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**Curriculum Vitae 2024**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

2018-present    Editor, Alberta Journal of Educational Research (AJER)

2016-2018      Co-director, Centre for Global Citizenship Education & Research

2011-14        Associate Chair and Graduate Coordinator  
Department of Elementary Education  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB

2013-2017     Faculty Director, Child Study Centre  
Department of Elementary Education  
Faculty of Education  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2010-present    Professor  
Department of Elementary Education  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB

2003-2010      Associate Professor  
Department of Elementary Education  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB

2000-2003      Assistant Professor  
Department of Elementary Education  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB

1996-2000      Assistant Professor  
Department of Human Development and Child Studies  
Oakland University  
Rochester, Michigan, USA

## **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- 1996 Doctor of Philosophy (Elementary Education), University of Alberta  
1987 Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences (Early Childhood Education), Sofia University, St. Clement Ohridsky, Sofia, Bulgaria  
1981 Bachelor of Education (Elementary, Early Childhood Education Minor) Sofia University, St. Clement Ohridsky, Sofia, Bulgaria

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2018 Killam Annual Professorship, University of Alberta  
2013 Alberta Teacher Association (ATA), Early Childhood Education Council, Advocate for Young Children Award, AB, Canada  
2012 Lansdowne Distinguished Professor Scholarship, University of Victoria, BC, Canada  
2009 Faculty of Education Graduate Teaching Award (University of Alberta)  
2005 Alberta Teacher Association (ATA) Research Award, AB, Canada  
2003 University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association Academic Staff Award, Canada  
1997 Michigan Association for Mediated Learning Outstanding Presentation Award, MI, USA  
1996 Faculty Research Fellowship, Oakland University, MI, USA  
1995-1996 Alice E. Wilson Award, Canadian Federation of University Women, Canada  
1994-1996 Social Studies and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship, Canada  
1994-1996 Walter H. Johns Graduate Fellowship, University of Alberta, Canada  
1993-1994 Province of Alberta Graduate Fellowship, Canada  
1982-1986 Bulgarian Ministry of Education Doctoral Fellowship, Bulgaria  
1977 Sofia University, St. Clement Ohridsky, Sofia, Bulgaria Undergraduate Fellowship for High Academic Achievements, Bulgaria  
1976 Award of Excellence for Outstanding High School Graduation, Bulgaria

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1995-1996 Teaching Assistant  
Department of Elementary Education  
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

## **1990 \*\* Interruption of career due to immigration and learning English as a second language**

- 1988-1990 Scientific Officer  
Bulgarian Toy Testing Council  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
  
1987-1990 Research Associate  
Experimental Institute for  
Sport Equipment and Toys  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
  
1984-1985 Teaching Assistant  
Department of Pedagogy  
Sofia University, St. Clement Ohridsky, Sofia, Bulgaria  
  
1980-1983 Teacher

National Experimental School  
Sofia, Bulgaria

## RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND SCHOLARLY WORK

### Research and Project Funding *University of Alberta*

- 2021- 2025      SSHRC Insight Grant  
Title: Transnationalism and the psycho-social well-being of recently-arrived migrant mothers & fathers with young children (0 to 5 years old) in three Canadian cities. (Lisa Merry, PI, A. Kirova Co-Investigator)  
\$337,430.00
- 2019-2020      ZIF/ Center for Interdisciplinary Research at Bielefeld University, Bielefeld University, Germany.  
Title: Participation as a condition for humanizing epistemology?: Interdisciplinary and international perspectives.  
Co-applicants: Prof. Dr. Oliver Böhm-Kasper, Faculty of Educational Science, Bielefeld University, Dr. Saana Jukola, Department of Philosophy, Bielefeld University, Prof. Dr. Anna Kirova, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Prof. Dr. Solina Richter, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta.  
10,000 EURO
- 2019-2021      Public Health Agency of Canada, Mental Health Promotion Innovation Fund  
Celebrating Culture, Celebrating Life: an empowerment approach to building resiliency amongst immigrant and refugee youth in Edmonton, Alberta (Chiu, Y, PI, A Kirova Collaborator)  
\$329,220.00
- 2020              Faculty of Education Conference Fund  
Title: Ethics, Rights, Culture and the Recovery of the Human: A Team Building Initiative to Support the Rehumanization of Refugees in Canada. (A. Kirova, PI).  
\$3774.06
- 2019- 2026      SSHRC Partnership Grant  
Title: Evaluation Capacity Network: Collaborating for Impacts in Early Childhood Practices, Programs, and Policies. Gokiert, R.J. (Project Director),  
Co-Is: Poth, C., Kirova, A., Nykiforuk, C., Mushquash, C., Varda, D., Springett, J., Mignone, J., Ball, J., Cor, K., Fierro, L., Janus, M., Mayan, M., Janzen, J., Peltier, S., Bourgeois, I., Kinzel, C., Cousins, B.)  
  
Collaborators: Graham, K., Hopkins, S., Cui, X., Undheim, A., Garber-Conrad, M., Dahms, R., Mottershead, K., Davidson, A., O'Neill, E., Boyd, L., & Chiu, Y.  
  
\$2,499,999 and \$2,186,849 cash and in-kind matched contributions
- 2019-2020      Kule Institute (KIAS) University of Alberta Research Team Grant

	<p>Title: Ethics, Rights, Culture and the Recovery of the Human: A Team Building Initiative to Support the Rehumanization of Refugees in Canada. (Y. Abu-Laban PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI).</p> <p>\$7,500.00</p>
2018-2021	<p>SSHRC Insight Grant</p> <p>Title: Psychosocial Adaptation and Integration of Syrian Refugee Communities Using Community Learning for Empowerment Groups (S. Yohani PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI)</p> <p>\$239,817.00</p>
2018-2019	<p>SSHRC Insight Development Grant</p> <p>Title: Thriving in Canada: Learning from the (photo)Voices of Immigrant Women Engaged in Action Research to Improve Access to Health &amp; Social Services. (P. Camargo Plazas PI, A. Kirova, collaborator)</p> <p>\$54,297.00</p>
2018-2019	<p>SSHRC Partnership Grant Stage 1</p> <p>Title: Evaluation capacity network, collaborating for impacts in early childhood practices, programs and policies (R. Gokiart PI, A Kirova, Co-Pi).</p> <p>\$ 20,000.00</p>
2016-17	<p>SSHRC: Rapid Response Syrian Refugees Competition</p> <p>Title: Cultural brokering with Syrian Refugee Families with Young Children: An Exploration of Challenges and Best Practices in Psychosocial Adaptation (A. Kirova, PI, S. Yohani Co-PI)</p> <p>\$24,991.00</p>
2016-17	<p>SSHRC Connection Grant</p> <p>Title: Meaningful Knowledge Mobilization for Bridging the Research Practice Gap in Immigrant and Refugee Early Childhood Assessment and Learning (R. Gokiart, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI)</p> <p>\$ 49,992 .00</p>
2016-17	<p>Kule Institute (KIAS) Research Team Grant</p> <p>Title: Constructing the Roma as Europe's Other: Investigating the Interplay of Global and Local Factors in the Balkan Region (A. Kirova, PI; L. Prochner, V. Lambrev, R. Shields, M. Zivkovic, Co-PIs)</p> <p>\$ 12,500.00</p>
2016-17	<p>Kule Institute (KIAS) Research Team Grant</p> <p>Title: International Perspectives on Children's Digital Media Practices (L. Laidlaw, PI; A.Kirova, L. Prochner, F. Macgilchrist, A. Bock, M. Tribukait, J. O' Mara, J. Lynch, J. Blackmore, K. Dooley, N.Yelland, Co-PIs)</p> <p>\$ 12,500.00</p>
2015 -16	<p>Faculty of Extension internal research grant Title: Multicultural Early Childhood Assessment and Learning (MECAL) (R. Gokiart, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI)</p> <p>\$ 9,963.77</p>
2015- 17	<p>Killam Research Cornerstone Grant</p> <p>Title: Cultural validity in early childhood measurement (R. Gokiart, PI, A. Kirova, Co-</p>

	PI) \$ 30,231.41
2014-15	Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (ACCFRC) Title: The Health and Well-Being of Children and Families of Temporary Foreign Workers: A Pilot (B. Salami, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI) \$ 10,000.00
2014-15	Kule Institute (KIAS) University of Alberta Research Team Grant Title: Digital Practices: An International Comparative Exploration of Children's, Parents' and Teachers' Accounts and Experiences of Engaging with Digital Tools and Media (L. Laidlaw, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI) \$7,114.00
2014-15	SAS Grant Title: Culture and Practice in Early Childhood Teacher Education: The case of Roma inclusion in Bulgaria (A. Kirova, PI) \$ 8,472.00
2014-2015	Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Title: Immigration Settlement Services and Gaps in CIC's Western Region (William Ashton, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI) \$ 138,023.00
2013- 2016	SSHRC Insight Grant Title: Culture and Practice in Early Childhood Teacher Education in Namibia, Tanzania, and Canada (L. Prochner, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI) \$ 221,817.00
2012-13	The Worldwide Universities Network-Research Development Fund (WUN) Title: Comparative Analysis of International Refugee Resettlement Law Obligations and Policy (C. Mahohy, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI) £ 10,000
2012-14	Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (ACCFRC) Title: Bridging cultural and professional practices in early learning and care: An action research project (C. A. Massing, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI) \$ 39,980.00
2012-13	Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (ACCFRC) Title: Understanding optimal child development in immigrant and refugee populations in Alberta (R. Gokiart, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI) \$ 9,995.40
2012-	SSHRC Partnership Grant Title: Pathways to prosperity: new policy directions and innovative local practices for newcomer attraction and integration (V. Esses, PI, A. Kirova, collaborator) \$ 2,513,360.00
2010-14	SSHRC Insight Grant

	Title: Collaborative Canadian Landscapes: Research into Immigrant Preschool Teachers' and Students' Artistic Sense of Place. (P. Pente, PI A. Kirova, collaborator). \$101,193.00
2010	Worldwide University Network (WUN) Research Development Fund. Title: Examining the Relationships between Xeno-racism and Extremism: Integration Patterns in Muslim Populations in North America and Europe. (A. Kirova, Co-PI, with A. Knight). \$ 26,549.50
2009	Prairie Metropolis Centre (PMC) Title: An Immigrant Integration Index: A Cross Domain Research Project. A. Kirova, Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Enns, L. Wong, P. Li, and D. Lund, Co-PIs). \$ 66,500.00
2008	Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (ACCFRC) Title: The Role of an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee and Immigrant Children on the Development of Their L1 and L2 Skills and Abilities. (A Kirova, PI, J. Paradis, Co-PI). \$ 39,809.00
2008	SSHRC Title: Youth alert! Enhancing Policies and Practices for Lifelong Learning Needs and aspirations of immigrant and Refugee Youth in Alberta's Dynamic Economy. (I. Johnston, PI). \$ 20,000.00
2008	SSHRC /VPR 4A Title: Alternative Landscapes: Arts-Based Research into Immigrant Preschool Teachers' Sense of Place. (A. Kirova, collaborator; P. Pente, PI). \$ 10,000.00
2007	Community Partnership Enhancement Fund (CPEF) Title: Culturally Responsive Early Learning Program: A Partnership Model for Co creation with Immigrant Children and Parents. (Multicultural Health Brokers' Cooperative, PI) \$ 51,040.00
2006	Canadian Heritage, Title: Analysis of the "Post Multiculturalism." (L. Wong, PI, A. Kirova & J. Garcea, Co-PIs). \$ 25,000.00
2006	Prairie Centre of Excellence in Research in Immigration and Integration (PCERII), Title: Analysis of "Post-Multiculturalism" Discourse. (L. Wong, PI, A. Kirova & J. Garcea, Co-PIs). \$ 15,000.00
2006	Faculty of Education SAS Operating Grant,

	Title: Modes of Mathematical Reasoning: The Mediating Role of Adults and Peers in a Kindergarten Setting. (L. McGarvey, PI). \$ 6,000.00
2006	Early Childhood Development Initiative (ECDI) Dissemination Grant Title: Dissemination of Research Findings of “Examining Culturally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Development Programs” and “Mapping the Life Experiences of Refugee and Immigrant Families with Preschool Children”; (C. Caufield, PI, A. Kirova & D. Dachyshyn, Co-PIs). \$ 7,091.00
2006	HFASSR Operating Grant Title: Modes of Mathematical Reasoning in Young Children: The Mediating Role of Adults and Peers in Home and Preschool Settings. (L. McGarvey, PI). \$ 5,037.46
2005	PCERII Education Domain Research Grant Title: Development of Intercultural Competence Through Teacher Preparation Programs. (A. Kirova, PI). \$ 46,429.00
2005	PCERII Research Grant Title: Promoting the Pursuit of Intercultural Competence Among Pre-service Teachers. (W. Dunn, PI, A. Kirova & M. Cooley, Co-PIs). \$ 17,221.00
2004	Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family Research Grant Title: Examining Culturally Appropriate Assessment Practices in Early Childhood Development (ECD) Programs. (L. Ogilvie, PI, A. Kirova, Darcy Fleming & Catherine Caufield, Co-PIs). \$ 18,110.00
2004	Prairie Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration (PCERII) Research Grant Title: A Review of Early Childhood Development Assessment Tools for Cultural Appropriateness. (L. Ogilvie, PI, A Kirova, Co-PI). \$ 1,000.00
2004	Faculty of Education SAS Operating Grant, Title: Sharing Visual Stories: Children’s Use of Non-verbal Strategies to Gain Access to Peers in an International School Setting. (M.J. Emme, PI, A. Kirova, Co-PI). \$ 5,000.00
2003	Prairie Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration (PCERII) Research Grant Title: Focusing on Meaning: Immigrant Children’s Exploration of Non-verbal Interaction Strategies with Peers through Creating Photo Novellas. A. Kirova, Principal Investigator (A. Kirova, PI, M.J. Emme, Co-PI). \$ 33,201.00

- 2001-2002      EFF-Special Capital Equipment Fund. (A. Kirova, PI)  
\$ 9,650.00
- 2001-2002      HFASSR Operating Grant  
Title: Immigrant Children's Peer Acceptance and Learning English as a Second Language. A. Kirova, Principal Investigator (A. Kirova, PI, J. Wu, Co-PI).  
\$ 5,180.00
- 2001-2002      Faculty of Education, SAS Operating Grant  
Title: Peer Rejection and Loneliness in Young Children of Immigrants: Patterns of Non-verbal Behaviour and Coping Strategies. (A. Kirova, PI).  
\$ 4,960.00
- 2001-2002      Faculty of Education, SAS Release Time Grant  
Title: Loneliness and Depression in Immigrant and Non-immigrant Elementary School Children. (A. Kirova, PI).

### ***Oakland University***

- 2000-2001      Oakland University Research Committee Operating Grant  
Title: A Teacher Training Program Focusing on Children's Learning of Math and Science and Their Subsequent Transfer to Computer in Gender Fair Preschool Classroom. (A. Kirova-Petrova, PI, A. Bhargava, Co-PI).  
\$ 1,000 US
- 2000-2001      School of Education and Human Services Research Support Committee Operating Grant  
Title: A Prevention of Gender Stereotypes through Best Practices in Math, Science and Technology. (A. Bhargava, PI, A Kirova, Co-PI).  
\$ 1,500.00 US
- 1996            Oakland University Faculty Fellowship  
Title: Construction of Logical-Mathematical Knowledge in Preschool Children: A Study of Program Development and Teaching-Learning Strategies. A. Kirova-Petrova, Principal Investigator (A. Kirova-Petrova, PI, A. Bhargava, Co-PI).  
\$ 15,000.00 US
- 1997            Oakland University Research Committee, Special Project Request  
Title: Michigan Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators' State-wide Research Project on Assessment (K-4). (S. McNair, PI, A. Bhargava, A., Kirova-Petrova, & R. Wiggins, Co-PIs).  
\$ 1,000.00 US
- 1998            Oakland University Senate Assessment Committee Operating Grant  
Title: The Connection Between Assessment and Instruction: How Effective is the Preparation of Oakland University Teachers. (R. Wiggins, Pi, S. McNair, A. Kirova-Petrova, A., Bhargava, Co-PIs).  
\$ 1,000.00 US

## **UNIVERSITY TEACHING**

### **University of Alberta**



***Undergraduate Courses***

EDEL 457	Theory and Practice in Early Childhood Education (online)
EDEL 455	Play as a Teaching and Learning Strategy (online)
EDEL 355	Program Environments in Early Childhood Education (face-to-face)
EDEL 456	Integrating Theory and Practice in Early Childhood Education (face-to-face)
EDEL 457	Theory and Practice in Early Childhood Education (face-to-face)
EDEL 458	Practical Experience with Curriculum Models in Early Childhood Education (face-to-face)

***Graduate Courses*** (face-to-face)

EDEL 595	Play and Pedagogy
EDEL 555	Home/School/Community Relations
EDEL 556	Program Development in Early Childhood Education
EDEL 557	Research in Program Development in Early Childhood Education
EDSE 601	Doctoral Research Seminar
EDEL 567	Introduction to Educational Research
EDEL 660	Advanced Research in Education

**Oakland University*****Undergraduate Courses***

FE 215	Educational Psychology for Elementary Teachers
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***Graduate Courses***

FE 593	Action Research Techniques in Early Childhood Education: Phase I
EC 650	Action Research Techniques in Early Childhood Education: Phase II
FE 509	Family, Child and Learning in Cultural Context
EC 452	Applied Developmental Principles

**GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION****Oakland University*****Master's Students***

<b>Completed</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Role</b>
124 (8-credit projects)	Human Development and Child Studies	Project Supervisor

**University of Alberta*****Master's Students***

<b>Completed</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Role</b>
39	Elementary Education	Program Advisor
Sana Rashid	Educational Psychology	External Examiner
Mischa Taylor	School of Public Health	Supervisory Committee
Jordan, G. Long	Educational Policy	External Examiner
Sasha Wittes	Educational Policy	Examining Committee Member

**Doctoral Students**

<b>Completed</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Role</b>
Nicole Jamison	Elementary Education	Dissertation Supervisor
Tibetha Kemble	Educational Policy Studies	Examining Committee Member
Janine Tine	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Hongilang Fu	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Miriam Sekandi	Secondary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Subilaga Keyo	University of Victoria	Supervisory Committee Member
Tamara Sorenson	Linguistics	Supervisory Committee Member
Neda Asadi	Educational Policy Studies	Examining Committee Member
Viktotiya Ykovlyeva	Anthropology	Examining Committee Member
Lynne Robertson	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Vera Janjic-Watrich	Elementary Education	Examining Committee Member
Afshan Amjad	Elementary Education	Dissertation Supervisor
Christine Massing	Elementary Education	Dissertation Supervisor
Suzanna Wong	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Greg Ogilvie	Secondary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Leslie Robinson	Secondary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Janelle McFeetors	Secondary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Dania Watter	Educational Policy	Examining Committee Member
Rebecca Georgies	Ed. Psychology	Supervisory Committee Member
Kathleen Hall	University of Victoria	Examining Committee Member
Patricia Lirette	Educational Policy	Examining Committee Member
Rhonda Nixon	Elementary Education	Examining Committee Member
Patricia Larkin-Lieffers	Library & Information	Supervisory Committee Member
Son Truong	Physical Education & Rec.	Supervisory Committee Member
Jaya Nagpal	Psychology	Examining Committee Member
Cindi Vaselenak	Secondary Education	Examining Committee Member
Zeenatkhanu Kanji	Faculty of Nursing	Supervisory Committee Member
Khalida Syed	Elementary Education	Examining Committee Member
Brenda Kelly	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Darcey Dachyshyn	Elementary Education	Dissertation Supervisor
Farah Nanji	Ed. Psychology	Examining Committee Member
Nicole Nosworthy	Ed. Psychology	Examining Committee Member
Sheron Burns	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Marie Gervais	Secondary Education	Examining Committee Member
Sandra Wilde	Secondary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Kathryn Smith	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Claire Desrochers	Elementary Education	Examining Committee Member
Blaine Hatt	Secondary Education	Examining Committee Member
Yeonwook Hwang	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Mary-Lee Judah	Secondary Education	Examining Committee Member
Nicole Green	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Marion Leithead	Elementary Education	Examining Committee Member
Brenda Volodko	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Andrew Foran	Secondary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Jacqueline Rei	Ed. Psychology	Examining Committee Member
Marion Leithead	Elementary Education	Examining Committee Member
Novjyot Brar	Educational Psychology	Examining Committee Member

<b>Continuing Doctoral Students</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Role</b>
Jing Jin	Elementary Education	Supervisory Committee Member
Lee Makovichuk	Elementary Education	Dissertation Supervisor
Yin Yin	Secondary Education	Supervisory Committee Member

#### **Postdoctoral Fellow Supervision:**

Dr. Rebecca Georgis (Ed. Psychology). With Dr. R. Gokiart (Co-Supervisor)

#### **PROJECTS**

**International Project:** Refugee crisis in Europe, migration and border issues in Canada and Europe

**Funded by:** EU's Erasmus and Jean Monnet Action

<http://www.eucanet.org/dialogue-on-migration/experts/kirova-anna>

**Creating Welcoming Learning Communities Project:** A webinar series, developed to provide year-round supports for educators and school administrators to help students with refugee experiences be successful in their new learning environments and develop a sense of belonging to the community.

<https://welcominglearning.ualberta.ca>

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

##### **Books Edited**

Abu-Laban, Y., Reza Hasmath, R., Michael Frishkopf, M., & Kirova, A. (Eds) (2024). *Resisting the Dehumanization of Refugees: A Transdisciplinary Perspective*. Athabasca, AB: Athabasca University Press.

Emme, M. & Kirova, A. (Eds.). (2017). *Good Questions: Arts-based Approaches to Collaborative Research with Children and Youth*. Thunder Bay, ON: National Art Education Association.

Available on:

Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.ca/Good-Question-Arts-based-Approaches-Collaborative-ebook/dp/B075LWSQRR/ref=sr\\_1\\_fkmr0\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1505531466&sr=1-1-fkmr0&keywords=michael+j+emme](https://www.amazon.ca/Good-Question-Arts-based-Approaches-Collaborative-ebook/dp/B075LWSQRR/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1505531466&sr=1-1-fkmr0&keywords=michael+j+emme)

Apple:

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/book/good-question/id1283458852?mt=11>

Adams, L., & Kirova, A. (Eds.). (2007). *Global migration and education: Schools, children and families*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

##### **Books Authored**

- Kirova, A., Prochner, L., & Massing, C. (2020) *Learning to teach young children: Theoretical Perspectives and implications for practice*. London: UK: Bloomsbury.  
<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/learning-to-teach-young-children-9781350037786/>
- Prochner, L., Cleghorn, A., Kirova, A., & Massing, C. (2018). *La formación de docentes en contextos diversos: crear espacios para la intersección de visiones del mundo*. Cali: Universidad del Valle Press.
- Prochner, L., Cleghorn, A., Kirova, A., & Massing, C. (2016). *Teacher education in diverse settings: Making space for intersecting worldviews*. Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Sense Publishers.

### **Guest Editor of Special Issues**

- Kirova, A. (2019). *Journal of Contemporary Issues in Education, Syrian Refugees' Encounters with the Canadian Education System Theme Issue, 14*(1).  
<https://journals.library.ualberta.ca/jcie/index.php/JCIE/issue/view/1943>
- Kirova, A. & Thorlakson, L. (Winter 2015). *Alberta Journal of Educational Research, Inclusion and Education Rights of Roma Children Theme Issue, 61*(4).
- Garcea, J., Kirova, A., & Wong, L. (2008). *Canadian Ethnic Studies Special Issue: Multiculturalism Discourses in Canada, 40*(1).

### **Chapters in Books**

- Kirova, A. (in press). The Indispensability of Difference: Pedagogical Responsiveness to (Im)Migrant Students' Foreignness. In W. Kalisha, T. Szkudlarek (eds.), *Educating the Next Generation, Contemporary Philosophies and Theories in Education 21*. Springer Nature.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-97-8991-7\\_4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-97-8991-7_4)
- Jamison, N. M. & Kirova, A. (2024). Navigating cultural differences: A young newcomer child's expressions of individual and social subjectivities within play and personal art-making activities. In R. M. Holmes & J. L. Roopnarine (Eds.), *Culture, schooling, and children's learning experiences*. Oxford University Press.
- Amjad, A., Ellis, J., & Kirova, A. (2024). Interpretive Inquiry into Muslim Students' Elementary School Experiences in Canada. In J. McClinton & A., E., Hernandez (Eds.) *Qualitative Research for Diverse and Underserved Communities* (pp.191-203). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing (IAP).
- Kirova, A. (2024). (Not) Meeting the Needs of Refugee Students: Towards a Framework for Humanization of Education. In Y. Abu-Laban, R. Hasmath, M. Frishkopfand A. Kirova (Eds.) *Ethics, Rights, Culture and the Humanization of Refugees: A Transdisciplinary Perspective*. Athabasca, AB: Athabasca University Press.
- Lambrev, V., Kirova, A. (2022). Emerging teacher leadership: Taking social responsibility for Roma students' inclusion during the COVID-19 pandemic. In *Handbook of Research on Preparing Early Childhood Teachers for Managing Emergencies* (pp.132-151). IGI Global eEditorial Discovery. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-7998-7020-3.ch010
- Burgess-Pinto, E., Kirova, A., Dastjerdi, M., & Chiu, Y. (2020). Best practices in early childhood development programs in newcomer populations. In A. R. Vallman, E.T. Anderson, and J.

- McFarlane (Eds.) *Canadian community as partner: Theory & multidisciplinary practice* (5th edition) (pp. 395-403). Pittsburgh, PA: Wolters Kluwer Press.
- Pente, P., Massing, C., Kirova, A. (2018). Collaborative landscapes as Deleuzian assemblage: Aesthetic notions of place explored by immigrant preschool teachers, parents and children. In J. Iorio and W. Parnell (Eds.). *Meaning making in early childhood research: Pedagogies and the personal* (pp. 111-127). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Prochner, L., & Kirova, A. (2018). Early Childhood Education and Care in Canada. In J., L. Roopnarine, J., E., Johnson, S., Quinn & M., Patte (Eds.). *International handbook of early childhood education* (pp. 392-408). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Kirova, A., Massing, C., Cleghorn, A., & Prochner, L. (2018). Complexities of insider-outsider positioning in a comparative education study in comparative education contexts. In S. Madrid Akpovo, M.J. Moran & R. Brookshire (Eds.), *Collaborative cross-cultural research methodologies in diverse early care and education contexts* (pp. 99-115). New York, NY: Routledge.
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- Kirova, A. (June 2010). *Creating Field Experiences to Promote Intercultural Competence in an Undergraduate Early Childhood Methods Course*. Paper presented at the 8th International Conference on “Comparative Education and Teacher Training” organized by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- Emme, M., & Kirova, A. (Sept. 2009). *The Playful Body/Image/Text: Fotonovela and Poly-Media Narratives in Research with Children*. Paper presented at the First International Conference on Visual Method, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK.
- Kirova, A. (Aug. 2009). *Involving Families and Communities in the Development of an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee Children: A Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) Project*. Paper presented at the 19th European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA) conference, Strasbourg, France.
- Kirova, A., & Dachyshyn, D. (June 2009). *Supporting family and community involvement in Developing an innovative intercultural early learning program for refugee and immigrant children: A participatory learning and action (PLA) project*. Paper presented at the 17th International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education Conference: Pedagogies of Hope, Bethlehem, Palestine.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, E. (June 2009). *Play as dancing across meanings: Body/image and poly-media text*. Paper presented at the 28th International Human Science Research Conference, Molde, Norway.
- Kirova, A., & Dachyshyn, D. (March 2009). *Using community-based service learning to promote intercultural inquiry in an undergraduate early childhood minor program*. Paper presented at the Northwest Association of Teacher Educators: Teacher Education, Social Justice and/or Technology: Research and Exemplary Practice. Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
- Dunn, W., Y. Breckenridge, Kirova, A., Daley, P., Jordan, R., & Olivier, C., (2008). *Critical analyses of policy and participation within Canadian multicultural discourses*. Symposium presented at the World Congress of Applied Linguistics. Essen, Germany.
- Dachyshyn, D., & Kirova, A. (June 2008). *Weaving a hybrid space: Sudanese children “in-between.”* Paper presented the 16th International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education Conference: Weaving Within and Across Paradigms and Traditions, Victoria, BC.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (March 2008). *Stories of exclusion and inclusion: Immigrant children’s exploration of peer relationships through fotonovelas*. Paper Presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, New York.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (January 2008). *Immigrant children’s exploration of peer relationships through fotonovelas*. Paper presented at the 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- Dunn, W.E., Cooley, M., Kirova, A., & Ogilvie, G. (June 2007). *Fostering intercultural inquiry in second language teacher education*. Paper presented at the Fifth International Conference on Language Teacher Education, Minneapolis, MN.
- Dunn, W.E., Kirova, A., Cooley, M., & Ogilvie, G. (November 2006). *Fostering intercultural inquiry across the disciplines in teacher education*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Teacher Education, Calgary, AB.



- Kirova, A. (October 2006). *Childhoods in-between: Opening up pedagogical possibilities*. Paper presented at the 1st International Conference, Phenomenology and Pedagogy in a Complex World, Beijing.
- Emme, M., & Kirova, A. (February 2006). *The fotonovela as a frame for immigrant children's reflections on life in a new school*. Paper presented at the conference of the International Society for Education through Art, Viseau, Portugal.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (April 2006). *Representations of compliance and resistance: Immigrant children's exploration of school routines through fotonovelas*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (August 2005). *Using photography as a means of phenomenological seeing: "Doing phenomenology" with immigrant children*. Paper presentation at the 24th International Human Science Research Conference, Bournemouth, UK.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (August 2005). *Sharing immigrant children's experiences of schooling through the development of visual narratives*. Paper presented at the 15th European Early Childhood Education Research Association conference, Dublin, Ireland.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (March 2005). *Creating visual stories to share school experiences among children from diverse cultural backgrounds*. Paper presented at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual Conference and Exhibition, Washington, DC.
- Kirova, A. (March 2005). *"I just sat and watched the others play": Helping the newly immigrated child belong to the peer group*. Paper presented at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual Conference and Exhibition, Washington, DC.
- Kirova, A. (May 2004). *Childhoods in transition*. Paper presented at the 12th International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Research Theory and Practice Conference, Oslo.
- Adams, L., & Kirova, A. (April 2004). *The joys and challenges of working with newly immigrated families*. Paper presented at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual Conference and Exhibition, New Orleans, LA.
- Adams, L., & Kirova, A., & Wu, J. (November 2003). *Multiple challenges, multiple rewards: Integrating newly immigrated children into your classroom*. Paper presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Adams, L., & Kirova, A. (October 2003). *A global challenge for teachers and schools: Integrating the newly immigrated child into the classroom*. Paper presented at the OMEP World Council and Conference, Crossroads of Cultures: Implications of Early Childhood Development and Education. Kusadasi, Turkey.
- Adams, L., Kirova, A., & Wu, J. (September 2003). *A global challenge for teachers and schools: Integrating the newly immigrated child into the classroom*. Paper presented at the European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA) 13th Annual Conference on Quality of Early Childhood Education, Possible Childhoods: relationships and choices, Glasgow, UK.
- Kirova, A. (August 2003). *Living in-between languages and cultures: Losses and new possibilities for*

- immigrant children*. Paper presentation at the 22nd International Human Science Research Conference, Stockholm.
- Kirova, A. (July 2003). *Moving childhoods*. Paper presented at the International Invitational Conference on Phenomenology of Childhood, Perugia, Italy.
- Kirova, A. (April 2003). *The role of peer relationships in identity formation in children of recent Chinese immigrants*. Paper presented at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual Conference and Exhibition, Phoenix, AZ.
- Kirova, A., & Wu, J. (April 2003). *The need to belong to the school culture: Immigrant children's experiences of peer acceptance and learning English as a second language*. Poster presentation at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Wu, J., & Kirova, A. (July 2002). *Supports and conflicts among immigrant children of the same linguistic/ethnic group*. Paper presented at the International Cultural Research Network (ICRN) Congress, Brasilia.
- Kirova, A. (June 2002). *Interviewing young children about their lived experiences of loneliness and boredom*. Paper presentation at the 21st International Human Science Research Conference: Inciting Dialogue at the Edge of Human Science Research, Victoria, BC.
- Kirova, A. (April 2002). *Peer acceptance and loneliness in young immigrant children: Patterns of behaviors and coping strategies*. Poster presentation at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual Conference and Exhibition, San Diego, CA.
- Kirova, A. (November 2002). *Non-verbal behaviour, coping strategies and peer acceptance in young immigrant children: A case study*. Poster presentation at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference, New York.
- Kirova, A. (August 2001). *In search of a "door" to a child's life-world: Developing and using a board game to initiate conversations about childhood loneliness*. Paper presented at the 20th International Human Science Research Conference, Tokyo.
- Kirova, A. (April 2001). *Alleviating loneliness of immigrant children: Implications for teaching*. Poster presentation at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual Conference and Exhibition, Toronto, ON.
- Bhargava, A., & Kirova, A. (April 2001). *An action research project on the integration of math and technology in a gender fair preschool environment*. Poster presentation at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual Conference and Exhibition, Toronto, ON.

### ***Keynotes, Invited Presentations***

- Kirova, A. (June 2021). *Becoming an Agent of Change: Early Childhood Educators Understanding and Supporting Children's Right to be Different*. Centre for Research in Early Childhood (REACH) conference, Bath Spa University, UK.
- Kirova, A. (Feb. 2020). *Failing to Meet the Needs of Refugee Students: Towards a Framework for Humanization of Education*. Paper presented at Workshop on Ethics, Rights and Humanization of Refugees, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

- Kirova, A., Mejia, T., & Vargas, L. (April 2018). *RAISED between Cultures*. Workshop for professionals from the GRIT Program and ARCQE, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Kirova, A. & Chiu, Y. (Nov. 2017). *Facilitating Change Towards Intercultural Early Learning Practice: RAISED Between Two Cultures Model*. Presentation at the Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE) 8<sup>th</sup> National Child Day Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., Yohani, S., Georgis, R. Gokiart, R., Mejia, T., & Chiu, Y. (Nov. 2017). *Cultural brokering with Syrian refugee families with young children: An exploration of challenges and best practices in psychosocial adaptation*. Poster Presentation at Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Symposium. Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- Kirova, A., Georgis, R., & Gokiart, R. (Nov. 2016). *Bridging the research-practice gap in fostering immigrant and refugee children's sense of belonging*. Presented at the Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement Conference, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Kirova, A. & Enns, R. (April 2016). *Exploring Ager and Strang's conceptual framework for immigrant integration and its application in Canadian context*. Presentation at Immigration and Settlement Symposium; Mobilizing Knowledge to Inspire Action in Edmonton, Edmonton, AB.
- Okeke, P. Enns, R., & Kirova, A. (Dec. 2013). Paper presented at the WUN Conference, *Blending in with the crowd: A comparative analysis of refugee resettlement policy compliance with international law obligations*. University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 2013). *Culturally and linguistically appropriate early learning practices: Lessons and inspirations from an intercultural early learning programme*. Keynote address at the Annual Research Institute, Aga Khan University, Institute for Educational Development, East Africa, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 2012). *Role of Education in contemporary pluralistic societies: Is cultural sustainability a matter of choice?* Lansdowne Lecture, University of Victoria Public Lecture Series, BC, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 2011). *Supporting bilingual/bicultural children and their parents in school: Global Trends and Challenges*. Presentation for Akranes school services, Akranes Town hall, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *Newcomers in Canada: Integration challenges and hopes*. Presentation at Bifröst University, Borgarnes, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *Challenges in the lives of immigrant children and families: The role of schools and communities*. Presentation at the Red Cross Borgarnes Society and Borgarnes Social Services, Borgarnes, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *Supporting bilingual/bicultural children and their parents in school: Global trends and challenges*. Presentation for School and Recreation Division, Reykjavík city, Reykjavík, Iceland.

- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *The greatest challenges in the lives of immigrant children and families and how the Red Cross movement can offer support?* Presentation at the Red Cross National Society , Reykjavík, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *Immigrant integration in Canada: Discourses, measures and policy implications*. Presentation for the Reykjavík multicultural council, Human rights council of Reykjavík and Multicultural Advisory Board, Reykjavík City Hall, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *Immigrant integration in Canada: Discourses, measures and policy implications*. Presentation for the Reykjavík Multicultural council, Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of Education, Reykjavík, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *Beyond heritage language programs: Supporting family and community involvement in developing a multilingual intercultural early learning program for refugee and immigrant children*. Workshop for the primary school teachers in Akranes, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *Immigrant integration and implications for school children and their families*. Keynote at the National Conference, “Breaking Down the Walls”, Akranes, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). *The Role of Schools in the Integration of Newcomer Families*. Panel presentation at the National Conference, “Breaking Down the Walls”, Akranes, Iceland.
- Kirova, A. (Sept. 2011). *Researching Children's Lived Experiences of Schooling*. Workshop at the University of Innsbruck, Austria.
- Kirova, A. (Sept. 2011). *The Lived Experience of Cultural Heterogeneity*. Workshop at the University of Vienna, Austria.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 2010). *A Foreigner Among Strangers: The Lived World of Newcomer Children*. A Keynote at the Second Phenomenology and Pedagogy Conference, Beijing Capital Normal University, Beijing, China.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 12, 2010). *Epistemology, Methodology and Education Science: Current Debates*. Workshop at the Capital Normal University, Beijing, China.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 13, 2010). *Epistemology, Methodology and Education Science: Current Debates*. Workshop at the Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 14, 2010). *Methodological and Ethical Challenges in Conducting Research with Children*. Workshop at the Capital Normal University, Beijing, China.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 14, 2010). *Methodological and Ethical Challenges in Conducting Research with Children*. Workshop at the Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China.

#### ***National Conferences (peer-reviewed)***

- Lambrev, V., & Kirova, A. (June 2021). *Challenges and opportunities for the education of Roma students amid COVID-19 pandemic: The Bulgarian context*. Paper presented at CSSE, Edmonton, AB (online conference).

- Kirova, A., Yohani, S., Gokert, R., Georgis, R., & Taylor, M. (June 2021). *Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Create Learning Communities for Empowerment with Syrian Refugees*. Paper presented at CSSE, Edmonton, AB (online conference).
- Kirova, A., Prochner, L., Massing, C., Obol, A., & Makovichuk, L. (June 2021). *Learning to Teach Young Children: The Voice of the Adult Learner in an ECE Textbook*. Paper presented at CSSE, Edmonton, AB (online conference).
- Gokiert, R., Jun, S., deVos, P., Daniels, J., Peltie, S., Kirova, A., Poth, C., & Chiu, Y. (June 2021). *Building Evaluation Capacity in the Early Childhood Field to Enhance System Effectiveness*. Paper presented at CSSE, Edmonton, AB (online conference).
- Yohani, S., Nanthoo, J., Kirova, A. (June 2021). *The Persistent Issue of Language and the “Insider-Outsider” Positionality in Research with Syrians*. Paper presented as part of a panel at the Canadian Psychological Association (CAP) 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Convention. (online conference)
- Yohani, S., Kirova, A., Taylor, M., Nanthoo, J., Tahir, S., Chiu, Y., & Eddin, J. (March 2021). *The effects of social bonding and bridging on psychosocial adaptation amongst Syrian refugees*. Paper presented as part of a workshop at the Metropolis Canada Conference: “Migrants, Migration and Mobility: COVID-19 Response and Recovery. (online conference)
- Shultz, L., Kirova, A., Pillay, T., Karsgaard, C., & Saddleback, D. (June 2019). *Youth Education for Advocacy: (Inter)national Dialogue on Advocacy for Human Rights, Equity, and Justice for First Nations*. Paper presented at the CSSE, University of BC, Vancouver, BC.
- Yohani, S., Kirova, A., Taylor, M., Nanthoo, J., Tahir, S., Chiu, Y., & Eddin, J. (March 2021). *The effects of social bonding and bridging on psychosocial adaptation amongst Syrian refugees*. Paper presented as part of a workshop at the Metropolis Canada Conference: “Migrants, Migration and Mobility: COVID-19 Response and Recovery. (online conference)
- Massing, C., Kirova, A., & Prochner, L. (April 2018). *Representations of Diversity in Canadian Curriculum Frameworks*. Presented at the Canadian Association of Young Children (CAYC) Conference, NorQest College, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Kirova, A., Mejia, T., (April 2018). *RAISED between Cultures*. Presented at the Canadian Association of Young Children (CAYC) Conference, NorQest College, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Massing, C., Cleghorne, A., Prochner, L. & Kirova, A. (May 2017). *Teacher Education in Diverse Settings: Canada, Namibia and Colombia*. Paper presentation at the CSSE, Toronto, ON.
- Kirova, A., Yohani, S., Mejia, T., Georgis, R., Gokiert, R., Chui, Y., how-Horn, W., & Tahir, S. (March 2017). *Cultural brokering with Syrian refugee families with young children: An exploration of challenges and best practices in psychosocial adaptation*. Poster presented at the National Metropolis Conference, Montreal, PQ.
- Kirova, A., & Yohani, S. (March 2017). *Cultural Brokering with Syrian Refugee Families with Young Children: An Exploration of Challenges and best practices in Psychosocial Adaptation*. Paper presented at the National Metropolis Conference, Montreal, PQ.

- Guo, S., Wong, L., Cui, D., James, C., Nyaho, S., C., Kirova, A., Guo, Y. & Wright, H., (May 2016). *Revisiting Multiculturalism and Multicultural Education in Canada: Theories, Policies and Debates*. Panel presentation at the CSSE, 2016, Calgary, AB.
- McCoy, J., Kirova, A., Knight, A., W. (June 2016). *Gauging Social Integration among Canadian Muslims: A Sense of Belonging in an Age of Anxiety*. Presentation at the CSSE, Calgary, AB.
- Salami, B., & Kirova, A. (March 2015). *The Health and Well-Being of Children and Families of Temporary Foreign Workers*. Paper presented at the National Metropolis Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- Kirova, A., & Kamau, O. (March 2015). *Immigration Settlement Services and Gaps in 8 Rural Communities in Alberta*. Paper presented at the National Metropolis Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- Massing, C. Massing, C., Kirova, A., & Shortreed, L. (May 2014). *Challenging the normative expert-novice transmission view of mentoring: Learnings from a work site-embedded ELCC program for immigrant and refugee women*. Paper presented at the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE), Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario.
- Enns, R., Kirova, A., Connolly, D. (Oct. 2013). *Using A Common Spaces Approach To Examine Bonding And Bridging Activities For Immigrant And Non-Immigrant Groups In Canada*. Presentation at the CRDCN National Conference: Canadian Data: Looking back, moving forward, Waterloo, Ontario
- Enns, R., Kirova, A., Connolly, D. (Oct. 2013). *Using A Common Spaces Approach To Examine Bonding And Bridging Activities For Immigrant And Non-Immigrant Groups In Canada*. Presentation at the 4th Annual Joint Conference: Transforming citizenship: Ethnicity, transnationalism and belonging. The Association for Canadian Studies & The Canadian Ethnic Studies Association, Edmonton, Alberta
- Kirova, A., & Hennig, K. (June 2013). *How do Culturally Responsive Assessment Practices Look like in an Intercultural Multilingual Early Learning Program for Newcomer Children?* Paper presented at the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE), University of Victoria, BC.
- Massing, C., D., Pente, P., & Kirova, A. (June 2013). *The interrelational dance: Immigrant parents and their children in shared art making about sense of place*. Paper presented at the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE), University of Victoria, BC.
- Massing, C., Pente, P., & Kirova, A. (2012, September). Shared art-making as an approach to engaging immigrant families. Paper presented at the Alberta Early Years Conference, Edmonton, Canada.
- Kirova, A., Enns, R., & Connolly, D. (March 2011). *Can Bridging and Bonding Variables in the Ethnic Diversity Survey Measure Integration Outcomes?* Paper presented at the 14th National Metropolis Conference: Immigration: Bringing the World to Canada, Vancouver, BC.
- Kirova, A. (March 2010). *Immigrant Integration Index: Indicators at a Family Level*. Paper presented at the 12th National Metropolis Conference: Immigration and Diversity, Montreal, QU, Canada.

- Kirova, A. (May 2009). *Beyond heritage language programs: Supporting family and community involvement in developing a multilingual intercultural early learning program for refugee and immigrant children*. Paper presented at the CSSE Conference, Ottawa.
- Pente, P., & Kirova, A. (May 2009). *Alternative Canadian Landscapes: Arts-based Research into Immigrant Preschool Teachers' Sense of Place*. Paper presented at the CSSE Conference, Ottawa.
- Lafrence, L., Gagnon, N., Hare, F., Hutchings, J., Kirova, A., Merali, F., vanNgo, H., & Vander Plaat, M. (March 2009). *Immigrant/refugee families, children and youth: Future policy-research directions*. Roundtable at the 11th National Metropolis Conference: Frontiers of Canadian Migration, Calgary, AB.
- Wong, L., Labelle, M., Kirova, A., Garcea, J., Dalley, P., & Belkhodja, C. (March 2007). *An analysis of post-multiculturalism discourse: The fragmentation position*. Paper presented at the 9th National Metropolis Conference: Exploring Canada's Diversity Today and Tomorrow, Toronto, ON.
- Dunn, W., & Cooley, M., & Kirova, A. (February 2006). *Engaging with discoveries of diversity: Fostering the pursuit of intercultural competence in subject-area curriculum courses*. Paper presented at the WestCAST conference, Vancouver, BC.
- Kirova, A., Dunn, W., & Colley, M. (March 2006). *Promoting the pursuit of intercultural competence among pre-service teachers*. Presentation at the 8th National Metropolis Conference: Immigration and Integration at the Heart of the Debate: Research, Policy and Practice, Vancouver, BC.
- Dunn, W., & Cooley, M., & Kirova, A. (May 2006). *Creating a space for fostering intercultural competence in subject-area courses*. Presentation at the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Emme, M., & Kirova, A. (October 2004). *Focusing on meaning: Immigrant children's exploration of non-verbal interaction strategies with peers through creating fotonovelas*. Presentation at the Canadian Society for Education through Art, Goose Bay, NL
- Wu, J., & Kirova, A. (March 2004). *Young immigrant children's socialization and identity development*. Paper presented at the 7th National Metropolis Conference: Immigration and Integration at the heart of the debate: Research, Policy and Practice, Montreal, QC.
- Kirova, A., & Wu, J. (May 2002). *"No one wants to do anything with me 'cause I am different": Peer acceptance, learning English as a second language, and identity formation in young immigrant children*. Paper presented at the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Wu, J., & Kirova, A. (May 2002). *Immigrant children's peer relationships and ESL learning*. Paper presented at the 16th Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Canada National Conference, Regina, SK.

***Provincial/State/Local Conferences (peer-reviewed)***

- Kirova, A., Mejia, T. (May 2018). *RAISED between Cultures*. Presentation at the MacEwan University Childcare Conference. MacEwan University, Edmonton.
- Massing, C., Kirova, A., & Prochner, L. (April, 2018) *Representations of diversity in Canadian curriculum frameworks*. Presentation at the Conference organized by the Canadian Association for Young Children (CAYC), the Early Childhood Education Faculty Forum (ECEFF). NorQuest College, Edmonton AB.
- Kirova, A., & Chui, Y. (Nov. 18, 2017). *Facilitating Change Towards Intercultural Early Learning Practice: RAISED Between Two Cultures Model*. Presentation at the ARCQE 8th National Child Day Conference: Practicing an Ethos of Caring. Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., Yohani, S., Georgis, R., Gokiart, R., Mejia, T., Chui, Y., Chow-Horn, W., & Tahir, S (November, 16, 2017). *Cultural brokering with Syrian Refugee Families with Young Children: An Exploration of Challenges and Best Practices in Psychosocial Adaptation*. Poster presentation at Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Symposium, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta.
- Georgis, R., Brosinsky, L., Mejia, T., Kirova, A., & Gokiart, R. (May 2017). *Innovative resources for multicultural early childhood development*. Presentation at the MacEwan Child Care Conference in Edmonton, Alberta.
- Kirova, A., Yohani, S., Giorgis, R. Gokiart, R., Mejia, T., Chiu, Y., Chow, W., & Tahir, S. (2017, May). *Cultural brokering with Syrian refugee families with young children: An exploration of challenges and best practices in psychosocial adaptation*. Poster Presentation at Engage 2017 Research Day, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- Mejia, T., Brosinsky, L., Georgis, R., Gokiart, R., Kirova, A. (November 2016). *From the ground-up: Co-creating knowledge and resources for multicultural early childhood development*. Poster presented at the Faculty of Extension Research Showcase, University of Alberta. Edmonton, Alberta.
- Kirova, A., Georgis, R. & Gokiet, R. (Nov. 2016). *Bridging the research-practice gap in fostering young immigrant and refugee children's sense of belonging*. 7<sup>th</sup> National Day of the Child Conference: Honoring the Voice of Children. Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE), Edmoton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (April 2016). *A Conceptual Framework for Immigrant Integration*. Panel Presentation at the Immigration and Settlement; Mobilizing Knowledge and Research to Better Support Newcomers. City of Edmonton, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (March 2016). *Curriculum and Pedagogy*. Panel presentation at the International Education Symposium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Pente, P., Kirova, A., & Massing, C. (March 2016). *Places Called Home*. Poster presented at the International Education Symposium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (October, 2014). *Alberta Integration Summit Priorities Survey Results*. Alberta Integration Summit, Edmonton, AB.



- Kirova, A., & Wilkinson, L. (October, 2014). *Community Consultations Project: CIC Western Region*. Alberta Integration Summit, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2013). *The role of everyday objects in children's dramatic play*. Presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ARCQE National Child Day conference: Valuing todayness...Sharing our stories. Edmonton, Alberta.
- Kirova, A., & Paradis, J. (May 2013). *The Role of Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee and Immigrant Children on the Development of their L1 and L2 Skills and Abilities*. Poster presented at the Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (ACCFCR) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Research Showcase, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., Pante, P., & Massing, C. (Oct. 2011). *Using Art as a Way of Involving Newcomer Parents in Their Children's Preschool Program*. Paper presented at the Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies (AAISA) Conference, Edmonton, AB, Canada.
- Kirova, A., Enns, R., & Connolly, D. (Jan. 27, 2011). *Can Bridging and Bonding Variables in the Ethnic Diversity Survey Measure Integration Outcomes?* Presentation at the Prairie Metropolis Centre (PMC) Research Symposium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 5, 2010). *Supporting Young Bilingual Children's Development*. Paper presented at the Alberta Early Years Conference: Early Childhood: A Journey of Change, Edmonton, AB, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 5, 2010). *Understanding and working with young learners of English as an additional language*. Paper presented at Early Childhood Council Conference, Edmonton, AB, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Jan. 2010). *Challenges and Successes in the Development of an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Young Children*. Presentation at the Prairie Metropolis Centre (PMC) Research Symposium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 2009). *A Multi-Partner Collaboration in the Development of an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee Children*, Presentation at the Prairie Metropolis Centre node meeting, University of Regina, Regina, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Oct. 2009). *A Multi-Partner Collaboration in the Development of an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee Children*, Presentation at the Prairie Metropolis Centre node meeting, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Sept. 2009). *A Multi-Partner Collaboration in the Development of an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee Children*, Presentation at the Prairie Metropolis Centre node meeting, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (Sept. 2009). *A Multi-Partner Collaboration in the Development of an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee Children*, Presentation at the Prairie Metropolis Centre node meeting, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.
- Kirova, A., & Paradis, J. (Jan. 2009). *The Role of Family and Community Involvement in the Developing an Intercultural Early Learning Program for Refugee and Immigrant Children: Implications for the Development of Their Home Language (L1) and English Language (L2) Abilities*.

- Presentation at the Prairie Metropolis Centre's (PMC) Annual Research Symposium. Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (Jan. 2009). *Family, children and youth domain: The mapping project*. Prairie Metropolis Centre (PMC). Paper presented at the PMC Annual Research Symposium, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (Nov. 2008). *Learning to **Listen** to Children's Visual Stories*. Paper presented at the Early Childhood Education Council Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Emme, M., & Kirova, A. (May 2008). *Pluralistic curriculum as co-created arts-based research with immigrant children*. Paper presented at Pluralism: Honouring the work of F. Graeme Chalmers, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- Kirova, A., & Ogilvie, L. (April 2008). *Prairie Metropolis Centre updates: Federal priority questions concerning immigrant health*. Paper presented at the Ethno-Cultural Diversity in Health and Social Care Symposium. University of Alberta, Faculty of Nursing, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (February 2008). *Family, children and youth domain: New directions for phase three of Metropolis*. Prairie Metropolis Centre (PMC). Paper presented at the PMC Annual Research Symposium, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (February 2008). *Visual stories of exclusion and acceptance: Fotonovela as a tool for creating a sense of belonging to the school community*. Paper presented at the South East Alberta Teacher Association. Medicine Hat, AB.
- Kirova, A. (December 2007). *Using photography with ESL students: Telling stories without words*. Paper presented at the invitational seminar Correlates of ESL student success Alberta Education, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (November 2007). *Prairie Metropolis Centre updates: Changes and challenges in the third phase*. Presentation at the Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Regional Prairies and Northern Territories Learning Group Retreat, Canmore, AB
- Kirova, A., Dunn, B., & Colley, M. (March 2007). *Promoting the pursuit of intercultural competence among pre-service teachers*. Paper presented at the Prairie Centre Brown Bag Seminar Series, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (September 2006). *Methodological and ethical issues in conducting research with children*. Presentation at the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology Fall Seminar Series on Interviewing. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Dunn, W., Cooley, M., & Kirova, A. (November 2005). *Promoting the pursuit of intercultural competence among pre-service teachers*. Paper presented at the Cross-Cultural/Anti-Racism Education Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (November 2005). *Constructing shared meaning about non-verbal peer interactions in a culturally rich elementary education context through fotonovelas*. Poster presentation at the Faculty of Education Collaborative Research Fair: Building Bridges with Colleagues and Communities, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. & Emme, M. (October 2005). *Visual approaches to constructing meaning about non-verbal*

- peer interactions in a culturally rich elementary education context*. Paper presented at the Department of Psychology, Centre for Research in Child Development Lifespan Developmental Lunch Series. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (October 2005). *Focusing on meaning: Immigrant children's exploration of non-verbal interaction strategies with peers through creating photo novellas: Part II*. Paper presented at the Prairie Centre Brown Bag Seminar Series, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., & Emme, M. (September 2004). *Focusing on meaning: Immigrant children's exploration of non-verbal interaction strategies with peers through creating photo novellas: Part I*. Presentation at the Prairie Centre Brown Bag Seminar series, Edmonton, AB.
- Dachyshyn, D., Kamal, A., Kirova, A., & Pawlowski, L. (February 2004). *Generating collective knowledge in an early childhood graduate course*. Paper presented at the Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching (WestCAST), Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (February 2003). *Loneliness in children*. Paper presented at the 2002-2003 North Central Teachers' Convention Association of the Alberta Teacher Association, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (February 2003). *The changing role of early childhood institutions in relating to community and parents*. Paper presented at the 2002-2003 North Central Teachers' Convention Association of the Alberta Teacher Association, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (May 2002). *Loneliness in immigrant children: How can teachers help?* Child Care Conference, Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., & Bhargava, A. (March 2001). *Young children's use of computers in a gender bias free classroom environment*. Paper presented at the Alberta Teachers' Association Computer Council (ATACC) Annual Conference, Jasper, AB.
- Bhargava, A., & Kirova, A. (October 2000). *Building fundamental math concepts: Developmentally appropriate math activities for preschool children*. Paper presented at the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) Annual Conference, Lansing Center, Lansing, MI.

## **Oakland University**

### ***International Conferences (peer-reviewed)***

- Kirova-Petrova, A., Bhargava, A., & Palmer, L. (April 2000). *Developing fundamental pre-mathematical concepts: Appropriate activities for preschool children*. Poster presented at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual International Conference and Exhibition, Baltimore, MD.
- Kirova-Petrova, A. (July 1999). *Privacy, solitude, loneliness and supervision: Raising some pedagogical questions*. Paper presented at the 18th International Human Science Research Conference, Sheffield, UK.
- Kirova-Petrova, A. (April 1999). *Researching elementary school children's loneliness feelings: Pedagogical implications for language minority students*. Paper presented at the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) International Conference and Exhibition, San Antonio, TX.

Bhargava, A., McNair, S., & Kirova-Petrova, A. (April 1998). *Computers, gender bias and young children*. Paper presented at Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual International Conference, Tampa, FL.

#### ***National Conferences (peer-reviewed)***

Kirova-Petrova, A. (April 2000). *Hermeneutic-phenomenological approach to studying childhood loneliness*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kirova-Petrova, A. (November 1999). *Eliminating the impediments to change: Action research as commencement*. Round table presentation at the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE) National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kirova-Petrova, A. (November 1998). *Language minority students' loneliness: The bilingual paraprofessionals "Solution."* Paper presented at the NAEYC Annual Conference, Toronto, ON.

Wiggins, R., McNair, S., Bhargava, A., & Kirova-Petrova, A. (November 1998). *Assessing programs, not pieces: Tackling issues in assessing program quality and effectiveness*. Paper presented at the Best Practice Fair 1998 Assessment Institute, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, IL.

#### ***State/Local Conferences (peer-reviewed)***

Kirova-Petrova, A., & Bhargava, A. (May 2000). *Aligning preschool math curriculum, instruction and assessment with emphasis on the development of pre-mathematical concepts in young children*. Paper presented at the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (MiAEEYC) Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Bhargava, A., Kirova-Petrova, A. (October 1999). *Young children, pre-mathematical concepts and teacher friendly assessment tools*. Poster presented at the 50th Annual Conference, Voyage into the New Millennium—Voices from the Past, Visions for the Future, of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Kirova-Petrova, A., & Alber, S. (March 1999). *Action research as commencement*. Paper presented At the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (MiAEEYC) Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Kirova-Petrova, A., Bhargava, A., & McNair, S. (March 1999). *Girls and boys = Anti-bias computer use in the classroom*. Paper presented at the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children MiAEEYC Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Kirova-Petrova, A., Bhargava, A., & Foote, C. (October 1998). *Creating math environments for independent learning*. Paper presented at the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) 49th Annual Conference, Lansing, MI.

Bhargava, A., Foote, C., & Kirova-Petrova, A. (November 1997). *The teachers' mediating role in the development of logical thinking with preschool children*. Paper presented at Michigan Association for Mediated Learning (MiAML) Annual Fall Conference, Detroit, MI.

Kirova-Petrova, A., & Foote, C. (October 1997). *What next? Strategies for guiding young children to their next zone of proximal development and the role of sensory-based mathematical materials and concepts*. Paper presented at the Michigan Council for Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) 48th Annual Conference, Lansing, MI.

Kirova-Petrova, A., Foote, C., & Bhargava, A. (October 1997). *The role of sensory materials in early demonstration of reasoning in the context area of mathematics*. Paper presented at the Annual Michigan Conference on Thinking, Saginaw Valley State University, MI.

McNair, S., Alber, S. Gunsberg, A., Kirova-Petrova, A., & Bhargava, A. (October 1997). *Experimentation and outreach: Constructivist early childhood education at Oakland University*. Paper presented at the Midwest Association for the Education of Young Children (MiAEEYC) Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

### **Sofia University, St. Climent Ohridsky**

#### ***International Conferences (peer-reviewed)***

Kirova-Petrova, A. (1989). *Play equipment and toys for preschool children's physical education*. Paper presented at the International Symposium, Equipment for Recreation, Plovdiv, Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

#### ***National Conferences (peer-reviewed)***

Kirova-Petrova, A. (1987). *Facilitating 3-4- year-old children's interactions during dramatic play through the use of selected toys*. Paper presented at 1st International Symposium, Current Equipment and Toys for Children, Plovdiv, Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

Kirova-Petrova, A. (1984). *Characteristics of 3-4 years old children's use of different types of toys and their impact on their play*. Paper presented at the National Conference, 35 Years of Public Preschool Education in Bulgaria, Varna, Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

### **Workshops and Professional Development for Educators**

Kirova, A. (March 2, 2019). *RAISED between Cultures*. Presentation at the 27th Annual Conference for Family Child Care Professionals. Alberta Family Child Care Association (AFCA), Calgary, AB.

Kirova, A. (Dec. 8, 2019). *RAISED between Cultures*. Presentation at the Edmonton Family Day Home Agency Edmonton Professional Development day, Edmonton, AB.

Kirova, A. (Oct. 20, 2018). *RAISED between Cultures*. Presentation at Diversity Day, Terra Centre for Teen Parents, Edmonton, AB.

Kirova, A. (Oc. 5, 20, 2018). *RAISED between Cultures*. Presentation at the Professional Development Conference, Alberta Family Child Care Association (AFCA), Canmore, AB.

Kirova, A., Mejia, T., Vargas, L. (Aug. 20, 2018). *RAISED between Cultures*. Presentation at the Edmonton Public School Board's Building Cultural Identity in the Early Years Summer Institute, Edmonton, AB.

Kirova, A. (February 2011). *Canada land of immigration: A myth to be busted*. Presentation at the University of Alberta International week, Edmonton, AB.

- Kirova, A. (February 2010). Immigrant and Refugee Experiences in Canada. Presentation at the English as an Additional Language meeting, EPS, Metro Continuing Education, Edmonton, AB.
- Pente, P, & Kirova, A (March 2010). From Place to Place: Visual Poetry with Preschool Teachers. Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN), Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. & Paradis, J. (Sept. 2009). Working with Young English Language Learners. Presentation at the Orientation Session, Early Learning Branch, Calgary, Canada.
- Kirova, A. & Paradis, J. (Sept. 2009). Working with Young English Language Learners. Presentation at the Orientation Session, Early Learning Branch, Lethbridge, Canada.
- Kirova, A. (March 2009). *Immigrant and Refugees Experiences in Canada*. Presentation at the English as an Additional Language meeting, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (February 2009). *Working with Young English Language Learners*. Presentation at the Early Learning Programs' staff, Kindergarten Inclusive Developmental Services, Edmonton AB.
- Kirova, A. (February 2008). *Visual stories of exclusion and acceptance: Fotonovela as a tool for creating a sense of belonging to the school community*. Presentation at the South Eastern Alberta Teachers' Convention, Medicine Hat, AB.
- Kirova, A., (December 2007). *Using photography with ESL students: Telling stories without words*. Presentation at the Invitational Seminar, Correlates of ESL student success, Alberta Education, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., Leung, B., & Decorby, E. (April 2007). *Immigrant families and children's experiences in Canadian schools*. Paper presented at the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN).
- Kirova, A. (January 2007). *Learn the art of creating a research poster*. Presentation to the faculty and graduate students, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (November 2006). Invited speaker at the University of Sofia, Bulgaria: *Meeting the challenges, enjoying the richness of a culturally diverse classroom*. Sofia.
- Kirova, A. (September 2006). Invited speaker at the Education Fair, Aga Khan Board of Canada (AKBC): *Entering my child's world*. Calgary, AB.
- Kirova, A. (June 2004). Invited speaker at the Anglo-American School in Sofia, Bulgaria: *Looking to belong, learning to understand: Using visual stories to share school experiences among students from diverse cultural backgrounds*, Sofia.
- Kirova, A. (March 2004). Invited speaker at the Interagency Head Start Professional Development Day: *Young immigrant children's use of non-verbal strategies in establishing peer relationships: Implications for classroom practice*. Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A. (May, 2003). Invited speaker: *The need to belong: Children of diversity and their teachers*. Paper presented at the Eastern Washington University, Washington State, Children's Studies Retreat, WA.

- Kirova, A. (July 2001). *Understanding loneliness in immigrant children: A step forward culturally sensitive pedagogy*. University of Alberta, Department of Secondary Education Summer Institute, Edmonton, AB.
- Kirova, A., & Delaney, E. (November 2000). *Applied research in the classroom*. One-week multi-country seminar for Early Childhood Higher Education faculty from Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia. Vilnius.
- Kirova, A., Rosenquest, B., & Cohen, R. (July 2000). *Applied research in the classroom*. One-week multi-country seminar for Early Childhood Higher Education faculty from Bulgaria, Romania, and Moldova. Varna, Bulgaria.
- Kirova, A. (August 2000). *Phenomenology and culturally sensitive pedagogy*. Department of Elementary Education, University of Alberta, Faculty of Education Research Symposium.
- Kirova, A. (October 1999). *Diversity and early childhood teacher educators*. Fall Forum, Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (MiAECTE) and National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE), Lansing, MI.
- Kirova, A., & Rosenquest, B. (July 1999). *Applied research in the classroom*. One-week seminar for Early Childhood Higher education faculty from Bulgaria, Varna, Bulgaria.
- Kirova, A. (May 1998). *Mediated role of teachers in early learning of logic and mathematics*. Detroit Public Schools, Office of Specialized Student Services, Early Intervention Diagnostic Center, Detroit, MI.
- Kirova, A. (December 1997). *BSM/Lowry Project: Early learning of logic and mathematics in preschool setting*. Institute for Action Research, Oakland University, Rochester, MI.

## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH

2014-	Member, Board of Governors, Immigration Research West
2013-	Research affiliate, Institute for Child and Youth Studies, University of Lethbridge.
2007-2012	Prairie Metropolis Centre of Excellence in Research on Immigration, Integration, and Diversity (PMC): Children, Family and Youth Research Domain Leader
2007-2008	Prairie Metropolis Centre of Excellence in Research on Immigration, Integration, and Diversity (PMC): member, Data Committee
2007-2008	Prairie Metropolis Centre of Excellence in Research on Immigration, Integration, and Diversity (PMC): member, Domain Research Committee
2007-2008	Prairie Metropolis Centre of Excellence in Research on Immigration, Integration, and Diversity (PMC): member, Adjudication Committee
2007-2008	Prairie Metropolis Centre of Excellence in Research on Immigration, Integration,

and Diversity (PMC): acting Co-Director

- 2004-2007      Prairie Centre of Excellence in Research in Immigration and Integration (PCERII): Education Research Domain Leader
- 2004            Reviewer of research proposals for CACS for Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE)
- 2003            Moderator, Issues in Education (part II), 6th National Metropolis Conference, Edmonton, AB
- 2002            Chair, Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Symposium: Aboriginal Early Childhood Settings and Aboriginal Teacher Candidates, Toronto, ON
- 2001-2012      Research Affiliate of the Prairie Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration

## **EDITORSHIP**

### ***Editor***

- 2018-           Editor, *Alberta Journal of Educational Research*
- 2015            Guest Associate Editor (with L. Thorlakson) of *Alberta Journal of Educational Research Special Issue: Policy, Inclusion and Education Rights of Roma Children*.
- 2007- 2014      Editor, *Early Childhood Education*.
- 2008            Guest Associate Editor (with J. Garcea and L. Wong) of *Canadian Ethnic Studies, Special Issue: Multiculturalism Discourses*.
- 2006-2007      Co-Editor with Larry Prochner, *Early Childhood Education*.

### ***Membership on Editorial Boards***

- 2016-           Member, Editorial Board *Sodobna pedagogika* (Journal of Contemporary Educational Studies, Slovenia)
- 2006-           Member, Editorial Board, *Early Childhood Research and Practice* (ECRP)
- 2006-           Member, Editorial Board, *Phenomenology and Practice* (P &P)
- 2006-           Member, Editorial Board, *Diaspora, Indigenous, And Minority Education: An International Journal* (DIME)

### **Manuscript Reviewer for Scholarly Journals**

- 2001 -present      *Early Years: an international research journal*  
*Journal of Childhood Studies*  
*Canadian Children*  
*Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood* (CIEC)  
*Family Relationships and Society: An International Journal of Research and*



*Debate*  
*TESL Canada Journal*  
*British Journal of Canadian Studies*  
*Early Childhood Research and Practice (ECRP)*  
*Childhood*  
*Canadian Ethnic Studies*  
*Diaspora, Indigenous, And Minority Education: An International Journal (DIME)*  
*Reading and Writing*  
*Childhood: A global journal of child research*  
*Phenomenology and Practice (P&P)*  
*Canadian Journal of Education (CJE)*  
*Alberta Journal of Educational Research (AJER)*  
*Early Childhood Education*  
*Canadian Modern Language Review*  
*Journal of Youth Studies*

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### *University of Alberta*

2015-2017	Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) Scholarship Committee
2012-2014	Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) Scholarship Committee
2011-2014	Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council
2005- 2010	Member, Association for Academic Staff (AAS): UA Council
2006-2009	Faculty of Education representative, Faculty of Extension

### *Department of Elementary Education*

2018-	Member, Graduate Coordinating Committee
2011- 2014	Chair, Graduate Coordinating Committee
2011-2012	Member Ad Hoc Committee to review the Department of Elementary Education website
2011- 2014	Chair's Advisory Committee
2009-2011	Member, Graduate Coordinating Committee
2009- present	Early Childhood Subject Area Coordinator
2009- present	Budget Coordinator, Early Childhood Education
2006- 2008	Early Childhood Subject Area Coordinator
2006-2008	Budget Coordinator, Early Childhood Education
2006-2008	Member, Graduate Coordinating Committee
2002-2004	Early Childhood Subject Area Coordinator
2002-2004	Member, Graduate Coordinating Committee
2001-2004	Member, Undergraduate Coordinating Committee
2001-2004	Budget Coordinator, Department of Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education

### *Faculty of Education*

2021-	Member, Faculty of Education, Graduate Academic Advisory Committee
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2011-2014	Member, Faculty of Education, Graduate Academic Advisory Committee
2010-2011	Member, Faculty of Education Recruitment Committee
2009- 2011	Member, Diversity, Equity and Respect Committee
2009- 2011	Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee
2008-2009	Member, Master of Educational Studies (MES) Steering Committee.
2006-2008	Member, Dean's Advisory Selection Committee
2002-2004	Member, Dean's Advisory Selection Committee
2001-2003	Member, Faculty of Education Academic Appeal Committee

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **Canada**

#### ***Non-profit organization***

2017-	Member, Board of Director, Prevention of Violence (PoV)
2015-	Member, Coalition of Social Inclusion (COSI)
2015-	Member, Advisory Committee "Community Safety", Intercultural Child and Family Centre, Edmonton, AB
2014-2015	Member, Board of Directors, Intercultural Child and Family Centre, Edmonton, AB
2009-2014	Member, Advisory Committee, Multicultural Coalition for Equity in Health and Well-Being
2009-2012	Member, Advisory Committee, EPSB Transition Centre for Immigrant and Refugee Students and Families, Family Strengthening and Support Program subcommittee
2008- 2009	Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)
2008- 2009	Member, Executive Committee, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)
2007-2008	Chair, Board Recruitment Committee, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)
2006- 2010	Member, Board of Directors, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)
2006- 2008	Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)
2006-	Member, Financial Committee, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

### ***Canada***

Shultz, L., & Kirova, A. (Sept. 12, 2018). Interview for illuminate about the National Youth Dialogue sparks community-based research on reconciliation published on November 6, 2018:

<https://illuminate.ualberta.ca/content/national-youth-dialogue-sparks-community-based-research->

## reconciliation

Kirova, A. (August 15, 2017). Interview for Global News regarding the importance of preschool: <http://globalnews.ca/video/3672892/do-kids-need-preschool-early-childhood-education-professor-weighs-in>

Kirova, A. (March 22, 2017). Interview for a U of A press release regarding the new certificate program (published on March 22, 2017) <https://www.ualberta.ca/news-and-events/newsarticles/2017/march/new-certificate-program-boosts-early-childhood-education-skills>

Kirova, A. (Jan. 8, 2017). Edmonton professors launches webinars to help teachers accommodate refugee students. Interview for Global News Edmonton. <http://globalnews.ca/news/3167019/edmonton-professor-launches-webinars-to-help-teachers-accommodate-refugee-students/>

Kirova, A. (Jan. 15, 2016). Helping child refugees bridge cultural worlds. Interview with Bev Betkowski. <https://uofa.ualberta.ca/news-and-events/newsarticles/2016/january/helping-child-refugees-bridge-cultural-worlds-at-school>

Kirova, A. (Jan. 18, 2016). Helping Syrian refugees in school. Interview with Portia Clark, for CBC Radio Active. <http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2682194922>

Kirova, A. (Jan. 19, 2016). Interview for Global Edmonton Morning News. <http://globalnews.ca/video/2463013/helping-child-refugees-bridge-cultural-worlds-u-of-a-professor>

Kirova, A. (Jan. 19, 2016). Interview for Global Edmonton News at 6:00 pm <http://globalnews.ca/news/2466578/educators-have-a-superficial-understanding-of-multiculturalism-expert/>

Kirova, A. (Feb. 10, 2016) Interview for Edmonton Examiner <http://www.edmontonexaminer.com/2016/02/10/how-can-we-help-syrian-refugee-students-adjust-to-life-in-edmonton-schools>

Kirova, A. (Feb. 27, 2016). How Canada is helping young refugee children to Adapt to their new home. Interview with Darielle Britto for dna India. <http://www.dnaindia.com/world/report-insight-how-canada-is-helping-young-refugees-adapt-to-their-new-home-2182848>

Prochner, P. & Kirova, A. (2014). Background Knowledge: A Broader Understanding of Teacher Education in Early Ed. Interview for *BEdition: The Official Faculty of Education Magazine* <http://beditionmagazine.com/background-knowledge-a-broader-understanding-of-teacher-education-in-early-ed/>

Kirova, A., & Minhas, A. (May 2012). Interview for CJSR. Topic: Role of Print Media in Urdu in Children's Ethnic and Cultural Identities.

Kirova, A. (Feb. 23, 2010). Interview for OMNI TV. Topic: ESL learners.

Kirova, A. (November 29, 2005). Interview for *Edmonton Journal*. Topic: High-tech toys now even aimed at toddlers.

Kirova, A. (October 2004). Interview for *MacLeans* magazine. Topic: Children's extracurricular activities

and parental involvement.

Kirova, A. (October 2004). Interview for *Community University Partnership* (CUP) Newsletter.

Kirova, A. (October 2004). Interview for *CBC Radio* in Calgary. Topic: Full-day kindergarten.

Kirova, A. (July, 2004). Interview for *Globe and Mail*. Title: Children spend summer learning school skills.

Kirova, A. (November 30, 2003). Interview for Shaw (TV) Channel. Topic: Toys that promote aggression.

Kirova, A. (October 29, 2003). Interview for *The MacEwan Journalist*. Title: Toying with tradition.

Kirova, A. (June 2003). Interview for *Family Magazine*. Title: Parents of Children with Special Needs

Kirova, A. (September 2002). Interview for *Today's Parents* magazine. Title: Bright and Early

Kirova, A. (April 22, 2002). Interview for *Edmonton Sun*. Title: Preschool by design.

Kirova, A. (February 7, 2002). Interview for *A TV channel*. Topic: Teachers strike and its effect on grade one students.

Kirova, A. (December 14, 2001). Interview for *CBC Radio*. Topic: Loneliness in immigrant children.

Kirova, A. (December 14, 2001). Interview for *Canada AM/CTV*. Topic: Selecting toys for Christmas.

Kirova, A. (December 12, 2000). Interview for *Globe and Mail*. Title: Back to basics: The New toy story.

Kirova, A. (December 10, 2000). Interview for *Edmonton Journal*. Title: Parents beware: Toys are not just playthings.

Kirova, A. (Oct. 3, 2000). Interview for the *University of Alberta's Express News*. Title: The toy doctor: Dr. Anna Kirova-Petrova

### ***Europe***

Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). Interview for FRETABLADID (national newspaper in Iceland). Topic: Integration of immigrant children in schools.

Kirova, A. (Nov. 2011). Interview for Channel 8 (National TV channel in Iceland). Multiculturalism: Challenges and future directions.

### ***United States***

Kirova, A., & Bhargava, A. (October 28, 1998). Interview for *Oakland Post*. Title: Educators develop system to teach preschoolers math.