

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy: Urban Education, Concentration: Adult and Continuing Education, Minor: Sociology (2010), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
Master of Science: Administrative Leadership and Supervision in Education, Minor: Business Management (2003), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
Bachelor of Arts: Sociology-Anthropology, Minor: English (1991). Study at the University of Zagreb, Croatia, 1989. Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude, Ripon College, Ripon, WI.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, (8/12 – present), Department of Educational Leadership – Adult and Continuing Education Program, College of Education, Kansas State University (KSU), Manhattan, KS
Clinical Assistant Professor, (8/10 – 8/12), Department of Administrative Leadership, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), Milwaukee, WI
Assistant Director (7/03 – 8/10), Institute of World Affairs, Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
Outreach Specialist (10/00 – 7/03), Institute of World Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
Co-owner/Trainer (5/98 – 6/00), English and Training Services, Bydgoszcz, Poland
Instructor and Community Developer (6/95 - 5/98), U.S. Peace Corps, Bydgoszcz, Poland
Community Developer (11/93 - 4/95), AmeriCorps (Volunteers in Service to America), Jefferson County, WI
Complaint Analyst (5/91 - 5/93), Fair Housing Council, Appleton, WI

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Yelich Biniecki, S. & Donley, S. (2016). The Righteous Among the Nations of the World: An exploration of free-choice learning. *SAGE Open*, 6(3), 1-11.
DOI: 10.1177/2158244016659319
<http://sgo.sagepub.com/content/6/3/2158244016659319>
Yelich Biniecki, S., & Conceição, S. O. (2016). Using concept maps to engage adult learners in critical analysis. *Adult Learning*, 27(2), 51-59.

- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2015). Adults' perceptions of knowledge construction as participants in nonformal world affairs programs: An interpretive study. *Adult Education Quarterly*, 65(2), 116-132.
- Kang, H. & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2015). Mapping the framing of culture in adult education over the past decade. *Journal of Continuing Higher Education*, 63(2), 86-97.
- Collins, R., Kang, H., **Yelich Biniiecki, S.**, & Favor, J. (2015). Building an Accelerated Online Graduate Program for Military Officers. *Online Learning: Official Journal Of The Online Learning Consortium*, 19(1).
<http://olj.onlinelearningconsortium.org/index.php/jaln/article/view/497/128>
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** & Kang, H. (2014). Examining adult learning through the lens of culture: A U.S. perspective. *Rocznik Andragogiczny 2014 (Annual Review of Andragogy 2014)*, 21, 133-142.
<http://apcz.pl/czasopisma/index.php/RA/article/view/RA.2014.009>
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** & Conceição, S. O. (2014). How living & traveling to foreign locations influence adults' worldviews and impact personal identity. *New Horizons in Adult Education and Human Resource Development*, 26(3), 39-53.
- Kirchner, M., Coryell, L., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2014). Promising practices for engaging student veterans. *Quality Approaches in Higher Education*, 5(1), 12-18.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2011). The Role of Reflection: The Polish Diaspora in the United States and the Viewing of the Film "Katyń." *Edukacja Dorosłych (Adult Education)*, 64(1), 197-207.

REFEREED PROCEEDINGS (AUTHOR)

- Collins, R.A., **Yelich Biniiecki, S.**, & Polson, C. (2016). Social justice education and U.S. military adult learners. In H. Kang & S. Yelich Biniiecki (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 57th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*. Charlotte, NC: AERC.
<http://newprairiepress.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=aerc>
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** & Pogorzelska, M. (2015). Social justice adult education: Comparative perspectives from Poland and the United States. *Adult Education Research Conference*. In J. Zacharakis & R.A. Collins (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 56th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, (pp. 62-67). Manhattan, KS: AERC.
- Conceição, S. O., **Yelich Biniiecki, S.**, & Samuel, A. (2015). Application of concept maps for conducting research in adult education. *Adult Education Research Conference*. In J. Zacharakis & R.A. Collins (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 56th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, (pp. 138-143). Manhattan, KS: AERC.
- Conceição, S. O., **Yelich Biniiecki, S.**, & Samuel, A. (2014). Application of concept maps for conducting research. In P.R.M. Correia, M.E.I. Malachias, A.J. Cañas, & J.D. Novak (Eds.). *Concept Mapping to Learn and Innovate: Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Concept Mapping Volume One, Part One*, (pp. 63-70). Santos, Brazil: Universidad de São Paulo, Escola de Artes, Ciências e Humanidades.

- Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Conceição, S. O.** (2014). Engaging learners in critical analysis through concept maps: From theory to practice. In R. Redmond & A. Greenwalt (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 55th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, (pp. 609-614). Harrisburg, PA: AERC.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2013). Study abroad and adult education: Broadening the discourse and exploring a just framework. In E.P. Isaac-Savage (Ed.) *Adult Education Research Conference Proceedings: Changing the Landscape of Lifelong Learning: Charting New Territories and Re-defining Education for Adults*, (pp. 322-327). St. Louis, MO: AERC.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2010). World affairs outreach education: One piece of the knowledge construction process. In M. Boucouvalas (Ed.). *Proceedings for the Commission on International Adult Education*, (pp. 15-25). Clearwater, FL: Commission on International Adult Education.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2010). How learners perceive they construct knowledge as participants in outreach programs. In M.Glowacki-Dudka (Ed.). *Proceedings from the 29th Annual Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference in Adult, Continuing, Community, and Extension Education*, (pp. 45-50). East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2008). Adult education and globalization: An analysis of worldviews. In M. Boucouvalas (Ed.). *Proceedings for the Commission on International Adult Education*, (pp. 230-244). Denver, CO: Commission on International Adult Education.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Conceição, S. O.** (2008). World affairs education: Past experience, culture, and meaning making. In S. Lundry & E.P. Isaac (Eds.). *Adult Education Research Conference Proceedings: Gateway to the Future of Learning* (pp. 43-48). St. Louis, MO: AERC.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Conceição, S. O.** (2007). Cultural self-identity and world affairs education: Contextual building blocks for sustainable communities in an interconnected world. In R. Young (Ed). *Proceedings of the Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference in Adult, Continuing, Community, and Extension Education*, (pp. 194-199), Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2007). Cultural training nuances and approaches for fostering cultural expertise. In M. Boucouvalas (Ed). *Proceedings for the Commission on International Adult Education*, (pp. 8-16). Norfolk, VA: Commission on International Adult Education.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (EDITOR)

- Kang, H. & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2016). (Eds.) *Adult Education Research Conference Proceedings 2016*. Charlotte, NC: AERC.

BOOK

- Schmidt, S., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2016). *Organization and Administration of Adult Education Programs: A Guide for Practitioners*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Pogorzelska, M. & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2016). How the issue of unemployment and the unemployed is treated in adult education literature within Polish and U.S. contexts. In N. Popov, C. Wolhuter, J. Kalin, G. Hilton, J. Ogunleye, & E. Niemczyk (Eds.). *Education Provision to Everyone: Comparing Perspectives from Around the World*. (pp. 84-90). 14(1). Bulgarian Comparative Education Society.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (in press). *World affairs nonformal programs: Engaging ethnic communities through program planning approaches*. University of Opole, Poland.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Conceição, S. O. & **Yelich Biniiecki S.** (2006). [Review of the book: *Lifelong learning in the South: Critical issues and opportunities for adult education*]. *New Horizons in Adult Education and Human Resource Development*, 20(2), 57-59.

REFEREED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Carpenter, C., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (accepted). Human performance optimization during conditions of uncertainty: Women as mandatory equipment in mixed gender teams. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 2016.
- Williams, S., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (accepted). Building resilience for adult educators and learners. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 2016.
- Pogorzelska, M., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2016). *How the Issue of Unemployment and the Unemployed Is Treated in Adult Education Literature within Polish and U.S. Contexts*. Annual International Conference of the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society. Sofia, Bulgaria. June 2016.
- Thurston, L.P., **Yelich Biniiecki, S.**, Warren-Grice, A., Lechtenberg, M., Teagarden, J., Mercer, D., & Rankin, C. (2016, April). *Social justice education: A journey in capacity building*. Culturally Responsive Evaluation and Assessment (CREA). Chicago. April 21, 2016.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2016). *International Continuing Professional Education: Exploring Self-Directed Learning of Culture and Implications for Program Planning*. Poster presentation. 30th International Self-Directed Learning Symposium. Cocoa Beach, FL. February 10 – 13, 2016.
- Bartel, D., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2015). *Photo-ethnography: Revolutions in research and adult education*. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, November 17 - 20, 2015.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.**, & Kang, H. (2015). *Utilizing sociocultural approaches to facilitate adult learning*. Roundtable discussion. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, November 17 - 20, 2015.
- Yelich Biniiecki S.** (2015). *Integrating reciprocity into internationalization: Continued challenges and opportunities in higher education*. 5th International Conference on Critical Education: Analyze, Educate, Organize – Critical Education for Social and Economic Justice (Book of Abstracts pp. 216 – 218). Wrocław, Poland. June

15-18, 2015.

- Yelich Biniiecki S., & Collins, R.A.** (2014). *Gauging knowledge construction of content: Three formal, adult education contexts*. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Charleston, SC, November 4-7, 2014.
- Kang, H., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2014). (Poster Presentation) *Culture as process: Implications for adult learning*. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Charleston, SC, November 4-7, 2014.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2013). *Exploring cross-cultural knowledge construction through concept mapping: An exploratory, mixed methods study of the experiences of Ecuadorian educators in the U.S.* International/Intercultural Special Interest Group, Commission of Professors of Adult Education, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Lexington, KY, November 10, 2013.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Collins, R.A.** (2013). *Learner resistance to cultural issues: Facilitation strategies and techniques*. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Lexington, KY, November 9, 2013.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Conceição, S.O.** (2012). *Transnational identity development: Building blocks of experiences in foreign locations*. Commission of the Professors of Adult Education, International Special Interest Group, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV, November 9, 2012.
- Kirchner, M. & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2012). *Promising practices for engaging student veterans: Lessons from the frontlines of an urban university*. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV, November 8, 2012.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2011). *Internationalizing adult education curricula: Practical strategies for the undergraduate and graduate levels*, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Indianapolis, IN, November 4, 2011.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2010). *Outreach education: A dynamic learning process*. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL, October 27, 2010
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2010). *How learners perceive they construct knowledge as participants in outreach programs*. 29th Annual Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference in Adult, Continuing, Community, and Extension Education. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, September 27, 2010.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Conceição, S. O.** (2008). *World affairs education: Past experience, culture, and meaning making*. Adult Education Research Conference, St. Louis, MO, June 5, 2008.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Conceição, S. O.** (2007). *Cultural self-identity and world affairs education: Contextual building blocks for sustainable communities in an interconnected world*. Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference, Muncie, IN, September 27, 2007.
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2007). *Cultural training and the movement towards fostering a contextual model of cultural expertise*. American Association for Adult and

Continuing Education Conference, Norfolk, VA, October 31, 2007.

Yelich Biniiecki, S. & Conceição, S. O. (2006). *Adult learners and world affairs: Perceptions of learning experiences and implications for practice*. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Milwaukee, WI. November 2006.

Yelich Biniiecki, S. (2006). *World affairs study circles and discussion groups: Past, present, and implications for future practice*. Paper presentation at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Education Annual Research Conference. March 16, 2006.

INVITED RESPONDENT AND PANELIST

Yelich Biniiecki, S. (2013). Commission of Professors of Adult Education *Opening Session: It's the Journey, Not the Destination: Career Issues and Insights for Professors of Adult Education*. Presenter: Roger Baldwin, Professor of Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education, Michigan State University. Additional Respondents: Steven Schmidt and Edward Taylor. American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Lexington, KY. November 7, 2013.

SELECT PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND INTERVIEWS

Perspectives on Critical Pedagogy, Presentation for Kansas State University "Not just a Year of Social Justice Education", September 30, 2015.

Podcast: *Adult Learning in World Affairs Programs*

<http://aeq.sagepub.com/content/65/2/116/suppl/DC1>

Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award Ceremony (U.S. Military Officers awarded the Stars of Iraq and Afghanistan issued by the President of the Republic of Poland), Master of Ceremonies. November 13, 2011.

A Retrospect: 50 years of World Affairs, 30-minute radio interview on Milwaukee Public Radio, WUWM 89.7. February 2010

Intercultural Communication: Entrepreneurship in a Globalized World. Presentation for the Entrepreneurship in a Globalized World Conference at Northwestern University. Sponsored by Americans for Informed Democracy. November 13, 2005.

European Union Enlargement. Served as moderator for session at the annual Wisconsin Trade Conference. May 17, 2005.

JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

Adult Education Quarterly, Consulting Editor, 2016 - present

Rocznik Andragogiczny, (Annual Review of Andragogy), Member and Reviewer, 2015 – present

Edukacja Dorosłych (Adult Education), Member and Reviewer, 2013 – present.

Adult Learning, Member and Reviewer, 2014 – present

GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

Pogorzelska, M. & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2016-2017). Faculty Exchange between Kansas State University, U.S. and the University of Opole, Poland. European Union ERASMUS Plus.

- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2015). P.I. for Adult Education Research Conference Funds (U.S. based international research community). \$10,460
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2015). International Adult Education Learning Object Development, KSU Global Campus. \$16,655
- Thurston, L., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2014). Social Justice Education Graduate Certificate Course Development, Online development of the two core courses in a Social Justice Education Graduate Certificate. KSU Global Campus. \$16,500
- Kaff, M., & **Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2013). *Social Justice Across the Curriculum: A Polish Perspective*, KSU International Incentive Grant. \$2000
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2013). *A Phenomenological Study of Ecuadorian Educators' Lived Experiences as Participants in a Study Abroad Cohort*. University Small Research Grant, KSU. \$1200
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2012). *Exploring knowledge construction of a host culture through Concept mapping: An exploratory mixed methods study of Ecuadorian educators in the United States*. University Small Research Grant, KSU. \$1000
- Yelich Biniiecki, S.** (2000 – 2010) Secured funding from organizations to support world affairs outreach education, including the United Nations Foundation, Korea Economic Institute, World Affairs Councils of America, and others.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) COURSE INSTRUCTION

- Adult and Continuing Education 818 Social Foundations of Adult Education, on-line and face-to-face at Olathe and Fort Leavenworth. 3 credit graduate.
- Adult and Continuing Education 820 Principles of Teaching Adults, on-line. 3 credit graduate.
- Adult and Continuing Education 830 Program Planning in Adult Education, on-line and face-to-face at Olathe. 3 credit graduate.
- Adult and Continuing Education 880 Significant Literature in Adult Education, face-to-face at Olathe. 3 credit graduate.
- Adult and Continuing Education 886 Leading Adults in a Diverse and Globalized World, on-line and face-to-face at Olathe. 3 credit graduate.
- Practicum Advisor. Documentation of Social Justice Education through Photo-Ethnography. 3 credit graduate
- DED 820 (interdisciplinary): Foundations of Social Justice Education: Research, Theory, and Practice, on-line. 3 credit graduate.

UNIVERSITY (UWM) COURSE INSTRUCTION

- Independent Study Advisor. Continuing Professional Education for Adult Literacy Programs in Ghana. 3 credit graduate.
- Administrative Leadership 517 Introduction to Adult Education Practice, hybrid. 3 credit undergraduate/graduate.
- Administrative Leadership 557 Principles and Foundations of Adult Education, on-line. 3 credit graduate.
- Administrative Leadership 667 Program Planning in Adult Education, on-line and face-to-face sections. 3 credit undergraduate/graduate.
- Administrative Leadership 747 Strategic Planning and Budgeting in Adult Education, Hybrid. 3 credit graduate.

Administrative Leadership 787 Administration of Adult Education Programs, face-to-face and on-line. 3 credit graduate.

Administrative Leadership/Curriculum and Instruction 801 Urban Education Doctoral Seminar. 3 credit graduate.

Administrative Leadership 827 Seminar in Adult and Organizational Learning, hybrid. 3 credit graduate.

Administrative Leadership 867 Seminar in Continuing Education in the Professions, hybrid. 3 credit graduate.

Administrative Leadership 893 Seminar in International Adult Education, on-line. 3 credit graduate.

Global Studies 190, 290, 390, and 490. Think Tank Learning Community, on-line, hybrid, and face-to-face. Undergraduate.

Independent Study Advisor. (Fall 2006). Focus of studies: U.N. Millennium Development Goals. Undergraduate

Independent Study Advisor. Focus of studies: Belarus. Undergraduate

Political Science 185, Great Decisions in U.S. Foreign Policy. Undergraduate.

SELECT UNIVERSITY (KSU) COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

- College of Education Academic Affairs Committee, 2012- present
- Qualitative Research Graduate Certificate Steering Group, 2015
- Co-Coordinator, Social Justice Education Graduate Certificate, 2014 – present
- Affiliated Faculty Member, Women’s Studies Program, 2014 – present
- Co-leader, Faculty Delegation to Poland for Study Abroad Development, 2014

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Formal Kansas State University Liaison to Adult Education Research Conference
- Co-Chair, International/Intercultural Special Interest Group, Commission of Professors of Adult Education, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Comparative and International Education Society, 2014 - present
- International Society of Comparative Adult Education, 2011 - present
- Commission of Professors of Adult Education, 2010 - present
- Commission of International Adult Education, 2007 - present
- American Association of Adult and Continuing Education, 2004 – present
- Board of Directors, Milwaukee World Trade Association, 2008-2010; Education Committee, 2002-2010

AWARDS & HONORS

- Early Career Award Recipient, Commission of Professors of Adult Education, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, 2015
- Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award for Community Activism, State of Wisconsin, Polish American Congress, 2013
- Recognition of Distinguished Service, Consulate General of the Republic of

Poland, 2013

- Milwaukee County Resolution Recognizing Civic Achievement, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Milwaukee County, WI, 2013
- City of Milwaukee Resolution Recognizing Civic Achievement, City of Milwaukee Common Council, Milwaukee, WI, 2013
- Recognition of Outstanding Service and Dedication to Lifelong Global Education, Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2010
- European Union Visitors Programme, U.S. Delegate (one of sixteen U.S. participants chosen annually), Brussels, Belgium, 2009
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Academic Staff Outstanding Performance Award, 2006
- Senator John Plewa Memorial Achievement Award, 2004
- Russell D. Robinson Scholarship Recipient, 2002
- Pi Lambda Theta, International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education, 2002
- Official Letter of Appreciation from District of Bydgoszcz, Poland (Wojewoda Bydgoski), 1998
- Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service, U.S. Peace Corps, 1998
- Certificate of Recognition of Service, AmeriCorps, 1995
- Distinguished Honor Scholar, 1991
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 1991
- Achievement Award in Sociology-Anthropology, 1991

LANGUAGES

- English
- Polish