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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023-Present Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Sociology
Wayne State University

EDUCATION

August 2023 Ph.D., Sociology
Michigan State University
Dissertation: "The Diaspora Evolves: Young Armenians Forging Identities in Yerevan and Glendale"
Graduate Specialization in Women's and Gender Studies

2019 M.A., Sociology
Michigan State University

2014 B.A., Social Relations & Policy
James Madison College at Michigan State University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transnationalism, Globalization, and Diaspora
Race and Ethnicity
Gender and Sexuality

Qualitative Research Methods
Urban Studies
Visual Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Inna Mirzoyan. 2022. Book Review of *Knowing About Genocide: Armenian Suffering and Epistemic Struggle* by Joachim J. Savelsberg. *Contemporary Sociology* 51(5): 411-413.

Inna Mirzoyan. 2022. "Film Review of Last Chance U: Basketball." *Teaching Sociology* 50(2): 194-197.

Inna Mirzoyan. 2022. "Armenian Enclave in L.A." *American Sociological Association Community & Urban Sociology Section Newsletter* 35(2): 20-23.

Ning Hsieh and **Inna Mirzoyan.** 2021. "Disparities in Experience with Culturally Competent Care and Satisfaction with Care by Sexual Orientation." *LGBT Health* 8(3): 222-230.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- 2023** Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School, Michigan State University (\$9,000)
- 2021** Research Award, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Yerevan, Armenia (\$13,820)
- 2021** Women's & Gender Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University (\$8,760)
- 2020** Accepted workshop participant, Ethnography Summer School, The University of Texas at Austin (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- 2020** Rita Gallin Award for Best Graduate Paper, Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University (\$250)
- 2019** Third Place, Research Symposium Presentation, Sociology, Michigan State University (\$150)
- 2018-2019** Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellow, James Madison College, Michigan State university (\$5,000)

RESEARCH TRAINING

- 2022-2023** **Research Associate**, Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Provided part-time support in the archival section. Responsibilities included organizing archives according to significant themes and time period, identifying important findings and patterns, and reporting trends to Center Director for further use.
- 2022** **Qualitative Researcher**, The Armenian Diaspora Survey
Provided part-time research support for the first global survey on Armenians. Responsibilities included recruiting and interviewing nine research participants from Michigan in English and Russian, transcribing interviews, and completing reporting templates.
- 2019** **Program Scholar**, Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology II, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
Completed certification in quantitative research training workshop on race and ethnicity.
- 2018-2019** **Research Assistant**, Dr. Ning Hsieh, Michigan State University
Provided part-time research support for a study partially funded by the National Institute on Aging focusing on patient/provider health care experiences among sexual minority individuals. Responsibilities included literature review, data analysis and writing portions of manuscript that was published in *LGBT Health*.

- 2018** **Diversity Fellow**, Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
Completed certification for workshops in introduction to survey methods; introduction to survey sampling; questionnaire design; and introduction to data collection methods.
- 2018** **Research Assistant**, Dr. Daniel Menchik, Michigan State University
Provided part-time research support for a research study on medical professionals' communication regarding new healthcare technologies. Responsibilities included literature review, transcribing and analysis of transcribed interviews.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Wayne State University

- Fall 2023** Understanding Human Society
Exploring Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships

Michigan State University

- Summer 2022** Family and Society
Summer 2021 Family and Society
Summer 2020 Race & Ethnicity
Summer 2019 Race & Ethnicity

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Michigan State University

- Spring 2021** Quantitative Analysis for Social Research
Spring 2020 Race & Ethnicity
Fall 2019 Introduction to Sociology
Spring 2019 Youth & Society
Fall 2018 Race & Ethnicity
Spring 2018 Youth & Society
Fall 2017 Race & Ethnicity

Guest Lecturer

American University of Armenia

- Fall 2021** “Photovoice Methods in Teaching.” Perspectives in Education
“Bourdieu’s Forms of Capital.” Introduction to Sociology
“What Photos Show Us About Transnationalism Within the Armenian
Diaspora.” Oral History: Collecting Life Stories

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

- 2021** “Pedagogies and Teaching in a Pandemic.” Paper Session, Teaching and Learning in Sociology. Caring Pedagogies: Teaching in Challenging Times. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.

- 2020** “Most of My Friends are Armenian’: Armenian Social Networks and Transnational Organizations.” Paper Session, Transnational Processes. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2020. Virtual.
- 2020** “Do Grades Matter?” Roundtable, Symposium on Teaching and Learning in Sociology. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2020. Virtual
- 2019** “Extending the Reach: Transnationalism in the Armenian Diaspora.” Paper Session, Immigrant Communities, Michigan Sociological Association Annual Conference. Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.
- 2019** “Extending the Reach: Transnational Ties in the Armenian Diaspora.” Roundtable, Section on Global and Transnational Sociology, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York.
- 2019** “Female Demining Teams: How They Strengthen Environmental Justice and Weaken Gender Boundaries.” Roundtable, Section on the Sociology of Sex and Gender. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, New York.
- 2019** “Do Grades Matter? Unfortunately, Yes. Student and Faculty Perspectives on Grades in James Madison College.” Graduate School Teaching Fellows Poster Presentations. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2018** “Expanding the Immigrant Rights Movement: A Quantitative Study Using Public Attitudes as a Function of Intersectionality.” Roundtable, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018** “Connecting the Invisible Dots: A Look into the Intersectionality of Undocumented and Transgender Persons.” Queer Conversations Symposium. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Invited Talks

- 2021** Visual Sociology Seminar for master’s sociology students. Yerevan State University. Yerevan, Armenia.
- 2021** “Photovoice methods in teaching and research.” Workshop for faculty. American University of Armenia. Yerevan, Armenia.

WORKSHOPS

- 2021** Certification in College Teaching Institute, Michigan State University Graduate School. Virtual.
Training sessions included: Understanding the University Context and Writing Your Teaching Philosophy; Developing a Mentored Project

- 2021** Alpha Kappa Delta Graduate Student Teaching Development and Certification Workshops, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference. Virtual.
Workshops included: Finding out Where and How Your Course Fits; Creating Your Syllabus: Social Media & Teaching Websites; The Graduate Student/Teacher Balance
- 2020** “Photovoice Analysis and Scholarly Presentation,” Michigan State University College of Education. Virtual.
Workshop included practicing visual content analysis with other participants.
- 2020** Photovoice Consultation Hour, Michigan State University College of Education. Virtual.
- 2020** “Teaching the Past and Present Legacy of the Armenian Genocide,” University of Southern California Shoah Foundation.

SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

- 2021** *Diaspora Studies*
Journal of Health and Social Behavior

Textbook Chapter Reviewer

- 2022** *The Family: Diversity, Inequality, and Social Change*, by Philip N. Cohen

Department & University Service

- 2021** **Student Representative**, Sociology Department Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Michigan State University.
- 2020** **Student Representative**, Sociology Department Advisory Committee, Michigan State University.
- 2018** **Certified Dialogue Facilitator**, Office for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, Michigan State University.
- 2017** **Union Steward**, Graduate Employees Union, Michigan State University.

Other

- 2021** **Volunteer**, Birthright Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia.
- 2017** **ESL Volunteer**, Lansing Refugee Development Center, Lansing, MI.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022** **Campaign Manager**, Michiganders for Fair Lending, Detroit, MI
Served as a campaign manager for Michigan’s bipartisan ballot initiative to cap the rates of predatory payday loans that target marginalized communities.
Responsibilities included managing and collaborating with colleagues by planning committee agendas and meetings; creating relationships with key stakeholders in the

community including local credit unions, religious organizations, and political officials; and reviewing petition signatures for validity.

2014-2017 **Immigration Paralegal**, Clark Hill, PLC, Detroit, MI and Washington, D.C.
Served as a paralegal assisting the immigration practice group with visa applications. Responsibilities included communicating with and assisting visa applicants by gathering paperwork; and meeting to gather notes on their experiences for cases such as H-1B visas, spousal visas, asylum, and green card applications.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

NVIVO, MAXQDA, STATA, SPSS, Excel, Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
