

Kermina Halim

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EDUCATION

Expected May 2024

M.A. in Sociology
California State University, Fullerton

Project: “Translating Scripture into Service and Spirituality: Volunteerism among Alumni from the St. Athanasius and St. Cyril Coptic Theological School (ACTS).”

Conferred May 2021

B.A. in Health and Human Sciences *Cum Laude*
University of Southern California

TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Research Methods, Statistics for Social Sciences, Intro to Sociology, Racial & Ethnic Relations, and Sociology of Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

December 2021 – Present

Substitute Teacher
Rowland Unified School District, Rowland Heights, CA

- Follow classroom plans left by teacher to continue students’ education and reinforce core concepts
- Uphold class routines to support student environments and maintain consistent schedules
- Keep students on-task with proactive behavior modification and positive reinforcement strategies

January 2024 – May 2024

Teaching Symposium Mentee
Sociology Department, California State University, Fullerton

Course Assisted in

Sociology 302: Social Research Methods

- Attend all lectures to monitor student engagement
- Note down effective instructional teaching methods for future application
- Lecture one class under the supervision of the professor
- Create Research Methods sample syllabus under the instruction of the guiding professor

January 2024 – May 2024

Graduate Assistant
Sociology Department, California State University, Fullerton

Courses Assisted in:

Sociology 300: Introduction to Social Work

- Review and grade weekly discussion posts submitted by students
- Track missing and late assignments throughout the semester
- Aid the professor in constructing posts and assignments for students
- Create a sample final for the students to use as a model
- Engage in weekly check-ins with the instructor to offer feedback on student performance

Sociology 303: Statistics for Social Sciences

- Review weekly quizzes completed by students from three different course sections
- Grade assignments and correct quiz errors as instructed by professor
- Respond to student questions and comments regarding quizzes

July 2023 – May 2024

Graduate Assistant

Sociology Department, California State University, Fullerton

Courses Assisted in:

Sociology Graduate Student Canvas Page & Sociology Faculty Canvas Page

- Create Canvas pages based on the guidance of the leading supervisors
- Upload and manage content creation
- Resolve user concerns and requests through consistent updates to both sites
- Manage design elements and ensure ease-of-use in both desktop and mobile access

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

June 2023 – Present

Project Researcher

Department of Sociology, California State University, Fullerton

Project: “Service and Spirituality among Alumni from the St. Athanasius and St. Cyril Coptic Theological School (ACTS).”

Principal Investigator: Kermina Halim

- Development of a research proposal for IRB approval
- Carry out in-depth interviews for data collection
- Conduct extensive research to create a literature review

August 2020 – December 2020

Undergraduate Intern

Department of Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention,
University of Southern California

Project: “Intimate Partner Violence among Middle Eastern Communities”

Principal Investigator: Kermina Halim

- Researched and compiled statistics regarding IPV among Middle Eastern communities in the MENA region and the U.S.
- Created social media posts advertising the department to students, as well as its resources

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

March 2024

“Service and Spirituality among Alumni from the St. Athanasius and St. Cyril Coptic Theological School (ACTS).” Presented at the 2024 Pacific Sociological Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, California.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

October 2020

“Domestic Violence within the Middle Eastern/Arab American Community.” Department of Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention, University of Southern California. Panel organized via Zoom.

HONORS AND AWARDS

November 2023

Teaching and Learning Certificate, California State University, Fullerton

Fall 2018

President’s List, Mt. San Antonio College

Spring 2018

President’s List, Mt. San Antonio College

Fall 2017

Dean’s List, Mt. San Antonio College

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

September 2016 – Present **Bible Study Servant**
St. Maurice Coptic Orthodox Church, Pomona, CA

- Supervise students from different grades based on the assigned age group for the year
- Plan and carry out weekly biblical lessons for the students
- Provide students with activities that expand their biblical knowledge and improves their character
- Offer students support both in the classroom and in their personal lives

February 2020 – February 2021 **Adult Volunteer**
Department of Child Care, LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

- Supervise children ages 3-11
- Plan a daily schedule of activities including recreational time, meals, and learning projects for students
- Aid children in homework completion as well as reading and writing-related tasks

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

September 2022 – Present **Youth Servant**
St. Verena and the Three Holy Youth Coptic Orthodox Church, Orange, CA

- Assist in weekly feeding-the-homeless outreach events
- Aid in menu-planning as well as purchasing ingredients
- Lead cooking/preparation duties prior to serving the food on Skid Row

February 2020 – February 2021 **Adult Volunteer**
General Volunteer, LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

- Report patient requests, concerns, and other observations to staff
- Transport patients and aid assigned departments with discharge procedures
- Conduct inpatient comfort care rounds to promote patient satisfaction
- ensure patient room and care areas are clutter-free and clean to optimize client comfort
- Disinfect tools, equipment, and surfaces between patients
- Support office operations by handling administrative needs as assigned

REFERENCES

Dr. Christina Chin

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