

## **Looking for new graduate students in social, political, and peace psychology**

We are currently accepting applications for new graduate students at the Morality, Violence, and Peace Lab at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (USA) under the direction of Bernhard Leidner. We welcome applications from anyone who is interested in conducting empirical research at the intersection of social, political, and peace psychology. The lab currently consists of two graduate students and 15 undergraduate research assistants. Our current research focuses on past and ongoing international conflict (e.g. Middle East, Balkans), international justice, conflict resolution and reconciliation. Research in the near future will expand this focus to human rights as well as the biopsychological consequences of perpetration of violence (e.g. stress, health).

Graduate students in the lab will pursue a Ph.D. in Social Psychology with a concentration in the Psychology of Peace and Violence, and an optional concentration in Quantitative Statistics. Our students are typically fully funded for at least five years, during which they are also encouraged to: develop their own program of research (under the broader purview of the lab interests); do funded field research and/or a field internship, often in other countries; and work with other peace and social psychology faculty at UMass or in other countries if they so desire.

Applicants with past research experience, strong research methods, experimental and statistical skills, and international backgrounds and/or language skills are especially welcome. Interdisciplinary backgrounds (e.g. law, human rights, political science) are a plus as long as they combine with psychology and empirical research.

For more information on the Morality, Violence, and Peace Lab, visit <http://people.umass.edu/bleidner/> or email [bleidner@psych.umass.edu](mailto:bleidner@psych.umass.edu).

For more information on the Psychology of Peace and Violence Program, visit <https://www.umass.edu/peacepsychology/>.

If you are interested in applying, please follow the application instructions at [http://psych.umass.edu/graduate/program\\_application/](http://psych.umass.edu/graduate/program_application/) by January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applicants selected for phone/Skype and/or on-campus interviews will be notified in late February.

If you know undergraduates who might be interested to pursue a graduate career in social/political/peace psychology, please feel free to share this announcement with your students.