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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 2003 – present | Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, California State University, Northridge |
| 2001 – 2003    | Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Psychology, University of Notre Dame    |

## EDUCATION

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| 2001 | Ph. D., Social and Personality Psychology, University of California, Davis |
| 2000 | M.A., Statistics, University of California, Davis                          |
| 1995 | M.A., Psychology, Southern Methodist University                            |
| 1987 | B.A., Psychology, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea                  |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Emotion, culture, personality, and psychological well-being

Individual differences in emotional complexity; cultural differences in emotional complexity, relationship quality, and well-being; In-group advantage in emotion recognition and deception detection, personality change and social adaptation

Social working memory and high-functioning autism/Asperger syndrome

Psychometric issues

Effects of scale formats on the measurement of acculturation; spurious interaction effects in multiple regression; the application of Item Response Theory to cross-cultural studies on self-esteem and optimism

## PUBLICATIONS / MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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**Kang, S.**, Foley, A.\*, & Nunez, G.\* (under review). Relative importance of emotion recognition, agreeableness, and emotional expressivity in relationship quality. (\* Supervised students)

- Lau, A. S., Fung, J. J., Wang, S., & **Kang, S.** (under review). Attunement to others explains ethnic differences in social anxiety: The role of attunement concerns versus competencies.
- Ting, R. S., Dueck, A., Reimer, K., & **Kang, S.** (under review). Who am I talking to? Effect of language on bilingual Chinese self-concept.
- Kang, S.** (2006). Measurement of acculturation, scale formats, and language competence: Their implications for adjustment. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, 37*, 669-693.
- Kang, S.**, Day, J. D., & Meara, N. M. (2006). Soziale und emotionale intelligenz: Gemeinsamkeiten und unterschiede (Social intelligence and emotional intelligence: Starting a conversation about their similarities and differences). In R. Schulze, P. A. Freund, & R. D. Roberts (Eds.), *Emotionale intelligenz: Ein internationales handbuch* (pp. 101-115). Göttingen, Germany: Hogrefe (German edition).
- Kang, S.**, Day, J. D., & Meara, N. M. (2005). Social intelligence and emotional intelligence: Starting a conversation about their similarities and differences. In R. Schulze & R. D. Roberts (Eds.), *Emotional intelligence: An international handbook* (pp. 91-105). Cambridge, MA: Hogrefe & Huber.
- Kang, S.**, & Waller, N. G. (2005). Moderated multiple regression, spurious interaction effects, and IRT. *Applied Psychological Measurement, 29*, 87-105.
- Kang, S.**, & Shaver, P. R. (2004). Individual differences in well-differentiated emotional experience: Their possible psychological implications. *Journal of Personality, 72*, 687-726.
- Kang, S.**, Shaver, P. R., Sue, S., Min, K., & Jing, H. (2003). Culture-specific patterns in the prediction of life satisfaction: Roles of emotion, relationship quality, and self-esteem. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 29*, 1596-1608.
- Zatzick, D. F., **Kang, S.**, Müller, H. G., Russo, J., Rivara, F., Katon, W., Jurkovich, J., & Roy-Byrne, P. (2002). Predicting posttraumatic distress in hospitalized trauma survivors with acute injuries. *American Journal of Psychiatry, 159*, 941-946.
- Zatzick, D. F., **Kang, S.**, Hinton, W. L., Kelly, R. H., Hilty, D., Franz, C. E., Le, L., & Kravitz, R. (2001). Posttraumatic concerns: A patient-centered approach to outcome assessment after traumatic physical injury. *Medical Care, 39*, 327-339.
- Zatzick, D. F., **Kang, S.**, Kim, S., Leigh, P., Kravitz, R., Drake, C., Sue, S., & Wisner, D. (2000). Patients with recognized psychiatric disorders in trauma surgery: Incidence, inpatient length of stay, and cost. *Journal of Trauma, 49*, 487-495.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

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- Coffin, H. R. \*, **Kang, S.**, & Gaulin, S. (2007). Facial cues for paternal investment: Women see what they want. (\* Supervised students)
- Hyde, K. \*, & **Kang, S.** (2007). Culture-specific moral issues and deception detection.
- Kang, S.**, & Lau, A. S. (2007). Out-group advantage in emotion recognition: Social status or methodological confounds?
- Kang, S.**, Nakamura, H., & Liu, Y. (2007). Understanding cross-cultural differences in self-esteem and optimism using a Differential Item Functioning analysis.
- Kang, S.**, & Serobyian, M.\* (2007). Why personality changes? Implications for social adaptation.

## **RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2006 – 2007 Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Awards, California State University, Northridge (CSUN). Research on construct validity of the Multiple Social Tasks. \$5,000
- 2005 – 2006 Social and Behavioral Sciences College Research Competition, CSUN. Research on individual differences in emotional complexity and emotion perception. \$5,000
- 2004 – 2005 Jerome Richfield Scholarship for Research, CSUN. Research on social Intelligence and social working memory. \$10,000
- 2001 – 2003 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship from Multicultural Research Institution, Department of Psychology, University of Notre Dame. Principal investigator. Three research projects were conducted: (1) Measurement issues involved in acculturation processes, (2) cross-cultural differences in emotion recognition, and (3) personality changes and their implications for social adaptation. \$80,000
- 2000 – 2001 Pacific Research Program, Office of the President, University of California. Principal investigator. This research was designed to explore cultural differences in emotional experience and their possible implications for Asian immigrants' adjustment and psychological well-being. \$33,000
- 2001 American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award. \$1,000

## PENDING RESEARCH GRANT

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### 1 SC2 GM082211-01

#### NIH Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Pilot Project Award (SC2)

Project Title: Multiple Social Tasks and Social Adjustment

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Co-Mentors: Dr. Peter Salovey (Yale University)

Dr. Fred R. Volkmar (Yale University)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Coffin, H. R.\*, Harper, M. L.\*, McNeeley, M.\*, & **Kang, S.** (May, 2007). Facial cues for paternal investment: Women see what they want. Poster presented at the at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society conference, Williamsburg, VA. (\* Supervised students)
- Wang, S., Lau, A.S., Tao, X.T., & **Kang, S.** (May, 2007). *Gender differences in emotion recognition on three test conditions*. Poster presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington D.C.
- Wang, S., Fung, J., Lau, A. S., & **Kang, S.** (August, 2007). *Personality traits mediate ethnic differences in social adjustment*. Poster presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Nunez, G.\*, Foley, A.\*, Hyde, K.\*, & **Kang, S.** (April, 2006). *Cultural differences in emotion recognition in multicultural society: Out-group advantage or methodological confounds?* Poster presented at the 86th annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Palm Springs, California.
- Dirlic, I.\*, Miyahara, R.\*, Johartchi, T.\*, & **Kang, S.** (April, 2006). *Affiliation to one's culture of origin and attitudes towards interracial couples*. Poster presented at the 86th annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Palm Springs, California.
- Foley, A.\*, Nunez, G.\*, & **Kang, S.** (January, 2006). *Relative importance of empathic accuracy, emotional expressivity, and agreeableness in predicting relationship quality*. Poster presented at the 7th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, California.
- Kang, S.**, Preston, N.\*, & Baker, S.\* (April, 2005). *Relative importance of emotional sensitivity in predicting relationship quality*. Poster presented at the 85th annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Kang, S.** (August, 2004). *Cultural differences in predicting life satisfaction: Roles of relationship quality and optimism*. Paper presented at the 17th International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Xian, China.

- Kang, S.** (August, 2004). *Acculturation and measurement: Implications for adjustment among Asian-Americans*. Paper presented at the 28th International Congress of Psychology, Beijing, China.
- Kang, S., & Shaver, P. R.** (February, 2003). *Assessing individual differences in emotional experience: Further evidence of the construct validity of the range and differentiation of emotional experience scale*. Poster presented at the 4th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Los Angeles, California.
- Kang, S.** (July, 2002). *Culture-specific patterns in the prediction of life satisfaction: Roles of emotion, relationship quality, and self-esteem*. Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- Kang, S.** (May, 2001). *Cultural differences in interpersonal relationships and life-satisfaction: Roles of emotion*. Poster presented at the 2001 annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Maui, Hawaii.
- Kang, S., & Waller, N. G.** (August, 2000). *Measurement levels and spurious interaction effects*. Poster presented at the 108th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Kang, S., & Shaver, P. R.** (February, 2000). *Individual differences in well-differentiated emotional experience: Their possible implications*. Poster presented at the 1st annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Chang, S. B., Sue, S., & **Kang, S.** (August, 1999). *Perceived oppression and in-group cohesion in Asian-Americans*. Poster presented at the 107th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Kang, S., & Pennebaker, J. W.** (August, 1995). *The function of emotional vocabulary: Is it beneficial or not?* Poster presented at the 103rd annual meeting of the American Psychological Association: New York, NY.

## AD HOC REVEIWER

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Journal of Personality and Social Psychology  
Journal of Personality  
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin  
Journal of Research in Personality  
Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology  
Journal of Happiness  
Journal of Multicultural Counseling & Development

## **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology  
American Psychological Society  
American Psychological Association  
Western Psychological Association

## **SKILLS**

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- 1) Computer programming language: Fortran and Visual Basic
- 2) Statistical Software: S-Plus, R, SPSS, SAS, LISREL, and EQS
- 3) The IRT Software: BILOG