

Examining Racial Diversity: Situational Influences and Strategic Concerns in Intergroup Interaction

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A social psychologist, interested in issues related to stereotyping, prejudice, and group diversity, Dr. Sommers' research focuses on two general (often overlapping) topics:

1. race and social perception, judgment, and interaction
2. the intersection of psychology and law

In 2008 he received the Saleem Shah Award for Early Career Excellence from the American Psychology-Law Society. In 2009 he was named Tufts University Professor of the Year by the Tufts Student Senate. In addition to authoring more than two dozen publications on issues related to race and diversity, he has served as an expert witness on multiple occasions, including capital trials in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, and Texas.

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