

# POOJA K. AGARWAL, Ph.D. | Bios

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## PROFESSIONAL TITLES

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*Preferred title:* Cognitive Scientist & Author, *Powerful Teaching: Unleash the Science of Learning*

*Additional titles:*

- Assistant Professor, Berklee College of Music in Boston
- Author, *Powerful Teaching: Unleash the Science of Learning*
- Founder of RetrievalPractice.org

*Pronunciation:* poo-juh aag-ur-wall. My last name sounds like “swagger-wall” or “dagger-wall.”

## BOOK SALES

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In my book, *Powerful Teaching: Unleash the Science of Learning*, I share even more cognitive science research and practical evidence-based strategies. Please let me know if you would like to **place a bulk order at a discount**. More information is available at [amzn.to/2EbhyYN](https://amzn.to/2EbhyYN) and [powerfulteaching.org](http://powerfulteaching.org).

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Pooja's research has been published in leading journals; highlighted by The New York Times, NPR, Scientific American, and Education Week; and recognized by the National Science Foundation.

Her love of learning formed at the outset of her career as a 4th and 5th grade teacher in St. Louis, Missouri. She received her Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, under the mentorship of distinguished memory scholar and author of *Make it Stick*, Henry L. Roediger, III.

## FUN FACTS

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Bios can get pretty stale, so here are some fun facts about me, which you are welcome to include:

- Pooja has a twin brother.
- Pooja's dog is named Briscoe, after a character from Law & Order.
- Pooja's favorite book is The Giver by Lois Lowry.
- Pooja's favorite movie is The Princess Bride.
- Pooja was born and raised in southern Illinois, about 5 hours *south* of Chicago.
- Pooja went on a 2-week road trip through Uruguay. It was amazing.
- Pooja has been in a hot air balloon. It was also amazing.
- Pooja once won a prize for knowing more digits of pi than anyone else in the room.