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Education

Ph.D., Social Welfare , Florida International University, School of Social Work	2020
M.A., Economic Development and Urban Planning , Alzahra University, School of Economics	2011
B.A., Economics , Tehran University, School of Economics	2007
B.A., Computer Software Engineering , Azad University, School of Engineering	2007

Certificates

Group Model Building , Systems Science for Social Impact (SSSI) Summer Training Institute	2025
University Teaching and Learning, Florida International University	2020
Motivational Interviewing with Refugees , Project MIRACLE	2019
Human Rights and Cultural Diversity , Universitaire Henry Dunant	2012

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis (WashU)	2022 – Present
Founding Director , Forced Migration Initiative	2019 – Present
Assistant Professor , School of Social Work, Portland State University (PSU)	2020 – 2022
Graduate Research Assistant, FIU Embrace, Florida International University (FIU)	2019
Graduate Research Assistant, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, FIU	2015 – 2019

Visiting Scholar Appointments

Visiting Poverty Scholar , Center for Poverty & Inequality Research at UC Davis	2025 – 2026
<i>Competitively awarded; one of four selected nationally in the U.S.</i>	

Faculty Affiliations

- Investigator Member, Midwest Developmental Center for AIDS Research	2024– Present
- Invited member, WashU McDonnell Faculty Network	2024– Present
- Faculty Scholar, WashU Institute for Public Health	2023– Present
- Faculty affiliate, WashU Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Equity (CRE ²)	2023– Present
- Faculty affiliate, WashU International Center for Child Health and Development (ICHAD)	2022– Present

Non-Academic Appointments

Regional Programme Associate , United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	2014 – 2015
National Programme Assistant for Drug Demand Reduction & HIV Control, UNODC	2011 – 2014
Community Services Associate , United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	2010 – 2011
Adolescent Officer, Family Health Association	2009 – 2010

Grants, Consultancy, and Fellowships

External Funding, Awarded

Structural Barriers and Health Outcomes of New Missourians (\$463,654) Funded by: Missouri Foundation for Health, Role: PI	2025 – 2028
Empowering Vulnerable Voices: A Participatory Approach to Develop Ethical Protocols for Research with Refugee Youth (\$149,624) Funded by: NIH Fogarty International Center, Role: MPI (Contact PI: Nhial Tutlam)	2024 – 2025
Economic Integration and Poverty Among the Newly Resettled Afghans (\$47,244) Funded by: Russell Sage Foundation, Role: PI	2022 – 2024
Gang Impacted Family Mental Health Program Evaluation (\$50,000)	2022 – 2023

Funded by: Multnomah County Health Department, Role: **PI**

Evaluating the use & impact of health information technology in disease reports (\$50,000) 2021 – 2022
Funded by: Institutional grant through NIH R03, Role: **Co-PI** (PI: Sunny Lin)

Portland Resilient Runway Equity Study (\$50,000) 2021 – 2022
Funded by: Port of Portland, Role: **PI**

This is home: exploring the new American experiences (\$10,000) 2020
Funded by: Florida Humanities Council, Role: **PI**

Education is the Future (\$5,000) 2019
Funded by: Global Civic Engagement Mini-Grant, Role: **PI**

Mixed status immigrant families and their rights (\$5,000) 2019
Funded by: Civic Engagement Mini-Grant, Role: **Co-PI**

Sheltering Survivors Exhibition (\$30,000) 2017 – 201
Funded by: Coral Gables Museum, Role: **PI**

Internal Funding, Awarded

“In St. Louis for St. Louis” with The Collective Thread (\$19,300) 2025
Funded by: Washington University in St. Louis (WashU) Here & Next, Role: **Co-PI**

Mental Health of Afghan Asylum Seekers in Türkiye: A Low-Intensity Psychological and Cash Assistance Intervention (\$47,080) 2023 – 2025
Funded by: McDonnell International Scholars Academy, WashU Global Health Center, WashU Office of the Provost, and WashU Here & Next, Role: **PI**

The protecting role of social integration during COVID-19: A pilot study among Afghan refugees in St. Louis (\$100,000) 2023 – 2025
Funded by: WashU Brown School, Neidorff Family and Centene Corporation COVID & Health Disparity Response Fund, Role: **PI**

From Consultation to Empowerment: A Pop-Up Initiative to Inform Economic Empowerment of Refugee Women and Girls in Bidibidi Settlement in Uganda (\$19,685) 2024
Funded by: WashU Here & Next, Role: **PI**

Exploring the role of social position and administrative barriers in the multidimensional economic integration of newly resettled Afghans in St. Louis (\$49,659) 2023 – 2024
Funded by: WashU Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Role: **PI**

Health Implications of Migration Integration Policies for Highly-Educated Immigrants (\$10,000) 2022
Funded by: Portland State University

Fellowships

The WashU Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity (CRE2) Faculty Fellowship Spring 2026
Competitively awarded; one of three selected university-wide at WashU

Training Leaders to Accelerate Global Mental Health Disparities in Research (LEAD) Fellowship 2023
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, T37MD014218
Competitively awarded; one of six selected globally

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Global & Intercultural Competence Fellow 2021–2023
Invited Fellow with funding to support the implementation of the global and intercultural curricular resources

Florida International University Doctoral Student Fellowship 2019 – 2020
Competitively awarded; one of six selected university-wide at FIU

Consultancy

Project MIRACLE: Motivational Interviewing for Resettlement Adaptation, Coping, and Life Empowerment 2025
Funded by: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Role: **Consultant**
(PI: Miriam Potocky, Switchboard: Connecting Resettlement Experts)

Project STAR: Support for Trauma-Affected Refugees
 Funded by: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Role: **Consultant**
 (PI: Jason Baker, Monarch Immigrant Services)

2024–2028

Funding Applications Under Review

Health and Economic Empowerment for New Americans
 Submitted to WashU KL2 Program, Role: PI

Academic Awards and Honors

Awards

- **Arlene Rubin Stiffman Junior Faculty Research Award**, WashU Brown School 2024
- **Teaching Excellence Award** (Nominated by Students), WashU Brown School 2023
- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) **2021 Outstanding Social Work Dissertation Award** 2021
- **Outstanding Student Life Award**, Graduate Leadership Category, FIU 2019
- Solution Focused Brief Therapy Association (SFBTA) **2019 Research Award**, SFBTA 2019
- **Provost Award for the Best Creative Project** (Nominated), Sheltering Survivors Exhibition, FIU 2018
- **Student Government Association Graduate Scholarship Award**, FIU 2017

Honors

- **Honorable Mention, William H Danforth Confluence Award** (Nominated), WashU 2025
- **Named among FIU's 100 Women** by the Center for Women's and Gender Studies (Nominated), FIU 2018

Publications

* denotes student co-author; ** denotes community partner co-author

Refereed Articles

36. Rafieifar, M. & **Naseh, M.** (In Press). Rethinking Quality Assessment Tools for Social Work Evidence Synthesis Research. *Social Work Research*.
35. Badiezhadeh, S.*, **Naseh, M.**, & Howard, A.** (2025). Community Perspectives on Social Equity in Disaster Planning: A Qualitative Inquiry. *Urban Science*. 9(9), 365; <https://doi.org/10.3390/urbansci9090365>
34. Taridashti, S.*, **Naseh, M.**, Zamora Garcia, E.*, & Lee, J.* (2025). Health Impacts of Restrictive Migration Policies: A Qualitative Study of Highly Educated Iranian Immigrants in the U.S. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-025-01760-4>
33. Kitchens, K., Kirsch, J., & **Naseh, M.** (2025). Socioeconomic status among older resettled refugees in the United States: Older Bhutanese refugees' diminished returns on cognitive health. *Sage Open Aging*. 11. <https://doi.org/10.1177/30495334251356739>
32. Tutlam N.T., Kizito S., Nabunya P., **Naseh M.**, Nabbosa I., Kwesiga I., Namatovu P., Sensoy Bahar O., Nakasujja N., & Ssewamala F.M. (2025). Social Determinants of Mental Health Outcomes among Refugee Youth Living with HIV in Refugee Settlements in Uganda: A Cross-sectional Analysis. *AIDS and Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-025-04789-6>
31. Nartey, P. B.*, Ssentumbwe V., Nabunya, P., Kizito, S., **Naseh, M.**, & Ssewamala, F. M. (2025). The Impact of a Family Economic Empowerment Intervention on Cultural Gender Norm Beliefs among HIV-Orphaned Adolescents in Southern Uganda. *AIDS and Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-025-04750-7>
30. **Naseh, M.**, Badiezhadeh*, S. Rafieifar, M., Taridashti, S.*, Reddy, S. M., & Panisch, L. S. (2025). Solution-Focused Brief Therapy for Improving Couple Dyadic Relationships in Iran: A Systematic Review. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*. 51 (1). e12758. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmft.12758>
29. **Naseh, M.**, Lee, J.*, Zeng, Y., Nabunya, P., Alvarez, V.*, & Safi, M.* (2024). Understanding Economic Integration in Immigrant and Refugee Populations: A Scoping Review of Concepts and Metrics. *Economies*. 12: 167. <https://doi.org/10.3390/economies12070167>

28. Lee, S., Yoon, H., Chung, S., Jang, Y. & **Naseh, M.** (2024). Preventive Care Utilization among Asian Americans in the U.S.: Testing the Institute of Medicine's Model of Access to Health Care. *Social Sciences*. 13: 338. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13070338>
27. **Naseh, M.**, Zeng, Y., Ahn E., Cohen, F.,* & Rfat, M.* (2024). Mental health implications of forced family separation as the result of migration policies in the United States: A systematic review. *Social Science & Medicine*. 352. 116995. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116995>
26. Nabunya, P., Kizito, S.*, **Naseh, M.**, Atwebembere, R., & Ssentumbwe, S. (2024). Preliminary Impact of Group-Based Interventions on Stigma and Mental Health of Caregivers of Adolescents Living with HIV in Uganda. *AIDS and Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jped.2024.113983>
25. **Naseh, M.**, Potocky, M., Burke, S., Stuart, P. H., & Huffman, F. G. (2024). Factors associated with poverty among refugees in the United States. *Journal of Poverty*. 28(2). 91–109. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10875549.2022.2128974>
24. Seddighi, H., **Naseh, M.**, Rafieifar, M., & Ilea, P.* (2024). Education of Afghan refugee children in Iran: A structured review of policies. *Children & Society*. 38(2). 712–726. <https://doi.org/10.1111/chso.12620>
23. Fairfax, N. F., Rountree, M., Murray-Lichtman, A., Maldonado Moore, R., Yellow Bird, M., Albritton, T., **Naseh, M.**, Izaksonas, E., Williams, T. (2023). Lessons Learned from the CSWE Task Force to Advance Anti-Racism in the Social Work Educational Policy and Accreditation Stand. *Advances in Social Work*. 23 (2). 262–277. <https://doi.org/10.18060/24989>
22. **Naseh, M.**, Ilea, P.*, Aldana, A. & Sutherland, I.* (2023). Family separation as an oppressive tool: A scoping review of child separation from the primary caregiver as the result of migration policies. *Children and Youth Services Review*. 155: 107157. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2023.107157>
21. **Naseh, M.**, Zeng, Y.*, Rai, A. & Yoon, H. (2023). Migration integration policies as social determinants of health for highly educated immigrants in the United States. *BMC Public Health*. 23: 1358. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-16254-x>
20. **Naseh, M.**, Held, M. L., Gilbertson, G.*, Shrestha, L.* (2022). Multidimensional Deprivation amongst Refugees in the USA. *The British Journal of Social Work*. 53(4). 2120–2139. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcac200>
19. Yoon, H., Kim, S., **Naseh, M.**, & Jang, Y. (2022). Chronic conditions and psychological distress in older Asian Americans: The role of subjective health perception. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 65(6), 604–617. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2021.2005213>
18. Reddy, S. M., **Naseh, M.**, Panisch, L. S., Rafieifar, M., O'Gara, J. L., Cervantez, C. (2022). Solution-Focused Brief Therapy in Iran: A Scoping Review of the Outcome Literature. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*. 19 (4), 493–508. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2022.2083923>
17. Murray-Lichtman, A., Aldana, A., Izaksonas, E., Williams, T., **Naseh, M.**, Deepak, A., & Rountree, M. (2022). Dual pandemics awaken urgent call to advance anti-racism education in social work: pedagogical illustrations. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*. 31(3-5), 139–150. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2022.2070899>
16. Macgowan, M., **Naseh, M.**, & Rafieifar, M. (2022). Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing to reduce post-traumatic stress symptoms among forcibly displaced people: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Research on Social Work*. 32 (8), 863–877. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315221082223>
15. Rafieifar, M., **Naseh, M.**, Potocky, M., Zajicek-Farber, M., Kim, W., Padilla, B., Reina Ortiz, M., & Lopez, J. (2021). Impacts of COVID-19 on refugees and immigrants in the United States: A call for action. *International Social Work*. 64(5), 771–776 <https://doi.org/10.1177/00208728211017964>
14. Cadet, T., Burke, S., Nejad-Haiem, F., Bakk, L., **Naseh, M.**, Grudzien, A., O'Driscoll, J., & Alcide, A. (2021). Timing of immigration effects asset change among Hispanic caregivers of older family members. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. 42(3), 561–572 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-020-09719-3>
13. Agarwal, R., Heron, L., **Naseh, M.**, & Burke, S.L. (2021). Mentoring students with intellectual and developmental disabilities: Evaluation of role-specific workshops for mentors and mentees. *Journal of Autism*

and *Developmental Disorders*, 51, 1281–1289. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-020-04599-w>

12. Cadet, T., Burke, S., **Naseh, M.**, Grudzien, A., Kozak, R., Lupardus, J., Bullock, K., & Davis, C. (2021). Examining the family support role of older Hispanics, African Americans, and Non-Hispanic Whites and their breast cancer screening behaviors. *Journal of Social Work in Public Health*, 36(1), 38–53. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2020.1852993>
11. **Naseh, M.**, Liviero, N., Rafieifar, M., Abtahi, Z., & Potocky, M. (2020). Syrian refugees' perspectives and service providers' viewpoints on major needs and future plans in Jordan. *Journal of International Humanitarian Action*, 5(14). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41018-020-00083-3>
10. Acevedo, S., Rivera, O., Potocky, M., **Naseh, M.**, Alessi, E. J., & Burgess, A. (2020). Creating welcoming communities for LGBTQ migrants: Living room-style chats for service providers. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 29(1–3), 244–249. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2020.1731043>
9. Kalan, M. E., **Naseh, M.**, & Dastoorpoor, M. (2019). Harmful effects of alcohol use in Iran: Acting now is crucial. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 54(12), 2064–2065. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2019.1625401>
8. Burke, S., Hu, T., **Naseh, M.**, Fava, N., O'Driscoll, J., Alvarez, D., Cottler, L., & Duara, R. (2019). Factors influencing attrition in 35 Alzheimer's Disease Centers across the USA: A longitudinal examination of the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center's Uniform Data Set. *Aging Clinical and Experimental Research*, 31, 1283–1297. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40520-018-1087-6>
7. Burke, S., **Naseh, M.**, Rodriguez, M., Burgess, A., & Loewenstein, D. (2019). Dementia-related neuropsychological testing considerations in non-Hispanic White and Latino/Hispanic Populations. *Psychology and Neuroscience*, 12(2), 144–168. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pnc0000163>
6. **Naseh, M.**, Wagner, E. F., Abtahi, Z., Potocky, M., & Zahedi, L. (2019). Prevalence of and risk factors for substance use among Afghan refugees in Iran: An exploratory study. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, 20(1), 34–59. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15332640.2019.1571976>
5. **Naseh, M.**, Macgowan, M. J., Wagner, E. F., Abtahi, Z., Potocky, M., & Stuart, P. H. (2019). Cultural adaptations in psychosocial interventions for post-traumatic stress disorder among refugees: A systematic review. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 28(1), 76–97. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2019.1570891>
4. Kalan, M. E., Han, J., Ben Taleb, Z., Fennie, K. P., Asghari Jafarabadi, M., Dastoorpoor, M., Hajhashemi, N., **Naseh, M.**, & Rimaz, S. (2019). Quality of life and stigma among people living with HIV/AIDS in Iran. *Journal of HIV/AIDS - Research and Palliative Care*, 11, 287–298. <https://doi.org/10.2147/HIV.S221512>
3. Burke, S., Hu, T., Li, T., **Naseh, M.**, Spadola, C., Cadet, T., & Burgess, A. (2018). Mild cognitive impairment: Associations with sleep disturbance, Apolipoprotein E, and sleep medications. *Sleep Medicine*, 52, 168–176. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleep.2018.09.001>
2. **Naseh, M.**, Potocky, M., Stuart, P. H., & Pezezshk, S. (2018). Repatriation of Afghan refugees from Iran: A shelter profile study. *Journal of International Humanitarian Action*, 3(13), 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41018-018-0041-8>
1. **Naseh, M.**, Potocky, M., Burke, S. L., & Stuart, P. H. (2018). Assessing refugee poverty using capabilities versus commodities: The case of Afghans in Iran. *Advances in Social Work*, 18(3), 853– 873. <https://doi.org/10.18060/21635>

Books (authored)

Potocky, M., & **Naseh, M.** (2019). *Best practices for social work with refugees and immigrants (2nd ed.)*. Columbia University Press.

Refereed Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

4. **Naseh, M.** (2023). Immigration and Trauma. In E. J. Mullen (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Social Work*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780195389678-0327>
3. **Naseh, M.**, Abtahi, Z., & Azari, P. (2022). Afghan refugees in Iran: The role of NGOs, INGOs, and humanitarian organizations over the past four decades. In G. Inanc & L. Themba (Eds.), *Forced Displacement*

and NGOs in Asia and the Pacific (pp. 35–47). Routledge.

2. Acevedo, S., Rivera, O., Potocky, M., **Naseh, M.**, Alessi, E. J., & Burgess, A. (2021). Creating welcoming communities for LGBTQ migrants: Living room-style chats for service providers. In M. Y. Lee (Ed.), *Immigrant and refugee youth and families: Research and practice* (pp. 251–256). Routledge.
1. **Naseh, M.**, Macgowan, M. J., Wagner, E. F., Abtahi, Z., Potocky, M., & Stuart, P. H. (2019). Cultural adaptations in psychosocial interventions for post-traumatic stress disorder among refugees: A systematic review. In Y. Padilla, R. McRoy & R. Calvo (Eds.), *Rethinking social work practice with multicultural communities* (pp. 76–97). Routledge.

Non- Refereed Publications

4. **Naseh, M.**, Zeng, Y.* & Yoon, H. (2023). Highly educated immigrants in US academia and their constrained choices in the social work profession. *British Journal of Social Work*, 53(3), 1711–1718.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcad040>
3. Potocky, M., & **Naseh, M.** (2021). International social work research in a globalizing world. In K. Heilmann & R. Roßkopf (Eds.), *International social work and forced migration: Developments in African, Arab and European countries* (pp. 31–42). Verlag Barbara Budrich.
2. Potocky, M., & **Naseh, M.** (2019). Asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrants in the United States. In T. Mizrahi & L. E. Davis (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of social work online*. New York: Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.193>
1. **Ahmadinejad-Naseh, M.**, & Burke, S. L. (2017). They survived; we can help them thrive: Older adult refugees in the United States. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*. 60(3), 189–192.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2016.1273292>

Op-Ed

Naseh, M. (2025). Afghans in US face uncertainty after the cancellation of their humanitarian relief. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/afghans-in-us-face-uncertainty-after-the-cancellation-of-their-humanitarian-relief-261627>

Naseh, M. (2025). Afghan Refugees in Iran Face Increasing Restrictions. *Migration Policy Institute*.
<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/afghan-refugees-iran>

Dissertation

A framework for understanding poverty among refugees in the U.S., 2020, Advisor: Dr. Miriam Potocky
Received the SSWR Outstanding Dissertation Award in 2021

Under Review Publications

12. Zeng, Y., **Naseh, M.**, Lee, J.* & Bechara, S.* (Under Review). From First Jobs to Better Pay: Predicting Refugee Wage Mobility with Machine Learning. Submitted to the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*. September 12, 2025.
11. **Naseh, M.**, Brown, R., Rafieifar, M., & Bechara, S.* (Under Review). Shifting Gender Roles in Forced Migration: Afghan Women's Experiences of Resettlement in the United States. Submitted to the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. September 8, 2025.
10. Rafieifar, M., Marcial, A.*; **Naseh, M.**, & Ponciano, A.* (Under Review). Sibling Relationships in Mixed-Status Immigrant Families: A Qualitative Interpretive Meta-Synthesis. Submitted to the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. September 6, 2025.
9. Zeng, Y., Viitasalo, K., & **Naseh, M.** (Under Review). Empowering Immigrants with Financial Capability: NGO Perspectives from Finland and Their Global Implications. Submitted to *Practice: Social Work in Action*. August 1, 2025.
8. Lee, J.*, **Naseh, M.**, Zeng, Y., Bechara, S.*, & Hamilton, B.** (Under Review). Multidimensional Deprivation and Discrimination Among Newly Resettled Afghans in the U.S. Submitted to the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. July 4, 2025.
7. Rafieifar, M. & **Naseh, M.** (Under Review). Rethinking Quality Assessment Tools for Social Work Evidence Synthesis Research. Submitted to the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*. June 23, 2025.

6. **Naseh, M.**, Qushua, N., Nartey, P.,* Lee, J.,* & Razzak, R. B.* (Under Review). A Scoping Review of Economic Integration Interventions and Policies for Refugees. Submitted to the *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*. April 17, 2025.
5. Lee, J.*, **Naseh, M.**, Taridashti, S.*, & da Luz Scherf, E.* (Under Review). Health Impacts of Migration and Policy on the Iranian Diaspora. Submitted to the *BMC Public Health*. April 11, 2025.
4. da Luz Scherf, E.*, **Naseh, M.**, & Lee, J.* (Under Review). Migration Policies as Social Determinants of Health Among International Graduate Students in the United States. Submitted to the *Journal of Policy Practice and Research*. February 21, 2025.
3. **Naseh, M.**, Badiezadeh, S.*, Sohtorik Ilkmen, I., Acarturk, C., Sotirescu, M.* & Soylu, N. (Under Review). Lived Experiences of Afghan Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Türkiye: A Qualitative Study. Submitted to the *BMC Public Health*. February 11, 2025.
2. Lee, J.*, **Naseh, M.**, Chen, J., Badiezadeh, S.*, & Garcia, E. (Under Review). Pathway to Integration: Social Network Analysis (SNA) of Structural Barriers and Policy Shifts for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipients. Submitted to the *Population and Development Review*. January 15, 2025.
1. Nabunya, P., Mugisha, J., Migadde, H., **Naseh, M.**, Nassaazi, S., Nabisere, B., Sensoy Bahar, O., & Ssewamala, F. (Under Review). Acceptability of group-based HIV stigma reduction interventions for adolescents living with HIV and their caregivers in Uganda. Submitted to the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. November 27, 2024.

Selected Presentations, Lectures, and Workshops

Selected Refereed Presentations

22. Lee, J.*, **Naseh, M.**, Bechara, S.*, & Zeng, Y. Multidimensional Deprivation Among Newly Resettled Afghans in the U.S. (Oral Presentation). *SSWR 30th Annual Conference*: Washington DC. January 14-18, 2026.
21. Bechara, S.*, **Naseh, M.**, Nabunya, P., & Tutlam, N. Mental Health Post-Resettlement Among Afghan Refugees in St. Louis, Missouri. (Oral Presentation). *SSWR 30th Annual Conference*: Washington DC. January 14-18, 2026.
20. Ilkkursun, Z.*, **Naseh, M.**, Badiezadeh, S.*, Sohtorik Ilkmen, I., & Acarturk, C. Migration Policies as Social Determinants of Health: A Qualitative Study Among Adult Afghan Refugees in Türkiye. (Oral Presentation). *SSWR 30th Annual Conference*: Washington DC. January 14-18, 2026.
19. Badiezadeh, S.*, **Naseh, M.**, & Howard, A.** The Privilege of Mobility: Unequal Access to Emergency Services in Disaster Response (Oral Presentation). *CSWE 71st Annual Conference*: Denver, Colorado. October 23–26, 2025.
18. Nartey, P., Girma A. Z., Nabunya, P., Kabarambi, A., **Naseh, M.**, & Ssewamala, F. M. Self-Concept as a Predictor for HIV Prevention Attitudes Among Adolescents Orphaned By HIV/AIDS in Uganda (Poster Presentation). *13th International AIDS Society 2025 Conference*: Kigali, Rwanda, July 13-17, 2025.
17. **Naseh, M.**, Lee, J., Zeng, Y., Nabunya, P., & Alvarez, V. Understanding Economic Integration Refugee Populations: A Scoping Review of Concepts and Metrics (Oral Presentation), In *Conceptualizing Success and Integration Among Refugees: Perspectives from Research and Practice* (Panel). *IASFM20: Forced Displacement in an Urbanizing World*: Yogyakarta, Indonesia. January 21–23, 2025.
16. Nartey, P., Kizito, S., Nabunya, P., Banya, M., Ssentumbwe, V., Namuwonge, F., **Naseh, M.**, & Ssewamala, F. M. The relationship between gender norms and psychosocial functioning among adolescents in southern Uganda (Oral Presentation). *APHA Annual Meeting and Expo*: Minneapolis, MN. October 27-30, 2024.
15. **Naseh, M.**, Lee, J., Meena, M., & Alvarez, V. Defining Economic Integration of Refugees from a Multidimensional Perspective: A Scoping Review (Oral Presentation), In *Beyond Self-Sufficiency: Examining Economic Integration of Refugees* (Symposium). *27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*: Washington, D.C. January 10–14, 2024.
14. **Naseh, M.**, & Sutherland, I. Health Implications of Migration Integration Policies for Highly- Educated Immigrants and Refugees in the United States (Oral Presentation), In *Migration Policies as Social Determinants of Health in the United States* (Panel). *19th conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced*

Migration (IASFM): Virtual. August 1–5, 2022.

13. **Naseh, M.,** Rafieifar, M., & Burke, S. Factors Associated with Economic Integration of Refugee Households in the United States (Oral Presentation), In *Economic Integration Among Refugees in the United States: Language Resources and Barriers* (Symposium). *26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR):* Washington, D.C. January 12–16, 2022.
12. **Naseh, M.,** Potocky, M., Burke, S., & Stuart, P. H. A Multidimensional Framework for Understanding Refugee Poverty in the United States (Paper Session). *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 67th annual program meeting:* Orlando, FL., November 4-8, 2020.
11. **Naseh, M.,** Potocky, M., Burke, S., Stuart, P. H., & Huffman, F. G. Factors associated with poverty among refugees in the United States (Poster Presentation). *25th Annual Conference of the SSWR:* Virtual, January 19–22, 2021.
10. **Naseh, M.,** Potocky, M., Burke, S., Stuart, P. H. & Huffman, F. G. Assessing refugees' multidimensional poverty in the United States (Poster Presentation). *CSWE 66th annual program meeting:* Virtual, November 16–20, 2020.
9. **Naseh, M.,** Potocky, M., Burke, S., & Stuart, P. H. Assessing refugee poverty using capabilities versus commodities (Poster Presentation). *24th Annual Conference of the SSWR:* Washington, D.C., January 15–19, 2020.
8. **Naseh, M.,** Macgowan, M. J., Wagner, E. F., Abtahi, Z., Potocky, M., & Stuart, P. H. Cultural adaptations in psychosocial interventions for post-traumatic stress disorder among refugees. In *Rethinking Practice with Culturally Diverse Communities Based on Emerging Research: Teaching Implications Panel.* (Panel Presentation). *CSWE 65th annual program meeting:* Denver, CO, October 24–27, 2019.
7. **Naseh, M.,** Wagner, E. F., Abtahi, Z., Potocky, M., & Zahedi, L. Prevalence and risk factors of substance use among Afghan refugees in Iran: An exploratory study (Poster Presentation). *CSWE 65th annual program meeting:* Denver, CO, October 24–27, 2019.
6. **Ahmadinejad, M.,** Burke, S. L. & Potocky, M. Capability versus money-metric approaches in measuring wellbeing: The case of Afghan refugees in Iran (Oral Presentation). *22nd SSWR Annual Conference:* Washington DC, January 10–14, 2018.
5. **Ahmadinejad, M.,** Wagner, E. F., & Potocky, M. Risk and resilience: Drug use among refugee households: The case of Afghan refugees in Iran (Poster Presentation). *21st SSWR Annual Conference:* New Orleans, LA, January 11–15, 2017
4. **Ahmadinejad-Naseh, M. &** Potocky, M. Policy review on Iran's reservations on the 1951 Convention and its 1967 protocol (Panel Presentation). *Rethinking forced migration and displacement: Theory, policy, and praxis forum:* Poznan, Poland, July 12–15, 2016.
3. **Ahmadinejad-Naseh, M.,** Mehraban S., & Raghfar, H. Drug use among Afghan refugees: Case of Afghan refugees residing in the five most refugee populated provinces of Iran (Oral Presentation). *9th International Addiction Science Congress:* Tehran, Iran, September 9–11, 2015.
2. **Ahmadinejad-Naseh, M.** Correlation between drug use and education and income poverty (Oral Presentation). *3rd MENAHR regional conference:* Beirut, Lebanon, September 2013.
1. **Ahmadinejad-Naseh, M.** Multidimensional poverty and vulnerability assessment: Case of Afghan refugees in the five most refugee-populated provinces of Iran (Poster Presentation). *4th European Public Health:* Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2011.

Selected Invited Lectures, Panels, Workshops

- The Incubator Unbound: Resilience and Hope (Invited Panel) 2025
WashU Incubator for Transdisciplinary Futures; St. Louis, MO
- Systematic and Scoping Reviews (Invited Workshop) 2025
2025 Forum on Child and Adolescent Global Health Research; Masaka, Uganda (Online)
- Local Integration of Refugees in the Continent of America (International Public Lecture) 2025
Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta; Jakarta, Indonesia (Online)

- Eco-Social Work and Environmental Health (Invited Panelist) 2025
A Century of Progress, A Future of Possibilities, Brown School; St. Louis, MO
- UN Day STL (Featured Speaker) 2024
United Nations Day Celebration in St. Louis; St. Louis, MO
- Switchboard Research Workshop and Confluence Conference (Invited Meeting) 2024
Switchboard Research Workshop and Confluence Conference; Salt Lake City, UT
- Conducting Scoping and Systematic Reviews (Invited Workshop) 2024
2024 Forum on Child and Adolescent Global Health Research and Capacity Building; Masaka, Uganda
- Refugee Camp Governance with a Focus on Organizational Ecosystems (Invited Panel) 2024
Second International Dialogue on the Governance of Refugee Camps; Athens, Greece
- Climate Change in an Aging World (Invited Panelist) 2024
23rd Annual Friedman Lecture; St. Louis, MO
- Family Separation as a Tool of Oppression in the United States (Invited Lecture) 2023
The CSWE Center for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice Preconference Institute; Atlanta, GA
- Developing a protocol for virtual delivery of a transdiagnostic mental health intervention (Invited Lecture) 2023
McDonnell International Scholars Academy's Global Research Symposium; St. Louis, MO
- Sexual and gender minority global health panel (Invited Panelist) 2020
Physician Assistants for Global Health 2020 Conference; Miami Beach, FL
- Social work with forcibly displaced populations (Invited Workshop) 2019
How to Change the World course, University of Texas at Austin; Austin, TX
- Social Work with LGBTQ Refugees and Immigrants, (Invited Workshop; 2 CEUs) 2018
National Association of Social Workers (NASW) –Florida Chapter Conference; Miami, FL
- Social Work with Refugees: They Survived, We Can Help Them Thrive (Invited Workshop; 2 CEUs) 2018
School Social Worker Professional Development at Miami-Dade Public School System; Miami, FL

Interviews and Media Coverage

Podcasts

Episode 71_ **IASFM20 Podcast Series #15: Closing.**

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5Yi3zGIHZaleSR6V7DVi8S?si=7a10d83ddbe044df&nd=1&dlsi=38b06c66cbd94e5e>

Episode 57 of the **Global Health Pursuit: The Life of a Refugee: Economic Integration and Forced Migration** with Dr. Mitra Naseh. <https://www.globalhealthpursuit.com/shownotes/57>

Interviews

Interviewed by Myriam Vidal Valero for the American Psychological Association (APA) **Monitor on Psychology** piece on *Mental health impacts of increased detentions and deportations* (2025).

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2025/09/mental-health-immigration-enforcement>

Interviewed by Ringo Harrison for an article by **Alhurra TV** on *Mass Deportation of Afghans from Iran* (in Arabic; 2025). <https://alhurra.com/1864>

Media Coverage

Coral Gables Museum Premieres “Boundaries” and “Sheltering Survivors.” (2017). **Social Miami.**

<https://socialmiami.com/coral-gables-museum-premieres-boundaries-and-sheltering-survivors/>

Sheltering survivors after forced displacement. (2017). **Miami's Community News.**

<https://communitynewspapers.com/florida-international-university/sheltering-survivors-after-forced-displacement/>

Teaching and Curricular Achievements

Courses Taught

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School

- S30 -7821: International Child Welfare (MSW)
- S20- 5030: International Economic Development Theories (MSW)

- S15-5015.03: Social Justice and Human Diversity (MSW)
- S31-4100.01: **Social Work Practice with Refugees and Immigrants (MSW, Designed Course)**

Portland State University, School of Social Work

- SW 450: Social Work Research and Evaluation I (BSW, Online)
- SW 451: Social Work Research and Evaluation II (BSW, Online)
- SW 340: Advocacy for Policy Change (BSW, Online)
- SW 341: Social Justice Practice (BSW, Online)
- SW 510: **Critical Refugee and Migrants Study (BSW, Remote – Synchronous, Designed Course)**

Mentorship

Dissertation Supervision

Chair

- Bechara, S. (Expected 2029). Dissertation topic currently in development.
- Lee, J. (Expected 2027). Dissertation topic currently in development.

Committee Member

- da Luz Scherf, E. (Expected 2028). Dissertation topic under development.
- Badizadeh, S. (Expected 2027). Dissertation topic under development.
- Kitchens, K. (2024). *Enhancing cognitive assessment for forcibly displaced populations: An integrated theoretical, methodological, and empirical* [Doctoral dissertation, The University of Texas at Arlington].

Teaching Assistant

- Saria Bechara, PhD Student, WashU Brown School (2025)
- Jihye Lee, PhD Student, WashU Brown School (2024)
- Mustafa Rfat, PhD Student, WashU Brown School (2023)

Research Assistants, Interns, Volunteers

- Jordyn Ederer, Intern, WashU Center for the Environment Summer Undergraduate Research Program (2025)
- Jasmine Najari, Volunteer, WashU Medical School (2024 – 2025)
- Rubaiya Binte Razzak, Ph.D. student, Saint Louis University (2024 – 2025)
- Ali Mora, undergraduate student, WashU Arts & Sciences School (2023 – 2025)
- Michael Sotirescu, WashU Center for the Environment Summer Undergraduate Research Program (2024)
- Allen Cheng, MSW Program, WashU Brown School (2024)
- Elvira M. Zamora García, Ph.D. student, WashU Hispanic Studies (2023 – 2024)
- Meena Safi, MPH Student, WashU Brown School (2023 – 2024)
- Rojin Ziaei, Undergraduate Student, University of Maryland (2023 – 2024)
- Sarvenaz Tardashti, PhD Student, Montclair University (2023 – 2024)
- Valencia Alvarez, MSW Program, WashU Brown School (2023 – 2024)
- Fatema Farahmand, Community Partner, Türkiye (2023 – 2024)
- Erick da Luz Scherf, Ph.D. student, University of Alabama (2023 – 2024)
- Mustafa Rfat, PhD Student, WashU Brown School (2023)
- Rachel Ding, MSW Program, WashU Brown School (2024)
- Anthony Gilbertson, BSW Program, Portland State (2022)
- Passion Ilea, MSW Program, Portland State (2021 – 2022)
- Ian Sutherland, BSW Program, Portland State (2021 – 2022)

Professionally Related and Community Service

Service to WashU

- **Member** of the Internal Advisory Council, Center for the Environment 2024 – Present
- **Member**, WashU Brown School Social Work Program PhD Application Reviews Committee 2022 – Present
- **Member**, WashU Brown School Global Advisory Committee (GAC) 2022 – Present

- Co-Chair of the GAC Subcommittee for International Students at WashU Brown School	2022 – Present
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Service to Community

- Advisory Board Member , International Institute Community Development Corporation	2024 – Present
- Advisory Board Member , International Institute of St. Louis Giving Society	2024 – Present
- Executive committee member , Immigrant Service Providers Network (ISPN) St. Louis	2023 – 2024
- Volunteer data consultant , the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)	2020 – 2021
- Volunteer tutor , Refugee Assistance Alliance, Miami, FL	2019 – 2020
- Volunteer interpreter , Episcopal Migration Ministry, Miami, FL	2016

Service to Profession

- Editorial board member of <i>Humanities & Social Sciences</i>	2025 – Present
- Immigrants and Refugees cluster co-chair , Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR)	2021 – 2025
- Executive committee member , International Association for the Study of Forced Migration	2023 – 2025
- Advisory committee member , Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Center for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice (Diversity Center)	2021 – 2023
- Member of the CSWE Task Force to Advance Anti-Racism	2020 – 2021

Ad hoc Journal Reviewer

Selected Journals: *Advances in Social Work; Addition Research & Theory; Archives of Public Health; BMC Global and Public Health; British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; British Journal of Social Work; Community Mental Health Journal (COMH); European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry; Gerontology & Geriatrics Studies; Global Social Welfare; Innovation in Aging; International Journal for Equity in Health; International Journal of Intercultural Relations; International Social Work Journal; Journal of Family Violence; Journal of Traumatic Stress; Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy; Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy.*

Ad hoc Conference Reviewer

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR); Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); American Public Health Association (APHA)

Ad hoc Grant and Fellowship Reviewer

- Graduate Women in Science (GWIS): 2019 National Fellowship Program	2019
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Memberships in Professional Societies

- Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)	2016– Present
- Member, Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)	2016– Present
- Member, International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)	2016– Present