

EDUCATION



Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

PhD in Sociology | 2018 - expected 2024

- Specialization: Sociology of Family, Crime and Delinquency, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems.
- Dissertation: Family Dynamics and Delinquency: A Sociological Perspective on Three Studies of Family Functioning, Family Atmosphere, And Family History

Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Master's degree in Sociology | 2015 - 2017

- Specialization: Medical Sociology, Religion, & Culture
- Masters' thesis: The Impact of Religiosity and Religious Affiliation on Attitudes Regarding Body Organ Donation After Death Among Arab Americans.

University of Sulaimani, Kurdistan-Iraq

Bachelor's degree in Sociology | 2007 - 2011

- Specialization: Gender, inequality, socialization, & culture
- Senior research paper: The Impact of Religious Upbringing on the Division of Gender Roles

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GULZAR JALAL

PH.D. CANDIDATE OF SOCIOLOGY

**Instructor at West Virginia
University**

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Sociology of family, crime and delinquency, religion, and culture. Quantitative and qualitative research methods.

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-West Virginia University: Instructor

2023–Current

I am currently teaching 300 level face to face class of 50 students titled “Juvenile Delinquency” at West Virginia University.

- West Virginia University: Graduate Teaching Assistant

2020–2022

Instructor of record teaching asynchronous and synchronous sections of introduction to sociology classes of 80 students total per a semester for two academic years.

- West Virginia University: Graduate Teaching Assistant

2018–2020

- I've held multiple roles as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at West Virginia University's Department of Sociology and Anthropology. This included prepping class materials, grading, and proctoring exams. Additionally, I trained undergraduate sociology students to become professional tutors for the SOCA Tutoring Center in the fall of 2020 and served as a judge in the WVU summer research symposium.

-Graduate Program Assistant

2011–2014

I performed various administrative tasks to assist the sociology and anthropology department at the University of Sulaimani Kurdistan/Iraq.

Research Experience

- 2023 I am currently working on the Fragile Family and Child Wellbeing dataset for my dissertation titled Family Dynamics and Juvenile Delinquency; A sociological perspective on three studies of family functioning, family atmosphere, and family history.
- 2022 Worked as a graduate research assistant to help the West Virginia University's assessment team analyze students' assessment data from multiple sources such as senior student's poster presentations, student surveys, alumni surveys, and transcribing focus group interviews.
- 2017 Master's 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.
- 2011 Research paper: "The Impact of Religious Upbringing on the Division of Gender Roles" Dr. Zhia Abbas - Advisor. This practical research was presented to the University of Sulaimani as part of the requirements for the B.A. in sociology.

Publications

The Impact of Religiosity and Religious Affiliation on Attitudes Regarding Body Organ Donation After Death Among Arab Americans. Analyzing data from the Detroit Arab American Study (DAAS), 2003 (ICPSR 4413), Published by Ball State University Library.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Assessing assessment: A novel Journey Utilizing multimethod Strategies for Measuring Student Learning Outcomes. Hirshman, Amy J. and Gulzar Jalal, 2023

Examining Arab American's View on Abortion, Premarital Sex, And Homosexuality based on Religious Affiliation and Religiosity. Analyzing data from 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

- 2023 Being Relatable While Teaching for the First Time: A Self-reflection Paper. Presented at North Central Sociological Association. Grand Rapid, Michigan.
- 2022 Explaining Parent's Reactions to Juvenile Delinquency. The American Society of Criminology (ASC), Annual conference in Atlanta, GA
- 2022 Parenting and Youths' Attitudes toward Formal Social Control Forces. Presented at North Central Sociological Association. Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2020 Examining Arab American's View on Abortion, Premarital Sex, And Homosexuality Based on Religious Affiliation and Religiosity. It will be presented at the North Central Sociological Association. Cleveland, OH. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 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.

Professional Development

2023	North Central Sociological Association's Preparing Future Faculty Certificate.
2021	Trained to be an anti-racist activist: by "A Long Talk about the Uncomfortable Truth"
2020	Teaching Sociology (3 credits offered at West Virginia University)
2019	Seminar, Online Teaching (40 hours, offered at West Virginia University)
2018	Institutional Research Certificate, Ball State University, Muncie, IN
2017	Certification of Appreciation, Rinker Center for International Programs, Ball State University
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.

Funding Awards and Honors

2023	\$600 Graduate and Doctoral Travel and Research Grant awarded by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University to support conference travel to the North Central Sociological Association. Grand Rapids, Michigan.
2022	\$748 Graduate and Doctoral Travel and Research Grant awarded by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University to support conference travel to the North Central Sociological Association. Indianapolis, Indiana.
2021	Awarded \$200 from the Office of Graduate Education and Life (OGEL) to attend "A Long Talk" anti-racist training. West Virginia University.
2019	\$600 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 the North Central Sociological Association. Cincinnati, OH.
2019	\$200 Awarded by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at West Virginia University to support conference travel to the North Central Sociological Association. Cincinnati, OH.

Professional Memberships

2023-Present	North Central Sociological Association, NCSA
2017-Present	Member Alpha Kappa Delta
2019-Present	American Sociology Association January
2018-Present	Graduate Sociology Association, West Virginia University
2029-Present	Sociologists for Women in Society

Other Skills

I possess advanced analytical skills and a robust capacity for conducting independent research.

Language Skills:

Strong cross-cultural communication skills. Kurdish language, (Native), Fluent in English. Moderate in both Persian and Arabic.

Computer Skills: I am very comfortable with technology. I have an International Computer Driver's License and ICDL Certification. I have excellent knowledge of using Microsoft Office daily, Qualtrics survey design platform, and analyzing data in STATA, RStudio & SPSS statistical software.

