

CURRICULUM VITAE - SARAH ABU-KAF PhD

Personal Details

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Education

B.A 1995 – 1999

Department of Behavioral Sciences
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beer-Sheva, Israel.

M.A 2000 - 2004

Clinical psychology track
Department of Psychology
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beer-Sheva, Israel.

Title: Polygamy and Adjustment: Parental representations among Bedouin Arab
Children

Advisor: Prof. Beatriz Priel

PhD 2005 - 2010

Clinical psychology track
Department of Psychology
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beer-Sheva, Israel.

Title: Personality Vulnerabilities to Depression and Somatization among
Bedouin Arab and Jewish Students: A Longitudinal Study of Coping with
Academic Stress.

Advisor: Prof. Beatriz Priel

Post-Doc 2011 - 2012

Department of Anthropology
Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Harvard University
Cambridge MA, USA

Title: Emotional Distress among Bedouin Arab Females: Circumstances, Factors,
and a Proposed Intervention Program.

Advisor: Prof. Arthur Kleinman

Teaching Experience

- 2001-2003 Teaching assistant, Introduction of Statistic and Statistical Inference, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- 2004-2006 Teaching assistant, Introduction of Psychology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- 2006-2007 Lecturer, Personality, Psychopathology, and Psychotherapy in the Cross-Cultural Context, Department of Psychology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- 2007-2008 Lecturer, Educational Psychology, Beer-Sheva College, Israel.
- 2008- 2011 Lecturer, Abnormal Psychology, Access to Higher Education Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- 2009- 2011 Lecturer, Pedagogy, Achva College of Education, Israel.
- 2012- Lecturer, Sexual violence in a social-cultural context: educational prevention and intervention. Program of conflict resolution, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- 2012- Lecturer, Meeting, acquaintance, and dialogue between Arabs and Jews. Program of conflict resolution, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- 2013- Lecturer, violence as a social phenomenon from theory to practice. Program of conflict resolution, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

Professional Training

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| 2000- 2001 | Practicum in Clinical Psychology Psychiatric Clinic for Children and Youth, Soroka University Medical Center. |
| 2001- 2002 | Practicum in Clinical Psychology Psychiatric Clinic for Adults, Soroka University Medical Center. |
| 2011 | Internship in Clinical Psychology Psychiatric Clinic for Children and Youth, Soroka University Medical Center. |

Professional Experience

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| 2003- 2004 | Consultative mental assistance for minority students in need University Psychological Counseling Services, Dean of Students, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel. |
| 2009- 2011 | Workshops to improve ways of coping with economic and social stress among unemployed Bedouin Arab women, Tel Sheva Community Center, Tel Sheva, Israel. |
| 2007- | Workshops to improve ways of coping with academic stress among Bedouin/ Gordian Arab students, Dean of Students and Recanati School for Community Health Professions, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel. |
| 2013- | Advisor to the Dean of Students in Ben-Gurion University concerning the adaptation of the dean services to the Bedouin Arab female students. |
| 2013- | Advisor to the Fulbright outreach program. |

Membership in Professional Organizations

Israeli Psychological Association

Awards and Honors

The Head of Psychology Department Distinction Award, Psychology Department, Ben-Gurion University, 2008.

The RHA Center for Bedouin Studies and Development Award for distinguished doctoral dissertation, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel, 2011.

Grants and Scholarships

The RHA Center for Bedouin Studies and Development Scholarship, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel, 2005.

Vut"at Scholarship for distinguished doctoral students among the Arab society, Planning and Budgeting Committee(PBC), Council for Higher Education, 2006 (3 years at 52,000 NIS/year).

Fulbright-Rabin Post-doctoral Scholar Award for academic year 2011/2012, The United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF) (40,000\$ for one academic year).

The AABGU Scholarship for post-doc for academic year 2011/2012, The American Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, New-York, USA (50,000\$ for one academic year).

The Mark Rich Grant for promoting academic careers for women for academic year 2011/2012, Office of the President, Ben-Gurion University (10,000\$).

The "Maof" Fellowship for Outstanding Arab Lecturers for academic years 2013-2015, Planning and Budgeting Committee, Council for Higher Education.

The "Magi" foundation for research on medical clowning among Bedouin children with cancer for academic year 2013-2014(50,000 INS).

My course entitled " Preventing sexual violence in social and cultural contexts" which combines academics with social involvement was funded by the Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC) for the academic year 2013-2014(30,000 INS).

Scientific Publications

1. Abu-Kaf, S. & Priel, B. (2008)." Dependent and self-critical vulnerabilities to depression in two different cultural contexts". "Personality and Individual Differences", 44, 689-700. *(This article was chosen as a recommended for reading by the PID).*

2. Abu-Kaf, S. & Priel, B. (2012) " Vulnerabilities to Depression and Sense of Coherence among Bedouin Arab and Jewish Students: A Test of a Mediation Model". "International Journal of Psychology and Counseling", 4(3), 31-40.
3. Abu-Kaf, S., Braun-Lewensohn, O., & Priel, B. " Coping strategies and social support as mediators of the relationship between self-criticism and depression: Bedouin Arab and Jewish students under academic stress. "Journal of cross-cultural psychology". "Under review".
4. Braun-Lewensohn, O, Abu-Kaf, S., Sagy, S. "Attitudes towards war and peace and their relations with anxiety reactions among adolescents living in a conflictual area". "Youth & Society". "Under review".

Articles in Preparation

1. Abu-Kaf, S. & Braun-Lewensohn, O. " Coping resources as explanatory factors of stress reactions during missile attacks: comparing Jewish and Bedouin Arab adolescents in Israel.
2. Abu-Kaf, S. & Kleinman, A." Emotional Distress among Bedouin Arab Females: Circumstances, Factors, and a Proposed intervention program.
3. Abu-Kaf, S. " Is Dependency a vulnerability factor among Bedouin Arab society?"
4. Abu-Kaf, S., Shahr, G. Kleinman, A, Priel, B. Depression and somatization among Bedouin Arab and Jewish students.

Conference Presentations

- 1- March, 2001. Oral Presentation: The Rorschach Test in Cross-Cultural perspective: Results from Female Bedouin Arab students. The Society of Personality Assessment Conference. Philadelphia, U.S.A.
- 2- August, 2007. Poster Presentation: Vulnerability to Depression among Arab-Bedouin and Jewish Students in Israel. 21st European Health Psychology Society Conference. Maastricht, Netherlands.
- 3- July, 2008. Oral Presentation: Self-Criticism, Dependency, and Sense of Coherence among Bedouin Arab and Jewish Students. XXIX International Congress of Psychology. Berlin, Germany.

4- September, 2008. Oral Presentation: Depression and Somatization among Students: A Comparison between Bedouin Arab and Jewish Women. The Third National Conference on Promoting Mental Health among Women, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

5- August, 2013. Oral Presentation: Coping resources as explanatory factors of stress reactions during missile attacks: comparing Jewish and Bedouin Arab adolescents in Israel. 21st IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion, Pattaya, Thailand.

Invited presentations

1- June 2000. Oral Presentation: The Bedouin Family and the Difficulties because of Rapid Changes in Social, Educational, and Economical Levels. The First International Conference on the Bedouin Culture, the Center of Studies and Development of the Bedouin Society, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

2- April 2005. Oral Presentation: A Future Vision on Education of Bedouin Women: The Role of the Bedouin Family. Conference for Excellence, Leadership, and Motivation among the Bedouin Community, The Motivation and Emotion Unit, the Department of Education, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

3- February 2010. Oral Presentation: Teaching and training in the context of cross-cultural: ways to enhance cultural Sensitivity. Conference for guides, Recanati School for Community Health Professions, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

4- April 2012. Invited Presentation: Bedouin Women's Mental Health Uncharted Course, Daunting Obstacles. Macaulay Honors College at City University in New-York, NY, USA.

5- December 2012. Invited Presentation: Feathers in the Mid of Storm: Young Women among the Bedouin Arab Society. Sderot- Israel Conference, Sapir College.

6- July 2013. Invited Presentation: Understanding vandalism in the context of the Bedouin Arab society. Education department and the Conflict Resolution and Conflict Management Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

Service to Community

2000 – Volunteering for public lectures on:

1) Adaptive ways to deal with academic stress.

- 2) Ways to enhance cooperation between parents and children.
- 3) Conduct problems and special needs in preschool children.
- 4) Mental health among Bedouin Arab women.

2003-2007 During these years served as a Member of the Association for the Advancement Negev Bedouin women's education.

2008- I and others initiated the project "cross-cultural meetings between American students and Bedouin-Arab citizens" in Um-Batin village.