

Dr. Khyati Yogeshkumar Joshi

Khyati Y. Joshi is a public intellectual whose social science research and community connections inform policy-makers, educators, and everyday people about race, religion, and immigration in 21st century America. She has lectured around the world and published ground-breaking scholarly and popular work in her field, while also serving as an advisor to policy-makers and a leader in the South Asian American community. She is a Professor of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University and a social science researcher whose work focuses on the intersections of race and religion in the United States. She frequently consults with school districts, independent schools, the judiciary, non-profit organizations, faith communities, and business on fostering equity and inclusion. She has presented her research around the world, including at the White House and for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Dr. Joshi is the author and co-editor of *Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice*, 3rd edition (Routledge, 2016) and of *New Roots in America's Sacred Ground: Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in Indian America* (Rutgers U. Press, 2006), for which she earned the National Association for Multicultural Education's 2007 Philip C. Chinn Book Award. She is co-editor of the anthologies *Asian Americans in Dixie: Race and Migration in the South* (University of Illinois Press, 2013) and *Understanding Religious Oppression and Christian Privilege* (Sense Publishers, 2008). She has authored or co-authored chapters on topics touching racial and religious oppression, immigration and globalization, and second-generation Indian Americans in such collections as *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*(2018); *Sustaining Faith Traditions* (NYU Press, 2012); *Readings for Diversity and Social Justice*, 2nd ed. (Routledge, 2010); *The Blackwell Companion to Religion in America* (2009); and *Faith In America* (2007).

Dr. Joshi was the Religion, Schools and Society section editor for the *Encyclopedia on Diversity in Education*, edited by James Banks (Sage Publications, 2012); co-edited a special issue of *Amerasia Journal* on Religion And Asian America (2012); and was guest editor of *Equity and Excellence in Education* (2006). Her forthcoming book *Building a More Perfect Union* examines the intersections of race and religion in U.S. history and contemporary social culture and offers prescriptions for policy-makers and educators on perfecting the American experiment in trying times.

Prof. Joshi has presented her research on Hindu American communities at the White House, through its Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and was invited to address the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), in Vienna, on the racialization of religion, particularly Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam, as it relates to the development of policies to prevent and combat hate crimes in the 56 countries in the OSCE region. In 2013, she was an invited panelist for “Preparing for 2050: The changing face of Race in America” at Yale University’s Arts and Ideas Festival, which was broadcast on C-Span. She has lectured before university audiences in Aarhus, Denmark; Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and Patan, India; Beirut and Balamand, Lebanon; and across the United States. She has presented and moderated keynote and panel presentations at one or more annual conferences of the Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS), American Academy of Religion (AAR), American Educational Research Association (AERA), Asian Pacific American Religion Research Initiative (APARRI), American Studies Association (ASA), Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE), and National Association of Multicultural Educators (NAME).

Dr. Joshi is a sought-after speaker who has provided professional development to educators across the U.S., continuing legal and judicial education programs, and popular public lectures for parents and community leaders. She provides professional development for educational institutions throughout the United States on topics related to immigrants in schools, race in education, and religion and public schools. She has consulted and advised public and independent schools and school associations, including as the primary facilitator of multi-day summer and school-year professional development programming for the New York and New Jersey Associations of Independent Schools (NYSAIS and NJAIS), the American Conference on Diversity (ACOD), and the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VCIC), and numerous public school systems in the eastern United States. She has delivered continuing judicial education (CJE) and continuing legal education (CLE) presentations at New Jersey's Judicial College and for judges, judicial staff, and lawyers in numerous New Jersey vicinages. She was a featured speaker at the state-wide NJ Women's March 2018 and has delivered workshops and community talks through such organizations as Emerge NJ; the Religion News Writers Association (MN); the Sri Venkateshwara Temple in Bridgewater, NJ; the South Orange-Maplewood Community Coalition on Race and many others.

Prof. Joshi was a consultant for the Pew Research Forum's groundbreaking 2015 survey on Asian Americans and Religion, and is member and past Co-Chair (2008-2011) of the managing board for the Asian Pacific American Religion Research Initiative (APARRI). In 2017, she participated in the Teaching and Learning Colloquy for Mid-Career Asian/Asian North American Religion and Theology Faculty. Earlier in her career, she was selected to participate in the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion's multi-year program for young scholars.

Dr. Joshi maintains broad and deep ties to South Asian American communities in New Jersey and beyond, not only as a researcher but also as a political organizer. She has advised United States Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez, Governor Phil Murphy, and other elected officials on issues affecting the Indian and South Asian American communities. She served on the Bipartisan Commission for Women's Appointments for Governor-elect Murphy, and is co-chair of the South Asian American Caucus of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. In 2017, she also co-founded ISAAW—Inspiring South Asian American Women. In 2016, she was a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Dr. Joshi's work has earned her numerous recognitions, including the Glorious India Award (2017) and recognition in the accompanying book *NRIs of America*, recognition as one of Emerge New Jersey's 2017 Women Of Achievement, inclusion in Roshni: The Light of South Asia's book *Global & Emerging Leaders*, the Humanitarian Award from the Greater Bergen Chapter of the American Conference On Diversity (2012), and the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award from The Walker School Alumni Association (2006).

Professor Joshi earned her doctorate in Social Justice Education at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She received a Masters in Theological Studies from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and a B.A. in Religion and B.S. in Biology from Emory University. She also pursued post-graduate studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and participated in the Summer Seminar for Educators at Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, in Israel. At Fairleigh Dickinson, Dr. Joshi received the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship and was the

University's 2015 Convocation speaker. Before joining the faculty at FDU, Dr. Joshi was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race at Columbia University, where for two years she taught Asian American Studies and Comparative Ethnic Studies. She also taught in the American Studies program at Princeton University.

Often contacted by journalists, Professor Joshi has appeared on *C-Span*, has been interviewed on PRI's *The World* and Danish Public Radio, and been quoted in *New York Times*, *The Times of India*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, *Deseret News*, the *Boston Globe*, *Voice of America*, the *Houston Chronicle*, *India Abroad*, the *Saint Louis Dispatch*, the *Star Ledger*, *The Tennessean*, and *The Record* (New Jersey).

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