Melisa Choubak

Birth Place/Raised: Born in Iran, raised in Europe.

Education: PhD candidate, Applied Social Psychology, University of Guelph


Research Interests: My interests within cross-cultural psychology are manifold. I am interested in research pertaining to prejudice against minority groups and the perception of prejudice, and social inequality, especially for individuals who associate with more than one minority identity (intersectionality). Some of my interest lies in the intersection of ethnicity and gender (identity).
Omorowa Eguakun

**Birth Place/Raised:** Fredericton New Brunswick, Canada

**Cultural Ethnicity:** Ghanaian

**Education:** B.Sc. Psychology Honours, University of Regina

**Research Interests:** Cultural perceptions and attitudes towards mental health and medicine, positive psychology, immigration and labour, intersectionality, and social inequality

Kimberley Goh

**Birth Place/Raised:** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Education: M.A. student, Applied Social Psychology, University of Guelph

Previous: B.A. Psychology & Asian Studies (double major) and B.Ed. at the University of British Columbia

Research Interests: Broadly speaking, I am interested in examining how culture and one’s construal of culture influences social interactions. I hope to examine stereotypes of cultural identity, values of bicultural individuals, and immigrants/refugees who acculturate in pluralistic societies.

Ashna Jassi

Birth Place/Raised: Vernon, British Columbia, Canada

Cultural Ethnicity: Indian

Education: PhD candidate, Applied Social Psychology, University of Guelph

Previous: MSc. Social and Cultural Psychology at the London School of Economics, BSc. (Honours) Psychology at the University of British Columbia

Research Interests: Gender Equality across Cultures, Immigration, Cultural Identity

Sample Publications:

Rashelle Litchmore

**Birth Place/Raised:** I was born and raised in Jamaica, I immigrated to Canada at the age of 15

**Education:** Ph.D. candidate, Applied Social Psychology, University of Guelph.

Previous: M.A. Applied Social Psychology, University of Guelph; B.Sc. Honours, University of Toronto (Scarborough Campus; Specialist in Psychology, Minor in Sociology.

**Research Interests:** My Master's thesis was titled "Ethnic and Racial Self-Definitions of Second-Generation Canadians: An Analysis of Discourse" where I investigated how second generation youth of African and Caribbean background negotiated racial and ethnic identity, from a social constructionist perspective. I am also interested in the subjective experiences of Muslim-Canadian populations, including perceptions of discrimination, and the experiences of Muslim women who veil. I use both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, and am highly interested in pursuing issues of social justice, for minority Canadian populations, partially though (but not limited to) the active involvement of community members in research processes.

**Sample Publications:**


**Maryam Motia**

**Birth Place/Raised:** Iran

**Cultural Ethnicity:** Iranian (Persian)

**Education:** PhD candidate, Family Relations and Human Development, University of Guelph

**Previous:** Masters in Counselling (Specialist in Family Counselling), Iran

**Research Interests:** Generally speaking, I am interested in positive psychology and its components including social support. I like to focus on immigrants' social network and support, and ways through which social support can be related to mental health, wellbeing, and happiness. I also have a yearning for studying gender issues, similarities, and differences between men and women in their social relationships. The overarching goal of my research would be empowerment of immigrant women to have more pleasant relationships with members of their networks, specifically with their husbands/partners, that eventually enhance their quality of life.

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