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### **EDUCATION**

- PhD, Sociology, University College Dublin, Ireland, 2010
- MA *with Distinction*, Social and Cultural Foundations in Education, DePaul University, 2006
- BA, Communication, DePaul University, 2002

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, USA

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology, 2019-present
- Sociology Program Director, 2019-Present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology, 2015-2019

National Louis University, Chicago, IL, USA

- Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2012-2015
- Co-Chair, Graduate Program in Public Policy and Administration, 2013-2015
- Chair, BA Program in Social Science, 2014-2015

DePaul University, Chicago, IL, USA

- Adjunct Faculty, Educational Policy Studies and Research, Communication, 2011-2015

University of Illinois at Chicago, IL, USA

- Visiting Lecturer, Sociology, 2011-2013

University College Dublin, Ireland

- Postdoctoral Research Assistant, Information and Library Studies, 2010-2011
- Adjunct Faculty, Sociology and Women's Studies, University College Dublin, 2006-2010

### **HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Professional Development Grant, Murray State University, 2019
- Summer Faculty Research Grant, Murray State University, 2019
- Education Abroad Curriculum Award, Murray State University, 2019
- Research Circle Grant, "Grant Writing," Murray State University, 2018-2019
- Teaching Circle Grant, "Interdisciplinary Team Teaching," Murray State University, 2017-2018
- Emerging Scholar Award, Murray State University, 2017
- Professional Development Grant, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Murray State University, 2015
- Teaching and Learning Certificate Program, DePaul University, Certificate, 2015
- National Louis University Engaged Research and Innovation Seed Grant, 2014
- Recognition for Exemplary Undergraduate Teaching, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2012
- Graduate Research and Innovation Fund, College of Human Sciences, University College Dublin, 2010
- Migration and Citizenship Research Initiative Scholar, University College Dublin, 2006-2009
- Seed Funding, Migration and Citizenship Research Initiative, University College Dublin, 2008
- European Doctorate on Migration, Diversity & Identities Intensive Program, Center for Ethnic & Migration Studies, University of Liège & Migration Thematic Subgroup of HumanitarianNet, Liège, Belgium, 2006
- Graduate Research Assistantship, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Research, DePaul University, 2003-2004
- Creative Nonfiction, Post Baccalaureate Certificate, Northwestern University, 2003

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Nititham, D.S. 2019. A Filipino Community Grows In Ireland. *Positively Filipino*.  
<http://www.positivelyfilipino.com/magazine/a-filipino-community-grows-in-ireland>.

Nititham, D.S. 2016. *Making Home in Diasporic Communities: Transnational Belonging Amongst Filipina Migrants*. London: Routledge

**Nititham, D.S.** and Boyd, R. eds. 2014. *Heritage, Diaspora and the Consumption of Culture: Movements in Irish Landscapes*. Farnham: Ashgate

O'Sullivan, S., McMahon, L., Moore, G., **Nititham, D.S.** Slevin, A., Kelly, C. and Wixted, L. (2014). "I Did Not Miss Any, Only When I Had a Valid Reason": Accounting for Absences from Sociology Classes". *Teaching Sociology OnlineFirst*, pp. 1-11

Nititham, D.S. 2014. "We Cannot Gather without Eating": Food, Authenticity and Socialisation for Filipinos in Ireland" Nititham, D.S. and Boyd, R. eds. *Heritage, Diaspora and the Consumption of Culture: Movements in Irish Landscapes*. Farnham: Ashgate.

Nititham, D.S. 2014. "It's Still Home Home": Notions of the Homeland for Filipina Dependent Students in Ireland" in Baas, M. (ed), *Transnational Migration and Asia: The Question of Return*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

Nititham, D.S. 2011. "Migration as Cultural Capital: The Ongoing Dependence on Overseas Filipino Workers", *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies*, 48 (2)

Nititham, D.S. 2008. "Locating the self in diaspora space", *Translocations: The Irish Migration, Race and Social Transformation Review*, 3 (1), pp. 1-17

Nititham, D.S. 2011. "Filipinos in Ireland: Articulating and Enacting Community: in Fanning, B. & Munck, R. eds, *Immigration and the Irish Experience of European and Global Transformation*. Farnham: Ashgate.

Nititham, D.S. 2008. 'Still Finding my voice: my self-explorations as an American International/Asian American/Woman of Colour Student in Ireland', *Diverse Voices: International Students in Irish Education International Student Forum Proceedings*, November 17, 2007, University College Cork. Dublin: Irish Council for International Students.

Nititham, D.S. 2008. Review of *Diaspora: An Introduction* by Jana Evans Braziel. *Translocations: The Irish Migration, Race and Social Transformation Review*, 4 (1), pp. 136-8

Nititham, D.S. 2008. 'Applying Diasporic Methodology: Reflections in Conducting International Fieldwork', *Migration and Citizenship Research Initiative Project*, "Forging Connections: A Workshop on Filipino Labour Migration and Meanings of Home", University College Dublin

## **Manuscripts in Preparation**

(Under Review) Between a Banana and a Coconut: Reflections on Being First-Generation American

Articulating a Diasporic Methodology: Challenges in Seeking Participant Visibility and Researcher Self-Reflexivity

Contingency in the Academy: An Autoethnography on "Making It" in Higher Education

## CONFERENCES AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

“Making Home in Diasporic Communities,” California State University Long Beach, May 2019

“Intergenerational Care: Gender and Emotional Labor for Filipina Migrants,” San Jose State University, May 2019

“Making Home in Diasporic Communities,” University of San Francisco, May 2019

“Documenting Filipino American Lives: Diasporic Communities in Sound and Audio”, Library of Congress Radio Preservation Task Force Conference, Washington, D.C. November 2-4, 2017

“Making Home in Diasporic Communities: A Conversation”. 119<sup>th</sup> Philippine Independence Day Filipino Community Meeting in Dublin, Ireland. June, 2017.

“Filipino Diaspora in Ireland,” Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Series, Center for Gender and Student Engagement, Dartmouth College, May 2016.

“Transnational Belonging for Filipinas in Ireland”, Civic Media and Policy Design Lecture, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., April 2016.

“‘Plastic Paddy’ and the ‘Real Irish’”: Notions of Authenticity in Food, Drink and Socialization.” Celtic Section and the Swedish Institute for North American Studies, Department of English, Uppsala University, Sweden, March 2014.

“At Home in the Diaspora? Connecting Sites, Enactments and Belonging for Filipinas in Ireland.” Social and Cultural Foundations in Education Mini-Conference, DePaul University, 1 June 2012.

“Migration, Dislocation and Media Practices.” *History of Broadcasting*, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin Madison, 25 April 2011.

“Landscapes of Dislocation: Homeplace, Gender and Mobility for Filipinas in Ireland.” Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program, the Women’s Resource Center and the Division for Interdisciplinary Race and Gender Studies, San Jose State University, Cultural Heritage Center, Martin Luther King Library, San Jose, 22 November 2010.

“Constructing ‘Home’: From Conceptual to Lived Spaces.” *Exiles and emigrants: intercultural dialogues in Ireland and Europe*, Leuven Ó Cléirigh Summer School, UCD Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Institute for the Study of Irish History & Civilization, Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe, Belgium, 8 May 2008.

“Still Finding My Voice: My self-explorations as an American International/American/Woman of Color Student in Ireland”. *Diverse Voices: International Students in Irish Education*, Irish Council for International Students’ Forum, University College Cork, Ireland, 17 November 2007.

“Filipino Nurses: Negotiating an Irish-Filipino Identity” *Social Capital and Civil Society in a Multi-Ethnic Ireland: A Research Policy Dialogue on the Civic Participation of “New” Communities*. Geary Institute, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, Ireland, 10 February 2006.

### Presentations

“Towards an Inclusive Critical Praxis: Strategies, Practices, and Alliances Across Disciplines,” Association for Asian American Studies. San Francisco, 2018.

“Self-Care Amidst Precarity: A Continued Discussion, Critique, and Rethinking of Academic Labor” Roundtable. Association for Asian American Studies. Portland, April 2017.

“Radical Care: Scholar Activism and Asian American Studies” Roundtable. Association for Asian American Studies. Portland, April 2017.

“Asian/American Education Scholars’ Diasporic Identities and Lived Experiences Roundtable.” New England Association for Asian Studies. New England Association for Asian Studies, Boston, January 2017

“Bridging Disciplinary Divides: Working towards an Inclusive Panethnic Framework.” Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Miami, April 2016.

Roundtable Organizer and Participant, *Cartographies of Contingency, A Discussion, Critique and Rethinking of Academic Labor*. Association for Asian American Studies, Miami, April 2016.

“On Hopping and Hustling in Higher Ed: An Autoethnography of Contingency, Belonging, and Shifting Transnational Identity.” American Educational Research Association, Washington, D.C., April 2016.

“Our Noses Will Bleed and Then We Die: Language as a Borderland Strategy.” *Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference*. Evanston, Illinois, April 2015.

“Making Home: Power, Gender and Belonging in the Filipino Diaspora.” *Public Policy Lecture Series*, National Louis University, February 2015.

“Hierarchies of Equivalencies” and Digital Interfaces: Diasporic Media Literacy and Filipinas in Ireland.” *The States of Southeast Asian American Studies*. University of Minnesota, Minnesota, October 2014.

"Changes in Education and Employment for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians, 2001–2011" with Kirsti Rawstron. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, August 2013.

“Articulating a Diasporic Methodology: Challenges in Seeking Participant Visibility and Researcher Self-Reflexivity.” *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference*, Athens, Greece, July 2013.

“Liminality, Migration, and Immigration Policy.” *American Ethnological Society/Association for Political and Legal Anthropology*, Chicago, IL, April 2013

“Diasporic Methodology: Revealing Sites for Possibility for Filipinas in Ireland.” *Western Conference for Association for Asian Studies*. West Yellowstone, Montana, 11 October 2012.

“Pints, Pubs, and Paddies: Localized Consumptions of the Irish Diaspora.” *Global Consumption: Politics, Culture, Practice*. University of Denver, Colorado, 16 August 2012.

“Vocabularies of Motive: Students’ Accounts of Attendance and Non-Attendance at Sociology Seminars’ with Sara O’Sullivan, Tina Kelly, Lean McMahon, Gemma Moore, Amanda Slevin, Paul Surgenor, and Lisa Wixted. *Sociological Association of Ireland Conference*. University College Cork, 6 May 2011.

“It’s Still Home Home’: Notions of the Homeland for Filipina Dependent Students in Ireland”. *International Convention of Asia Scholars – Association for Asian Studies Joint Conference*, Hawaiian Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, 31 March 2011.

“Enactments of ‘Home’ in the Diaspora: Identity and Belonging for Filipino Migrants in Ireland”. *Asian Studies Association Biennial Conference*, Adelaide University, Adelaide, South Australia, 7 July 2010.

“Home Is Where My Home Country Is’: Practices of Home/making for OFWs.” *What Ivory Towers? Gender, Body and Sexuality Conference*, Humanities Institute of Ireland, 17 May 2008.

“On Hyphenation and Hybridity: Interrogating ‘Filipina’ in Ireland (and myself) in Diaspora Space.” *Migration Studies in Ireland*, Trinity Immigration Initiative, Trinity College Dublin, 27 March 2008.

“On the New Mestiza Consciousness: Contradictions and Possibilities.” *Feminist Research Seminar Series*, UCD, Ireland, 7 February 2008.

“The Personal is Global: Filipina Migrant Workers in the Irish Care Economy.” *Irish Social Policy Association Postgraduate Conference*, Dublin, Ireland, 20 July 2007.

“The Local/Global Intersections of Home Abroad.” *National Women’s Studies Association 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois, USA, 29 June 2007.

Rewriting the Border: A Reading and Analysis of Autoethnography in Gloria Anzaldúa’s *Borderlands/La Frontera*.” *Lesbian Lives XIV*, University College Dublin, 16 June 2007.

“Navigating the Boundaries: Connected Knowing and the In-between Spaces of Cultural Insider/Outsider.” *Extending the Boundaries: New Research in Sociology*, City University London, England, 27 April 2007.

“Re/constructing the Body: The Rhetoric of Filipina Migrants in Ireland.” *Irish Feminist Thought*, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, 14 April 2007.

Jimenez, T., **Nititham, D.S.** and Norman, J. “Engaged Research, Service, and Instruction, How an Asset-Based Community Building Effort Creates Opportunities for Multiple Stakeholders.” Poster. *Engaged Scholarship Consortium Conference*. Penn State University, Sept 29, 2015.

“Borderlands and Belonging for Filipinas in Ireland.” Universitas 21 AGM, 8 May 2008.

### **Other Conference Participation**

Chair and Discussant, *Race, Ethnicity, and Gender* panel, Ohio Valley History Conference, Murray, KY, 2017.

Research Stream Organizer and Co-Chair, *Insider/Outsider/Insider: Racial and Ethnic Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Work*, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference, Athens, Greece, July 2013.

Discussant, *American Ethnological Society/Association for Political and Legal Anthropology*, Chicago, 2013.

Discussant, *Identity, Agency, and Learning: The Pedagogy and Politics of Belonging*, National Women’s Studies Association, Oakland, CA, November 2012.

Conference Co-Organizer, *What Ivory Towers? Gender, Body and Sexuality Conference*, Humanities Institute of Ireland, 17 May 2008.

Discussant, *Lesbian Communities: Considering Histories and Transnational Perspectives*. *Lesbian Lives XIV*, University College Dublin, 16 June 2007.

Conference Co-Organizer, *Research, Rhetoric and Reality: Interdisciplinary Women’s Studies Conference*. Women’s Studies, School of Social Justice, UCD, Ireland, 6-7 October 2006.

Participant, European Doctorate on Migration, Diversity and Identities Intensive Program, Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège, Belgium, 2006

Workshop Presenter, “The Borderlands: Storytelling as Survival” with Maha Elamin A. Mahmoud. *Lessons Learnt: Discrimination & Violence Towards Young Minority Women in Europe*. Young Women from Minorities Study Session, Council of Europe, Budapest, Hungary, April 2006

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Murray State University**

Introduction to Sociology  
Honors Introduction to Sociology  
Popular Culture  
Race and Ethnicity  
Social Inequality  
Social Issues  
Sociology of Education  
Special Topics: Migration and Diaspora  
Study Abroad in Ireland: Global Culture and Community

### **National Louis University**

MA Capstone in Public Policy (graduate)  
Social Inequality and Public Policy (graduate)  
Methods of Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences  
Independent Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences  
Multicultural Dimensions  
Dynamics of Group Behavior  
Applied Communication in Society  
Senior Seminar in the Behavioral Sciences  
Social Inequality  
Racial and Ethnic History and Culture  
Contemporary World Cultures

### **University of Illinois at Chicago**

Introduction to Sociology  
Social Inequality  
Sociology of Asia and Asian America  
Seminar in Comparative Racialization: Cultures, Origins and Otherness  
Topics in Race, Ethnicity and Gender: Femininities, Masculinities and the Body  
Political Sociology: Power, Politics and Social Justice in Education  
Introduction to Sociological Research Methods  
Senior Research Experience

### **DePaul University**

Social and Historical Issues in Education  
Multiculturalism in Education  
Education and Society (Graduate)  
Intercultural Communication

### **University College Dublin**

Gender and Globalization (Women’s Studies Outreach Program)  
Contemporary Feminisms and Study Skills (Women’s Studies Outreach Program)  
Gender and Globalization (Women’s Studies, BA Modular Evening Degree)

## **UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Teaching Circle, 2015-16, 2017-2018, 2018-2019

Research Circle, 2017-2018, 2018-2019

College Curriculum Committee, Humanities and Fine Arts, 2019-Present

Center for Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS) Committee, 2017

Women's Faculty Caucus, Member, 2016-Present

White Residential College Board Member, Murray State University, 2016-Present

Insurance and Benefits Committee, Murray State University, 2016-2017

Faculty Development and Welfare Committee, National Louis University, 2014-2015

IRRB Committee, National Louis University, 2012-2015

College Curriculum Committee, National Louis University, 2013-2015

Reviewer, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*

Co-founder and co-organizer of monthly Feminist Research Seminar Series, University College Dublin

Co-founder and facilitator of reading group, Feminist Reading Interrogative Group, 2006-2007

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Workshop**, First Presbyterian Church of Murray, KY, January 2019

Delivered invited talk, "Strategies for Talking about Race."

**Volunteer and Member**, Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, IL, July 2012-2015

Provided support for events and festivals hosted by the heritage center.

**Artist**, *Ornamental. Oriental.* The Joinery, Dublin, Ireland, March 2010

Presented photographic artwork in a joint exhibition with Holly Pereira at an independent gallery. Utilized self-portraits to explore notions of Asian-ness in contemporary Ireland.

**Member**, Filipino Community Network Interim Working Group, Dublin, Ireland, February-June 2009

Assisted in establishing umbrella network for Filipino community groups throughout Ireland.

**Columnist**, *Metro Éireann*, Dublin, Ireland, December 2006-November 2008

Wrote regular columns for weekly multicultural newspaper. Concentrated on immigration, race and ethnicity, cultural exchange, and personal narratives of living in Ireland and abroad.

**Radio Columnist**, "Spectrum," Radio Telefís Éireann Radio 1; Today FM; and Newstalk Radio, Ireland, 2006-2008, Radio columns and regular speaker on Irish public radio

**Intern**, Cross-Cultural Solutions International Volunteer Program, 2005

Taught English as a foreign language in an urban elementary school in Bangkok, Thailand, with primarily low-income students. Designed small group activities and games to engage students to practice conversation.

Interned with staff in Thailand's Ministry of Education to address challenges in education reform.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Asian American Studies

American Sociological Association