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EMPLOYMENT

- 2024- **Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University**
Assistant Professor
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Gender in Global Context
- 2022-2024 **Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University**
Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Gender in Global Context
- 2021-2022 **University of Florida**
Lecturer at the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

EDUCATION

- 2021 **Ph.D., Sociology**
Binghamton University
- 2015 **M.A., Sociology**
Binghamton University
- 2010 **M.A., Sociology**
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France
- 2009 **B.A., Cultural Studies**
Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 **Erasmus Programme, Study Abroad**
Universiteit van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming Akalin, N., Velasco, K., Masani, S. "Bridging Histories and Habitats: A Lesson to Build Students' Understanding of the Historical Contexts of Inequities in Human Health and Ecology in an Introductory Level Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experience." *CourseSource*.

- 2024 Akalın, N. "Immigrant-blind Care: How Immigrants Experience the 'Inclusive' Health System as they Access Care." *Social Science & Medicine* 348.
- 2024 Gil-García, Ó. F., Akalın, N., Bove, F., Vener, S. "Understanding the Mobilities of Indigenous Migrant Youth Across the Americas." *Social Sciences*, 13(2): 91.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Akalın, N. "Healthcare, Intimacy, and Belonging: Haitian Immigrants' Gratitude in the U.S. Health System" (Submitted to the *Emotion, Space and Society* for a special issue).

Akalın, N. "The Datafication of Care: The Case of Immigrant-Serving Organizations" (Submitted to the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*)

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

Akalın, N., Friday, G. "Death by (Data) Politics: County-Level Approaches to the Opioid Crisis in Upstate New York" (To be submitted to the *Global Public Health Journal*).

DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT

2020-2021 Akalın, N., Sati, B., Schultz, A. "Just as it Sounds" Podcast on academics' everyday life experiences
<https://justasitsounds.squarespace.com/>

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2022 Edward H. Prentice Award, Binghamton University.
- 2020 Dissertation Writing Fellowship. Sociology Department, Binghamton University.
- 2019 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Binghamton University
- 2019 The Anibal Quijano Research Fellowship and Joan Smith Research Fellowship, Binghamton University
- 2018 Travel Grant, Association for Asian Studies
- 2018 Travel Grant, Graduate Student Organization, Binghamton University

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Akalın, Nilüfer "From Care to Control: The Hidden Surveillance Network in Immigrant Healthcare" Paper presentation for Medical Anthropology Europe Conference, Vienna, Austria.
- 2025 Akalın, Nilüfer, Gabreella Friday "Death by (data) politics: County-level approaches to the opioid crisis in upstate New York" Paper presentation for the

- Association for the Study of Death & Society bi-annual meeting, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- 2024 Akalın, Nilüfer, Gabreella Friday “Death by (Data) Politics: County-Level Approaches to the Opioid Crisis in Upstate New York” Paper presentation for the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Montréal, Canada.
- 2024 Akalın, Nilüfer. “Navigating the American Healthcare System: A Study of Fear and Belongingness Among Haitian Immigrants” Paper presentation for Black Immigration and Public Policy Symposium, the Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
- 2023 Akalın, Nilüfer. “Accessing Healthcare in a Landscape of Expanding Immigration Enforcement” Paper presentation for the 2023-2024 Migration Workshop at Boston University, Boston, MA.
- 2023 Akalın, Nilüfer. “Disparate Pedagogies and Asymmetrical Value Among Science Courses” Paper Presentation for the National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 2023 Akalın, Nilüfer, Óscar Gil-García, Francesca Bové, “Understanding the Mobilities of Indigenous and Black Migrant Children and Youth Across the Americas and Caribbean” Paper Presentation for International Migration Refereed Roundtables, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Akalın, Nilüfer. “Double Edge of Governing: Fear and Belongingness.” Intimacy, Racialization, and Affect in Contemporary Migration Politics (IntRa) Workshop, Paris, France.
- 2022 Akalın, Nilüfer, Óscar Gil-García, Francesca Bové, Sarah Vener. “Understanding the Mobilities of Indigenous and Black Migrant Children and Youth through a Transnational Ecological Model Across the Americas and Caribbean” Fall 2022 Symposium *Rethinking the Mobilities of Migrant Children and Youth Across the Americas*, University at Albany, NY.
- 2022 Akalın, Nilüfer, Gabreella Friday, and Benita Roth. “How and Why Does Context Matter for Mobilization and Institutional Change? Analyzing Activist-Authority Relations Across Time, Space, and Place” Paper presentation for Collective Action, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Akalın, Nilüfer. “Moving Around to Chase the Impossible Health: Haitian Immigrants in the U.S.” The 2020 International Health Humanities Consortium Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN [conference cancelled due to COVID-19].
- 2020 Akalın, Nilüfer. “Moving Around to Chase the Impossible Health: Haitian Immigrant in the U.S.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATION

2025	Speaker. "Immigrant Encounters with the Health System" Presentation for Amsa Student Government Association at Florida International University, Miami, FL.
2025	Speaker. "When Inclusion Fails: Immigrant Encounters with the Health System" Presentation for the Department of Family Medicine, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
2025	Speaker. "From Care to Control: The Hidden Surveillance Network in Immigrant Healthcare" Presentation for the Sociology Department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
2023	Speaker. "Reconceptualizing Inclusive Care Systems for Immigrant Patients." Presentation for Arts & Humanities Healthcare Degree Pathway. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
2023	Speaker. "Well-Being and Healthcare for Refugees in the United States." Presentation for the Honors College Organization MOSAIC. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
2022	Speaker. "Health Disparities: Mapping Out Health with Intersectionality Theory." Presentation for Community Health Service Corp Student Association's Meeting, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
2022	Speaker. "Health Disparities." Presentation for One Health Student Association's General Body Meeting. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

MEDIA COVERAGE & INTERVIEWS

"WOKE act creates academic freedom among UF students and professors." *The Independent Florida Alligator*. May 16, 2022.

"Gainesville activists condemn Florida's 15-week abortion ban bill." *The Independent Florida Alligator*. March 28, 2022.

"A doula works to 'create space' for Black mothers' voices." *The Independent Florida Alligator*. February 28, 2022.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

- Courses
 - Science and Sex, Gender, Sexuality (2024-2025)
 - Race and Racism (2023-2025)
 - Gender, Race, and Health (2023)
 - Discrimination and Health (2023-2024)
- Undergraduate Research Assistants
 - Aya Abu-Zama, Neal Sanghvi, Kailyn Butler (Recipients of the third-place award at the 7th Annual University-Wide Diversity Research Showcase)

- Undergraduate Advising
 - Ishu Kudapa, Lyman Briggs College (Honors Option Adviser)
 - Eryn Gruel, Lyman Briggs College (Honors Option Adviser; recipient of the first place award for the *Race and Disability in Educational Accommodations* project)
 - Zina Khader, Lyman Briggs College (Honors Option Adviser)
 - Vinit Patel, Lyman Briggs College (Honors Option Adviser)
 - Sara Xhaja, Lyman Briggs College (Honors Option Adviser)
 - Bhavya Thotakura, Lyman Briggs College (Honors Option Adviser)

University of Florida

- Courses
 - Introduction to Health Disparities (2021-2022)
 - Gender, Race, Immigration, and Health (2022)
 - Discrimination and Health (2021)
 - Practicum in Health Disparities (2021-2022)
- Undergraduate Advising
 - Lephterie Estime, Health Sciences (Feminist Pedagogy Praxis Supervisor)
- Graduate Advising (MA)
 - Kelsey Malles, Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (Master's Co-Adviser)

Binghamton University

- Courses (as Instructor)
 - Health Inequality and Self-Care (2021)
 - Gender, Health, and Medicine (2021)
 - Constructing Deviance (2018-2020)
- Courses (as Teaching Assistant)
 - Foundations of Social Theory (2021-2018)
 - Introduction to Sociology (2019-2016)
 - Social Research Methods (2015-2016)

SERVICE

Professional

- Reviewer: Gender & Society; Community Health Equity Research & Policy

To Michigan State University

- Inclusion Committee, Lyman Briggs College (2024-)

- Job Search Committee, Lyman Briggs College (2024-)
- Speakers Series Committee, Lyman Briggs College (2023-2024)

To the University of Florida

- Undergraduate Advisory Committee, the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

To Binghamton University

- Organizer, Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference (2016-2015)
- Organizer, Pre-Conference Professional Training Day, "Providing, Welcoming, and Affirming Care for Transgender People." (2016)
- Organizer, Pre-Conference Education Program, "Contemporary Families: Lesbian and Gay-Parent Families Across the Life Cycle and Implications for Professional Practice." (2015)
- Organizer, Provider Training Day, "Working with Transgender Individuals and Their Families." (2014)
- Graduate Students' Representative, Department of Sociology (2015-2016)
- President of the Graduate Students' Union, Department of Sociology (2014-2015)
- Organizer of the Graduate Student Conference, Department of Sociology (2014)

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Haitian Creole (advanced)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
The Society for the Study of Social Problems