

Venera Bekteshi's Awards, Publications, and Presentations

AWARDS:

2025

- Social Justice Research
Department of Women and Gender Studies, Center on Social Justice: 5/1/2025

PUBLICATIONS:

Munjireen, S., & Bekteshi, V., & Kendzor, D. (2024). Afghan refugees in Oklahoma City, OK, and determinants of their mental health. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

Bekteshi, V., Vanhook, M. J., Bellamy, J. L., & Gjermeni, E. (2025). The shadow pandemic contextualized: Albania's response to domestic violence during COVID-19. *International Journal of Health Planning and Management*.

Bekteshi, V. (2024). Cultural crossroads: How Mexican immigrant women navigate stress and adaptation. *BMC Women's Health*.

Bekteshi, V., & Schootman, M. (2024). Empowering breast cancer screening among Mexican immigrant women (MIW) in Illinois: Insights from rural and urban communities. *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*.

Bekteshi, V., Hunter, C. D., & Bellamy, J. (2024). Building bridges: Addressing health research gaps in Latino communities with cultural sensitivity. *Social Services Research*.

Bekteshi, V., & Bellamy, J. L. (2024). Quantifying acculturative challenges: Cuban-born women's path to psychological well-being in the U.S. *Social Sciences*.

Bekteshi, V., Sifati, M., & Kendzor, D. (2024). Reaching the unheard: Overcoming challenges in health research with hard-to-reach populations. *International Journal for Equity in Health*.

Bekteshi, V., & Bellamy, J. L. (2024). Adapting for well-being: Examining acculturation strategies and mental health among Latina immigrants. *Social Sciences*, 13(3), 138.

Bekteshi, V., Miller, C., Bellamy, J., & Jani, N. (2024). Increased domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic: India's response. *Development Policy Review*, 42(2), e12749. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12749>.

Bekteshi, V., Stodolska, M., & Kang, S. W. (2021). Ethnic enclosure and perception of discrimination among Korean and Polish immigrants. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-021-00822-4>.

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Tran, T., Wang, K., & Bekteshi, V. (2016). Marital status, race/ethnicity, and psychological distress among foreign-born Chinese, Korean, Mexican, and Vietnamese Americans. *Social Work in Mental Health*, 14(3), 271-291.

Bekteshi, V., Vanhook, M., & Kang, S. (2016). Social work with Latino immigrants: Contextual approach to acculturative stress among Cuban, Mexican, and Puerto-Rican women. *British Journal of Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcw003>.

Bekteshi, V., & van Hook, M. (2015). Contextual approach to acculturative stress among Latina immigrants in the U.S. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 17(5), 1401-1411. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-014-0103-y>.

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Bekteshi, V., Gjermani, E., & van Hook, M. (2012). Modern-day slavery: Sex trafficking in Albania. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 32(7/8), 480-494.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Selected Presentations

Bekteshi, V. (2024, January). Multidisciplinary perspectives on social determinants of health. Oral presentation, roundtable at the *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.

Bekteshi, V. (2024). Domestic violence during COVID: India's response. Oral presentation at the *Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington, D.C.

Bekteshi, V. (2024). Multidisciplinary challenges in social determinants of health. Oral presentation at the *Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington, D.C.

Bekteshi, V. (2020). Health inequity research: Reaching underprivileged populations in cancer research. Symposium conducted at *University of Bath*, Bath, UK.

Bekteshi, V. (2019). Cultural sensitivity in researching hard-to-reach populations. Symposium conducted at *University of Bath, Department of Social and Policy Sciences*.

Bekteshi, V. (2017). Needs of human trafficking victims. Program leader and moderator at the *University of Leeds*.