Content
Faculty and graduate students designed and fielded studies in the lab. The principal investigators and their projects were as follows:

Fall 2013:
Brett Benson and Michal Eskenazi: Interactive crisis bargaining game test the effects of third-party assistance on conflict initiation. This was our first foray into a real-time multiple-agent experiment, where subjects interactively engaged in a simulation against each and received extra credit as well as performance-based compensation.

Spring 2014:
Beth Estes: Group status and policy preferences
Marc Trussler: Personality correlates of civil and uncivil news media exposure
Stephen Utych: Casualties and attitudes towards conflict

Subject Recruitment
The RIPS studies are made possible by the cooperation of our colleagues and their students. In the Fall semester, we recruited 257 undergraduate subjects from 12 undergraduate courses in Political Science. In the Spring semester, we recruited 290 undergraduate subjects from 12 undergraduate courses in Political Science.

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Personnel
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Initiatives
The RIPS Lab accepts applications for its Small Grants for Experimental Research program on a rolling basis to fund graduate student-faculty collaborative projects and pilot projects. This year, the RIPS Lab awarded a small grant to Arturo Maldonado.

If you would like more information about the RIPS lab, check out our website:
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rips