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AT A GLANCE (Short Bio)

Dr. Khyati Y. Joshi is an author, educator, and public intellectual whose work examines the intersecting issues of race, religion, and immigration in the United States. A Professor in the School of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University and founder of the Institute for Teaching Diversity and Social Justice, she is the author or editor of six books, including *White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America*. Her research has been presented at the White House and featured on MSNBC, CBS, and C-SPAN, and quoted in the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. She lives in New Jersey with her husband and son.

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Growing up as a brown Hindu girl in Atlanta, Georgia, shaped Dr. Joshi's scholarship and enduring commitment to justice. She earned her doctorate in Social Justice Education from the University of Massachusetts–Amherst, a Master's in Theological Studies from the Candler School of Theology, and a B.A. in Religion from Emory University, with post-graduate study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Yad Vashem.

As a writer and researcher steeped in theory and scholarship, who has also led hundreds of workshops with thousands of participants, Dr. Joshi combines academic rigor with a conversational, accessible voice. After more than two decades of teaching — including earlier posts at Columbia University and Princeton University — she draws on lived experience and the communities she has worked with to make complex research resonate with any audience, from courtrooms to classrooms to corporate boardrooms.

Dr. Joshi is a member and past Co-Chair of the managing board of the *Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI)*, and serves as co-Principal Investigator on two Luce Foundation grants totaling \$1.5 million to support scholarship and promote public engagement on the religious realities of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

In 2007, she founded the *Institute for Teaching Diversity and Social Justice (IDSJ)*, which has since brought anti-bias and social justice training to school districts, universities, law firms, healthcare systems, and Fortune 500 companies nationwide. She has presented at the Yale Divinity School, Duke University, the federal Bureau of Prisons, the New Jersey State Bar Association, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna, among many others. In 2010, she delivered her research on Hindu American communities at the White House, and in 2019 she co-authored Jersey Promise's *Report on the State of Asian Americans in New Jersey*.

She has appeared on MSNBC, CBS, BNC (the Black News Channel), C-Span, and India's NDTV news network. Her work has been quoted in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Boston Globe*, and she writes on "Living Religion" for Religion News Service. Her honors include the Philip C. Chinn Book Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education and the Distinguished Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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