

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of South Carolina, *Columbia, SC* Aug 2025
Ph.D. in Hospitality & Tourism Management

University of Delaware, *Newark, DE* Jul 2019
Master of Hospitality Business Management

- GPA: 3.93/4

Ilia State University, *Tbilisi, Georgia* Jul 2017
Master of Business Administration in Tourism

- Av. Point: 91/100

Ilia State University, *Tbilisi, Georgia* Jul 2015
Bachelor of Business Administration and Management

- Av. Point: 92/100

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor Aug 2025 - Present
Widener University

- **SEM 205** Intro to Events Management (Spring 2026)
- **MGT 310** Leadership in Business (Fall 2025; Spring 2026)
- **SEM 363** Special Events Management (Fall 2025)
- **SEM 420** Venue Management (Fall 2025)

Instructor of Record Aug 2022 – May 2025
University of South Carolina

- **HTMT 440** Service Management for Hospitality and Tourism (Fall 2022; Spring/Fall 2023; Spring/Fall 2024; Spring 2025)

Teaching Assistant Aug 2021 – May 2022
University of South Carolina

- **HTMT 440** Service Management for Hospitality and Tourism (Fall 2021; Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant Aug 2018 – May 2019
University of Delaware

- **FINC 311** Principles of Finance (Fall 2018; Spring 2019)
- **HOSP 316** Cross Cultural Etiquette and Protocol (Winter 2019)

Research Assistant
University of Delaware

Aug 2018 – May 2019

INDUSTRY EXPERIANCE

Head of Marketing

Hybrid Interaction Ltd.

May 2023 – July 2025

- Oversee all marketing activities of Hybrid Interaction
- Responsible for internal and external communications
- Ensure that the website, promotional material, marketing campaign strategy are updated on a regular basis

Business Development | North America

Hybrid Interaction Ltd.

Feb 2022 – May 2023

- Promote the HI's services by addressing clients' objectives
- Arranging business development meetings with prospective clients
- Build long-term relationships with new and existing customers

Personal Assistant, Tbilisi, Georgia

Full House LLC – Online Gambling Company

Sep 2020 – Aug 2021

- Prepare financial statements, reports, memos, invoices letters, and other documents
- Research and conduct data to prepare documents for review and presentation by CEO, helping to prepare for meetings
- Help with conversations and networking with partners

Research and Marketing analyst, Wilmington, DE

Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau

Aug 2019 – Jun 2020

- Prepare a synopsis for research from New Castle County hotels to prepare GWCVB's strategy for 2021.
- Gather research from several attractions as well to determine market segment.
- Explore the back end of the website. Work with website provider and analyze website visitors' behavior.

Tourist Information Center Operator, Tbilisi, Georgia

Georgian National Tourism Administration

Jul 2014 – Jul 2018

- Answered 200 to 400 customer queries in person, by

- phone and email
- Found information using computer systems, leaflets, timetables, guidebooks etc.
- Kept up to date with local accommodation, places to visit, activities and events

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policy and governance studies in tourism | Tourism development in developing countries
| Gambling tourism | Economic and socio-cultural sustainability | Motivation

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [1] **Odosashvili, L.** & Subedi, S. (2026) When Cultural Appeal Meets Institutional Barriers: A Crisis-Modified Means-End Chain Analysis. *Journal of Destination Marketing & Management*.
- [2] Subedi, S., **Odosashvili, L.**, & Kubickova, M. (2025). A look into travel motivation post-crisis: Insights from means-end chain theory. *Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management*, 63, 421–433. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhtm.2025.05.013>
- [3] **Odosashvili, L.**, & Martin, D. (2025). Tourism development in post-Soviet nations: A comparative systematic review of English and Russian language research. *International Journal of Tourism Sciences*, 24(1), 39–60.
- [4] **Odosashvili, L.** (2025). Balancing the odds: New York residents' perceptions towards online gambling, extension of Social Exchange Theory. *Journal of Gambling Issues*. <https://doi.org/10.4309/DZMT3131>
- [5] Martin, D., **Odosashvili, L.**, & Subedi, S. (2024). Understanding Travelers' Motivations and Preferences Relating to Sustainable Behavior: Configural Analysis of Traveler Mindfulness. *Tourism Analysis*, 29(2), 159–174. <https://doi.org/10.3727/108354223X16894206734543>
- [6] Subedi, S., **Odosashvili, L.**, & Kubickova, M. (2023). Hotel employees' support for federal government during crisis: extension of social exchange theory. *Journal of Policy Research in Tourism, Leisure and Events*, 17(2), 517–537. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19407963.2023.2233526>

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH REPORTS

- [1] Mickley, T., Barr K., & **Odosashvili, L.** (2026) How Philadelphia Markets Itself as a FIFA 2026 Host City: A Social Media Strategy Analysis. *ICHRIE Research Reports*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [1] **Odosashvili, L.**, Nagel, M., & Rascher, D. (*in-press*) Navigating a Crisis: State Government Responses and the Economic Impact of Pandemic Restrictions on the Leisure and Hospitality Industry. In M. S. Nagel & D. A. Rascher (Eds.), *Handbook of Sport Finance*.

- [2] **Odosashvili, L.**, & Poorani, A. A. (2022). Renewal challenges: The case of the Republic of Georgia. In F. J. DeMicco & A. A. Poorani (Eds.), *Medical Travel Brand Management* (1st ed., pp. 105–133). Apple Academic Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003277392>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Odosashvili, L.**, Pennington-Gray, L., & Meng, F. (2026). Governmental influence on tourism development: A Punctuated Equilibrium approach in Post-Soviet nations. *56th annual Travel and Tourism Research Association international conference*.
- Mickley, T., Barr K., & **Odosashvili, L.** (2026). How Philadelphia Markets Itself as a FIFA 2026 Host City: A Social Media Strategy Analysis. *ICHRIE Undergraduate Research Symposium Proceedings*.
- Odosashvili, L.**, & Subedi, S. (2025). Motivations and Barriers for U.S. Travelers to China: A Post-Pandemic Analysis of Destination Choice. *10th Annual SECSA ICHRIE Conference*.
- Odosashvili, L.** & Pennington-Gray, L. (2025). Mapping Sustainable Tourism's Contribution to the SDGs: A Bibliometric Analysis of Global Trends and Research Gaps. *30th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Students Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism*.
- Odosashvili, L.** & Martin, D. (2024). Tourism Evolution in Post-Soviet States: A Comparative Systematic Literature Review of English and Russian Literature from 1991-2024. *The 2024 Annual ICHRIE Summer Conference*.
- Odosashvili, L.** & Lee S. (2024). Advancing Tourism Research: Collaborative Insights from the Presidential Fellowship Program. *Discover USC 2024*.
- Odosashvili, L.**, Subedi, S., & Martin, D. (2024). Balancing the Odds: New York Residents' Perceptions Towards Online Gambling, Extension of Social Exchange Theory. *9th Annual SECSA ICHRIE Conference*
- Odosashvili, L.**, Subedi, S., & Martin, D. (2024). Residents' Perception of Online Gambling: Are We Doing the Right Thing Now? *29th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Students Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism*.
- Subedi, S., **Odosashvili, L.**, & Kubickova, M. (2024). Exploring Travel Motivation Post-COVID: Insights from Means-End Chain Theory. *29th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Students Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism*.
- Odosashvili, L.**, Subedi, S., & Martin, D. (2023). Residents' Perception of Online Gambling: Are We Doing the Right Thing Now? *29th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Students Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism*.
- Subedi, S., **Odosashvili, L.**, Kubickova, M., Martin, D. (2023). Why do people travel? Shifts

in the post-crisis era. *The 2023 Annual ICHRIE Summer Conference.*

Odosashvili, L., Subedi, S., & Martin, D. (2023). Balancing the Odds: New York Residents' Perceptions Towards Online Gambling, Extension of Social Exchange Theory. *9th Annual SECSA ICHRIE Conference.*

Odosashvili, L., Subedi, S., & Martin, D. (2023). Mindful visitors: is COVID-19 a social tipping point? *8th Annual SECSA ICHRIE Conference.*

Odosashvili, L., & Nagel, M. S. (2023). Economic impact of COVID-19 responses on the leisure and hospitality industry. *28th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Students Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism.*

Odosashvili, L., Subedi, S., & Martin, D. (2023). Applying complexity theory to consumers' preference for hotel versus Airbnb. *28th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Students Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism.*

Odosashvili, L., & Nagel, M. S. (2022). Restrictions and planning during covid-19: challenges in leisure and hospitality employment in the United States. *University of South Carolina, The 4th International Tourism and Retail Service Management Conference.*

Subedi, S., **Odosashvili, L., & Kubickova, M. (2022).** Hotel employees' support for federal government policies during crisis: Extension of social exchange theory. *The 4th International Tourism and Retail Service Management Conference.*

Odosashvili, L., & Beldona, S. (2019). Tourism in Georgia - Time for a Legislative Overhaul. *24th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Students Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism.*

GRANTS FUNDED

[1] Why do people travel? Shifts in the post-crisis era.

Role: Co-PI

Grating Agency: School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, USC

Amount: USD \$1,333

[2] Mindfulness Scale development

Role: Co-PI

Grating Agency: School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, USC

Amount: USD \$4,000

GRANTS SUBMITTED

[1] Exchange for Sport Tourism between Florida and Republic of Georgia

Role: Co-PI

Grating Agency: U.S. Embassy Tbilisi PDS Cultural Small Grants Program

Amount: USD \$24,000

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2023	Best student led completed paper 8th Annual ICHRIE SECSA federation conference
2021-2025	Presidential Fellowship University of South Carolina
2020	Winning research and visualization DataFest Tbilisi
2018-2020	Fulbright Scholarship Institute of International Education
2017	Scholarship for High Academic Performance Tbilisi City Hall, Georgia

INVITED SPEAKER, MODERATOR ROLES AND PRESENTATIONS

2025	April 3 – Panelist: “Education in Hospitality and Tourism Analytics” at 2026 Workshop on Informatics, Data Science, and Economics in the Hospitality and Tourism Research (WIDE-HTR 2026)
2024	September 6 – Panelist: “Surviving Graduate School Panel at Graduate Student Expo” June 25-26 – Panelist: “Cross-Market Strategies for iGaming Operators” at SBC Tbilisi in Tbilisi, Georgia. March 5-7 – Panelist: “Pardon the Disruption on Responsible Gaming” at NEXT Summit New York in New York, NY. February 26 - Guest speaker on the panel for UTC's TRIO Student Support Services program, discussing application processes, financial considerations, and student opportunities at USC. February 7-9 - Panelist: “Gambling Reform: Transforming Compliance into Industry Commitment for a Competitive Advantage” at ICE London in London, UK.
2023	November 1-2 – Panelist: “Tech at the Center: Understanding Customers to Maximize Retention and Acquisition” at the SBC Summit Latinoamérica in Miami, FL. August 22 - Guest speaker at Veteran TA Panel for Fall 2023 TA Orientation. Center of Teaching Excellence at the University of South

Carolina.

February 7-10 - Panelist: “Shared Experience: ‘Simply the Best’ for Your Players – Building the Right Onboarding Experience” at ICE London in London, UK.

2022 **December 1** - Guest speaker at HRTM275 Introduction to Beverage Management

November 9 - As a representative of the Presidential Fellows, presented in a graduate school experience/admissions panel for 53 undergraduates in the Opportunity Scholars Program and the McNair Program, federal TRIO initiatives at USC serving low-income and first-generation students. This event was part of First-Generation Students Week at USC.

July 5-8 - Panel Speaker: “No bonus, no problem? Will Ontario's restrictive model inspire more creative and loyalty-building marketing for other regulated markets?” At iGB Live in Amsterdam, Netherlands

March 3 - Center of Teaching Excellence at the university of South Carolina “[Mid-Semester GTA Discussion Panel.](#)”

SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERING

Widener’s AI Working Group, *Widener University, Chester, PA* 2025

Cross-campus group to help shape the University’s approach to teaching, learning, research, and operations in the age of generative AI.

Judging 16th Annual SURCA Symposium, *Widener University, Chester, PA* 2025

Summer Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (SURCA) Symposium. 70+ students presented their poster presentations representing interdisciplinary work across Widener University Schools and Colleges. As a judge, I was responsible for evaluating and choosing a winner in social science category with 2 other colleagues.

Reviewer

Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Cases: An International Case Journal 2026

International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (ICHRIE) Eta Sigma Delta Undergraduate Student Research Symposium 2026

Acta Psychologica 2025

Journal of Culinary Science & Technology 2025

30th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Student 2025

Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism	2024
Annual ICHRIE Summer Conference	2022-2023
Discover USC	Fall 2022
8th Annual SECSA ICHRIE Conference	
Technical assistant at the 4th International Tourism and Retail Service Management Conference	Oct 2022
Advisory Committee of Presidential Fellowship , University of South Carolina, <i>Columbia, SC</i>	
President	Aug 2024 – May 2025
Vice Presidents	Aug 2023 – May 2024
Secretary	Aug 2022 – May 2023
Judging DECA student competition , <i>Columbia, SC</i>	2022
In these events, students are given a business scenario and have 10-30 minutes to prepare a solution or presentation. They then present their solution to a judge, who evaluates their performance based on specific criteria.	
Member of International Student Advisory Committee , University of Delaware, <i>Newark, DE</i>	Oct 2018 – May 2019
Team Heart & Sole , <i>Athens, Ohio</i>	Aug 2018
They provide inclusive opportunities for individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends, to participate in endurance racing events across Ohio, while building authentic relationships through teamwork.	
YouthPass	
It is a tool to document and recognize learning outcomes from youth voluntary work and solidarity activities.	
Healthy lifestyle – Challenges, healthy habits, <i>Croatia</i>	May 2017
Energy for Sinergy – Mental and physical health, <i>Armenia</i>	Sep 2017
Ecolaboration – Problems that our ecosystem is facing, <i>Spain</i>	Oct 2017

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

2025	Inclusion and Belonging Center for Teaching and Learning, Widener University
	Ignite Engagement: Active Learning Strategies Teaching and Learning Technologies, Widener University
	AI in the Assignment: Decide, Design, Discuss Teaching and Learning Technologies, Widener University

**Graduate/Post-doc Students Teaching in Higher Education:
Empowering the Next Generation of Educators Conference
Program**

ITeach: Certification in Higher Ed Inc.

**Fostering Connections: Implementing Learning Communities
in Your Course**

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)

2024 **Teaching and Learning with Generative Artificial Intelligence**
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

Teaching with the Library

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

2023 **Teaching Online for Graduate Students**
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

Teaching Toward Inclusive Excellence (TTIE)

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

2022 **University of South Carolina SHARPGrads Program**
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

Mental Health and Well-being Competency

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

Preparing Future Faculty Certificate

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

Integrative and Experiential Learning

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

Fostering Proactive Learning Environments

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina

2020 **Advanced Google Analytics**
Google

2019 **Hotel Practicum**

Marriott Courtyard Newark at the University of Delaware, *Newark, DE*
Obtained over 84 hours of hotel experience in key positions
including manager on duty, administrative, front desk, night audit,
revenue management, conference services, engineering, sales and
marketing, accounting, housekeeping and food and beverage.

2018

Certification in Hotel Industry Analytics (CHIA)
STR

Operations Manual for Tourist Information Centers
Georgian National Tourism Administration

Hotel Management
Georgian National Tourism Administration

The Fundamentals of Digital Marketing
Google

SKILLS

Languages: *English* - Fluent Level, *Georgian* – Fluent Level, *Russian* - Fluent Level, *Spanish* – Conversational Level.

Programming and statistical software: Python, R, SPSS, fsQCA, JMP.

Data visualization tools: Tableau, Power BI, Voyant.

Statistical equation modeling: AMOS, SmartPLS.