

CURRICULUM VITAE: RESEARCH AND TEACHING NARRATIVE

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RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Gender in the Global Context	Social Change and Development
Comparative Societies	Comparative Historical Sociology
Globalization	Global South/Third World
Classical and Modern Sociological Theory	Eurasia and Central Asia

RESEARCH

My research agenda is internationally-oriented with particular focus on issues pertaining to social change and to gender. Initially, I concentrated on social change and development in the Third World, and indeed, I served an extended term as Associate Director of the University of Kansas Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. More recently, my research agenda has shifted to social change in the former Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan with particular focus on gender issues. Although KU faculty have engaged in research in Russia and Eastern Europe, my on-going research in Azerbaijan makes a unique and significant contribution to the university's international research mission in this region. My past research in Azerbaijan has focused largely on how the integration of this former Soviet nation into the contemporary global economic and political system impacts women's "place" in Azerbaijan. Through fieldwork and through compiling Azeri women's narratives and oral histories, core elements of my research have included women's NGOs and empowerment, the resurgence of religion, issues of identity, and forced migration and women refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Nagorno-Karabakh War. More recently, I have engaged in archival research on social change and Azeri women's roles in the social historical context of the Czarist-era during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

In addition to various publication, including books in progress and three most recent publications listed below, I have made 49 professional presentations at conferences and related venues in the U.S. as well as in Azerbaijan, Canada, Costa Rica, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Ukraine. Furthermore, in the international arena, I have been the recipient of one Fulbright Scholar Award, two Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards, and two American Councils for International Education Research Fellow Awards.

Books in Progress

Najafizadeh, Mehrangiz. *Women of Asia: Globalization, Development, and Social Change*, co-edited with Linda L. Lindsey of Washington University in St. Louis, 24 original chapters to be published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis, 2017

Najafizadeh, Mehrangiz. *Women and the Changing Gender Landscape in Azerbaijan: A Century of Social and Ideological Transformation*.

Most Recent Journal Articles and Chapters

Najafizadeh, Mehrangiz. "Social Entrepreneurship, Social Change, and Gender Roles in Azerbaijan." In *Handbook of Entrepreneurship in Developing Economies*, edited by Colin C. Williams and Anjula Gurtoo. 278-294. London: Routledge, 2016.

Najafizadeh, Mehrangiz. "Sources and Methods: Azerbaijan, Post-Soviet Period." In *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, edited by S. Joseph. Leiden & Boston: Brill, 2015. http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/sources-and-methods-azerbaijan-post-soviet-period-COM_002019.

Najafizadeh, Mehrangiz. "Poetry, Azeri IDP/Refugee Women, and the Nagorno-Karabakh War." In Vol. 32, *The Journal of Third World Studies*. 13-43. Spring 2015.

TEACHING

Like my research, my teaching also emphasizes an international focus as it includes undergraduate courses, such as *Comparative Societies* and *Sociological Theory*, as well as graduate seminars including *Gender in the Global and Regional Context*, *Issues in the Sociology of Development*, and *Globalization and Gender*. My teaching and advising philosophy revolves around the theme of interaction in which my students are active participants and in which teaching and advising are interrelated as an on-going process. I seek to provide my students with opportunities to maximize their potential in learning the substantive content of my courses while simultaneously developing analytical skills and critical thinking so as to facilitate their personal and intellectual development as a foundation for life-long learning. Furthermore, I believe that teaching extends beyond the classroom, and I devote significant time mentoring both undergraduate and graduate students individually.

I am the recipients of 15 teaching and mentoring awards on both the undergraduate and graduate levels, including the W.T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, the Mortar Board Outstanding Educator Award (on two separate occasions), and the J. Michael Young Academic Advisor Award and Byron A. Alexander Graduate Mentor Award. All of these awards reflect my strong passion, commitment, and dedication to teaching and mentoring. Furthermore, as a member of the Sociology faculty and as a core faculty member in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, and Global and International Studies, I have served and continue to serve on numerous MA and Ph.D. student committees, including 28 Doctoral Dissertation Committees, 43 Doctoral Specialization Committees, 51 MA Thesis/Research Paper Committees, and 32 MA Non-Thesis Committees.

Summary List of Courses Taught

Undergraduate:

Comparative Societies
Sociological Theory
Global Social Change
Individual Undergraduate Research

Graduate:

Global Social Change
Issues in the Sociology of Development
Women of the Third World
Women of Latin America
Gender in the Global Context
Gender in the Regional and in the Global Context
Globalization and Gender
Globalization, Gender, and Development
Individual Master's Readings
Graduate Teaching Seminar
Thesis
Individual Doctoral Readings
Dissertation
Interdisciplinary Seminar on Latin America
Latin American Studies Thesis/Non-Thesis