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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

University of Texas at El Paso
College of Health Sciences (2009–2013)
Dissertation: *Arab Muslim Women's Experiences of Living in the United States: A Descriptive Qualitative Study*.
Mentors: Leslie Robbins, PhD; Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PhD; Irasema Coronado, PhD; Eva Moya, PhD.

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Concentration: Public Health, Middle Eastern History, Political Science
Graduate Certificate in Women's & Gender Studies
University of Texas at El Paso (2002–2005)
Cum Laude | GPA: 3.75
Thesis: *Palestinian Women Suicide Bombers*. Mentor: Irasema Coronado, PhD.

Bachelor of Arts in English & American Literature & Minor in Women's & Gender Studies,
University of Texas at El Paso (1998–2001)
Cum Laude | GPA: 3.80

TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Effective College Instruction, Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) & American Council on Education (2021–2022)
 - The United Nations and World Order, The New School/ Human Rights Watch (2021)
 - COVID-19 Contact Tracing, Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health (2020)
 - Positive Deviance: Behavioral and Social Change Approach, Led By Foundation, India (2020)
 - Migration and Global Health, University of California, Berkeley (2019)
 - Professional Development for Instructional Leads: Training the Trainer, Loyola Marymount University (2015)
 - Cultural Competency in Healthcare, Texas Tech University (2015)
 - Qualitative Analysis II: Phenomenological & Narrative/Discourse, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (2011)
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EMPLOYMENT (ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS)

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Arizona State University, Precision Health Research Initiative, College of Health Solutions, Phoenix, AZ, 2022–Present

- Adjunct Research Associate, Valleywise Health, Phoenix, AZ, 2022–Present
- Co-PI & Program Director, Blue Integrated Partnership, Arizona State University, Purdue University, University of Puerto Rico, NASA and DOD–Naval Research, 2022–2024
- Associate Professor of Practice, Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, TX, 2016–2022
- Director, Arabic Studies Program, Department of Languages and Linguistics, University of Texas at El Paso, TX, 2007–2022
- AmeriCorps VISTA, Refugee Women’s Empowerment Program, 2021
- Adjunct Professor, School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, 2021–2022
- Site Visitor/Evaluator, StarTalk Funded Programs, National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland, 2018–2021
- Collaborative Facilitator – Justice and Advocacy Partnership, Center Against Sexual and Family Violence (CASFV), District Attorney’s Office, University of Texas at El Paso, TX, 2016–2018
- Language and Cultural Studies Program Developer, Institute for Policy & Economic Development (IPED), University of Texas at El Paso, TX, 2007–2012

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Nominee, Use-Inspired Research Award, College of Health Solutions Faculty Award, Arizona State University, 2024
 - Excellence in Faculty Mentorship and Leadership, NSF Caribbean Green Engine Project Summer Institute, Purdue University, 2023
 - University Faculty Marshal of Students, The University of Texas at El Paso, Spring 2021
 - Nominee, UT System Regent’s Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas at El Paso, 2009
 - Faculty Award, Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED), University of Texas at El Paso, 2008
 - Outstanding Service to Students, Student Support Services (TRIO Program) Award, University of Texas at El Paso, 2008–2010
 - Outstanding Faculty Award, Department of Languages and Linguistics, University of Texas at El Paso, 2007
 - Who’s Who Among American Teachers Award, Innovative and Effective Teaching Strategies, 2005
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CONSULTANCY

- SmartStart: A digitally enhanced diabetes self-management intervention for low-income individuals newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. NIH R00 funded project, Edson School of Nursing and Innovation, Arizona State University. PI: Dr. Eytayo Owolabi, October 2025–Present
 - Sustainable Food Center, Austin, Texas — Engaging African and Hispanic underserved communities for food sustainability and healthy diets, 2024-2025
 - University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico — Gender-Focused Interventions in Climate Adaptation Initiatives, 2022–2023
 - University of Haifa, School of Public Health (Israel/Palestine) — Reducing child-accident mortality among Arab/Palestinian communities in the Negev/Naqab, 2019
 - Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan — Arabic Studies Program for Speakers of Other Languages, 2010–2011
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FUNDED GRANTS AND PROJECTS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)

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| 6. Reimagining Health in Arizona: Applying Principled Innovation through the Arizona Community Cohort Initiative
Kern Family Foundation, Arizona State University Affairs Office
Khatib – Multi-PI, 1 year (awarded)
Amount: \$195,000 | 2025–2026 |
| 5. Building Entrepreneurial Capacity of Refugee Women
Office of Naval Research (Subaward through Purdue University)
Khatib – PI; 1 year
Amount: \$12,500 | 2023-2024 |
| 4. Blue Integrated Partnership Consortium (BIP 2.0): Mentoring the Medici scholars
Department of Defense, Office of Naval Research (DOD-NAVY) /Purdue University
Khatib – PI; Not awarded
Amount: \$1,249,997 | 2023 |
| 3. Climate Adaptation and Gender-Focused Intervention
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Khatib – PI; 1 year
Amount: \$50,000 | 2022–2023 |
| 2. Empowerment and Integration of Refugee Women
Office of Naval Research
Khatib – PI; 1 year
Amount: \$67,000 | 2021-2022 |
| 1. STarTALK: From Local to Global, Immersive Learning
National Security Agency | 2015–2020 |

Khatib – PI; 5 years
Amount: \$630,000

FUNDED GRANTS AND PROJECTS (CO-INVESTIGATOR)

13. Perinatal Readiness and Engagement Platform-Mom (PREP-Mom): 2025
A Multilingual mHealth Platform to Improve Maternal Health Literacy, Navigation, and Utilization.
Flinn Foundation
Khatib – Co-I, Ehiremen Azugbene- PI, 1 year (Pending)
Amount: \$100,000
12. Community-Adapted Digital Physical Activity Intervention for 2025
Older Adults at Risk for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias
Edson Discovery Grant,
Khatib – Co-PI, Fang Yu- PI, 1 year (pending)
Amount: \$24,000
11. Randomized Trial of PREP-Mom: A Multilingual mHealth Program 2025
to Improve Maternal Health Literacy, Navigation, and Care Utilization.
National Institutes of Health (R01)
Khatib – Co-I; Ehiremen Azugbene- PI, 5 years (pending)
Amount: \$2,037,000
10. Temperature and Heat Exposure Research on Mental Health across 2025
the Lifespan (THERMAL).
National Institutes of Health (R01)
Khatib – Co-PI; Marisa Domino- PI, 5 years (Pending)
Amount: \$6,700,000
9. HeatMind: Robust and Scalable Platform for Personalized Health 2025-2028
Risk Mitigation in Occupations Exposed to Extreme Heat.
National Science Foundation (R01)
Khatib – Co-PI, Hassan Ghasemzadeh- PI, 4 years (awarded)
Amount: \$1,499,421
8. Leveraging Wearable Biosensor Data for Rich Patterning of Heat 2025
Exposure Events.
National Institutes of Health (R01)
Khatib – Co-PI, Matthew Buman – PI; 5 years
Amount– \$3,868,151 (Not awarded)
7. Scalable Prediction of Early Language and Literacy Disorders (SPELLD) 2025
National Institutes of Health (R01)
Khatib – Co-PI, Shelley Gray – PI; 5 years
Amount – \$3,809,497 (Not awarded)
6. Heat Equity Analysis of Threats from Climate for Actionable Policy 2024
(HEATCAP).
National Institutes of Health (R01)

- Khatib** – Co-PI, Marisa Domino – PI; 4 years
Amount – \$3,932,865 (Not awarded)
5. Walk Your Heart to Health: Implementing Culturally Tailored, 2024
Community-Based Physical Activity Intervention among African Refugees.
National Institutes of Health (R01)
Khatib – Co-PI, Adewale Oyeyemi – PI; 5 years
Amount – \$6,099,055 (Not awarded)
 4. Enhancing Women’s Brain Health During the Menopausal Transition: 2024
A Precision Health Initiative Approach on Non-Hormonal Interventions.
Flinn Foundation (in collaboration with Prickly Pear Startup)
Khatib – Co-PI, Matthew Buman – PI; 1 year
Amount – \$99,996 (Not awarded)
 3. The Arizona Cancer Community Cohort: Advancing Cancer Care 2024
through Community Cohorts in Underrepresented Communities.
ASU–Mayo Clinic
Khatib – Co-PI, Matthew Buman – Lead PI
Amount – \$500,000 (Withdrawn)
 2. EquiConnect: Fostering Authentic Partnership for Discovery and 2023
Community Health Impact
National Institutes of Health
Khatib – Co-PI, Matthew Buman – PI; 1 year
Amount – \$45,000 (Not awarded)
 1. Health Equity and Access Research and Training Hub (HEARTH). 2023
National Institutes of Health
Khatib – Co-PI, William Riley – PI; 5 years
Amount – \$6,335,246 (Not awarded)
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PUBLICATIONS

2025

14. **Khatib**, M., Shah, R., Ehiremen Azugbene, Buman, M. (November 2025). Rethinking participation: Design Studios for Health as a scalable citizen science framework for health equity. *Frontiers in Public Health* (Special Issue: Empowering Public Health Through Citizen Science).
13. **Khatib**, M., Shah, R., Mendhe, S., Whisner, C., & Buman, M. (October 2025). Bridging the Divide: Barriers and Facilitators to Equitable Community–Academic Partnerships in Health Research. *Frontiers in Public Health, Public Health Education and Promotion*
12. **Khatib**, M., et al. *Empowerment and integration of refugee women: a transdisciplinary approach*. Featured in the World Health Organization Dashboard of Experiences, WHO Region of the Americas.

11. **Khatib**, M. *On Becoming My Own Refuge: An Arab American Woman in the U.S.–Mexico Borderlands*. In G. González-López, S. Rudrappa, & C. A. Smith (Eds.), *World Making in Nepantla: Feminists of Color Navigating Life and Work in the Pandemic*. University of Texas Press.

10. **Khatib**, M. *Refugee entrepreneurship*. In Y. L. Espiritu, L. Duong, M. Vang & L. Sharif (Eds.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Refugee Studies*. SAGE.

2024

9. **Khatib**, M., Purwar, Tanya. Building resilience through inclusive interventions: Gender, migration, and STEM in climate adaptation. In L. Castillo, G. Carbajal, V. Castano, A. Ruiz-Columbie, U. Ciri, J. Quinones, C. E. Rudamas Flores, & M. Velez-Rubio (Eds.), *Energy and coastal security, resilience, and workforce development*. Springer.

8. **Khatib**, M., & Purwar, T. Empowerment and integration of refugees: A transdisciplinary approach. Springer Nature's Humanities & Social Sciences Communications.

7. Liedike, B., **Khatib**, M., Tabarsi, B., Harris, M., Wilson, S. L., Ortega Santos, C. P., Mohr, A. E., & Whisner, C. M. Evaluating the effects of corn flour on cardiometabolic outcomes and the gut microbiome in adults with high cholesterol. *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

2021

6. **Khatib**, M. *Diaspora: Palestinian women's reflections*. The Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLASCO- Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales).

5. **Khatib**, M. *Crossing many borders*. *Critical Storytelling: Borderlands in the 21st Century*. Borders at Milliken.

4. **Khatib**, M., Aguilar, O. *The Impact of COVID-19 on Women and Why It Matters to Change*. *Cloud Women's Quarterly Journal*.

3. Perez, L. M., Moya, E. M., Paat, Y. F., **Khatib**, M., Floresca, R., & Chavez-Baray, S. Interpersonal and structural complexities among women experiencing homelessness in a U.S.-Mexico border community. *EHQUIDAD: International Journal of Welfare and Social Work*

2020

2. **Khatib**, M. [Crossing Borders in Quarantine]. In S. Ramasubramanian (Ed.). *Quarantined across Borders Blog Series*. Texas A & M, Media Rise.

2014

1. **Khatib**, M. (2014). *Semi-structured open-ended interviewing: A qualitative descriptive study of Arab Muslim immigrant women's experiences of living in the United States*. SAGE Research Methods Cases.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Purwar, T., Shah, R., **Khatib**, M., & Shakelly, N. (in progress). Climate Change, Mass Migration, and Gender: A non- linear complexity.

Khatib, M., & Purwar, T. Gender in STEM research and Innovation (in progress).

Khatib, M. (in progress). The impact of an immersive summer language program on students 'attitude toward the culture of the language they are learning

BOOK / ARTICLE REVIEWS

Khatib, M. (2024, October 25). [Review of the manuscript Can Decent Work Promote Fertility Intention? The Mediating Role of Work-Family Conflict. Springer Nature's Humanities and Social Sciences Communications.

Khatib, M. (2024, October 20). [Review of the book proposal Muslims, Education and Critical Qualitative Research. Bloomsbury Academic.

Khatib, M. (2023, June 26). [Review of the manuscript Conceptualizing Resilience in Public Health: A Philosophical Approach]. Philosophy Ethics and Humanities in Medicine.

Khatib, M. (2021, June 6). [Review of the manuscript Risk COVID-19 and hospital care in Mexico City: Are we moving toward a new medical practice? Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Khatib, M. (2021, April 1). [Review of the manuscript The Role of Mass Media Communications on Public Health during COVID-19 Pandemic: Jordan Evidence]. BMC Public Health.

Khatib, M. (2019, October 4). [Review of the book Violence and Maltreatment in Intimate Relationships, by Miller-Perrin]. Sage Publications.

Khatib, M. (2018, August 31). [Review of the book Violence and Maltreatment in Intimate Relationships 2e by Miller-Perrin]. Sage Publications.

Khatib, M. (2009, March 10). [Review of the book Arabic Links]. Pearson Publishers. **Khatib**, M. (2008, November 21). [Review of the book Salamaat]. Pearson Publishers.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

2025

28. **Khatib**, M. Citizen Science and Community-Based Participatory Research for Inclusive STEM Education and Research, Open Pathways 4 STEM, Florida International University, Miami, Florida.

27. **Khatib**, M. Engaging Stakeholders: Building Collaborative Network Strategies for Meaningful Patient and Community Involvement, Southwest Safety Net Embedded Scientist Training and Research (SSNE-STaR) Center, Arizona State University.

26. **Khatib**, M Advancing Behavior Change Technologies through Community Engagement and Co-Creation Methods, Emerging Digital Methods to Enable Precision Health Workshop Series, Arizona State University.

25. **Khatib**, M. Community-Engaged Research, Hold Health, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California.
24. **Khatib**, M. Karma Primary Health: A Scalable Model for Human-Centered Digital Health, Digital Health Symposium, Arizona State University.
23. **Khatib**, M. Bridging the Digital Divide: Ethics and Health Equity, Digital Health Summit, Arizona State University.

2024

22. **Khatib**, M. Gaza Health Crisis: Centering Palestinian Voices, North American Refugee Health Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
21. **Khatib**, M. Breaking Barriers: Integrating Refugee Women through Education in STEM and Social Sciences, Oxford Women's Leadership Symposium, Oxford University.

2023

20. **Khatib**, M. Addressing the Refugee Health Crisis in Gaza, Awareness Advocacy Action Event, Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers.
19. **Khatib**, M. Homelessness and Women's Health in the U.S. Southwest, Patient Navigator Program, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.
18. **Khatib**, M. Unlocking Potential: Integrating Gender Perspectives and Inclusive Design for Academic Transformation in STEM, ASU Professional Development Conference.
17. **Khatib**, M. Climate Change and Gender-Focused Intervention: Exploring the Intersection of Climate Change and Gender, Purdue University and University of Puerto Rico, San Juan.
16. **Khatib**, M. Integrating Gender Lens for Inclusive Research in STEM, Climate Change and Sustainability Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
15. **Khatib**, M. Climate Change, Migration, and Gender, Summer Institute for Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency, Purdue University.
14. **Khatib**, M. Community Members and Researchers as Co-Creators of Knowledge: Arizona Population Health Community Cohort (APHCC), ASU Speech, Language and Learning Intervention Research Symposium.

2022

13. **Khatib**, M. Entrepreneurial Capacity for Refugee Women, 2050 Workforce of Tomorrow, Purdue University, Indiana.
12. **Khatib**, M. Gender in STEM Research and Innovation, Doctoral Workshop on Gender Inclusivity in STEM, University of Puerto Rico.
11. **Khatib**, M. Entrepreneurial Capacity of Refugee Women. North American Refugee

Health, Cleveland, Ohio.

10. **Khatib**, M. Climate Change, Mass Migration, and Innovation, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan.

2019

9. **Khatib**, M. Creating Global Citizens in STarTalk Classrooms, STarTalk Fall conference, Phoenix, Arizona.

2018

8. **Khatib**, M. Gender Perspectives, International Cultural Festival, University of Texas at El Paso.

7. **Khatib**, M. Collaborative Learning Plans, STarTalk Fall Conference, Houston, Texas.

2017

6. **Khatib**, M. Enhancing Program Infrastructure, Keep Talking! Workshop, STarTalk Fall Conference, Portland, Oregon.

2012

5. **Khatib**, M. Women in Nizar Qabbani's Poetry, Women's History Month Conference, University of Texas at El Paso.

4. **Khatib**, M. Diversity in Pedagogy, Research, Pedagogy and Other Institutional Practices Conference, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

2010

3. **Khatib**, M. Muslim Women's Reproductive Healthcare, International Interdisciplinary Expo of Health-Related Research, University of Texas at El Paso.

2005

2. **Khatib**, M. Palestinian Women Suicide Bombers, Southwestern Social Sciences Association Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2001

1. **Khatib**, M. Impact of Occupation on Palestinian Women's Health, Global Political Conflicts Conference, University of Texas at El Paso.

TEACHING

Courses Developed & Taught at ASU

CHS 484: Community-Engaged Precision Health Experiential Learning

This course offers experiential learning in community health and research, allowing students to apply concepts in real-world settings. It emphasizes reciprocal learning, community-based participatory research, and collaboration with local partners to address health priorities. Students also engage with the Our Voice initiative at Stanford University to promote community-driven health action.

TLC 327: Health and Migration

This course explores the health trajectories and challenges of immigrant populations, emphasizing social determinants of health and the impact of public policy. It examines key frameworks on migration, health practices, and disparities, with a primary focus on the United States and comparative global perspectives.

TLC 323: Latina/o Health Issues

This course explores health and behavioral health disparities among Latinos in the United States, with a focus on Mexican Americans and the U.S.–Mexico border region. Students examine public health concerns, chronic disease prevalence, and culturally appropriate interventions that improve health outcomes in Latino communities.

Courses Developed & Taught Prior to ASU

Plagues, Pandemics, and Power

This course examines the social, cultural, and political dimensions of major pandemics such as the Black Death, Cholera, Influenza, and HIV/AIDS. It explores how biology, inequality, and stigma shape disease transmission and public health responses. Key themes include social epidemiology, structural violence, and the politicization of illness.

Family Violence

This multidisciplinary course analyzes family violence as a critical public health issue. It draws from sociology, social work, criminal justice, and public health to explore the historical, cultural, and structural dimensions of violence. Students evaluate epidemiological trends and prevention strategies addressing forms of abuse across populations.

Global Women's Health

This course examines global women's health from a life course perspective, addressing birth, reproduction, and aging. It explores how sociocultural, economic, and political factors shape health outcomes worldwide. Emphasis is placed on maternal health, gender disparities, and culturally responsive interventions that promote health equity.

Women's Health in Armed Conflict

This course investigates the impact of war on women's health and well-being. It analyzes how political violence, displacement, and systemic oppression intersect with gendered health experiences. Students explore narratives of resilience and caregiving to understand the gendered dynamics of conflict and recovery.

THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Tanya Purwar: "Climate Change, Mass Migration, and Gender," Purdue University, Ph.D. Dissertation (expected November 2024).

Plange Efe: "The African Hair Braiding Salon as a Rhetorically Charged Space for Feminist Activism," UTEP, Ph.D. Dissertation (completed December 2023).

Giggie Alexandra: "Female Fighters: When and Why Do Women Rebel?" UTEP, M.A. Thesis (completed November 2022).

French Katherine: "We Are All Green: Stereotypes, Attitudes, and Support for Female Soldiers and Veterans," UTEP, M.A. Thesis (completed Spring 2020).

Mohammed Sakip Iddrisu: "Unveiling Veiled Voices: Understanding the Experiences of Muslim Women Who Wear

PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- ASU College of Health Solutions Community Engagement, Feed My Starving Children
 - Women's Empowerment Program, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
 - Wellness Ambassador: College of Health Sciences Initiative, University of Texas at El Paso
 - Project AWARE: UTEP | Spring-Fall 2014
 - Arabic Interpretation/Translation: El Paso District Attorney, El Paso, Texas, 2011
 - Arabic Interpretation/Translation: Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso, Texas, 2009
 - Volunteer: Las Palmas Hospital, Telemetry Department, El Paso, Texas, 2007-2008.
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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