RISHI SARIN

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EDUCATION

PhD Auburn University, Human Development and Family Science August 2024 to Present
Advisor: Dr. Wendy Troop-Gordon

MA Ball State University, Psychological Science Aug 2022 to May 2024
Thesis: Exploring Predictors of Performance and Major Persistence for Men in Female-dominated Majors
Chair: Dr. Katie Lawson

BA IUPUI, Psychology Aug 2018 to May 2022
Minored in Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
GPA: 3.8

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Effects of children's gender socialization on gender inequalities
- Gender, race, stereotypes

PUBLICATIONS

Holtgraves, T., & **Sarin, R.** (2026). That's not what I Meant: Assessing Individual Differences in the Perception of Indirect Meaning. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*. https://doi.org/10.1177/0261927X261500677

Holtgraves, T., **Sarin, R.**, Wood, R., Cronk, E. M., & Mourão, A. J. (2025). Interpreting Microaggressions: The Role of Discourse Context, Recipient Status, and Observers' Political Orientation. *Personality and Social Psychological Bulletin*. https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672251377809

GRANTS

Sarin, R. (2025). *Student Access Grant*. National Council on Family Relations, $500.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Auburn University, Auburn, AL May 2025 to Present
Graduate Research Assistant, OneOp
Supervisor: Dr. Kyle Kostelecky

- Write program evaluation manuscript
- Developed post-tests from OneOp courses
- Data visualization using R

- Record meeting notes
- Create literature reviews
- Conduct outreach to military-youth professionals
- Create quarterly newsletters for conferences
- Ensure infographics meet accessibility compliance
- Take inventory of OneOp merchandise
- Ship packages with OneOp merchandise for conferences

Auburn University, Auburn, AL Aug 2024 to Present
Graduate Research Assistant, Social Indicators Lab
Supervisor: Dr. Silvia Vilches

- Projects
    - Tuning in to Kids™
- Engage and supply ideas in lab meetings
- Create conference abstracts
- Conduct qualitative data cleaning and recoding
- Used confirmatory factor analysis to validate a measure

Ball State University, Muncie, IN Aug 2023 to July 2024
Lab Manager, Communication and Experimental Pragmatics Lab
Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Holtgraves

- Projects (Sponsored by National Science Foundation)
    - Conversational Repair with Emoji in the Digital Realm
    - Interpreting Microaggressions: The Role of Context
    - Processing Diverse Scalar Expressions in Conversational Contexts
    - Successful Communication: Effects of Face-Threat and Culture
    - Artificial Sexism: Unveiling the Gender Bias in Chat GPT
- Strategically assigned and supervised tasks, optimizing workflow efficiency and ensuring timely completion of projects
- Mentored ten research assistants to conduct data collection
- Led lab meetings by discussing current projects, findings, and outlining next steps
- Research project development
- Analyzed data using SPSS
    - t-test, non-parametric chi-square, ANOVA, MANOVA, linear regression, GLM, GLMM
- Organized inter-rater reliability scoring for Conversational Repair and Cross-Cultural studies
    - Helped develop a qualitative coding scheme for over 2,000 qualitative responses in a cross-cultural study
- Contributed to writing a manuscript

Ball State University, Muncie, IN Aug 2022 to May 2023
Graduate Research Assistant, Communication and Experimental Pragmatics Lab
Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Holtgraves

- Projects:

    - Sound and fury; Linguistic analysis of microaggression and aggression tweets
    - Conversational repair in the digital realm
- Research focus: communication
- Conducted human participant data collection
- Actively engaged in and supplied ideas in lab meetings
- Conducted data analysis with SPSS and R
    - t-test, ANOVA, chi-square
- Implemented Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC) to analyze text
- Compiled Tweets from Twitter into a Big Data set
- Network and presented research at regional conferences
- Create conference abstracts

Ball State University, Muncie, IN Aug 2022 to May 2023
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Ritchey's Lab
Supervisor: Dr. Kristin Ritchey

- Project:
    - Generalization Inferences and Working Memory
- Research focus: reading comprehension
- Conducted human participant data collection
- Participated and supply ideas in lab meetings
- Conducted literature review on myth of learning styles

IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN Oct 2019 to Oct 2020
Undergraduate Research Assistant, ASPIRe Lab
Supervisor: Faz Abdul Karim

- Research focus: stereotypes and prejudice
- Conducted literature reviews on threat to gender and masculinity, coping with discrimination, disgust to dehumanization, and Asians and invisibility
- Gathered measures for perception of threat
- Created studies on Qualtrics

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Symposium Presentations

Duah, J. A., Bamigbola, H., **Sarin, R.**, Vilches, S. L. (2025, June). *Effectiveness of a social-emotional parenting education program in a conservative US parenting culture during the COVID-19 Pandemic* [Symposium presentation]. International Conference on Evidence-based Parenting Support.

Sarin, R., Duah, J. A., Bamigbola, H., Vilches, S. L. (2025, June). *Validating the Peer Intelligent Parenting Emotions Scale (PIPES) to Measure Children's Emotion Socialization for University Extension Delivery* [Symposium presentation]. International Conference on Evidence-based Parenting Support.

Poster Presentations

Sarin, R., Cronk, E. M., Mourão, A. J., Wood, R., Holtgraves, T. (2026, February). *Interpreting Microaggressions: Effects of Discourse Context, Race, and Political Orientation* [Poster presentation]. 2026 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Sarin, R., Duah, J. A., Bamigbola, H., Vilches, S. L. (2025, November). *Measuring the effectiveness of an emotion coaching parenting program in the American South* [Poster presentation]. 2025 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, United States.

Sarin, R., Cronk, E. M., Brooks, C. K., Kelly, J., Allen, S., Kriegbaum, C., Hannegan, H., Gick, A., Holtgraves, T. (2024, April). *Do contextually ambiguous emoji elicit repair? A digital interaction study* ✨ [Poster presentation]. 2024 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Wood, R., **Sarin, R.**, Brown, L., Mourão, A. J., Sahni, E., Gick, A., Holtgraves, T. (2024, April). *Processing Diverse Scalar Expressions in Conversational Contexts* [Poster presentation]. 2024 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Sarin, R., Wood, R., Mourão, A. J., Cronk, E. M., Brown, L., Kriegbaum, C., Hannegan, H., Holtgraves, T. (2024, April). *Interpreting Microaggressions: The Role of Context and Individual Differences* [Poster presentation]. 2024 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Mourão, A. J., **Sarin, R.**, Cronk, E. M., Wood, R., Sahni, E., Holtgraves, T. (2024, April). *Successful Communication: Effects of Face-Threat and Culture* [Poster presentation]. 2024 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Cronk, E. M., Allen, S., Kelly, J., Brooks, C. K., **Sarin, R.,** Holtgraves, T. (2024, April). *Artificial Sexism: Unveiling the Gender Bias in Chat GPT* [Poster presentation]. 2024 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Ritchey, K. A., Hill, R., Gonzalez, G., Rieman, M.*, **Sarin, R.***, & Wood, R.* (2023, May). *The Effect of Working Memory and Reading Goal on Inferring Themes from a Text.* [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science: Washington, D.C.

*Student authorship is alphabetical

McRobert, C. P., Sederlund, A., Griffin, Y. A., Cronk, E. M., **Sarin, R.**, Wood, R., Brooks, C. K., Sahni, E., & Holtgraves, T. (2023, April). *Sound and fury; Linguistic analysis*

of microaggression and aggression tweets [Poster presentation]. 2023 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Sederlund, A., Cronk, E. M., Griffin, Y. A., Wood, R., **Sarin, R.**, Brooks, C. K., McRobert, C. P., Sahni, E., Asiama-Sampong, E., & Holtgraves, T. (2023, April). *Conversational repair in the digital realm* [Poster presentation]. 2023 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Sarin, R. & Holtgraves, T. (2023, April 11). *The Indirect Effects of Parental Gender Attitudes on their Children's Income in Adulthood* [Poster presentation]. Twenty-eighth annual Ball State Student Symposium, Muncie, IN, United States.

Paper Presentation, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Awards May 3, 2022

- Presented literature review over the long-term implications of gendered toy use

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Sarin, R., & Hlavaty, K. (2026). *Geographic reach.* OneOp. https://oneop.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2025-Geographic-Reach.pdf

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Auburn University, Auburn, AL Aug 2025 to Dec 2025
Instructor of Record
Course: Professional Development and Ethics

- Develop course lectures
- Create online lecture videos for an online asynchronous course
- Graded and provided feedback on assignments

Auburn University, Auburn, AL Aug 2024 to May 2025
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dr. Kyle Kostelecky
Courses: Lifespan Development, Child Development, Adulthood and Aging, Family Life Education

- Graded and provided feedback on student essays and other assignments
- Presented lectures during Child Development
- Assisted Dr. Kostelecky during in-class activities
- Created appropriate make-up assignments for students
- Mentored three undergraduate TAs on grading responsibilities
- Served as primary communication for students with accommodations

Ball State University, Muncie, IN Aug 2022 to May 2023
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Instructor Vicente Diaz
Course: Sensation and Perception

- Found relevant materials and articles for class

Ball State University, Muncie, IN Aug 2022 to Dec 2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dr. Kristin Ritchey
Courses: First-Year Seminar, Learning

- Provided professor with assistance during class in facilitating group discussions
- Graded essay exam questions

IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN Jan 2020 to May 2020
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Dr. Shenan Kroupa
Course: Lifespan Development

- Assisted the professor to improve functioning of the class
- Organized review sessions to better student performance

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Auburn University, Auburn, AL January 2025 to Present
Graduate Student Organization
Vice President

Ball State University, Muncie, IN August 2023 to Present
Graduate Student Representative

- Attend committee meetings
- Manage social media accounts
- Provide students with relevant program information via social media

IUPUI Bepko Learning Center, Indianapolis, IN Aug 2021 to May 2022
Academic Success Coach

- Mentored students and set goals to help them in school and other areas in life
- Conducted workshops to provide tips to succeed in college
- Managed and organized weekly meetings with students

LEADERSHIP

Graduate Student Organization January 2026 to Present
President

- Serve as primary communicator to graduate students
- Organize events for graduate students

Graduate Student Organization January 2025 to December 2025
Vice President

- Organized events for graduate students

Graduate Student Representative
Psychological Science Representative

- Participated in faculty meetings
- Voiced the needs of graduate students to faculty

- Organized program social media

Asian Student Union Aug 2021 to May 2022
Membership Director
- Facilitated activities during events
- Recorded meeting attendance
- Ensured membership satisfaction

Best Buddies at IUPUI Aug 2020 to May 2022
Vice President
- Assisted president in their duties and organized events

Best Buddies at IUPUI Aug 2019 to May 2020
Secretary
- Recorded meeting minutes
- Coordinated dine to donate events

HONORS AND AWARDS

Auburn University, Auburn, AL Aug 2024 to Present
Graduate Assistantship

Ball State University, Muncie, IN Aug 2022 to July 2024
Graduate Assistantship

IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN Aug 2021 to May 2022
University College Award – Learning Assistantship

IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN Aug 2018 to May 2022
Science Scholars List

IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN Aug 2018 to May 2022
Distinguished Scholarship

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: SPSS, R, Qualtrics, Excel, E-prime

References upon request