

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

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D 2016, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA
- 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, Istanbul, Turkey
- BA 2004, Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology (Double Major), Bogazici University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social work with immigrants and refugees, mental health, trauma, couples and family therapy, family welfare, international social work, disability.

CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Istanbul 29 Mayis University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014 - Present.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Nisanci, A. (2019). *Ruh Sağlığında İyileşme Yaklaşımı ve Psikiyatrik Sosyal Hizmet (Recovery Approach in Mental Health Field and Psychiatric Social Work)*, *Society and Social Work*, 30 (1), 231-259. DOI: 10.33417/tsh.516844

Nisanci, A. (2018). Critical acculturation psychology as a framework for research with immigrants. *Asos Journal*.

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

Manuscripts under Review

Nisanci, A. Parental Monitoring in Turkish Immigrant Families in the United States. (under review, *Social Work Research*)

Other Articles

"Sufism Practices under Transformation: An Evaluation on a Group of Sufi Women in Turkey", (*Turkiye'de Donusen Tasavvuf Pratikleri: Bir Grup Kadin 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*, Kaknüs Publishing. (Original book: Donna M. Ashcraft (2002), *Personality Theories Workbook*, Wadsworth Publishing).

POSITIONS

Family Therapist, *Bakis* Family and Couples Therapy Center, 2018-Present

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 Yardım Vakfı*), 2002 – 2005

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

Courses taught at Istanbul 29 Mayıs University Social Work Department:

Bachelors level social work classes: 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, Family Counseling Theory and Practice, Poverty and Social Work, Mental Health and Social Work, International Social Work.

Courses taught at UIC Jane Addams College of Social Work:

Masters level social work classes: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (Fall 2014, Fall 2013)

SKILLS

Quantitative Analysis Software: SPSS, Stata

Qualitative Analysis Software: MAXQDA, Atlas.ti

INVITED TALKS

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| 2019 | Peaceful Education: How to Use Nonviolent Communication in Education, Seminar to Teachers, Uskudar Province Directorate of National Education (June 26) |
| 2019 | “Humanitarian Aid and Social Work” Seminar, <i>Kızılay Akademi</i> (March 8) |
| 2019 | “Working with Refugee Children” Seminar, <i>İyilikhane</i> (NGO) Project on Refugee Children’s Education. (February 23) |
| 2019 | “Family Communication” Seminar, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Istanbul, Turkey. (December 8) |
| 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

- 2019 International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Presentation title: “*How do Social Workers Address Syrian Refugees’ Health and Mental Health Needs?*”, York, UK, July 23.
- 2018 Second International Congress of Migration and Refugees, Presentation title: “Resettlement Policies for Syrians: A Comparison of Turkey and the United States”, Presented with Ifrah Magan, Duzce University, Turkey, December 6.
- 2017 International Social Work Congress, Presentation title: *Turkish Immigrant Families in the US: Parenting, Parent-Adolescent Relationships and Adolescent Wellbeing*, 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 *Mercan Dede* 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

- 2018 Participation in Workshop on “Family”, Happy Family Happy Child Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey (December 12).
- 2018 Participation in Workshop on Syrians under Temporary Protection in Turkey, Aydin University, 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

REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Journal of Social Policy Studies (Editorial Board)

Turkish Journal of Applied Social Work (Advisory Board)

Addicta: The Turkish Journal on Addictions (Reviewer)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Management and implementation of trauma support groups with Syrian refugee children in public 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

2017-2019	Family Counseling Training, <i>Bakış</i> Couple and Family Counseling Training Center, Istanbul, Turkey.
2018	Dramatic Activities for Children (4-7 years old), January-June, 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 (<i>EDAM</i>), Istanbul, Turkey.