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Education

- August 2018/Current Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
December 2017 Masters in Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN
September 2011 Bachelors in Sociology, University of Sulaimani, Sulaimani/ Kurdistan-Iraq

Employment History

- 2018-2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology.
2011-2014 Tutor and Student-Faculty Mediator, University of Sulaimani, Kurdistan/Iraq.

Research Experience

- 2017 Thesis: "The Impact of Religiosity and Religious Affiliation on Attitudes Regarding Body Organ Donation After Death Among Arab Americans."
Dr. Richard Petts – Advisor and Jun Xu and Fang Gong committee members.

This research discusses the relationship between religion and attitudes toward body organ donation. The main research questions are: Do attitudes toward body organ donation differs by levels of religiosity? Do attitudes toward body organ donation differs by religious affiliation? Specifically, this study seeks to indicate the similarity and differences between religious followers (Christian and Muslim) in their perspective about donating body organs after death. The data for this research is derived from a study titled the Detroit Arab American Study (DAAS). This study found that religiosity is not related to people's attitudes toward body organ donation after death while religious affiliation has a significant impact on shaping people's attitudes toward donating body organs after death. Precisely, the findings indicated that Christians are more likely to have a positive attitude toward body organ donation after death than Muslim.

- 2011 Research paper: "The Impact of Religious Upbringing on the Division of Gender Roles" Dr. Zhia Abbas - Advisor. This practical research presented to the University of Sulaimani as part of the requirements for the B.A. in sociology.

I conduct this quantitative research in Kurdistan by collecting data from 50 males and 50 females about the role of religion in their family/social life then analyzed their views regarding duty division between man and women to indicate the impact of religious upbringing on people's views on gender equality in Kurdish society. The results found religion as a significant factor of both men and women's choice of work, role divisions and supporting others role based on their religious work division for men and women. In sum, more than %80 of participants were agreed that their

religion is the main reason to differentiate family duties and personal responsibilities based on gender.

Professional Development

May 2018 Institutional Research Certificate, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Awards and Honors

2017 North Central Sociological Association's Certificate of Professional Development
2011 Training Certificate and Member, Social & Crime Research Center (S.C.R.C),
 Sulaimani, Kurdistan-Iraq
2017 Certification of Appreciation, Rinker Center for International Programs

Professional Memberships

2017-Present Member Alpha Kappa Delta
2019-Present American Sociology Association January
2018-Present Graduate Sociology Association, West Virginia University

Publications

Manuscripts in Progress:

The Impact of Religiosity and Religious Affiliation on Attitudes Regarding Body Organ Donation After Death Among Arab Americans. Analyzing data from a study titled the Detroit Arab American Study (DAAS), 2003 (ICPSR 4413).

Examining Arab American's View on Abortion, Premarital Sex, And Homosexuality based on Religious Affiliation and Religiosity. Analyzing data from a study titled the Detroit Arab American Study (DAAS), 2003 (ICPSR 4413).

When War is the Only Hope. Reviewing Kelly J. Shannon's book on U.S. Foreign Policy and Muslim Women's Human Rights.

The Current Stage of Sociological knowledge on Violence Against Muslim Women. Reviewing the extant literature on violence against Muslim women

Conference Presentations

2019 The Impact of Religiosity and Religious Affiliation on Attitudes Regarding Body Organ Donation After Death Among Arab Americans. Presented at North Central Sociological Association. Cincinnati, OH.

Funding Awarded

May 2019 Graduate and Doctoral Travel and Research Grant awarded by the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University to support conference travel to North Central Sociological Association. Cincinnati, OH.

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Related Skills

Language Skills

Strong intercultural communication skills
Kurdish language, (Native)
Fluent in Persian and English
Arabic language, (Moderate)

Computer Skills

Sufficient knowledge to use Microsoft Office on daily basis
Sufficient knowledge to use Qualtrics survey design platform
Sufficient knowledge to analyze data in STATA statistical software
Sufficient knowledge to analyze data in RStudio statistical software
International Computer Driver's License, ICDL Certification

References

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