Opposite-sex friendship: Sex differences and similarities in initiation, selection, and dissolution. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *27*, 1310-1323.
- Bleske, A. L., & Buss, D. B. (2000). Can men and women be just friends? *Personal Relationships*, *21*, 131-151.
- Friedman, B. X., Bleske, A. L., & Scheyd, G. J. (2000). Incompatible with evolutionary theorizing [Comment]. *American Psychologist*, *55*, 1059-1060.
- Shackelford, T. K., Weekes, V. A., LeBlanc, G. J., Bleske, A. L., Euler, H. A., & Hoier, S. (2000). Female coital orgasm and male attractiveness. *Human Nature*, *11*, 299-306.
- Buss, D. M., Haselton, M. G., Shackelford, T. K., Bleske, A. L., & Wakefield, J. C. (1999). Interactionism, flexibility, and inferences about the past [Reply]. *American Psychologist*, *54*, 443-445.
- Buss, D. M., Haselton, M. G., Shackelford, T. K., Bleske, A. L., & Wakefield, J. C. (1998). Adaptations, exaptations, and spandrels. *American Psychologist*, *53*, 533-548.
- Krueger, R. F., Moffitt, T. E., Caspi, A., Bleske, A., & Silva, P. A. (1998). Assortative mating for antisocial behavior: Developmental and methodological implications. *Behavior Genetics*, *28*, 173-186.

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

- Bleske-Rechek, A. (2009). Friendships in young adulthood. In H. T. Reis and S. Sprecher (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Bleske-Rechek, A. (2004). Intelligence testing. In P. S. Fass (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood in History and Society*. New York, NY: MacMillan Reference USA.

### **Book Chapters**

- Bleske-Rechek, A., Kolb, C., & Quigley, K. (in prep). Attractiveness and rivalry in women's friendships with women. To appear in V. Weekes-Shackelford and T. K. Shackelford (Eds.), *Evolutionary perspectives on human sexual psychology and behavior*. Springer Publishing.
- Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012). Sexual and romantic interests in opposite-sex friendships. In M. Paludi (Ed.), *The psychology of love*. Praeger.
- Lubinski, D., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007). Enhancing development in intellectually talented populations. In P. C. Kyllonen, R. D. Roberts, and L. Stankov (Eds.), *Enhancing intelligence: Extending new constructs* (pp. 93-113). Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

### **Manuscripts under Review**

- Nelson, L., Webb, R. M., Bleske-Rechek, A., Huelsman, T., & Waring, D. (under review). Making personality and intelligence judgments: What does facial appearance reveal to strangers?

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

- Bleske-Rechek, A., Harris, H., Fuerstenberg, E., & Ryan, D. E. (in prep). *Intellectual Capital in the U.S.: Trends in GRE scores by discipline, gender, and ethnicity*.

Bleske-Rechek, A., Franklin, B. R., & Kelley, J. (in prep). *Birth order effects on personality: Testing assumptions with independent siblings' reports and parent reports.*

Bleske-Rechek, A., & Ryan, D. E. (in prep). *Similarity between family members in romantic attachment style.*

Bleske-Rechek, A., & Ryan, D. E. (in prep). *That's too bad...NOT! Predictors of feeling pleasure in response to another's misfortune.*

### **Invited Talks and Lectures (2004-current)**

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, February 28). *Mating Desires: Beliefs versus Reality.* Invited TED talk to University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student body.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2011, August). *A Primer on Evolutionary Psychology: Foundational Ideas, Exemplary Research, and Criticisms.* Invited Lee Gurel Lecture to Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools, annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2010, May). *Evolutionary Psychology's Ties to Religious Belief.* Invited lecture to students in UWEC's Religion and Science course.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2010, April). *Nature via Nurture Unfolding: The Effect of Being Fed Breast Milk on Cognitive Ability.* Invited lecture to students in UWEC's Genetics (Biol 300) course.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2008, October). *Evolutionary Theory as a Guide for Research and Teaching in Psychology.* Invited talk, Appalachian State University.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, September). *Can (Young) Men and Women be Just Friends? The Primacy of Human Mating in Cross-Sex Friendship.* Invited talk, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Faculty Forum.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, November). *Opposite-Sex Friendship in Young Adulthood: The Primacy of Human Mating.* Invited colloquium, University of Missouri-Rolla.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, April). *Opposite-Sex Friendship in Young Adulthood: The Primacy of Human Mating.* Invited presentation to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Psychology Club and faculty.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2004, November). *Friendship in Young Adulthood: An Evolutionary Perspective.* Guest lecture for University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Honors "Breakfast with a Professor" Program.

Bleske-Rechek, A. (2004, September). *Personal Relationships in Evolutionary Perspective.* Invited presentation to the Biology Department, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

### **Professional Conference Presentations (2003 – present)**

Bleske-Rechek, A., Quigley, K., Kolb, C., Steffes, A., & Nelson, L. (2012, June). *The double-edged nature of assortative friendship: Attractiveness and rivalry in friendships between women.* Talk given at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- Franklin, B. R., Johnson, A. E., Kelley, J. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, June). *Birth order and personality: Testing assumptions with independent siblings' reports*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Ryan, D. E., Miller, S. M., Werner, A. R., Johnson, A. E., Quigley, K. E., Kolb, C. M., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, June). *That's too bad...NOT! Predictors of feeling pleasure in response to another's misfortune*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Werner, A., Fritsch, A., Johnson, J., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, June). *Sexual attraction to siblings, friends, and mates: Preliminary evidence that opposite-sex friends prime sexual cognition*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Fritsch, A., & Henn, B. R. (2011, May). *Student consensus on RateMyProfessors.com*. Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
- Harris, H., Fuerstenberg, E., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2011, May). *Twenty-five years of GRE scores and graduate enrollment data by gender, ethnicity, and discipline*. Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
- Matula, B. K., Krunnusz, A., Goodman, J., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2011, May). *Learning styles to the test: An experimental investigation of the effect of matching learning preferences with learning context*. Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
- Nelson, L. A., Webb, R. M., Bleske-Rechek, A., Huelsman, T. J., & Waring, D. A. (2011, May). *Our attractiveness influences strangers' judgments of our personality and intelligence, but how?* Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
- Risdal, M. L., Weber, K., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2011, April). *Evaluating attractive alternatives: The moderating influence of mating orientation on susceptibility to the blinders effect*. Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Binghamton, NY.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Kolb, C., Quigley, K., & Steffes, A. E. (2011, April). *Assortative friendship: Similarity between female same-sex friends in face and body attractiveness, body shape, and mating attitudes*. Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Binghamton, NY.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Miller, S., Ryan, D., Fuerstenberg, E., Harris, H., Risdal, M., Byrne, B., Camp, S., & Ritchie, L. (2011, April). *Mating desires and plans for work and family: Comparisons by sex, discipline, and year in college*. Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Binghamton, NY.
- Fuerstenberg, E., Ryan, D., Miller, S., Risdal, M., Harris, H., Byrne, B., Camp, S., Ritchie, L., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2011, April). *College students' religious beliefs, knowledge of evolution, and science literacy: Comparisons by sex, discipline, and point of college career*. Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Binghamton, NY.
- Nelson, L. A., Webb, R. M., Bleske-Rechek, A., Huelsman, T. J., & Waring, D. A. (2011, March). *The accuracy of first impressions: Stranger ratings of photographs*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Southeastern Psychology Association.

- Nelson, L. A., Webb, R. M., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2010, December). *The accuracy of intelligence judgments: Stranger ratings of photographs*. Poster presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Society for Intelligence Researchers, Alexandria, VA.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Erickson, L., & Ritchie, L. (2010, May). *Benefit or Burden? Attraction in Emerging and Middle-Aged Adults' Cross-sex Friendships*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Michels, K., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2010, May). *RateMyProfessors.com: Testing Assumptions about Student Use and Misuse*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Harris, H., Denking, K., Erickson, L., Webb, R. M., Nelson, L. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2010, June). *Women's Body Shape and Appearance Across the Menstrual Cycle: Heightened Attractiveness at Ovulation?* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Eugene, OR.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., & Lighthall, M. (2009, May). *Attractiveness and Rivalry in Women's Friendships with Women*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Fullerton, CA.
- Nelson, L. A., Baker, J. P., Remiker, M. W., Brandt, S. J., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2009, May). *Moral Decisions in the Trolley Problem: People Save Five over One Unless the One is Young, Genetically Related, or a Romantic Partner*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Fullerton, CA.
- VandenHeuvel, B., Vander Wyst, M., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2009, May). *Age Variation in Mating Strategies and Mate Preferences: Beliefs versus Reality*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Fullerton, CA.
- Baker, J. P., Nelson, L. A., Melby, K., Remiker, M. W., Brandt, S. J., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2008, May). *Trolley Problem Decisions Follow the Laws of Inclusive Fitness*. Poster presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Bleske-Rechek, A. (2008, May). *Age Variation in Mating Desires: Beliefs versus Reality*. Poster presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Hirsch, E. E., Micke, C. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2008, May). *Attraction and Flirtation in Young Adults' and Middle-Aged Adults' Cross-Sex Friendships*. Poster presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Micke, C. A., Hirsch, E. E., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2008, May). *The Good and Bad of Friendship: Perceptions Vary by Sex, Age, and Type of Friendship*. Poster presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Sandager, K., Maves, S. R., Hubert, S., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2008, May). *Can You Match these Friends? A Test of Genetic Similarity Theory*. Poster presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, June). *Friend Matching: A Test of Genetic Similarity Theory*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Williamsburg, VA.

- Baker, J. P., Remiker, M. W., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, June). *(Male) Narcissists Think They're Attractive – And They Are*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Williamsburg, VA.
- Remiker, M. W., Baker, J. P., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, June). *Similarity and Commitment to Partner: Predictors of Relationship Stability Over 11 Months*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Williamsburg, VA.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Webb, R. M., Lubinski, D., & Benbow, C. P. (2006, December). *Career Outcomes and Perceptions of the Advisor-Advisee Experience: A 10-year Follow-up of Graduate Students in Top-15 Math-Science Programs*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Society for Intelligence Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Matteson, L. K., Gragg, B. I., & Stocco, C. S. (2006, June). *Deception in Young Adult Opposite-Sex Friendship*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Matteson, L. K., Gragg, B. I., Stocco, C. S., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, June). *Getting Both Sides of the Story: Sexual Attraction and Sexual Events Between Opposite-Sex Friends*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Preder, S. M., Fasteland, K. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, June). *Agreement and Assortment in Same-Sex Friendship: Why Sexual Strategy Matters*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Remiker, M. W., Baker, J. P., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, June). *Assortment Among Dating Couples: Further Evidence Against Convergence*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., Swanson, M., Remiker, M., & Zeug, N. (2005, June). *Happy Babies Make Men More Attractive: Evidence for Female Preferences for Parentally-Invested Men*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Austin, TX.
- Remiker, M., Ley, K., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2005, June). *The Effects of Reading Erotic Literature: Manipulation of Men's and Women's Emotional and Sexual Relationship Satisfaction*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Austin, TX.
- Xiong, N., Lagorio, C., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2005, June). *Responding to a Hypothetical Extra-Pair Involvement: Sex Differences in the Nomination of Cues of Sexual Infidelity*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Austin, TX.
- Bleske-Rechek, A., & Buss, D. M. (2005, May). *The Links Between Sexual Strategies Pursued and Mate Attraction Tactics Deployed*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Society, Los Angeles, CA.
- Lubinski, D., Benbow, C. P., Webb, R. M., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2004, December). *Tracking Exceptional Human Capital*. Paper presented at the fifth annual meeting of the International Society for Intelligence Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Bleske-Rechek, A. (2004, October). *Criterion-Related Validity of Multiple-Choice and Short Answer Assessments in Three Psychology Courses*. Paper presented at the inaugural conference of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Bloomington, IN.

### UWEC Student Research Day Poster Presentations

- Franklin, B. R., Johnson, A. E., Kelley, J. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *Birth order and personality: Testing assumptions with independent siblings' reports*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Johnson, A. E., Franklin, B. R., Kelley, J. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *Does rearing environment shape romantic attachment style? Using siblings to test for shared rearing environmental influences*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Morrison, K. M., Bebault, H. M., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *Inferences of causation from correlational data*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Quigley, K. E., Kolb, C. M., Nelson, L. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *The double-edged nature of female friendship: Attractiveness and rivalry in friendships between women*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Ryan, D. E., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *Age variation in mating strategies and mate preferences among college students*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Ryan, D. E., Harris, H. D., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *Science literacy among university students: A cross-cultural comparison of students in Eau Claire, WI and students in Stirling UK*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Ryan, D. E., Miller, S. M., Werner, A. R., Johnson, A. E., Quigley, K. E., Kolb, C. M., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *That's too bad...NOT! Predictors of feeling pleasure in response to another's misfortune*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Werner, A. R., Fritsch, A. R., Johnson, J. L., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2012, April). *Siblings, friends, and mates: Development of a word-pair association task to measure implicit sexual response to different relationship partners*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Fritsch, A., Henn, B. R., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2011, May). *Student consensus on RateMyProfessors.com*. Poster presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
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- Hirsch, E. E., Micke, C. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2008, April). *Attraction and Flirtation in Young Adults' and Middle-Aged Adults' Cross-Sex Friendships*. Poster presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
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- Bailey, A., Bondhus, J., Lorenz, K., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, April). *Deception and Enhancement at Point of Friendship Initiation*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Baker, J. P., Remiker, M. W., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, April). *(Male) Narcissists Think They're Attractive – And They Are*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.

- Gragg, B. I., Matteson, L. K., Stocco, C. S., Baker, J. P., Kneisl, K. L., Remiker, M. W., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, April). *Frequency and Perceived Impact of Sexual Events on Opposite-Sex Friendship: An Interview Study*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Hubert, S., Maves, S. R., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, April). *Friend Matching: A Test of Genetic Similarity Theory*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Remiker, M. W., Baker, J. P., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, April). *Similarity and Commitment to Partner: Predictors of Relationship Stability Over 11 Months*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Tillman, S. K., Ackerlund, J. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2007, April). *What You're Really Thinking...Explicit and Implicit Measures of Attraction in Personal Relationships*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Capocasa, K. B., Chase, K. L., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, May). *Personal and Relationship Correlates of Intimate Sexual Activity Among Young College Couples*. Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Matteson, L. K., Gragg, B. I., Stocco, C. S. (2006, May). *Getting Both Sides of the Story: Sexual Attraction and Sexual Events Between Opposite-Sex Friends*. Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Preder, S. M., Fasteland, K. A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, May). *Agreement and Assortment in Same-Sex Friendship: Why Sexual Strategy Matters*. Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Remiker, M. W., Baker, J. P., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2006, May). *Assortment Among Dating Couples: Further Evidence Against Convergence*. Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Matteson, L., Bleske-Rechek, A., & von Karolyi, C. (2005, April). *Sex, Sexual Strategy, and Over-Excitabilities Among Young Adults*. Poster presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Remiker, M., Ley, K., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2005, April). *The Effects of Reading Erotic Literature: Manipulation of Men's and Women's Emotional and Sexual Relationship Satisfaction*. Poster presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Swanson, M., Remiker, M., Zeug, N., Rohloff, A., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2005, April). *Happy Babies Make Men More Attractive: Evidence for Female Preferences for Parentally-Invested Men*. Poster presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Xiong, N., Lagorio, C., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2005, April). *Responding to a Hypothetical Extra-Pair Involvement: Sex Differences in the Nomination of Cues of Sexual Infidelity*. Poster presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.
- Zeug, N., & Bleske-Rechek, A. (2004, April). *Differential Validity of Closed-Ended and Open-Ended Exam Questions*. Poster presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Research Day.

## **Courses Taught at UWEC**

Research Methods in Psychology  
Big Issues in Psychology (Senior Seminar)  
Personality Theories and Research  
Individual Differences and Behavior Genetics  
Evolutionary Psychology  
Independent Research (Senior Capstone)  
Psychology of Language  
Directed Study: Sport Psychology

## **Departmental Service (UWEC)**

Independent Study Mentor, Summer 2012

Andrew Marcellino, 1 credit, review of *Academically Adrift*

Research Methods/Social Psychology Search Committee, Winter-Spring 2012

Independent Study Mentor, Spring 2012

Marta Schmuki, 1 credit, review of *Academically Adrift*

Katey Quigley, 3 credits, Readings and assignments in Individual Differences and Behavior Genetics

Reading Group, Michael Rutter's *Genes and Behavior* and Roy Baumeister's *Is There Anything Good About Men?*. Voluntary seminar for student researchers, 8 students, Spring 2012

Independent Study Mentor, Fall 2011

Travis Messmer, 1 credit, review of Dan Ariely's *Predictably Irrational*

Reading Group, Robert Kurzban's *Why Everyone (Else) is a Hypocrite* and Michael Shermer's *The Believing Brain*. Voluntary seminar for student researchers, 8 students, Fall 2011

Reading Group, Richard Dawkins' *The Greatest Show on Earth*. Voluntary seminar for student researchers, 4 students, Fall 2010

Readings in Behavior Genetics (voluntary weekly meeting), Fall 2010 (3 students)

Development of Materials for Presentation to PsycClub: Personality Psychology at a Glance, March 2010

Presenter, Psychology Department Brown Bag Series, February 2010: *Nature via Nurture Unfolding: The Effect of Being Fed Breast Milk on Cognitive Ability*

Experimental Psychology Search Committee, Winter 2010

Directed Study (Sport Psychology, 13 students, seminar format), Spring 2010

Reading Group, Judith Rich Harris' *The Nurture Assumption* and Judith Rich Harris' *No Two Alike*. Voluntary seminar for student researchers, 7 students, Spring 2010

Reading Group, Steven Pinker's *The Blank Slate*. Mandatory seminar for student researchers, 13 students, Fall 2009

Readings in Behavior Genetics (voluntary weekly meeting), Spring 2009 (4 students)

Directed Study (Seminar in Evolutionary Psychology, 8 students), Spring 2009

Independent Study (Individual Differences & Behavior Genetics, 2 students), Fall 2008

Directed Study (Sport Psychology, 8 students, seminar format), Spring 2008

Independent Study (Evolutionary Psychology, 2 students), Summer 2006; Fall 2007

Curriculum Committee, 2004-

Assessment Committee, 2003-2004

Psychology Department Self Study Committee (summary of Senior Exit Survey results), Spring 2004

### **University/UW-System Service and Activities**

CETL Faculty Discussion Leader, "Tips for Teaching," August 2012

External Member, Ad hoc Credential Review Committee, UW-Whitewater, Fall 2011

Social Sciences Faculty Representative to CUR's System-wide Workshop on Institutionalizing Undergraduate Research, 2011-

Internal Grant Proposal Reviewer, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Spring 2010-current

Reading Group, *Breaking the Spell* (weekly cross-disciplinary discussion among 8 students and 4 faculty), Fall 2010

Evolution and Genetics Reading Group (with Julie Anderson and Wilson Taylor, Biology), Fall 2008-Spring 2010

CETL Collegial Consultant (Social Science Research Design and Statistics), Fall 2009-current  
Formal and Informal consulting for: Garry Running, CeCelia Zorn, Lee-Ellen Kirkhorn (her students), Sue Peck, Sheila Smith, Ruth Cronje (and her students), Shevaun Watson (her students)

CETL Faculty Discussion Leader (2), "Tips for Balancing Work and Family," November 2010

CETL Faculty Workshop Co-Leader, "Incorporating Research into Teaching," October 2009

Invited Member, Liberal Education Committee, September 2009-

CETL Drop-In Discussion Co-Leader, "Mentoring Undergraduate Researchers," April 2009

Invited Member, Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Development of the UWEC Undergraduate Research Journal (Summer, 2007)

Panelist, Discussion on Writing across the Curriculum (WAC) at UWEC, August 2006

University Exit Interviews, faculty volunteer, February-March 2006

University Assessment Committee, August 2005-May 2008

Phase II Orientation Faculty Mentor, August 2004, 2005

Baccalaureate Portfolio Assessment Committee, May 2004

University Exit Interviews, faculty volunteer, March 2004

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