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Education

Ph.D. Psychology and Social Policy, Princeton University
2016-present Advisors: Eldar Shafir, Stacey Sinclair, Nicole Shelton

M.A. Psychology, Princeton University
2016-2019

B.A. Psychology and Spanish (with High Honors), Swarthmore College
2011-2015 Advisors: Barry Schwartz

Academic Employment

2015-2016 Research Assistant, Wellesley College

Research Interests

Choice and judgment processes; social class and inequality; thinking and decision styles; social perception and stereotypes; behavioral policy; sexual harassment and gender-based violence; self-expression and identity

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

School of Public and International Affairs Scholar Fellowship, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University	2020
Graduate Student Diversity Travel Award, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	2019
Summer Institute for Personality and Social Psychology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2019
Anne Anastasi General Psychology Graduate Student Research Award, APA Division 1	2018
Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2018
Best Graduate Student Paper, Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making <i>(recognized by appointment to Executive Board)</i>	2018
Best Graduate Student Paper, Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making <i>(recognized by appointment to Executive Board)</i>	2017
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2017-2021
Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2016
Undergraduate Diversity Registration Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2015
Lang Award, Swarthmore College <i>(given to one graduating senior "in recognition of</i>	2015

<i>outstanding academic accomplishment”)</i>	
Solomon Asch Award, Psychology Department, Swarthmore College (<i>recognizes “the most outstanding independent work in psychology at Swarthmore”</i>)	2015
Phi Beta Kappa	2015
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Conference Travel Grant, Swarthmore College	2014, 2015
Sigma Xi Conference Travel Grant, Swarthmore College	2015
Deans Office Conference Funding, Swarthmore College	2013, 2014, 2015
Hans Wallach Summer Research Fellowship, Psychology Department, Swarthmore College	2014
Winner, Eastern Psychological Association of Graduate Students Poster Competition	2014
Natural Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, Swarthmore College	2013
Sigma Xi Honors Society Membership	2013
Donald P. Babson College Scholarship, Wellesley Scholarship Foundation	2011-2015

Research Funding

2019-2020	“Racial bias in reports and evaluations of potentially harmful speech.” Facebook. \$100,000
2019	“Examining mental representations of pain susceptibility.” Graduate Student Research Grant, Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University. \$5,000
2018-2020	“Perceptions and realities of the effects of negative life events on the subjective wellbeing of the rich and poor.” National Institutes of Health/Princeton Center for Translational Research on Aging (Co-PI with E. Shafir). \$71,000
2018	“Beliefs about hardship and perceptions of suffering.” Health Grand Challenge Research Grant, Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University. \$4,580
2017	“Exploring the role of motivated reasoning in judgments of lying.” Cognitive Science Research Grant, Cognitive Science Program, Princeton University. \$5,000

Publications

Under Review/In Prep *“in prep” indicates full manuscript draft*

Cheek, N. N. (in prep). Overgeneralized psychophysical intuitions: On the cognitive roots of the thick skin bias.

Cheek, N. N., Bonini, N., & Shafir, E. (in prep). Decisions under restricted versus aggregate frames.

Wu, S., **Cheek, N. N.**, & Shafir, E. (in prep). Scarcity undermines attention.

Cheek, N. N., Schwartz, B., & Shafir, E. (in prep). A self-expression-based account of choice overload.

Cheek, N. N., Schwartz, B., & Shafir, E. (under revision). Having more options changes the meaning of choice.

***Cheek, N. N.**, *Reutskaja, E., & *Schwartz, B. (under review). Balancing the security-freedom tradeoff during crises and disasters.

*equal contribution (author order is alphabetical)

Reutskaja, E., **Cheek, N. N.**, Schwartz, B., & Iyengar, S. (under review). Choice deprivation and choice overload across six nations.

Cheek, N. N. (under review). The thick skin bias in judgments about the everyday effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Published Articles

Goh, J. X.* , Bandt-Law, B.* , **Cheek, N. N.***, Sinclair, S., & Kaiser, C. R. (in press). Narrow prototypes and neglected victims: Understanding perceptions of sexual harassment. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

*shared first authorship

Cheek, N. N., & Shafir, E. (in press). The thick skin bias in judgments about people in poverty. *Behavioural Public Policy*.

Cheek, N. N., Blackman, S., & Pronin, E. (in press). Seeing the subjective as objective: People perceive the taste of those they disagree with as biased and wrong. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*.

Cheek, N. N., & Goebel, J.° (2020). What does it mean to maximize? "Decision difficulty," indecisiveness, and the jingle-jangle fallacies in the measurement of maximizing. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 15, 7-24.

°mentee co-author

Cheek, N. N., & Norem, J. K. (2020). Are Big Five traits and facets associated with anchoring susceptibility? *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 11, 26-35.

Cheek, N. N., & Ward, A. (2019). When choice is a double-edged sword: Understanding maximizers' paradoxical experiences with choice. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 143, 55-61.

- Cheek, N. N., & Norem, J. K. (2018).** On moderator detection in anchoring research: Implications of ignoring estimate direction. *Collabra: Psychology, 4*, 1-8.
- Cheek, N. N., & Cheek, J. M. (2018).** Aspects of identity: From the inner-outer metaphor to a tetrapartite model of the self. *Self and Identity, 17*, 467-482.
- Cheek, N. N. (2017).** Scholarly merit in a global context: The nation gap in psychological science. *Perspectives on Psychological Science, 12*, 1133-1137.
- Schwartz, B., & **Cheek, N. N. (2017).** Choice, freedom, and well-being: Considerations for public policy. *Behavioural Public Policy, 1*, 106-121.
- Cheek, N. N., & Norem, J. K. (2017).** Holistic thinkers anchor less: Exploring the roles of self-construal and thinking styles in anchoring susceptibility. *Personality and Individual Differences, 115*, 174-176.
- Cheek, N. N., & Schwartz, B. (2016).** On the meaning and measurement of maximization. *Judgment and Decision Making, 11*, 126-146.
- Cheek, N. N. (2016).** Semantic versus numeric priming and the consider-the-opposite strategy: Comment on Adame (2016). *Learning and Motivation, 53*, 49-51.
- Cheek, N. N. (2016).** Face-ism and objectification in mainstream and LGBT magazines. *PLoS ONE, 11*, e0153592.
- Cheek, N. N. (2015).** Taking perspective the next time around. *Frontiers in Psychology, 6*, 434.
- Cheek, N. N., Coe-Odess, S., & Schwartz, B. (2015).** What have I just done? Anchoring, self-knowledge, and judgments of recent behavior. *Judgment and Decision Making, 10*, 76-85.

Book Chapters

- Cheek, N. N., & Pronin, E. (in press).** I'm right, you're biased: How we understand ourselves and others. In N. Ballantyne & D. Dunning (Eds.), *Reason, bias, and inquiry: New perspectives from the crossroads of epistemology and psychology*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Cheek, N. N., & Cheek, J. M. (2020).** Independent/interdependent self. In B. J. Carducci & C. Nave (Eds.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Personality and Individual Differences* (Vol. 1, pp. 257-261). New York: John Wiley & Sons.

Conference Presentations

Chaired Symposia

Cheek, N. N., & Shelton, J. N. (2019, June). *Layers of inequality in education: Interpersonal, institutional, and ambient factors*. Symposium organized for the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, San Diego, CA.

Cheek, N. N. (2019, February). *Professional bias and prejudice: New insights into inequalities and injustices*. Symposium organized for the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Cheek, N. N., & Shiner, R. L. (2018, March). *New insights into maximizing, rationality, and decision making*. Symposium organized for the 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Conference Talks

Bandt-Law, B. *, **Cheek, N. N.***, Sinclair, S., & Kaiser, C. R. (2021, February). *#WhatAboutUs: The neglect of non-prototypical sexual harassment victims*. To be presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, online meeting.

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Cheek, N. N. (2020, February). *Variety creates voracity*. Presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Cheek, N. N., & Shafir, E. (2019, November). *The thick skin bias in judgments about the poor*. Presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Montreal, Canada.

Cheek, N. N., Bandt-Law, B., Sinclair, S., & Shafir, E. (2019, June). *The “thick skin heuristic” in interpersonal interactions*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, San Diego, CA.

Cheek, N. N., Tierney, E. M., & Shafir, E. (2019, February). *Biased perceptions of the “thick-skinned poor.”* Presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Bandt-Law, B., **Cheek, N. N.,** & Sinclair, S. (2019, February). *#WhatAboutUs: People believe sexual harassment and domestic violence are less traumatic for low SES women*. Presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Cheek, N. N., Schwartz, B., & Shafir, E. (2018, November). *How self-expression creates choice overload*. Presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, New Orleans, LA.

Highest rated graduate student paper, recognized by appointment to the Executive Board

Cheek, N. N. (2018, May). *(Mis)perceiving the pain of the “thick-skinned poor.”* Presented at the Annual Five College Conference, Princeton NJ.

Cheek, N. N., & Shafir, E. (2018, March). *(Mis)perceiving the pain of the “thick-skinned poor.”* Presented at the Psychology of Social Class and Inequality Preference to the 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Cheek, N. N., & Schwartz, B. (2018, March). *More choice, more problems: Self-expression, maximizing, and choice overload.* Presented at the 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Cheek, N. N., & Shafir, E. (2017, November). *Perceiving the pain of the “thick skinned” poor.* Presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Vancouver, BC.

Highest rated graduate student paper, recognized by appointment to the Executive Board

Conference Posters

The “decision difficulty” component of maximizing scales is indecisiveness by another name. APS, 2020.
People mentally represent sexual harassment victims as high SES and think harassment is less traumatic for low SES women. SPSP, 2020.

Beliefs about the emotional experiences of the rich and poor. SAS, 2019.

How self-expression causes choice overload. SPSP (JDM Preconference), 2019.

Individual differences in anchoring. SPSP, 2019.

Big Five traits are not related to anchoring. ARP, 2017.

Gender, citations, and participation in 21st century psychological science. SPSP, 2017.

On the measurement of dispositional greed. SPSP, 2017.

Longer processing time is correlated with higher bullshit detection and sensitivity. SJDM, 2016.

Exploring moderators of anchoring effects. SJDM, 2016.

Revisiting the role of the comparative question in the standard anchoring paradigm. SPSP, 2016.

Face-ism in mainstream and LGBT magazines. SPSP, 2015.

Factor structure of the Hypersensitive Narcissism Scale. SPSP, 2015.

Explaining the effect of numerical anchors on physical judgments. EPA, 2015.

Numerical anchors and judgments of recent behavior: Does knowledge matter? EPA, 2015.

Numerical anchors and judgments of recent behavior. EPA, 2014.

Winner in Eastern Psychological Association of Graduate Students Poster Competition

A tetrapartite model of the self-concept. SPSP, 2015.

Public displays of self. SPSP, 2014.

The relation between introversion and measures of subclinical expressions of clinical conditions. SPSP, 2013.

The distinction between social and collective identity orientations. SPSP, 2013.

Invited Talks

2020 University of Denver “The neglect of non-prototypical sexual harassment victims”

2019 Bryn Mawr College “The thick skin bias in judgments about low-income individuals”

Teaching

Assistant in Instruction – Princeton University

Prejudice: Causes, Consequences, Cures—Fall 2018

Student evaluations—Mean = 4.4/5, Median = 5/5, Mode = 5/5

The Psychology of Decision Making and Judgment—Fall 2017

Student evaluations—Mean = 4.3/5, Median = 4/5, Mode = 5/5

Teaching Assistant – Wellesley College

Statistics for Psychology—Summer 2015

Guest Lecture

“Socioeconomic status-related prejudice,” Prejudice: Causes, Consequences, Cures, Fall 2018, Fall 2019

Undergraduate Theses Advised

Aladesuru, B. (2020-2021). In progress senior thesis at Princeton University on mental representations of sexual harassment perpetrators.

Said, M. (2020-2021). In progress Junior Paper at Princeton University on mental representations of sexual harassment contexts.

Tsesarsky, J. (2018-2019). *I see, therefore it is: Naïve realism in expert chefs*. Senior thesis at Princeton University.

Tsesarsky, J. (2017-2018). *Naïve realism in experts*. Junior Paper at Princeton University.

Watumull, T. (2017-2018). *Personality pick: A study looking at the effect of self-expressive goals on choice overload*. Senior Thesis at Princeton University.

Watumull, T. (2016-2017). *Evaluating the choice overload effect within the domain of self-expression*. Junior Paper at Princeton University.

Undergraduate Research Advisees

Tara Watumull, Carly Maitlin, Mayowa Oke, Julia Scharfstein, Danielle Grieco, Jacob Tsesarsky, Josh Gardner, Kuteara Jamison, Isla Weber, Vicky Escalante, Yael Marans, Tife Aladesuru, Munisa Said

Additional Experience and Training

Instructor, Orientation Training for New Assistants in Instruction (TAs), Princeton University (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020)

Graduate Teaching Fellow, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning (Spring 2019-Present)

“Teaching Transformations” Ivy+ Graduate Student Summit Workshop (Spring 2019), Columbia University

McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Transcript Program (2019-2020), Princeton University

Service

Field

2019-present Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Society for Judgment and Decision Making
 2017-2019 Student Member, Executive Board, Society for Judgment and Decision Making (2 Terms)

Princeton

2020 Campus Behavioral Science Initiative Workshop—How Bias Leads to Neglect of Low-Income Students
 2019-present Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Psychology Graduate Teaching and Pedagogy Committee
 2018-present Co-Founder & Co-Organizer, Emerging Scholars in Psychological Science Talk Series
 2018 IRB Compliance Administrator Hiring Committee
 2017 Campus Behavioral Science Initiative Workshop—Choice Architecture

Ad Hoc Reviewing

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes
Journal of Behavioral Decision Making
Judgment and Decision Making
Behavioural Public Policy
Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
Self and Identity
European Journal of Operational Research
 APS Student Research Award

Professional Affiliations

Society for Judgment and Decision Making
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology
 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
 Behavioral Science & Policy Association
 Cognitive Science Society
 Association for Psychological Science