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## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. Developmental Psychology**

University of California, Santa Cruz, expected June 2009  
Dissertation: *Developing an Integrated Self: Academic and Ethnic Identities among Diverse College Students* (Committee: Margarita Azmitia, chair, Catherine R. Cooper, and Avril Thorne)

### **M.A. Developmental Psychology**

San Francisco State University, 2004  
Master's Thesis: *Birth Order and Personality: A Methodological Study* (Committee: Thomas Spencer, chair, Jeff Cookston, and Linda Juang)

### **B.A. Psychology**

San Francisco State University, 2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Identity development in adolescence and young adulthood, particularly regarding social identities (e.g., ethnicity, social class, and gender)
- Intersections among multiple identities (personal and/or social identities)
- Educational justice and equity for under-represented ethnic minority students
- School transitions and educational experiences as contexts for identity development
- Narrative psychology, identity, and methods

## PUBLICATIONS

Reis, O., Azmitia, M., Syed, M., Radmacher, K., & Gills, J. (in press). Emotional support from family, friends, and teachers and adolescents' depressive symptoms during school transitions. *European Journal of Developmental Science*.

Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. (in press). Longitudinal trajectories of ethnic identity during the college years. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.

Azmitia, M., Syed, M., & Radmacher, K. (2008). On the intersection of personal and social identities: Introduction and evidence from a longitudinal study of emerging adults. In M. Azmitia, M. Syed, & K. Radmacher (Eds.), *The intersections of personal and social identities. New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development, 120*, 1-16. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

- Azmitia, M., Syed, M., & Radmacher, K. A. (Eds.). (2008). *The intersections of personal and social identities. New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development, 120*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Juang, L. P., & Syed, M. (2008). Ethnic identity and spirituality. In R. Lerner, R. W. Roeser, & E. Phelps (Eds.), *Positive youth development and spirituality: From theory to research* (pp. 262-284). West Conshohocken, PA: Templeton Foundation Press.
- Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. (2008). A narrative approach to ethnic identity in emerging adulthood: Bringing life to the identity status model. *Developmental Psychology, 44*(4), 1012-1027.
- Gordon, C. F., Juang, L. P., & Syed, M. (2007). College students' Internet use and well-being: Beyond frequency of use. *Journal of College Student Development, 48*(6), 674-688.
- Juang, L. P., Syed, M., & Takagi, M. (2007). Intergenerational discrepancies among Chinese American families: Links to family conflict and adolescent depressive symptoms. *Journal of Adolescence, 30*(6), 965-975.
- Syed, M., Azmitia, M., & Phinney, J. S. (2007). Stability and change in ethnic identity among Latino emerging adults in two contexts. *Identity: An International Journal of Theory and Research, 7*(2), 155-178.

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Syed, M. *Identity development as a multi-level process: Integration, mechanisms, and social contexts.*
- Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. *Narrative and ethnic identity exploration: A longitudinal account of emerging adults' ethnicity-related experiences.* [Invitation to revise and resubmit]

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Chemers, M. M., Goza, B. K., Zurbriggen, E., Syed, M., Bearman, S., Crosby, F., & Hunter, L. The role of efficacy and identity in science career commitment among underrepresented minority students. *Journal of Social Issues.* [Formal proposal for issue accepted]
- Chemers, M. M., & Syed, M. (Eds.). Scaling the higher education pyramid: Academic and career success of minorities and women in science and engineering. *Journal of Social Issues.* [Formal proposal for issue accepted]
- Cooper, C. R., Mena, D. D., Chavira, G., Mikolyski, D., Syed, M., & Cooper, D. Helping youth build pathways to college and careers in partnership with their families, schools, and cultural communities: An introduction to the Bridging Multiple Worlds Toolkit for science, practice, and policy. In C. R. Cooper, *Bridging Multiple Worlds: Culture, Youth Identity, and Pathways to College.* New York: Oxford University Press.

Syed, M., Azmitia, M., & Cooper, C. R. Identity and academic success: An interdisciplinary review and integration. *Journal of Social Issues*. [Formal proposal for issue accepted]

#### MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Syed, M., & Seiffge-Krenke, I. (forthcoming). The Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood seeks contributions from EARA members. *European Association for Research on Adolescence Newsletter*.

Cooper, C. R., Dominguez, E., & Syed, M. (2006). *Cabrillo Advancement Program (CAP) Summer Institute: Data for CAP improvement planning based on student learning outcomes*. University of California, Santa Cruz.

Juang L. P., & Syed, M. (2005, Spring). What has the IRB done for me lately? Negotiating ethical responsibilities with research productivity. *Society for Research on Adolescence Newsletter*, pp. 2 & 7.

#### TEXTBOOKS AND TEXTBOOK SUPPLEMENTS

Syed, M. (2005). Appendix D: Using SPSS. In J. R. Fraenkel & N. Wallen, *How to design and evaluate research in education* (6<sup>th</sup> ed., pp. A-5 – A-17). New York: McGraw Hill.

Syed, M. (2005). SPSS and Excel activities for accompanying CD-ROM. In J. R. Fraenkel & N. Wallen, *How to design and evaluate research in education* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York: McGraw Hill.

#### CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED

Syed, M., & Witkow, M. R. (Chairs). (2009, April). *Promoting academic success among ethnically-diverse adolescents: Longitudinal research on the role of mentors and social support*. Paper symposium accepted to the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO

Syed, M., & McLean, K. C. (Chairs). (2009, February). *Examining intersections among personal, social, and cultural identities through narrative*. Interactive session accepted to the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Identity Formation, Monterey, CA.

Syed, M., & Pahl, K. (Chairs). (2008, March). *Linking ethnic identity process and content: Mixed method research on ethnic identity development*. Paper symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Syed, M., Chemers, M. M., Goza, B. K., & Zurbriggen, E. (2009, April). *Shared mentor background and persistence in science among ethnically-diverse adolescents*. Paper

- symposium accepted to the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Juang, L. P., Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. (2009, February). *Family ethnic socialization practices and ethnic identity statuses among emerging adults*. Paper presentation accepted to the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Identity Formation, Monterey, CA.
- Syed, M. (2009, February). *Using narrative and identity status approaches to link identity process with content*. Interactive session accepted to the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Identity Formation, Monterey, CA.
- Syed, M. (2009, February). *What can narrative tell us about ethnic identity development?* Interactive session accepted to the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Identity Formation, Monterey, CA.
- Chemers, M. M., Goza, B. K., Zurbriggen, E., & Syed, M. (2008, May). *Psychological mediators of the effects of intervention programs on URM student participants*. Paper symposium presented at the 2nd Annual Conference on Understanding Interventions that Encourage Minorities to Pursue Research Careers, Atlanta, GA.
- Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. (2008, March). *Using longitudinal narratives to link ethnic identity process with content*. Paper symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
- Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. (2008, March). *Longitudinal trajectories of ethnic identity in emerging adulthood*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
- Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. (2007, October). *The content and structure of emerging adults' autobiographical memories of ethnicity-related events*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Santa Fe, NM.
- Azmitia, M., Syed, M., Radmacher, K., & Gills, J. (2007, March). *Following a dream and working to belong: A longitudinal study of first-generation college students' experiences*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
- Syed, M. & Azmitia, M. (2007, February). *Ethnic identity in everyday experiences: A narrative approach*. Paper presented at the biennial Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Tucson, AZ.
- Syed, M., Azmitia, M., & Phinney, J. S. (2006, March). *Stability and change in ethnic identity in Latino late adolescents*. Paper symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Francisco, CA.

- Radmacher, K., Syed, M., Gills, J. Azmitia, M., & Smith, T. E. (2006, March). *Finding your niche: How ethnically and socioeconomically diverse emerging adults transition to college*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Francisco, CA.
- Syed, M. (2005, April). *Why don't we believe in birth order? A methodological explanation*. Paper presented at the annual convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.
- Gills, J., Radmacher, K., Syed, M., & Azmitia, M. (2005, April). *Sources of shifts in adolescents' ethnic identity during the transition to college*. Poster presented at the Biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, GA.
- Syed, M. (2005, April). *Methodological inconsistencies strike again! An analysis of birth order as a research variable*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development, Atlanta, GA.
- Herold, K. H., Syed, M., & Juang, L. P. (2004, August). *Log on: Asian American Internet use and well-being*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Asian American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.
- Syed, M., & Waldman, S. D. (2004, August). *The mid-life body experience: Through the lens of gender*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.
- Syed, M., & Waldman, S. D. (2004, March). *Cultural variations and media influences on male emerging adults' body dissatisfaction*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Assessing Science Inquiry and Leadership Skills.** UC Santa Cruz, Department of Psychology, Fall 2006 – present. Principal Investigator: Martin Chemers, Ph.D. Duties: Primary quantitative analyst for NIH-funded grant.
- Bridging Multiple Worlds Alliance.** UC Santa Cruz, Department of Psychology, Spring-Summer 2006. Principal Investigator: Catherine Cooper, Ph.D. Duties: created databases and conducted analyses for community partners, helped develop toolkit for potential community partners, supervised undergraduate assistants.
- Transition to College Project.** UC Santa Cruz, Department of Psychology, Fall 2004-present. Principal Investigator: Margarita Azmitia, Ph.D. Duties: creation of measures, conducted interviews, supervised undergraduate assistants, data analysis, manuscript and grant preparation. I also played a leadership role in mastering new statistical techniques (e.g., cluster analysis, MLM) and instructing fellow lab members about them.

**Log On: Kids and the Internet.** San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, April 2003-August 2004. Principal Investigator: Linda P. Juang, Ph.D. Duties: creation of measures, preliminary data analysis, literature searches, grant writing.

**The Health and Lifestyle Questionnaire.** San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, February 2003-August 2004. Principal Investigator: Susan D. Waldman, Ph.D. Duties: data analysis, literature searches, manuscript preparation.

**Treatment Outcome Research Group.** UC, San Francisco, Department of Psychiatry, June 2002-September 2003. Principal Investigator: Barbara E. Havessey, Ph.D. Duties: data entry, data cleaning, literature searches, data analysis, proofreading, manuscript preparation.

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

**University of California President's Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2008-2009**

**American Educational Research Association Minority Dissertation Fellowship, 2008-2009**  
(Declined in favor of the UC President's Fellowship).

**Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Finalist Designation, 2008**

**Competitive Travel Grant, Society for Research on Child Development, April 2009**

**Competitive Travel Grant, Cognitive Development Society, October 2007**

**Competitive Travel Grant, Conference on Emerging Adulthood, February 2007**

**Summer Graduate Student Fellowship, Psychology Department, UC Santa Cruz, 2006.**

**Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program** (formerly the California State University Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program), 2005. Accepted into competitive forgivable loan program to train potential CSU tenure-track faculty applicants.

**National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Training Grant, Department of Psychology, UC Santa Cruz, 2005.** One calendar year of 100% time financial support.

**University of California Regents Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz, 2004.** One quarter of 50% time financial support.

**Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement, San Francisco State University, 2004**

### TEACHING INTERESTS

- Child and Lifespan Development
- Adolescent Development
- Cognitive/Social Development
- Introduction to Social Psychology
- Social Groups and Society
- Narrative Psychology and Identity
- Identity and Higher Education
- Introductory and Advanced Statistics
- Developmental Statistical Methods
- Non-parametric Statistical Methods
- Research Methods (Qualitative and Quantitative)
- Grantwriting
- Technical Writing for Psychology

### COURSES TAUGHT

**Critical Issues in Adolescent Development**, San José State University, Department of Child and Adolescent Development, Spring 2008, two sections, enrollment of 30 students each.

**Cognitive Development: Language, Thinking, and Perception**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Fall 2006, enrollment of 15 students.

**Adolescent Psychology**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Summer 2006, enrollment of 20 students.

**Developmental Psychology**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Summer 2006, enrollment of 55 students. Summer 2004, enrollment of 75 students.

### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

**Developmental Psychology**, UC Santa Cruz, Department of Psychology, Winter 2006.  
Supervisor: Nameera Akhtar, Ph.D.

**Child Observation and Technical Writing**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Fall 2003. Duties: Assisted professor in the organization and implementation of two graduate-level courses. Graded and provided feedback on APA style papers. Supervisor: Thomas D. Spencer, Ph.D.

**Undergraduate Psychology Honors Seminar**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Fall 2003, Spring 2004 (2 semesters). Supervisor: Linda P. Juang, Ph.D.

**Developmental Psychology**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Spring, Summer, Fall 2003, Spring 2004 (4 semesters). Supervisor: Thomas D. Spencer, Ph.D.

**Introduction to Research Methods and Design**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Spring 2003. Supervisor: Siobhan Maize, Ph.D.

**General Psychology**, San Francisco State University, Department of Psychology, Fall 2002.  
Supervisor: Margaret Lynch, Ph.D.

**SERVICE**

**Ad-hoc Reviewer**, *Identity: An International Journal of Theory and Research; Journal of Adolescence; Journal of Early Adolescence*

**Editorial Board Member**, *New School Psychology Bulletin*, 2006-2007

**Editorial Consultant**, Prentice Hall

**Graduate Student Representative**, Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood, Summer 2007 – Summer 2009.

**Facilitator of Narrative Identity Research Group**, Psychology Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, Fall 2006 – Spring 2008. Organized monthly meetings and scheduled speakers.

**Developmental Area Colloquium Organizer**, Psychology Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, Spring 2007. Co-organized and scheduled speakers for weekly colloquium series.

**Developmental Area Graduate Student Representative**, Psychology Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006.

**Student Representative**, Child Study Center Governing Council, San Francisco State University, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Psychological Association  
APA Division 2: Society for the Teaching of Psychology  
Society for Research on Adolescence  
Society for Research on Child Development (member, Asian Caucus)  
Society for Research on Identity Formation  
Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

SPSS, EQS, Access, Dreamweaver, SAS, AMOS, HLM