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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025 **Visiting Scholar**
 Cornell SC Johnson College of Business
 Supervisor: Dr. Emily Garbinsky

EDUCATION

2022 – Present **Ph.D. in Psychology**
 University of Toronto
 Supervisor: Dr. Emily Impett

2017 – 2021 **B.Sc. in Psychology (Specialized Honours), Summa Cum Laude**
 York University
 Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Amy Muise
 Thesis Title: Self-Expansion in Intercultural Relationships: Cultural Integration as a Mechanism for the Association with Relationship Quality - *Awarded the Originality Prize in Memory of Paul Jeffrey Kusyszyn*

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

Total Awarded: \$ 190,646

2025 – 2026 Cornell Center for Social Sciences Seed Grant
Financial Infidelity Across Cultures
 Cornell University
 Student Investigator (PIs: Emily Garbinsky, Shreya Kankanhalli; \$8432)

2025 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (\$6000)

2024 – 2025 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Small Institutional Grant
Self-Expansion through Sacrifice in Intercultural Relationships
 University of Toronto Mississauga, Department of Psychology (\$903)

2024 – 2025 University of Toronto Graduate Department of Psychology Conference Travel Award (\$1000)

2024 – 2025 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant (\$1680)

2024 International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Graduate Research Award (\$680)

2024 International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) Student Funding Award (\$136)

2024 University of Toronto Mississauga Conference Grant (\$500)

2024 – 2025 The Love Consortium Global Gratitude Student Grant (\$13,515)
Awarded to conduct research advancing the science of gratitude using archived data available in the Global Gratitude Dataverse

2023 – 2026	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (\$115,000)
2023 – 2025	Research and Scholarly Activity Fund (RSAF) <i>Sacrifice as an Opportunity for Self-Expansion in Intercultural Relationships</i> University of Toronto Mississauga, Office of VP-Research Co-Investigator (PI: Emily Impett; \$9,725)
2022	Society for Personality and Social Psychology Diversity Graduate Travel Award (\$675)
2022 – 2023	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's (\$17,500)
2021	Originality Prize in Memory of Paul Jeffrey Kusyszyn (\$400)
2017 – 2020	York University Continuing Scholarship 1 - 4 (\$14,000)
2017	York University Student Life Award (\$500)
2017 – 2021	Dean's Honour Roll

PUBLICATIONS

*Supervised student

Naeimi, H., Muise, A., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., West, A. L., & Impett, E.A. (2025). With a Little Help from My Friends: Social Approval and Relationship Quality in Intercultural Romantic Relationships. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/19485506251389441>

Naeimi, H., Sisson, N.M., Leonhardt, N.D., Kim, Y-H., & Impett, E.A. (2025). A person-centered approach to identifying profiles of gratitude and indebtedness across cultures. *Journal of Positive Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2025.2569081>

Naeimi, H., Park, H.G., Johnson, M.D., Visserman, M.L, Horne, R., & Impett, E.A. (2025). On the move: Trajectories of stressors and rewards among relocating couples. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672251355002> [infographic]

*Pham, T.V., Sasaki, E., **Naeimi, H.**, & Impett, E.A. (2025). Jealousy in interracial and same race relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 42(5), 1219-1240.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075251317425> [infographic]

Naeimi, H., & Impett, E.A. (2025). Navigating cultural crossroads: A thematic analysis of individuals' sacrifices in intercultural romantic relationships. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 87(3), 1200–1223. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.13072> [infographic]

Naeimi, H., West, A.L., Muise, A., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2024). Through the cultural looking glass: Diversity ideologies and cultural sharing in intercultural romantic relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* 41(1), 247-273.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075231208727> [infographic]

West, A. L., **Naeimi, H.**, Di Bartolomeo, A. A., Yampolsky, M., & Muise, A. (2024). Growing together through our cultural differences: Self-expansion in intercultural romantic relationships. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 50(2), 182-199.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672221121508>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Garbinsky, E.N., & **Naeimi, H.** (in press). Shared consumption. In Shrihari Sridha (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Marketing*. New York: Oxford University Press.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

- Sasaki, E., Righetti, F., Visserman, M.L., Đurić, M., Dobson, K., **Naeimi, H.**, & Impett, E.A. (under review). How romantic partners communicate about sacrifice: A theoretical framework and measurement approach. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.
https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/c376k_v1
- Park, H.G., **Naeimi, H.**, Sisson, N.M., Johnson, M.D., Horne, R.M., Carswell, K.L., & Impett, E.A. (under review). Longitudinal trajectories of relationship satisfaction during partnered relocation: A couple-centered approach. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Sisson, N.M., **Naeimi, H.**, Darwiche, J., & Impett, E.A. (under review). What It Means to Put Children First: A Mixed-Method Investigation of Child-Centric Parenting. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Naeimi, H.**, Wang, Y.A., & Impett, E.A. (in preparation). Love is blind, but not to race: Sexual racism in online dating.
- Naeimi, H.**, & Impett, E.A. (in preparation). An integrative review of intercultural romantic relationships. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*.
- Naeimi, H.**, Garbinsky, E.N., & Kankanhalli, S. (in preparation). Financial infidelity across cultures.
- Mead, N.L., Williams, L.E., **Naeimi, H.**, & Tian, Y. (in preparation). Belief in the social contract is a determinant of public policy support. <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-5159867/v1>
- Lam, Q.E., **Naeimi, H.**, & Neel, R. (in preparation). Why the ‘aging out’ story is a White lie: Racial and gender differences in invisibility in dating.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

Chaired Symposia

- Naeimi, H.** & Impett, E.A. (2024, July). *Promoting satisfying intercultural and interracial relationships*. Speakers: Hanieh Naeimi, Nicole M. Froidevaux, Abigail J. Caselli, and James E. Brooks. Symposium at the 2024 Biennial Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR), Boston, MA.

Oral Presentations

- Naeimi, H.**, Muise, A., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., West, A. L., & Impett, E.A. (2026, February). *With a Little Help from My Friends: Social Approval and Relationship Quality in Intercultural Romantic Relationships*. Data blitz (to be) presented at the Close Relationships Preconference at the 2026 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Naeimi, H.**, & Impett, E.A. (2024, October). *Navigating cultural crossroads: A thematic analysis of sacrifices in intercultural romantic relationships*. Data blitz presented at the 2024 Canadian Sex Research Forum (CSRF), Halifax, NS.
- Naeimi, H.**, West, A.L., Muise, A., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2024, May). *Through the cultural looking glass: Diversity ideologies and cultural sharing in intercultural romantic relationships*. Oral presentation at the EASP-IARR Joint Symposium entitled “What’s love got to do with it (Part II): Inequality in Close Relationships”, Virtual.
- Naeimi, H.**, West, A.L., Muise, A., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2024, May). *Through the cultural looking glass: Diversity ideologies and cultural sharing in intercultural romantic relationships*. Oral presentation at the Psychology Graduate Student Association Symposium, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

Naeimi, H., West, A.L., Muise, A., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2024, April). *Through the cultural looking glass: Diversity ideologies and cultural sharing in intercultural romantic relationships*. Oral presentation at the 7th Annual Diversifying Scholarship Research Conference, Virtual.

Poster Presentations

Naeimi, H., Muise, A., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., West, A. L., & Impett, E.A. (2026, February). *With a Little Help from My Friends: Social Approval and Relationship Quality in Intercultural Romantic Relationships*. Poster (to be) presented at the 2026 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Chicago, IL.

Naeimi, H., & Impett, E.A. (2025, February). *Navigating cultural crossroads: A thematic analysis of sacrifices in intercultural romantic relationships*. Poster presented at the Close Relationships pre-conference at the 2025 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Denver, CO.

Naeimi, H., & Impett, E.A. (2025, February). *Navigating cultural crossroads: A thematic analysis of sacrifices in intercultural romantic relationships*. Poster presented at the Self and Identity pre-conference at the 2025 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Denver, CO.

Naeimi, H., Sisson, N.M., Leonhardt, N.D., Kim, Y-H., & Impett, E.A. (2025, February). *A person-centered approach to identifying profiles of gratitude and indebtedness across cultures*. Poster presented at the 2025 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Denver, CO.

Park, H.G., **Naeimi, H.,** Sisson, N.M., Horne, R., Carswell, K.L., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2025, February). *Longitudinal trajectories of relationship satisfaction during partnered relocation: A couple-centered approach*. Poster presented at the Emotion preconference at the 2025 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Denver, CO.

Park, H.G., **Naeimi, H.,** Sisson, N.M., Horne, R., Carswell, K.L., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2025, February). *Longitudinal trajectories of relationship satisfaction during partnered relocation: A couple-centered approach*. Poster presented at the Close relationships preconference at the 2025 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Denver, CO.

Naeimi, H., Johnson, M.D., Horne, R., Visserman, M.L., & Impett, E.A. (2024, February). *On the move: Exploring the trajectories of stressors and rewards among relocating couples*. Poster presented at the 2024 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, San Diego, CA.

Naeimi, H., West, A.L., Impett, E.A., & Muise, A. (2023, February). *Diversity ideologies and cultural communication in intercultural relationships*. Poster presented at the 2023 Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Naeimi, H., West, A.L., Impett, E.A., & Muise, A. (2022, October). *Growing together through our cultural differences: Self-expansion and sexual and relationship quality in intercultural relationships*. Poster presented at the 2022 Canadian Sex Research Forum (CSRF), Waterloo, ON. <https://osf.io/cjpdh>

Naeimi, H., West, A. L., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., & Muise, A. (2022, February). *Self-expansion in intercultural relationships: The role of cultural integration and cultural sharing*. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Virtual.

- Naeimi, H.,** West, A. L., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., & Muise, A. (2021, August). *Integrating cultures: Self-expansion and relationship quality in intercultural relationships*. Poster presented at the 32nd Annual American Psychological Association (APA) Conference, Virtual.
- Naeimi, H.,** West, A. L., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., & Muise, A. (2021, June). *Integrating cultures: Self-expansion and relationship quality in intercultural relationships*. Poster presented at the 82nd Annual Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) Conference, Virtual.
- Naeimi, H.,** West, A. L., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., & Muise, A. (2021, April). *Integrating cultures: Self-expansion and relationship quality in intercultural relationships*. Poster presented at the Annual York University Undergraduate Thesis Conference, Virtual.
- Naeimi, H.,** West, A. L., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., & Muise, A. (2021, March). *Integrating two cultures: Self-expansion and relationship quality in intercultural relationships*. Poster presented at the Luminate Mental Health Conference Series: Student Mental Health Initiative at York University, Virtual. **Third place winner for the best project award.**
- Naeimi, H.,** Sadeghi, A., Leong, C., Si, J., & McKie, K. (2021, March). *Does a person's attractiveness influence our tendency to get to know them?* Poster presented at York University's 9th Annual Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Fair, Virtual.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

- Naeimi, H.,** Muise, A., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., West, A. L., & Impett, E.A. (2025, November). With a Little Help from My Friends: Social Approval and Relationship Quality in Intercultural Romantic Relationships. Oral presentation at the University of Toronto Social and Personality Research Group (SPRG), Toronto, ON.
- Naeimi, H.,** & Impett, E.A. (2025, October). *Navigating cultural crossroads: A thematic analysis of sacrifices in intercultural romantic relationships*. Oral Presentation at the Interracial and Intercultural Relationships and Mental Health Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Meza, E., **Naeimi, H.,** Trickey, J., Kuang, J., Trenfield, M., Garcia, O., Wang, Y. (2025, July). *Organizational DEI Pushback: Causes & Solutions*. Symposium talk presented at the Summer Institute for Social and Personality Psychology, Evanston, IL.
- Naeimi, H.,** Sisson, N.M., Leonhardt, N.D., Kim, Y-H., & Impett, E.A. (2025, May). *A person-centered approach to identifying profiles of gratitude and indebtedness across cultures*. Oral presentation at The Love Consortium Global Gratitude Summit, Virtual.
- Naeimi, H.** & Garbinsky, E. N. (2025, May). *Financial Infidelity Across Cultures*. Oral presentation at the Behavioral Marketing Research Lab Colloquium, Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, Ithaca, NY.
- Naeimi, H.** (2025, May). *Challenges and Opportunities in Intercultural Relationships*. Oral presentation at the Rochester Relationships Lab, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.
- Naeimi, H.,** West, A.L., Muise, A., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2024, February). *Through the cultural looking glass: Diversity ideologies and cultural sharing in intercultural romantic relationships*. Oral presentation at the University of Toronto Mississauga Departmental Psychology Colloquium, Mississauga, ON.
- Naeimi, H.** (2023, March). *Intercultural romantic relationships*. Blitz presentation at the University of Toronto Mississauga Departmental Psychology Colloquium, Mississauga, ON.
- Naeimi, H.** (2023, February). *Intercultural romantic relationships*. Blitz presentation at the University of Toronto Social and Personality Research Group (SPRG), Toronto, ON.

Poster Presentations

Naeimi, H., Horne, R., Visserman, M.L., Johnson, M.D., & Impett, E.A. (2024, May). *On the move: Exploring the trajectories of stressors and rewards among relocating couples*. Poster presented at the Annual York/University of Toronto Social Personality Area (YUTSPA) Conference, Toronto, ON.

*Rajwani, T., *Rao, S., **Naeimi, H.,** & Impett, E.A. (2024, Apr). *A qualitative examination of sacrifices in intercultural romantic relationships*. Poster presented at the Annual University of Toronto Mississauga Undergraduate Research Day, Mississauga, ON.

Naeimi, H., West, A.L., Impett, E.A., & Muise, A. (2023, May). *Diversity ideologies and cultural communication in intercultural relationships*. Poster presented at the Annual York/University of Toronto Social Personality Area (YUTSPA) Conference, Toronto, ON.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present	Graduate Student Relationships and Well-being Lab (PI: Dr. Emily Impett) University of Toronto
2024 – Present	External Project Student Attitudes and Interpersonal Understanding Lab (PI: Dr. Y. Andre Wang) University of Toronto
2020 – 2022	Undergraduate Thesis Student and Research Assistant Sexual Health and Relationships Lab (PI: Dr. Amy Muise) York University
2021 – 2022	Laboratory Manager Well-being Research Lab (PI: Dr. Nicole Mead) Schulich School of Business, York University
2021 – 2022	Research Assistant Social Psychophysiological Research & Quantitative Methods Lab (PI: Dr. Elizabeth Page-Gould) University of Toronto
2020 – 2021	Research Assistant Leadership, Competition, and Collaboration Lab (PI: Dr. Joey Cheng) York University

TEACHING

2022 – 2026	Teaching Assistant Interpersonal Relationships, Cross Cultural Psychology, Experimental Design and Theory, Psychology of the Self, Special Topics in Abnormal Psychology, Social Psychology: Attitudes, Introduction to Social Psychology, Introduction to Psychology, University of Toronto Mississauga
Spring 2025	Guest Lecturer “Culture and Relationships” in the Interpersonal Relationships course University of Alberta
Winter 2025	Guest Lecturer “Culture and Relationships” in the Close Relationships course University of Toronto Mississauga

2024 – 2025 **Tutorial Instructor**
 Introduction to Psychology (PSY100)
 University of Toronto Mississauga

MENTORSHIP

*Research Opportunity Program (ROP) positions are awarded to undergraduate students on a competitive basis within psychology labs at the University of Toronto to assist with ongoing research projects for course credit.

2025 – 2026 **Independent Research Project Supervisor**
 Lillian De-Heer
 University of Toronto Mississauga

2023 – 2024 **Research Opportunities Program Supervisor**
 Jasleen Padda, Tahira Rajwani, and Salem Rao
 University of Toronto Mississauga

2022 **Mentor for the Psychology Graduate Student Association**
 University of Toronto

SERVICE

Ad-hoc Reviewer
 Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
 Journal of Marriage and Family
 Journal of Sex Research
 Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
 Personal Relationships
 Couple and Family Psychology: Research and Practice

2022 – Present **Volunteer**
 Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access Committee
 University of Toronto, Mississauga

2024 – 2025 **Graduate Student Representative**
 Relationship Research Interest Group (RRIG) Committee

2023 – 2024 **Coordinator**
 Toronto Relationships Interest Group (TRIG)
 University of Toronto

2024 **Workshop Instructor**
 “Applying to Summer Research Opportunities”
 UTM Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access Committee
 University of Toronto, Mississauga

2024 **Workshop Instructor**
 “Applying to Graduate School”
 Well-being Research Lab
 Schulich School of Business, York University

2023 **Judge**
 Undergraduate and Single Presenter Poster Abstracts
 The Society for Personality and Social Psychology

- 2023 **Judge**
Graduate Poster Abstracts for the Psychology Graduate Student Association
2023 Symposium
University of Toronto
- 2020 **Undergraduate Consultant on Academic Job Applicants**
Department of Psychology, York University

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2025 **Summer Institute for Social and Personality Psychology (SISPP)**
Psychology of Inequality
Directed by Dr. Michael Kraus and Dr. Julian Rucker
- 2023 **Dyadic Longitudinal Data Analysis Workshop**
Directed by Dr. Amie Gordon and Dr. Kate Thorson
- 2021 **Longitudinal Dyadic Measurement Invariance and Cross-Lagged Models Analysis Workshop**
Directed by Dr. Matthew Johnson
- 2020 **Dyadic Analyses and Multilevel Modelling Workshop**
Directed by Dr. Amy Muise
- 2020 **Gender-Based Analysis Plus**
Obtained the introduction to GBA+ certificate
- 2020 **Tri-Council Policy Statement – Core Training**
Obtained the TCPS-2 certificate

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Easton, M. (Nov, 2025). The Science of ‘Us’: A strong sense of togetherness helps mixed-race couples handle unique social stresses, U of T Mississauga scholars find. *University of Toronto Magazine*. <https://magazine.utoronto.ca/research-ideas/culture-society/science-interracial-couples/>
- Harley, S., & Egan, E. (Nov, 2025). How friends’ support protects intercultural couples. *Physorg*. <https://phys.org/news/2025-11-friends-intercultural-couples.html>
- Naeimi, H., & Impett, E.A. (Oct, 2025). Love on the move: How couples handle the stress of relocation. *Character & Context*. https://spsp.org/news/character-and-context-blog/naeimi-impett-love-on-the-move-how-couples-handle-the-stress-of-relocation?_zs=RmMLg&_zl=bgtg4
- Setionago, B., (Sep, 2025). Interracial couples tend to feel more jealousy, but a strong sense of unity can buffer its impact. *PsyPost*. <https://www.psypost.org/interracial-couples-tend-to-feel-more-jealousy-but-a-strong-sense-of-unity-can-buffer-its-impact/>
- Travers, M. (Aug, 2025). 2 Consequences of Moving Because of Your Partner, By A Psychologist. *Forbes*. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/traversmark/2025/08/15/2-consequences-of-moving-because-of-your-partner-by-a-psychologist/>
- Reed, A. (May, 2025). Hanieh Naeimi on cultural sacrifices in intercultural relationships. *CBC Radio Syndication*.
- Easton, M. (Apr, 2025). Love in translation: Study explores sacrifice and strength in intercultural relationships. *University of Toronto Mississauga News Room*. <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/main-news/love-translation-study-explores-sacrifice-and-strength-intercultural-relationships>

- Ludden, D. (Apr, 2024). Living and loving in a diverse society: Intercultural relationships can be very happy if approached properly. *Psychology Today*.
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/talking-apes/202311/living-and-loving-in-a-diverse-society>
- Suhasini, G. (Oct, 2022). Intercultural romantic relationships aid personal growth, York U researcher says. *York U News*. <https://www.yorku.ca/news/2022/10/06/intercultural-romantic-relationships-aid-personal-growth-york-u-researcher-says/>