

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Queensland

June 2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Social Psychology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

May 2019

Concentration in the Psychology of Peace and Violence

M.S. Social Psychology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

May 2017

B.A. Psychology, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

May 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social change and intergroup relations; social movements, collective action, and activism;
intergroup contact and dialogue; intergroup conflict and reconciliation

PUBLICATIONS

Selvanathan, H. P., Khoo, Y. H., & Lickel, B. (in press). The role of movement leaders in building intergroup solidarity for social change: A case of the electoral reform movement in Malaysia. *European Journal of Social Psychology*.

Selvanathan, H. P., Leidner, B., Petrovic, N., Prelic, N., Ivanek, I., Krugel, J., & Bjekic, J. (in press). Wedialog.net: A quantitative field test of the effects of online intergroup dialogue in promoting justice- versus harmony-oriented outcomes in Bosnia and Serbia. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (2018). Empowerment and threat in response to mass protest shape public support for a social movement and social change: A panel study in the context of the Bersih movement in Malaysia. *European Journal of Social Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.2502>

Selvanathan, H. P., Techakesari, P., Tropp, L. R., & Barlow, F. K. (2017). Whites for racial justice: How contact with Black Americans predicts support for collective action among White Americans. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1368430217690908>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (invited resubmission). The role of psychological ownership in the rise of reactionary-counter movements in response to movements for social change. *British Journal of Social Psychology*.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (invited resubmission). A field study on the proximal impact of collective action on the social change attitudes of uninvolved bystanders. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Leidner, B. (invited resubmission). Modes of ingroup identification and notions of justice provide distinct pathways to normative and nonnormative collective action in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

Khoo, Y. H., **Selvanathan, H. P.**, & Lickel, B. (under review). Malaysia's democratic transition and the social construction of human rights through the electoral reform movement. *Asian Studies Review*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Selvanathan, H. P. & Uluğ, Ö. M. (in preparation). Identifying different perspectives on the role of White people in the struggle for justice for Black people: A Q methodology approach.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (in preparation). Alternative media and social movement attitudes around key political events in Malaysia.

Selvanathan, H. P., Lickel, B., & Dasgupta, N. (in preparation). An integrative framework of allyship: Considering the consequences of ally involvement in social change efforts.

BOOK CHAPTER

Reddy, G. & **Selvanathan, H. P.** (forthcoming). Mixed in Malaysia: Categories, classification and campur in contemporary everyday life. In Rocha, Z. & Aspinall, P. *Measuring mixedness: Counting and classifying mixed race and mixed ethnic identity around the world*. Palgrave Macmillan.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Selvanathan, H. (2018). How the Bersih movement is laying the foundation for a new Malaysia. *Waging Nonviolence*. URL: <https://wagingnonviolence.org/feature/how-bersih-movement-laying-foundations-malaysia/>

Robinson, A. R., Li, M., Louis, W. R., **Selvanathan, H.**, & Snyder, M. (2016). Complex and simple responses to tragedy: Both needed. *Forward (Society for The Psychological Study of Social Issues Newsletter)*, (256), 7–8. URL: <https://spssi.app.box.com/s/xwts86dr1ll457pjb818qh4qy5g5b5j3>

CONFERENCE TALKS

Selvanathan, H. P. & Leidner, B. (February, 2019). *Conflict and collective action: Modes of ingroup identification and notions of justice promote distinct pathways to normative and nonnormative collective action in Israel-Palestine*. Talk presented at the Graduate Student Speaker Session in the Political Psychology Pre-Conference, Annual Convention of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (February, 2019). *Who owns this country? The role of psychological ownership in the rise of reactionary counter-movements in response to social change*. Talk presented at the Annual Convention of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Leidner, B. (June, 2018). *Dimensions of group identification and notions of justice predict distinct pathways to normative and nonnormative collective action*. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Uluğ, Ö. M. (June, 2018). *Exploring perspectives on the role of White allies in the struggle for justice for Black people: A Q-methodology study*. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Uluğ, Ö. M. (June, 2018). *Identifying different perspectives on the role of White allies in the struggle for racial justice*. Talk presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Pittsburgh, PA.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (August, 2017). *Solidarity for social change: How race and national identity shape reactions to social movements*. Talk presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Selvanathan, H. P., Tropp, L. R., Techakesari, P., & Barlow, F. K. (June, 2016). *When and how does contact with Blacks predict Whites' commitment to racial justice?* Talk presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Minneapolis, MN.

Selvanathan, H. P., Tropp, L. R., Techakesari, P., & Barlow, F. K. (January, 2016). *When and how does contact with Blacks predict Whites' commitment to racial justice?* Symposium presented at the Annual Convention of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

INVITED TALK

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (November, 2018). *Who owns this country? The role of psychological ownership in the rise of reactionary counter-movements against social change*. Talk presented at the Psychology Department, in the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, WI.

CONFERENCE POSTERS

*Undergraduate student mentee

Vosburg, E.*, Issrani, Y.*, **Selvanathan, H. P.**, Ivan Ivanek, Leidner, B., & Lickel, B. (April, 2019). *The role of online campus dialogue in shaping students' social change attitudes*. Poster presented at the Psychological and Brain Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Amherst, MA.

Mahmood, Z.*, **Selvanathan, H. P.** & Lickel, B. (April, 2018). *Why they are here affects how they are treated: Dehumanization of refugees and voluntary immigrants in the United States*. Poster presented at the Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference, Amherst, MA.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (March, 2018). *Protests and the public audience: Empowerment and threat in response to mass protests shape movement support and social change attitudes amongst the public*. Poster presented at the Justice and Morality Pre-Conference, Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Leidner, B. (March, 2018). *Wedialog.net: Building and empirically evaluating online intergroup dialogue in conflict-ridden societies*. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Selvanathan, H. P. & Lickel, B. (January, 2017). *The impact of collective action on its bystanders*. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Selvanathan, H. P., Tropp, L., Gonzalez, R., Lickel, B., & Miranda, D. (July, 2015). *Religious identification and intergroup contact jointly predict attitudes toward religious outgroups*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Selvanathan, H. P., Butcher, C., Miner, E., Timdal, A., & Jeevanba, S. B. (May, 2014). *Implicit effects of religious priming on prejudice and prosocial behavior*. Poster presented at University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire's Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity, Eau Claire, WI.

Selvanathan, H. P., Donovan, Z., Gugel, H., & Crothers, M. (April, 2014). *Psychological correlates of mindfulness in healthy young adults*. Poster presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Lexington, KY.

Goodman, J., Butcher, C., **Selvanathan, H. P.**, & DeLaPena, A. (February, 2014). *Religious affiliation predicts prejudice and prosocial behavior*. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Selvanathan, H. P. (2018). *Racial justice research*. Podcast on Valley Free Radio, Northampton, Massachusetts, USA.

Selvanathan, H. P. (2017). *Bersih 5 survey project: Overview of key findings*. Talk and discussion with the organizers, activists, and civil society leaders, Bersih 2.0 Headquarters, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

Selvanathan, H. P. (2016). *Research on the Stand Against Racism March*. Talk and discussion with the march organizers, at the Center for Multicultural Advancement and Student Success, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Psychology of Peace & Violence Program, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Graduate Research Assistant; Mentor: Dr. Brian Lickel September 2015 – May 2019

Graduate Research Assistant; Mentor: Dr. Linda Tropp August 2014 – August 2015

Wedialog.net, non-profit

October 2015 – May 2019

Research Co-advisor; Mentor: Dr. Bernhard Leidner; Collaborator: Ivan Ivanek

Social Psychology Lab, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

August 2013 – May 2014

Undergraduate Research Assistant; Mentor: Dr. Jeffrey Goodman

Clinical Psychology Lab, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

August 2013 – May 2014

Undergraduate Research Assistant; Mentor: Dr. Mickey Crothers

TEACHING POSITIONS

Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Instructor

Advancing Diversity in Research & Practice (undergraduate) Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Social Psychology Online (undergraduate) Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Winter 2018

Lab Section Instructor

Statistical Inference in Psychology II (graduate) Spring 2018

Statistical Inference in Psychology I (graduate) Fall 2017

Methods of Inquiry in Psychology (undergraduate) Spring 2017

Interdisciplinary Directions in Psychology (undergraduate)	Spring 2016
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Psychology of Cruelty and Kindness (undergraduate)	Fall 2016
Psychology Department, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire	
<i>Teaching Apprentice</i>	
Stigma, Prejudice and Intergroup Relations (undergraduate)	Spring 2013

MENTORING

Human Relations Lab, University of Massachusetts Amherst	January 2016 – May 2019
<i>Lab Manager</i> ; Director: Dr. Brian Lickel	
Supervised 20+ Undergraduate Research Assistants and one Honors Student	
War and Peace Lab, University of Massachusetts Amherst	January 2018 – May 2019
<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> ; Director: Dr. Bernhard Leidner	
Supervised 5+ Undergraduate Research Assistants and one Master's Student	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service, University of Massachusetts Amherst	
Psychology Department Human Subjects Prescreening Committee	2016 – 2018
Social Psychology Brown Bag (Speaker Series) Committee	2015 – 2016
Ad Hoc Conference Reviewer	
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention	2018
American Psychological Association Convention	2016
Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer	
European Journal of Social Psychology, Journal of Social and Political Psychology, Political Psychology, British Journal of Social Psychology	

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Early Career Scholar Travel Award, ISPP (\$500)	2018
Graduate Student Diversity Travel Award, SPSSI (\$500)	2018
Conference Travel Grant, UMass Amherst (\$500 x 5)	2015 – 2019
Australasian Summer School Travel Award, SPSP (\$750)	2018
Travel Award APA (\$500)	2017
Travel Award SPSP (\$500 x 2)	2016 – 2017
SPSSI Grant-In-Aid (\$1,000)	2016
Topol Peace Fellowship, UMass Amherst (\$8,000)	2016 – 2018

Student-Faculty Research Collaboration Grant, UW Eau Claire (\$1,000 x 2)	2013 – 2014
Barbara Lozar Psychology Scholarship, UW Eau Claire (\$500)	2013
Foundation Grant Scholarship, UW Eau Claire (\$2,000)	2013
Incoming International Student Scholarship, UW Eau Claire (\$2,000)	2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP), Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), American Psychological Association (APA)

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS

Summer School, Society of Australasian Social Psychologists Australian National University, Kioloa Coastal Campus	February 2018
Multi-Level Modelling & Emerging Trends in Social Justice Workshop University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus	June 2017
Mini-Meta Analysis Workshop University of Massachusetts Amherst	December 2016

REFERENCES

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