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EDUCATION

- Spring 2019
(expected) PhD
University at Buffalo School of Social Work
Dissertation: *Mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of displaced Syrians: An exploratory mixed-methods study* (Isok Kim, Chair)
- 2014 MSW
Florida State University
Concentration: Clinical Social Work
- 2008 MA
Istanbul University, Institute of Forensic Medicine
Concentration: Forensic Sciences
Thesis: *Effects of domestic violence exposure on severe physical aggression among incarcerated male youth*
- 2004 BS
Istanbul University
Major: Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Refugee mental health and psychosocial wellbeing
- Forced migration in the Middle East
- Resilience and empowerment
- Community-based participatory research

PUBLICATIONS

- Peer-reviewed **Yalim, A. C.** & Kim, I. (in press). Mental health and psychosocial needs of displaced Syrian refugees: A literature review and future directions. *Advances in Social Work*.
- Kim, I., Keovisai, M., Kim, W., Richards-Desai, S., & **Yalim, A. C.** (2018). Trauma, discrimination, and psychological distress across Vietnamese refugees and immigrants: A life course perspective. *Community Mental Health Journal*. Online first. doi:
[10.1007/s10597-018-0268-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-018-0268-2)

Yalim, A. C. & Sezgin, U. (2015). Denial of child maltreatment histories among male adolescent offenders. *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology*, 4, 47-51. doi: [10.6000/1929-4409.2015.04.05](https://doi.org/10.6000/1929-4409.2015.04.05)

Under Review **Yalim, A. C.**, Kim, W., & Kim, I. (under review). Barriers to healthcare access among Burmese refugees: A qualitative study. *Health and Social Care in the Community*.

Critelli, F. M., Lewis, L., **Yalim, A. C.**, & Ibraeva, J. (under review). Labor migration and its impact on families in Kyrgyzstan: A qualitative study. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*.

Critelli, F. M. & **Yalim, A. C.** (under review). Improving access to domestic violence services for women of immigrant and refugee status: A trauma-informed perspective. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.

In Progress **Yalim, A. C.** (in progress). *Resilience and empowerment in everydayness of Syrian refugees: Does forced migration change gender roles?*

Kim, I., Richards-Desai, S., Kim, W., Keovisai, M., & **Yalim, A. C.** (in progress). *Social determinants of health among Vietnamese Americans: Does immigration type matter?*

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed **Yalim, A.C.** (upcoming November, 2018). *An application of theoretical triangulation to explore gender dynamics among Syrian refugees*. Poster to be presented at the 64th Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Critelli, F. M., Lewis, L., & **Yalim, A. C.** (July, 2018). *Labor migration and children left behind in Kyrgyzstan*. Paper presented at the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development (SWSD), Dublin, Ireland.

Yalim, A. C., Sacco, S., Soteli, A. & Byimana, L. (January, 2018). *Implementation of an initial mental health assessment for newly arrived refugees*. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.

Lewis, L., Critelli, F. M., & **Yalim, A. C.** (October, 2017). *Transnational migration: The impact of separation on families in a post-Soviet country*. Poster presented at the 63rd Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Yalim, A. C., Kim, W., & Kim, I. (January, 2017). *Healthcare challenges among refugees from Burma: An explorative study*. Poster

presented at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Keovisai, M., Kim, I., Richards-Desai, S., **Yalim, A. C.**, & Kim, W. (January, 2017). *Experiencing trauma, discrimination, and psychological distress across Vietnamese refugees and immigrants: A life course perspective*. Presented at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Richards-Desai, S, Kim, I., Kim, W., **Yalim, A. C.**, & Keovisai, M. (January, 2017). *Effects of social determinants of health on physical health outcomes: A comparison between Vietnamese refugees and immigrants in the United States*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Yalim, A. C. & Sacco, S. (December, 2016). *Implementing Refugee Health Screener-15 (RHS-15) at a U.S. refugee resettlement agency*. Online poster published at the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims 10th International Scientific Symposium: Delivering on the Promise of the Right to Rehabilitation, Mexico City, Mexico.

Kim, I., Richards-Desai, S., Kim, W., **Yalim, A. C.**, & Keovisai, M. (June, 2016). *Association between social determinants of health factors and chronic medical conditions among Vietnamese refugees and immigrants in the United States*. Presented at the 6th North American Refugee Health Conference, Niagara Falls, NY.

Kim, I., Keovisai, M., Richards-Desai, S., **Yalim, A. C.**, & Kim, W. (June, 2016). *Differential predictors of psychological distress among Vietnamese refugees and immigrants*. Presented at the 6th North American Refugee Health Conference, Niagara Falls, NY.

Yalim, A. C. & Sacco, S. (June, 2016). *Implementing refugee health screening (RHS-15) at a refugee resettlement agency*. Presented by the second author at the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2016, Seoul, Korea.

Critelli, F. M., **Yalim A. C.**, & Richards-Desai, S. (April, 2016). *Educating for an inclusive world: Promoting disability rights through collaborative online international learning*. Presented at the 10th Anniversary COIL Conference, New York, NY.

Kim, W, **Yalim, A. C.**, & Kim I. (April, 2016). *Barriers to healthcare use among refugees from Burma*. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual WNY Refugee Health Summit, Buffalo, NY.

Yalim, A. C. (June, 2015). *Psychosocial needs of displaced Syrian refugees: Research directions*. Poster presented at the 5th North American Refugee Health Conference, Toronto, Canada.

- Other
- Yalim, A. C.** (May, 2018). *The ongoing refugee crisis and social work in Turkey*. Global to Local Luncheon Series. Global Interest Group, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
- Critelli F. M., Lewis, L., & **Yalim, A. C.** (May, 2017). *Mommy will be home soon: Transnational migration and families in Kyrgyzstan*. Grand Rounds. Buffalo Center for Social Research, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
- Yalim, A. C.** (March, 2016). *Syrian refugees: An overview*. Syrian Refugees: Buffalo Responds, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
- Yalim, A. C.** (February, 2016). *Syrian refugees*. Pecha Kucha. School of Social Work, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
- Critelli, F. M., **Yalim A. C.**, & Richards-Desai, S. (November, 2015). *Educating for an inclusive world: Promoting social justice through collaborative online international learning*. International Education Week, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
- Yalim, A. C.** (June, 2015). *Responding to survivors of torture*. Jewish Family Services, Buffalo, NY.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014 – Present Graduate Assistant
Supervisors: Dr. Filomena Critelli, Dr. Laura Lewis
Institute for Sustainable Global Engagement, University at Buffalo
Responsibilities: Data analysis, participant recruitment, publication preparation & presentations
- 2016 – 2018 Principal Investigator
Implementing the Refugee Health Screener-15 at a Refugee Resettlement Agency in WNY
Jewish Family Services & School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
Responsibilities: Project development, proposal writing, participant recruitment, semi-structured interviews, data analysis, publication, preparation & presentations
- 2015 – 2017 Research Internship
Barriers to Health and Mental Health Care among Burmese Refugees in Buffalo
Supervisor: Dr. Wooksoo Kim
School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
Responsibilities: Participant recruitment, semi-structured interviews, transcription, data analysis, publication preparation & presentations

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2018 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Grants-In-Aid (\$1000)
- 2018 Susan Nochajski Research Grant (\$4000)
University at Buffalo, School of Social Work
- 2018 Mark Diamond Research Fund (\$2988)
Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo
- 2018 Professional Development Award (\$283)
The State of New York/Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU)
- 2015 Professional Development Award (\$532)
The State of New York/Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Courses Taught SW 541: Advanced Standing Research Seminar (seated)
(upcoming, Spring 2019)
- SW 505: Theories of Human Behavior & Development (seated)
(Fall 2016)
- Teaching Assistantship SW 505: Theories of Human Behavior and Development (online)
(Instructor: Dr. Laura Lewis, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall, 2015, Fall 2014)
- SW 500: Social Welfare History and Policy (seated)
(Instructor: Dr. Filomena Critelli, Spring 2016, Fall, 2015)
- SW 995SEM: Understanding Disability through the Perspective of Social Work and Law (online)
(Instructor: Dr. Filomena Critelli, Spring 2015)
- Guest Lectures SW 714: International Social Work (Instructor: Dr. Filomena Critelli, Spring 2016 & Spring 2015)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2017 Consultant
Jewish Family Services, Center for Survivors of Torture, Buffalo, NY
Responsibilities: Mental health screening and referrals
- 2014 Refugee Resettlement Program Intern
Catholic Charities, Tallahassee, FL
Responsibilities: Screening, mental health counseling, and referrals
- 2013 Youth and Family Advocate Intern

- Capital City Youth Services, Tallahassee, FL
Responsibilities: Screening & intake, support group facilitation, child-centered family support
- 2009 – 2012 Volunteer
South Miami Hospital, Social Work Department, Miami, FL
Referrals and follow-ups
- 2007 – 2008 Psychologist
Erenkoy Psychiatry Research and Education Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey
Responsibilities: Mental health screening & evaluation, counseling, child-centered family therapy, group therapy
- 2006 – 2007 Psychologist/School counselor
Bilfen Preschool, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 – 2007 Intern
Cerrahpasa Medical School, Child Neurology, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2002 – 2008 Volunteer & Executive Committee Member
Foundation for Street Children in Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 Intern
PSI Child and Family Counseling Center, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 – 2006 Psychologist
Yaman Special Education and Rehabilitation Center, Istanbul, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- 2014 - 2017 Member, Global Interest Group
University at Buffalo School of Social Work
- 2015 - 2017 Planning committee member
Western New York World Refugee Day, Buffalo, NY
- 2016 Facilitator, Interprofessional Education Forum
University at Buffalo
- 2018 Reviewer, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) APM
Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Populations Track
Islam and Muslims Track
- 2017 Reviewer, Mark Diamond Research Fund, UB Graduate Student Association
- 2015 Reviewer, *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*

Member Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
 The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
 The National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
 The Turkish Psychological Association

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

2010 Play Therapy Level One Training, *Play Therapy Training Institute*, Monroe Township, NJ

2008 Play Therapy Training, *Heidi Kaduson (Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor)*, Istanbul, Turkey

2003 – 2007 Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-R), Istanbul, Turkey

 Rorschach Test Training, Istanbul, Turkey

 Kaufmann Brief Intelligence Test Training, Istanbul, Turkey

 Frostig Developmental Test of Visual Perception Training, Istanbul, Turkey

 Denver II Developmental Screening Test, Istanbul, Turkey

 Minnesota Multidimensional Personality Inventory (MMPI), Istanbul, Turkey

MEDIA

2016 [UB symposium highlights Syrian refugee crisis.](#) *The Spectrum*, University at Buffalo.

2016 [Syrian refugees: An overview.](#) Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute, University at Buffalo

2015 [Refugees welcome: UB students express support for Syrian refugees.](#) *The Spectrum*, University at Buffalo.

2015 [PhD student profiles,](#) *Mosaics*, University at Buffalo