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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Expected 2024), Sociology, 4.0
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Committee members: Dr. Stephanie Nawyn (Chair), Dr. stef shuster, Dr. Xuefei Ren, Dr. Ani Sarkissian
Specializations: Global Urban Studies Program and Women's and Gender Studies Program

M.S. (2015), Social Psychology
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
Thesis title: The role of social dominance orientation, empathy and perceived threat in predicting prejudice of citizens of Turkey toward Syrian refugees (Advisor: Dr. Nuray Sakalli Ugurlu)

B.A. (2012), Psychology, Dean's Honor Roll
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Dissertation Research Fellowship, The Center for Gender in Global Context and Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change, MSU (\$10000) 2021

John & Ruth Useem Endowment Award, The College of Social Science, MSU (\$1500) 2021

Milestone Award Fellowship, Department of Sociology, MSU (\$450) 2021

Graduate Office Fellowship, MSU (\$3250 in total) between 2019-2022

Graduate Fellow, Cultural Heritage Informatics Initiative, MSU (\$6000) 2020-2021

MSU Muslim Studies Graduate Students Paper Contest-Honorable Mention (\$100) Spring 2020

Professional Fellow, Professional Fellows Program (PFP) October-November 2017
Partnership for the Advancement of the New Americans, San Diego, CA
Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, PFP affords promising young professionals the opportunity to gain practical experience in, and exposure to, U.S. government, innovation ecosystems, and other topics depending on their professional background.

PUBLICATIONS

"Resilience to Nested Crises: The Effects of the Beirut Explosion on COVID-19 Safety Protocol Adherence", Stephanie J. Nawyn, Ezgi Karaoğlu, Stephen Philip Gasteyer, Rania Mansour, Ali Ghassani and Sandra T Marquart-Pyatt, *Frontiers in Public Health*, July 2022

"Refugee COVID-19 Protocol Adherence and NGO Staff Perceptions: Paternalism and Power in Humanitarian Assistance", Ezgi Karaoglu, Stephanie J. Nawyn, Natalynn Qaji, Natalie Qaji, Ayat J. J. Nashwan, Stephen Gasteyer, Journal of International Humanitarian Action (under review)

TEACHING

Instructor

SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2020 & Summer 2021 & Summer 2022

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant

“Using Humanitarian Engineering to Solve Social Distancing Barriers in Refugee Humanitarian Interventions: A Cross-Country Comparison of Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan”-Collaborative Research Study between Michigan State University; Global Health Research, Management & Solutions; Altkafal Charity Association; Amel Association; Jordanian Pioneering Center; National Institution of Social Care and Vocational Training; and Safa for Development, June 2020-present

Teaching Assistant

SOC 100-Introduction to Sociology (Dr. Eric Beasley, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, Fall 2021).

ISS 310-People and Environment (Dr. Benjamin Marley, Spring 2020)

SOC 216-Sex, Gender, and Sexuality (Dr. Sarah Prior, Fall 2019)

Guest Lecture Title: “Gender and Migration”, Oct. 14, 2019

INVITED LECTURES

“Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective” Course (Dr. Huma Ahmed-Ghosh), SDSU, San Diego, CA
Guest Lecture Title: “The situation of refugees in Turkey in general, and the gender specific challenges faced by women, LGBTI refugees and interventions.”, Nov. 4, 2017

CONFERENCE & PRESENTATIONS

“Citizenship, anyone? The examination of lived citizenship of Syrian refugees in Turkey under the precarious globalization”, paper presentation, Section on Citizenship, The American Sociological Association Annual Conference August 2021, Virtual Attendance, the USA

“A Marxist Perspective on the EU Humanitarian Aid in Intervention of Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, paper presentation, Section on Marxist Sociology, The American Sociological Association Annual Conference August 2020, Virtual Attendance, the USA

PROFESSIONAL WORK IN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Center Manager, Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants (ASAM), Multi-Service Centre for Syrian Refugees, Istanbul, Turkey
September 2016-July 2019

- Was the executive and administrative focal point of all operations in the center including social, legal, psycho-social, health counseling provided for Syrian refugees and the activities of mobile outreach team.

- Supervised the staff (more than 65) on all operations and fostered a safe working environment for all.
- Was one of the focal points in ASAM to foster the communication between UN Refugee Agency Country Office, Ankara and Field Unit, İstanbul about individual case management of Syrian refugees on the ground.
- Prepared internal and external monthly/weekly/annual reports for project donors including the UN Refugee Agency, the European Union, US Department of State.
- Represented ASAM with stakeholders such as public authorities, local governments, INGOs, national NGOs, and others in the project region.

Project Officer, Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants (ASAM), Multi-Service Centre for Syrian Refugees, İstanbul, Turkey April-Sep 2016

Protection Screening Officer, Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants, Multi-Service Centre for Syrian Refugees, İstanbul, Turkey Sept 2014-March 2016

Program Assistant, United Nations Refugee Agency, Ankara, Turkey Feb 2014-Sept 2014

- Conducted social assessment interviews with refugees and asylum seekers in order to identify the needs of persons of our concern.
- Assisted in coordinating all issues related with asylum seekers and refugees' medical, financial, travel, education and accommodation needs.
- Provided guidance and information to asylum seekers and refugees via gate counselling.
- Was in daily contact with implementing partners and local authorities follow up on refugees and asylum seekers under risk for identification of the possible solutions in the shortest time.

COMMUNITY WORK

The community work I have done in Turkey, Kenya and Tanzania mainly includes tutoring and mentoring underprivileged kids and youngsters to improve their communication skills, and academic performance. In Thailand, I supported the local community on a special rehabilitation for drug abuse including mindfulness practices and sustainable farming.

New Life Foundation , Chang Mai, Thailand	June 2013
UVIKIUTA , Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	Aug 2012
Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV)	2008-2012
Kenya Volunteering Development Association , Essumba, Kenya	Sep 2011

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES

Specialized Training on Child Protection Case Management Supervision and Coaching by Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action, May 2018

Conflict Management Skills Training by Irene Omondi and Zsofia Tukacs, Oct 2017

Training for UNHCR Partners on Anti-fraud awareness, prevention and remedial actions to mitigate cases of fraud by David Parkinson, Regional Integrity Office, MENA Bureau, July 2017

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Software: STATA SPSS	Language Skills: Turkish-Native/Fluent English-Advanced
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*Contact of references will be kindly provided upon request