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**Self-Introduction:**

I am first year doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology program under the mentorship of Dr. Helen Neville. My interests focus on Critical Race Theory, radical hope, decoloniality, South Asian American Identity, Shi'ism, as well as speculative thought. Prior to beginning my doctoral degree, I earned my MA in religious studies from the University of Chicago, where I also received a graduate certificate from the Graduate Program on Health Care Administration and Policy. I received my BA in Educational Studies and Psychology from Swarthmore College. Between my undergraduate and graduate studies, I worked in the Intercultural Engagement Programme at Yale-NUS College in Singapore.

Outside of academics, I enjoy rooting for Wisconsin professional sports teams, as well as browsing any bookstore I can find. I live with my cat Eeyore, who tolerates me."