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Education

Baccalaureate:	Wayne State University, Detroit, MI School of Business Administration	1987
Graduate:	M.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Department of Communication Studies	1991
	Ph. D. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI Department of Sociology	1997
Dissertation Title:	“Ethnicity, Gender and Identity Among Second-Generation Muslim Arab Americans: Growing up Arab in America”	

Specialty Areas

Gerontology	Race and Ethnicity
Program Evaluation	Middle East

Professional Experience

2005-	<u>Director</u> , Gerontology Program, Eastern Michigan University
2005-	<u>Associate Professor</u> , Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
2005-	<u>Adjunct Associate Research Professor</u> , Life Course Development Program University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2000-2005 Criminology	<u>Assistant Professor</u> , Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
1999-2000	<u>Adjunct Lecturer</u> , Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan—Dearborn.
1998-2000	<u>NIA Research Fellow</u> . Mentor: Dr. Toni C. Antonucci, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
1997-98	<u>Visiting Lecturer</u> , Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan—Dearborn.

Publications

- Ajrouch, K. J. (in press) Social isolation and loneliness among Arab American elders: Cultural, social, and personal factors. *Research in Human Development*.
- Ajrouch, K. J. Arab Americans. Forthcoming in *Encyclopedia of Social Work, 20th ED.*, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Ajrouch, K. J. & Jamal, A. (in press) Assimilating to a white identity. *International Migration Review*.
- Ajrouch, K. J. (2007) Global contexts and the veil: Muslim integration in the United States and France. *Sociology of Religion*, 68(3), 321-325.
- Ajrouch, K. J. (2007) Resources and well-being among Arab-American elders. *Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology*, 22(2): 167-182
- Ajrouch, K. J. (2007) Health disparities and Arab American elders: Does intergenerational support buffer the inequality-health link? *Journal of Social Issues*, 63(4), 745-758.
- McIlvane, J. M., Ajrouch, K. J., & Antonucci, T. C. (2007) Generational Structure and Social Resources in Mid-life: Influences on Health and Well-being, *Journal of Social Issues*, 63(4), 759-774.
- Ajrouch, K. J. & Kusow, A. (2007). Racial and religious contexts: Situational identities among Lebanese and Somali Muslim immigrants. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 30(1): 72-94
- Ajrouch, Kristine J., Akiyama, Hiroko, Antonucci, T. C. (2007) Cohort differences in social relations among the elderly” In Hans-Werner Wahl, Clemens Tesch-Romer, Andreas Hoff (Eds.) *Emergence of New Person-Environment Dynamics in Old Age: A Multidisciplinary Exploration*, (pp. 43-64) Amityville, NY: Baywood Publishing Company, Inc.
- Antonucci, T. C. & Ajrouch, K. J. (2007) Social resources. In Heidrun Mollenkopf & Alan Walker (Eds.) *Quality of Life in Old Age: International and Multi-disciplinary Perspectives* (pp. 49-64). The Netherlands: Springer.
- Ajrouch, K. J. and Moaddel, M. (2007) Social Structure vs. Perceptions: A Cross-National Comparison of Self-Rated Health in Egypt, Iran, Jordan, and the United States. In Moaddel, M. (Ed.), *Values and Perception of the Islamic Publics: Findings of Values Surveys* (pp. 181-208) New York: Palgrave
- Antonucci, T. C. Ajrouch, K. J. & Birditt, K. (2006) Social relations in the third age” In Jacquelyn B. James & Paul Wink (eds.) *Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatric: The Crown of Life: Dynamics of the Early Post-retirement Period*, 26: 193-210
- Ajrouch, Kristine J. (Forthcoming) “Women, Gender, and Urban Identity: North America” In S. Joseph (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Women and Gender in Islam*, Netherlands: Brill Publishers.
- Adams, T., Ajrouch, K. J., Henderson, H., and Heard, I. (2005/2006) Service-Learning Outcomes Research: Replication, A Forgotten Species. *Journal of Applied Sociology* 23, 55-74.
- Ajrouch, K. J. (2005). Arab-American immigrant elders’ views about social support. *Ageing & Society*, 25 (5) 655-673.
- Ajrouch, K. J. (2005) Arab American Elders: Network Structure, Perceptions of Relationship Quality and Discrimination. *Research in Human Development*, Vol. 2, No. 4, Pages 213-228
- Ajrouch, K. J., Blandon, A., & Antonucci, T. C. (2005). Social networks among men and women: The effects of age and socioeconomic status. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 60, 311-317.

- Ajrouch, Kristine J. (2005) Women, Gender and Youth Culture and Movements: United States” In S. Joseph (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Women and Gender in Islam, Volume 2* (pp. 795-798), Netherlands: Brill Publishers.
- Ajrouch, K. J. (2004) Gender, Race, and Symbolic Boundaries: Contested spaces of identity among Arab-American adolescents. *Sociological Perspectives*, 47, 371-391.
- Antonucci, Toni C., Ajrouch, Kristine J., Janevic, Mary R. (2003) “The Significance of Social Relations with Children to the SES-Health Link in Men and Women Aged 40 and Over” *Social Science and Medicine*, 56, 949-960.
- Ajrouch, Kristine J., Antonucci, Toni C., Janevic, Mary R. (2001) “Social Networks among Blacks and Whites: The interaction between race and age. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 56B, 2, S112-S118.
- Janevic, Mary R., Ajrouch, Kristine J., Tarnowski, Alicia, Akiyama, Hiroko, Antonucci, Toni C. (2000) “The Social Relations-Physical Health Connection: A comparison of elderly samples from the United States and Japan” *The Journal of Health Psychology*, 5, 413-429.
- Ajrouch, Kristine J. (2000) “Place, Age, and Culture: Community living and ethnic identity among Lebanese American adolescents” *Small Group Research*, 31, 4, 447-469.
- Antonucci, Toni C., Lansford, Jennifer E., Ajrouch, Kristine J. (2000) “Social Support.” In G. Fink (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Stress*, New York: Academic Press, Inc.
- Ajrouch, Kristine J. (1999) “Family and Ethnic Identity in an Arab American Community.” In M. Suleiman (Ed.) *Arabs in America: Building a New Future* (pp. 129-139) Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
- Antonucci, Toni C., Ajrouch, Kristine J., Janevic, Mary (1999) “Socioeconomic Status, Social Support, Age, and Health” *Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.* 896.
- Ajrouch, Kristine J. (1998) “Personalization and the Determination of News.” *Qualitative Sociology* Vol. 21:341-350.

Papers and Posters Presented

2007

Ajrouch, K. J., Fox, D., Pfoutz, S. A Retrospective View of Growth and Development: Aging to Infancy. Invited presentation to the 2007 Conference on Pain: Life Interrupted: When Pain Intrudes. Plymouth, MI September 27, 2007.

Ajrouch, K. J., Reisine, S., Lim, S., Sohn, W., Ismail, A. “Socioeconomic status, everyday discrimination, social support, and depressive symptoms within an urban African American sample.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in New York, NY, August 11-14, 2007.

Ajrouch, K. J. “A Critical Examination of Successful Aging among Middle Eastern American Elders.” Presented at the IV PAN AM Geriatric and Gerontology meetings, Puebla, Mexico, May 20-24, 2007.

Ajrouch, K. J. & Grabinski, C. J. "Introduction to Gerontology": Introducing the Professional Field Rather than Providing an Overview of Aging, Resource Exchange at the Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Portland, OR, on March 1-4, 2007.

2006

Ajrouch, K. J. Social Change and the American Family. Invited talk presented to Learning in Retirement Lecture Series, University of Michigan Geriatric Center, Ann Arbor, November 30, 2006.

Sellars, B., Ajrouch, K. J., Akiyama, H. The impact of life course role opportunities and social relations on depressive symptoms. Presented at the Gerontological Society of American, Dallas, TX. Nov. 17-20, 2006

Ajrouch, K. J., Antonucci, T. C., & Sellars, B. Structural Lag and the Convoy Model of Social Relations. Presented in the SALC and CY Symposium Partnership: *Life Course Convoys and Institutional Dynamics*, organized by Dale Dannefer, at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 11-14, 2006.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Cultural and Lifestyle Factors of Arab Americans." Presented at Global Health Cancer Research Workshop, Reducing the Cancer Burden in Arabs and Arab Americans, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 10, 2006

Ajrouch, K. J. "Immigration, Social Ties, and Well-Being among Arab American Elders," Presented at Mapping Arab Diasporas Conference, Center for Arab American Studies (CAAS), University of Michigan-Dearborn, MI, April 27.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Gender and Well-being in Iran and Egypt: An examination of the patriarchal bargain." Paper presented at Islam and Gender, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI March 17-18.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Women's Status in Egypt and Iran: A focus on gender and age." Presented at Iraqi Public Opinion Survey Workshop, Beirut, Lebanon February 23.

2005

Ajrouch, K. J. "Intergenerational relations in Arab American families," Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for the Study of Human Development, Asilomar, CA, October 28-30, 2005.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Acculturation, Social Relations and Loneliness among Arab American Elders" Paper presented at the meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL, November 21, 2005.

Ajrouch, K. J. & Moaddel, M. "Age, Poverty, and Health in the Middle East" Paper presented in "Life Span Perspectives on Ageing and Poverty," United Nations NGO Committee on Ageing, New York, NY, December 1, 2005

Ajrouch, K. J. Health disparities and Arab American elders: Does intergenerational support buffer the inequality-health link? Presented at International Association for Gerontology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 1.

Ajrouch, K. J. & Moaddel, M. "Positive Implications of Values and Religion in the Middle East and U.S." Paper presented at the Development, Psychopathology and Mental Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, April 16, 2005

Ajrouch, K. J. "Identity Boundaries and Arab Americans: Generations in Metro Detroit" Paper presented at Yale-CUNY conference on Middle Eastern Diasporas, Yale University, March 18-20, 2005

2004

Ajrouch, K. J. & Sellars, B. "Arab American Elders' Attitudes about Family and the Welfare State" Paper presented at the meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, November 21, 2004.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Aging and Global Diversity: Implications for health and practice" Organized a Poster Symposium at the Gerontological Society of America, Washington DC, November 19-23, 2004

Ajrouch, K. J. "Religion, Gender and Well-Being among Arab American Elders" Paper presented at the meetings of the Association for the Study of Religion, San Francisco, CA, August 13-15, 2004.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Social Influences on the Health of Aging Arab Americans." Presented at the University of Balamand, Achrafieh, Lebanon, August 4, 2004.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Arab American Elders: Immigrant/U.S. born perceptions of relationship quality" Poster presented at workshop/seminar sponsored by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), Havana and Cienfuegos, Cuba, April 27-30, 2004.

2003

Ajrouch, K. J. "The (In)Significance of Gender: Well-being Among Aging Arab Americans," Presented at the meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA, November 21-25, 2003.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Social Relations & Mental Health Among Arab American Elders," Presented at The 3rd Biennial National Conference on Health Issues in the Arab American Community, Dearborn, MI, October 24-25, 2003.

Abdulrahim, S. & Ajrouch, K. J. "High Effort Active Coping and Health Outcomes among Older Arab Americans," Presented at The 3rd Biennial National Conference on Health Issues in the Arab American Community, Dearborn, MI, October 24-25, 2003.

Richmond-Abbott, M. and Ajrouch, K. J. "The Process of Initiating an Applied Sociology Program," Presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Sociology, Metairie, Louisiana, October 16 to 18, 2003.

Ajrouch, K. J. & Antonucci, T. C. "Health among Older Black and White Americans" Presented at III PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY Mar del Plata, Argentina April 30 - May 3, 2003

Ajrouch, K. J. & Moaddel, M. "Perceived Control and Well-being in Egypt, Iran and Jordan" Presented at Workshop/Conference: Explaining the Worldviews of the Islamic Publics, Theoretical and Methodological Issues. Cairo Egypt, February 24- 26, 2003

2002

Ajrouch, K. J. and Moaddel, M. "Self- Rated Health in the Middle East: A focus on age, gender & country." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA. November 22 –26.

Blandon, A. and Ajrouch, K. J. "The Association Between SES and Social Relations Among Middle and Older Aged Men and Women." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA. November 22 –26.

Ajrouch, K. J. and Moaddel, M. "Social Stratification and Health in the Middle East: A preliminary examination" Presented at the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. Aug 16-19.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Arab Immigrant Attitudes Toward Formal and Informal Support" Presented at the Valencia Forum, Valencia, Spain, April 1-4.

Ajrouch, K. J., Kusow, A. and Maines, D. R. "Adaptation Strategies and Identity: A comparison of Somali and Lebanese immigrants in North America." Presented at the North Central Sociological Meetings, Windsor, CN. April 4-7.

2001

Ajrouch, K. J., Langfahl, E. and Antonucci, T. C. "Close Relationships and Social Networks: A Black-White Comparison." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America. Chicago, IL November.

Langfahl, E., Ajrouch, K. J., Akiyama, H. "The Education-Health Link in Japan." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America. Chicago, IL, November.

Antonucci, T. C., Akiyama, H., and Ajrouch, K. J. "Socioeconomic Status, Social Relations and Health." Presented at the World Congress, International Association of Gerontology. Vancouver, CN July 1-6.

Antonucci, T. C. and Ajrouch, K. J. "Generational Differences by SES and Race." (Poster) Presented at the American Psychological Society. Toronto, CN. June 14.

2000

Ajrouch, K. J., Janevic, M. R., Merline, A. C., Akiyama, H. and Antonucci, T. C. "The Social Relations-Physical Health Connection: A comparison of elderly samples from the United States and Japan" Presented at the Gerontological Society of America. Washington D.C. Nov. 17-21.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Ethnic Identity as a Challenge: Exploring the boundaries of gender, race, and religion." Presented at the American Sociological Association, Washington D.C., Aug. 12-16.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Social Relations and the SES-Health Link." Presented at the NIA Workshop: Aging and Interpersonal Relationships. Berkeley, CA. May 5-7.

Ajrouch, K. J. and Mosby, L. M. "Mergers and Diversity Initiatives: The experiences of a major oil company." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, Ill. April 18-21.

1999

Ajrouch, K. J., Antonucci, T. C., and Janevic, M. R. "Social Relations and Aging Among Blacks and Whites: Interpreting differences." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America. San Francisco, CA. Nov. 20-22.

Janevic, M. R., Antonucci, T. C. and Ajrouch, K. J. "Social Networks and Social Support: Black-White differences in three age cohorts." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America. San Francisco, CA. Nov. 20-22.

Antonucci, T. C., Ajrouch, K. J. and Janevic, M. R. "SES, Social Support, Age, and Health." (Poster) Presented at the National Institute of Health. Bethesda, MD. May 11-12.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Social Support Issues and Arab-American Elderly." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN. April 8-11.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Identity, Community, and Acculturation." Presented at the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee Student sponsored conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. January 29-31.

1998

Ajrouch, K. J. "Living in an Ethnic Community." Presented at the Michigan Sociological Association. Flint, Michigan. October 10.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Living in an Ethnic Community." Association of Arab American University Graduates. Novi, MI. October 16-18.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Women and Islam: Past and Present." Artemesia: Conference on Women's Issues. Ann Arbor, MI. March 13-15.

1996

Ajrouch, K. J. "Family and Ethnic Identity in An Arab American Community." Presented at the Association of Arab American University Graduates. Anaheim, CA October 18-20.

Ajrouch, K. J. "Ethnicity, Gender, and Identity: Growing up Arabic in America." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. April 3-6.

1995

Ajrouch, K. J. "The Boater and the White Girl on the Corner: The dialectic of Arab-American teen-agers." Presented at the Michigan Sociological Association. Lansing, Michigan. October 14.

Ajrouch, K. J. "The Construction of News, Personal Experiences and the Front Page: An Ethnography of the Detroit Free Press." Midwest Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. April 6-9.

1993

Maines, D. R., Brdger, J. and Ajrouch, K. J. "Meaning Through Media Representations of Institutional Changes." Presented at the Michigan Sociological Association. Detroit, Michigan, October.

Ajrouch, K. J. "A Narrative Analysis of International News: Expressions of Cultural Ideology." Presented at the Michigan Sociological Association. Detroit, Michigan, October.

Research Grants and Awards

Investigator, (15%) Detroit Center for Research on Oral Health, National Institute of Health
Amid Ismail (PI) 8/1/05-7/31/08

Fulbright Scholar Grantee. Lecture/Research Award 2007. U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and the Council for Exchange of International Scholars.

Recipient, Spring/Summer Research and Creativity Award. Eastern Michigan University, \$11200. 2007

Principal Investigator, (75%) "Social Influences on the Health of Older Arab Americans." National Institute of Aging/National Institute of Health, \$50,000. May 1, 2001-April 30, 2004.

Recipient, Spring/Summer Research and Creativity Award. Eastern Michigan University, \$9200. 2003

Recipient, Provost's New Faculty Research Award. Eastern Michigan University, \$5300. 2002.

Recipient, Graduate Research Support Fund. Eastern Michigan University, \$2000. 2001-2002.

Professional Activities

2006 Chair, Sociological Practice Section, American Sociological Association

Co-Organizer and Presider, "Role Opportunities in Later Life: Social Relations and Well-being." Gerontological Society of America, November 16-20

Organizer and Presider, Section on Sociological Practice Paper Session: "Sociological Practice and Consequences of Globalization." American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada August 11

Organizer, "Applied and Clinical Sociological Research." American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada August 11

Steering Committee Member, Society for Study of Human Development

Advisor, Blueprint on Aging, Washtenaw County, MI

Reviewer for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *Developmental Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Sociology*, *Journal of Gerontology*, *Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada*

2005 Chair-Elect, Board member, Sociological Practice Section, American Sociological Association

Board Member, Census Advisory Committee, Arab American Institute

Reviewer for *Developmental Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Sociology*, Sage Publications book proposal "Handbook of Social Gerontology" Special Issue *Sociology of Religion*, *Journal of Gerontology*

2004 Presider, Section on Sociological Practice Paper Session: "When Sociology Faces the Public: Practice as Mediator," American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA August 14-17.

Presenter, "What About Me? Growing Up Arab in America," Arab American Faculty and Staff Association, EMU Immersion Luncheon, Ypsilanti, MI February 5.

ICCI Fellow, World College, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI May24-28.

CIC Advisory Board member, Arab American Institute, Washington D.C.

Council Member, Sociological Practice Section, American Sociological Society

- IAOD Advisory Board member, Detroit, MI
- Reviewer for *The Gerontologist*, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, *ICCJ*, *Gender & Society*
- 2003 Co-organizer with Clemens Tesch-Roemer “Gender and Aging in Cultural Context: Resources, health and well-being,” Gerontological Society of America. San Diego, CA November 23.
- Consultant, Questionnaire for the “Detroit Arab American Study.” Project Investigator, Wayne Baker, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.
- Presenter, “Arab American Elders,” Gerontology Spring Lecture, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI. March.
- Presenter, “Older Arab Immigrant Attitudes toward Formal and Informal Support.” Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. January 22.
- CIC Advisory Board member, Arab American Institute, Washington D.C.
- Council Member, Sociological Practice Section, American Sociological Society
- IAOD Advisory Board member, Detroit, MI
- Reviewer for *Journal of Applied Sociology*
- 2002 Organizer and Presider, “SES, Gender and Well-Being: A global view.” Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA November.
- CIC Advisory Board member, Arab American Institute, Washington D.C.
- Council Member, Sociological Practice Section, American Sociological Society
- Reviewer for *Social Science and Medicine*, and *Arab Studies Quarterly*.
- 2001 Organizer and Presider, “Health in Mid-Life and Old Age” Gerontological Society of America. Chicago, IL November.
- Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow. Eastern Michigan University. July 9-14.
- Reviewer for *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, and *International Journal of Psychology*.
- 2000 Presenter, “Education in Culture: The case of Arab Americans” Professional Issues Conference, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, MI, January 6

1999 Presenter, “Immigration Today: Is the American Dream still alive? The case of Arab Americans.” University of Michigan—Dearborn, December 1.

Organizer and Presider, “Narrative Approaches to Ethnic Identity” Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN. April 8-11.

Presenter, New Detroit Multicultural Leadership Immersion Program. ‘Overview of the Arab American Family.’ ACCESS, Dearborn, MI

1998 Presenter, Women’s Studies Colloquium. University of Michigan—Dearborn.

1997 Presenter, College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs. Wayne State University. Presented my research on the Arab-American community to a group of Danish research visitors from AFK: Institute for Local Government Studies of Copenhagen who are presently dealing with an influx of immigrants and refugees in their own country from around the world.

1995-96 Chairperson, Arab American Student Association. Wayne State University. Planned and organized a presentation by Jack Shaheen, Professor Emeritus-- Southern Illinois University, who gave a talk entitled “Shattering Stereotypes: Images of cultural others.” Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University. March 27, 1996.

1995 Reviewer for *Contemporary Journal of Ethnography*.

Membership in Professional Associations

American Sociological Association
Gerontological Society of America
Middle Eastern Studies Association
Society for Study of Human Development