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Academic position

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Associate Professor, 07/01/2014-present

Research interests

- Institutional designs supporting social complexity in situation of weak effective central control
- Cooperation and coordination of social agents: theory & institutional applications
- Political behavior: political entrepreneurship, collective action & collective decision-making
- Majority-Minority economic, social & political coordination
- Constituency coordination, management & behavior under coalitional pressures & their impact on cooperation & prosperity
- Trust allocation & precaution psychology in an uncertain world
- Psychology of ritualized behavior
- Cultures & cognition

Publications [*: Peer-reviewed, #student co-authored]

Journal articles:

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- *Lienard, P. (2016). Age Grouping & Social Complexity. In *Integrating Anthropology: Niche Construction, Cultural Institutions, and History*. *Current Anthropology*, 57(S13), S105-S117
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- *Bryant, G., Lienard, P. & Barrett, H. C. (2012) Infant-directed speech across distant cultures: Evidence from Africa, *Journal of Evolutionary Psychology*, 10(2), 147-159
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- *#Young, S., Benyshek, D. & Lienard, P. (2012) The Conspicuous Absence of Placenta Consumption in Human Postpartum Females: The Fire Hypothesis. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition*, 51: 198-217

- *Lienard, P. (2011) "Life stages and risk-avoidance: Status- and context-sensitivity in precaution systems", *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews* 35(4): 1067–1074, DOI: 10.1016/j.neubiorev.2010.09.007
- *Boyer, P. & Lienard, P. (2008) Ritual Behavior in Obsessive and Normal Individuals: Moderating Anxiety and Reorganizing the Action-Flow. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, vol. 17, issue 4, 291-234.
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Book chapters:

- *#Martinez, M., & Lienard, P. (2015). The Dividends of Discounting Pain: Self-Inflicted Pain As A Reputational Commodity. In Slone, J. & J.V. Slyke (Eds.) *The Attraction of Religion: A New Evolutionary Psychology of Religion*. Bloomsbury Academic, Series: *Scientific Studies of Religion: Inquiry and Explanation*, New York - London: Bloomsbury, 133-158.
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- *Harrod, R., Lienard, P. & Martin, D. L. (2010) The Walking Wounded: Mapping Nonlethal Violence on living Turkana Africans to Provide Insight for Bioarchaeological Interpretations. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, 141(S50): 124
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Ethnographic & photographic collections

- Complete ethnographic collection of the material culture of the Turkana herders of Kenya for the Royal Museum for central Africa, Tervuren, Belgium, and the National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya ~ collection of the artifacts in the pastoral communities, gathering of ethnographic details on all objects (material used, manufacturing processes, ordinary and extraordinary usages, symbolic & esthetic values, transmission and inheritance), archiving of the collection.
- Photographic collection for the Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren, Belgium, systematically documenting life in traditional Turkana pastoralist camps ~ photography, description and archiving of the photographic material.