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Curriculum Vitae

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York
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EDUCATION

City University of New York, Graduate Center

- 2016 Ph.D. in Environmental Psychology
- 2014 M.Phil. in Environmental Psychology, with Distinction
- 2013 M.A. in Psychology

University of California, Los Angeles

- 2007 B.A. in Psychology, Cum Laude

POSITIONS

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York

- 2018 – Associate Executive Director for Research
- 2017 – 2018 Senior Associate for Community Based Research

City University of New York

- 2016 – 2017 Research Associate, Institute for State and Local Governance
- 2016 Selim Iltus Quantitative Fellow, Department of Psychology, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2011 – 2016 Project Director, Children's Environment Research Group, CUNY Graduate Center

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- 2017 Kimiagar, B. & Ataman, A. Strategies for discussing and managing power dynamics in intergenerational groups. *Learning for Well-being Magazine*, 3.

- 2016 Kimiagar, B. & Hart, R. Children's free association and the collective exercise of children's rights. In M. Ruck, M. Peterson-Badali, & M. Freeman (Eds.), *Handbook of Children's Rights: Global and Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. New York: Taylor and Francis.
- 2014 Hart, R., Fisher, S., Kimiagar, B. Beyond projects: Involving children in community governance as a fundamental strategy for facing climate change. In *The Challenges of Climate Change: Children on the front line*. Florence: UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.
- 2014 Kimiagar, B. Young people and ecology. In J. Gieseeking, W. Mangold, C. Katz, S. Low, & S. Saegert (Eds.) *People, Place and Space: A Reader*. New York: Routledge.

Policy Reports

- 2021 Halkitis, S. & Kimiagar, B. Child and Family Well-being in New York State. Ranking Risks Across 62 Counties. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2020 Halkitis, S., Drobnjak, M. Hornick-Becker, D., Kimiagar, B. (2020) New York City's Child Care Affordability Crisis. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2020 Kimiagar, B., Mullan, J., Drobnjak, M., Halkitis, S. Child and Family Well-being in New York City: Ranking Risks and Resources Across 59 Community Districts. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2019 Kimiagar, B., Mullan, J., Drobnjak, M., Halkitis, S. Elmhurst/Corona, Queens: Community Driven Solutions to Improve Child and Family Well-being. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2018 Kimiagar, B., Mullan, J., Drobnjak, M., Halkitis, S. Community Risk Ranking: Measuring Child Well-Being In New York City's 59 Community. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2018 Mehrotra, A., Kimiagar, B., Drobnjak, M., Halkitis, S. The North Shore of Staten Island: Community Driven Solutions to Improve Child and Family Well-being. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2018 Mehrotra, A., Kimiagar, B., Drobnjak, M. Celebrating Strengths, Addressing Needs: Community Driven Solutions to Improve Well-being in Northern Manhattan. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2017 Mehrotra, A., Kimiagar, B., Jokakar, H. Keeping track of Family Homelessness in New York City. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2016 Hart, R., Kimiagar, B., Ataman, A. Placing Children's Voices at the Heart of Organisations That Serve Them: Lessons from governance with children who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. Thematic report commissioned by the End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT) Secretariat, Bangkok, Thailand.

- 2016 Members of the Working Group on Youth-Inclusive Governance Indicators. Critical agents of change' in the 2030 Agenda: Youth-inclusive governance indicators for national-level monitoring. Members of the Working Group on Youth-Inclusive Governance Indicators included Plan International, Restless Development, UNDP, Children's Environments Research Group at CUNY, Centre for Children's Rights at Queen's University Belfast.
- 2015 Ruck, M. & Kimiagar, B. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Protecting and Promoting Children's Rights Around the World. Society for Research on Child Development.
- 2012 Kimiagar, B., & Pahlich, B. Green policy scan: A global literature review of contributions to the on-going debate on green issues and children's rights. Report produced in collaboration with SOS Children's Villages Germany and the SOS Children's Villages International Core Policy Group.

Book Reviews

- 2020 Kimiagar, B. Review of the book "Building Kids' Citizenship through Community Engagement" by B. Coulter. *Children, Youth and Environments*, 30(1), 135-138.

Tool Kits

- 2015 Wridt, P. Atmakur-Javdekar, S., Kimiagar, B. Hart, R. Young Citizens' Score Cards. Children's Environments Research Group & Plan International.
- 2012 Kimiagar, B., Osler, B., Wridt, P., O'Kane, C., Hart, R., The Article 15 Resource Kit: Tools for critical self-reflection of children's self-organized groups. Children's Environments Research Group, Save the Children International, UNICEF & World Vision International

In Preparation & Review

Kimiagar, B. & March, J. (Invited book chapter, in review). Elevating the Voices of Children and Their Caregivers in New York City: Policy Research and Advocacy Through Family-centered, Community-based Assessments. In F. Ridzi, C. Stevens & N. Watson (Eds.) *Community Quality-of-Life Indicators: Best Cases IX*.

Halkitis, S., Kimiagar, B., Mullan, J., Drobnjak, M. (Policy report in preparation) Child and Family Well-being in New York City: Ranking Community Risks in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.

RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 New York Community Trust. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2018 Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2018 New York Presbyterian Hospital. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.

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- 2017 Staten Island Foundation. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2017 New York Presbyterian Hospital. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.
- 2016 Bernard van Leer Foundation. Selim Iltus Quantitative Fellowship.
- 2015 City University of New York. Dean K. Harrison Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 2014 Spencer Foundation. City University of New York.
- 2009 City University of New York. Chancellor's Fellowship. Awarded annually for five years.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York

- 2020 – Principal Investigator, *Voicing Our Future: A Participatory Survey with Youth in New York City to Shape Priorities for the Next Mayoral Administration and City Council*. October 2020 to present. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. Funded in part by New York Community Trust. Co-Principal Investigators: Jack Mullan & Laura Jankstrom.
- 2020 – Co-Principal Investigator, *Supporting Preventive Service Providers in New York City*. September 2020 to present. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York in partnership with the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies. Co-Principal Investigators: Jennifer March & Raysa Rodriguez.
- 2020 – Consultant (Participatory Research Design Expert), *Developing a Toolkit to Assess Community Needs and Assets Using Participatory Methods*. August 2020 to present. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. Commissioned by Redlich Horowitz Foundation.
- 2018 – Co-Principal Investigator, *Annual Monitoring of the Early Care and Education Landscape in New York City*. October 2018 to present. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. Funded in part by New York Community Trust. Co-Principal Investigators: Jennifer March and Marija Drobnjak.
- 2018 – 2019 Principal Investigator, *Assessing Community-based Needs and Assets in Elmhurst Corona Queens*. October 2018 to December 2019. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. Funded in part New York Presbyterian Hospital and Stavros Niarchos Foundation.
- 2018 - 2019 Principal Investigator, *Using SMS-based Surveys to Assess Community-based Needs and Assets*. October 2018 to December 2019. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.

York. Funded in part New York Presbyterian Hospital and Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

- 2017 – 2018 Director of Community-Based Research, *Assessing Community-based Needs and Assets in Northern Shore of Staten Island*. September 2017 to September 2018. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. In partnership with the Staten Island Alliance for North Shore Children and North Shore. Funded in part by Staten Island Foundation. Principal Investigators: Jennifer March & Apurva Mehrotra.
- 2017 – 2018 Director of Community-Based Research, *Assessing Community-based Needs and Assets in Northern Manhattan*. July 2017 to May 2018. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. Funded in part New York Presbyterian Hospital. Co-Principal Investigators: Jennifer March & Apurva Mehrotra.
- 2017 Consultant (Qualitative Research Design Expert), *Bronx Planning Institute, Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative*. April 2017 to December 2017. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York in partnership with lead agency, Children's Aid Society.

City University of New York, Graduate Center

- 2016 – 2017 Research Associate, *Equality Indicators Project: Measuring progress toward equality in New York City*. August 2016 to March 2017. Principal Investigators: Michael Jacobson & Victoria Lawson.
- 2016 Quantitative Fellow, *Exploring the relationship between the physical environment of homes and neighborhoods and children's well-being*. January 2016 to August 2016. In partnership with the Bernard van Leer Foundation and in memory of Dr. Selim Iltus. Principal Investigators: Brett Stoudt & Roger Hart.
- 2015 – 2016 Principal Investigator, *Strengthening children's associations in the West Africa Region of the World Vision Partnership*. September 2015 to August 2016. In partnership with World Vision International and country offices in Ghana and Senegal.
- 2015 – 2016 Working Group Member (Quantitative and Youth-focused Governance Expert), *Working Group on Youth-Focused Indicators for Goal 16 Governance Targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*. May 2015 to January 2016. In partnership with United Nations Development Programme and Plan International.
- 2015 – 2016 Co-Principal Investigator, *Community Scorecard Approach Development for the Because I Am A Girl (BLAAG) Urban Programme*. February 2015 to August 2016. In partnership with Plan International and country offices in Benin, Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Togo, Uganda, and India. Co-Principal Investigators: Pamela Wridt, Roger Hart, Sruthi Atmakur-Javdekar.
- 2014 – 2015 Co-Principal Investigator, *Participation of Young People in the Organizational Governance ECPAT International and ECPAT International Child and Youth Advisory Council Assessment*. July 2014 to September 2015. Commissioned by ECPAT International. Co-Principal Investigators: Roger Hart & Aysenur Ataman.

- 2014 – 2015 Co-Principal Investigator, *Analysis of the Organizational Structures and Processes of New Kinds of Rights-Based Children's Groups and Implications for Citizenship and Civic Learning*. July 2014 to June 2015. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. Funded by the Spencer Foundation, New Civics Initiative. Co-Principal Investigator: Roger Hart.
- 2013 Co-Principal Investigator, *Promoting Active Citizenship and Civic Participation Through Children and Youth's Organizations in Egypt*. March to April 2013. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. In partnership with Plan Egypt. Principal Investigator: Roger Hart.
- 2012 Co-Principal Investigator, *Reflecting on the Contributions of Children's Groups to Child Well-being*. July to October 2012. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. In partnership with World Vision International country offices in Ghana and Sierra Leone. Principal Investigator: Roger Hart.
- 2012 Co-Principal Investigator, *Recycling Behaviors of the City University of New York Graduate Center Community: A Ten-Year Follow Up Assessment*. February 2012 to June 2012. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. Co-Principal Investigators: Sruthi Atmakur, Bryce Dubois, Scott Fisher, Hannah Jaicks, Jennifer Pipitone, David Chapin.
- 2012 Consultant (Environment and Children's Rights Expert) *Literature Review & Internal Policy Development*. May 2012 to October 2012. Commissioned by SOS Children's Villages International and the Hermann Gmeiner Fund, Germany.
- 2011 – 2012 Research Associate, *The Article 15 Project, A global partnership supporting children's right and capacity to self-organize*. April 2011 to April 2012. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. In partnership with Save the Children Norway, UNICEF, and World Vision International and country offices in Colombia and Nepal. Principal Investigator: Roger Hart.
- 2010 – 2012 Research Associate, *Education in Emergencies, A participatory assessment toolkit for UNICEF Transitional Learning Spaces*. April 2010 to May 2012. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. In partnership with UNICEF and Finn Church Aid in Haiti. Principal Investigator: Roger Hart.
- 2010 – 2011 Research Director, *The Food Justice Project, A participatory action research project with young people on food and health issues in a low-income neighborhood in New York City*. February 2010 to May 2011. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. Co-Principal Investigators: Michelle Fine & Maria Elena Torre.
- 2010 Research Associate, *Childhood Revisited: Longitudinal Research on the Changing Nature of Childhood Play (A Case Study in Vermont)*. February 2010 to June 2010. City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Psychology. Principal Investigator: Roger Hart.

University of California, Los Angeles

2006 – 2009 Research Associate, *Peer Norms Project, Peer influence, bullying, and resiliency*. May 2006 to May 2009. University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Psychology.
Principal Investigator: Jaana Juvonen.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers & Posters

- 2020 Kimiagar, B. & Halkitis, S. Digital data tools for keeping track of child and family well-being in New York City. Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT: All Data Are Local. Virtual conference.
- 2020 Kimiagar, B. The most important voices are those least likely to be heard. Paper presentation at the Community Indicators Consortium Impact Summit. Virtual conference.
- 2020 Kimiagar, B. A simple digital mapping tool for data-driven policy research and advocacy. Pecha Kucha presentation at the Community Indicators Consortium Impact Summit. Virtual conference.
- 2019 Mullan, J. & Kimiagar, B. Using Cell Phones to Survey Youth and Families: Lessons from Citizens' Committee for Children. Paper presentation at the Community Indicators Consortium Impact Summit. Denver, CO.
- 2019 Drobnjak, M. & Kimiagar, B. Transportation and Community Needs in Staten Island, NYC. Esri User Conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2016 Kimiagar, B. Sharing power: Lessons from Children's Associations in the Majority World. Paper presentation at the Global Summit on Childhood, Association for Childhood Education International. San Jose, Costa Rica.
- 2015 Kimiagar, B., Fisher, S., Hart, R. Involving Children in Community Governance as a Fundamental Strategy for Facing Climate Change. Paper presentation at the Climate Change in Context Conference. City University of New York, New York, NY
- 2014 Kimiagar, B. Democratic and Participatory Children's Associations Are Critical to the Mission of the United Nations. Paper presentation at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. New York, New York.
- 2014 Kimiagar, B., Fisher, S., Hart, R. Rethinking Children's Participation in Sustainable Development. Paper presentation at the North American Association for Environmental Education. Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2013 McCallen, L., Johnson, H., Kimiagar, B. School-Based Promotion of Child Well-Being: Intersections of Teacher Health, Self-Efficacy, And Classroom Context. Poster presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference. Seattle, WA.

- 2012 Kimiagar, B., Fisher, S., DuBois, B. and Jaicks, H. Putting the Public Back in Public Environmental Engagement. Poster presentation at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 2010 Kimiagar, B., Tang, J., Fox, M. Nothing About Us Without Us: Children and Youth as Current and Future Stakeholders. Pace University, New York, New York.
- 2010 Kimiagar, B. (September 2010) The Food Justice Project: Youth Transforming Foodways through Community Participation. Poster presentation at the North American Association for Environmental Education. Buffalo, New York.
- 2008 Kimiagar, B., Spatzier, A., Galvan, A. and Juvonen, J. Does the need to fit-in promote mean behaviors in adolescence? Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association Conference. Irvine, California.
- 2008 Spatzier, A., Galvan, A., Kimiagar, B., and Juvonen, J. What becomes cool? Differences in peer group norms across transition to middle school. Poster presentation at the Society of Research on Adolescence Conference. Chicago, Illinois.

Conference Panels & Workshops

- 2016 Tools for Strengthening Child and Adult Organizations to Become More Inclusive, Transparent and Fair. Children as Actors for Transforming Society, Initiatives of Change, Caux, Switzerland, July 26th - August 1st, 2016.
- 2016 Advancing the Agenda of Children: Facing Urban Inequities. Equity for Children and Center for New York City Affairs, The New School, New York, New York, April 29th, 2016.
- 2014 Tools for Strengthening Child and Adult Organizations to Become More Inclusive, Transparent and Fair. Children as Actors for Transforming Society, Initiatives of Change, Caux, Switzerland, July 27th - August 2nd, 2014.
- 2011 Fostering Student-based Media: A Look at the Opencuny.org Academic Medium. John Jay College for Criminal Justice, New York, New York, December 2nd, 2011.
- 2010 From First Doc to First Job: Building Bridges to a Successful Career. All-Psychology Research Day, New York, New York, April 16th, 2010.
- 2008 Owning Our Learning Institutions: Discussion on Student-Led Courses. California Student Sustainability Coalition Conference, San Francisco, California, October 25th, 2008.
- 2008 Take the Green Challenge: Transforming your Ecological Footprint. Women's Leadership Conference, West Hollywood, California, March 21st, 2008.

INVITED TALKS

Institutional & Departmental

- 2020 Community Indicators Consortium. Virtual. April 10th, 2020.
- 2020 NGO Committee on the Rights of the Child, 58th Session of the Commission for Social Development, United Nations, New York, New York, February 18th, 2020.
- 2019 Pediatric Department at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, November 12th, 2019
- 2019 Pediatric Department at Staten Island University Hospital, October 17th, 2019
- 2018 Psychology Colloquium, Psychology Department, College of Staten Island, City University of New York, October 29th, 2018.
- 2018 Critical Social/Personality and Environmental Psychology Speaker Series, Psychology Department, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, October 3rd, 2018.
- 2018 Environmental Psychology Colloquium, Psychology Department, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, May 22nd, 2018.
- 2016 Psychology Colloquium, Psychology Department, College of Staten Island, City University of New York, March 10th, 2016.
- 2015 Toward a World at School: Forum on Global Education, Roosevelt House, New York, New York, May 4th, 2015.
- 2014 NGO Committee on the Rights of the Child, United Nations, New York, October 9th, 2014
- 2014 NGO Committee on the Rights of the Child, 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development, United Nations, New York, New York, February 13th, 2014.
- 2012 International Conference on Child Participation and Building Citizenship, University of Barcelona, Spain, November 8th, 2012.

Guest Lectures

- 2020 Child Poverty in New York City. Prof. Alberto Minujin, Milano School of International Affairs, The New School, New York, January 28th, 2020.
- 2018 Qualitative Research Design. Prof. Diahann Billings-Burford and Prof. Silvia Martins. School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, February 13th, 2018.
- 2018 Children, Rights, Poverty, Equality. Prof. Alberto Minujin, Milano School of International Affairs, The New School, New York, January 31st, 2018.

- 2016 Childhood and Youth Studies: Approaches and Methods, Masters in Liberal Studies Track in Childhood and Youth Studies. Prof. Colette Daiute, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, April 7th, 2016.
- 2015 Applied Research with Children and Youth, The “Friend Role” and Participatory Research with Children. Prof. Leigh Shebanie McCallen, Brooklyn College, City University of New York, June 4th, 2015.
- 2012 Action Research and Urban Agriculture, Prof. Kristin Reynolds, New School for Social Research, New York, March 7, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brooklyn College, City University of New York

- 2014 – 2016 Instructor, Children & Youth Studies Program, Department of Sociology
Courses: Perspectives on Childhood; Children of New York; Children in Crisis

Plan International

- 2015 – 2016 Instructor, Plan International Academy
Course: Young Citizens’ Score Cards

School of Law, City University of New York

- 2013 – 2014 Writing Fellow, Legal Writing Center

Hunter College, City University of New York

- 2010 – 2013 Instructor, Department of Psychology, August 2010 to June 2013
Course: Human Development Across the Lifespan

University of California, Los Angeles

- 2005 – 2007 Undergraduate Instructor, Institute for Environment & Sustainability
Course: Education for Sustainable Living

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2015 Research Travel Award, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2014 Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2013 William B. Stapp Award, North American Association for Environmental Education

- 2011 Environmental Watchdogs Award, Professional Staff Congress, City University of New York
- 2010 Graduate Student Award, North American Association for Environmental Education
- 2010 Graduate Student Award, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2008 Student Scholarship, Western Psychological Foundation
- 2007 Undergraduate Research Award, Psychological Research Opportunity Program, University of California, Los Angeles

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

University & Professional Governance

- 2013 – 2016 Academic Appeals Committee, City University of New York
- 2011 – 2012 Executive Committee, Society for Environmental, Population and Conservation Psychology
- 2011 – 2012 Student Committee (Chair), Society for Environmental, Population and Conservation Psychology
- 2010 – 2011 Doctoral Students’ Council, City University of New York
- 2009 – 2013 Admissions Committee, Environmental Psychology Program, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2009 – 2011 Executive Committee, Psychology Student Leadership Council, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Conference Leadership

- 2010 – 2011 Conference Organizer, Psychology Pedagogy Committee, City University of New York
- 2009 – 2014 Conference Organizer, Nature, Ecology & Society Colloquium, City University of New York

Academic Advising & Research Mentoring

- 2019 – 2020 Joanna Green, Data Intern, Citizens’ Committee for Children
- 2016 Jasmine Paez, Research Assistant, City University of New York

- 2014 – 2015 Miriam Jalani, Research Assistant, City University of New York
- 2014 – 2015 Aber Kawas, Research Assistant, City University of New York
- 2012 – 2014 Daisy Freire, Research Assistant, City University of New York
- 2012 – 2013 Yanelza Collado, Research Assistant, City University of New York
- 2012 Kanwal Pervaz, Research Assistant, City University of New York

Editorial Duties

- 2020 – Reviewer, *Developmental Psychology*
- 2016 – Reviewer, *Journal of Community Practice*
- 2016 – Reviewer, *Children, Youth & Environments*
- 2015 – Reviewer, *Environmental Education Research*

Affiliations

- 2018 – Community Indicators Consortium
- 2018 – Association of Public Data Users
- 2017 – International Society for Child Indicators
- 2014 – 2016 Society for the History of Children and Youth
- 2009 – 2016 Society for Environmental, Population and Conservation Psychology
- 2009 – 2016 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2010 – 2013 North American Association for Environmental Education
- 2005 – 2009 American Psychological Association