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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025 **Visiting Scholar**
 Cornell SC Johnson College of Business

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: \$ 207,746

2026 – 2027 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
 University of Toronto (\$15,000)

2026 Jenessa Shapiro Graduate Research Award
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP; \$1410)

2026 Steve Duck New Scholars Award
 International Association for Relationship Research (IARR; \$690)

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

2025 Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements
 SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships (\$6000)

2024 – 2025 SSHRC Small Institutional Grant
Self-Expansion through Sacrifice in Intercultural Relationships
 University of Toronto Mississauga, Department of Psychology (\$903)

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

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

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

2024	Student Funding Award International Association for Relationship Research (IARR; \$136)
2024	Conference Grant University of Toronto Mississauga (\$500)
2024 – 2025	Graduate Student Gratitude Fellow The Love Consortium (\$13,515) Awarded to conduct research advancing the science of gratitude using archived data available in the <i>Global Gratitude Dataverse</i>
2023 – 2026	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral SSHRC (\$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	Diversity Graduate Travel Award Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP; \$675)
2022 – 2023	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's SSHRC (\$17,500)
2021	Originality Prize in Memory of Paul Jeffrey Kusyszyn York University (\$400)
2017 – 2020	Continuing Scholarship 1–4 York University (\$14,000)
2017	Student Life Award York University (\$500)
2017 – 2021	Dean's Honour Roll York University

PUBLICATIONS

*Supervised student

Sisson, N.M., **Naeimi, H.**, Darwiche, J., & Impett, E.A. (2026). What It Means to Put Children First: A Mixed-Method Investigation of Child-Centric Parenting. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075261459484>

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> [infographic]

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> [infographic]

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.** (2026). Shared consumption. In Shrihari Sridha (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Marketing*. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/9780197859063.003.0012>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Naeimi, H., & Impett, E.A. (revise and resubmit). An integrative review of intercultural romantic relationships. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*.

Park, H.G., **Naeimi, H.**, Sisson, N.M., Johnson, M.D., Horne, R.M., Carswell, K.L., & Impett, E.A. (revise and resubmit). Longitudinal trajectories of relationship satisfaction during partnered relocation: A couple-centered approach. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Sisson, N.M., **Naeimi, H.**, Ferain, C., Fontana, D., *Domingo, S., Vowels, L. M., Darwiche, J., & Impett, E.A. (under review). Understanding the social and cultural origins of child-centrism: Canadian and Swiss parents' perspectives. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Mead, N.L., Williams, L.E., **Naeimi, H.**, & Tian, Y. (under review). Belief in the social contract is a determinant of public policy support. *Journal of Consumer Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-5159867/v1>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Naeimi, H., Wang, Y.A., & Impett, E.A. (in preparation). Love is blind, but not to race: Understanding sexual racism in dating.

Naeimi, H., Garbinsky, E.N., & Kankanhalli, S. (in preparation). Financial infidelity in Mexico.

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 (N = 24)

Chaired Symposia

Naeimi, H. & Impett, E.A. (2026, July). *Stigma in Relationships*. Speakers: Hanieh Naeimi, David Doyle, Amy Moors, and Ariel Yang. Symposium at the 2026 Biennial Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR), Glasgow, Scotland.

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., Wang, Y.A. & Impett, E.A. (2026, Oct). *Sexual Racism in Dating: A Moral Exception to Prejudice?* Oral Presentation at The Love Consortium's 2026 Love Conference, virtual.

Naeimi, H., Muise, A., Di Bartolomeo, A. A., West, A. L., & Impett, E.A. (2026, July). *With a Little Help from My Friends: Social Approval and Relationship Quality in Intercultural Romantic Relationships*. Oral Presentation at the 2026 International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) Conference, Leuven, Belgium.

Naeimi, H., Sisson, N.M., Leonhardt, N.D., Kim, Y-H., & Impett, E.A. (2026, July). *A person-centered approach to identifying profiles of gratitude and indebtedness across cultures*. Oral presentation at the 2026 Biennial Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR), Glasgow, Scotland.

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 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., & 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 (N = 14)

Oral Presentations

- Naeimi, H.** (2026, November). *How culture shapes the development and maintenance of romantic relationships*. Oral presentation at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Naeimi, H.** (2026, November). *Sexual Racism in Dating: A Moral Exception to Prejudice?* Oral presentation at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.
- 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

2025 – Present	Collaborator Cornell SC Johnson College of Business (PIs: Dr. Emily Garbinsky, Dr. Shreya Kankanhalli)
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 – 2027	Teaching Assistant Interpersonal Relationships, Cross Cultural Psychology, Experimental Design and Theory, Psychology of the Self, The Science of Well-Being, Social Psychology: Attitudes, Introduction to Social Psychology, Special Topics in Abnormal Psychology, Introduction to Psychology University of Toronto Mississauga
Winter 2026	Guest Lecturer “The Self and Relationships” in the Psychology of the Self course University of Toronto Mississauga
Spring 2025	Guest Lecturer “Culture and Relationships” in the Interpersonal Relationships course University of Alberta
Winter 2025	Guest Lecturer
Winter 2026	“Culture and Relationships” in the Close Relationships course
Spring 2026	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.

2024 – 2025	Independent Research Project Supervisor
2025 – 2026	Vikki Pham, 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 Discover Psychology
2026 – 2027	Coordinator Social and Personality Research Group (SPRG) University of Toronto
2022 – 2026	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 Abstracts for the Psychology Graduate Student Association 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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Skills: R (advanced: multilevel modelling, latent profile analysis, structural equation modeling), Mplus (advanced: dyadic latent class analysis, dyadic latent growth curve analysis, structural equation modeling), qualitative methods (thematic analysis, content analysis), online data collection (Prolific, CloudResearch), open science.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Naeimi, H., & Muise, A. (Jan, 2026). [Friends' opinions matter more to your intercultural relationship than your family's \(sometimes\)](#). *Character & Context*.

Cooper, D. (Host). (Nov, 2025). *Hanieh Naeimi: Friends' support of intercultural couples* [[Audio podcast episode](#)]. In *The Last Show with David Cooper*.

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*.

Harley, S., & Egan, E. (Nov, 2025). [How friends' support protects intercultural couples](#). *Physorg*.

Naeimi, H., & Impett, E.A. (Oct, 2025). [Love on the move: How couples handle the stress of relocation](#). *Character & Context*.

Setionago, B., (Sep, 2025). [Interracial couples tend to feel more jealousy, but a strong sense of unity can buffer its impact](#). *PsyPost*.

Travers, M. (Aug, 2025). [2 Consequences of Moving Because of Your Partner, By A Psychologist](#). *Forbes*.

Reed, A. (May, 2025). 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*.

Ludden, D. (Apr, 2024). [Living and loving in a diverse society: Intercultural relationships can be very happy if approached properly](#). *Psychology Today*.

Suhasini, G. (Oct, 2022). [Intercultural romantic relationships aid personal growth, York U researcher says](#). *York U News*.