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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022-present **Assistant Professor**
Department of Psychological Sciences, Purdue University
- 2021-2022 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Department of Psychology, Princeton University

EDUCATION

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|------|-------|------------------------------|--|
| 2021 | Ph.D. | Psychology and Social Policy | Princeton University |
| 2019 | M.A. | Psychology | Princeton University |
| 2015 | B.A. | Psychology and Spanish | Swarthmore College (High Honors; Phi Beta Kappa) |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 | Finalist, Society of Experimental Social Psychology Dissertation Award
- 2021 | Department of Psychology Graduate Teaching Award, Princeton University
- 2021 | Graduate Student Registration Award, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2020-2021 | Prize Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Princeton University
- 2019 | 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
- 2018 | Anne Anastasi General Psychology Graduate Student Research Award, APA (Division 1)
- 2018 | Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award, SPSP
- 2018 | Best Graduate Student Paper, Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making
- 2017 | Best Graduate Student Paper, Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making
- 2017-2021 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2016 | Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2015 | 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 (“most outstanding independent work in psychology”)
- 2015 | Sigma Xi Conference Travel Grant, Swarthmore College
- 2014, 2015 | Howard Hughes Medical Institute Conference Travel Grant, Swarthmore College
- 2013, 2014, 2015 | Deans Office Conference Funding Grant, Swarthmore College
- 2014 | Hans Wallach Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Psychology, Swarthmore College
- 2014 | Winner, Eastern Psychological Association of Graduate Students Poster Competition
- 2013 | Natural Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, Swarthmore College
- 2011-2015 | Donald P. Babson College Scholarship, Wellesley Scholarship Foundation

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2021-2024 “Evaluating the effects of a skills training program for incarcerated individuals.” Overdeck Family Foundation Educational Innovation Fund. (with C. S. Clark & E. L. Paluck). \$100,000
- 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.
- 2018-2019 “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 **equal contribution* *°Mentee/advisee co-author*

IN PREP (FULL DRAFT)/UNDER REVIEW

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

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

Shafir, E., & **Cheek, N. N.** Choosing, rejecting, accentuation, and replication. (in prep).

*Lopes, N. J., *Reutskaja, E., ***Cheek, N. N.**, Capizzani, M., Schwartz, B., & Iyengar, S. Choosing with another person reduces choice overload. (under review).

***Cheek, N. N.**, *Bandt-Law, B., & Sinclair, S. People erroneously believe sexual harassment and domestic violence are less harmful for women in poverty. (under review).

Röseler, L., Weber, L., Helgerth, K. A. C., Stich, E., Günther, M.,...**Cheek, N. N.**,...Zhou, A. The Open Anchoring Quest dataset: Anchored estimates from 90 studies on anchoring effects. (under review).

Cheek, N. N. Why do people believe individuals in poverty are less susceptible to harm? Testing the role of intuitions about adaptation. (under revision).

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Cheek, N. N. (in press). People think the everyday effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are less harmful for people in poverty. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*.

- Schwartz, B., & **Cheek, N. N.** (in press). The framing of decisions “leaks” into the experiencing of decisions. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Kaiser, C. R., Bandt-Law, B. **Cheek, N. N.**, & Schachtman, R. (in press). Gender prototypes shape perceptions of and responses to sexual harassment. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*. [[Link](#)]
- Reutskaja, E., **Cheek, N. N.**, Iyengar, S., & Schwartz, B. (in press). Choice deprivation, choice overload, and satisfaction with choices across six nations. *Journal of International Marketing*. | [Link](#)
- Cheek, N. N.**, Schwartz, B., & Shafir, E. (in press). Choice set size shapes self-expression. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. | [Link](#)
- Cheek, N. N.**, Reutskaja, E., & Schwartz, B. (in press). Balancing the freedom-security tradeoff during crises and disasters. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. | [Link](#)
- Cheek, N. N.**, & Shafir, E. (in press). The thick skin bias in judgments about people in poverty. *Behavioural Public Policy*. | [Link](#)
- *Goh, J. X., *Bandt-Law, B., ***Cheek, N. N.**, Sinclair, S., & Kaiser, C. R. (2022). Narrow prototypes and neglected victims: Understanding perceptions of sexual harassment. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 122, 873-893. | [Link](#)
- Cheek N. N.**, & Norem, J. K. (2022). Individual differences in anchoring susceptibility: Verbal reasoning, autistic tendencies, and narcissism. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 184, 111212. | [Link](#)
- Cheek, N. N.**, Blackman, S., & Pronin, E. (2021). Seeing the subjective as objective: People perceive the taste of those they disagree with as biased and wrong. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*, 34, 167-182. | [Link](#)
- 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. | [Link](#)
- 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. | [Link](#)
- 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. | [Link](#)
- Cheek, N. N.**, & Norem, J. K. (2018). On moderator detection in anchoring research: Implications of ignoring estimate direction. *Collabra: Psychology*, 4, 1-8. | [Link](#)
- 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. | [Link](#)
- Reprinted in M. J. Bernstein & E. L. Haines (Eds.) (2020). *Emerging perspectives on self and identity*. Routledge.

Cheek, N. N. (2017). Scholarly merit in a global context: The nation gap in psychological science. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *12*, 1133-1137. | [Link](#)

Schwartz, B., & **Cheek, N. N.** (2017). Choice, freedom, and well-being: Considerations for public policy. *Behavioural Public Policy*, *1*, 106-121. | [Link](#)

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. | [Link](#)

Cheek, N. N., & Schwartz, B. (2016). On the meaning and measurement of maximization. *Judgment and Decision Making*, *11*, 126-146. | [Link](#)

Cheek, N. N. (2016). Semantic versus numeric priming and the consider-the-opposite strategy: Comment on Adame (2016). *Learning and Motivation*, *53*, 49-51. | [Link](#)

Cheek, N. N. (2016). Face-ism and objectification in mainstream and LGBT magazines. *PLOS ONE*, *11*, e0153592. | [Link](#)

Cheek, N. N. (2015). Taking perspective the next time around. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *6*, 434. | [Link](#)

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. | [Link](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cheek, N. N., & Pronin, E. (2022). I'm right, you're biased: How we understand ourselves and others. In N. Ballantyne & D. Dunning (Eds.), *Reason, bias, and inquiry: The crossroads of epistemology and psychology* (pp. 35-60). Oxford University Press. | [Link](#)

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). John Wiley & Sons. | [Link](#)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Reutskaja, E., **Cheek, N. N.**, Iyengar, S., & Schwartz, B. (2022). Do global consumers have too many choices or not enough? *Forbes*. | [Link](#)

Cheek, N. N., & Blue, C. (2022). Freedom Versus Security: Can We Find the Right Balance? *APS Under the Cortex Podcast*. | [Link](#)

Bandt-Law, B., **Cheek, N. N.**, Goh, J. X., Kaiser, C. R., & Sinclair, S. (2021). Why we neglect some sexual harassment victims more than others. *SPSP Character & Context Blog*. | [Link](#)

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

***Cheek, N. N., *Bandt-Law, B., Sinclair, S., Goh, J. X., & Kaiser, C. R.** (2022, February). *The neglect of non-prototypical sexual harassment victims*. Presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, virtual.

*Bandt-Law, B., ***Cheek, N. N., Goh, J. X., Sinclair, S., & Kaiser, C. R.** (2021, August). *The social and legal neglect of non-prototypical sexual harassment victims*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, virtual.

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

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.

Best graduate student paper, recognized by appointment to the Executive Board

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.
Best graduate student paper, recognized by appointment to the Executive Board

SELECTED RECENT CONFERENCE POSTERS °Mentee/advisee co-author

°**McMahon, C., & Cheek, N. N.** (2022, February). *Variety increases maximizing by making choices feel more self-expressive.* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, virtual.

°**Said, M., °Escalante, V., °Marans, Y., Cheek, N. N.,** Bandt-Law, B., & Sinclair, S. (2021, August). *Where do people think sexual harassment occurs? Investigating prototypical harassment contexts.* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, virtual.

Cheek, N. N., Bandt-Law, B., °**Weber, I., °Marans, Y., °Jamison, K.,** & Sinclair, S. (2021, August). *The invisibility of non-prototypical sexual harassment victims in #MeToo news coverage.* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, virtual.

°**Aladesuru, B., Cheek, N. N.,** & Sinclair, S. (2021, May). *Investigating the intersectional prototype of sexual harassment perpetrators.* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, virtual.

°**Goebel, J., & Cheek, N. N.** (2020, May). *The “decision difficulty” component of maximizing scales is indecisiveness by another name.* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, virtual.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE POSTERS

People mentally represent sexual harassment victims as high socioeconomic status. 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.
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

2022 Villanova University | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Harvard University (Jachimowicz Lab)
 2021 University of Richmond | Purdue University | University of Iowa | Davidson College
 2020 University of Denver
 2019 Bryn Mawr College

TEACHING

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Courses Taught

Introduction to Social Psychology Fall 2022

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Courses Taught

Prejudice: Causes, Consequences, Cures (Assistant in Instruction) Fall 2018

The Psychology of Decision Making and Judgment (Assistant in Instruction) Fall 2017

Undergraduate Thesis Advisees

Munisa Said (21-22) | Boluwatife Aladesuru (20-21) | Jacob Tsesarsky (18-19) | Tara Watumull (17-18)

Undergraduate Research Advisees

Tara Watumull, Carly Maitlin, Mayowa Oke, Julia Scharfstein, Jacob Tsesarsky, Josh Gardner, Kuteara Jamison, Isla Weber, Vicky Escalante, Yael Marans, Boluwatife Aladesuru, Munisa Said, Rola Adebogun, Mel Hornyak, Tindar Cyr, Lucie Gildehaus

Additional Training and Experience

Instructor, Orientation for New Assistants in Instruction (IAs), 2019-2021

Graduate Teaching Fellow, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, 2019-2021

“Teaching Transformations” Graduate Student Summit Workshop, Columbia University, 2019

McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Transcript Program 2019-2020

SERVICE

FIELD

2020- Organizer, “LGBTQ+ Scholars in SJDM” event, Annual Meeting of SJDM
 2019-2022 Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Society for Judgment and Decision Making
 2017-2019 Executive Board, Society for Judgment and Decision Making (2 terms, Student Member)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

- 2021 Teaching Advice Panel, Psychology Department
2021 McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop—*Troubleshooting Your Precept*
2020 Campus Behavioral Science Initiative Workshop—*How Bias Leads to Neglect of Low-Income Students*
2019-2021 Co-Founder/Co-Chair, Psychology Graduate Student Teaching and Pedagogy Committee
2018-2022 Co-Founder/Co-Chair, Emerging Scholars in Psychological Science Talk Series
2018 IRB Compliance Administrator Hiring Committee
2017 Campus Behavioral Science Initiative Workshop—*Choice Architecture*

*AD HOC REVIEWING***Journals**

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; Social Psychological and Personality Science; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; European Journal of Social Psychology; Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes; Judgment and Decision Making; Journal of Behavioral Decision Making; Behavioural Public Policy; Journal of Personality; Law and Human Behavior; Journal of Marketing Research; Self & Identity; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied; Journal of Social and Personal Relationships; Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition; PLOS ONE; International Journal of Psychology; Frontiers in Psychology; European Journal of Operational Research

Grants

National Science Foundation

Academic Societies

SJDM Annual Conference; 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; Association for Psychological Science; Behavioral Science & Policy Association