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Profile

I am a lecturer and PhD candidate at The University of Queensland (UQ).

I teach an honours-level psychology course on current issues and controversies in the science of psychology.

I research collective action, the influence of norms and identities on political beliefs and behaviour, and the psychology of group formation, intergroup conflict, and social change.

My PhD thesis investigated how outsiders to group conflict may choose to intervene through collective action. I also have expertise in social identity theory, political psychology (especially political ideology), and research methods and statistics.

I am an experienced independent researcher, tutor, research assistant, and consultant.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy

Submitted July 2015

The University of Queensland, Australia

Advisory team: Dr Aarti Iyer, Associate Professor Winnifred Louis

Thesis title:

“Collective action by outsiders to group conflict and inequality”

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Hons I)

2010

The University of Queensland, Australia

Honours thesis supervised by Associate Professor Winnifred Louis

Thesis title:

“The role of normative influence, risk, and trust
in Facebook users’ online privacy protection behaviour”

High School

2003

St Peter’s Lutheran College

Awarded OP2 (98th percentile)

Journal
Publications

Saeri, A. K., Ogilvie, C., La Macchia, S. T., Smith, J. R., & Louis, W. R. (2014). Predicting Facebook users' online privacy protection: Risk, trust, norm focus theory, and the theory of planned behavior. *Journal of Social Psychology, 154*, 352-369. doi: 10.1080/00224545.2014.914881

Shi, J., Hao, Z., **Saeri, A. K.**, & Cui, L. (2015). The Dual Pathway Model of Collective Action: Impact of Types of Collective Action and Social Identity. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, 18*, 45-65. doi: 10.1177/1368430214524288

Tobin, S. J., Vanman, E. J., Verreynne, M., & **Saeri, A. K.** (2014). Threats to Belonging on Facebook: Lurking and Ostracism. *Social Influence, 10*, 31-42. doi: 10.1080/15534510.2014.893924

Lacherez, P., **Saeri, A. K.**, Wood, J. M., Atchison, D. A., & Horswill, M. (2012). A yellow filter improves response times to low-contrast targets and traffic hazards. *Optometry and Vision Science, 90*, 242-248. doi: 10.1097/OPX.0b013e3182815783

Book
Chapters

Louis, W. R., La Macchia, S. T., Amiot, C. E., Thomas, E. F., Blackwood, L. M., Mavor, K. I., & **Saeri, A. K.** (in press). Causality in the study of collective action and political behaviour. In F. M. Moghaddam & R. Harré (Eds.), *Causes and Consequences: A multidisciplinary exploration*. Praeger: Santa Barbara, CA, USA.

Research
Manuscripts

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2015). Right-wing authoritarianism and social dominance orientation predict outsiders' responses to external group conflict: Implications for identification, anger, and collective action. *Accepted pending minor revisions at Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy on 2 February 2015*.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2015). Personal values about change and status quo underpin outsiders' appraisals of intergroup conflict. *Manuscript in preparation for submission in August 2015*.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2015). Comparing insiders' and outsiders' motives for collective action. *Manuscript in preparation for submission in September 2015*.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., Louis, W. R., & Hayward, L. E. (2015). Non-normative collective action erodes disadvantaged group members' support for subsequent collective action. *Manuscript in preparation*.

Conference
Presentations

Saeri, A. K., Radke, H. R. M., & Alperin, A. (2015, April). *Too fat to lead? Obese politicians are seen as less effective leaders.* Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Australasian Social Psychologists, Newcastle, Australia.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A. & Louis, W. R. (2014, July). *Ideology and personal values can shape collective action by outsiders to group conflict.* Poster presented at the general meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A. & Louis, W. R. (2014, July). *Political ideology shapes outsiders' responses to group conflict and inequality.* Talk presented at the 37th annual scientific meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Rome, Italy.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2014, June). *Preference for group-based hierarchy shapes uninvolved outsiders' willingness to intervene in group inequality* Talk presented at 16th Jena Workshop on Intergroup Processes, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2014, April). *Political ideology shapes outsiders' identification with and support for advantaged and disadvantaged groups in conflict.* Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Australasian Social Psychologists, Canberra, Australia.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2013, April). *Individual differences can shape bystander responses to group-based inequality.* Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Australasian Social Psychologists, Cairns, Australia.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2013, January). *Personal values shape bystanders' reactions to intergroup inequality.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, USA.

Saeri, A. K., Iyer, A., & Louis, W. R. (2012, April). *Bystander groups and collective action.* Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Australasian Social Psychologists, Adelaide, Australia.

Saeri, A. K., & Louis, W. R. (2011, April). *The role of normative influence, risk, and trust in Facebook users' online privacy protection behaviour.* Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Australasian Social Psychologists, Sydney, Australia.

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| Invited Talks | <p>Saeri, A. K. (2014, June). <i>Collective action: consequences, outsiders, and ideology</i>. Invited to speak at the Social and Group Processes meeting, University of St Andrews, Scotland.</p> <p>Saeri, A. K. (2013, February). <i>Individual differences can shape bystander responses to group-based inequality</i>. Invited to speak at the Sidanius Lab meeting, Harvard University, MA, USA.</p> <p>Saeri, A. K. (2013, February). <i>Individual differences can shape bystander responses to group-based inequality</i>. Invited to speak at the Intergroup Relations Lab meeting, The University of Connecticut, CT, USA.</p> | |
| Honours & Awards | <p>Australian Postgraduate Award 2011–2015 AUD \$24,000 p.a.</p> <p>UQ Graduate School International Travel Award 2014 AUD \$4,627</p> <p>International Society of Political Psychology Junior Scholar Travel Award 2014 USD \$500</p> <p>UQ Social and Behavioural Sciences Faculty Tutor Excellence Award 2013 AUD \$1,000</p> <p>UQ School of Psychology Tutor Excellence Award 2013</p> <p>Three Minute Thesis 2013 Winner – UQ School of Psychology Runner-up – UQ Social and Behavioural Sciences Faculty</p> <p>UQ Summer Research Scholarship 2010 AUD \$3,000</p> <p>Dean’s Commendation for Academic Excellence 2007–2010</p> <p>Highest performing student 2009 Psychological Approaches to Complex Problems</p> | |

Teaching
Experience

Current Issues in Psychology II

2015

Lecturer and Course coordinator

I am developing and delivering this final year/honours level course for the first time in 2015.

In this course, students discuss some of the latest controversies, debates, and hot topics in psychology. The course aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of psychology as a scientific discipline, the latest issues and trends in psychological theory and methods, and how they can leverage what they know about psychology to solve problems that deal with human beliefs and behavior as they enter employment and postgraduate studies.

Psychological Research Methodology II, III, IV

2012–2015

Tutor

Lead tutor and TA for Psychological Research Methodology IV in 2014

TA for Psychological Research Methodology IV in 2015

These courses teach psychological methods and statistics for second through fourth/honours year undergraduates in psychology. In 2014 and 2015, I assisted in the development of learning activities for the “flipped classroom” lecture sessions and for tutorials, and assisted in administration of the course.

The Science of Everyday Thinking

2014–2015

Tutor

This course was simultaneously run as a “flipped classroom” course on campus at UQ and as a Massively Online Open Course (MOOC) called Think101x, on the edX platform. I worked as part of a team to develop and run on campus activities and assessment, and to facilitate online discussions of course content. To date, 120,000 students have signed up for Think101x.

Social and Organisational Psychology

2011

Tutor

Introduction to Psychology

2011

Tutor

Academic &
Professional
Service

UQ Association of Postgraduate Students

Vice Chair

2014

Committee member

2011–2013

Secretary

2011

Invited ad-hoc reviewer

2013–

- » European Journal of Social Psychology
- » British Journal of Social Psychology
- » Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
- » Australian Journal of Psychology
- » Journal of Social and Personal Relationships

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| UQ Academic Board Postgraduate student elected representative | 2013 |
| UQ Research Committee Postgraduate student representative | 2013 |
| UQ Research Higher Degree Committee Postgraduate student representative | 2012 |
| UQ Committee for Academic Programs and Policy Postgraduate student representative | 2011–2012 |
| UQ Undergraduate Committee service Undergraduate student representative for: » School of Psychology Academic Committee » School of Psychology Teaching and Learning Sub-committee » School of Psychology Engagement Sub-committee » Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences Teaching and Learning committee | 2010 |
| UQ Psychology Students' Association President | 2010 |

Research
Experience

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| Research Assistant With Dr Tyler Okimoto, Business School The University of Queensland » Designed experimental questionnaire (N = 400) to investigate whether managers apply principles of organisational justice differently to permanent employees vs. temporary or contracting workers | 2013–2014 |
| Research Assistant With Dr Winnifred Louis, School of Psychology The University of Queensland » Enrolled, managed and collected data from university students (N = 200) in laboratory study that investigated why people who experience a loss of control show an increased desire for money and wealth | 2011 |
| Research Assistant With Dr Philippe Lacherez, School of Optometry Queensland University of Technology » Developed research project to investigate whether commercially-available yellow lenses (used in skiing/shooting sunglasses) actually improve vision in low-contrast conditions and/or for individuals with degraded contrast sensitivity (e.g., older adults). » Designed and programmed computer-based experiments (Python) » Conducted laboratory study with younger and older adult participants » Entered, processed (Perl, Excel), coded, and documented study data » Conducted analyses (mixed ANOVA, mixed-effects modelling) | 2010-2011 |

Research Consultant

2010-2011

for Debbie Foskett¹, Darrell Price², and Eunice Lang³¹Insulin Pump Angels, ²Gold Coast Private Practice, ³Mater Children's Hospital

Project:

“An evaluation of insulin pump therapy in young people in three regional centres in Queensland”

Role:

- » In collaboration with client, developed appropriate analytic strategy to evaluate insulin pump therapy in teenagers with existing data
- » Entered, cleaned, coded, analysed, and documented study data
- » Prepared and presented comprehensive report of research findings

Summer Research Scholar

2010

with Dr Marc Kamke, Queensland Brain Institute

The University of Queensland

Project:

“The effects of eye gaze direction and fixation length on auditory localization performance”

Selected
Professional
Experience**Administration Officer**

2010-2011

Client Systems Team, Spiritus Care Services

Key achievement:

- » Devised algorithm-based/programming solutions for cleaning and analysis of datasets

Administration Assistant

2006-2008

Marketing and Community Relations, Australian Red Cross Blood Service

Key achievement:

- » Creation and promotion of an automated personalised SMS process for donor recruitment and appointment reminders

References available on request: email a.saeri@uq.edu.au