Curriculum Vitae of Devinder singh Khera

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**Education**

Western University (UWO), London, Ont.

Master’s of Science in Psychology In Progress

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), Surrey, B.C.

Bachelor of Arts Major in Psychology (Honours), Minor in History Jun 2019

* 4.00/4.33 CGPA
* 4.14/4.33 GPA BA (Hons.) Psychology

**Awards, Distinctions, and Funding**

* 2021 Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s ($17,500)
* 2021 Ontario Graduate Scholarship ($15,000)[[1]](#footnote-1)
* 2019 Canadian Psychological Association Honours Thesis Certificate of Academic Excellence
* Graduate with Distinction
* Dean’s Honour Roll
* Student Led Research Grant ($1,500)
* Passport to Education ($750)
* Post-Secondary Entrance Bursary ($500)
* Best Poster in Session Connecting Minds 2018 ($50)

**Research Interests**

* Human Sexuality
  + Sexual consent, sexual compliance, sexual desire, sexual deception, sexual assault, sexual function, maintenance sex, sexual scripts, masculinity, and incel ideology
* Human Development
  + Cognitive lifespan development, memory and ageing, dementia, and psychopathology

**Research Experience and Projects**

Undergraduate Honours Thesis Research (KPU) Jul 2018 – May 2019

* **Project Title**: *Why Men Don’t Say No: Sexual Compliance and Gender Socialization in Heterosexual Men*
* **Supervisor:** Dr. Cory Pedersen
* **Role:** Honours Student
* Research investigated the relationship between gender-role ideology, endorsement of male sexuality stereotypes, and consenting to undesired sexual activity in a diverse sample of heterosexual men and women.
* Applied quantitative research methods including data analysis, online survey development, participant recruitment, and administration.
* Completed an extensive research ethics board application and subsequent revisions via ROMEO.
* Applied and received funding through the Student Led Research Grant ($1500).
* Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 2019 (Denver).

O.R.G.A.S.M. Research Lab ([www.orgasmresearchlab.com](http://www.orgasmresearchlab.com)) Aug 2018 – Present1

Sep 2020 – Jul 2021

* **Principal Investigator and Lab Director:** Dr. Cory L. Pedersen
* **Roles:** Research Assistant1 and Lab Manager2
* Working alongside Dr. Cory Pedersen, co-investigators, and fellow research assistants we investigate a diverse range of topics related to the field of sexology – the scientific study of human sexuality, including gender, human sexual interests, behaviours, and functions.
* Lab responsibilities as a research assistant include data analysis, data interpretation, testing participants, online survey development and troubleshooting, writing research ethics board applications for human participant testing, testing research participants, manuscript writing, online participant recruitment, creation of recruitment posters, and presentation of various research findings at conferences.
* Lab manager duties include scheduling and facilitating lab meetings, interviewing prospective research assistants, and communicating and organizing of on-going lab projects.
* **In preparation:** incel content analysis, masculinity and oral sex study, precarious manhood beliefs study, COVID-19 – relationship satisfaction and intimate partner violence study

Lifespan Cognition Lab ([www.lifespancognition.com](http://www.lifespancognition.com)) Jan 2018 – May 2021

Jan 2020 – May 2021

* **Principal Investigator and Lab Director:** Dr. Daniel M. Bernstein
* **Roles:** Research Assistant and Assessment Coordinator
* Working alongside Dr. Daniel Bernstein and fellow research assistants on research investigating how thinking develops across the lifespan in different populations.
* The *Lifespan Cognition Study* and the *Social Cognition Study* both investigate how thinking develops across the lifespan; specifically, memory, perspective taking, and learning changes as participants age*.* The *Social Cognition Study* specifically investigates how thinking develops in children with and without developmental disabilities, specifically Autism Spectrum Disorders and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
* Current responsibilities as a research assistant for the *Lifespan Cognition Study* and *Social Cognition Study* include data analysis, data interpretation, data entry, testing participants (aged 3-99), booking and scheduling participants, in-home testing for children and older adults, community engagement and participant recruitment at events, and presentation of research findings at conferences.
* Current responsibilities as the Assessment Coordinator for the *Lifespan Cognition Study* and *Social Cognition Study* include training and assessing new research assistants, both in person and via recorded video, on experimental procedures to ensure consistent and reliable testing practices.

**Publications**

Oswald, F., **Khera, D.,** Walton, K. A., & Pedersen, C. L. (2021). Blatant sexual deception: Content, individual differences, and implications. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *183*, 111118. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2021.111118>

Oswald, F., **Khera, D. S.**, & Pedersen, C. L. (in press). The association of genital appearance satisfaction, penis size importance, and penis-centric masculinity to chronically discriminatory ideologies among heterosexual men. Psychology of Men and Masculinities.

**Conference Presentations**

Derksen, G., Aßfal, A., Geisbrecht, A., **Khera, D.,** & Bernstein, D.M. (2021, November). Adults have trouble answering questions about another person’s false and true beliefs. Talk accepted for presentation at the Psychonomic Society’s 62nd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA.

**Khera, D. S.**,Oswald, F., & Pedersen, C. L. (2021, May). Precarious manhood and penis-central masculinity are predictors of sexism. Poster accepted for presentation at the Annual Convention of the Association of Psychological Science, Virtual Convention.

**Khera, D. S.**, Oswald, F., Hattie, D., & Pedersen, C. L. (2020, November). Losing your man card: Precarious manhood and masculinity ideology in predicting displays of physical aggression. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific of Sexuality, Virtual Conference.

Oswald, F., **Khera, D. S.**, Walton, K., Shorter, L., Champion, A., & Pedersen, C. L. (2020, November). Blatant lying in sexual deception: Content, correlates, and implications for contemporary consent discourses. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Virtual Conference.

Champion, A., Zakimi, N., **Khera, D. S.**, Hattie, D., Ryu, H., Frank, R., Lopes, A., & Pedersen, C. L. (2020, November) Frames, fallacies, and femoids: An investigation into the world of involuntary celibacy**.** Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Virtual Conference.

**Khera**, **D. S.**, & Pedersen, C. L. (2019, November). Why men don’t say no: Sexual compliance and gender socialization in heterosexual men. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, CO, USA.

Clark, J., Brown, K., **Khera, D. S.**, Champion, A. (2019, August). Observations and research in gender and sexuality matters. Talk presented at First Year Friday, an annual event hosted by Kwantlen Polytechnic University, BC, Canada.

**Khera, D. S.**, Chhina, M. K., Dogra, K. K., Chhina, G. S., & Bernstein, D. M. (2019, May). The impact of mild traumatic brain injury on decision-making tasks in older adults. Poster presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

Giesbrecht, A., Derksen, D., **Khera, D. S.**, & Bernstein, D. M. (2019, May). Investigating theory-of-mind errors in the sandbox task. Talk presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

Mitchell, C., **Khera, D. S.**, Chhina, G. S., & Nolan, J. J. (2018, May). Music’s effect on emotion. Poster presented at both Northwest Cognition and Memory & Connecting Minds, Richmond, B.C., Canada.

**Manuscripts In Review**

**Khera, D. S.**, Champion, A., & Pedersen, C. L. (in review). Why can’t men say no? Sexual compliance and gender socialization in heterosexual men.

Champion, A., Oswald, F., **Khera, D. S.**, & Pedersen, C. L. (in review). The Impact of Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence: A Mixed Methods Approach.

Oswald, F., Champion, A., **Khera, D.,** Mitchell, J., & Pedersen, C.L. (in review). Body Size and Perceptions of Bisexuality: Heterogenizing BisexualStereotypes.

Oswald, F., Champion, A., **Khera, D.,** Young, M., & Pedersen, C.L. (in review). “Straight Thin, but Gay Fat”: Stereotype Application at the Intersection of Body Shape, Gender/Sex, and Sexual Orientation.

Oswald, F., Walton, K., **Khera, D.,** Champion, A., & Pedersen, C.L. (in review). Evaluations of female genitalia by race and labiaplasty status: A pre-registered contextualization, replication, and extension of findings onlabial perceptions.

**Workshops and Panels**

Qualtrics Basics (February 2021). Workshop hosted by the Kwantlen Psychology Society. [YouTube Link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAtCAxTBy98&ab_channel=KwantlenPsychologySociety)

Psychology Honours Info Session (November 2019 & January 2020). Panels hosted by the Kwantlen Psychology Society.

**Related work and volunteer experience**

**Head of Registration & Travel Subsidy: Connecting Minds 2020 ([www.connectingminds.ca](http://www.connectingminds.ca)) Aug 2019 – Apr 2021**

* Connecting Minds 2020 Committee Member
* Adapted and updated registration/travel subsidy desk procedures and troubleshooting guides.
* Informed presenters about travel subsidy eligibility and submission requirements via email communications.
* Event was cancelled due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.

**Founding Member & Reviewer: Kwantlen Psychology Student Journal (**[**https://journals.kpu.ca**](https://journals.kpu.ca)**) Aug 2018 – Feb 2021**

* Assisted in the development of journal guidelines and requirements for author submissions.
* Created recruitment posters for journal reviewers and adverts to encourage student submissions of course-based research projects and term papers.
* Hosted a table at Hello, Future! (2019) Conference, Surrey, B.C., Canada to provide information about the submission process, recruit reviewers, and encourage student submissions for the inaugural issue of the Kwantlen Psychology Student Journal.
* Responsible for reviewing, editing, proofreading, and providing student authors with major and minor revisions for their respective journal submissions.
* Proficient with Open Journal Systems, a journal management and publishing system developed by Public Knowledge Project to expand and improve access to research.

**Member: Kwantlen Psychology Society (KPS) Aug 2018 – Apr 2021**

* Assist executive KPS members with hosting club events such as the KPU Speaker Series, Kwantlen Psychology Society Movie Night, and conferences.
* Actively encourage students to join KPS and promote student body participation in KPS hosted social and academic events.

**Ad Hoc Reviews (Journals)**

* Journal of Sex Research\*, Journal of Homosexuality\*, Current Psychology\*, Memory & Cognition\*, Advances in Cognitive Psychology\*, Zeitschrift fuer Psychologie\*, Kwantlen Psychology Student Journal, Sexuality Research and Social Policy\*,
* \*Served as a student co-reviewer with a supervisor as the primary reviewer

**Skills**

**Computer Technology**

* Proficient with a variety of software programs and technology for research related purposes (e.g., statistical analyses, presentations, manuscript writing, graphs, and questionnaires) including IBM Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS), Microsoft Office 365, Prezi, Qualtrics, Adobe Photoshop, audio and video editing software, Sona-Systems, and website design.

**Research**

* Valuable research-oriented skills including development of online surveys, administration of online and in-person surveys and experimental procedures, quantitative and qualitative data analysis and interpretation, data entry and coding, creation of recruitment materials, presentation design, formal report writing, familiarity with Open Science Framework, manuscript reviews, grant applications, research ethics board applications, and completion of Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2).

**Leadership and Interpersonal Skills**

* Adept leadership, communication, organizational, and conflict resolution skills developed through experience as project manager, youth sports coach, and ongoing professional working relationships with faculty, colleagues, and academic peers. These skills include an adaptable leadership style; clear, articulate, and concise communication skills; and inspiring and motivating group members to meet and exceed expectations for tight deadlines and goals.

**References**

Available upon request.

1. This funding opportunity was offered by Western University upon admission but was declined by the recipient. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)