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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Multiracial and Multiethnic Identity Development: Factors influencing identity development among multiracial and multiethnic individuals; cues that drive identity negotiation and cultural shifting.

Development of Conceptions of Race, Stereotyping, and Prejudice: Developmental differences in stereotype and prejudice awareness across racial and ethnic groups; Environmental and social cues that shape conceptions of race and prejudiced beliefs, such as exposure to racial ambiguity.

Intervention Research: Intervention techniques aimed at reducing children and adolescents' obstacles to academic and social success.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Department of Psychology
Second-Year Graduate Student, 2018-2019
Adviser: Dr. Kristin Pauker

M.A. Children, Youth and International Development, Brunel University

Master of Arts with *Distinction*¹, December 2014
Thesis Title: '*What are you?*': Exploring Identities of Ethnically Mixed Youth
Advisor: Senior Lecturer, Dr. Fiona Smith

B.A. Psychology, University of Tampa

Graduate with Honors, May 2011
Minor: Sociology
Graduating GPA: 3.96
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology Graduate of the Year

¹ *Distinction* is the highest honors offered at Brunel University

HONORS AND AWARDS

- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Psychology Dept. Gartley Award** **Fall, 2018**
\$1,000 awarded to students who are providing an important empirical contribution to the psychological field.
- SPSP Diversity Graduate Travel Award** **Fall, 2018**
\$500 awarded to students devoted to increasing diversity in social/personality psychology.
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Psychology Dept. Achievement Award** **Spring, 2018**
\$541 awarded to students in good academic standing
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Psychology Dept. Gartley Award** **Fall, 2017**
\$1,200 awarded to students who are providing an important empirical contribution to the psychological field
- Indiana University Provost Travel Award for Women in Science** **Fall, 2015**
\$500 awarded to women who show promise in STEM fields
- Brunel Student Course Representative** **2013-2014**
Title awarded, by cohort consensus, to student who shows the most skill in communication and negotiation of student and faculty concerns
- Brunel International Scholarship** **2013-2014**
Awarded to applicants who show promise and commitment to academic achievement
- University of Tampa Dean’s List each semester** **2009-2011**
Awarded to students who maintain at least 3.5 GPA
- Franklin College Dean’s List each semester** **2007-2009**
Awarded to students who maintain at least 3.5 GPA
- University of Tampa Alternative Breaks Volunteer of the Year** **Spring, 2009**
Honors UT student with the greatest number of volunteer hours
- FC Intercultural Honors Experience Scholarship** **Spring, 2008**
Full scholarship for 1 semester study abroad awarded to students who successfully complete program honor’s course with a grade of B or higher

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Ansari, S.M.,[^] Chen, S.,^{^2} Binning, K., Murphy, M.C. (in prep) Being Multiracial in a Monoracial World: Academic and Psychological Effects of Identifying with Majority and Minority Component Identities.

Ansari, S.M., Green, D., Murphy, M.C. (in prep). Perceptions, Expectations, and Contingencies of Anticipated Interactions with White, Black, and Biracial Partners.

PRESENTATIONS

Ansari, S.M., Albuja, A., Chaney, C., Sanchez, D., Pauker, K. (2019, February). The Effect of Segregated Environments on Perceptions of Intergroup Distance. Poster to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Portland, OR.

Morse, L., **Ansari, S.**, Tai, C., Weissler, R., & Pauker, K. (2019, February). In One Ear and Out the Eyes: The Biasing Role of Speech on Perceptions of Race. Poster to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Portland, OR.

Morse, L., **Ansari, S.**, Tai, C., Weissler, R., & Pauker, K. (2019, February). Sensory Integration of Social Categories: Race and Language. Poster to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Portland, OR.

Ansari, S.M., Murphy, M.C. (2018, November). Anticipating Interracial Interactions: Perceptions, Metaperceptions, and Expectations. Paper to be presented at the Hawaii Pacific University Psychology Student Research Dinner, Honolulu, HI.

Ansari, S.M., Murphy, M.C. (2018, March). Not So Black and White: Perceptions, Expectations, and Contingencies of Anticipated Interactions with White, Black, and Biracial Partners. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Ansari, S.M., Chen, S., Kroeper, K.M., Canning, E., Murphy, M.C. (2017, April). Multiracial in a monoracial world: effects of multiracial identification choices. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) Conference, Chicago, IL.

Harrison, J., **Ansari, S.M.**, Murphy, M.C. (2017, March). The role of race ambiguity in interracial interactions. Poster presented at Regeneron Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF), Sleepy Hollow, NY.

Ansari, S.M., Chen, S., Kroeper, K.M., Canning, E., Murphy, M.C. (2017, January). Being multiracial in a monoracial world: Academic and psychological effects of identifying with component identities. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, San Antonio, TX.

² ^Denotes shared first authorship

- Navarro, K., **Ansari, S.M.**, Murphy, M.C. (2016, July). The role of race ambiguity in interracial interactions. Poster presented at The STEM Scholars Institute Closing Poster Presentation, Indianapolis, IN.
- Ansari, S.M.**, Murphy, M.C., Smith, F. (2016, April). Exploring experiences and identities of multiethnic youth. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescents (SRA) Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Kroeper, K.M., **Ansari, S.M.**, Murphy, M.C. (2016, January). Creating better confrontations: The role of context-focused confrontations in addressing racial bias. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Kroeper, K.M., **Ansari, S.M.**, Murphy, M.C. (2015, October). Creating better confrontations: The role of context-focused confrontations in addressing racial bias. Poster presented at the Indiana University Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences' Graduate Student Poster Session, Bloomington, IN.
- Ansari, S.M.** (2013, April). Interaction with nature alleviates symptoms of ADHD: literature review. Paper presented at the International Interdisciplinary Research Symposium on Global Meltdown, Nagpur, India.
- Ansari, S.M.**, Blessing, S.B. (2011, May). The battle of the majors: examining problem solving abilities across undergraduate majors. Poster presented at University of Tampa's College of Social Sciences, Mathematics and Education Undergraduate Research Conference, Tampa, FL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

August 2017 – Present – Graduate Assistant, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kristin Pauker

Graduate Assistant for NSF funded, multi-site study examining children's race and gender perceptions across diverse contexts.

Responsibilities include: developing study materials, running participants through study protocol, managing research assistants, and analyzing data

August 2015 – August 2017 – Mind and Identity in Context Laboratory Manager, Indiana University, Bloomington

Principal Investigator: Dr. Mary Murphy

General responsibilities include: preparing for and managing the implementation of a large scale, NSF funded research project; overseeing Research Assistants' training, scheduling, and lab tasks; managing technology; implementing department-wide mass testing survey, and assisting with several projects related to stereotyping and prejudice

Mentorship role includes: guiding students through research programs and projects, assisting with educational and career goals, writing letters of recommendation, and creating an inclusive and supportive lab environment

May 2015 – August 2016 – Research Assistant, Social Development Laboratory, Indiana University

Principal Investigator: Dr. John Bates

Work in a team to conduct lab experiments with toddlers and their mothers: lab tasks include measuring toddlers' brain activation to stimuli with EEG technology; entering and coding data; and observing families' bedtime routines

Help lead strategic recruitment focusing on low income and racial minority families

Manage study data: reading and processing Actigraphs measuring participants' sleep; organizing lab data; and participating in weekly lab meetings to discuss emerging research methods in reference to the lab's experimental processes and problems

January 2014 – September 2014 – Master's Thesis, Brunel University, London.

Propose and design study examining identities of multiethnic American adolescents. Collect, analyze, and present qualitative data to participants and program faculty

INTERVENTION RESEARCH

August 2015 – Present – Secondary Researcher, College Transition Collaborative, Indiana University

Principal Investigators: Gregory Walton, Mary Murphy, Christine Logel, David Yaeger, and Natasha Krol

Work in a team to implement customized, evidence based belonging interventions at 22 universities across the US and Canada in an effort increase feelings of social belonging, psychological well-being, and academic success among minority and stigmatized group members

September 2015 – September 2016 – Primary Researcher, The Effects of Learning about Stereotype Threat, Mind and Identity in Context Laboratory, Indiana University

Principal Investigator: Mary Murphy

Design and implement study examining the effects of a stereotype threat intervention for middle and high school students

STUDIES IN PROGRESS

Ansari, S.M., Tai, C., Morse, L., Weissler, R., Pauker, K. (in progress). The Effect of Sensory Integration on Perceptions of Language and Race. Data collection in progress.

Ansari, S.M., Pauker, K. (in progress). Blurred Lines: Multiracial Exposure and Its Effect on Stereotyping and Prejudice Towards Stigmatized Groups. Data collection in progress.

Kroeper, K.M., **Ansari, S.M.**, Murphy, M.C. (in progress). Accused of Favoring the Ingroup (vs. Hating the Outgroup): The Influence of Framing on Responses to Prejudice Confrontations. Data collection in progress.

Meyers, C.K., **Ansari, S.M.**, Pauker, K. (in progress). Validating a Measure of Race Essentialism in a Diverse, Multiracial Population. Data collection in progress.

Ansari, S.M., Pauker, K. (in progress). Childhood Intergroup Perceptions Study: The Roles of Diversity and Racial Ambiguity in the Environment. Data collection in progress.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Golden Key International Honour Society
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Society for Research on Adolescents (SRA)
The National Honors Society in Psychology (Psi Chi)
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA)

SKILLS

Research: Data collection, coding, and analysis; development of research design, coding schemes, and study materials; scientific and grant writing; creation of data graphics

Computer: Proficient in IBM SPSS Statistics, R Programming Language, Direct RT, Microsoft Office Suite, iWorks Suite, Qualtrics, Prezi presentations, Windows and Mac Operating Systems