



# Virtual Salon 2021-22

Through a series of monthly online events, free and open to the public, the SQIP Virtual Salon brings together qualitative researchers from all over the world to share ideas and enjoy community, collegiality, and inspiration. The salons are held monthly through the 2021-22 academic year. Each event lasts 90-120 minutes, featuring presentations and conversations on a theme as well as Q&A.

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## Virtual Salon #4: Thursday February 24th, 8:00-9:30PM ET

### Ethnography in Psychological Research

**PANELISTS: Elizabeth Fein, Sunil Bhatia, Jonathan Yahalom, Patricia Greenfield, Talia Weiner**

Ethnography is a research practice characterized by engagement and immersion into the particular life-worlds of a social group or groups, in order to better understand and convey something about that world and its participants. While ethnography is a popular research method in the social sciences, it has historically been overlooked in psychological research. Nevertheless, ethnography provides critical access to many of psychology's most pressing questions about culture, development and social life – dimensions of human experience that are fundamentally embedded in broader social and material contexts. This Salon is hosted by the authors of the forthcoming chapter, "Ethnography In Psychological Research" in the **APA Handbook of Research Methods in Psychology**. It will bring together leading researchers in psychology to discuss the relevance of ethnography and how it can be used during psychological research. Topics that will be discussed include: choosing and arranging a site, field-note taking and participant observation, ethnographic interviewing, ethics and negotiating relationships in the field, data analysis and ethnographic writing.

**Elizabeth Fein**, Ph.D, is Associate Professor and Chair of Psychology at Duquesne University. She is the author of *Living on the Spectrum: Autism and Youth in Community* (NYU Press, 2020) and co-editor with Clarice Rios of *Autism in Translation: An Intercultural Conversation on Autism Spectrum Conditions* (Palgrave, 2018).

**Jonathan Yahalom**, Ph.D., is a health sciences assistant clinical professor at UCLA School of Medicine and a licensed clinical psychologist at the US Department of Veterans Affairs. He is currently engaged in a study on the treatment of military sexual trauma among veteran men and is author to the book, *Caring for the People of the Clouds: Aging and Dementia in Oaxaca* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2019).

**Sunil Bhatia**, Ph.D., is Professor of Human Development at Connecticut College, USA. He specializes in understanding the development of self and identity within the context of racism, migration, globalization and formation of transnational diasporas. Bhatia has published on issues related to transnational migration, decolonizing psychology, identity and cultural psychology.

**Talia Weiner**, LPC, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of West Georgia. Her presentation will focus on ethical and methodological topics in the context of her clinical ethnographic research among mental health service users, clinicians, and activists for her forthcoming book, *Home of the Blues: The Political Economy of Mood Disorder Self-Management in 21st Century Chicago*.

**Patricia Greenfield**, Ph.D., is Distinguished Professor of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles, and Visiting Scholar, Department of Human Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University. Using ethnographic examples from her own psychology research, her presentation will focus on ethnography as participant observation, how to create a participant role, and ways of adapting this anthropological method for use in psychology research.