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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2014 – 2020	Ph.D. in Social Psychology, with Quantitative Psychology Minor <i>University of Kansas</i>
2014 – 2018	Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies <i>University of Kansas</i>
2011 – 2012	M.Sc. in Social Psychology, with Distinction <i>University of Surrey, United Kingdom</i>
2007 – 2011	B.Sc. in Psychology, 1st Class (Hons) <i>University of Surrey, United Kingdom</i>

POSITIONS HELD

Aug. 2020 – Present	Associate Professor [dual appointment] in Psychology and in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies [received tenure Aug. 2026] <i>Ithaca College</i>
Aug. 2019-May 2020	Diversity Scholar in Psychology <i>Ithaca College</i>
Aug. 2014-May 2019	Graduate Teaching Assistant in Psychology <i>University of Kansas</i>

COURSES TAUGHT

Ithaca College 2019-Present	Introduction to Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Psychology of Women Senior Seminar in Psychology Psychology and the Law Psychology of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence General Psychology Culture and Psychology
University of Kansas 2014 – 2019	General Psychology Cultural Psychology Positive Psychology [online] Psychology and the Law [online] Human Sexuality [online] Social Psychology [GTA]

PUBLICATIONS

- Bharj, N.** (2024). Psychology of Sexual and Gender Based Violence Syllabus. *Project Syllabus, Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology*. Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Available at <https://www.teachpsych.org/ProjectSyllabus#Gender>
- Bharj, N., & Adams, G.** (2023). Dismantling the Master's House with the Mistress' Tools? The Intersection Between Feminism and Psychology as a Site for Decolonization. In E. L. Zurbriggen & R., Capdevila (Eds.). *The Palgrave Handbook of Power, Gender, and Psychology*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-41531-9_1
- Bharj, N., & Hubbard, K.** (2023). Power/History/Psychology: A Feminist Excavation. E. L. Zurbriggen & R., Capdevila (Eds.). *The Palgrave Handbook of Psychology, Power & Gender*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-41531-9_2.
- Mosley, A. J., **Bharj, N.**, & Biernat, M. B., (2023). Shifting Standards of Sexuality: An Intersectional Account of Men's Objectification of Black and White Women. *Sex Roles*, 89, 567-594. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-023-01414-5>.
- Hakim, N., Zhao, X., & **Bharj, N.** (2020). The Paradox of the Moderate Muslim Discourse: Subtyping Promotes Support for Anti-Muslim Policies. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11: 612780.
- Before joining Ithaca College
- Hubbard, K. H. & **Bharj, N.** (2019). A Gendered Prestige: The Powers at Play when Doing Psychology with Ink Blots & Statistics. In K. O'Doherty, E. Schraube, & J. Yen (Eds). *The Psychology of Science and Technology* (pp. 279-297). Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Adams, G., & **Bharj, N.** (2019). *A Decolonial Approach to Internationalization of the Psychology Curriculum*. University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence Portfolio.
- Bharj, N.** (2018) Review of Ahmed, S. (2017). Living a Feminist Life. *Psychology of Women and Equality Review*, 1, 39-41.
- Bharj, N., & Hegarty, P.** (2015). A Postcolonial Feminist critique of harem analogies in psychological science. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, 3, 257 – 275.
- McDowall, A., Quinton, P., Brown, D., Carr, I., Glorney, E., Russell, S., **Bharj, N.**, Nash, R., & Coyle, A. (2015). *Promoting Ethical Behaviour and Preventing Wrongdoing in Organisations: A Rapid Evidence Assessment*. Ryton-on-Dunsmore: College of Policing.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- Bharj, N. (2025). *Telling Stories, Framing Violence: Cultural Stereotypes about Sexual Violence Victim Blame and Response*. Paper presented at the Association for Women in Psychology Conference.
- Bharj, N. (2024). *Ethnocentrism in sexual norms: Asymmetric explanations and intersectional stereotypes*. Invited talk presented at Intersectionality and Marginalization Lab, UW-Madison.
- Bharj, N. (2024). *Ethnocentrism in Prescriptive and Descriptive Sexual Norms*. Poster presented at Institute for Academic Feminist Psychologists.
- Bharj, N. (2023). *Decolonizing Development Workshop with Dr. Bharj and Dr. Martinez Cruz*. Invited workshop presented to Community of Practice for Social and Behavior Change in Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

- Bharj, N. (2023). *Decolonial Theory and Development Work*. Invited talk presented to Community of Practice for Social and Behavior Change in Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).
- Bharj, N. (2022). *Who Gets to Have Normal Sex? Prescriptive and Descriptive Racial Sexual Norms*. Poster presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meeting.
- Bharj, N. (2021). *Decolonizing Womanhood: A Decolonial Feminist Psychology of Whiteness in Womanhood*. Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference.
- Bharj, N., Cooper, H., & Adams, G. (2020). *Asymmetric Explanations of Racial Differences in Sexual Behavior*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Sexuality Preconference.
- Before joining Ithaca College
- Bharj, N. (2019). *The Sex to be Explained: Challenging Ethnocentric Explanations of Racial Differences in Sexual Behavior*. Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meeting.
- Bharj, N. (2019). *The Fairer Sex: A Decolonial Feminist Approach to Ethnocentric Constructions of Sexuality*. Paper presented at the Psychology of Women and Equalities Section [BPS] Annual Meeting.
- Bharj, N. (2019). *The Story Completion Task as a Tool for Investigating Cultural Stereotypes*. Paper presented at the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology conference.
- Bharj, N. & Hakim, N. (2019). *Internationalizing the Introductory Psychology Curriculum: Critical Diversity Interventions in the Classroom*. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues GSC Webinar.
- Bharj, N. & Adams, G. (2018). *Stereotypes about Stigma: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Constructions of Rape Stigma in Minoritized Communities*. Poster presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meeting.
- Bharj, N. & Hakim, N. (2018). *Teaching Innovations: Diversity and Denaturalization in PSYC 104*. Paper presented at Social Psychology Proseminar, University of Kansas.
- Bharj, N. (2018). *A Discursive Analysis of Perceptions of Rape Stigma in Minoritized Communities*. Paper presented at the Institute of Policy and Social Research Doctoral Fellows Symposium, University of Kansas.
- Bharj, N. & Adams, G. (2017). *Proportional Representations of Historical Oppression and National Identity*. Poster presented at the International Society of Political Psychology conference.
- Bharj, N. (2016). *Problematic Implications of Scientific Discourse*. Paper presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues conference.
- Bharj, N. (2016). *Cultural Competence in Service Provision: Perceptions of Stigma in Marginalized Communities*. Guest lecture in Social Welfare 713: Community and Organizational Practice.
- Bharj, N. & Adams, G. (2016). *Pieces of the Past: Proportional Representations of Historical Wrongdoing*. Paper presented at Social Psychology Proseminar, University of Kansas.
- Bharj, N. (2016). *Cultural Presence/Cultural Absence: Rape Stigma in Marginalized Communities and Service Provision*. Paper presented at the See/Saw Festival.
- Bharj, N. (2015) *Are Experiments the Future of Transnational Feminist Psychology?* Paper presented at the International Society for Theoretical Psychology conference.
- Bharj, N., & Hegarty, P. (2014). *A Post-Colonial Feminist Analysis of Analogical Inferences about the Harem in Evolutionary Psychology*. Poster presented at the Midwest Social Development Consortium.
- Bharj, N. (2014). *Psychology's Colonial Past, Present and Future: Colonial Discourse in Psychological Science*. Paper presented at the History and Philosophy of Psychology Section [BPS] Annual Meeting.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2025-	Women & Therapy: Manuscript Review
2024-	Scientific Reports: Manuscript Review
2024-	Association for Women in Psychology: Abstract Review
2024	Institute for Academic Feminist Psychologists
2024-	Society for the Teaching of Psychology: Project Syllabus Review
2020-	Frontiers in Psychology: Cultural Psychology: Review Editor
2022-	Journal of Social Issues: Manuscript Review
2021	The Palgrave Handbook of Psychology, Power & Gender: Chapter Review
2017-2019	Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues: Abstract Review
2016	Journal of Applied Social Psychology: Manuscript Review

DEPARTMENTAL & COLLEGE SERVICE

Departmental: Psychology Department

- Assessment Committee
- H&S Diversity Fellows Committee
- PSYC 103: General Psychology assessment for Integrative Core Curriculum.

Departmental: Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Program

- WGSS Interim Coordinator, AY26-27
- WGSS Steering Committee
- H&S Diversity Fellows Committee

College and School of Humanities & Sciences

- H&S Faculty Senate
- LGBTQ Center Pride Fellow Hiring Committee
- Prevention Education Network
- Title IX Coordinator Hiring Committee
- H&S Summer Scholars Committee
- IC Responsibility Program Committee
- Title IX College Trained Advisor

Ithaca Community

- EAAA program facilitator (Advocacy Center of Tompkins County)
- Take Back the Night Rally planning committee (Advocacy Center & other community orgs)

PROFESSIONAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023	CFE Instructional Development Fund, Ithaca College: \$1450
2020	Summer Research Scholarship, University of Kansas: \$5000
2020	Bernstein Award for Future Faculty, University of Kansas: \$500
2019	Diversity Scholars Fellowship, Ithaca College: \$33,000
2018	SPSSI Teaching Resource Award: \$50
2017	Institute of Policy and Social Research Doctoral Research Fellowship: \$500
2016-2018	KU Professionals for Inclusion and Social Justice (ISJ): Leadership Committee
2014-2019	Brehm Basic Research in Social Psychology Award: \$5087

APPLIED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Jun. 2017-Aug. 2018 **Project Liberty Monitoring and Evaluation Officer**
Rising Sun Domestic Violence & Abuse Service, United Kingdom
- Jan. 2014-Jul. 2014 **Research Assistant for Inprofood Research Project**
European Network of Science Centres and Museums and Department of Psychology, University of Surrey
- Jan. 2014-May. 2014 **Research Assistant for Evaluating Expertise in Social Media**
Department of Psychology, University of Surrey
- Sep. 2013-Dec. 2013 **Research Assistant for Research Studies on Police Ethics**
College of Policing and Department of Psychology, University of Surrey