

CURRICULUM VITAE

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I. Education

- 2014: Ph. D. in Sociology, State University of New York, (SUNY) at Albany.
Dissertation Title: “Immigration and Crime: Effects of Immigrant Assimilation and Segregation on Neighborhood Crime.”
Committee Members: Ryan D. King (Chair), Steven F. Messner, Nancy A. Denton.
- 2005: M.A. in Sociology, University of South Florida (USF)
Master Thesis Title: “Anti-Arab Hate Crimes in the Aftermath of September 11, 2001: Assessing the Influence of Geographic and Situational Factors.”
Committee Members: James Cavendish (chair), Donileen Loseke, Margarethe Kusenbach.
- 2002: B.S. in Psychology, University of Tampa (UT), Tampa, Florida.
- 2000: A.A. in Liberal Arts, Hillsborough Community College (HCC), Tampa, Florida.

II. Teaching

Teaching Positions

- 2021-Present: Associate Professor, Borough of Manhattan Community College.
2015-2021: Assistant Professor, Borough of Manhattan Community College.
2013-2015: Lecturer, Pace University.
2012-2015: Adjunct Instructor, Westchester Community College.
2009-2015: Adjunct Instructor, Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC).
2007-2013: Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer, Skidmore College.
2010-2013: Adjunct Instructor, College of Saint Rose.
2008-2009: Adjunct Instructor, State University of New York, SUNY at Albany.
2004-2005: Adjunct Instructor, University of South Florida (USF).

Courses: Sociology and Criminal Justice

- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Problems/Issues
- Marriage and Family
- Racial and Ethnic Issues
- Social Theory
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Crime and Victimization
- Deviance and Social Control
- Crime/Justice in Urban Communities

III. Research

Publications

Iilir Disha and Brenda K. Vollman. 2023. "Open Educational Resources and Student Performance Trajectories: B Is Achievable, A Illusive." *Open Learning: The Journal of Open, Distance, and e-Learning*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02680513.2023.2190345>.

Iilir Disha, Colleen P. Eren, and Shirley Leyro. 2021. "People You Care About In and Out of the System: The Impact of Family and Friends' Arrest on Criminal Justice Major Choice and Career Motivations" *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 32(1): 60-89.

Colleen P. Eren, Iilir Disha, and Shirley Leyro. 2020. "Family and Friends in Uniform: The Effect of Close Relationships on CJ Major Selection Among Diverse Students in Urban Colleges" *Dialogues in Social Justice: An Adult Education Journal*, 5(1): 61-79.

Colleen P. Eren, Shirley Leyro, and Iilir Disha. 2019. "It's Personal: The Impact of Victimization on Motivations and Career Interests among Criminal Justice Majors at Diverse Urban Colleges" *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 30(4): 510-535.

Iilir Disha. 2019. "Different Paths: The Role of Immigrant Assimilation on Neighborhood Crime" *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(4): 1129-1153.

Richard Alba, Nancy Denton, Glenn Deane, Iilir Disha, Brian McKenzie, and Jeffrey Napierala. 2014. "The Role of Immigrant Enclaves for Latino Residential Inequalities" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 40(1): 1-20.

Iilir Disha, James C. Cavendish, and Ryan D. King. 2011. "Historical Events and Spaces of Hate: Hate Crimes against Arabs and Muslims in Post-9/11 America" *Social Problems*, 58(1): 21-46.

Richard Alba, Nancy Denton, Donald Hernandez, Iilir Disha, Brian McKenzie, and Jeffrey Napierala. 2010. "Nowhere Near the Same: The Neighborhoods of Latino Children," in "*Growing up Hispanic: Health and Development of Children of Immigrants*" edited by Landale, Nancy S., Susan M. McHale, and Alan Booth. PA: The Urban Institute.

Research Positions

- 2017-2018: Research Consultant. *Battery Park City Authority User Study*. Responsible for data analyses. Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC).
- 2005-2010: Research Assistant. Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (CSDA), SUNY at Albany.
 - Project 1. *Children of Immigrants Project* (Grant from NICHD). Responsible for data gathering and analysis of census tract data on Hispanic immigration.
 - Project 2. *2000+ Mapping Project*. Responsible for ACS data collection and for thematic map development using ArcGIS software.
- Summer, 2007: Student Assistant. *Mapping Immigrant Banking Project*. Responsible for ArcGIS data collection. SUNY at Albany

- Summer, 2004: Research Assistant. *Why Retire and Resign from Teaching?* Responsible for conducting surveys. Department of Education/Institute on Coalition for Science Literacy, University of South Florida (USF).

Research Skills

Data Skills

- Ability to use U.S. Census Data Files: Summary Files, American Community Survey.
- Ability to use U.S. Crime Data Sources: Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data.

Statistical Skills

- Ability to use SPSS and STATA statistical software.
- Ability to use mapping software: ArcGIS, GEODA, and CrimeStat.

Presentations

Iilir Disha. February, 2020. *Effects of CRJ Involvement (Arrests) on Community College Students*. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Philadelphia, PA.

Iilir Disha and Shirley Leyro. May, 2019. *The Impact of Victimization on Community College Students*. Paper presented at Criminal Justice in the Classroom Conference, Queensborough Community College (QCC), New York, NY.

Iilir Disha. May, 2016: *The Immigrant Assimilation-Crime Nexus*. Paper presented in a panel symposium on Inside Out; BMCC Social Science Symposium, New York, NY.

Iilir Disha. March, 2016: *The Mediating Role of Immigrant Assimilation on Neighborhood Crime*. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Boston MA.

Richard Alba, Nancy Denton, Donald Hernandez, Iilir Disha, Brian McKenzie, and Jeffrey Napierala. October 2008. *Nowhere Near the Same: The Neighborhoods of Latino Children*. Paper presented at the 16th Annual Penn State Conference on Family Issues, Philadelphia, PA.

James Cavendish and Iilir Disha. April, 2007. *Reporting of Hate Crimes against Arabs and Muslims after September 11, 2001: Assessing the Importance of Group Threat and Political Mediation Theories*. Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS), Chicago, IL.

Iilir Disha. April, 2005: *Hate Crimes: Location and Patterns of Anti-Arab and Anti-Muslim Hate Crimes*. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society (SSS), Charlotte, NC.

IV. Academic Service

College Service, BMCC

- Spring 2021: Program Review Team Leader
- Summer 2020: Continuing Student Fall Enrollment Team.
- Fall, 2019: First Year Seminar Course Committee.

- Spring, 2019: Grant Reviewer for Academic Faculty Development.
- Fall, 2018 – Summer 2020: Subcommittee on Teaching Evaluations, a Part of Instructional Committee.

Department Service, BMCC – Social Sciences, Criminal Justice Program

- Summer 2020: Program Assessment Assistant.
- Summer 2020: Reviewer for Adjuncts' Online Course Development.
- Fall 2016 – Spring, 2017: Program Review Committee for Criminal Justice.
- Fall, 2017: Faculty Salon Committee Member.
- Fall, 2016: Program Assessment Committee Member.
- Fall, 2015: Course Description Development Committee Member.
- Fall, 2015: Curriculum Committee Member.
- Fall, 2015: Adjunct Liaison.

V. Scholarships and Awards

Grants

Spring, 2021. CUNY Open Educational Resources Research Program; Amount \$10,000
 Spring, 2017. PSC-CUNY Research Award #60444-0048; Amount \$3,500.

Scholarships

2005-2009: University Assistantship, State University of New York (SUNY, Albany).
 2004-2005: University Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida.
 2003-2004: University Graduate Fellowship, University of South Florida.
 2000-2002: University Transfer Scholarship, University of Tampa.
 2000-2002: Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, University of Tampa.
 2001-2002: Athletic Scholarship (Men's Soccer), University of Tampa.

Awards

2002: Featured Biography in the National Dean's List, University of Tampa.
 2000: Psychology Student Award, Hillsborough Community College.
 1999: Award for Excellence in Math, Hillsborough Community College.

VI. Languages

English (fluent), Albanian (fluent), Italian (read only).