

Brief Bio for Muhammad M. Haj-Yahia, Ph.D.

Muhammad M. Haj-Yahia, Ph.D., earned his doctoral degree in social work from the University of Minnesota in 1991, and is currently Gordon Brown Chair and Professor of Social Work, at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. His research areas include: Rates, risk factors, and mental health consequences of violence against women; beliefs of professionals, students, and the general public about wife beating; and the short-term and long-term mental health consequences of child abuse and neglect. Prof. Haj-Yahia also studies children and parents in war zones; the mental health consequences of the exposure of children and parents to community violence and political violence; and the socio-cultural and socio-political contexts of child maltreatment and violence against women as well as the relevance of these contexts to the education and practice of mental health professions. He has published extensively about these topics in leading refereed journals as well as in edited books, and also co-edited the following two books: "*Mental Health and Palestinian Citizens in Israel*" (co-edited with Prof. Ora Nakash and Prof. Itzhak Levav, published in 2019 by Indiana University Press) and "*Handbook of Political Violence and Children: Psychosocial Effects, Intervention and Prevention Policy*" (co-edited with Prof. Charles W. Greenbaum and Prof. Carolyn Hamilton, published in 2021 by Oxford University Press). Prof. Haj-Yahia has been serving on the editorial board of several journals, such as *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal*; *Violence against Women*; *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy*; and *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. Furthermore, in recent years he was granted several academic and professional awards. In 2001 he was granted an award from Adler Center for Child Welfare, at Tel-Aviv University, "for his scientific contribution to understanding the impact of violence on children and adolescents, and to his unique and enlightening research on the coping of Arab and Jewish children with domestic and community violence". In October 2009, he was granted the Distinguished International Alumni Award by the University of Minnesota, and in March 2016, he was granted, by the Israeli Association of Social Workers, the award Best Social Worker in the Academia for his pioneering studies on different topics of family violence in collectivist societies.