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AREAS OF INTEREST

Global socio-economic development, migration, child and family well-being

EDUCATION

PhD in Social Work	Columbia University	2015
Dissertation: "Microfinance, Child Labor and Education"		
Field of Specialization: Social Policy and Policy Analysis		
MSW	Washington University in St. Louis	2007
BA/MA in Linguistics	Khujand State University	2005
Non-degree	School of Journalism, Internews Tajikistan	2003

CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS

Research

2015	Principle Investigator, <i>Labor migration of head of households in Central Asia and its impact on families left behind</i> . Open Society Foundation Civil Society Scholar Award (\$7,000), 2014-2015
2012-2014	Co-Investigator (Dissertation research). <i>Pathways to child labor in Tajikistan: narrative accounts of child laborers and their parents</i> .
2009-2011	Consultant (reviewer), New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY <i>Evidence-based database of scientific articles on geriatric care coordination</i> .

Teaching and University Service

Current	Lecturer, Columbia University School of Social Work Courses: Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming, OSI Seminar, Social Welfare Policy
2015 -2014	Preceptor, Columbia University School of Social Work

Courses: International Social Development Practice
Online and residential courses on Social Welfare policy

Adjunct Instructor, Fordham University, Online MSW program
Courses: Social Policy 1

- 2012-2014 Reader, Entrance Applications for Masters in Social Work Program, Columbia University
- 2010-2013 Teaching Assistant, Columbia University School of Social Work
Courses: Social Welfare Policy, Human Behavior/Social Environment II, Advocacy in Social Work Practice, Introduction to Statistics
- 2002-2003 Teacher of English as a foreign language, grades K-10, Khujand, Tajikistan

Practice

- 2007-2009 Field Officer, Save the Children, Girls Education Project, Khujand, Tajikistan
- 2007 Employment Consultant, Paraquad, Summer Youth Work Experience Program, Saint Louis, MO
- 2007 Community Living Specialist, St. Louis Arc, Saint Louis, MO
- 2006-2007 Policy Department Intern, Paraquad, Saint Louis, MO
- 2006 Central Asia Department Intern. International Foundation for Election Systems Washington, DC. Project: Evaluation of Civic Education Programs in Tajikistan
- 2006 Employment Specialist (Intern) for Immigrants and Refugees, International Institute, Saint Louis, MO
- 2004-2005 Sughd Oblast Area Manager. International Foundation for Election Systems, Khujand, Tajikistan
- 2003-2005 Freelance Journalist. Internews Network, Dushanbe-Khujand, Tajikistan

HONORS & AWARDS

Certificate of Completion, Columbia University and Teagle Foundation Initiative training on Preparing Doctoral Students for 21st Century Teaching, 2013 (June 11-14)

Doctoral Fellow, Open Society Global Supplementary Grants Program. Awarded for 2013-2014

Doctoral Fellow, Open Society Doctoral Fellowship Program. Awarded for 2009-2013

Masters Fellow, Open Society Masters in Social Work Scholarship. Awarded for 2005-2007

Khujand State University Diploma of Excellency (red diploma), Awarded in 2005

Khujand State University, Presidential Scholarship for Excellence, Awarded for 2004

PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS AND WORKING PAPERS

Akilova, M. & Marti, Y. M. (2014). What is the effect of Women's Financial Empowerment on Intimate Partner Violence in Jordan? *Global Social Welfare*, 1(2)

Lee, R., **Akilova, M.** & Batista, T. (2015). Occupational Change and Asset Holdings among the U.S. Immigrants. *International Journal of Migration and Border Studies*, 1 (4).

Akilova, M. (submitted). Pathways to child labor in Tajikistan: narratives of child workers and their parents. *Central Asian Survey*

Akilova, M. (submitted). Microfinance, child work and education. *Journal of Developmental Studies*.

Akilova, M. (in progress). *Past, present and future of child labor regulation and fight against child labor: a comparative perspective across time and geographies.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Lee, R., **Akilova, M.** & Batista, T. (2015, April). *Occupational Change and Asset Holdings among United States Immigrants: Social Assistance to Recipients and Consumer Borrowing.* Financial Capabilities and Asset Building Convening, St. Louis, MO

Akilova, M. (2015, January). *Global child labor and schooling: how does participation in microfinance programs change the rates?* Society for Social Work Research, Annual Conference

Akilova, M. (2014, June). *Different childhoods: the benefits and disadvantages of child labor in Tajikistan*. Work and Family Researchers Network Annual Conference, New York, NY

Akilova, M. (2014, February). *Pathways to child labor in Tajikistan: narrative accounts of child laborers and their parents (Presentation of findings)*. 26th Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference, Las Vegas, NV

Akilova, M. (2013, March). *Child labor in Tajikistan (Methodological review)*. Presentation at Nawruz Postgraduate Student Workshop on Central Asia, Newcastle, UK

Akilova, M. & Marti Haidar, Y. (2012, March). *The impact of women economic empowerment on Intimate Partner Violence in Jordan*. Presentation at Open Society Foundation, New York, NY

Lee, R., **Akilova, M.** & Batista, T. (2011, January). *Occupational Change and Asset Holdings among the U.S. Immigrants*. Poster Session presented at Society for Social Work Research 2011 Conference, Tampa, FL

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Society for Social Work and Research
Member, Tajiks Association of Professional Social Workers
Member, Work and Family Researchers Network
Member, Child Protection in Crisis Network, Columbia University

OTHER SKILLS

Native Farsi/Tajik speaker
Bilingual in Russian and English
Proficient in Spanish
Beginner in French