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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Connecticut

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, August 2020 –

Oberlin College

Visiting Instructor, Department of Politics, January – June 2020

Northwestern University

Instructor of Record, School of Professional Studies, January – April 2019

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, USA

PhD, Political Science, June 2020

Dissertation: Democratic Responses to the “Social Question” in the Age of Revolution

Subfields: Political Theory (major), Comparative Politics (minor)

Committee: Mary Dietz (advisor), James Farr, Cristina Lafont, Loubna El Amine

MA, Political Science, October 2014

University of Essex, UK

MA with *Distinction*, Government, November 2011

Subfield: Ideology and Discourse Analysis

Middle East Technical University, Turkey

BS with *Honors*, Political Science and Public Administration, January 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

“Alexis de Tocqueville’s Reluctant ‘Democratic Language’” *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 83, Issue 1 (January 2021): 21-44. doi:10.1017/S0034670520000716

“From Body to Flesh: Lefort, Merleau-Ponty, and Democratic Indeterminacy,” *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 19, Issue 4 (October 2020): 571-92. First accepted and published online in August 2017.

Other Publications

- “Why did Edmund Burke call the French Revolution a Democratic Revolution?” *Age of Revolutions Online Journal* (June 3, 2019) <https://ageofrevolutions.com/2019/06/03/why-did-edmund-burke-call-the-french-revolution-a-democratic-revolution/>
- Book Review: “Asef Bayat’s *Life as Politics: How Ordinary People Change the Middle East*,” *Essex Graduate Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 11 (October 2011).

Academic Translation

Of Michael Mann and John A. Hall, *Power in the 21st Century: Conversations with John Hall* (Polity Press, 2011) into Turkish *Yirmibirinci Yüzyılda İktidar* (Açılım Kitap, 2014).

PRESENTATIONS

- “Democracy and the Social Question in France,” Association for Political Theory Book Proposal Workshop, Amherst, MA, November 13, 2021.
- “Moral and Material Amelioration of the Lots of All: Louis Blanc's Theory of Democratic Associations,” University of Connecticut Political Theory Workshop, Storrs, December 8, 2020
- “Democracy and the ‘Social Question:’ The Case of Louis Blanc,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 29, 2019
- “Defining Equality: Tocqueville and Democratic Language,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, September 1, 2018.
- “Best Aspirations of the Democratic Spirit: John Stuart Mill on Equality,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, October 13, 2017
- “Co-operative Democracy: J.S. Mill’s Critique of Socio-Economic Inequality,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 1, 2017
- “Democracy Against Inequality: A Rereading of the *Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen*,” Cambridge French Graduate Conference, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, May 6, 2017
- “Practicing Equality and Sovereignty: Tocqueville on Associations,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 23, 2016
- “Social and Democratic Republic: Popular Sovereignty and Practices of Equality,” Northwestern Political Theory Workshop, October 23, 2015.
- “The Flesh of the People: Merleau-Ponty, Lefort, and Democratic Theory,” Northwestern Political Theory Workshop, May 29, 2013.
- “Secularism Between Oppression and Emancipation: The Case of Turkey,” Studies in Social and Political Thought Annual Conference, University of Sussex, June 16, 2011
- “Becoming Political: Everyday Life and Radical Democracy,” Radical Democracy Conference, The New School for Social Research and Columbia University, April 4, 2011.
- “Liberal Düşüncede Özel-Kamusal Ayrımı: Hayat ve Alan” (The Distinction between Public and Private in Liberal Thought: Life and Sphere), Abant İzzet Baysal University, Political Science Students Conference, April 30, 2010.

TEACHING

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut

Fall 2021: POLS 1002: Introduction to Political Theory; POLS 2998W: Social Contract Theory and Its

Critics; POLS 3002: Classical and Medieval Political Theory
Spring 2021: POLS 1002: Introduction to Political Theory; POLS 2998W: Social Contract Theory and Its Critics; POLS 3062: Democratic Theory
Fall 2020: POLS 1002: Introduction to Political Theory; POLS 2998: Political Issues: Rethinking Collectivity; POLS 3002: Classical and Medieval Political Theory

Visiting Instructor, Oberlin College

Spring 2020: POLT 138: Political Concepts; POLT 255: Democratic Theory; POLT 335: Contemporary Continental Political Theory

Instructor of Record, Northwestern University, School of Professional Studies

Winter 2019: Political Science 390: Democratic Theory

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University

Spring 2019: Political Science 250: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Jason Seawright)

Fall 2018: Political Science 201: Introduction to Political Theory (Shmuel Nili)

Spring 2016: Classics 212: Rome, Culture and Empire (John Wynne)

Winter 2016: Political Science 230: Law in the Political Arena (Wes Skogan)

Fall 2015: Political Science 201: Introduction to Political Theory (Jacqueline Stevens)

Spring 2015: Political Science 349: Globalization (Stephen Nelson)

Winter 2015: Political Science 341: International Political Economy (Stephen Nelson)

Fall 2014: Political Science 221: Urban Politics (Reuel Rogers)

Spring 2014: Political Science 349: Globalization (Stephen Nelson)

Winter 2014: Political Science 201: Introduction to Political Theory (Ian Storey)

Fall 2013: Slavic Languages & Literature 210: Introduction to Russian Literature (Gary Saul Morson)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Loubna El Amine, Northwestern University, June – December 2019.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

University of Connecticut, “Excellent in Teaching” Faculty List, 2020

Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, 2018

University Fellowship, Northwestern University, The Graduate School, 2017-18, 2012-13.

The Paris Program in Critical Theory Fellowship, Northwestern University and Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris III), 2016-17

Evan Frankel Fellowship in the Humanities, 2016-17

Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching Certificate, 2016

Conference Travel Award, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, 2016, 2015

Conference Travel Award, Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, 2015

Northwestern University Department of Political Science Graduate Teaching Certificate, 2015

Critical Theory Cluster Certificate, Northwestern University, 2015

Minar Memorial Summer Award, Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, 2015, 2014

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Member, UConn Political Science Colloquium Committee, 2021-

Reviewer, Academic Journals: Political Research Quarterly, Chiasmi International, Body & Society, Democratic Theory

Co-organizer, “Crisis of Collectivity” Northwestern Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory, November 2016

Co-chair, Northwestern University Political Theory Workshop, 2015-16.

Director, Middle East Technical University Political Science Society, 2009-10.

Vice President, Middle East Technical University Student Union, 2008-9

Student Representative, Middle East Technical University Student Union, 2006-7

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

Western Political Science Association

History Foundation, Turkey

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native) English (Fluent) French (Advanced)