

MARIA MEDVEDEVA, Ph.D.

5107 S. Blackstone Ave., Apt. 805
Chicago, IL 60615
Phone (312) 493-0274
E-mail: masha@uchicago.edu

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
Dissertation: *Essays on linguistic adaptation of adolescent children of immigrants in the United States*.
Committee: Ross Stolzenberg, Anthony Orum, Yang Yang.
Special Field Exams: Language and Ethnicity among Immigrants (Honors), Social Statistics.
- 2002 M.S. Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.
- 1999 M.A. Sociology, Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Immigration; Immigrant Family; Childhood and Adolescence; Sociology of Language

I study immigrant families. My dissertation investigated how adolescent children of immigrants negotiated their languages across generations and across the cultural worlds of their host society and country of origin. My current research examines how and why Russian-origin immigrant parents give in to their children's linguistic needs and preferences, how parental education shapes this change, and what that tells us about the role of language and parental education in immigrant assimilation generally.

TEACHING INTERESTS

International Migration; Immigrant Childhoods; Immigrant Family; Immigration Policy; Sociology of Language; Research Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

(Forthcoming) Medvedeva, M. Negotiating languages in immigrant families. *International Migration Review*.

Medvedeva, M. (2010). Perceived discrimination and linguistic adaptation of adolescent children of immigrants. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 39(8), 940-952.

McKinney, K., Medvedeva, M., Vacca, K. and J. Malak. (2004). Beyond the classroom: An exploratory study of out-of- class learning in sociology. *Teaching Sociology* 32(1), 43-60.

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

(Forthcoming) Medvedeva, M. Immigrant linguistic adaptation. *Encyclopedia of adolescence*. Springer Science + Business Media.

Medvedeva, M. (2011). Immigrant linguistic adaptation: Language or language speaker? *World on the Move*, the ASA International Migration newsletter, Spring 2011

Farrell, B., and Medvedeva, M. (2010). *Demographic transformation and the future of museums*. Report prepared for the Center for the Future of Museums of the American Association of Museums. World Wide Web address: <http://www.futureofmuseums.org/reading/publications/upload/Demographic-Transformation.pdf>.

AWARDS

- 2010 Robert E. Park Lectureship Award from the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago to teach a self-designed course on International Migration in Winter 2011 Quarter.
- 2007 Winner of the 2007 Spring Institute Student Paper Writing Contest, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago. Paper Title: Oral proficiency in English and non-English languages among children of immigrants in the United States: The role of the social context.
- 2005 Honor Pass on the special field examination on Language and Ethnicity among Immigrants.
- 2003-2004 Two-year fellowship from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, for the University of Chicago and the Population Research Center Interdisciplinary Training in International Population Research for graduate and post-doctoral fellows.
- 2002 American Sociological Association Outstanding Student Award from the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Illinois State University.
- 1997 First Place Award of Excellence in Research. International Scientific Student Conference, Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

- 2010 Cultural Policy Center / National Opinion Research Center. Research Consultant, Co-author. Project title: Demographic transformation and the future of museums: Trends and implications.
- 2006 National Opinion Research Center. Research Assistant for Prof. Yang Yang. Datasets' overview, preparation of data, initial data analysis for a project on happy life expectancy.
- 2006 The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Research Assistant for Prof. Valery Yakubovich. Data coding and initial data analysis for a project on social networks in business organizations in Russia.
- 2005 National Opinion Research Center. Research Assistant for Prof. Ross Stolzenberg. Extensive literature review and datasets' overview for a project on employment patterns of husbands and wives.

Illinois State University, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Normal, IL

- 2002, 2001 Sociology Program Assessment Research Assistant to the Departmental Chair (was selected by the Graduate Program Committee to serve in this paid position).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

- 2011 International Migration (self-designed course with the support of the Robert E. Park Lectureship).

Teaching Assistantships, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

- 2010 Policy Implementation (Instructor Dr. Woody Carter).
- 2009 Field Research Practicum for Public Policy (Instructor Dr. Chad Broughton).
- 2008 Field Research Practicum for Public Policy (Instructor Dr. Woody Carter).
- 2006 Field Research Practicum for Public Policy (Instructor Dr. Betty Farrell).
- 2005, 2004 Urban Process and Structure (Instructor Prof. Saskia Sassen).

Teaching Assistantships, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.

- 2002, 2001 Senior Experience in Sociology (core course).
- 2001 Introduction to Sociological Research (core course).
- 2000 People in Places: Understanding and Developing Community.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 Demographic transformation and the future of museums (invited presentation), National Art Education Association (NAEA) Museum Division 25th Annual Preconference, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA (March 16, 2011).
- 2011 Possibilities and challenges in the adaptation of white middle-class immigrants in the US, Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (February 24, 2011).
- 2010 Personal language preferences and language proficiency of Spanish-Speaking children of immigrants. American Sociological Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA (August 14-17, 2010).
- 2009 Perceived discrimination and linguistic adaptation of adolescent children of immigrants. American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA (August 7-9, 2009).
- 2008 Family characteristics and language proficiency among children of immigrants in the United States. American Sociological Association Meeting, Boston, MA (August 1-4, 2008).
- 2008 Language assimilation among children of immigrants: The role of the social context. Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, St. Louis, MO (March 27-31, 2007).
- 2007 Perceived discrimination and language preferences among children of immigrants in the United States. American Sociological Association Meeting, New York, NY (August 11-14, 2007).
- 2007 Perceived discrimination and language preferences among children of immigrants in the United States: The role of race and ethnicity. The 14th Annual "Eyes on the Mosaic" Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (April 21, 2007).
- 2007 Socio-psychological explanations of language shift among children of immigrants: Evidence from the United States. Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 4-6, 2007).
- 2007 Social and psychological explanations of language shift among children of immigrants in the United States. The Metro-Chicago Immigration Seminar, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL (March 28, 2007).
- 2002 Social capital and individual freedom in a Russian Jewish immigrant community. American Sociological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2002 Out-of-class learning in sociology at Illinois State University (co-authored presentation). Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2002 Social capital and individual freedom in a Russian Jewish immigrant community. Graduate Research Symposium, Illinois State University, Normal IL.
- 2001 Social capital and individual freedom in a Russian Jewish immigrant community: Research proposal. Graduate Research Symposium, Illinois State University, Normal IL.
- 1998 Social networks and job search outcomes. International Scientific Student Conference, Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia.
- 1997 Professional careers in unstable society. International Scientific Student Conference, Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia.
- 1996 Labor ethics in Russia and abroad. International Scientific Student Conference, Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2008-2009 Member of the Planning Committee for the 2009 Mini-conference "Making Connections" organized by the ASA International Migration section (August 6, 2009).
- 2008 Organizer for two sessions "International Migration and Its Social Context" and "International Migration, Social Capital and the Meaning of Ethnicity" at the Midwest Sociological Society Meeting in St. Louis, MO (March 26-30, 2008).
- 2006-2009 Founder and Coordinator: Immigration workshop at the University of Chicago (formerly Metro-Chicago Immigration Seminar) (<http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/immigration/>).
- 2006 Participant: Teaching in the College, 2-day workshop organized by the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Chicago (September 18 and 19, 2006).
- 2000 Participant: Informed Consent Workshop 2000-2001, Illinois State University Institutional Review Board for Research on Human Subjects.

Member: *American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Society*
Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*
Occasional reviewer: *Sociological Forum, The Sociological Quarterly*

PROGRAM EVALUATION JOBS

- 2010-2011 The Southside Arts & Humanities Network of the Civic Knowledge Project, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Evaluator for the Board Leadership Certificate Program of the University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies.
- Slover Linett Strategies, Chicago, IL. Freelance research analyst.

NON-ACADEMIC JOBS

- 1998-2000 Arthur Andersen, St. Petersburg, Russia.
Human resources coordinator, Audit division professional training coordinator.

LANGUAGES

Russian-native, English-fluent.

REFERENCES

Elisabeth Clemens, Professor, Department of Sociology, the University of Chicago, 1126 East 59th Street, Suite 319, Chicago, IL 60637. Phone: (773) 834-4746. E-mail: clemens@uchicago.edu.

Betty Farrell, Executive Director, Cultural Policy Center, the University of Chicago, 1155 East 60th Street, Suit 285, Chicago, IL 60637. Phone: (773) 256-6320. E-mail: farrell-betty@norc.uchicago.edu.

Anthony Orum, Professor, Department of Sociology, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Behavioral Science Building, 1007 W. Harrison Street, Suit 4146C, Chicago, IL 60607. Phone: (312) 996-3015. E-mail: amorum@uic.edu.

Yang Yang, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 265 Hamilton Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Phone: (919) 966-5558. E-mail: yangy@unc.edu.

Last updated: August 2011