

Nadia Almasalkhi

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

M.A. & Ph.D. Sociology

GPA: 3.74

- Research interests include refugee migrations, nationalist social movements, diaspora politics, and bordering practices.
- Recipient of Magistretti Fellowship, which provides one year of full funding for select students researching societies of the Asian continent.

Entered August 2018

Berkeley, CA

University of Kentucky

B.A. International Studies

GPA: 3.98

- Concentrations: Comparative Politics & Societies, Africa & the Middle East.
- International Experience: Comparative criminology summer program in Morocco & Spain. International relations and multilateral diplomacy semester program in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Recipient of merit-based full-ride Patterson Scholarship.

May 2018

Lexington, KY

University of Kentucky

B.A. Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

GPA: 3.98

- Concentrations: Arabic & Islamic Studies, French & Francophone Studies.
- International Experience: Two Arabic summer immersion programs in Amman, Jordan. Spanish summer immersion program in Granada, Spain.
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude, with departmental honors.

May 2018

Lexington, KY

WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley

Graduate Student Instructor

- Designs lesson plans for discussion sections of Introduction to Sociology
- Instructs undergraduate students on sociological concepts, reading skills, and writing skills
- Coordinates with a team of co-GSIs to ensure consistency in teaching and assessment across discussion sections

August 2019 – present

Berkeley, CA

Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative

Policy & Communications Fellow

- Writes clear, engaging policy briefs that disseminate research findings to non-academic audiences
- Interviews and collaborates with researchers to faithfully represent their work
- Supervises web design team

October 2018 – present

Berkeley, CA

Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley

Graduate Student Researcher

- Research assistant to Drs. Cybelle Fox and Irene Bloemraad
- Conducted literature reviews of several disciplines and drafted critical memos applying previous analytical frameworks to the project at hand

May 2019 – August 2019

Berkeley, CA

Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

Research Assistant

- NSF-funded project, “The Geopolitics of Trauma: The Role of PTSD in Admission and Resettlement of Iraqi Refugees in the U.S.”

September 2017 – July 2018

Lexington, KY

- Supervised by Dr. Patricia Ehrkamp
- Traced the development of rhetoric on refugee resettlement in the U.S.
- Participated in informant interviews.
- Contributed novel ideas and analyses to the project, reflected by co-author status.

Immigration Services, Kentucky Refugee Ministries

August 2016 – May 2018

Legal Assistant

Lexington, KY

- Maintained records, translated documents, communicated with clients, interpreted for clients
- Compiled research to support immigration petitions, and wrote direct examinations for asylum trials.

Resettlement Services, Kentucky Refugee Ministries

January 2015 – December 2015

Casework Intern

Lexington, KY

- Completed administrative and hands-on tasks with limited supervision.
- Learned how to perform the duties of caseworkers, job developers, English teachers, and medical caseworkers through on-the-job training.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“Justice or Politics?”

April 2018

Summary of research findings for non-academic audience

FORsooth Newspaper

“Institutionalized Xenophobia: An Electorate’s Prejudice and Swiss Institutions”

December 2017

Original, sole-authored research paper

Columbia Undergraduate Law Review

“Institutionalized Xenophobia”

April 2017

Presentation of research

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

“Institutionalized Xenophobia”

February 2017

Presentation of research

Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Responding to the Public Charge Rule

October 2019

Co-authored report on services for immigrants

BIMI Policy Reports

“A Public Health Crisis in the Shadows”

September 2019

Summary of public health research on immigrants and policy recommendations

BIMI-HIFIS Policy Brief Series

“Immigrant Rights are American Values”

March 2019

Summary of political science research and policy recommendations

BIMI-HIFIS Policy Brief Series

“Immigrants Lack Access to Legal Representation”

January 2019

Summary of socio-legal research and policy recommendations

BIMI-HIFIS Policy Brief Series

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

- Speaks and reads English, Arabic (Modern Standard, and Levantine dialect), French, and Spanish
- Graduate Student Mentor in UC Berkeley’s Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentoring Program; working one-on-one to help an undergraduate develop his research question and plan
- Effective in engaging students and managing classrooms
- Chair of 2018 Muslim Student Association Midwest Conference
- Refugee Benefit Gala Committee member in the Muslim Student Association of the University of Kentucky; obtained non-profit status for the organization
- Coach, Captain of University of Kentucky Mock Trial team from August 2014 to March 2017
- Strong public speaking skills
- Executive Board member of Feminist Alliance at the University of Kentucky from August 2016 to May 2018