

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

- 2024 -** College of the Holy Cross
Assistant Professor of Psychology
- 2020 - 2024** Bennington College
Faculty member in Society, Culture & Thought

Education

- 2020** Ph.D. in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan
- 2016** M.S. in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan
- 2015** M.A. in Developmental Psychology, Koç University, Istanbul-Turkey
- 2010** B.S. in Psychology, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara-Turkey

Research Interests

- Sub-fields** Migration, citizenship, culture, race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, politics
- Concepts** Self, identity, community, belonging, desire, need, deservingness, vulnerability, resilience, empowerment, agency, autonomy, trust, privilege, marginalization, diaspora, globalization, neoliberalism
- Theories** Anti-colonial/Decolonial Theory, Intersectionality/Critical Race Theory, Transnational Feminism, Liberation Psychology
- Methods** Qualitative methods [Thematic Analysis, Narrative Analysis], Critical Participatory Action Research, Quantitative methods [Surveys], Mixed methods

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals

[*denotes equal contribution], [**denotes student authors]

- Savaş, Ö.** (2026) Kindred narrative inquiry: Cultivating trust and interdependence as anti-colonial feminist praxis for the unsettled who needs translation. *Qualitative Psychology*.
- Savaş, Ö. & Dutt, A.** (2025) Just Mobilities: Using Psychological Science to Inform the Future of Migration Policy. *Policy Insights from the Behavioral & Brain Sciences*, 1.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23727322251399151>

- Savaş, Ö.**, Duncan, L., Smith, H., & Stewart, A.J. (2024) The baggage and the benefits that travel with the F Word: Transnational feminism and its discontents. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 1(31), <https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12404>
- Savaş, Ö.***, & Dutt, A.* (2023) Decolonial and intersectional feminist psychology for the future of (forced) migration and refugee resettlement. *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cresp.2023.100124>
- Savaş, Ö.***, Klein, V.*, & Conley, T. (2023) Epistemic exclusion and invisibility in sex research: Revisiting the WEIRD dichotomy. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 1–4. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2023.2208091>
- Savaş, Ö.**, Caulfield, S., Smith, H.** , House, M.** , & Stewart, A. J. (2022) Vulnerability and empowerment on the ground: Activist perspectives from the Global Feminisms Project. *Feminism & Psychology*, 1-18. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09593535221139135>
- Klein, V.*, **Savaş, Ö.***, & Conley, T. (2022) How WEIRD and androcentric is sex research? Global Inequities in Study Populations. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2021.1918050>
- Savaş, Ö.**, Greenwood, R. M., Blankenship, B. T., Stewart, A. J., & Deaux, K. (2021) All immigrants are not alike: Intersectionality matters in views of immigrant groups. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, 9(1), 86-104. DOI: 10.5964/jspp.5575
- Blankenship, B. T., Davis, T., Areguin, M. A., **Savaş, Ö.**, Winter, D. & Stewart, A. J. (2021) Trust and tribulation: Racial identity centrality, institutional trust, and support for candidates in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*. <http://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12256>.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (2019) Alternative pathways to activism: Intersections of social and personal pasts in the narratives of women's rights activists. *Qualitative Psychology*, 6(1), 27-46. <https://doi.org/10.5964/jspp.5575>
- Blankenship, B., **Savaş, Ö.**, Frederick, J., & Stewart, A. J. (2018) Piecing together the American voting puzzle: How voters' personalities and judgments of issue importance mattered in the 2016 Presidential Election. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 18(1), 172-191. <https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12157>
- Blankenship, B., Frederick, J., **Savaş, Ö.**, Montgomery, S., & Stewart, A. J. (2017) Privilege and marginality: How group identification and personality predict right- and left-wing political activism. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy* 17(1), 161-183. <https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12132>
- Sümer, N., Sakman, E., Harma, M., & **Savaş, Ö.** (2016). Turkish mothers' attachment orientations and mental representations of their children. *Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology* 34(1), 49-63. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02646838.2015.1092020>

Refereed Book Chapters

Savaş, Ö. [under review]. A Life-affirming intersectional feminist psychology for just futures of human mobility. In H. Bullock & E. Zurbriggen (Eds.) *The Handbook of Feminist Political Psychology*.

Freeman, T., Overstreet, N. M., Ramirez, L., Rosenthal, L., **Savaş, Ö.**, Versey, S. H. [in press] Power to the people: Intersectionality and social psychology in current times. *The Handbook of Social Psychology*

Savaş, Ö. & Al-Midani, S. (2025) Syrian refugees on the margins: Gendered and racialized excursions in home-making. In Y. Hanoosh, S. Howell, & A. Shryock (Eds.) *Beyond Refuge in Arab Detroit*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press.

Savaş, Ö. (2021) Whose Challenge is #ChallengeAccepted? Performative Online Activism During the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Erasures. In K. A. Haas (Ed). *Being Human during COVID*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. [10.3998/mpub.12136619](https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.12136619)

Grants & Scholarships

2022 **Innovative Teaching Grant (\$3,400)**
This grant is awarded by the Consortium on Forced Migration, Displacement, and Education. The Consortium is formed by Sarah Lawrence College, Vassar College, Bard College, Bennington College, and New School for Social Research.

2019 **Public Scholarship Grant (\$8000)**
This grant is awarded by Rackham Program in Public Scholarship in support of researchers who work with a broad spectrum of community partner organizations. The expectation is the co-creation of public goods as a result of the partnership between the researcher and the community organization. The grants are generously supported by the University of Michigan Office of Research.

2018 **Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research (\$1500)**
This grant was established by Center for Arab American Philanthropy in the name of Dr. Philip Kayal, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology. The grant supports young Arab American scholars and/or social science research on the Arab American community.

2017-2018 **Barbour Scholarship (\$19,738)**
The Barbour Scholarships were endowed at the University of Michigan in 1917 by Levi Lewis Barbour "for women of the highest academic and professional caliber from the countries encompassing the large region extending from Turkey in the west to Japan and the Philippines in the east to study modern science, medicine, mathematics and other academic disciplines and professions critical to the development of their native lands."

2017 **Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$500)**

2016 **Rackham International Students Fellowship (\$10,000)**
"The Rackham International Student Fellowship assists outstanding international students, particularly those who may be ineligible for other kinds of support because of citizenship."

Awards

- 2025 Action Teaching Award (SPSSI)**
This award was established for high-impact teaching resources related to the psychological study of social issues. Each year, an award of \$1,000 will recognize an innovative and effective example of action teaching that addresses a pressing social issue such as climate change, immigration, human rights, income inequality, domestic violence, animal protection, or intergroup conflict. A smaller award may also be given for entries receiving honorable mention.
- 2018 Patricia Gurin Award (University of Michigan)**
This award was established in honor of Patricia Gurin by the University of Michigan Psychology Department. A competitive award of \$500 is given annually to graduate students who conduct research in any of the areas that characterize Gurin's research. These include the areas of identity, diversity, self-efficacy and control.
- 2017 Nan Donald Award (University of Michigan)**
Given by the University of Michigan Psychology Department. An award of \$2000 will recognize and encourage continuing interdisciplinary study in Psychology and Sociology.
- 2011 Best Abstract Award, V. National Psychology Graduate Students Conference (Turkish Psychological Association)**
Title: Language, memory and emotion: Emotional intensity of the autobiographical memories vary depending on language competence
\$500 is awarded by the psychology graduate student sub-committee of the Turkish Psychological Association in recognition of the best abstract.
- 2010 Best Poster of the Year Award (Middle East Technical University)**
Awarded by the Psychology Department at Middle East Technical University to undergraduates whose poster is selected as the best in the annual departmental showcase.

Refereed Conference Presentations

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Savaş, Ö. (October, 2026). Faşizm zamanlarında psikologların rolü (yükümlülüğü) üzerine (*The role [responsibilities] of psychologists in fascist times*) Paper presented in the IX. Critical Psychology Symposium in Izmir, Turkey.

Resendes, R.**, Connelly, G.** & **Savaş, Ö.** (June, 2026). Media as a weapon against migrants in the hands of the government. Poster presented in the annual meeting of Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Connelly, G.**, Resendes, R.**, & **Savaş, Ö.** (June, 2026). Who believes in illegal, criminal, aliens? Poster presented in the annual meeting of Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

- Savaş, Ö.** (July, 2025) Kindred Narrative Study: Anticolonial and Feminist Resistance in Research. Paper presented as part of the symposium in E. Ergün (Chair), *Intersectionality on the Move: Activists Translating for Transnational Justice* at the 6th edition of the European Colloquium on Gender and Translation at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.
- Savaş, Ö.** (June, 2025) The F word: Implicit meanings that travel the world. Paper presented as part of the symposium in Ö. Savaş (Chair), *Feminists, Sexual Dissidents and Scholars: Decolonial Approaches in Troubling Times* at the Annual Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Portland, OR.
- Savaş, Ö.,** (June, 2024). Making desirable citizens: Gendered and racialized excursions on the margins. Paper presented in the annual meeting of Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology in Boston, Massachusetts.
- Savaş, Ö.,** (June, 2023). Kindred narrative research: Cultivating interdependence in research when working with displaced communities. Paper presented in the annual meeting of Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology in Santa Cruz, California.
- Castro, K. ** & **Savaş, Ö.,** (June, 2023). Migration and Identity: An Analysis of San Juan Migrant Workers. Poster presented in the annual meeting of Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Denver, Colorado.
- Carter-Bolick, I. R. **, Brock, M. **, Connor Kirschbaum, A. **, Owenmark, A. **, Katwal, P. **, Siri, E. **, & **Savaş, Ö.,** (June, 2023). Identity (Dis)continuity and Multiple Selves among Queer College Students. Poster presented in the annual meeting of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Denver, Colorado.
- Savaş, Ö.,** (June, 2022). Achieving 'self-reliance' after resettlement: Differences between male- and female-headed households. Paper presented as part of the symposium in Ö. Savaş (chair), *Refugee belonging: An Examination of social, political and institutional processes* at the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Puerto Rico.
- Savaş, Ö.,** (June, 2019). Who is "worthy" of belonging? Paper presented as part of the symposium in M. Okuyan & Ö. Savaş (co-chairs), *Dominant groups' reactions to a changing society: Maintenance and confrontation* at the 14th Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in San Diego, CA.
- Savaş, Ö.,** Greenwood, R. Blankenship, B. T., Stewart, A. J., & Deaux, K. (June, 2018). Immigrant representations in the United States: Capturing the heterogeneity. Paper presented as part of the symposium in K. Deaux (chair), *Immigrant representations in the making* at the 13th Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (September, 2017). Creating affinity with immigrants: Perceptions of historical similarity and personal salience. Paper presented in the EASP-SPSSI Joint Meeting *To be both (or more): Immigration and Identity Multiplicity* in Utrecht, Netherlands.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2017). Changing attitudes about immigrants before the

- 2016 U.S. election. Paper presented as part of the symposium in A. J. Stewart (chair), *Making the U.S. home in the changing immigration context* at the 12th Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2017). Overcoming internalized oppression: Transnational experiences for developing a feminist praxis. Paper presented as part of the symposium in T. Kurtis (chair), *Transnational feminist psychology approaches to social justice* at the 12th Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (November, 2016). Decolonizing psychological theory of political socialization with evidence from global women's movements. Paper presented as part of the symposium in A. J. Stewart (chair), *Challenging what is given: Narratives of feminist activists in the Global Feminisms Project* at Annual National Women's Studies Association Conference in Montreal, Canada.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2016). Alternative pathways to political activism: A contextual-developmental approach. Paper presented as part of the symposium in A. Stewart (chair), *Commitments to advocacy and activism: Political, relational and developmental contexts* at 11th Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Rubin, J., McClelland, S., Bell, S., & **Savas, O.** (June, 2016). Faculty attitudes about qualitative research methods in U.S. psychology graduate programs. Paper presented at the 11th Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Frederick, J., **Savas, O.**, Stewart, A. J., Montgomery, S. & Blankenship, B. (July, 2015). Privilege and marginality: How group identification and personality predict right- and left-wing political activism. Paper presented at Annual meeting of International Society of Political Psychology in San Diego, California.
- Montgomery, S., Blankenship, B., Frederick, J., **Savas, O.**, & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2014). Movers and shakers: Personality, identity, and political activism. Poster presented at the 10th Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues convention in Portland, Oregon.
- Savaş, Ö.**, Altinok, N., Küntay, A., & Liszkowski, U. (June, 2012). Within-culture differences in caregiver-infant triadic joint actions. Paper presented at the Fifth International Conference on Language, Culture and Mind, Young Researchers Workshop, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Okuyan, M., Cingoz-Ulu, B., & **Savas, Ö.** (April, 2012). Kolektif eylemi etkileyen faktörler: Psikoloji öğrencileri örneği [The factors contributing to collective action: The case of psychology students]. Paper presented at the 17th National Psychology Congress, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Savaş, Ö.**, Altinok, N. & Bilgin, A. (April, 2012). Dil, bellek ve duygu: Anılara atfedilen duygu yoğunluğunun anının anadil ve ikinci dilde anlatılmasına göre farklılaşması [Language, memory and emotion: Emotional intensity of the autobiographical memories]

vary depending on language competence]. Poster presented at the 17th National Psychology Congress, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Savaş, Ö. (January, 2012). The effect of caregiver gesture-talk integration on communicative development in infancy. Paper presented at The British Academy Latin America Link Programme Communicative Development: A cross-linguistic, cross-cultural comparison, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK.

Savaş, Ö., Altınok, N. & Bilgin, A. (September, 2011). Anılara atfedilen duygu yoğunluğunun anının anadil ve ikinci dilde anlatılmasına göre farklılaşması. [Emotional intensity of the autobiographical memories vary depending on language competence] Paper presented at the V. Graduate Psychology Students Congress, Dogus University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Savaş, Ö. (July, 2009). Uzman otoritesinin sahte anı oluşturmada etkisi: Bellekte uymacılık [Influence of expert power on forming false memories: Does memory conform?] Paper presented at the XIV. National Psychology Students Congress, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Invited Talks, Panels & Lectures

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| 2025 | Vulnerability and empowerment on the ground: Activist perspectives from the Global Feminisms Project. Paper to be presented as part of the panel in K. McGuire (chair), "Feminist activism as intersectional knowledge production" at Celebrating Global Feminism Project's Two Decades of Collaborative Engagement from 2002 to 2025, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. |
| 2025 | Kindred Narrative Inquiry: An Anticolonial Feminist Research Methodology for the unsettled. Invited talk at <i>Social Forum, Psychology Department</i> , Clark University, Worcester, MA |
| 2025 | Dilemmas in Activism and the Work Towards Peace, Invited panelist by <i>Peace and Conflict Studies</i> , College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA [internal] |
| 2024 | Rethinking Feminist Cross-Border Relationality: Intersectionality and Transnationality in Translation. Invited panelist in S. Saluk & E. Ergün (Chairs), National Women's Studies Association Annual Convention, November 2025, Detroit, MI. |
| 2022 | WEIRD and vulnerable psychology: Constructions of gender and global inequities in research, Invited speaker for Social Psychology Webinar Series at TED University, Ankara, Turkey. |
| 2022 | "On belonging" Keynote at Southern Vermont Economy Summit in Mount Dover, VT. |
| 2022 | An Applied Psychology of Belonging. Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint |
| 2019 | Multiple belongings, multiple perspectives. Psychology Department, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey. |

2019 Belonging: From citizens to refugees. Psychology Department, the American University of Paris, Paris.

Invited Discussant

2025 Gender and Sexuality Rights as Human Rights in Turkey, Invited as panel discussant at *Donia Human Rights Center*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

2023 *Understanding Colonial, Neoliberal, and Political Systemic Injustices in Everyday Life*. Invited discussant, at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Workshops & Interactive Discussions Facilitated

2026 Centering scholars in exile in debates about academic freedom. Invited panelist in K. Elazab (Chair), Inter-University Workshop, Reimagining academic freedom: Leadership from Global Scholars in Exile, May 2026, Clark University, Worcester, MA.

2026 (Im)mobile researchers narrating precarious belonging amid democratic backsliding. Round table discussion in Ö. Savaş (Chair) at Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) Annual Conference, July 2026, Pittsburgh, PA.

2026 Funding pathways for critical social justice scholarship in/from/within global majority. Online meeting held in collaboration with Division 9 and 48 of APA in Ö. Savaş and Urmitapa Dutta (co-chairs).

2026 Workshop on “*Anti-colonial, Multicultural and Feminist Psychology*.” Feminist Psychology Seminars organized by Coalition of Feminist Psychologists in Turkey. [Online workshop will be delivered to the participants of the Network in January 2026].

2025 Expanding Psychology’s global reach: SPSSI member expectations and future visions, Interactive discussion Ö. Savaş & D. Esiaka (co-chairs) at the Annual Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Portland, OR

2024 Teaching about Palestine/Israel with Intersectional and Decolonial Psychological Praxis Interactive discussion in L. Rosenthal, Ö. Savaş, & A. Brenick (co-chairs) at Annual Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

2024 Building a SPSSI Action Research Interest Group Interactive discussion in B. Christens et al. (co-chairs) at the Annual Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

2023 Trauma-informed Mentorship Training. Social Sciences Solidarity Network, Turkey. [Online Workshop delivered to the participants of the Network]

2021 Workshop on *Intersectionality*. Teaching Global Feminisms: Using Activist Interviews Across Disciplines Conference in Ann Arbor, MI.

2019 Doing research, policy, activism in/for/from the Majority World.

Interactive discussion in Ö. Savaş, P. Salter & A. Dutt (co-chairs) at the 14th Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in San Diego, CA.

2012 Workshop on Coding Audio and Video Data with ELAN, an Annotation Software. Language and Communication Development Lab Workshop Series, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Public Scholarship, Other Publications & Interviews

Savaş, Ö., Okuyan, M., & Türkoğlu, B. (2023). 100 years of the Turkish Republic: A reflection on the psychological literature from 1923 to the present. *Virtual Series Issue, Society for the Study of Social Issues*, [https://spssi.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/\[ISSN\]9999-0025.100-years-of-turkish-republic](https://spssi.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/[ISSN]9999-0025.100-years-of-turkish-republic)

Published observations from Critical Mentorship Program funded by the Rackham Public Action Grant [The Pandemic's Toll on English Language Learners: "Last year, I didn't learn nothing."](#) in *Sound Science, Sound Policy Blog of Psychology Today* by Savaş, Ö., Fike, K., S. Zaynab Mahmood, & McKenna, N. [2021].

Interviewed for the [Psychology's Feminist Voices Oral History Project](#).

Interviewed about using the Global Feminisms Project Archive for teaching. In [Contextualizing Feminist Voices: The Lesson Plans](#)

Featured in the podcast "[Who holds up half the sky: Podcast on Chinese Feminism](#)" produced by Andreea Coscai.

White Papers/Reports

McClelland, S., Rubin, J., **Savaş, Ö.**, & Bell, S. (2015). A mixed method study of faculty attitudes about qualitative research methods in U.S. psychology graduate programs. *Report submitted to the Executive Committee of the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP)*.

University of Michigan's ADVANCE Program (2014 - 2018). Faculty Exit Interview Study. *Co-authored 3 reports, once each year, from 2014 to 2018*. See examples: <https://advance.umich.edu/research/#climate>

University of Michigan's ADVANCE Program (2014 - 2018). Department climate assessments for faculty, postdocs, staff, and graduate students. *Co-authored 5 departmental- and college-level climate assessment reports from 2014 to 2018*. See examples: <https://advance.umich.edu/research/#climate>

Courses Taught

College of the Holy Cross

Montserrat First-year Seminar: Home & Away

Fall: Making Identities in Limbo

Spring: All of Us or None (with Community-based Learning)

Migration, Identity, Belonging (Upper-level seminar)

People, Power & Politics
Cultural Psychology

Bennington College

Advanced Senior Seminar
Qualitative Inquiry
Research Methods
Self and Identity in Diaspora
Migration, Identity, and Belonging
The Personal and Political
Intersections in Black Feminist Movement and Research
Psychological Study of Sex and Gender
Community and Liberation Psychology

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Psychology of Belonging
Introduction to Women's Studies
Introduction to Psychology of Women and Gender
Political Psychology

Published Syllabi, Lesson Plans and Teaching Materials

Brenick, A., Eadeh, F., Grzanka, P., ... **Savaş, Ö.**, [2024] Psychologists' Response to the Violence in Gaza A SPSSI Resource Guide. *Report submitted to the Executive Committee of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)*. See www.spssi.org/violenceingaza

Savaş, Ö., & Solis, L. [2024]. [Migration, Identity & Belonging](#). *Europe Now Journal*, Issue 56, April.

Savaş, Ö., [2020]. Gender, Gender-based Violence, Intersectionality, and Interviews as Narrative, Data, and Sources. [Global Feminisms Project](#).

Guest Lectures

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| 2024 | <i>Immigration Attitudes and Policy</i> . Invited guest lecture in the course Political Psychology" (invited by Professor Fade Eadeh at Psychology Department of Seattle University) |
| 2019 | <i>Seeking refuge in Southeast Michigan</i> . Invited to talk in the course "Refugees of Unjust Worlds: Race, Gender, and Nation" (invited by Professor Amal Fadlalla at Anthropology of the University of Michigan) |
| 2018 | <i>Asking Questions in Interviews: The Roles of Researcher Identity, Stigma, and Emotions in Qualitative Research</i> . Invited to talk in the course "Identity and Stigma in Society: Theoretical Foundations and Methodological Approaches in Psychology" (invited by Benjamin T. Blankenship, PhD Candidate at Psychology Department of the University of Michigan). |

- 2016** *Gender-based Violence: Intimate Partner Violence.* Invited to talk in the course "Introduction to Women's Studies" (invited by Professor Maria Cotera at Women's and Gender Studies of the University of Michigan; 300 students).

Student Advising & Mentorship

Undergraduate Honors Theses and Projects Supervised:

- 2026** Harry Courts, Thesis title: "Strategic Silence: The Greek Left's Avoidance of the 1922 Asia Minor Catastrophe During the Refugee Crisis, 2015-2019" College Honors Program.
- 2025** Alicia Choquette, Project title: "Reactive Abuse," Washington Semester Program.
- 2024** Andrea Morantes, Thesis title: "Mexican-American first-generation college students' perceptions of counseling and therapy." Honors Thesis.
- Madeline Brock, Thesis title: "Movement laboratory: Invitation into the self." Honors Thesis.
- Maren Sage Dillipane, Thesis title: "It's time for 'The Talk': Interviews with sex educators: An analysis of sex education in the United States." Honors Thesis.
- 2023** Ayla Connor Kirshbaum, Thesis title: "A Uniform for the Unique: The effect of the queer uniform on queer adult's identity." Honors Thesis.
- 2022** Hafsa Zulficar, Thesis title: "Institutional, Symbolic, and Individual Factors that affect International Students' Sense of Belonging at an American College." Honors Thesis
- Thomas Finegar, Thesis title: "Morally Ambiguous Characters in Theatre and Why We Care So Much." Honors Thesis
- Jacqueline Escobar, Thesis title: "Mirame: See beyond what you're told - a media analysis of how the immigrant population is represented and the effects those perceptions bring." Honors Thesis
- 2021** Savannah Hernandez, Thesis title: "Exploration of Machismo culture and mental health stigma among first-generation college students." Honors Thesis

Undergraduate Honors Theses Second Reader:

- 2022** India Rose Carter Bolick, Thesis title: "Trafficked spirits: Historical analysis and psychological effects of Native American Women in the sex trafficking ring."
- Lua Piovano Marcotte, Thesis title: "Access, stigma, & visibility: Queer and disabled experiences in the rural U.S."
- 2021** Malhy Guadalupe Mendez, Thesis title: "Ni de Aquí, Ni de Allá: The Impact of Bilingualism and Identity on the Social Development of Children of Latinx Immigrants in Austin, TX and Surrounding Regions."

Suzie Rejali, Thesis title: "Iranian American Immigrants' Sense of Identity & Belonging Through the Generations."

Camille Cano, Thesis title: "Pandemics and access: A case study on Bennington College's Response to COVID-19."

Jessica Meagher, Thesis title: "Culling: A political anatomy of Anorexia Nervosa."

Service to the Institution

College of the Holy Cross:

2025-2026 Academic Conference Coordination for Psychology Department
Role: Coordinate between the department and college-level organizers.

2025 Psychology Department External Review Steering Committee
Role: Prepare documents to be reviewed by the Psychology Department and contribute to the facilitation of the self-study.

Bennington College:

2022-2024 Curriculum Implementation Committee
Role: Co-chair. Review and approve courses, and facilitate communication across discipline groups about curricular needs at Bennington College.

2022 'Whole Person' Committee of the Strategic Planning
Role: Committee member. Assess students' needs on campus taking an intersectional approach. Make recommendations to the administration to improve student well-being.

2022 Search Committees
Member of Committee for Visiting Professor Position in Linguistics
Member of Committee for Visiting Professor Position in Clinical/Counseling Psychology

2022 Faculty Forum
Role: Convener in rotation. Gather information, prepare and set agenda items, and send emails in advance of the meeting and as a follow-up. Convene college-wide faculty meeting.

2022 Taskforce in Reshaping Advanced Work in SCT
Role: Member of the taskforce. Gather information, assess student and faculty needs, propose a new structure for students to complete their theses in the advanced work seminar in the Society, Culture and Thought Area.

2020-2021 President's Working Group (PWG) to Advance Anti-racist Practices
Role: Member of Climate Survey Subcommittee
PWG at Bennington College envisions a future for Bennington College that is more diverse, more inclusive and is actively fighting against racism and exploring the intersections with class, gender, and other vectors of identity and positionality.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor:

2014-2018 ADVANCE Program

Role: Graduate Student Intern

University of Michigan ADVANCE Program aims to improve campus environment for faculty, students and staff, focusing on recruitment, retention, climate, and leadership practices.

2017-2018 Department of Psychology Graduate Student Leadership Council

Role: Representative of Gender and Feminist Psychology Area

2016 Brown Bag Organizing Committee

Role: Student member, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey:

2016-2017 Studies on Turkey Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop

Role: Student coordinator. Co-organizer with two other graduate students.

2008-2010 Middle East Technical University Psychology Student Association

Role: President (2009-2010), Executive member (2008-2009)

2008-2009 Turkish Psychology Students Study Group (TPSSG)

Role: Representative of Middle East Technical University Psychology Department.

Service to the Profession

Leadership Positions:

2025 – cont. Steering Committee Member of Share the Platform

Share the Platform is a collective of practitioners and scholars centering the expertise of refugees and scholars in exile to improve policy, programs, and practice.

2024–2027 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Council Member

2024–2027 Co-chair of the Internationalization Committee of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

2019-2024 Member of Internationalization Committee of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Role: Committee member. (Goals are to increase and serve SPSSI's international membership and to develop international activities. This committee also selects recipients for international travel awards to attend SPSSI conferences.)

2015 Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) Taskforce (2015)

Role: Assisting with data collection and analysis, and report writing in the service of the discipline of psychology as part of the taskforce formed by APA Division 5.

Reviewer/Editorial Roles:

2025 – cont. Grants Review Committee: Division 48 (Peace Psychology)'s Pathways to Just Peace Small Grants

2024 – cont. Editorial Board: Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy

2023 **Conference Submissions Review Board:** Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Annual Conference
Tasks: Review submissions for proposals for symposia, papers, and posters for the Annual Conference of SPSSI.

2018 – cont. **Ad-hoc Reviewer:** Journal of Peace and Conflict Psychology; Feminism & Psychology; Frontiers in Psychology; Qualitative Psychology; Qualitative Research; Journal of Social and Political Psychology; Journal of Community Psychology; Journal of Adult Development, History of Psychology

Conference/Speaker Series Organizer Role:

2026 **Inter-University Workshop, Reimagining Academic Freedom: Leadership from Global Scholars in Exile**, May 2026, Clark University, Worcester, MA.
(sponsored by Scholars at Risk).

2026 **Borders and State Violence: Building Solidarity Across Struggles – A Conversation with Harsha Walia**, April 2026, online meeting sponsored by UMass Lowell's Greeley Peace Studies Program.

2026 **Building Sanctuary in the Age of Walls, Bans, and Raids Panel**, February 2026, at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester MA.

2025 – cont. **Epistemologies of the South Webinar Series**
Role: Organizer. Launched a webinar series that will be rolled out from Spring 2025 through 2026, featuring researchers and research located in the Global South. The webinar series is hosted by SPSSI, widely advertised and is open to participation of psychologists from around the world.

2023 **Feminist and Queer Inquiries Speaker Series**
Role: Organizer and host. Organized a speaker series. Invited two scholars in Spring 2023, the latter was canceled (Dr. Michelle Fine, Dr. Sara Brill)

2022 **Decolonial and Anti-racist Perspectives on (Forced) Migration Speaker Series**
Role: Organizer and host. Organized a speaker series. Invited and hosted three scholars in Spring 2022 (Dr. Sunil Bhatia, Dr. Anjali Dutt, Dr. Pablo Bose)

2018 **Public Scholarship Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop**
Role: Student coordinator. *Co-organizer with three other graduate students.*

2009 **METU Psychology Days**
Role: Lead Organizer, Conference theme: "Universality and Diversity"

Professional Memberships

American Psychological Association Div 9: Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
American Psychological Association Div 5: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods (SQIP)
American Psychological Association Div 48: Peace Psychology
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)