

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **I. Educational and Employment Data**

#### **Academic Preparation:**

| <b>Institution</b>         | <b>Area of Study</b>     | <b>Dates</b>                 | <b>Degree</b>               |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Walden University          | Psychology (Self-Design) | June 2020 - August 2024      | PhD in Psychology           |
| University of Cambridge    | Criminological Research  | September 2013 - August 2014 | M.Phil.                     |
| Wilfrid Laurier University | Social Work              | September 2005 - June 2009   | Master of Social Work (MSW) |
| York University            | Sociology                | September 2001 - June 2004   | Specialized Honours B.A.    |

#### **Academic Employment:**

| <b>Institution</b>       | <b>Position</b>                        | <b>Dates</b>                    |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Western State University | Faculty Lecturer                       | March 2022 - Present            |
| Yorkville University     | Adjunct Professor of Psychology        | October 2022 - July 2023        |
| St. Clair College        | College Professor, Social Service Work | September 2014 - September 2017 |
| Academy of Learning      | Instructor, Community Social Work      | January 2011 - January 2013     |

#### **Related Experience or Employment:**

| <b>Employer</b>                              | <b>Position</b>                   | <b>Dates</b>           |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Resilience Counselling and Coaching Services | Clinical Director                 | July 2010 - Present    |
| Vancouver Island Health Authority            | Acute Care Social Worker (Casual) | March 2014 - July 2016 |

## **II. Professional Responsibilities and Service**

### **University Level Courses Taught:**

- Personality Theories
- Clinical Psychopathology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Experimental Psychology
- Crisis Intervention
- Cognitive Psychology
- Practicum Skills

### **Other Departmental Responsibilities & Activities:**

- Course development and curriculum design
- Academic mentoring and student supervision
- Participation in accreditation processes and departmental reviews
- Engagement in academic committees and program evaluations

### **University and Community Service:**

- DAC Committee, Psi Chi International Honors Society
- Human Rights and Social Justice Committee, Canadian Psychological Association
- Editorial Board, International Journal of Psychological and Brain Sciences
- Patient Research Advisory Board for Endometriosis
- Executive Board Member, Criminal Justice Association of Ontario

## **III. Professional Certifications**

- Registered Social Worker (OCSWSSW) – July 2010
- Accredited Family Mediator (OAFM) – November 2023
- Mental Health First Aid Instructor (MHCC) – May 2014
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) – February 2014

## **IV. Awards and Other Commendations**

- Inspirational Leadership Award, Ontario Association of Social Workers
- Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Diplomatic Mission for Global Peace

### **Selected Publications:**

- Puri, V. (2024). Judicial Perspectives on Sentencing Mentally Ill Violent Offenders in New York. Dissertations & Theses @ Walden University; ProQuest One Academic.
- Puri, V. (2024). Integrating Neuroscience and Social Work in Therapeutic Jurisprudence International Journal of Law and Society, Science Publishing Group
- Puri, V. (2022). Causes of Aggression. Therapeutic Jurisprudence Centre-AUGP USA.
- Puri, V. (2022). What is the Relationship between Social Work and ADR/FDR? Family Dispute Resolution Institute.

### **Selected Presentations**

1. **Puri, V.** The Intersection of Mental Health and Criminal Justice: Perspectives on Sentencing Mentally Ill Offenders. Presented at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress, University of Barcelona, July 2024
2. **Puri, V.** Culturally Adapted CBT for Newcomers. Presented at the Social Work and Social Development World Congress, Panama City, April 2024
3. **Puri, V.** The Role of Social Work in Addressing Mental Health Disparities Among Marginalized Populations. Keynote address at the National Social Work Conference, Toronto, ON. November, 2022
4. **Puri, V.** Innovative Teaching Strategies for Diverse Learners in Psychology Education. Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC.
5. **Puri, V.** Integrating Mindfulness-Based Practices in Clinical Settings: A Case Study Approach. Workshop at the Canadian Association of Social Workers Annual Symposium, Ottawa, ON, November 2021
6. **Puri, V.** Supporting Students with Disabilities: Strategies for Inclusive Teaching. Workshop at the Educational Equity Conference, Toronto, ON. May, 2020

### **VI. Language Proficiency**

- Fluent in English, Punjabi, Hindi, and conversational French.