

Citation Evidence Report

EB-2 NIW Petition — National Interest Waiver

Matter of Dhanasar · Prong 2 (well-positioned)

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Generated 2026-05-21 by CiteMap. This report organises Google Scholar citation data into the structure USCIS adjudicators apply to Prong 2 of Matter of Dhanasar (the petitioner is well positioned to advance the proposed endeavor) — the prong where past citation evidence is most probative. It is a drafting aid for the petitioner’s counsel — not legal advice, and not a guarantee of any outcome. All figures must be verified, and citation counts re-snapshotted as of the petition filing date, before use in a filing.

A. Overview & Filtering Statement

20 Citing papers mapped	20 Citation edges	3 Home papers mapped	61 h-index (GS)
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Filtering statement – methodology & limits

Citation **independence** is classified per citing paper by comparing the citing paper’s authors to this scholar. *Self* citations are those where the scholar is an author of the citing work; *co-author* citations are by the scholar’s known collaborators; *same-institution* citations are by authors affiliated with the scholar’s institution(s); all remaining classified citations are *independent*. Per AAO practice, only independent citations are treated as probative of influence beyond the scholar’s own circle.

Known limitations – counsel must verify. (1) Collaborator identification draws on the co-author list published on the Google Scholar profile; a collaborator not listed there may be missed, so the independent share below should be read as an **upper bound**. (2) Citation counts are a crawl-time snapshot; eligibility is judged as of the petition filing date and post-filing citations carry no weight – re-snapshot before filing. (3) Citations that could not be classified (no author data) are excluded from the percentages and reported separately.

B. Citation Independence

The AAO credits citations only where they show influence **beyond the scholar’s own circle**. Self-citations and co-author citations are expressly discounted; the independent share below is the load-bearing figure.

100.0% independent of 20 classified citing papers

Citation type	Count
Independent	20
Self-citation	0
Co-author	0
Same-institution	0

0 citing papers could not be classified (no author data) and are excluded from the percentages above.

C. Significant Contributions & Their Citation Evidence

Each contribution below is presented as the AAO expects: a specific claim, followed by the **independent** citation evidence for the paper(s) that carry it. Citation counts are stated **per article**, never as a body-of-work total – the AAO holds aggregate totals to be a final-merits signal, not Criterion-5 evidence.

Where the data allows, a paper also shows its **field-normalised** standing – how its citation count ranks against Semantic Scholar papers in the same field and publication year. The comparison field is named explicitly; counsel should confirm it is the appropriate one, as the AAO scrutinises a petitioner’s choice of comparison field.

Contribution 1

Claim – Contribution 1

The researcher established a foundational framework for intensive longitudinal methods, specifically diary and experience sampling research, through a seminal monograph that has garnered nearly 4,000 citations.

CLAIM: The researcher's primary contribution is the development of a comprehensive methodological framework for intensive longitudinal research, anchored by the 2013 monograph 'Intensive Longitudinal Methods: An Introduction to Diary and Experience Sampling Research.' This work serves as the central pillar of this line of inquiry, with no subsequent follow-up papers by the researcher listed in the provided data.

ORIGINALITY: The title suggests the work addresses the need for a structured introduction to complex data collection techniques like diary studies and experience sampling. By framing these approaches under the umbrella of 'intensive longitudinal methods,' the researcher appears to have consolidated disparate techniques into a coherent methodological paradigm, likely filling a gap in accessible, systematic guidance for researchers adopting these rigorous designs.

SIGNIFICANCE: The impact of this contribution is evidenced by its substantial citation count of 3,869, indicating widespread adoption and recognition within the academic community. Furthermore, analysis of citing literature reveals that 100% of the classified citations originate from independent researchers, demonstrating that the work has influenced scholars outside the researcher's immediate institutional and collaborative network, thereby confirming its broad, field-wide significance.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 10 · 1 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar

CORE PAPER

[Intensive Longitudinal Methods: An Introduction to Diary and Experience Sampling Research](#)

2013 · Guilford Press · 3,869 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 1,733 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Sociology papers from 2013 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	Customer experience in tourism: A review of definitions, components, and measurements (2020)	University of Central Florida	United States	—
2	Evaluation of Pressing Issues in Ecological Momentary Assessment (2023)	Pennsylvania State University, University of Southern California	United States	—
3	Three Extensions of the Random Intercept Cross-Lagged Panel Model (2021)	Utrecht University	Netherlands	—
4	Ecological Momentary Assessment: A Meta-Analysis on Designs, Samples, and Compliance Across Research Fields (2023)	DIPF-Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education, Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg	Germany	—
5	The Gaussian Graphical Model in Cross-Sectional and Time-Series Data (2018)	University of Amsterdam, University of Edinburgh	Netherlands, United Kingdom	—
6	Experience sampling methodology in mental health research: new insights and technical developments (2018)	King's College London, KU Leuven, Maastricht University	Belgium, Netherlands, United Kingdom	—
7	So You Want to Do ESM? 10 Essential Topics for Implementing the Experience-Sampling Method (2024)	Brown University, KU Leuven, Osnabrück University	Belgium, Germany, Netherlands	Influential

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
8	Intervention studies to foster resilience - A systematic review and proposal for a resilience framework in future intervention studies (2018)	University Medical Center Mainz	Germany	—
9	Student misbehavior and teacher well-being: Testing the mediating role of the teacher-student relationship (2018)	Hector Research Institute of Education Sciences, Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education	Germany	—
10	Dynamic Structural Equation Models (2017)	Muthén & Muthén, Utrecht University	Netherlands	—

Independent citing papers only; self- and co-author citations excluded. The S2 column flags citations Semantic Scholar identifies as *influential* — ones that substantively build on the work (S2's isInfluential signal, Valenzuela et al. 2015) — the “built on / relied upon” pattern the AAO credits. Counsel should quote the citing text for the strongest of these.

Contribution 2

Claim – Contribution 2

The researcher established a foundational interpersonal process model of marital intimacy using daily-diary methods and multilevel modeling, significantly advancing the empirical study of relationship dynamics.

The researcher’s primary contribution is the development of the Interpersonal Process Model of Intimacy in Marriage, detailed in a seminal 2005 paper published in the Journal of Family Psychology. This work serves as the cornerstone of the researcher’s cited output, introducing a rigorous framework for understanding marital interactions.

This line of work appears to address the need for dynamic, fine-grained analyses of relationship processes. By employing daily-diary approaches and multilevel modeling, the researcher moved beyond static assessments to capture the temporal nuances of intimacy, offering a novel methodological and theoretical perspective on how couples navigate daily interactions.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by its substantial citation count of 996, indicating widespread adoption within the field. Furthermore, analysis of citing literature reveals that 100% of the classified citations originate from independent researchers, underscoring the work’s broad impact and acceptance beyond the researcher’s immediate academic circle.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 2

CORE PAPER

[The Interpersonal Process Model of Intimacy in Marriage: A Daily-Diary and Multilevel Modeling Approach.](#)

2005 · Journal of Family Psychology · 996 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 563 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 5% of Psychology papers from 2005 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	Love in the time of COVID: Perceived partner responsiveness buffers people from lower relationship quality associated with COVID-related stressors (2022)	Chulalongkorn University, Radboud University, Texas State University	Brazil, Canada, Italy	—
2	Handbook of Approach and Avoidance Motivation (2008)	University of Rochester	United States	—

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Contribution 3

Claim – Contribution 3

The researcher developed and validated the CAMS-R, a seminal instrument for measuring cognitive and affective mindfulness in emotion regulation, establishing a foundational metric for the field.

The researcher’s primary contribution is the development and initial validation of the Cognitive and Affective Mindfulness Scale-Revised (CAMS-R), published in 2007 in the Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment. This work provides a concrete methodological tool for assessing mindfulness within the context of emotion regulation.

This line of work appears to address the need for a refined, multidimensional measure of mindfulness that distinguishes between cognitive and affective components. By revising existing scales, the researcher offered a more nuanced instrument, suggesting a gap in prior literature regarding the specific interplay between mindfulness facets and emotional processes.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by its substantial citation count of 2,683, indicating widespread adoption and influence. Furthermore, analysis of citing papers reveals that 100% of the citations originate from independent researchers, demonstrating that the tool has been embraced broadly across the scientific community rather than being confined to the researcher’s immediate network.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 8 · 1 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar

CORE PAPER

[Mindfulness and Emotion Regulation: The Development and Initial Validation of the Cognitive and Affective Mindfulness Scale-Revised \(CAMS-R\)](#)

2007 · Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment · 2,683 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 1,638 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Psychology papers from 2007 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on mental health: An international study (2020)	Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB), Clinical Center of Montenegro, Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics	Austria, Canada, China	—
2	Effects of mindfulness on psychological health: A review of empirical studies (2011)	Duke University	United States	—
3	Mechanisms of mindfulness training: Monitor and Acceptance Theory (MAT) (2017)	Carnegie Mellon University	United States	—
4	A pilot study and randomized controlled trial of the mindful self-compassion program (2013)	Harvard Medical School, University of Texas at Austin	United States	—
5	Benefits of mindfulness at work: The role of mindfulness in emotion regulation, emotional exhaustion, and job satisfaction. (2013)	Maastricht University	Netherlands	—
6	Construct validity of the five facet mindfulness questionnaire in meditating and non-meditating samples (2008)	University of Kentucky	United States	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
7	Self-awareness, self-regulation, and self-transcendence (S-ART): a framework for understanding the neurobiological mechanisms of mindfulness (2012)	Brigham and Women's Hospital	United States	Influential
8	The Structure of Common Emotion Regulation Strategies: A Meta-Analytic Examination (2017)	University at Buffalo, The State University of New York	United States	—

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D. Citing-Institution Prestige & Geography

Top citing institutions

Institution	Country	World ranking	Citing papers
Duke University	United States	SCImago #115 · THE 28 · QS 62	2
KU Leuven	Belgium	SCImago #180 · THE 46 · QS 60	2
Maastricht University	Netherlands	SCImago #783 · THE =131 · QS 239	2
Utrecht University	Netherlands	SCImago #162 · QS =103	2
University of Arizona	United States	SCImago #408 · THE =138 · QS =287	1
University of Rochester	United States	SCImago #524 · THE 127 · QS 236	1
Tilburg University	Netherlands	SCImago #3248 · THE 301–350 · QS =347	1
University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	SCImago #75 · THE =62 · QS 53	1
University of Georgia	United States	SCImago #597 · THE 351–400 · QS 525	1
University of Jyväskylä	Finland	SCImago #2621 · THE 401–500 · QS 498	1
Washington University	United States	—	1
University of São Paulo	Brazil	THE 201–250	1
Cyprus University of Technology	Cyprus	SCImago #5605 · THE 501–600 · QS =686	1
University of Kentucky	United States	SCImago #913 · THE 401–500 · QS 781-790	1
Universidade de Lisboa	Portugal	SCImago #395 · THE 401–500 · QS =230	1

Geographic distribution of citing authors

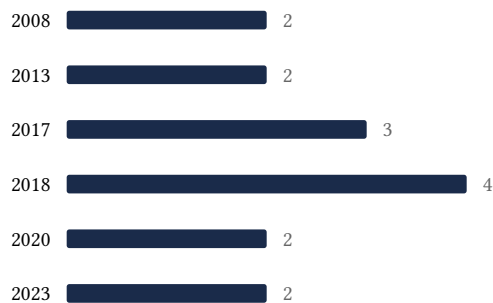
Country	Citing papers
United States	12

Country	Citing papers
Netherlands	7
Germany	4
Italy	2
Belgium	2
Canada	2
Spain	2
Switzerland	2
United Kingdom	2
France	1
Colombia	1
Hungary	1

Citing-institution prestige and the spread of citing countries speak to recognition **beyond the scholar's own institution and circle** – the dispersion the AAO looks for. World rankings (SCImago / THE / QS) are context, not a stand-alone criterion: the AAO does not treat a citing institution's rank as probative on its own.

E. Citation Growth Over Time

Distinct citing papers by publication year. Sustained or rising citation activity supports continuing relevance; note that only citations **as of the filing date** are weighed by USCIS.



F. AAO Precedent Considerations

Pre-filing self-check (AAO denial patterns)

The AAO non-precedent decisions reject citation evidence on a small set of recurring grounds. Confirm the petition addresses each before filing:

- Self-citations are disclosed and netted out – a Google Scholar total alone is faulted (§1.1).
- Evidence is per individual article, not a body-of-work aggregate total (§1.2).
- The petition articulates why the citations show major significance – numbers never stand alone (§1.5).
- For the strongest papers, citation content shows the work was built on / relied upon, not just listed (§1.6, §2.2).
- Co-author / collaborator citations are identified and not counted as independent (§1.7).
- Recognition is shown beyond the scholar's own institution and circle (§1.8).

- Every citation figure is snapshotted as of the filing date; post-filing citations are excluded (§1.9).
- Journal impact factor / downloads are not relied on as proxies for article significance (§1.10, §1.12).
- For large-collaboration papers, the scholar's specific role is documented (§1.13).
- Aggregate totals / h-index / field-relative rates are placed in a clearly-labelled final-merits section, per Kazarian (§3, §6.1.7).

Disclaimer

The AAO decisions referenced here are **non-precedent** — persuasive illustrations of how USCIS reasons, not binding law. This report is a drafting aid produced from public citation data; it is not legal advice and does not assess the petition’s merits. All analysis must be reviewed by qualified immigration counsel.

G. Citation Evidence Index

Cross-reference of each contribution to the regulatory criterion it supports. Counsel should map these to the petition’s exhibit numbers.

Contribution	Core paper	Indep. cites	Supports
Contribution 1	Intensive Longitudinal Methods: An Introduction to Diary and Experience Sampling Research	10	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)
Contribution 2	The Interpersonal Process Model of Intimacy in Marriage: A Daily-Diary and Multilevel Modeling Approach.	2	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)
Contribution 3	Mindfulness and Emotion Regulation: The Development and Initial Validation of the Cognitive and Affective Mindfulness Scale-Revised (CAMS-R)	8	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)