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Education

2016-	Ph.D.	Psychology and Social Policy	Princeton University (expected May 2021)
2016-2019	M.A.	Psychology	Princeton University
2011-2015	B.A.	Psychology and Spanish	Swarthmore College (High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa)

Research Interests

choice and judgment processes | social class and inequality | social perception and stereotypes | thinking and decision styles | behavioral policy | sexual harassment and gender-based violence | felony disenfranchisement

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

School of Public & International Affairs Scholar Fellowship, Princeton University	2020-2021
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	2018
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National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2017-2021
Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2016
Undergraduate Diversity Travel Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2015
Lang Award, Swarthmore College (given to one senior for “outstanding academic accomplishment”)	2015
Solomon Asch Award, Swarthmore College (for “most outstanding independent work in psychology”)	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, Department of Psychology, 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.” Princeton Center for Health & Wellbeing. \$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. (with E. Shafir). \$71,000.
- 2018 “Beliefs about hardship and perceptions of suffering.” Princeton Center for Health & Wellbeing. \$4,580.
- 2017 “Exploring the role of motivated reasoning in judgments of lying.” Princeton Cognitive Science Program. \$5,000.

Publications

Under Review/In Prep *equal contribution °mentee co-author

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

*equal contribution

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

Cheek, N. N. (under revision). People believe the everyday effects of COVID-19 are worse for higher-income individuals: The thick skin bias in the context of a global 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*.

*equal contribution

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.

Reprinted in 2020 in M. J. Bernstein & E. L. Haines (Eds.), *Emerging perspectives on self and identity*. New York: Routledge.

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 **equal contribution*

*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, virtual 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 “#WhatAboutUS: 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)**

Fall 2018 Prejudice: Causes, Consequences, Cures
Student evaluations: Mean = 4.4/5, Median = 5/5, Mode = 5/5

Fall 2017 The Psychology of Decision Making and Judgment
Student evaluations: Mean = 4.3/5, Median = 4/5, Mode = 5/5

Teaching Assistant (Wellesley College)

Summer 2015 Statistics for Psychology

Undergraduate Theses Advised

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

Said, M. (2020-2021). In progress Junior Paper 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 | Rola Adebogun | Mel Hornyak

Additional Experience and Training

Instructor, Orientation Training for New Assistants in Instruction (TAs), Princeton University (2019-present)
 Graduate Teaching Fellow, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning (2019-present)
 “Teaching Transformations” Ivy+ Graduate Student Summit Workshop, Columbia University, (Spring 2019)
 McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Transcript Program, Princeton University, (2019-2020)

Service

Field

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

Princeton

2021 Troubleshooting Your Precept Workshop, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning
 2020 Campus Behavioral Science Initiative Workshop—*How Bias Leads to Neglect of Low-Income Students*
 2019 Troubleshooting Your Precept Workshop, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning
 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

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 Experimental Social Psychology* | *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 | Behavioral Science & Policy Association | Society for Personality and Social Psychology | Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues | Association for Psychological Science