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Brief (1 paragraph) summary of professional interests:

Dr. Shira Gabriel is a Professor of Psychology at SUNY, University at Buffalo. She studies how social surrogates fill belonging needs, the relationship of religion to the social self, and the importance of immersion in large crowds for well-being. Dr. Gabriel received her PhD in Social Psychology from Northwestern University in 2000.

Representative publications (no more than five):

- Leary, M. R. & Gabriel, S. (in press). The Relentless Pursuit of Acceptance and Belonging. *Advances in Motivational Science*.
- Paravati, E., Naidu, E., & Gabriel, S. (2021). From “love actually” to love, actually: The sociometer takes every kind of fuel. *Self and Identity* 20, 6-24.
- Gabriel, S., Naidu, E., Paravati, E., Morrison, C. D., & Gainey, K. (2020). Creating the sacred from the profane: Collective effervescence and everyday activities. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 15(1), 129–154.
- Gabriel, S., Valenti, J., & Young, A. F. (2016). Watching, Reading, and Eating Your Way to Belonging: Symbolic Social Relationships and the Social Self. *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*, 53, 189-243.
- Gabriel, S. & Gardner, W. L. (1999). Are there “his” and “hers” types of interdependence? Implications of gender differences in collective and relational interdependence for affect, behavior, and cognition. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 77, 642-655

Representative honors or awards (no more than five):

- Fellow of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*
- President of the *International Society for Self & Identity*
- President Elect of *The Society of Experimental Social Psychology* (President year will be 2023 – the year before this term).
- Editor (2015-2019) *Self and Identity*
- Editor (2018-2020) *Character and Context*

Involvement in MPA:

MPA was the first professional organization I joined and the first conference I attended. My first conference was during my first year of graduate school in 1996 (Yikes! That was a long time ago). My poster was printed out on regular paper with a different color construction paper framing each sheet. Very fancy! Since that auspicious start, I have attended every conference (save for the years after each of my kids was born). After standing by many posters and then giving more than a few 15 minutes talks at terrible times, I gave invited talks, an invited symposium and spoke at a couple of organized symposia. I have watched countless graduate students hit it out of the park on their MPA talks. I recently served on program committee. I love MPA.