

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- Jan 2012 – Aug 2015 **Ph.D. in Sociology;** University of North Texas, USA  
**Dissertation:** Health-related Quality of Life and Social Engagement among senior residents in Assisted Living Facilities
- Jan 2009 – Sept 2010 **Master of Public Health (Gerontology);** University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran.  
**Thesis:** Health-related Quality of Life and Activity of Daily Living among middle-aged and the elderly blind war survivors
- Sept 1987 – Nov 1994 **Doctorate of Medicine;** Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Shiraz, Iran.  
**Thesis:** Psychiatric aspects of Cushing Syndrome

### Employment

- 2015- Present Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Texas
- 2014 – 2015 Fellowship, University of North Texas
- 2013 – 2014 Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas
- 2012 – 2013 Teaching/Research Assistant, University of North Texas
- 2001 - 2011 Director of Research Division, Medical and Engineering Research Center, Iran
- 1997 - 2001 Researcher, Medical and Engineering Research Center, Iran
- 1994 - 2011 General Practitioner

### Clinical Experience

- 2009 - 2011 Ekhtiarieh Clinic as a General Practitioner, Iran.
- 2005 - 2007 Lorzadeh Clinic as a General Practitioner, Iran.
- 2002 - 2004 Tehran Addiction Treatment Clinic, Iran.
- 1994 - 2004 Private Clinic as a General Practitioner, Iran.

### Awards and Fellowships

- 2014 - 2015 **Thesis and Dissertation Fellowship** **\$29,395**  
HH Shore Scholarship EIAS  
The Alvin C. Dorse Scholarship  
Texas Public Ed Grant International
- 2013 - 2014 Academic Achievement Scholarship  
HH Shore Scholarship EIAS  
Texas Public Ed Grant International
- 2012 – 2013 Academic Achievement Scholarship  
HH Shore Scholarship EIAS  
Texas Public Ed Grant International  
TGS Emergency Scholarship

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor

Year	Course Title	Institute	Course Type
2014	Sociology of Aging	University of North Texas	Online
	Healthcare Delivery System	University of North Texas	Online
2013	Process of Aging	University of North Texas	Online
2010	Physiology of Aging	University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Iran	Face to Face

### Teaching Assistant

Year	Course Title	Institute	Course Type
2014	Community Organization	University of North Texas	Online
	Capstone-Research Methods	University of North Texas	Online
	Global Aging and Individual Aging	University of North Texas	Online
2013	Sociology of Aging	University of North Texas	Online
	Sociology of Aging	University of North Texas	Face to Face
	The Social Context of Aging: Global Perspectives	University of North Texas	Online

### Certificate

#### Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Program (G\*STEP)

I received certificate of G\*STEP at the University of North Texas in 2014. This program purposes to prepare graduate students to teach in higher education. Students are required to attend and pass four live and eight online workshops, and complete four practicums (more information is available at <http://clear.unt.edu/gstep>).

## Publications

### Book/Book Chapter

1. Ingman, S. R., Wolfe, L., **Amini, R.**, Driver, N., Ewing, C., & Huang, C.-L. J. (2015). Societal Benefits and Challenges of Sustainable Buildings and their Ecosystems for Aging Populations. In Y. X. Tao (Ed.), *Analytics for Building-Scale Sustainable Ecosystems*: Begell House.
2. **Amini, R.** (2009). *Health Needs Assessment Methodology in Healthcare Systems*: JMERC.

### Under review/under preparation

1. **Amini, R.**, Ingman, S. R., Swan, J., Turner, K. Health-related Quality of Life and External Social Engagement in Assisted Living Facilities - Under review by Journal of Applied Gerontology.
2. **Amini, R.**, Thomas, P. The impact of social engagement on the level of cognition: a longitudinal study (data retrieved from NHATS 2011-2014) – Under preparation.
3. Swan, J., **Amini, R.** Life Course and Physical Activity of An Aging America - Under preparation.
4. **Amini, R.**, Swan, J., Chee, K.H., Ingman, S. Cognitive Impairment and Hospital Readmission - Under preparation.

## Peer-reviewed Journals

5. **Amini, R.**, Swan, J., Yang, P., Ingman, S. R., Turner, K., & Sahaf, R. (2015). Emergency Room (ER) Referrals and Health Insurance in the United States. *Social Work in Public Health*, 1-14. doi: 10.1080/19371918.2014.992587.
6. **Amini, R.**, & Ingman, S. R. (2014). Health-related quality of life (HRQOL) and health insurance among middle age and old age Americans. *The Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*, 4(2), 48-67.
7. **Amini, R.**, Ingman, S. R., & Sahaf, R. (2013). AGING IN IRAN: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. *The Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*, 4(1), 17-34.
8. **Amini, R.**, Sahaf, R., Kaldi, A. R., Haghani, H., Davatgaran, K., Masoumi, M., . . . Rassafiani, M. (2012). Activities of daily living independence in Iranian blind war survivors: A cross sectional study, 2008. *Geriatr Gerontol Int*. doi: 0.1111/j.1447-0594.2012.00954.x
9. **Amini, R.** (2012). Particular emergency department for seniors. *Emergency Medicine*, 2, e110.
10. **Amini, R.**, Sahaf, R., Haghani, H., Hayatbakhsh, R., Davatgaran, K., & Masoumi, M. (2012). Independency level in elderly blind war survivors: a cross sectional study. *Iranian Journal of Ageing*, 7(24), 69-77.
11. Nejati, V., **Amini, R.**, ZabihZadeh, A., Masoumi, M., Maleki, G., & Shoaie, F. (2011). Mindfulness as effective factor in quality of life of blind veterans. *Iranian Journal of war and Public Health*, 3(3), 1-7.
12. Mousavi, B., Khateri, S., Soroush, M., **Amini, R.**, Masoumi, M., & Montazeri, A. (2011). Comparing Quality of Life Between Survivors of Chemical Warfare Exposure and Conventional Weapons: Results of a National Study from Iran. *J Med CBR Def*, 8, 1-7.
13. **Amini, R.**, Haghani, H., & Masoumi, M. (2010). Quality of life in the Iranian Blind War Survivors in 2007: a cross-sectional study. *International Health and Human Rights*, 10(21), doi:10.1186/1472-1698X-1110-1121.
14. **Amini, R.**, Shojaee, H., Haghani, H., Masoomi, M., & Hosseini Davarani, H. (2010). Physical injuries and quality of life in blind war survivors: a cross sectional study. *Archives of Iranian Medicine*, 13(6), 504-508.
15. **Amini, R.**, Haghani, H., Masoomi, M., & Assari, S. (2010). Activity of daily living and its associated factors in war survivors with no visual acuity. *JRMS*, 15(4), 1-6.
16. Mousavi, B., Khaji, A., Ganjparvar, Z., Karbalaieesmaeili, S., & **Amini, R.** (2010). Prisoners of War and Employment Problems. *Iranian Journal of war and Public Health*, 2(3), 1-7.
17. Moaiedmohseni, S., Ghazanfari, T., Araghizadeh, H., Soroush, M. R., Yaraee, R., Hassan, Z. M., **Amini, R.** . . . Faghihzadeh, S. (2009). Long-term health status 20 years after sulfur mustard exposure. *Toxin Reviews*, 28(1), 3-7. doi: doi:10.1080/15569540802689196
18. Moin, A., Ghazanfari, T., Davoudi, S. M., Emadi, N., Panahi, Y., Hassan, Z. M., . . . **Amini, R.** (2009). Long-term skin findings of sulfur mustard exposure on the civilians of Sardasht, Iran. *Toxin Reviews*, 28(1), 24-29.
19. Nedjati, V., **Amini, R.**, Soroush, M. R., Masumi, M., & Asadi, A. (2009). Evaluation of the prevalence of neuromusculoskeletal dysfunctions in blind veterans in Iran. *Iranian Journal of War and Public Health*, 2, 82-89.
20. Ghazanfari, Z., Ghazanfari, T., Yaraee, R., **Amini, R.**, Ghaderi, S., Pirasteh, A., . . . Faghihzadeh, S. (2009). Aassociation between physical activity and body mass index in the civilian chemical victims of Sardasht 20 years after sulfur mustard exposure. *Iranian Journal of war and Public Health*, 1(2), 1-8.

21. Pirasteh, A., Ghazanfari, T., Hassan, Z. M., Ghazanfari, Z., Soroush, M. R., **Amini, R.**, . . . Faghihzadeh, S. (2009). Stages of change for physical activity in sulfur mustard victims 20 years after exposure. *Toxin Reviews*, 28(1), 54-59.
22. **Amini, R.** (2008). Health Needs Assessment Methodology. *Iranian Journal of War and Public Health*, 1, p 32-44.

### Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

23. **Amini, R.**, Swan, J., Ingman, S., Turner, K. (2015). *The Level of Cognition and Hospital Admission*. Paper presented at the Texas Public Health Association Conference, Austin, Texas, USA.
24. **Amini, R.** (2015), *How Iran Responded to 8 years war-inflicted casualties*. Paper presented at the International Community Sustainability and Professional Exchange Forum, Denton, Texas, USA.
25. **Swan, J., Amini, R., Turner, K.** (2014). *Life Course and Physical Activity*. Paper presented at American Public Health Association Conference, New Orleans, USA.
26. **Amini, R.**, Ingman, S., Swan, J. (2014). *Hospital Admission and Health Insurance*. Paper presented at Texas Public Health Association Conference, Corpus Cristi, USA.
27. **Amini, R.**, Ingman, S. (2013). *Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQOL) and Health Insurance among Americans over 40 years old*. Paper presented at Health Disparities Research Symposium, Birmingham, Alabama, USA.
28. **Amini, R.**, Swan, J., Turner, K. (2013). *Body Mass Index (BMI) by Ethnicity and Immigration status in US residents over 50*. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Conference, San Francisco, USA.
29. **Amini, R.** (2012). *Emergency health care (EHC) delivery system for seniors in the United States*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Occupational Health & Safety Summit, Philadelphia Center City, USA.
30. **Amini, R.**, (2011). *Health-related Quality of Life in the middle aged and old age blind war survivors*. Paper presented at the International Symposium of Global and Cultural Eye on Aging, Istanbul, Turkey.
31. **Amini, R.**, (2010). *An introduction to ageing and health problems*. Paper presented at the Second Congress of common medical problems in Haj, Tehran, Iran.
32. **Amini, R.**, (2009). *Fundamentals of research methodology*. Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> National congress of Geriatrics Medicine in war survivors, Tehran, Iran.
33. **Amini, R.**, Shojaie, H., Haghani, H. (2009). *Physical injuries and QOL in blind war survivors*. Paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> congress of International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey.
34. **Amini, R.**, Shojaie, H. (2009). *Physical injuries and activities of daily living in blind war survivors*. Paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> congress of International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey.
35. Shojaie, H., **Amini, R.**, Haghani, H. (2009). *The efficacy of paddle exercise on spasticity and H-reflex in Spinal Cord Injuries*. Paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> congress of International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey.
36. Shojaie, H., **Amini, R.**, Haghani, H. (2009). *The prevalence of musculoskeletal pain in Iranian blind war survivors*. Paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> congress of International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey.
37. **Amini, R.**, (2006). *Common health problems in blind war survivors*. Paper presented at the Iranian Congress of health service providers, Tehran, Iran.

38. **Amini, R.**, (2006). *Health Information System in Healthcare Networks*. Paper presented at the Annual Orthotics and Prosthetics Congress, Tehran, Iran.

## Review Services

### Proposal

Alternate Reviewer of Health Care Innovation Awards (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovations): 2013

### Journals

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved: 2014 - present  
 American Journal of Public Health: 2014 - present  
 Epidemiology and Community Health: 2013 - present  
 Social Science & Medicine: 2013 - present  
 Iranian Red Crescent Medical Journal: 2013 - 2014  
 Research on Aging: 2012 - present  
 Nursing and Care: 2012 - present  
 Quality of Life Research: 2011 - present  
 Journal of Research on Medical Sciences: 2010 - 2013

### Conferences

American Public Health Association: 2013 - present

## Principal Investigator of Funded Research Projects

Year	Title	Grant	
		Submitted	Awarded
2011	Longitudinal Assessment of Health-related Quality of Life in senior blind war survivors, 2007-2011.	15,000	15,000
2007 - 2008	Health needs assessment in blind war survivors in 2007.	110,000	100,000
2005 - 2006	Health needs assessment in blind war survivors in 2005.	80,000	75,000
2002 - 2004	Design of information system for research projects and data bank making	50,000	50,000
2013	Health-related Quality of Life and Successful Aging in Assisted Living and Independent Living Facilities	75,000	0

## Workshops Attended

Year	Title	Duration
2013	Teaching Methods	4 months
	Engaging lectures	3 Weeks
	Teaching strategies	3 Weeks
	Teaching Large classes	3 Weeks
	Teaching students with various skills	3 Weeks

	Technology to support Teaching and learning	3 Weeks
	Providing constructive feedback to students	3 Weeks
	First day of class	1 day
2012	Grant Proposal Writing course	2 months
2010	Professional Statistics analysis in research	7 days
	EndNote and Search motor engines	2 days
2009	IT for managers	1 day
2008	Article appraisal methods	2 days
2002	Research Methodology	3 days
2001	Total Quality Management	3 days

### **Software Skills**

<b>Software</b>	<b>Level of Experience</b>
SPSS (Statistical package)	Expert
STATA (Statistical package)	Advanced
SAS (Statistical package)	Advanced
Microsoft Access	Expert
Visual Basic	Advanced
EndNote	Expert
Microsoft PowerPoint	Expert
Microsoft Word	Expert
Microsoft Publisher	Expert
Microsoft Excel	Expert

### **Membership**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organization/Association</b>
2015 - Present	American Sociological Association
2014 - Present	Alpha Chi
2013 - Present	Alpha Kappa Delta
2012 - Present	American Public Health Association (APHA)
	Texas Public Health Association (TPHA)
	American Society on Aging
1994 - Present	Membership of Iranian Medical Council

### **Volunteer Activities**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organization/Association/Institute</b>
2013	Volunteer tutor for graduate students at UNT Learning Center
2012	Volunteer tutor at UNT Learning Center
2011 - Present	Food Drive Sorting for Seniors in Denton, Texas
	Future Without Poverty