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Editorial
Kevin Swartout
ISRA Bulletin Co-Editor



*Welcome to the December 2022 edition of the **ISRA Bulletin**.*

*Thank you to everyone who submitted information for our society to feature in this **Bulletin** installment!*

*We hope you are enjoying the holiday season, and that this message finds you in good health! The second half of 2022 brought back some sense of normalcy, including our first ISRA World Meeting since 2018! It was great to see many of you in Ottawa and thank you to the local organizers for creating a fantastic conference experience! You will see more engagement opportunities described in this **Bulletin**, as we continue to re-establish our traditions of meetings, workshops, and other opportunities for in-person collaboration and learning.*

As usual, we will start with messages from our President, Tracy Vaillancourt, President-Elect, Wayne Warburton, Executive Secretary, Brad Bushman, and the Editor-in-Chief of Aggressive Behavior, Craig Anderson. Don't miss the information on the ongoing ISRA Speakers' Series included in Tracy's message!

*We have exciting announcements related to the 2023 Workshop on Aggression, which will be held in London, and the 2024 World meeting, which will be held in Munich. This is followed by a touching tribute to Lea Pulkkinen written by Roger Johnson, which includes some **amazing** photographs from the early days of ISRA. Then there is an impressive list of ISRA members' recent awards and accomplishments as well as some important member announcements. *This **Bulletin** installment is capped off with the ISRA Flyer**

*Please remember our goal for the **Bulletin** is to keep our members informed of scholarship in the area of aggression and to share each other's work. So, please email us at ISRABulletin@gmail.com with any materials you would like us to include in the next ISRA **Bulletin**.*

Best wishes,
-Kevin

A Message from our President Tracy Vaillancourt



Dear ISRA Colleagues and Friends,

Happy New Year!

After so many delays due to COVID-19, it was terrific to see so many of you at our World Meeting in Ottawa, Canada (July 18-22, 2022). The conference was well attended, the scientific program was outstanding, the venue was beautiful, the weather was kind to us, and the food and snacks were delicious and plentiful (ketchup chips are delightful 😊). In other words, the conference was a resounding success. It was also nice to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ISRA in Ottawa with a toast of champagne led by past presidents Rowell Husemann, Craig Anderson, Mike Potegal, Barbara Krahé, Eric Dubow, and executive secretaries Dominic Parrott and Brad Bushman. Happy 50th ISRA!

Once again, thank you to co-organizers Patti McDougall and Shelley Hymel, with a special acknowledgment to Heather Brittain, Amanda Krygsman, and the students from uOttawa's Brain and Behaviour Laboratory. Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the 25th World Meeting that will take place in Munich, Germany from July 29 to August 2, 2024. Be sure to mark your calendars.

The ISRA Speakers Series is up and running, with another impressive line-up of speakers (see page 4). Our next lecture is by Barbara Krahé on March 8, 2023 at 13:00 EST. [Registration](#) is free.

Our new executive secretary, Brad Bushman, has been very busy making ISRA even better. One key activity has been the revamping of the website. Be sure to check out the new content like the [Experts](#) section.

Finally, a big thank you to Craig Anderson, the Editor-in-Chief of Aggressive Behavior. The journal is in excellent shape because of his exceptional work.

I hope everyone has a productive and fulfilling 2023. I look forward to continuing to follow your contributions and to learn from our accomplished and engaging group.

All the best!

Tracy

SCHEDULE



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NOV

DR. MICHAEL POTEHAL
Associate Professor ad Honorem
University of Minnesota

Some phenomena and physiology of two aggression motivation systems: Anger and non-angry aggressive arousal (angriffsbereitschaft in other animals)

Begins at 13:00 EST



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DEC

DR. KAJ BJÖRKQVIST
Professor Emeritus
Åbo Akademi University

Sex Differences in Aggression: A Review

Begins at 13:00 EST



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FEB

DR. SARAH COYNE
Professor
Brigham Young University

Who is most at risk for aggressive behavior after playing violent video games? A differential susceptibility approach

Begins at 13:00 EST



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MAR

DR. BARBARA KRAHÉ
Professor Emerita
University of Potsdam

Blaming the Victim: How Rape Myths and Stereotypes Shape Responses to Sexual Assault

Begins at 13:00 EST



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DR. JOHN F. KNUTSON
Professor Emeritus
University of Iowa

Enduring measurement problems in aggression research: Examples from child maltreatment work

Begins at 13:00 EST

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A Message from our President-Elect Wayne A. Warburton



First, I would like to thank the members of ISRA for many years of friendship and collegial relationships, and for honour of being allowed to serve as President Elect of this wonderful society. ISRA has been an incredibly important part of my journey as a scholar. It is also very different (in a good way) from other societies I have been involved with.

I clearly remember the things that most struck me at my first ISRA meeting in Minneapolis in 2006. First, not only were many of my ‘heroes’ of the field there, they were also very friendly and were willing to talk to anyone, from PhD students through to peers of high world standing. Everyone was taken seriously and treated with respect. It is not many societies where you are just as likely to be sitting at lunch with Len

Berkowitz or Craig Anderson or Rowell Huesmann or Barbara Krahe, as with PhD students, postdocs and early career researchers. People like Eric Dubow, Mike Potegal and Craig Anderson were especially kind and welcoming. In 16 years this has not changed, and I have been lucky enough to develop friendships with some of the most extraordinary researchers in the field. Second, with few exceptions, members of ISRA were very low in aggression and antisocial behaviour. ISRA members tend to believe in a less aggressive world, do research towards a more civilised society, and live their lives accordingly. ISRA is full of nice people. Third was the culture of support. There was very little ‘guarding one’s intellectual patch’ – ISRA members were very focused on supporting and collaborating with others, mentoring and encouraging earlier career researchers, and working to build the field. In the years since, ISRA has put together a whole range of initiatives furthering these goals, and in particular supporting earlier career aggression researchers. It is a highly collaborative society.

At that meeting I felt like I had found a home, and I have felt at home in ISRA ever since.

I suspect that as an Australian many of you haven’t seen as much of me as you might have of members from North America and Europe, so here is a little about me. I received my PhD in psychology in 2007 from Macquarie University in Sydney. My key research interests at that time revolved around aggression as a response to being socially excluded, those aspects of aggression related to restoring a personal sense of control over one’s environment, and the role that modelling in watched media and personality factors might play in habitually restoring a sense of control in one’s life by being aggressive. I became a member of the ISRA Council in 2010 and was until July 2022, when I took on this current role. During this time I have worked with ISRA members on a number of projects related to: media violence (with Craig Anderson and a host of other ISRA members); music with violent and prosocial lyrics (with Doug Gentile); antisocial and prosocial video gameplay (with Ingrid Möller and Robert

Busching); longitudinal effects of media and music effects (with Sarah Coyne); and models and measurement of aggression (with Brad Bushman and Craig Anderson).

From 2009 I have been employed at Macquarie University in the School of Psychological Sciences, where I am currently an Associate Professor of developmental psychology. Much of my work is experimental and involves purpose building media stimuli for better experimental control (for example writing and recording songs where only key lyrics change from version to version; a purpose-built video game where in-game behaviour can be monitored). My current research focus is on risk and protective factors for aggression, violent music, online empathy and aggression, and issues around screen disorders, including the emotion dysregulation problems and high levels of aggression found in teenagers with disordered gaming.

Like many ISRA members, I believe passionately in a civilised society. Years of research into aggressive behaviour and social processes show clearly that society, and the individuals in it, are healthier in the absence of war, family violence, societal violence and antisocial behaviour. Cooperative societies flourish; war-ravaged societies suffer. For this reason, the research that we do is crucial, and needs to find its way into policy, practice and the public psyche. ISRA has in the past provided leadership by making public statements on issues such as media violence and mass shootings, by creating a website with a range of resources and points of contact, and by providing public lectures. In my view a key work of ISRA into the future is to build further mechanisms by which our work can have greater social impact and be used in the places it is needed most. Also crucial will be growing ISRA into regions where it is currently little known, and widening representation in ISRA and its leadership to be more global.

To finish, I would like to welcome the incoming council members, and to thank our two new ISRA Bulletin Editors, Kevin Swartout and Irene Vitoroulis. I would also like to recognise the work of our outgoing President Barbara Krahé and outgoing Executive Secretary Dominic Parrott, both of whom have done an extraordinary job, as well as the wonderful work already being done by our new Executive Secretary, Brad Bushman, who has really hit the ground running. I am looking forward to working with Tracy and Eric, and the rest of the ISRA Executive, to keep the good ship ISRA moving forward in these uncertain times.

I also look forward to seeing you all in Munich in 2024, for what should be a wonderful World meeting. Until then, take care.

Best wishes,

Wayne

**A Message from our Executive Secretary
Brad Bushman**



Dear ISRA friends and Colleagues,

Thank you for electing me to be your new Executive Secretary. I am honored to serve you in this capacity. I have been an active member of the International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) since 1984, when I first started doing research on aggression as an undergraduate student.

A special thanks to Dominic (“Dom”) Parrott, the previous Executive Secretary of ISRA, who faithfully served two terms (2014 to 2022). I have big shoes to fill! Fortunately, I have help. I have nearly memorized the ISRA Constitution and Bylaws. Dom has also been incredibly helpful in “teaching me the ropes” of my new job. In addition, I have received lots of help from ISRA President Tracy Vaillancourt, the other Officers, Council Members, and ISRA members.

A special thanks to Tracy Vaillancourt and her team for the excellent conference in Ottawa, Canada. I thoroughly enjoyed the talks, interactions, and social events. Council Member Katja Bertsch and her team will be hosting the next ISRA conference in Munich, Germany, from July 29 to August 2, 2024 ([link](#)).

Although Tracy Vaillancourt is the webmaster in charge of social media, I have been working hard to improve our ISRA webpage. I have tried to update everything. We renamed the “Young Investigators” program the “New Investigators” program ([link](#)), because not all new investigators are young in age. ISRA welcomes aggression researchers of all ages. The main change is a new EXPERTS menu item ([link](#)), which links the media and public to aggression experts.

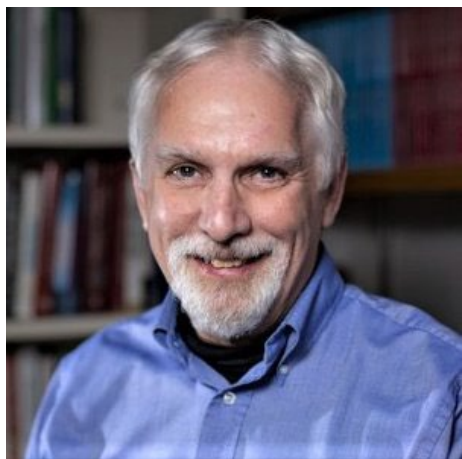
We also are switching to a two-year membership fee of \$120 ([link](#)) that will go live January 1st, 2023 ([link](#)), which will save ISRA some money and will save you the hassle of paying each year. Membership for students is FREE, and there is a hardship fund for those who cannot afford membership fees.

I also would like to update “RESOURCES FOR COURSES ON AGGRESSION” in the membership section of the webpage. If you have any course syllabi and videos, can you please send them to me bushman.20@osu.edu.

Best Regards,

Brad Bushman
Executive Secretary
International Society for Research on Aggression

A Message from the Editor in Chief of *Aggressive Behavior* Craig Anderson



Hello ISRA Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are doing well. I'd like to update you on *Aggressive Behavior* matters. Some of the following numbers, for the year 2021, were presented at the ISRA World Meeting in Ottawa this past July (which was a great success).

As I write this note, new submissions to the journal are slightly down from last year. We're at about 240. I expect the 2022 final total will be about 260, compared to last year's 275. That 2021 total was considerably larger than in prior years (2020=257, 2019=235). So, whatever the final 2022 total is, the journal is still doing well. Subjectively, the quality of new submissions remains high.

For 2021, average (mean) decision and review times in 2021 were good: 39 days from first submission to 1st decision; 33 days for reviewer turn-around time on original submissions; and 29 days for reviewer turn-around time on revisions. Submissions came from 62 countries. The largest share came from the U.S., China, Spain, the Netherlands, the U.K., Canada, Germany, and Australia. The 2021 journal impact factor exceeded 3 for the first time ever. The 5-year impact factor increased to 3.8.

The Associate Editors and I are in the process of making several changes to the journal. Some of these were required by changes made by the publisher (Wiley). Others result from changes in the field and the success of our new Brief Reports type of article.

Several changes result from Wiley's new Free Format style for submissions. Basically, Wiley won't impose any style at the submission stage. The potential benefit to *Aggressive Behavior* is that we might get more submissions from scholars who usually publish in journals that don't use APA style. The major cost of this change is that it means more work for the Editorial team (i.e., the Associate Editors and me) and for our reviewers. The Editorial team will have to enforce use of APA (or a similar relatively consistent style) at the review and revision stages. Reviewers' tasks will be more difficult in that some manuscripts will be in a completely different style that may not be as readable.

The Free Format also means that page limits no longer work. Some manuscripts are being submitted with single-spaced format, others with double-spacing. Font size also varies. So, we are moving to word limit guidelines. For example, Brief Reports submissions will be capped at 5000 words, not including title page and Supplemental Materials.

We'd also like to break the current "Research Article" category into two different categories (Normal and Extensive), but it is unclear whether this can be built into the ScholarOne submission system. If not, it will be done either by our Wiley editorial assistant, or by our Editorial Team. My guess is that our Wiley editorial assistant will handle this.

For now, we are leaning towards the following:

"Normal Research Articles" will be the proper category for most submissions, typically reporting one or two good studies along with an appropriate theoretical review as part of the introduction and a discussion of theoretical and/or practical applications at the end. Normal Research Article submissions should be no more than 7500 words (not counting title page or Supplemental Materials). This is roughly equivalent to our old 30-page limit.

The new category is what I'm currently calling "Extensive Research Articles." We envision this category as being appropriate for multiple study manuscripts, major meta-analyses, and major theoretical reviews. Extensive Research Article submissions should be no more than 10,000 words (not counting title page or Supplemental Materials).

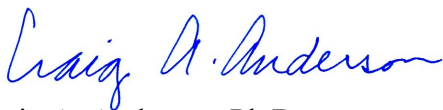
Another change we've been discussing involves adding a requirement that all empirical studies be accompanied by a power analysis. One common reason for manuscript rejection is that the reported study or studies seemed to be greatly underpowered. Including power analyses in manuscripts should help both authors and editors in the publication process. This may not be necessary for pilot studies or qualitative studies, but such manuscripts usually should include at least one larger empirical study that has sufficient power to test the primary hypotheses.

One of our Associate Editors—Professor and current ISRA President Tracy Vaillancourt—is stepping down as an AE because of other increasingly time-consuming commitments. On behalf of the Editorial team and all ISRA members, I thank Tracy for her excellent service as an AE of the journal. Personally, I also thank her for her advice on journal matters, her excellent work as an Associate Editor, and her many other contributions to ISRA.

With the advice of the editorial team, I asked Professor Ann Farell to step into the AE role. She graciously accepted the invitation and will begin handling manuscripts January 1st. Most of you know Ann from her ISRA activities and her incredible research record.

That's all for now, folks!

Regards,



Craig A. Anderson, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Editor in Chief: *Aggressive Behavior*

Contribute to the ISRA Website by Writing a Blog!

ISRA's new website is now just over one year old. Our goal is for the site to become a nexus for interchange on aggressive behavior among scholars & researchers. We typically post 1-2 new blog posts per month, the links for which are then disseminated via Twitter and Facebook. Indeed, ISRA has cultivated a growing audience on these social media platforms whom we can reach immediately. Blog length can range from several paragraphs to a page or more. Please see <http://www.israsociety.com/blog/> to see the archive that has developed over the 18 months!

ISRA is open to our members' ideas about the topic of a proposed blog post. We respect your time and want this contribution to be of minimal burden to you. So, we would suggest that you not prepare something completely new; rather, it should be a blog that is relatively easy for you to write, based in works you have already published, etc. (it can even be in collaboration with a colleague or a student). In the end, it should be a piece that would be easily digestible by scholars and the public. For those of you who might wonder, "How do I write a blog?" – well, we can even provide you with a blog about how to write a blog!

If you are interested, please contact ISRA Executive Secretary Brad Bushman at bushman.20@osu.edu and let him know a topic that would work well for you and a month during the upcoming year that you would like to submit it for dissemination on the ISRA website.

Some notable blog posts from the past include:

Hollywood's Love of Guns Increases the Risk of Shootings – Both On and Off the Set by Brad Bushman and Dan Romer

Narcissistic People Aren't Just Full of Themselves – New Research Finds They're More Likely to Be Aggressive and Violent by Brad Bushman and Sophie Kjaevik

How Can We Better Assess Peoples' Motivations for Perpetrating Intimate Partner Aggression? by Miklós B. Halmos

**Save the Date:
27th Workshop on Aggression in London**

27th Workshop on Aggression - London, UK



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London

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short tube ride
away from the city
centre.



Dates tbc - Week
commencing 6th
November 2023.

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Theme:
Aggression and
bullying in different
cultural contexts

We will welcome
submissions on
wider aggression
themes.



Goldsmiths
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



Save the Date:
ISRA World Meeting in Munich, Germany, July 29 to August 2, 2024



Dear ISRA members and friends,

We are thankful that the ISRA board has decided that the next ISRA World Meeting will take place in ***Munich, Germany!***

Munich is the capital city of Bavaria and with 1.5 million residents the third-largest city in Germany. It provides a perfect infrastructure with an extensive range of hotels, a dense public transport network, a beautiful and vibrant inner city, and a great variety of attractions including historic monuments as well as modern art and technology. It is surrounded by beautiful lakes and close to the Alps.

The meeting will take place in the heart of Munich at the *Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich*, one of the leading research universities of Europe. Founded in 1472, the LMU nowadays offers a comprehensive and diverse spectrum across all areas of knowledge and educates >50,000 students from 140 countries.

As usual, the ***Scientific Program*** will include a wide range of biological, psychological, clinical, and social topics and issues related to aggression presented in symposia, individual talks, and poster presentations.

Further details will be presented as soon as possible on the ISRA website.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Munich in the summer of 2024!

Katja Bertsch



Revisiting Finland and the Early Years of ISRA: A Tribute to Lea Pulkkinen by Roger Johnson

This summer, Roger Johnson went back to Finland to visit his old friend and colleague, Lea Pulkkinen. Together they reminisced about the formative years of ISRA nearly a half century ago when Roger and Lea were both teaching at the University of Jyväskylä. Roger was the ISRA Bulletin Editor from 1986 to 2004 after which he was the first webmaster (2002-2006) and the ISRA Archivist (2009-2016). In 1998 he organized the XIII World Meeting at Ramapo College.

I wonder how many current ISRA members attended the VI World Meeting in Turku, Finland back in 1984? I suspect that many current members were not even born then! One of the highlights of the Turku meeting was the closing banquet held in the famous medieval 13th century castle, one of the oldest buildings in the world still in use. The program was organized by my good friend Lea Pulkkinen who was then the chair of the psychology dept. at the University of Jyväskylä. She was very active in the early years of ISRA and attended both the first world meeting in Toronto (1974) and the second two years later in Paris.

Together with Kirsti Lagerspetz (who became the ISRA president in 1988) we organized a session at the Turku meeting to discuss studies on cross-cultural attitudes about the possibility of nuclear war. After all, it was the height of the cold war, and being part of an international and interdisciplinary organization, we wanted to talk about important issues of the day. Kirsti chaired the meetings, and one of Kirsti's students, Kaj Björkqvist, later went on to become ISRA president in 2016.



Procession of ISRA members into the Turku Castle for the banquet at the VI World Meeting in 1984



Lea & Paavo Pulkkinen, Len Eron (ISRA President 1988-90) & Madeline Eron, and Adam Fraczek (ISRA President (1990-92))

I first met Lea when I was teaching in Finland under the Fulbright program. My family arrived in Jyväskylä in January of 1979 where the sun rose (barely) in the late morning and set in the early afternoon. After all, it was the dead of winter, and we were only a few hundred miles from the Arctic Circle. It snowed every day and the thermometer always seemed stuck at minus 20°F. Our kids skied to school and were the only Americans in their classes. But it was a wonderful experience I shall never forget.



Eric Dubow (ISRA President 2020-22), Penny Huesmann, Lea Pulkkinen, Katja Kokko, and Rowell Huesmann (ISRA President 1996-98)

Lea attended many of the early ISRA meetings and we both served on the executive council. Because of her research in longitudinal development, Lea went on to leadership roles in ISSBD (International Society for Behavioural Development) where she served as President from 1991-1996. Along the way she received many honors in her native Finland including Woman of the Year (1983), Professor of the Year (1992), and Member of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters (1994). Back at home at the University of Jyväskylä she became Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. They even named a building after her (Pulkkinen Hall).

This year I made a return visit to Finland but this time in the summer when the sun never sets. I met up again with Lea, now retired but still very active. She had a remarkable career and we had much to talk about. Lea was born during the Winter War when the Soviet Union invaded her country at the beginning of WWII in 1939. Her interest in developmental psychology, particularly with regard to violence and aggression, resulted in 550 publications. Most notable is the nearly half-century longitudinal study for which she is famous: Human Development from Middle Childhood to Middle Adulthood ([The Jyväskylä Study of Personality and Social Development JYLS](#)).

If you want to read more about her own development, have a look at: [From Country Girl in Southern Finland to Longitudinal Research into Alternatives to Aggression and Violence](#) published in The Science of Violent Behavior Development and Prevention, a 2021 Cambridge University volume edited by Richard Tremblay.



Lea with Robert Hinde in Cambridge.



Roger and Lea in Helsinki 2022 in the Tempeliakio Church of the Rock.

On behalf of my ISRA colleagues, may we thank Lea for all her accomplishments.

News About ISRA Members

Awards & Achievements

David Chester, Virginia Commonwealth University, was promoted to Associate Professor of Psychology with tenure in July of 2021.

Dom Parrott would like to let everyone know that the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) [annual meeting for 2023](#) will be held February 23-25 in Atlanta, GA, USA. If you are planning to attend and would like to meet up with other ISRA members, email Dom at parrott@gsu.edu to coordinate.

Maria Tcherni-Buzzeo, Associate Professor and Director of the PhD Program in Criminal Justice at the University of New Haven, was elected to the Executive Board of the *Division of Developmental & Life-Course Criminology* (American Society of Criminology) as a Secretary/Treasurer.

Rebecca Bondü received a new grant from the German Ministry for Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung). The overarching project name is “Police risk analysis of homicide in partner relationships and the family“ (Polizeiliche Gefährdungsanalysen zu Tötungsdelikten in Partnerschaft und Familie), with the abbreviation GaTe. **Dr. Bondü** is the PI of one of the three associated projects with the name “Leaking in homicide in existing partner relationships – approaches for early detection and risk analysis“. €376.464,00.

Tom Denson received a new grant from the (Australian) National Health and Medical Research Council Centre for Research Excellence (APP2015587). “Violence Perpetration: Profiling, Prediction and Prevention.” AUD\$2,500,000. Butler, T., Schofield, P., Wilson, M., Ogloff, J., Bromfield, L., **Denson, T.F.**, Papalia, N., Withall, A., Karystianis, G., Jones, J.

Marta Bodecka-Zych received a new grant from the National Science Centre (NCN), Poland. “Transgenerational transmission of hostility bias – from father to son. How to effectively reduce hostile interpretations of social encounters?”. Supervisor: **Anna Zajenkowska** January 2022 - January 2025. [Abstract](#)

Anna Zajenkowska received a new grant from the National Science Centre (NCN), Poland. “The relationship between hostile attributions and personality disorders symptoms: contextual and cognitive underpinnings of hostile attributions as an indicator of personality disorder treatment efficacy”. June 2022 - May 2027. [Abstract](#)

Kevin Swartout received a new grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation. “Repository and Benchmarking Dashboard for Campus Climate Data on Sexual Misconduct.” \$950,000 August 2022, End date: August 2026

Announcements

Mike Potegal contributed these two research notes:

Understanding the escalation of anger and aggression has been a preoccupation since the beginning of my aggression research career. I am happy to report the circumstances of two recent developments

1) ***Hierarchies of angry behavior:*** I was deeply honored to be awarded a Life Fellowship from ISRA and to be asked to present in the 2022-2023 speaker series. Thank you, Tracy, and all. In my talk I presented two quite different data sets, both of which sorted angry/aggressive events into a hierarchical sequence of levels in which progressively more harmful behaviors were added at each level. The first, just published data were derived from a small survey of aggressive interactions between adults in health care workplaces (Potegal et al., 2022). The second, much larger data set is of tantrums had by clinic-referred 5 – 18-year-olds collected by my colleague Gabrielle Carlson, Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at SUNY Stony Brook, which we will be submitting for publication shortly. The fact that similar hierarchies of behavior severity were found in the two studies despite differences in subject population; event type, number and location; information source and analytic strategy speaks to the robustness of the escalation phenomenon. I interpret the behavior severity hierarchy as resulting from anger increasing up a continuum of intensity.

2) ***A new investigator in the neuroscience of aggression:*** I have also had the great good fortune of working with Jacob Nordman who has answered a question I posed more than 20 years ago about the neural bases of aggression escalation. Applying cutting edge optogenetic methodology to the 2-trial attack priming paradigm with ingenuity, resourcefulness and indefatigable perseverance Jacob has, in fact, demonstrated that short term potentiation of amygdalo-hypothalamic synapses within the known subcortical circuitry of aggression is a basis of escalation in rodents (Nordman et al., 2020) and maybe in people. Jacob has now set up his lab in the Physiology Dept of Southern Illinois Medical School where he is investigating the neural bases of the effects of juvenile trauma on later aggression. Jacob is also a new ISRA member. I look forward to his advancing our knowledge of developmental factors in aggression as well as to his contributions to our organization.

Nordman, J. C., Ma, X., Gu, Q., Potegal, M., Li, H., Kravitz, A. V., & Li, Z. (2020). Potentiation of divergent medial amygdala pathways drives experience-dependent aggression escalation. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 40(25), 4858-4880.

Potegal, M., Htet, L., & Sartor, H. (2022). Levels of aggression escalation in adult/geriatric occupational therapy workplaces. *Psychological Reports*, 00332941221100469

Ana Bravo shared the following information about ongoing research at the University of Cordoba, led by Professor **Rosario Ortega-Ruiz**:

The **Laboratory of Studies on Convivencia and Violence Prevention (LAECОВI)** led by **Professor Rosario Ortega-Ruiz**, is composed of a team of researchers based at the University of Cordoba (HUM-298-PAIDI). The scientific activity of the team focuses on the study of the socio-emotional development and moral skills of children and adolescents. Peer's relation, school Convivencia, adolescent courtship, and family environment, as an interpersonal context, are also within the team's remit. This includes not only the factors that allow the development of positive bonds, but also the study of conflict, bullying and cyberbullying, adolescent's dating and cyberdating. With over 30 years of existence, LAECОВI has received a large number of research grants through national and international funding, of which the following are still active:

1. Culturally Informed Safe Sport Coach Education e-Toolbox (CICEE-T). ERASMUS+ (2021-2027) KA2-partnerships for cooperation in the field of sport (ERASMUS-SPORT-2021-SCP), European Education and Culture Executive Agency, European Commission (SPORT-2021-SCP-101049322). I.P. Spanish Team: Juan Calmaestra. 2022-2025.
2. The moral dimension as a key to understanding and preventing bullying and cyberbullying (MORAL-ME). Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain (PDC2021-121741-I00). I.P.: Eva M. Romera. 2021-2023.
1. Decision-making and moral sensitivity in the framework of peer networks and the phenomenon of bullying: a longitudinal study (TOMI). Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain (PID2020-113911RB-I00). I.P.: Eva M. Romera. 2021-2025.
3. Challenges and risks in adolescent erotic-sentimental experiences: the multidimensionality of Sentimental Competence in Courtship (CoSCo). Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain (PID2020- 119855RAI00). I.P.: Carmen M. Viejo. 2021-2024.
4. The emotional impact of parenthood: guilt and stress in a critical period of the life cycle (IMEPA). Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain (PSI2019-111241RA). I.P.: Olga Gómez-Ortiz. 2020-2024.
5. Evolutionary change and interaction between online and offline antisocial behavior, its risk and protective factors throughout adolescence (OnlineOff). Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Spain (PID2019-109770RB-I00). I.P.: Izabela Zych. 2020-2024.
6. School bullying as a determinant of drug use: a longitudinal study of risk and protective factors. Ministry of Health, Consumer Affairs and Social Welfare, Spain (2019/016). P.I.: Izabela Zych. 2020-2023.
7. Building social and emotional skills to BOOST mental health resilience in children and young people in Europe. European Commission (H2020-SC1-2017-PM-07-755175). I.P. Spanish Team: Eva M. Romera and Olga Gómez-Ortiz. 2018-2023.

The team has published over one hundred and fifty scientific articles in JCR indexed journals with high impact levels. The following can be highlighted within the works published since 2019:

- Bravo, A., Ortega-Ruiz, R., Veenstra, R., Engels, M.C., & Romera, E. M. (2022) Friendship Selection and Influence Processes for Popularity in Early and Mid-Adolescents. *Journal of Adolescence*, 94(1), 45-56. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jad.12004>
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- Romera, E. M., Luque-González, R., García-Fernández, C. M., & Ortega-Ruiz, R. (2022). Social competence and bullying: the role of age and sex. *Educacion XXI*, 25(1), 309–333. <https://doi.org/10.5944/educxx1.30461>
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- Romera, E. M., Camacho, A., Ortega-Ruiz, R., & Falla, D. (2021). Cybergossip, cyberaggression, problematic Internet use and family communication. *Comunicar*, 29(67), 55-64. <https://doi.org/10.3916/C67-2021-05>
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- Nasaescu, E., Zych, I., Ortega-Ruiz, R., Farrington, D. P., & Llorent, V. J. (2020). Longitudinal patterns of antisocial behaviors in early adolescence: A latent class and latent transition analysis. *The European Journal of Psychology Applied to Legal Context*, 12(2), 85-92. <https://doi.org/10.5093/ejpalc2020a10>
- Marín-López, I., Zych, I., Ortega-Ruiz, R., Hunter, S. C., & Llorent, V. J. (2020). Relations among online emotional content use, social and emotional competencies and cyberbullying. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 108, 104647. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.104647>
- Viejo, C., Leva, B., Paredes, J., & Ortega-Ruiz, R. (2020). Bullying and psychological Dating Violence: The relation between two aggressive peer-behaviours. *Psicothema*, 32(4), 532-540. <https://doi.org/10.7334/psicothema2019.223>
- Viejo, C., Toledano, N., & Ortega-Ruiz, R. (2020). Romantic competence and adolescent courtship: The multidimensional nature of the construct and differences by age and gender. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 17(14), 5223. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerpe17145223>
- Ortega-Ruiz, R., Gómez-López, M., & Viejo, C. (2019). Adolescent flirting and sentimental life in school and juvenile settings. *Pensamiento Psicológico*, 17(2), 9-22.

- Gómez-Ortiz, O., Romera, E. M., Jiménez-Castillejo, R., Ortega-Ruiz, R., & García-López, L. J. (2019). Parenting practices and adolescent social anxiety: ¿A direct or indirect relationship? *International Journal of Clinical and Health Psychology*, *19*(2), 124–133. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijchp.2019.04.001>
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Finally, we would like to invite you to access our website (<https://www.laecovi.com/>) for information on all the research projects and educational programs that the team continues to develop. For example, there you can find results from the research project (TOMI) and the transfer project (MORALME), whose principal investigator is Professor Eva Romera and in which the doctoral thesis of the ISRA New Researcher Ana Bravo is being developed. These projects look into the evaluation of competencies that currently do not have measurement scales with adequate or validated psychometric properties, such as moral sensitivity.

Emerging Aggression Researchers

Marta Bodecka-Zych

Doctoral Program: University in Warsaw

Mentor: Maria Grzegorzewska

PhD Research Topic: As part of my doctoral dissertation, I conducted a project on cognitive, individual and relational factors related to hostile attributions. Currently I am particularly interested in the transgenerational transmission of hostile attributions from parents to children, I am pursuing a project titled: *Transgenerational transmission of hostility bias – from father to son. How to effectively reduce hostile interpretations of social encounters?*

My new project related to the recently received grant has four main objectives. The first objective is to verify and expand previous research results indicating that the level of a father's hostile attribution bias (HAB) predicts the level of his son's attributional bias. The second objective is to compare (using the eye-tracking technique) the processing patterns of social stimuli by fathers and sons. The third objective is to investigate the mechanism of transgenerational transmission of HAB. And the fourth objective is to examine and compare the effectiveness of methods that could a) correct the non-adaptive perceptions of reality and b) reduce the impact of transgenerational transmission at both encoding and interpretation levels.

The final goal of my research is to create a comprehensive model to explain the mechanism of acquiring the tendency to make hostile attributions. I hope that my research will also find application in practice - contribute to the creation of more adequate prevention and resocialization programs aimed at reducing hostile attributions.

Recent First-Authored Publications:

- Bodecka-Zych, M., Zajenkowska, A., Lawrence, C., (2022). Dad, are they laughing at me? Fathers' vulnerable narcissism and sons' hostile attributions. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 192, 111582.
- Bodecka-Zych, M., Jonason, P. K., & Zajenkowska, A. (2021). Hostile attribution biases in vulnerable narcissists depends on the socio-relational context. *Journal of Individual Differences*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1027/1614-0001/a000354>
- Bodecka-Zych, M., Zajenkowska, A., & Bower Russa, M. (2021). Sex Differences in Inmates: Anger, Sensitivity to Provocation and Family History of Imprisonment. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X211049189>

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- Bodecka, M., Nowakowska, I., Zajenkowska, A., Rajchert, J., Kaźmierczak, I., & Jelonkiewicz, I. (2021). Gender as a moderator between Present-Hedonistic time perspective and depressive symptoms or stress during COVID-19 lock-down. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 168, 110395.

Recent and Forthcoming Special Issues

The American Psychological Association's *Psychology of Violence* released a special issue entitled “**Police, Violence, and Social Justice: From Science to Informed Practice and Policy**” in July of 2022 edited by Tricia Bent-Goodley, Christopher St. Vil, Carlos A. Cuevas, and Antonia Abbey. The goal of this special issue is to spotlight and encourage research that informs the development of effective policies and practices to reduce systemic violence and improve relationships between the police and the communities they serve.

Articles:

Police, Violence, and Social Justice: A Call for Research and Introduction to the Special Issue
Tricia Bent-Goodley, Christopher St. Vil, Carlos A. Cuevas, and Antonia Abbey

Police–Community Relations, Excessive Force, and Community Stress: Evidence From a Community Survey
Richard Stansfield

Police Brutality, Heightened Vigilance, and the Mental Health of Black Adults
Sirry Alang, Cortney VanHook, Jessica Judson, Adalia Ikiroma, and Paris B. Adkins-Jackson

“Runs in the Family”: Fear of Police Violence and Separation Among Black Families in Central Alabama
Lolita L. Kincade and Curtis A. Fox

“Their Help Is Not Helping”: Policing as a Tool of Structural Violence Against Black Communities
Monica L. Wendel, Gaberiel Jones Jr., Maury Nation, Tanisha Howard, Trinidad Jackson, Aishia A. Brown, Jelani Kerr, Monique Williams, Nicole Ford, and Ryan Combs

“They Treat Us Like We Are Not Human”: Asylum Seekers and “La Migra’s” Violence
Daniela G. Domínguez, Belinda Hernandez-Arriaga, Monica A. Noriega, Dellanira García, and David A. Martínez

Trauma Exposure and Trauma Symptoms as Predictors of Police Perceptions in Latinx Youths
Amanda Venta, Germán Cadenas, Alfonso Mercado, Luz M. Garcini, and Melanie M. Domenech Rodríguez

The College Shield: Examining the Role of Officer Education in Violent Police Encounters
Thaddeus L. Johnson, Natasha N. Johnson, and Eric L. Sevigny

Improving Relations Between Police and African American Neighborhoods: A Positive Deviance Approach

Betty L. Wilson and Terry A. Wolfer

White Americans' Belief in Systemic Racial Injustice and In-Group Identification Affect Reactions to (Peaceful vs. Destructive) "Black Lives Matter" Protest

Cátia P. Teixeira, Colin Wayne Leach, and Russell Spears

Where Do Black Lives Matter? Coloniality, Police Violence, and Epistemic Injustices During the COVID-19 Pandemic in South Africa and the U.S.

Suntosh Rathanam Pillay

The *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work* is in the progress of publishing a special thread entitled “**Sexual Assault Climate Surveys: Methodological Issues and Innovations**” edited by Sarah McMahan, Leila Wood, Julia O’Connor, Antoinette Y. Farmer & Bethany Backes.

Abstract from the introductory article by the editors:

“Decades of research demonstrate the widespread nature of campus sexual violence and its negative impact on students’ well-being. Attention to the issue has increased significantly over the last several years with a focus on the responsibility of institutions of higher education to both respond to and prevent campus sexual violence. A key recommendation from multiple entities is the use of campus climate surveys, to help more accurately ascertain students’ victimization experiences, perceptions of the institution’s response, attitudes related to sexual violence, awareness of resources, and more. The recent Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 mandates the use of climate surveys for all institutions receiving federal funds. The science of constructing, implementing, and using campus climate surveys has evolved over recent years but there still remain several methodological issues. Social workers have an important role to play in the administration, analysis, and interpretation of campus climate surveys, and the work is aligned with the values expressed in the Social Work Code of Ethics and the Grand Challenge to Build Healthy Relationships to End Violence. This introduction describes the articles included in this special issue that will help advance our knowledge related to the measurement of forms of victimization that occur on college campuses, increase the usability and inclusivity of campus climate data, and ultimately, serve to inform the development of innovative intervention and prevention initiatives.”

Sexual Assault Climate Surveys: Methodological Issues and Innovations, Introduction to the Special Edition

Sarah McMahan, Leila Wood, Julia O’Connor, Antoinette Y. Farmer & Bethany Backes

Articles Currently Published:

Sexual Assault Climate Survey Sample Design Methods: A Review and Recommendations to Improve Response and Reduce Bias

Marcus E. Berzofsky

Sexual Violence Among Postsecondary Students: No Evidence that a Low Response Rate Biases Victimization or Perpetration Rates in a Well-Designed Climate Survey

Nicole K. Jeffrey, Charlene Y. Senn, Michelle A. Krieger & Anne Forrest

Campus Climate Assessments: Limitations of Siloing Sexual Violence and Diversity Surveys

Emily A. Leskinen, Julia Cusano, Leanna Fenneberg & Michele Cascardi

Sexual Violence Victimization and Perceptions of Campus Climate among Gender and Sexual Minoritized Men

Jill C. Hoxmeier, Julia O'Connor & Shayna Forgetta

The Sum of All Parts: Enhancing the Value of Campus Climate Surveys by Including Faculty and Staff Perspectives

Carrie A. Moylan, McKenzie Javorka, Christine Lindquist, Christopher Krebs & Rebecca Campbell

College Students Knowledge of Policies, Procedures, and Reporting Options for Sexual Violence: Gaps, Disconnects, and Suggestions for Moving Forward

Gillian M. Pinchevsky & Brittany E. Hayes



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ISRA, the International Society for Research on Aggression, founded in 1972, is an international interdisciplinary, organization dedicated to the study and dissemination of information on the causes and consequences of aggressive behavior and violence in all its forms and contexts.

The Social Burden of Violence

The human capacity for aggressiveness and violence inflicts a considerable burden on society. Obviously, it can lead to death and immediate physical injury, but it also creates long-term physical and emotional disabilities. In addition, violence has a profound effect on those who witness it, such as the families and communities of the victims. Moreover, it impairs the ability of communities to address important public health issues, such as infectious diseases, malnutrition, urban decay, and environmental hazards. Violence and aggression often prevent the delivery of critical public services, such as emergency management and education. Such effects on society tend to exacerbate the very adverse social conditions that promote aggression, facilitating a vicious circle, with violence as a crucial factor.

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Effectively addressing violence and aggression, whether it be child abuse, domestic violence, homicide, terrorism, sexual violence, or civil wars, requires a sustained focus by international scientists. *ISRA's principal mission* since 1972 is to show that aggression and violence, as well as alternative ways to resolve conflicts, can be successfully studied using scientific methods.

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- *ISRA* members gather for *World Meetings* every other year on alternating continents.
- All members receive a free electronic subscription to *Aggressive Behavior*, the official journal of *ISRA*.
- Members receive the *ISRA E-Bulletin*.

From Understanding to Solutions

Finding solutions to the pervasive consequences of aggression, requires a multidisciplinary approach. To understand the complex causes, our research addresses brain and other physical processes that underlie the human capacity for violence and the psychological processes that facilitate violent actions. Strategies providing alternatives to violence are studied together with the social factors that serve to promote or prevent violent behavior. Importantly, students of aggression studies are increasingly moving beyond the simple awareness of new results in other disciplines, to develop important research

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about to be thrown. The right hand is up and open, a stop-signal in many cultures, and often a signal of peaceful intent. The heart-shaped body expresses force and human's emotional nature.

¹⁾ M Furtman, *Magic on the rocks* (2000) ISBN: 0-916691-02-0

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