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EDUCATION

- 2012-2018 **Ph.D. in Justice Studies**
Justice & Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation (Tempe, US)
Arizona State University
Dissertation: The Emotional Well-Being of Low-Wage Migrant Workers in Dubai
Awarded with High Distinction
Committee: Takeyuki Tsuda (Chair), Nathan Martin, and Emir Estrada
- 2007 **M.A. in Peace and Development Studies**
Universitat Jaume I (Castellon, Spain)
Department of Philosophy and Sociology
Thesis: Research and Education for Cultures of Peace
- 1997 **M.A. in Teaching**
School for International Training – World Learning Inc. (Brattleboro, US)
Thesis: Community Language Learning as Seen Through the Eyes of the Learner
and Teacher
- 1990 **B.S. in Design**
University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, US)
College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning
Senior project: A Place for the Homeless to Bathe

EMPLOYMENT

- 2019-Present **University of Michigan (U-M)** (Ann Arbor, US)
Research Fellow
Center for Disability Health
- 2012-2015 **Arizona State University (ASU)** (Tempe, US)
Instructor and Graduate Teaching Associate

- 2006-2012 **Zayed University (ZU)** (Dubai, UAE)
- 2002-2005 Taught upper level English for academic purposes, freshman level English composition, and first year university global studies course on issues of culture and identity in relation to globalization and human rights (2009-2010)
Initiated, organized, and coordinated student community service projects, cultural exchange projects, and the university's first Habitat for Humanity build in Kanyakumari, India for 13 students. (April 2009)
- 1999-2002 **Sabancı University** (Istanbul, Turkey)
Developed program curriculum and wrote 500 hours of internally published course books for university preparatory program
Trained new instructors, managed level instruction, advised freshman, taught English for academic purposes
- 1997-1998 **Bilkent University** (Ankara, Turkey)
Taught, designed and wrote course materials for freshman level English and fourth year design students
- 1994-1997 Various English language teaching positions in the US and South Korea
- 1987-1993 Various work in interior architecture in the US and Canada

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social justice and equity, international migration, refugees, human rights, women and resilience, domestic workers, mental health and well-being, as well as acts of exclusion, disempowerment, marginalization, and discrimination

IT SKILLS

Atlas.ti Qualitative Data Analysis and Research Software

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2008 "Building Cultures of Peace in the World: One Peace Center at a Time." *International Journal on World Peace*. Vol. XXV No.1
- 1998 "Six Issues/Questions about the C-L Approach: A Response" with Jennybelle Rardin. *Prism: A Learning Journal*. Vol. 4

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2018 (forthcoming)

“Boundaries of “Illegality”—Low-Wage Migrant Workers in the UAE.” In *Porous Borders, Invisible Boundaries*, George Mason University. (Refereed volume)

Other Writings

2008 “A UAE Peace Center: No Better Time, No Better Place.” *The National*, Abu Dhabi, UAE

FELLOWSHIPS

2018 ASU Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2016 ASU Justice & Social Inquiry Summer Dissertation Fellowship

2015 ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Grant

2012-2015 ASU Justice & Social Inquiry Teaching Associateship

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 Arizona State University’s Graduate & Professional Student Association’s Arijit Guha Graduate Student Advocacy Award

2015 Teaching Excellence Award nominee for excellence in graduate student teaching, Arizona State University

2014 Teaching Excellence Award nominee for excellence in graduate student teaching, Arizona State University

2009 Exemplary Faculty Member Award received for exceeding expectation in overall performance in teaching effectiveness, Zayed University

INVITED TALKS

2017 “How Structural Violence Works and Boundaries Marginalize.” Architecture students, Department of Graphic Expression, University of Alicante, Spain

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2019 “The Socio-Spatial Production of Marginality and the Processes of Differential Inclusion.” Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Associate Annual Meeting, New York, US

2019 “The Canary in the Coal Mine: What Suicidal Ideation Can Tell Us About the Adversities that Low-Wage Migrants Face.” Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, US

2018 “Where the Well is Empty, Resilience is Drawn from the Most Unlikely of Sources: Low-wage Migrant Workers in the Arab Gulf.” Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, US

- 2017 “Violent Invisible Boundaries: Exploring the Lives of Temporary Migrants in the Arab Gulf.” Spaces & Flows: 8th International Conference on Urban and ExtraUrban Studies, University of Hull, UK
- 2017 “The Equalizing Effect of Racialized Hiring Practices Among Temporary Migrant Workers in the Arab Gulf.” International Metropolis Conference, World Forum, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2017 “Zones of Marginalization: The Boundaries and Borders Migrants Encounter.” 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2017 “A Grounded Theory Approach to Exploring the Emotional & Psychological Well-Being of Low-Wage Migrant Workers in the Arab Gulf.” Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US
- 2016 “Accessing Low-Income Migrant Workers in a Difficult Context: Ethical, Moral, and Practical Challenges.” Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US
- 2016 “The Injustice of Structural Violence in the Lives of Low-Wage Migrants.” IICSS Dubai 2016: The IAFOR International Conference on the Social Sciences, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 “Structural Violence and the International Migrant.” School for Social Transformation, Graduate Student Research Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, US
- 2014 “Neoliberalism Thrives: Domestic Workers in the UAE.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. San Francisco, US
- 2014 “Working Women: Domestic Workers Seen Through the Eyes of the Privileged Employer.” National Council on Family Relations. Baltimore, US
- 2009 “Promoting Student Development Through Service Learning: The Zayed University Experience in Cambodia and India,” with Susan Jones, Patricia Robinson & Kristin Anderson. NASPA Conference for Students Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, Zayed University, Dubai, UAE
- 2007 “Role of Peace Education in English Language Teaching.” The International Conference on Managing Change in ELT, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 “Cultures of Peace as Facilitators in Intra-State Conflicts.” International Workshop on Peace Through Cultures of Peace, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2001 “Analyzing Authentic Discourse on the Internet.” TESOL Conference: Gateway to the Future, St. Louis, US
- 2001 “A Coherent Approach to Content-Based Materials Design,” with Marisa Nickle. TESOL Conference: Gateway to the Future, St. Louis, US
- 2000 “Effective Planning and Course Design for Academic Excellence,” with Sibel Kamlı. International IATEFL Conference, Dublin, Ireland

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 Justice and Social Inquiry, School for Social Transformation, and Graduate Education Research Award

- 2017 School for Social Transformation Graduate Travel and Graduate Education Research Award
- 2017 School for Social Transformation Graduate Travel Award, ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Travel Grant
- 2017 School for Social Transformation Graduate Travel and Graduate Education Research Award
- 2016 School for Social Transformation Graduate Travel and Graduate Education Research Award
- 2016 Graduate Education Travel Award
- 2014 ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Travel Grant, School for Social Transformation Graduate Travel and Graduate Education Research Award
- 2014 Justice and Social Inquiry Travel Award

SPECIALIZED TRAINING RECEIVED

- 2017 Grounded Theory Methodologies for Social Justice Projects by Kathy Charmaz, half-day workshop, Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, US
- 2016 Gender and race in transnational migration studies, week course, Center of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues, A Coruña, Spain
- 2016 Atlas.ti, 6-hour web-conferencing workshop, Atlas.ti Training Center
- 2016 Coding Qualitative Data: Beyond Indexing and Toward Insight by Johnny Saldaña, half-day workshop, Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, US
- 2014 Training in Institutional Ethnography, half-day workshop, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, US

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2014-2015 University Hearing Boards, ASU, member

RELEVANT COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University

Global Politics of Human Rights (Fall 2014)

Research in Justice Studies (Spring 2015)

Teaching Assistant, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University

Drugs & Justice (Spring 2014)

Homicide & Serial Killers (Fall 2013)

Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights (Fall 2013)

Justice Institutions (Spring 2013)

Justice & Everyday Life (Spring 2013)

Adolescent Girls: Risk and Resiliency (Fall 2012)

Human Rights & Sustainability (Fall 2012)

Instructor, Zayed University, Dubai, UAE

Global Studies (Spring 2003, Spring 2004)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2015-2017 SmartLife Foundation, coordinator and volunteer
Coordinated free medical health check-ups with SmartLife, an NGO supporting low-wage migrant workers residing in labor camps in Dubai, UAE
Responsibilities included acquiring approvals from UAE governmental organizations to hold events, assessing potential labor camps to host the events, holding focus groups with workers to understand how they perceived their needs, making recommendations to SmartLife board, liaising with local medical group, and providing mentorship to workers who helped to facilitate these events
Received Arizona State University's Graduate & Professional Student Association's Arijit Guha Graduate Student Advocacy Award for my work
- 2011, 09, 08 Habitat for Humanity, volunteer, Global Village Program, Indonesia, India, & Romania
- 1996-1997 Homeless shelter, volunteer, NY, US
- 1992-1993 Habitat for Humanity, West Palm Beach, US
Member of family selection committee, assessed applicants and provided recommendations to the board
- 1991-1993 HS Youth Group, mentor, Boca Raton, US

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE)
Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
American Anthropological Association (AAA)