

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

<i>Year</i>	<i>Degree Obtained</i>	<i>Field of Specialization</i>	<i>School</i>
2016	PhD	Sociology: Social Justice	University of Windsor (Windsor, Ontario, Canada)
2010	Master	Social Work	University of Windsor (Windsor, Ontario, Canada)
2007	Master	Religious Studies	Assumption University (Windsor, Ontario, Canada)
1998	Combined Bachelor/Master	Art: Journalism/ Sociology of Journalism	St. Petersburg State University (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

New York State Licensed Master Social Work. License number: 100103-1

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

08/2021 – present	Associate Professor Department of Sociology, Criminology and Human Services Hartwick College, Oneonta, USA
08/2018 – 08/2021	Assistant Professor Department of Sociology, Hartwick College, Oneonta, USA
08/2015 – 08/2018	Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Sociology, Hartwick College, Oneonta, USA.
01/2014 - 04/2015	Sessional Instructor School of Social Work, University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada

COURSES TAUGHT

100-level	200-level	300-level
<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>	<i>Religion and Society</i>	<i>Qualitative research methods</i>
<i>Introduction to Social Work</i>	<i>Social Policy and Social Welfare</i>	<i>Contemporary Theory</i>
<i>Controversial Social Issues</i>	<i>Sociology of the Family</i>	<i>Social Psychology</i>
<i>Intro to Women & Gender Studies</i>	<i>Gerontology</i>	<i>Counseling Skills</i>
	<i>Understanding Violence</i>	
400-level	Online Courses	Additional Responsibility
<i>Senior Seminar</i>	<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>	<i>Internships supervision</i>
	<i>Social Policy and Social Welfare</i>	<i>Advising: 20+ advisees</i>
Graduate	<i>Controversial Social Issues</i>	
<i>Social Policy and Social Welfare</i>	<i>Women and Religion</i>	
<i>MSW Internship seminar</i>	<i>Gender, Culture and Health</i>	

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 05/2012 – 07/2015 **Caseworker**
Well-Come Centre for Human Potential. Shelter for homeless women.
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- 01/2010 - 05/2010 **Advanced Social Work Internship**
Windsor-Essex Anti-Human Trafficking Action Group /Legal Assistance of Windsor.
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- 04/2009 – 08/2009 **Generalist Social Work Internship**
Well-Come Centre for Human Potential. Shelter for homeless women.
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 09/2022 – 05/2024 **Visiting Scholar**
New York University Jordan Center
- 09/2012 - 06/2015 **Research Assistant**
Department of Sociology, University of Windsor, Canada
Project: "*An exploration of the relationship between intimate partner violence and animal abuse in Canada*"
- 01/2009 - 05/2013 **Research Assistant**
School of Social Work, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
Projects: "*Measuring and explaining income inequality in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia*", "*Working but still poor: Explaining working poverty through the multiyear study of Canada, US, UK, Germany, and Switzerland*", "*Determinants and outcomes of adult education and training in the social investment state: A Canadian-based analysis*", "*Analyzing determinants of rising income in low-income transitional countries of Caucasus*"
- 01/1996 - 08/2003 **Research Assistant and Projects Coordinator**
Centre for Independent Social Research, Saint-Petersburg, Russia ([Website](#))
Research on contemporary social issues, gender, social milieu and structure, social policy and community development.
Selected research projects: "*Women in contemporary family and society. Roles and expectations in Russian society*", "*The homeless in transitional Russia*", "*Marginalized people in post-Soviet Russia*", "*Children from low-income families*", "*Teenagers and the school system*", "*Youth in the urban area. The impact of the transformation of youth organizations on the social development of young people in Saint-Petersburg*"

PUBLICATIONS

Chernyak, E. (Forthcoming). Beyond the border: A critical analysis of refugee and asylum policies in the United States. In M. Malczyńska-Biały & M. Pokrzywa (Eds.), *The Russo-Ukrainian War and its Implications: Political, Military, Economic, and Social Dimensions, Volume III: Socio-economic Integration of Migrants*. University Press: University of Rzeszow, Poland.

Chernyak, E. (Forthcoming). A hen is not a bird, a woman is not a person: Gender stereotypes in contemporary Russia. In A. Wagner & A. Condello (Eds.), *(In)Visible Signs of Gender-Based Violence*. Springer Nature Switzerland AG: Switzerland

Chernyak, E. (2023). Intimate partner violence in Post-Soviet Countries: Contextual features and implication. In R. Baikady et al. (Eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Problems*. Palgrave Macmillan: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-68127-2_45-1

Chernyak, E. (2022). Globalization and modern family: Family transformation in changing society. In R. Baikady et al. (Eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Problems*. Palgrave Macmillan: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-68127-2_108-1

Chernyak, E. (2020). A comparative study of intimate partner violence in post-Soviet countries: Evidence from National Surveys. *Journal of Family Issues*, 41(12), 2297-2327. DOI: 10.1177/0192513X20942818

Chernyak, E., Ceresola, R., & Herrold, M. (2020). From past to present: Children's exposure of intimate partner violence and subsequent experience of IPV in adulthood among women. *Journal of Gender-Based Violence*, 4(2), 259-278. DOI: 10.1332/239868020X15893856098343

Chernyak, E. (2020). Who is at risk? Intimate partner violence against women in the Kyrgyz Republic. *Violence and Gender*, 7(3), 121-130. DOI: 10.1089/vio.2019.0004

Chernyak, E. (2018). Intimate partner violence in Tajikistan: Risk and protective factors. *Violence and Victims*, 33(6), 1124-1147. DOI: 10.1891/0886-6708.33.6.1124

Habibov, N., Barrett, B., & **Chernyak, E.** (2017). Understanding women's empowerment and its determinants in post-Communist countries: Results of Azerbaijan National Survey. *Woman's Studies International Forum*, 62, 125-135.

Fitzgerald, A., Barrett, B., Shwom, R., Stevenson, R., & **Chernyak, E.** (2016). Development of the partner's treatment of animals scale. *Anthrozoos*, 29(4), 611-625.

Chernyak, E. (2016). What is a woman created for? The image of women in Russia through the lens of the Russian Orthodox Church. *Feminist Theology*, 24(3), 299-313.

Barrett, B., Habibov, N., & **Chernyak, E.** (2012). Factors affecting prevalence and extent of Intimate Partner Violence in Ukraine: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Survey. *Violence against Women*, 18(10), 1147-1176.

Chernyak, E. & Barrett, B. (2011). A chicken is not a bird, Is a woman a human being? Intimate partner violence and the Russian Orthodox Church. *Currents: New Scholarship in the Human Services*, 10(1), 1-24.

Chernyak, E. (2003). Freedom of speech and (in)dependent mass media. In B. Firsov (Ed.). *Freedom of conscience and freedom of speech in an electronic era. Russia and international experience* (pp. 27-41). Saint-Petersburg: Norma.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

Park, W., Habibov, N., **Chernyak, E.**, & Wang, M. (Under review). Immigration status and life satisfaction: What we can learn from a Canadian national survey? Revised and resubmitted in *Journal of Immigration and Refugee Studies*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PEER REVIEWED

- 2024 Make (im)migration effective: Strategies and Policies for managing (im)migration. Example from the USA. Invited as a speaker.
5th International Congress of Human Rights. Institute of Sociological Studies, University of Rzeszow, Poland
- 2024 Social & cultural consequences of climate change: Cases of Puerto Rico & Rhodes, Greece.
16th Conference of the European Sociological Association: Tension, Trust and Transformation. Porto, Portugal
- 2023 Intimate partner violence: The applicability of Materialist feminist theories
International congress: Combating gender-based violence. International research project in the field of gender equity. Lille University, France

- 2023 Understanding intimate partner violence: Theoretical and practical implications
International congress: Combating gender-based violence. International research project in the field of gender equity. Lille University, France
- 2022 Context matters: Violence against women in rural areas.
The Eastern Sociological Association 92 Annual Meeting: Strategic sites and ways for sociology to fight inequality and injustice. Boston, MA, USA
- 2021 The end of the family? The impact of globalization on modern family.
IV International Sociological Association Forum. Porto Alegre, Brazil
- 2021 Analyzing intimate partner violence through the lens of materialist feminism.
Sociologists for Women in Society 2021 Winter Meeting: Embracing the Past, Analyzing the Present, Anticipating the Future. Virtual
- 2019 Gender, religion & culture: Women in Russia and the Russian Orthodox Church.
International Society for Sociology of Religion: The politics and spirituality. Barcelona, Spain
- 2018 From past to present: Children's exposure of domestic violence and subsequent experience of IPV in adulthood among women.
XIX International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology: Power, violence, and justice: Reflections, responses, and responsibilities. Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2018 Well-being and immigration status: What can we learn from a Canadian national survey?
SWSD 2018: Social work, education and social development. Environmental and Community Sustainability: Human Solutions in an Evolving Society. Dublin, Ireland
- 2018 Violence through generations: A cross-cultural study of children's exposure to violence and subsequent domestic abuse as adults.
Eastern Sociological Society. 2018 Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, USA
- 2017 Theorizing violence against women: The applicability of Marxist feminist theories in discussions of gender-based violence.
American Sociological Association. 112th ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2017 Is a beating man indeed a loving man? Risk and protective factors for intimate partner violence in post-Soviet societies.
The European Association for Gender Research, Education, and Documentation. Bridging Gender Research and Policy Making: Missing Links, Good Practices, Future Scenarios. Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2015 Intimate partner violence in post-Soviet countries: Prevalence and risk factors.
Canadian Sociological Association Congress. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 2014 IPV in the countries of the former Soviet Union.
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN). 19th Annual ASN World Convention. Columbia University, New York, USA
- 2013 The image of women in the Russian Orthodox Church. The role of religion in the shaping of the attitude toward women: An example from Russia.
Feminist Research Group: InVisibility of Gender. University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2012 Intimate partner violence in transitional Ukraine.
New Perspectives on Contemporary Ukraine: Politics, History, and Culture. University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2012 Factors affecting prevalence and extent of intimate partner violence in Ukraine: Evidence from a nationally representative survey.
Society of Social Work and Research. 16th Annual Conference. Washington, DC, USA

- 2009 Discrimination of women in Russia and the influence of the Russian Orthodox Church. *Feminist Research Group: Inter-Actions: Feminism inspiring possibilities*. University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2009 Canadian Immigration Policy. Federal program 'Skilled worker and professionals': Goals and outcomes. *CERIS: Migration, Citizenship and Inclusion: Re-defining boundaries and borders*. University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- ✓ *Context matters: Violence against women in rural areas*. Grant-funded
- ✓ *Europe at the Tipping Point: Putin's Russia and the Surge of Populist-Authoritarian Politics*. To be presented at the International Conference "Europe and the New World Order" on May 26-27, 2025. Invited by the Institute of Political Studies of the University of Rzeszów and Scientific Council. Rzeszow, Poland.
- ✓ *Women's world: Cultural analysis of women's lived experience*. Grant-funded. Planned as a book
- ✓ *Women in Russia*. Planned as a book
- ✓ *Alcohol use and domestic abuse: Evidence from national surveys*. Grant-funded
- ✓ *Theorizing violence against women: The applicability of materialist analysis in discussions of gender-based violence*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ✚ **Winifred D. Wandersee Scholars-in-Residence Program Award**. 2024-2025
Presented to two faculty members annually to support scholarly projects that promise to be significant contributions to their fields. Include a reduced teaching load and \$5,000 for research. Hartwick College
- ✚ **Chapter of the Year Award**. 2023
Award for work as a Chapter representative of Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology ([link](#))
- ✚ **Mentors that make a difference. First Destination Survey**. 2023
Award for outstanding teaching and academic advising. Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, USA
- ✚ **NACADA Outstanding New Advisor Certificate of Merit Award**. 2020
Designed to honor faculty for significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising within higher education. NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising ([link](#))
- ✚ **Hartwick College Excellence in Academic Advising Award**. 2020
Honors one faculty member every year who goes beyond standard advising responsibilities to provide personalized guidance, mentorship, and support and who demonstrates exceptional commitment to student success through academic advising. Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY
- ✚ **R. & E. G. Ferris Awards**. 2014.
Award for outstanding graduate students. University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- ✚ **Galina Starovoitova's 4th Annual Competition 'Galateya'**. 2003
Annual scholarly essay contest on topics related to democracy, human rights, and conflict resolution established in memory of Galina Starovoitova, a prominent Russian human rights advocate and politician ([link](#))
Best Research among Outstanding Young Scholars, Second prize. Independent research "Freedom of speech and (in)dependent mass media." Saint-Petersburg, Russia.

GRANTS

2023-2024	The Research in Health and Science Funds (\$2,500). Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, USA
2022-2025	Faculty Research Grant (\$8,500) Project: “ <i>Context matters: Violence against women in rural areas</i> ” Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, USA
2022	Faculty Travel Grant (\$2,000) Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology
2021-2022	Faculty Research Grant (\$2,000) Project: “ <i>Alcohol use and domestic abuse: Evidence from national surveys</i> ” Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, USA
2018-2021	Faculty Research Grant (\$5,500). Project: “ <i>Women in the world: Cultural analysis of women’s experience</i> ” Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, USA
2011-2014	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) (\$15,000/year) Provincial Government. Canada
2013	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship (\$20,000) Canadian Federal Government
2012	Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,000) Health Research Center for the Study of Violence against Women. University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
2012	Beverly Jackson Fellowship (\$2,000) Canadian Federation of University Women
2010	Bursary Award in Quantitative Methods (\$500) Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology. University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

11/2023 – present	Vice-Chair. Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Hartwick College
04/2021 – 06/2024	Department Chair. Department of Sociology, Criminology and Human Services Hartwick College
05/2020 – present	Chair. Institutional Review Board. Hartwick College
08/2017 – present	Director. Social Work Program. Hartwick College

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Service to the Profession:

2025	Symposium organizer <i>Second Regional Sociology Symposium “Portrait of a Tipping Point: Critical Questions for Social Scientists in 2025”.</i> Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY. April 5, 2025. Symposium site
2023	Panel organizer Panel 1: Culture, religion and gender-based violence Panel 2: Theorizing violence against women: Integration of post-modernist theories in feminist perspectives

International congress: Combating gender-based violence. International research project in the field of gender equity. Lille University, France. July 3-6, 2023. [Congress site](#)

2023 **Symposium organizer**

First Regional Sociology Symposium “The (up)roaring 2020s: Sociology's responsibility in addressing recurring social problems”. Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY. April 1, 2023.

2023 **Participant**

Forum: Foreign interference & propaganda: What we know and what to expect.
NYU Jordan Center & The Center for Social Media and Politics webinar. March 1, 2023

2023 **Panelist**

Online Seminar: The European Crisis and the Emergent World Order.
European Sociological Association Executive Committee. February 23, 2023

2022 **Presider**

Paper session: Gendered Violence: Sociological Insights.
Eastern Sociological Association 92 Annual Meeting: Strategic sites and ways for sociology to fight inequality and injustice. Boston, MA, USA. March 10-13, 2022

2021 **Session organizer**

Session: Culture, Religion, and Gender Inequality.
IV International Sociological Association Forum. Porto Alegre, Brazil. February 23-27, 2021

2013 **Workshop chair**

Conference "Reclaiming democracy and social justice: From the Arab spring to occupy to...".
Centre for Studies in Social Justice, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. May 17-19, 2023

2012 **Feminist Research Group Conference Co-Organizer**

Conference "InVisibility of Gender."
University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. May 9-12, 2012

Peer Reviewer for academic journals:

- *Religion and Gender* (since 2021)
- *Reproductive Health Matters* (since 2019)
- *Studies in Social Justice* (since 2018)
- *Violence and Victims* (since 2018)
- *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (since 2009)

Selected service to the Department of Sociology, Criminology & Human Services and Hartwick College:

2019 – 2021	Hartwick College Board of Trustees Student Experience Committee
2018 – present:	Hartwick College Hearing Board Member Title IX/Sexual Misconduct Hearing Officer Women and Gender Studies Steering Committee Interdisciplinary Studies Committee
2017 – present	Chapter representative, Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology
2017 – 2021	Institutional Review Board Member
2016 – 2022	Department Search Committee
2015 – 2019	Sociology Club Supervisor

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- ✚ International Sociological Association (ISA)
 - Women, Gender, and Society, ISA Research Committee
 - Sociology of Religion, ISA Research Committee
 - Family Research, ISA Research Committee
 - Violence and Society, ISA Thematic Group
- ✚ European Sociological Association (ESA)
- ✚ American Sociological Association (ASA)
- ✚ Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)
- ✚ Sociology for Women in Society (SWS)
- ✚ The European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation (ATGender)
- ✚ The Association for the Study of Nationalities

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

- ✚ 2020 August. Teaching and Learning workshop: *Strategies for Making Our Online Courses More Inclusive* (Melinda Messineo, Ball State University, AKD Vice-President); *Diversity, Inequality, Social Change: A Framework for Family Sociology* (facilitated by Phillip Cohen, University of Maryland); *When We Lecture, How Can We Do It Better?* (facilitated by Diane Pike, Augsburg University). AKD International Honor Society.
- ✚ 2020 July. Teaching and Learning workshops: *Supporting Underprepared Students in the Online Classroom* (facilitated by Amanda Miller, University of Indianapolis); *Reading is Fundamental: Engaging Students with Deep Reading* (facilitated by Janis Prince, Saint Leo University); *Getting a Start in Teaching Applied Sociology* (facilitated by Stephen Steele, Applied Sociologist Emeritus). Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society.
- ✚ 2015 – present. *Teaching Tables*, coordinated by the Faculty Development Committee, Hartwick College, NY, USA.

SELECTED SUPERVISED STUDENTS' RESEARCH PROJECTS (excluding senior theses)

- ✚ 2023-2024. Thomas Carlon (Sociology & Criminal Justice double major). *Social and Cultural Consequences of Climate Change: Case of Puerto Rico*. Presented at the 2024 Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting and the 16th European Sociological Association conference, Porto, Portugal
- ✚ 2022-2023. Mickaella Gulla (Sociology & Criminal Justice double major, Social Work minor). *Domestic violence experience and psychological development of children*. Presented at the 2023 Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting and submitted to be presented at Hartwick College Showcase.
- ✚ 2021-2022. Grace-Ann Porpeggia (Criminal Justice & Political Science double major). *Patterns of espionage: The differences in gender, sociological characteristics, and motivations behind one of America's most notorious crimes*. Presented at the 2022 Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting and Hartwick College Showcase.
- ✚ 2020-2021. Amy Moreno (Sociology & Criminal Justice double major, Social Work minor). *A Voice of Insiders: The Qualitative Study of Students Experiences' During the Pandemic*.
- ✚ 2019-2020. Rebecca Lelles (Sociology & Criminal Justice double major). *The unrepresented and neglected literacy needs of rural areas in policy*. Presented at the 2020 Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting.

✚ 2017-2018. Yatin Patel (Sociology & Public Health double major, Social Work minor).

How much does an educated woman cost in India?

Presented at the Hartwick College student showcase.

AREA OF EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender (i.e., gender-based violence; gender ideology; gender discourses and social institutes; gender relations); gender and cultures; religion and society; Russia and Soviet/post-Soviet societies; immigration (i.e., immigration policy, immigrants' well-being and adaptation); families and interracial/ethnic marriages and relationships; social inequality (gender, race and ethnicity, age, disabilities); social conflicts; health; social theories; feminist theories.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Russian & French