

**AZIZE ASLIHAN NISANCI, MA, MSW, PhD**

## Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D 2016, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Dissertation Title: *Turkish Immigrant Families in the US: Parenting, Parent-Adolescent Relationships and Adolescent Wellbeing.*  
Chair and Advisor: James P. Gleeson, PhD
- MSW 2011, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Concentration: Mental Health
- MA 2007, Department of Sociology, Bogazici University
- BA 2004, Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology (Double Major), Bogazici University

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Immigrants and refugees, mental health and social work, family therapy, family welfare, disability, international social work.

**CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

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**Assistan Professor**, Istanbul 29 Mayıs University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014 - Present.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Peer-reviewed Journal Articles**

- Nisanci, A.** (2018). Göç Araştırmaları için Bir Kavramsal Çerçeve Önerisi: Eleştirel Kültürleşme Kuramı, *Asos Journal*. (In press)
- Nisanci, A.** (2016) Continuity or Shift?: A Multiple Streams Framework Analysis of the Family Policy in Turkey, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*.

Gaston, G., Earl, T., **Nisanci, A.**, Glomb, B. (2016). Perceptions of Mental Health Services among Black Americans. *Social Work in Mental Health*.

Gaston, G. B., Guterrez, S. M., **Nisanci, A.** (2014). Interventions that Retain African Americans in HIV/AIDS Treatment: Implications for Social Work Practice and Research. *Social Work*.

### *Manuscripts in Preparation*

**Nisanci, A.** "Children in Fishbowl": Parenting and Adolescents' Well-being in Turkish Immigrant Families in the United States.

**Nisanci, A.** *İyileşme Paradigmasının Ruh Sağlığı Alanında Sosyal Hizmet için Önemi*. (The Implications of Recovery Approach for Social Work in Mental Health)

### **Other Articles**

"Sufism Practices under Transformation: An Evaluation on a Group of Sufi Women in Turkey", (*Türkiye'de Donusen Tasavvuf Pratikleri: Bir Grup Kadın Sufi Uzerine Bir Degerlendirme*), In Nazife Sisman (Ed.), *Women: Letter by Letter (Harf Harf Kadınlar)*, Istanbul: Klasik Publishings, 2008.

Book review: Mercy: Last Call for Return to the Heart (*Merhamet: Kalbe Donus icin Son Cagri*) by Kemal Sayar, Journal of Center for Values Education (*Degerler Egitim Merkezi Dergisi*), 2008.

Monthly articles on global human rights violations, *Dusunce Gundem*, 2004-2006.

"A Generation Grown up with War" In *Cecenistan: Yasak Ulke Kayip Vicdan (Chechnya: Forbidden Country, Lost Conscience)*, Foundation for Humanitarian Relief Publications, 2005.

"A Forgotten, Hopeless War", Interview with Anne Nivat, In *Cecenistan: Yasak Ulke Kayip Vicdan (Chechnya: Forbidden Country, Lost Conscience)*, Foundation for Humanitarian Relief Publications, 2005.

### **Books**

*Azerbaijan: Young Country of Ancient Geography (Azerbaycan: Kadim Cografiyanin Genc Ulkesi)*, Ilke Publications, 2005.

Booklet: *Interaction with Individuals with Disabilities (Ozurlu Bireylerle Iletisim)*, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate for Disabled People, 2006.

## Translated Books

Louis Boyd Cadwell (2011), *Reggio Emilia Yaklasimiyla Harika Cocuk Yetistirmek*, Kaknus Publishing. (Original book: Louis Boyd Cadwell (1997), *Bringing Reggio Emilia Home: An Innovative Approach to Early Childhood Education*, Teachers College Press).

Donna M. Ashcraft (2009), *Kişilik Vaka İncelemeleri*, Kaknus Publishing. (Original book: Donna M. Ashcraft (2002), *Personality Theories Workbook*, Wadsworth Publishing).

## POSITIONS

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**Social Work Intern**, University of Illinois at Chicago Institute on Human Development and Disability Family Clinics, 2010 – 2011.

**Social Work Intern**, Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, January – May 2010.

**Social Work Intern**, City of Evanston, Department of Health and Human Services Commission on Aging Intern, September – December 2009.

**Sociologist**, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Department of Health and Social Services, Directorate for People with Disabilities Employment Department, Istanbul, Turkey, 2007 - 2008.

Duties included: implementing consciousness raising programs for employers, grant writing to European Union and to state agencies, collaboration with non-profit agencies.

**Researcher**, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Department of Health and Social Services, Directorate for People with Disabilities Research Department, Istanbul, Turkey, 2006 - 2007.

**Researcher**, Foundation for Humanitarian Relief Organization (*IHH İnsani Yardim Vakfi*), 2002 – 2005

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant**, University of Illinois at Chicago Jane Addams College of Social Work, 2011-2014.

2011-2012: Supervised by Jennifer Wheeler-Brooks.

2012-2014: Supervised by Gina Gaston.

**Masters project**, Bogazici University Sociology Department, 2006 – 2007.

Conducted a 9-month qualitative research, which included participant observation and open-ended interviews.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Courses taught at Istanbul 29 Mayıs University:

BSW: Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Research Methods, SPSS workshops, Social Work Theory and Practice with Individuals, Social Work Theory and Practice with Groups, Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees, Poverty and Social Work, Mental Health and Social Work, International Social Work.

### Courses taught at UIC Jane Addams College of Social Work:

MSW: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (Fall 2014, Fall 2013)

## SKILLS

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**Quantitative Analysis Software:** SPSS, Stata

**Qualitative Analysis Software:** MAXQDA, Atlas.ti

## INVITED TALKS

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| 2018 | School-based Trauma Support Intervention Project, Immigration and Refugees Seminar, Gelişim University, Istanbul, Turkey. (November, 22) |
| 2017 | Social Work with Refugees, Istanbul Sehir University, Istanbul, Turkey (May, 2)  |
| 2017 | Between Fear and Hope: Turkish Immigrant Families in the United States, Foundation for Science and Arts, İstanbul, Turkey (March, 18)    |

## PRESENTATIONS

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| 2017 | International Social Work Congress, Presentation title: <i>Turkish Immigrant Families in the US: Parenting, Parent-Adolescent Relationships and Adolescent Wellbeing</i> , Ankara, Turkey, May 30                  |
| 2013 | The Relevance of the Sufi Paradigm for Social Work Practice, Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Conference (November 2, Texas, Dallas)   |
| 2007 | Sufism Practices under Transformation: An Evaluation on a Group of Sufi Women in Turkey, Islam and Gender Symposium, Science and Art Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey  |
| 2005 | Sufism in a New Age Form: Representation of <i>Mercan Dede</i> in Turkish Popular Media, Questioning Culture, Religion and Identities across Turkey and Netherlands workshop, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands |

2003 Sufism in Britain, "Islam in the West" summer workshop, Erfurt, Germany

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2018 Participation in Workshop on Syrians under Temporary Protection In Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey (May 9)

2007 Participation in Disability Congress (*Ozurluler Surasi*) on behalf of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, organized by the Prime Ministry Administration for Disabled People in Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey

2006 Site visit to *International Bund* (IB), a social service organization in Hessen, Germany, on behalf of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality

2005 Participation in "International NGOs of the Islamic World Conference" on behalf of Foundation for Humanitarian Relief, organized by The Foundation of Volunteer Organizations of Turkey, Istanbul, April 30 – May 1

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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Management and implementation of trauma support groups with Syrian refugee children in state schools, Istanbul, Turkey, December 2016-May 2017.

Home visits to families affected from bombings and psychosocial support prevention, Psychosocial Support Network, Istanbul, 2015.

Participation in *Earthquake and Social Solidarity Seminar* at Bogazici University after the Marmara earthquake and volunteer work towards earthquake survivors in temporary housing, Turkey, August-September 1999.

### **TRAININGS**

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2018-2019 Family Counseling Training, Bakış Couple and Family Counseling Training Center, Istanbul, Turkey.

2015 Trauma Focused Family Therapy Training, Association for Couple and Family Therapies (ÇATED), October 24-25, Istanbul, Turkey.

2007 Project Cycle Management Training for EU projects, Deleeuwe International and Middle East Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey, August 14-19.

2004 NGOs and Project Writing Training, Center for Education Counseling and Research (*EDAM*), Istanbul, Turkey.