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EDUCATION

University College Dublin (UCD) – Dublin, Ireland

PhD, Sociology, 2010

Chair: Alice Feldman, PhD; Associate Supervisor: Anne Mulhall, PhD

External Examiner: Avtar Brah, PhD

DePaul University – Chicago, IL

MA *with distinction*, Social and Cultural Foundations in Education, 2006

BA, Communication, 2002

POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Sociology, Murray State University, 2015-Present

Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, National Louis University, 2012-2015

- Co-Chair, MA in Public Policy and Administration and Chair, BA in Social Science

Adjunct Faculty, Educational Policy Studies and Research, Communication, DePaul University, 2011-2015

Visiting Lecturer, Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2011-2013

Postdoctoral Research Assistant, Information and Library Studies, University College Dublin, 2010-2011

Lecturer and Seminar Leader, Sociology, Women's Studies, Social Policy, University College Dublin, 2006-2010

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION/INTEREST

Transnational social practices; feminist critiques of globalization, home and belonging; migration and gender; critical race theory; Filipino diaspora; Irish diaspora, critical pedagogy, social justice education

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Emerging Scholar Award, Murray State University, 2017
- Professional Development Grant, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Murray State University, 2015
- Teaching and Learning Certificate Program, DePaul University, Certificate, 2015
- National Louis University Engaged Research and Innovation Seed Grant, 2014
- Recognition for Exemplary Undergraduate Teaching, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2012
- Honorarium, Social and Cultural Foundations in Education, DePaul University, 2012
- Honorarium, Women's Studies Program, the Women's Resource Center and the Division for Interdisciplinary Race and Gender Studies, San Jose State University, 2010
- Graduate Research and Innovation Fund, College of Human Sciences, University College Dublin, 2010
- Migration and Citizenship Research Initiative Scholar, University College Dublin, 2006-2009
- Seed Funding, Migration and Citizenship Research Initiative, University College Dublin, 2008
- European Doctorate on Migration, Diversity and Identities Intensive Program, Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège & the Migration Thematic Subgroup of HumanitarianNet, Liège, Belgium, 2006
- Lessons Learnt, Discrimination and Violence Towards Young Minority Women in Europe, Young Women from Minorities Study Session, Council of Europe, Budapest, Hungary, 2006
- Graduate Research Assistantship, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Research, DePaul University, 2003-2004

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Nititham, D.S. (2016). *Making Home in Diasporic Communities: Transnational Belonging Amongst Filipina Migrants*. (London: Routledge)

Edited Volume

Nititham, D.S. and Boyd, R. eds. (2014). *Heritage, Diaspora and the Consumption of Culture: Movements in Irish Landscapes*. (Farnham: Ashgate)

Refereed Journal Articles

O'Sullivan, S., McMahon, L., Moore, G., Nititham, D.S. Slevin, A., Kelly, C. and Wixted, L. (2014). "I Did Not Miss Any, Only When I Had a Valid Reason": Accounting for Absences from Sociology Classes". *Teaching Sociology OnlineFirst*, pp. 1-11

Nititham, D.S. (December 2011) "Migration as Cultural Capital: The Ongoing Dependence on Overseas Filipino Workers", *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies*, 48 (2)

Nititham, D.S. (2008) "Locating the self in diaspora space", *Translocations: The Irish Migration, Race and Social Transformation Review*, 3 (1), pp. 1-17

Book Chapters

Nititham, D.S. (2014) "We Cannot Gather without Eating": Food, Authenticity and Socialisation for Filipinos in Ireland" Nititham, D.S. and Boyd, R. eds. *Heritage, Diaspora and the Consumption of Culture: Movements in Irish Landscapes*, (Farnham: Ashgate)

Nititham, D.S. (2014) "It's Still Home Home": Notions of the Homeland for Filipina Dependent Students in Ireland' in Baas, M. (ed), *Transnational Migration and Asia: The Question of Return* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press)

Nititham, D.S. (2011) 'Filipinos in Ireland: Articulating and Enacting Community' in Fanning, B. & Munck, R. (eds), *Immigration and the Irish Experience of European and Global Transformation* (Farnham: Ashgate)

Conference Proceeding

Nititham, D.S. (2008) 'Still Finding my voice: my self-explorations as an American International/Asian American/Woman of Colour Student in Ireland', *Diverse Voices: International Students in Irish Education International Student Forum Proceedings*, November 17, 2007, University College Cork (Dublin: Irish Council for International Students)

Book Review

Nititham, D.S. (2008) Review of 'Diaspora: An Introduction' by Jana Evans Braziel. *Translocations: The Irish Migration, Race and Social Transformation Review*, 4 (1), pp. 136-8

Working Paper

Nititham, D.S. (2008) 'Applying Diasporic Methodology: Reflections in Conducting International Fieldwork', Migration and Citizenship Research Initiative Project, "Forging Connections: A Workshop on Filipino Labour Migration and Meanings of Home", University College Dublin

CONFERENCES AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

"Filipino Diaspora in Ireland," Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Series, Center for Gender and Student Engagement, Dartmouth College, May 2016.

“Transnational Belonging for Filipinas in Ireland”, Civic Media and Policy Design Lecture, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., April 2016.

“‘Plastic Paddy’ and the ‘Real Irish’”: Notions of Authenticity in Food, Drink and Socialization.” Celtic Section and the Swedish Institute for North American Studies, Department of English, Uppsala University, Sweden, March 2014.

“At Home in the Diaspora? Connecting Sites, Enactments and Belonging for Filipinas in Ireland.” Social and Cultural Foundations in Education Mini-Conference, DePaul University, 1 June 2012.

“Migration, Dislocation and Media Practices.” *History of Broadcasting*, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin Madison, 25 April 2011.

“Landscapes of Dislocation: Homeplace, Gender and Mobility for Filipinas in Ireland.” Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program, the Women’s Resource Center and the Division for Interdisciplinary Race and Gender Studies, San Jose State University, Cultural Heritage Center, Martin Luther King Library, San Jose, 22 November 2010.

“Constructing ‘Home’: From Conceptual to Lived Spaces.” *Exiles and emigrants: intercultural dialogues in Ireland and Europe*, Leuven Ó Cléirigh Summer School, UCD Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Institute for the Study of Irish History & Civilization, Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe, Belgium, 8 May 2008.

“Still Finding My Voice: My self-explorations as an American International/American/Woman of Color Student in Ireland”. *Diverse Voices: International Students in Irish Education*, Irish Council for International Students’ Forum, University College Cork, Ireland, 17 November 2007.

“Filipino Nurses: Negotiating an Irish-Filipino Identity” *Social Capital and Civil Society in a Multi-Ethnic Ireland: A Research Policy Dialogue on the Civic Participation of “New” Communities*. Geary Institute, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, Ireland, 10 February 2006.

Presentations

“Self-Care Amidst Precarity: A Continued Discussion, Critique, and Rethinking of Academic Labor” Roundtable. Association for Asian American Studies. Portland, April 2017.

“Radical Care: Scholar Activism and Asian American Studies” Roundtable. Association for Asian American Studies. Portland, April 2017.

“Asian/American Education Scholars’ Diasporic Identities and Lived Experiences Roundtable.” New England Association for Asian Studies. New England Association for Asian Studies, Boston, January 2017

“Bridging Disciplinary Divides: Working towards an Inclusive Panethnic Framework.” Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Miami, April 2016.

Roundtable Organizer and Participant, *Cartographies of Contingency, A Discussion, Critique and Rethinking of Academic Labor*. Association for Asian American Studies, Miami, April 2016.

“On Hopping and Hustling in Higher Ed: An Autoethnography of Contingency, Belonging, and Shifting Transnational Identity.” American Educational Research Association, Washington, D.C., April 2016.

“Our Noses Will Bleed and Then We Die: Language as a Borderland Strategy.” *Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference*. Evanston, Illinois, April 2015.

“Making Home: Power, Gender and Belonging in the Filipino Diaspora.” *Public Policy Lecture Series*, National Louis University, February 2015.

“Hierarchies of Equivalencies” and Digital Interfaces: Diasporic Media Literacy and Filipinas in Ireland.” *The States of Southeast Asian American Studies*. University of Minnesota, Minnesota, October 2014.

"Changes in Education and Employment for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians, 2001–2011" with Kirsti Rawstron. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, August 2013.

"Articulating a Diasporic Methodology: Challenges in Seeking Participant Visibility and Researcher Self-Reflexivity." *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference*, Athens, Greece, July 2013.

"Liminality, Migration, and Immigration Policy." *American Ethnological Society/Association for Political and Legal Anthropology*, Chicago, IL, April 2013

"Diasporic Methodology: Revealing Sites for Possibility for Filipinas in Ireland." *Western Conference for Association for Asian Studies*. West Yellowstone, Montana, 11 October 2012.

"Pints, Pubs, and Paddies: Localized Consumptions of the Irish Diaspora." *Global Consumption: Politics, Culture, Practice*. University of Denver, Colorado, 16 August 2012.

"Vocabularies of Motive: Students' Accounts of Attendance and Non-Attendance at Sociology Seminars' with Sara O'Sullivan, Tina Kelly, Lean McMahon, Gemma Moore, Amanda Slevin, Paul Surgenor, and Lisa Wixted. *Sociological Association of Ireland Conference*. University College Cork, 6 May 2011.

"'It's Still Home Home': Notions of the Homeland for Filipina Dependent Students in Ireland". *International Convention of Asia Scholars – Association for Asian Studies Joint Conference*, Hawaiian Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, 31 March 2011.

"Enactments of 'Home' in the Diaspora: Identity and Belonging for Filipino Migrants in Ireland". *Asian Studies Association Biennial Conference*, Adelaide University, Adelaide, South Australia, 7 July 2010.

"'Home Is Where My Home Country Is': Practices of Home/making for OFWs." *What Ivory Towers? Gender, Body and Sexuality Conference*, Humanities Institute of Ireland, 17 May 2008.

"On Hyphenation and Hybridity: Interrogating 'Filipina' in Ireland (and myself) in Diaspora Space." *Migration Studies in Ireland*, Trinity Immigration Initiative, Trinity College Dublin, 27 March 2008.

"On the New Mestiza Consciousness: Contradictions and Possibilities." *Feminist Research Seminar Series*, UCD, Ireland, 7 February 2008.

"The Personal is Global: Filipina Migrant Workers in the Irish Care Economy." *Irish Social Policy Association Postgraduate Conference*, Dublin, Ireland, 20 July 2007.

"The Local/Global Intersections of Home Abroad." *National Women's Studies Association 28th Annual Conference*, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois, USA, 29 June 2007.

Rewriting the Border: A Reading and Analysis of Autoethnography in Gloria Anzaldúa's *Borderlands/La Frontera*." *Lesbian Lives XIV*, University College Dublin, 16 June 2007.

"Navigating the Boundaries: Connected Knowing and the In-between Spaces of Cultural Insider/Outsider." *Extending the Boundaries: New Research in Sociology*, City University London, England, 27 April 2007.

"Re/constructing the Body: The Rhetoric of Filipina Migrants in Ireland." *Irish Feminist Thought*, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, 14 April 2007.

"In Search of Home: Borderland Identities and the Kaleidoscopic Hybrid." *Research, Rhetoric and Reality: Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Conference*, Women's Education, Research, and Resource Centre, School of Social Justice, UCD, 7 October 2006.

Poster Sessions

Jimenez, T., **Nititham, D.S.** and Norman, J. “Engaged Research, Service, and Instruction, How an Asset-Based Community Building Effort Creates Opportunities for Multiple Stakeholders.” *Engaged Scholarship Consortium Conference*. Penn State University, Sept 29, 2015.

“Borderlands and Belonging for Filipinas in Ireland.” Universitas 21 AGM, 8 May 2008.

Other Conference Participation

Research Stream Organizer and Co-Chair, *Insider/Outsider/Insider: Racial and Ethnic Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Work*, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference, Athens, Greece, July 2013.

Discussant, *American Ethnological Society/Association for Political and Legal Anthropology*, Chicago, April 2013.

Discussant, *Identity, Agency, and Learning: The Pedagogy and Politics of Belonging*, National Women’s Studies Association, Oakland, CA, November 2012.

Conference Co-Organizer, *What Ivory Towers? Gender, Body and Sexuality Conference*, Humanities Institute of Ireland, 17 May 2008.

Discussant, *Lesbian Communities: Considering Histories and Transnational Perspectives. Lesbian Lives XIV*, University College Dublin, 16 June 2007.

Conference Co-Organizer, *Research, Rhetoric and Reality: Interdisciplinary Women’s Studies Conference*. Women’s Studies, School of Social Justice, UCD, Ireland, 6-7 October 2006.

Discussant, *Celluloid Women: Narratives of Beauty, Gender and Sexuality. Research, Rhetoric and Reality: Interdisciplinary Women’s Studies Conference*, University College Dublin, 6 October 2006.

Participant, European Doctorate on Migration, Diversity and Identities Intensive Program, Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège and Migration Thematic Subgroup of HumanitarianNet, Liège, Belgium, August 2006

Workshop Presenter, “The Borderlands: Storytelling as Survival” with Maha Elamin A. Mahmoud. *Lessons Learnt: Discrimination & Violence Towards Young Minority Women in Europe*. Young Women from Minorities Study Session, Council of Europe, Budapest, Hungary, April 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Murray State University

Introduction to Sociology
Honors Introduction to Sociology
Popular Culture
Social Inequality
Sociology of Education
Special Topics: Migration and Diaspora

National Louis University

MA Capstone in Public Policy (graduate)
Social Inequality and Public Policy (graduate)
Methods of Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences
Independent Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences
Multicultural Dimensions
Dynamics of Group Behavior
Applied Communication in Society
Senior Seminar in the Behavioral Sciences

Social Inequality
Racial and Ethnic History and Culture
Contemporary World Cultures

University of Illinois at Chicago

Introduction to Sociology
Social Inequality
Sociology of Asia and Asian America
Seminar in Comparative Racialization: Cultures, Origins and Otherness
Topics in Race, Ethnicity and Gender: Femininities, Masculinities and the Body
Political Sociology: Power, Politics and Social Justice in Education
Introduction to Sociological Research Methods
Senior Research Experience

DePaul University

Social and Historical Issues in Education
Multiculturalism in Education
Education and Society (Graduate)
Intercultural Communication

University College Dublin

Instructor of Record

Gender and Globalization (Women's Studies Outreach Program)
Contemporary Feminisms and Study Skills (Women's Studies Outreach Program)
Gender and Globalization (Women's Studies, BA Modular Evening Degree)

Seminar Leader (Women's Studies, Sociology, Social Policy)

Feminism Today
Gender, Sexuality and Horror Cinema
Foundations/Introduction to Sociology
Contemporary Irish Culture and Society
Sociology in Practice
Qualitative Methods
Sociology Theory III
Sociology of Education
Globalization, Migration and Ethnicity

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-Principal Investigator, National Louis University, Chicago, Illinois, 2014-2015

“Asset-Based Community Building: A Cross-Cultural Study”, part of the National Louis University Engaged Research and Innovation Seed Grant Initiative, focuses on asset-mapping two Chicago-based community organizations, El Valor and Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago, to better address the needs of the communities that they serve while seeking to understand the ways in which the context of Chicago influences the structure and use of community assets.

Principal Investigator, University of Illinois at Chicago, Illinois, 2012

“Localized Consumptions of the Irish Diaspora” is a qualitative study on Irish communities in Chicago, exploring how Irish identity is created and/or sustained through the consumption of food, drink and celebratory activities, particularly on St. Patrick's Day in Chicago. Train and manage 2 co-investigators and 26 key research personnel in qualitative data collection and analysis. Key research personnel were part of *Senior Research Seminar: Globalization, Food and Society* in Sociology course.

Postdoctoral Research Assistant, University College Dublin, Information and Library Studies, 2010-2011
Conducted qualitative field research under Lee Komito, PhD and Jessica Bates, PhD, as part of a longitudinal project, “Social Networking Technologies, Information and Community amongst Foreign Nationals in Ireland”. The project, funded by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, investigated the use of social media by Filipino and Polish nationals in Ireland.

Graduate Researcher, Migration and Citizenship Research Initiative, Dublin, Ireland, 2006-2009
Profiled Chinese population in Ireland for Immigrant Council of Ireland project, “Getting On: From Migration to Integration: Chinese, Indian, Lithuanian and Nigerian Migrants' Experiences in Ireland'.” Administered quantitative surveys to gather demographic data on Chinese in Ireland. Conducted field research, including in-depth qualitative interviews on integration and migration with Chinese migrants. Analyzed data for public policy recommendations.

Researcher, Access Monitoring Project, University College Dublin, Ireland, 2006
Researched literature on university access in Ireland, focusing on under-represented Irish populations for the Geary Institute and Director of Access in University College Dublin.

Graduate Research Assistant, DePaul University, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Research, School of Education, Chicago, IL, 2003-2004
Conducted quantitative and qualitative research with Pauline Lipman, PhD. Engaged in field research with police departments and organizations in Chicago’s Northwest suburbs to identify opportunities and community concerns for recent immigrants of color. Analyzed census data on Chicago metropolitan region and suburban public schools. Coordinated Spring Colloquium, planned publicity strategies and provided administrative support for Institute for Teacher Development and Research.

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Development and Welfare Committee, National Louis University, 2014-2015
IRRB Committee, National Louis University, 2012-2015
College Curriculum Committee, National Louis University, 2013-2015
Reviewer, Journal of International Migration and Integration
Co-founder and co-organizer of monthly Feminist Research Seminar Series, University College Dublin
Co-founder and facilitator of reading group, Feminist Reading Interrogative Group, Women’s Studies
Mentor in Women’s Studies, UCD, 2006-2007

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Volunteer and Member, Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, IL, July 2012-2015
Provide support for events and festivals hosted by the heritage center.

Artist, *Ornamental. Oriental.* The Joinery, Dublin, Ireland, March 2010
Presented photographic artwork in a joint exhibition with Holly Pereira at an independent gallery. Utilized self-portraits to explore notions of Asian-ness in contemporary Ireland.

Member, Filipino Community Network Interim Working Group, Dublin, Ireland, February-June 2009
Assisted in establishing umbrella network for Filipino community groups throughout Ireland.

Columnist, Metro Éireann, Dublin, Ireland, December 2006-November 2008
Wrote regular columns for weekly multicultural newspaper. Concentrated on immigration, race and ethnicity, cultural exchange, and personal narratives of living in Ireland and abroad.

Radio Columnist, “Spectrum,” Radio Telefis Éireann Radio 1; Today FM; and Newstalk Radio, Ireland, 2006-2008,
Radio columns and regular speaker on Irish public radio

Intern, Cross-Cultural Solutions International Volunteer Program, 2005

Taught English as a foreign language in an urban elementary school in Bangkok, Thailand, with primarily low-income students. Designed small group activities and games to actively engage students to practice conversation. Interned with staff in Thailand's Ministry of Education to address current challenges in education reform.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Asian American Studies

American Sociological Association

American Educational Research Association