

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Appointments

2020-present Social Psychology Faculty, Bennington College
2018-2019 Visiting scholar, Center for Arab American Studies, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Education

2020 Ph.D. in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan
2016 M.S. in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan
2015 M.A. in Developmental Psychology, Koç University, Istanbul
2010 B.S. in Psychology, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara

Research Interests

Belonging || Immigration || Gender & Citizenship
Intergroup relations || Political participation || Activism
Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed methods

Publications

Savaş, Ö. & Stewart, A. J. (2018) Alternative pathways to activism: Intersections of social and personal pasts in the narratives of women's rights activists. *Qualitative Psychology*, 6(1), 27-46. DOI: 10.1037/qup0000117

Blankenship, B., Savaş, Ö., Frederick, J., Stewart, A. J., (2018) Piecing together the American voting puzzle: How voters' personalities and judgments of issue importance mattered in the 2016 Presidential Election. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 18(1), 172-191. DOI: 10.1111/asap.12157

Blankenship, B., Frederick, J., Savaş, Ö., Montgomery, S., Stewart, A. J. (2017) Privilege and marginality: How group identification and personality predict right- and left-wing political activism. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy* 17(1), 161-183. DOI: 10.1111/asap.12132.

Sümer, N., Sakman, E., Harma, M., & Savaş, Ö., (2016). Turkish mothers' attachment orientations and mental representations of their children. *Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology* 34(1), 49-63.

Manuscripts Under Review

Savaş, Ö., Greenwood, R. M., Blankenship, B. T., Stewart, A. J., Deaux, K. (under review) All immigrants are not alike: Intersectionality matters in views of immigrant groups.

Klein, V., Savaş, Ö., Conley, T., (submitted). How WEIRD is sex and gender research?

Savaş, Ö. & Al-Midani, S. (forthcoming) Syrian refugees on the margins: Everyday practices of homemaking and citizen-making. To be published in Y. Hanoosh, S. Howell, & A. Shryock (Eds.) *Uncertain Refuge: Vitality and Vulnerability in Arab Detroit*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press.

White Papers/Reports

McClelland, S., Rubin, J., Savaş, Ö., & Bell, S. (2015). A mixed method study of faculty attitudes about qualitative research methods in U.S. psychology graduate programs. *Report submitted to the Executive Committee of the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP)*. See: <http://qualpsy.org/graduate-training-in-qualitative-methods-in-us-psychology-a-report-by-the-task-force/>

University of Michigan's ADVANCE Program* (2014-2018). Faculty Exit Interview Study. *Co-authored 3 reports, once each year, from 2014 to 2018*. See for 2016 report: <http://advance.umich.edu/resources/UM-Exit-Interview-Study-2014-Report-executive%20final.pdf>

University of Michigan's ADVANCE Program* (2014-2018). Department climate assessments for faculty, postdocs, staff, and graduate students. *Co-authored 5 departmental- and college-level climate assessment reports from 2014 to 2018*. See examples: <http://advance.umich.edu/climatestudies.php>

*Co-authored as part of the Research and Evaluation Team, ADVANCE Program.

Awards & Grants

2019 **Public Scholarship Grant (\$8000)**
This grant is awarded by Rackham Program in Public Scholarship in support of researchers who work with a broad spectrum of community partner organizations. The expectation is the co-creation of public goods as a result of the partnership between the researcher and the community organization. The grants are generously supported by the University of Michigan Office of Research.

2018 **Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research (\$1500)**
This grant was established by Center for Arab American Philanthropy in the name of Dr. Philip Kayal, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology. The grant supports

young Arab American scholars and/or social science research on the Arab American community.

- 2018 **Patricia Gurin Award (\$500)**
This award was established in honor of Patricia Gurin by the University of Michigan Psychology Department. It is a competitive award given annually to graduate students who conduct research in any of the areas that characterize Gurin's research. These include the areas of identity, diversity, self-efficacy and control.
- 2017-2018 **Barbour Scholarship (\$19,738)**
The Barbour Scholarships were endowed at the University of Michigan in 1917 by Levi Lewis Barbour "for women of the highest academic and professional caliber from the countries encompassing the large region extending from Turkey in the west to Japan and the Philippines in the east to study modern science, medicine, mathematics and other academic disciplines and professions critical to the development of their native lands."
- 2017 **Nan Donald Award (\$2000)**
Given by the University of Michigan Psychology Department. The purpose of the Nan Donald Award is to encourage continuing interdisciplinary study in Psychology and Sociology.
- 2017 **Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$500)**
- 2016 **Rackham International Students Fellowship (\$10,000)**
"The Rackham International Student Fellowship assists outstanding international students, particularly those who may be ineligible for other kinds of support because of citizenship."
- 2011 **Best Abstract Award, V. National Psychology Graduate Students Conference (TL 500)**
Title: Language, memory and emotion: Emotional intensity of the autobiographical memories vary depending on language competence
Awarded by the psychology graduate student sub-committee of the Turkish Psychological Association.
- 2010 **Best Poster of the Year Award**
Awarded by the Psychology Department at Middle East Technical University.

Conferences & Workshop Presentations

Savaş, Ö., (June, 2019). Who is "worthy" of belonging? Paper presented as part of the symposium in M. Okuyan & Ö. Savaş (co-chairs), *Dominant groups' reactions to a changing society: Maintenance and confrontation* at 14th Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in San Diego, CA.

Savaş, Ö., (June, 2019). *Doing research, policy, activism in/for/from the Majority World.*

Facilitated interactive discussion in Ö. Savaş, P. Salter & A. Dutt (co-chairs) at 14th Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in San Diego, CA.

- Savaş, Ö.**, Greenwood, R. Blankenship, B. T., Stewart, A. J., & Deaux, K. (June, 2018). Immigrant representations in the United States: Capturing the heterogeneity. Paper presented as part of the symposium in K. Deaux (chair), *Immigrant representations in the making* at 13th Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (September, 2017). Creating affinity with immigrants: Perceptions of historical similarity and personal salience. Paper presented in the EASP-SPSSI Joint Meeting *To be both (or more): Immigration and Identity Multiplicity* in Utrecht, Netherlands.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2017). Changing attitudes about immigrants before the 2016 U.S. election. Paper presented as part of the symposium in A. J. Stewart (chair), *Making the U.S. home in the changing immigration context* at 12th Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2017). Overcoming internalized oppression: Transnational experiences for developing a feminist praxis. Paper presented as part of the symposium in T. Kurtis (chair), *Transnational feminist psychology approaches to social justice* at 12th Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (November, 2016). Decolonizing psychological theory of political socialization with evidence from global women's movements. Paper presented as part of the symposium in A. J. Stewart (chair), *Challenging what is given: Narratives of feminist activists in the Global Feminisms Project* at Annual National Women's Studies Association Conference in Montreal, Canada.
- Savaş, Ö.** & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2016). Alternative pathways to political activism: A contextual-developmental approach. Paper presented as part of the symposium in A. Stewart (chair), *Commitments to advocacy and activism: Political, relational and developmental contexts* at 11th Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Rubin, J., McClelland, S., Bell, S., & **Savaş, Ö.** (June, 2016). Faculty attitudes about qualitative research methods in U.S. psychology graduate programs. Paper presented at the 11th Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Frederick, J., **Savaş, Ö.**, Stewart, A. J., Montgomery, S. & Blankenship, B. (July, 2015). Privilege and marginality: How group identification and personality predict right- and left-wing political activism. Paper presented at Annual meeting of International Society of Political Psychology in San Diego, California.
- Montgomery, S., Blankenship, B., Frederick, J., **Savaş, Ö.**, & Stewart, A. J. (June, 2014). Movers and shakers: Personality, identity, and political activism. Poster presented at 10th Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues convention in Portland, Oregon.

- Savaş, Ö.**, Altınok, N., Küntay, A., & Liszkowski, U. (June, 2012). Within-culture differences in caregiver-infant triadic joint actions. Paper presented at the Fifth International Conference on Language, Culture and Mind, Young Researchers Workshop, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Okuyan, M., Cingoz-Ulu, B., & **Savas, Ö.** (April, 2012). Kolektif eylemi etkileyen faktörler: Psikoloji öğrencileri örneği [The factors contributing to collective action: The case of psychology students]. Paper presented at the 17th National Psychology Congress, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Savaş, Ö.**, Altınok, N. & Bilgin, A. (April, 2012). Dil, bellek ve duygu: Anılara atfedilen duygu yoğunluğunun anının anadil ve ikinci dilde anlatılmasına göre farklılaşması [Language, memory and emotion: Emotional intensity of the autobiographical memories vary depending on language competence]. Poster presented at the 17th National Psychology Congress, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Savaş, Ö.** (January, 2012). The effect of caregiver gesture-talk integration on communicative development in infancy. Paper presented at The British Academy Latin America Link Programme Communicative Development: A cross-linguistic, cross-cultural comparison, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK.
- Savaş, Ö.**, Altınok, N. & Bilgin, A. (September, 2011). Anılara atfedilen duygu yoğunluğunun anının anadil ve ikinci dilde anlatılmasına göre farklılaşması. [Emotional intensity of the autobiographical memories vary depending on language competence] Paper presented at the V. Graduate Psychology Students Congress, Dogus University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Savaş, Ö.** (July, 2009). Uzman otoritesinin sahte anı oluşturmada etkisi: Bellekte uymacılık [Influence of expert power on forming false memories: Does memory conform?] Paper presented at the XIV. National Psychology Students Congress, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Invited Talks

- 2019 *Multiple belongings, multiple perspectives.* Psychology Department, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2019 *Belonging: From citizens to refugees.* Psychology Department, the American University of Paris, Paris.

Teaching Interests

In Psychology:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Personality Psychology
- Cultural Psychology
- Psychology of Sex and Gender
- Psychology of Belonging

Research Methods
Qualitative Research Methods

In Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies:

Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
Feminist Methods in the Social Sciences
Gender, Power & Violence
Gender, Race & Citizenship
Transnational Feminisms & Women's Movements

Guest Lectures

- 2019 *Seeking refuge in Southeast Michigan.* Invited to talk in the course "Refugees of Unjust Worlds: Race, Gender, and Nation" (instructor: Dr. Amal Fadlalla; ~18 students)
- 2018 *Asking Questions in Interviews: The Roles of Researcher Identity, Stigma, and Emotions in Qualitative Research.* Invited to talk in the course "Identity and Stigma in Society: Theoretical Foundations and Methodological Approaches in Psychology" (instructor: Dr. Benjamin T. Blankenship; ~10 students).
- 2016 *Gender-based Violence: Intimate Partner Violence.* Invited to talk in the course "Introduction to Women's Studies" (instructor: Dr. Maria Cotera; 300 students).
- 2016 *Gender-based Violence: Global and State Violence.* Invited to talk in the course "Introduction to Women's Studies" (instructor: Dr. Prof. Maria Cotera; 300 students).
- 2012 *Coding Audio and Video Data with ELAN, an Annotation Software.* Workshop delivered to an audience from different disciplinary backgrounds as part of Language and Communication Development Lab Workshop Series, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Professional Experience

- 2018-2021 **Internationalization Committee of SPSSI**
Role: Committee member. (Goals are to increase and serve SPSSI's international membership and to develop international activities. This committee also selects recipients for international travel awards to attend SPSSI conferences.)
- 2014-2018 **ADVANCE Program**
Role: Graduate Student Intern
University of Michigan ADVANCE Program aims to improve campus environment for faculty, students and staff, focusing on recruitment, retention, climate, and leadership practices.
- 2018 **Public Scholarship Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop**
Role: Student coordinator. Co-organizer with three other graduate students.
- 2017-2018 **Department of Psychology Graduate Student Leadership Council**

Role: Representative of Gender and Feminist Psychology Area

- 2016-2017 **Studies on Turkey Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop**
Role: Student coordinator. Co-organizer with two other graduate students.
- 2016 **Brown Bag Organizing Committee**
Role: Student member, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan
- 2015 **Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) Taskforce**
Role: Assisting with data collection and analysis, and report writing in the service of the discipline of psychology as part of the taskforce formed by APA Division 5.
- 2009-2010 **Middle East Technical University Psychology Student Association**
Role: President (2009-2010), Executive member (2008-2009)
- 2008-2009 **Turkish Psychology Students Study Group (TPSSG)**
Role: Representative of Middle East Technical University Psychology Department.
- 2009 **Organizing Committee for METU Psychology Days**
Role: Lead Organizer, Conference theme: “Universality and Diversity”

Professional Memberships

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
International Society for Political Psychology (ISPP)

References

Prof. Abigail J. Stewart

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