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EMPLOYMENT

- 2013-present **Assistant Professor**, Psychology and Social Intervention
Department of Applied Psychology
New York University, USA
- 2009-2013 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and
Global Governance, McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies
University of Massachusetts Boston, Mass.
- 2004-2009 **Research Assistant**, Department of Psychology
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mass.
- 2002-2004 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Conflict Resolution
Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey

EDUCATION

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|------|--|-----|---------------------|
| 2009 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst | PhD | Social Psychology |
| | <i>Concentration:</i> Psychology of Peace and Violence | | |
| | <i>Minor:</i> Quantitative Methods | | |
| 2004 | Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey | MA | Conflict Resolution |
| 2001 | Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey | BA | Psychology |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Project for the Advancement of Our Common Humanity (PACH), New York University
Global TIES for Children: Transforming Intervention Effectiveness and Scale, New York University
Association for Psychological Science
International Society for Political Psychology
Society of Personality and Social Psychology
Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology Division

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2014 Michele Alexander Early Career Award
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2014 W. Gabriel Carras Research Award
New York University – Steinhardt

- 2010 Certificate of Honor for Dissertation Research
International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology
- 2010 Unique Honorable Mention for Dissertation Research
International Society for Political Psychology
- 2008/2004 Network Supplementary Grant Fellowship
Open Society Institute and SOROS Foundation
- 2004 Merit-Based Scholarship
Sabanci University, Istanbul
- 2003 High Honors Certificate
Sabanci University, Istanbul
- 2001 High Honors Certificate & Dean's Honor List
Boğazici University, Istanbul

GRANTS

- 2013 Steering Committee Member, Swiss Program for Research on Global Issues for Development, Swiss National Foundation (P.I. Guy Elcheroth)
- 2012 Visionary and the Drs. Rosalee G. and Raymond A. Weiss Research and Program Innovation Grant, American Psychological Foundation
- 2012 Psychology Beyond Borders Mission Awards
- 2012 Joseph P. Healey Research Grant, University of Massachusetts Boston
- 2011 Grants-in-Aid award. The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2011 Faculty Study Abroad, University of Massachusetts Boston
- 2008 The Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Grant
- 2008 International Peace Research Association Foundation, Small Peace Research Grant
- 2007 Grants-in-Aid award, The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2007 Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst

PUBLICATIONS

- Bilali, R. (in press). Do terrorist threat alerts increase perception of threat and legitimization of in-group's wars? The moderating role of perceived in-group homogeneity. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.
- Vollhardt, J. R., & Bilali, R. (2015). The role of inclusive and exclusive victim consciousness in predicting intergroup attitudes: Findings from Rwanda, Burundi, and DRC. *Political Psychology*.
- Bilali, R., Celik, B. A., & Ok, E. (2014). Psychological asymmetry in minority-majority relations at different stages of ethnic conflict. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 43, 253-264.
- Bilali, R. (2014). Between fiction and reality in post-genocide Rwanda: Reflections on a social-psychological media intervention for social change. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, 2, 387-400.
- Leach, C. W., Bilali, R., Pagliaro, S. (2014). Groups and morality. In J. Simpson & J. Dovidio (Eds.) *APA Handbook of Personality and Social Psychology, Vol. 2: Interpersonal Relationships and Group Processes*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Bilali, R. (2014). The downsides of a shared national identification for minority group outcomes in intergroup conflicts in assimilationist societies. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 53, 21-38.
- Bilali, R., & Vollhardt, J. R. (2013). Priming effects of a reconciliation radio drama on historical perspective-taking in the aftermath of mass violence in Rwanda. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 49, 144-151.
- Bilali, R. (2013). National narrative and social psychological influences in Turks' denial of the mass killings of Armenians as genocide. *Journal of Social Issues*, 69, 16-33.
- Bilali, R., Tropp, L. R., & Dasgupta, N. (2012). Attributions of responsibility and perceived harm in the aftermath of mass violence. *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 18, 21-39.
- Bilali, R. (2012). Identity centrality and in-group superiority differentially predict reactions to historical victimization and harm doing. *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*, 6, 322-388.
- Bilali, R., & Ross, M. (2012). Remembering intergroup conflict. In Tropp, L. R. (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of intergroup conflict* (pp. 123-135). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Bilali, R. (2012). Collective memories of intergroup conflict. In D. Christie (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Peace Psychology*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- Bilali, R. (2012). Image theory. In D. Christie (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Peace Psychology*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

- Bilali, R. (2010). Assessing the internal validity of international image theory in the context of Turkey – U.S. relations. *Political Psychology, 31*, 275-303.
- Staub, E., Pearlman, L., & Bilali, R. (2010). Understanding the roots and impact of violence and psychological recovery as avenues to reconciliation after mass violence and intractable conflict. In G. Salomon, & E. Cairns (Eds.). *Handbook on peace education* (pp. 269-286). Psychology Press.
- Vollhardt, J., & Bilali, R. (2008). Social psychology's contribution to the psychological study of peace: a review. *Social Psychology, 39*, 12-25.
- Staub, E., Pearlman, L., & Bilali, R. (2008). Psychological recovery, reconciliation and the prevention of new violence: an approach and its uses in Rwanda. In B. Hart (Ed.). *Peacebuilding in traumatized societies* (pp. 131-154). American University Press.
- Shapiro, I., Bilali, R., & Vollhardt, J. (2008). Peace. In Lopez, S. J. (Ed.) *The encyclopedia of positive psychology* (pp. 269-286). London: Blackwell.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Bilali, R., Vollhardt, J. R., & Rarick, J. R. D. (revision submitted). Assessing the impact of a media-based intervention to prevent intergroup violence and promote positive intergroup relations in Burundi. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*.
- Bilali, R., & Vollhardt, J. R. (revision submitted). Are mass media interventions promoting peace effective in contexts of ongoing violence? Evidence from Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. *Peace & Conflict. Journal of Peace Psychology*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

- Bilali, R., Vollhardt, J. R., & Rarick, J. (2014). *The impact of role modeling for social change through media in the Democratic Republic of Congo*. Report submitted to Radio La Benevolencija.
- Bilali, R. (2014, Spring). Grant writing in political psychology: Advice from an early career scholar. International Society of Political Psychology's Junior Scholars' newsletter.
- Bilali, R., Vollhardt, J. R., & de Balzac, H. (2011). *La Benevolencija popularity survey and impact evaluation: Final report*. Evaluation report submitted to Radio La Benevolencija.
- Bilali, R. & Vollhardt, J. R. (2011). *Impact evaluation of Murikira Ukuri in Burundi*. Evaluation report submitted to Radio La Benevolencija.
- Bilali, R. & Vollhardt, J. R. (2011). *Impact evaluation of Musekweya in Rwanda*. Evaluation report submitted to Radio La Benevolencija.
- Vollhardt, J. R., & Bilali, R. (2011). *Impact evaluation of Kumbuka Kesho in the DRC*. Evaluation report submitted to Radio La Benevolencija.
- Bilali, R. (2007, August). *Knowledge, attitudes and behavior: Intergroup conflict in the Eastern*

Democratic Republic of Congo. Report of quantitative data analysis of the pre-audience research in Democratic Republic of Congo submitted to LaBenevolencija.

Bilali, R. (2007, March). *Knowledge, attitudes and behavior: Intergroup conflict in Burundi*. Pre-audience research in Burundi, Report submitted to LaBenevolencija.

Staub, E., Pearlman, L., Bilali, R., Haven, T., & Vollhardt, J. (2006, July). *The origins of intractable conflict and mass violence, the prevention of violence, the impact of violence, psychological healing and recovery and reconciliation after mass violence*. Training manual for LaBenevolencija.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Bilali, R., & Staub, E. A social psychological approach to overcoming prejudice and promoting intergroup reconciliation in East Africa. In C. Sibley, & F. Barlow (Eds.), *Cambridge handbook of the psychology of prejudice*. Cambridge University Press.

Bilali, R., Vollhardt, J. R., & Rarick, J. Promoting social change through media in the ongoing conflict in the DRC.

Bilali, R., & Mahmoud, R. Confronting history to promote inter-group reconciliation after conflict: Integrating research, theory and practice.

Bilali, R., & Nguyen, K. Memory and justice perceptions among members of the persecuted class in post-communist Albania.

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Acknowledgment of responsibility for in-group's harm doing, U.S. and Turkey (with Yeshim Iqbal and Cengiz Erisen)

Social distance and intergroup contact in Turkey (with Ayse Betul Celik & Yeshim Iqbal)

The impact of acknowledgment of harm on victim groups' perceptions of justice, power and attitudes toward the perpetrator group, Bangladesh (with Yeshim Iqbal)

Pluralistic memories project, Burundi, Palestinian Territories, and Sri Lanka (Guy Elcheroth, PI)

INVITED TALKS

2014 W. Gabriel Carras Award Talk, New York University - Steinhardt

Department of Psychology, Princeton University

(Keynote speaker) Working Group Meeting of Cost Action IS 1205: Social psychological dynamics of historical representations in the enlarged European Union, Cyprus

(Invited panelist) Financing your research and getting published. International Society of Political Psychology, Rome, Italy

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Counseling Forum, Department of Applied Psychology, New York University

2013 Catalysts and Obstacles of Peaceful Behavior (Interdisciplinary workshop organized by Peter Verbeek and Douglas Fry), Lorentz Center, Leiden University.

2012 Social Psychology Brownbag Series, Psychology Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Joint workshop between Aalborg University & University of Massachusetts Boston.

Workshop on Advancing the Psychology of Genocide, Political Repression, and Mass Violence: Integrating Social Psychological Theories and Historical Data, Luxembourg.

(Invited discussant) Identity Politics and Politicized Identities (Chair: M. Ozden). The Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Chicago, USA.

Mass Atrocity Education Workshop: Teaching about the Holocaust and Genocide Prevention. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and United States Military Academy at West Point, Washington, D.C.

2011 *(Roundtable panelist)* Intergroup Conflict: Bridging Multiple Perspectives from Psychology and Beyond. International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.

(Roundtable panelist) Toward a psychology of genocide - theoretical and methodological advances, practical implications. International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.

(Roundtable panelist) Institutionalization of the conflict resolution field in non-American settings: Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Conflict Analysis and Resolution Program at Sabanci University. The 24th Annual Conference of International Association of Conflict Management. Istanbul, Turkey.

2010 Bridging Social Psychological and Peace Perspectives Conference, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Department of Psychology, Clark University.

J. Sidanius' Lab Meeting Group, Department of Psychology, Harvard University.

Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution. University of Massachusetts Boston.

2009 Institute of Global Health. University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

2009 NSP Global Supplementary Grant & Doctoral Fellow Program. Open Society Institute. New York.

CHAired SYMPOSIA IN CONFERENCES

Using social psychology to guide social interventions in conflict and post-conflict settings. European Association of Social Psychology, Amsterdam, 2014.

Perpetuating or overcoming war and oppression: Bridging collective representations, political rhetoric, and psychological processes. Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Chicago, 2012.

Building bridges locally and globally: Umass Boston's initiatives in crossing community divides in the US, Nigeria, Israel, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Annual Meeting of Association for Conflict Resolution, New Orleans, 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bilali, R., & Vollhardt, J. R. (July, 2014). Promoting violence prevention and social change through media in the ongoing conflict in the DRC. Meeting of European Association of Social Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Feuchte, F., Mazziotta, A., Pietsch, S., & Bilali, R. (July, 2014). Theatre for reconciliation in Liberia: Development and application of a nine steps guideline for interventions. Meeting of European Association of Social Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Feuchte, F., Bilali, R., Mazziotta, A., & Pietsch, S. (July, 2014). Theatre for reconciliation in Liberia: Development and application of a nine steps guideline for interventions. Annual Meeting of International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, REIMS, France.

Celik, B., Bilali, R., & Ok, E. (July, 2014). Psychological asymmetry in minority-majority relations at different stages of ethnic conflict. The Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Rome, Italy.

Bilali, R. (September, 2012). Radio reconciliation media in Great Lakes Region in Africa. Building bridges locally and globally: Umass Boston's initiatives in crossing community divides in the US, Nigeria, Israel, and Sub-Saharan Africa (R. Bilali, chair). The Annual Meeting of Association for Conflict Resolution, New Orleans, USA.

Bilali, R. (September, 2012). Psychological victimhood among perpetrator groups and strategies to address it. European Association for Social Psychology Small Group Meeting: Intergroup reconciliation in intergroup contexts. Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Vollhardt, J. R., Bilali, R., & Nair, R. (September, 2012). Understanding consequences of collective victimhood: The importance of divergent construals of ingroup victimization. European Association for Social Psychology Small Group Meeting: Intergroup reconciliation in intergroup contexts. Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Bilali, R., & Leach, W. C. (July, 2012). Moral (Mis-)engagement: Moral Self-image and Third

Party's Support of War. Paper presented as part of the symposium, Perpetuating or Overcoming war and Oppression: Bridging collective representations, political rhetoric, and psychological processes (R. Bilali, chair). The Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Chicago, USA.

Bilali, R. (July, 2012). National Narrative and Social Psychological Influences in the Turkish Denial of the Armenian Massacres as Genocide. Paper presented as part of the symposium, The Power of a Word: Social Psychological Processes and Consequences of Using the Term "Genocide" (J. R. Vollhardt, chair). Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Chicago, USA.

Bilali, R. (July, 2011). Conflict Construals in Majority and Minority Groups: The Role of Ethnic and National Identities. Paper presented as part of the symposium, Competing Allegiances? The Multiplicity of Identities in Multi-cultural Nation-States (C. W. Leach, J., Kang, & R. Garcia, chairs). European Association of Social Psychology, Stockholm, Sweden.

Bilali, R. (July, 2011). Barbarian or Imperialist? Turks' Images of the U.S. Paper presented as part of the symposium Image Theory: Theoretical Advances and Empirical Evidence (chair: E. Castano). Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.

Vollhardt, J. R., & Bilali, R. (July, 2011). Inclusive and exclusive victimhood and interventions in East Africa. Paper presented as part of the symposium, Understanding and dealing with victimhood in political conflict (chair: A. McNeill). Annual Meeting of International Society for Political Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.

Cohrs, C. J., & Bilali, R. (June, 2011). Images of the United States in Northern Ireland. German Peace Psychology Conference, Marburg, Germany.

Bilali, R. (2010, October). Turkish Construals of Armenian Massacres between 1880s -1920s: Social-Psychological Perspectives. Conference on the Psychology of Genocide and its Aftermath, Clark University, Massachusetts, USA.

Bilali, R. (2010, July). Beyond Denial: Responsibility and Accountability in the Aftermath of Mass Violence, Paper presented as part of the symposium, Looking Back to Look Forward: Social Psychological Dynamics in the Aftermath of Intergroup Violence (J. R. Vollhardt, chair). The Annual Scientific Meeting of International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA.

Bilali, R. (2010, July). The Differential Effect of Identity Centrality and Ingroup Superiority on Construals of Past Intergroup Conflict. Paper presented as part of the symposium, The group as a psychological and political resource (P. M. Rodriguez Mosquera, chair). The Annual Scientific Meeting of International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA.

Leach, C.W. & Bilali, R. (2010, July). Moral mis-engagement: How the moral self defends group violence. Paper presented as part of the symposium, The social psychology of interpreting group harm and violence (C.W. Leach, chair). XIX International Society for Research on Aggression world conference, Storrs, CT, USA.

- Bilali, R., Tropp, L., & Dasgupta, N. (2010, June). Group Identity and Construals of Past Intergroup Violence, Annual Conference of International Association for Conflict Management Conference, Boston, USA.
- Bilali, R. (2010, April). Fluid Memories: Identities and Construals of Intergroup Violence. Tearing down the Walls: Rethinking the Political in Political Psychology. Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- Bilali, R. (2010, January). Assessing the Internal Validity of Image Theory in the Context of Turkey-U.S. Relations, Political Psychology Pre-Conference. The 11th Annual Conference of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, USA.
- Bilali, R. (2008, June). Remembering the Ingroup's Conflictual Past: The Effect of Group Identity. 7th Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Chicago, USA.
- Bilali, R. (2008, June). Remembering the Past: The Effect of Group Identity on Memories of Ingroup's Conflictual Past. European Association of Experimental Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Opatija, Croatia.
- Bilali, R. (2008, April). How Do Groups Construe Events of Mass Violence? Perceptions of Intergroup Violence in Burundi and Turkey. Landscapes of Violence: Conflict and Trauma Through Time, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.
- Bilali, R. (2008, August). Representations of the In-Group's Conflictual Past: The Effect of Turkish Identification on Construal of Turkish-Armenian Massacres. 12th International Lab Meeting, Social Representations, Collective Memory and Socially Shared Emotions: Narrative and Experimental Approaches. The European PhD on Social Representations & Communication Research Center and Multimedia LAB, Rome, (worldwide on-line connection).
- Bilali, R. (2007, July). Social Trust: Comparing Dimensions of Trust in the U.S. and Albania. Annual Scientific Meeting of Political Psychology, Oregon, USA.
- Bilali, R. (2007, February) Peacebuilding and Trauma Recovery: A Public Educational Approach in East Africa.", Panel presentation with Ervin Staub and Laurie Pearlman, Peacebuilding and Trauma Recovery: Integrated Strategies in Post-War Reconstruction, Denver, USA.
- Bilali, R. (2006, April). International Image Theory, Emotions, and Social Identifications: Turks' Images and Action Tendencies toward the U.S." Day Without Violence Conference, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, organized by Peace and Conflict Studies Institute.

POSTERS

- Iqbal, Y., & Bilali, R. (July, 2014). How Beliefs about Groups Influence Acknowledgment of Responsibility for Ingroup's Misdeeds? Annual Conference of International Society of Political Psychology, Rome.
- Bilali, R. (January, 2010). The Effect of Group Identity on Memories of Past Conflicts", The 11th Annual Conference of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas.

- Bilali, R. (February, 2009). The Differential Effects of Identity Centrality and Glorification on Construal of and Emotional Reactions toward Past Intergroup Violence”, The 10th Annual Conference of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa.
- Bilali, R. (April, 2008). The Trouble with Truth: The Effect of Group Membership and Ingroup Identification on Construal of Mass violence in Burundi and Turkey. Psychology and Social Justice Conference, The School for New Research, New York.
- Bilali, R. (January, 2007). International Image Theory, Emotions, and Social Identifications: Turks' Images and Action Tendencies toward the U.S., The 8th Annual Conference of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis.
- Bilali, R. (January, 2007). The Structure of Images and Intergroup Emotions as a Function of Group Identification and Perceived Structural Relations. Intergroup Relations Pre-conference, Memphis.
- Bilali, R. (August, 2006). Emotions and Social Identifications; Turks Images and Action Tendencies toward the U.S. International Society for Research on Emotions Annual Conference, Atlanta.
- Bilali, R. (April, 2006). Social Trust: Volunteering, Civic Participation, and Cooperation in the U.S. and Albania. Psychology and Social Justice Conference (PASJ), Tufts University, Boston.

FEATURED IN MEDIA

- New York Magazine, November 25, 2014
<http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2014/11/homogeneous-groups-make-us-feel-safer.html>
- Hurriyet Daily, October, 11, 2014, http://sosyal.hurriyet.com.tr/yazar/melis-alphan_350/biz-barismadan-baris-gelmeyecek_27364901
- Featured in ISPP junior scholars blog, Kudos Column, December 12, 2014,
<http://www.ispp.org/jsc/blog/kudos-column-dr.-rezarta-bilali>
- Featured in Albanian-American Success Stories, albaniansuccessstories.com
- APA monitor, April 2013, <http://www.apamonitor-digital.org/apamonitor/201304?folio=74#pg76> and <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2013/04/apf-ideas.aspx>

TEACHING

Graduate Courses

Conflict Analysis and Resolution
Reconciliation and Intergroup Relations
Introductory Theory of Conflict Resolution
Cross-Cultural Conflict
Research Methods

Undergraduate Courses

Social Psychology
Prejudice and Intergroup Relations
Methods of Inquiry in Psychology

Introduction to Political Psychology
Power-Up: Succeeding in College.

Guest lecturer

- Using media for reconciliation and trauma healing in the aftermath of mass violence and genocide. Criminal Case Study in Trauma Studies (Instructor: Judie Alpert), NYU, Spring 2014.
- Social interventions and intergroup reconciliation. Social Psychology and Social Change (Instructor: Erin Godfrey), NYU, Fall 2013
- Social psychological perspectives in intergroup conflict. *Phd Colloquium on Global Governance and Human Security*. Umass Boston, Fall 2013.
- Psychological consequences of violent conflict and mass violence in individuals and communities. *Perspectives on Global Health* (Instructor: Courtenay Sprague) Spring 2013
- Social psychological perspectives and experimental methods in intergroup conflict and conflict resolution. *Phd Colloquium on Global Governance and Human Security*. Fall 2012.
- Social-psychological underpinnings of genocide. *Genocide and World Politics (Pols 377)*. University of Massachusetts Boston. (Instructor: Prof. Robert Weiner) Fall 2011.
- Challenges of Third Party Interventions at Different Conflict Stages (Psych 690). *Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding: Theory, Research, and Practice*. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Spring 2006.

Doctoral Students (NYU)

Yeshim Iqbal (since Fall 2013)

Supervisor of Master's Theses (Umass Boston)

Jennifer Pessolano (Spring, 2011)
Sheilah J. Davidson (Spring, 2011)
Joe Bettencourt (Spring 2012)
Git Nahmens (Fall 2012)
Cathleen Finn (Spring 2012)
Janet Hunkel (Spring 2013)
Baris Mumykmaz (Spring, 2013)
Colina Cole (Spring 2013)
David D'Alessandro (Spring 2014)

SERVICE

University Service

2014-present Global Committee, Department of Applied Psychology, NYU
2013-present Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Applied Psychology, NYU

- 2014-2015 Chair of Admissions Committee, Psychology and Social Intervention, NYU
2013-2014 Admissions Committee, Psychology and Social Intervention, NYU
2012-2013 Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee, University of Massachusetts Boston
2011-2013 Academic Affairs Committee, McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Boston
2009-2013 Departmental Admissions Committee, University of Massachusetts Boston
2010/2012 Graduate Student Conflict Resolution Conference Admissions Committee, University of Massachusetts Boston
2008 Program Committee Member, “Landscapes of Violence: Conflict and Trauma through Time” Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst
2005-2007 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Extramural Service

- 2014-present Grant Reviewer, International Peace Research Association
2013-present Governing Council Member (Elected), International Society of Political Psychology
2012-present Editorial Board Member, Journal of Social and Political Psychology
2012-2015 Internationalization Committee, Society for the Study of Social Issues.
2012-2015 Member-at-Large (Elected), Executive Committee of the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology Division (Div 48 of APA)
2011-2012 Applied Social Internship Committee, Society for the Study of Social Issues.
2010 Judge for “Best Poster Award” at The 11th Annual Conference of *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Las Vegas.

AdHoc Reviewer

Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy
European Journal of Social Psychology
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Journal of Social and Political Psychology
Italian Journal of Social Psychology
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Personality and Social Psychology Compass
Political Psychology
Political Research Quarterly
Social Psychology
Social Psychology and Personality Science
Oxford University Press (2013)
International Association of Conflict Management Annual Conference Papers (2010)
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Biennial Conference (2012)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Consultant, I follow up and provide feedback on educational radio programs on evolution of conflict, intergroup violence, and reconciliation developed by La Benevolencija-Humanitarian Tools and Foundations, Burundi and Rwanda, November 2005 - Present.

Consultant & Trainer, Musekeweyya storyline workshops. Radio LaBenevolencija, Rwanda, July, 2011.

Statistical Consultant, Center for Research on Families (CRF), University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Fall 2008.

Participant, 12th International Lab Meeting – Summer session 2008. "Social Representations Collective Memory and Socially Shared Emotions: Narrative and Experimental Approaches". The European PhD on Social Representations & Communication Research Center and Multimedia LAB, Rome-Italy, July, 2008.

Academic Consultant, I served as an academic consultant in psychology in two workshops organized to develop La Benevolencija's mass-communication campaign in Rwanda and Burundi, Kigali and Bujumbura, September, 2006 and November, 2007.

Summer School Participant, 11th Transatlantic Summer Academy (TASA). "The Changing Face of Terrorism." University of Bonn, Germany, 2006.

Researcher, Supervised field research on intergroup attitudes and conflict perceptions in Burundi. La Benevolencija, Kigali & Bujumbura, December – January, 2006.

Facilitator, "The Connect Program: A bridge between university students in the U.S. and the Arab and Muslim World.", Organized by Soliya, Multimedia-videoconferencing environment, Fall and Spring Quarter, 2005.

Facilitator, "Pro-active Leadership Program for Cypriot Youth", Organized by Alliance for Conflict Transformation, Amherst, Massachusetts, July, 2 – 25, 2005.

Participant, "Balkan Peace Park Project", Theth, Albania, July, 11-17, 2004.

Trainer and Workshop Organizer, "Facilitating Participatory Decision-Making", Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, April, 9-10, 2004.

Trainer of Negotiation and Mediation Skills, Aegean Initiative Student Workshop "Working together on Turkish-Greek Aegean Conflict", Organized by Fulbright Commission, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, June, 14 - 15, 2003.

Participant, Aegean Initiative Seminar "Exploring the Elements of the Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Possibilities of Useful Conflict Resolution Intervention", Organized by the Fulbright Foundation in Greece and the Turkish Fulbright Commission, American College of Thessaloniki, Greece, May, 26 - 29, 2003.

Trainee, 'Building Bridges through Participatory Planning' Training of Trainers - PPTOT, Regional Program for Capacity Building in Governance and Local Leadership for Central and East European Countries, Organized and Conducted by Regional Training Center for CEE Countries through Partners Romania Foundation for Local Development, Sinaia, Romania, May, 17 – 23, 2003.

Participant, ‘Conflict Resolution in Practice’, A Brainstorming Workshop on Designing “The Center for Conflict Resolution” as the Practice Leg of the Conflict Resolution Master’s Program at Sabanci University, Sabanci University, Turkey, April, 17, 2003.

LANGUAGES

Albanian (native); English and Turkish (active); Italian and French (passive).