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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Syracuse University
Child and Family Studies 2016

M.S. Syracuse University
Applied Statistics 2014

M.S. Syracuse University
Child and Family Studies 2013

B.A. Sakarya University
Sociology 2004

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor 2018 -
Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Auburn University

Postdoctoral Fellow 2016-2018
Show Me Healthy Relationship Project
Department of Human Development and Family Science
University of Missouri Columbia

Instructor 2015
Department of Human Development
State University of New York Oswego

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Roopnarine, J. L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2019). *Fathering in Cultural Contexts: Developmental and Clinical Issues*. New York, NY: Routledge Press.

Refereed Journal Articles (*indicates student co-author)

Dede Yildirim, E. & Roopnarine, J. L. (in press). Maternal and paternal cognitive engagement and children's literacy skills in 25 African countries. *Journal of Black Psychology*.

Dede Yildirim, E. & Roopnarine, J. L. (2019). Positive discipline, harsh physical discipline, physical discipline and psychological aggression in five Caribbean countries: Associations with preschoolers' early literacy skills. *International Journal of Psychology, 54*(3), 342-350.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/ijop.12465>

Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Seidman, D.*, Byrd-Bredbenner, C., Colby, S., White, A., Shelnett, K., Olfert, M., Mathews, A., Riggsbee, K., Franzen-Castle, L., Morrell, J., & Kattelman, K. (2019). The Redesign and Validation of the Physical Activity Campus Environmental Supports (PACES) Audit. *Journal of Environmental and Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2019/5819752>.

- Horacek, T., Simon, M.* , **Dede Yildirim, E.**, White, A., Shelnutt, K., Riggsbee, K., Olfert, M., Morrell, J., Mathews, A., Zhou, W., Kidd, T., Kattelman, K., Greene, G., Franzen-Castle, L., Colby, S., Byrd-Bredbenner, C., & Brown, O. (2019). Development and Validation of the Policies, Opportunities, Initiatives and Notable Topics (POINTS) Audit for Campuses and Worksites. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16(5), 778. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph16050778>
- Horacek, T. M., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Simon, M.* , Byrd-Bredbenner, C., Brown, O., Colby, S., Greene, G., Franzen-Castle, L., Kattelman, K., Kidd, T., Morrell, J., Olfert, M. D., Matthews, A., & White, A. (2019). Development and validation of the full restaurant evaluation supporting a healthy (FRESH) dining environment audit. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, 14(3), 381-400. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19320248.2018.1434103>
- Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Mathews, M.* , Byrd-Brenner, C., Coby, S., White, A., Shelnutt, K., Olfert, M., Mathews, A., Riggsbee, K., Franzen-Castle, L., Morrell, J., & Kattelman, K. (2019). Development and Validation of the Vending Evaluation for Nutrient-Density (VEND)ing Audit. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 16, 514. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph16030514>
- Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Kelly, E.* , White, A., Shelnutt, K., Riggsbee, K., Olfert, M., Morrell, J., Mathews, A., Mosby, T., Kidd, T., Kattelman, K., Greene, G., Franzen-Castle, L., Coby, S., Byrd-Brenner, C., Burke, M., & Brown, O. (2018). Development and validation of a simple convenience store SHELF audit. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 15(12), 2676. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph15122676>
- Petren, R. E., Garneau-Rosner, C. L., & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2018). Union stability among mothers and stepfathers: Contributions of stepfathers and biological fathers. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 32(8), 1142-1151. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/fam0000482>
- Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Kattelman, K., Byrd-Brenner, C., Brown, O., Coby, S., Greene, G., Hoerr, S., Kidd, T., Koenig, M., Phillips, B., Morrell, J., Olfert, M., Shelnutt, K., & White, A. (2018). Multilevel structural equation modeling of students' dietary intentions/behaviors, BMI, and the healthfulness of convenience stores. *Nutrients*, 10(11), 1569. MDPI AG. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/nu10111569>
- Roopnarine, J.L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2018). Paternal and maternal engagement in play, storytelling, and reading in five Caribbean countries: Associations with preschoolers' literacy and social skills. *International Journal of Play*, 7(2), 132-145. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21594937.2018.1496000>
- Roopnarine, J.L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2018). Influence of relationship skills education on pathways of associations between paternal depressive symptoms and IPV and childhood behaviors. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*, 19(2), 223-233. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/men0000100>
- Dede Yildirim, E.** & Roopnarine, J. L. (2017). Paternal and maternal engagement across six Caribbean countries and childhood outcomes. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*, 53, 64-73. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appdev.2017.08.007>
- Roopnarine, J.L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2017). The moderating role of relationship education on depressive symptoms in fathers with young children. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 87(4), 402-413. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000230>

Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Kattelman, K., Byrd-Brenner, C., Brown, O., Coby, S., Greene, G., Hoerr, S., Kidd, T., Koenig, M., Phillips, B., Morrell, J., Olfert, M., Shelnutt, K., & White, A. (2016). Path analysis of campus walkability/bikeability and college students' physical activity attitudes, behaviors, and body mass index. *American Journal of Health Promotion, 32*(3), 578-586. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0890117116666357>

Dede Yildirim, E. & Roopnarine, J. L. (2015). The mediating role of maternal warmth in the associations between harsh parental practices and externalizing and internalizing behaviors in Hispanic American, African American, and European American families. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, 21*(3), 430-439. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/a0038210>

Book Chapters

Roopnarine, J. L., Ong'ayi, D.M., & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (forthcoming). Father involvement in different family systems across cultural communities: Links to childhood development. In Shackelford, T. & Weekes-Shackelford, V. (Eds.), *the Oxford Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology and Parenting*. Oxford University Press.

Roopnarine, J. L., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, & Davidson, K. (2018). Mother-child and father-child play in different cultural contexts and childhood development. In Smith, P. & Roopnarine, J. L. (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Play: Developmental and disciplinary perspectives*. London, UK: University of Cambridge Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108131384>

Roopnarine, J. L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2018). Early childhood education in the Caribbean region. In Roopnarine, J. L., Johnson, J. E., Quinn, S., & Patte, M. (Eds.), *Handbook of international perspectives on early childhood education*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Roopnarine, J.L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2015). Family structure and socialization patterns in Caribbean and Caribbean immigrant families: Developmental outcomes. In U. Gielen & J. L. Roopnarine (Eds.), *Childhood and adolescence in cross-cultural perspective*. New York, NY: Praeger.

Encyclopedia Entry

Roopnarine, J. L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2016). Fathering in Diverse Cultural Contexts: A Glimpse at the Current State of Knowledge. <http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/>

Conference Proceedings

Horacek T, **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Shelnutt, K., Olfert, M., Morrell, J., Kidd, T., Kattelman, K., Burke, M., Coby, S., Byrd-Brenner, C., Brown, O., Franzen-Castle, L., & Greene, G. (2016). Assessing the healthfulness of campus dining environments using "Full Restaurant Evaluation Supporting a Healthy (FRESH) Dining Environment" tool. *Journal of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 116*(9):A44. doi: 10.1016/j.jand.2016.06.142

Horacek T, **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Olfert, M., Morrell, J., Kidd, T., Shelnutt, K., Greene, G., Riggsbee, K., Brown, O., Byrd-Brenner, C., Franzen-Castle, L., & Faulk, M. (2016). Convenience store SHELF (Supportive Healthy Environment for Life-promoting Food) audit differences between college campuses. *Journal of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 116*(9):A47. doi: 10.1016/j.jand.2016.06.153

Mullin, M.*, **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Kelly, E., Brown, O., Byrd-Brenner, C., Franzen-Castle, L., Greene, G., Kattelman, K., Kidd, T., Morrell, J., Olfert, M., Riggsbee, K., Shelnutt, K., White, A., Horacek, T. (2015). A Simple convenience store SHELF (Supportive Healthy Environment for Life-promoting Food) audit. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, 47*(4). doi: 10.1016/j.jneb.2015.04.128

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations at National Professional Meetings

- Dede Yildirim, E.** (2019). *Longitudinal associations between parenting, relationship quality, and children's socio-emotional outcomes: A Bayesian analysis of dyadic data*. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Fort Worth, TX.
- Dede Yildirim, E.** (2019). *The links between maternal and paternal responsiveness, hostile parenting, and children's language skills*. Society for Cross-Cultural Research Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Dede Yildirim, E.,** Garneau- Rosner, C., Kanter, J. *, & Herzog, M. (2018). *Benefits of CRE for couples' relationship, parenting, and co-parenting in the context of neighborhood disadvantage*. National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, CA.
- Reck, K., Garneau- Rosner, C., Popp, T., & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2018). *Examining early childhood emotional well-being among Fragile Families*. National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, CA.
- Dede Yildirim, E.,** Garneau- Rosner, C., Stoddard, N. *, & Herzog, M. (2017). *Men's Participation in a Community-based CRE Program*. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Dede Yildirim, E.,** Garneau- Rosner, C., & Herzog, M. (2017). *The associations between neighborhood characteristics and participation in relationship education programs*. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Dede Yildirim, E.,** & Roopnarine, J.L. (2017). *The associations between economic hardship, depressive symptoms, and children's internalizing and externalizing behavior via paternal and maternal parenting*. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Dede Yildirim, E.** & Roopnarine, J.L. (2017). *The association between family economic wellbeing and paternal depressive symptoms and children's socio-emotional outcomes via paternal parenting*. Society for Research on Child Development, Austin, TX.
- Dede Yildirim, E.** & Garneau- Rosner, C. (2017). *Economic hardship, family structure, residential mobility, housing, and children's socioemotional and cognitive outcomes*. Society for Cross-Cultural Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Garneau-Rosner, C., Lucier-Greer, M., **Dede Yildirim, E.,** & Schramm, D. (2016). *An RCT study of generalized couple education for couples and step couples*. National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
- Dede Yildirim, E.** & Roopnarine, J.L. (2016). *Paternal risk and protective factors and childhood outcomes in Hispanic American, European American, and African American families*. Society for Cross-Cultural Research Conference, Portland, OR.
- Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.,** Burke, M., Shelnut, K., Olfert, M., Morrell, J., Kidd, T., Kattelmann, K., ...& Franzen-Castle, L. (2016). *Assessing the healthfulness of campus dining environments using full restaurant evaluation supporting a healthy (FRESH) dining environment tool*. FNCE Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, White, A., Shelnut, K., Riggsbee, K., Olfert, M., Morrell, J., Kidd, T., Kattelmann, K., Franzen-Castle, L., Bryd-Bredbenner, C., Brown, O., & Greene, G. (2016). *Convenience store SHELF (Supportive Healthy Environment for Life-promoting Food) audit differences between college campuses*. FNCE Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Roopnarine, J.L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2016). *Association between relationship education and depressive symptoms in fathers with young children: A Complier average causal effect estimate*. Modern Modeling Methods Conference. Storrs, CT.

Dede Yildirim, E. & Roopnarine, J.L. (2015). *Stability and change in harsh parenting over the middle childhood period: Implications for children's intellectual functioning*. Modern Modeling Methods. Storrs, CT.

Mullin, M. * , **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Kelly, E., Brown, O., Byrd-Bredbenner, C., Frazen-Castle, L., Greene, G., Kattelmann, K., Koenings, M., Kidd, T., Morrell, J., Olfert, M., Riggsbee, K., Shelnut, K., White, A., & Horacek, T. (2015). *A simple convenience store SHELF (Supportive Healthy Environment for Life-promoting Food) audit*. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.

Refereed presentations at International Professional Meetings

Roopnarine, J. L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2019, July). *Fathers' cognitive engagement and children's literacy skills in three ethnic groups in Trinidad and Tobago*. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting, International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, San José, Costa Rica.

Cakirsoy-Aslan, A.D.*, Mulvaney, M. K., & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2017). *Parenting style and physical punishment as predictors of gender and religious attitudes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting, European Conference on Developmental Psychology, Utrecht, Netherlands.

Mulvaney, M. K., Cakirsoy-Aslan, A.D.*, & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2017). *Maternal and paternal parenting styles, physical punishment, and attachment outcomes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting, International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS), Vienna, Austria.

Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Mullin, M. * , Matthews, M., Franzen Castle, L., Koenings, M.M., Shelnut, K., & White, A. (2015). *Full restaurant evaluation supporting a healthy (FRESH) dining environment audit*. Paper presented at the annual meeting, International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Kattelmann, K., Koenings, M.M., Brown, O., Colby, S., Greene, G., & Hoerr, S. (2015). *Mediating relationship of gender, campus walkability/bike-ability, college students' physical activity attitudes and behaviors on their body mass index*. Paper presented at the annual meeting, International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Horacek, T., **Dede Yildirim, E.**, Kattelmann, K., Byrd-Bredbrenner, C., Kidd, T., Phillips, B., Morrell, J., & Olfert, M. (2015). *Mediating relationship of gender, campus food store environment, and college students' dietary attitudes and behaviors on their body mass index*. Paper presented at the annual meeting, International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Invited Presentations

Dede Yildirim, E. (2019). *Fathering in Diverse Families: Statistical and Methodological Considerations. Fathers and Childhood Development across Cultures: Implications for Suriname.* Paramaribo, Suriname. (International)

Roopnarine, J. L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2016). *Paternal factors and childhood outcomes: The mediating role of relationship quality and support networks.* Paper presented at the grantee meeting, OPRE Family Strengthening Grantee Meeting, Washington, DC. (National)

Roopnarine, J.L. & **Dede Yildirim, E.** (2014). *Paternal factors and childhood outcomes: The mediating role of relationship quality and support networks.* Paper presented at the grantee meeting, OPRE Secondary Data Analysis Grantee Meeting. Washington, DC. (National)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Completed

Administration for Children and Families 2014-2016

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Paternal Factors and Childhood Outcomes: The mediating role of relationship quality and support networks. PI: Jaipaul Roopnarine, PhD. Funded: \$100,000

Turkish Ministry of National Education, Graduate Fellowship. 2010- 2016

Nationally competitive graduate fellowship to study abroad. (Total 3,396 applicants)
(Tuition + Stipend ~\$230,000)

Pending

Spencer Foundation

Fathers' Parenting, Depressive Symptoms, Intimate Partner Violence in Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago: Links to Children's Academic and Behavioral Skills.

Role: Co-I (Requested: \$146,726)

Unfunded Applications

Intramural Grants Program, Faculty Initiation Grant, Auburn University

Paternal Risk and Protective Factors among African American Families

Role: PI (Not funded. Requested \$17,897)

Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. 2015-2017

Associations between Caregiver Structural and Process Factors and Caregivers' Socioemotional Well-Being: The Mediating Role of Support and Opportunities for Skill Improvement.

Role: Co-I (Not funded. Requested \$100,000)

TEACHING

HDFS 8050- Advanced Research Methods: Covariance Structure Analysis, Graduate 2019
Auburn University

HDFS 7900-Directed Studies, Graduate 2019
Auburn University

HDFS 2000- Marriage and Families in a Global Context, Undergraduate 2019
Auburn University

HDFS 8080- Survival Analysis and Latent Class Analysis, Graduate
Auburn University 2019

CFS 331: Play, Childhood Development and Early Education, Undergraduate
Syracuse University 2015

HDV 301: Research in Human Development I, Undergraduate
State University of New York Oswego 2014

STATISTICAL CONSULTING

Department of Human Development and Family Science, Auburn University 2018-present

Division of Guidance and Psychological Counseling, Gazi University, Turkey 2017-present

Department of Public Health, Food Studies and Nutrition, Syracuse University 2013-present

Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Syracuse University 2015

Department of Public Health, Food Studies and Nutrition, Syracuse University 2015

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

Proficient: AMOS, ArcGIS, JASP, R, LISREL, Mplus, SAS, SPSS

Knowledgeable: JAGS, Python, Stata, Weka

HONORS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Postdoctoral Associations Travel Award 2017
University of Missouri-Columbia

John and Beatrice Whiting Memorial Award 2016
for Outstanding Student in Cross- Cultural Studies
Society for Cross-Cultural Research

Dean Edith Smith Dissertation Grant 2016
Syracuse University

Doctorate Award for Research Excellence 2016
Department of Child and Family Studies
Syracuse University

Funded Participant, Immigration, Immigrants and Health Conditions, 2015
Health Status and Policies: Examining Multi-level and Multi-Dimensional
Models and Approaches
ICPSR. Ann Arbor, MI. (5 days)

Master's Award for Research Excellence 2013
Department of Child and Family Studies
Syracuse University

SERVICE

Faculty Member

Global Studies, Auburn University
Graduation Committee, Auburn University

Editorial board member

Journal of Caribbean Psychology

Journal Ad-hoc Reviewer

Parenting Science
Child Development

Conference Proposal Reviewer

National Conference on Early Childhood
National Council of Family Relations

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Council of Family Relations
American Statistical Association
Society for Cross-Cultural Research
Society for Research in Child Development

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

New Faculty Scholar Program Biggio Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning Auburn University	2018-2019
Course ReDesign Program Biggio Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning Auburn University, Auburn, AL (3 days)	2019
Translational Research Summer Institute Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research Cornell University, Cornell, NY. (3 days)	2018
Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling Stats Camp. Albuquerque, NM. (5 days)	2017
Mplus 8: Dynamic SEM, and Dynamic Structural Equation Models MMM, Storrs, CT. (1 day)	2016
Finite Mixture Modeling: Statistical Methods for Correlated Data MMM, Storrs, CT. (1 day)	2016
Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis AERA. Washington, DC. (2 days)	2016
Bayesian Data Analysis Stats Camp. Grapevine, TX. (5 days)	2015

Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling using xxM MMM. Storrs, CT. (1 day)	2015
New Features in LISREL 9 MMM. Storrs, CT. (1 day)	2015
Meta-Analysis: Statistical Methods and Applications with R DATIC, Storrs, CT (3 days)	2014
Advances in Latent Variable Modeling Using the New Mplus Version 7.2. MMM. Storrs, CT. (1 day)	2014
Bayesian Methods for the Social and Behavioral Sciences MMM. Storrs, CT. (1 day)	2014