

## **Dr. Khyati Yogeshkumar Joshi**

Khyati Y. Joshi is an Associate Professor of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Prior to joining the faculty at Fairleigh Dickinson, 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.

Dr. Joshi is the author of the book *New Roots in America's Sacred Ground: Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in Indian America* (Rutgers University Press, 2006), which was awarded the National Association for Multicultural Education's 2007 Philip C. Chinn Book Award. She is co-editor of *Understanding Religious Oppression and Christian Privilege* (Sense Publishers, 2008) and *Improbable Southerners: Asian Americans in the South* (University of Georgia Press, 2011). She has co-authored chapters on religious oppression and immigration, racism and globalization for the second editions of both *Readings for Diversity and Social Justice* (Routledge, 2010) and *Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice* (Routledge, 2007). Her forthcoming work includes a chapter on second-generation Hindu Americans in an upcoming anthology on race, religion and second-generation Americans (New York University Press, 2011).

In 2009, Dr. Joshi was invited to address the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, Austria, 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 2011, she delivered a plenary address at *The International Conference on Celebrating 50 years of Swarnim Gujarat and the role of Gujarati Diaspora at North Gujarat University*, sponsored by the Government of India, the conference brought together leading scholars on the Indian experience from the U.S., United Kingdom, Asia, Africa, and the Pacific islands. She is a member of the United Nations Committee on the Freedom of Religion.

In New Jersey, Dr. Joshi has provided testimony before the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Immigration, has been a member of the Governor's Asian American Commission since 2005, and served on the New Jersey Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Commission from 2006 to 2008. Dr. Joshi provides consultation and professional development for educational institutions throughout the United States on topics related to immigrants in schools, race in education, and religion and public schools.

Her recent academic presentations in the U.S. include an invited paper on "Religion and Globalization" at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and a paper on "Second Generation A and B" at the Association of Asian American Studies (AAAS). Dr. Joshi has also presented papers on a regular basis at one or more annual conferences of the following scholarly organizations: American Studies Association (ASA), American Educational Research Association (AERA), National Association of Multicultural Educators (NAME), and the Asian Pacific American Religion Research Initiative (APARRI).

Professor Joshi is member of the managing board for the Asian Pacific American Religion Research Initiative (APARRI) and is on the editorial board for *Religion and Education in the Public Sphere*. She is also the Religion, Schools And Society section editor for the *Encyclopedia on Diversity in Education* (Sage Publications) edited by James Banks.

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 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.

Often contacted by journalists, Professor Joshi has been quoted in *The Times of India*, the *Washington Post*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *Saint Louis Dispatch*, *The Tennessean*, and the *Daily Record* of New Jersey. She resides in Wayne, New Jersey, with her husband and son.