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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	2021–
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science	
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	August 2015–2021
Associate Professor, Department of Politics (2020–2021)	
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics (2015–2020)	
Mellon Humanities Fellow, IHGC (2017–2018)	
Clay Humanities Fellow, IHGC (2016–2017)	
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	2014–2015
Mellon Research Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Humanities	
Lecturer in Political Science	
Lecturer in Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies	
HARVARD UNIVERSITY (secondary appointment)	2014–2015
Mellon ‘Violence / Non-Violence’ Associate, Mahindra Humanities Center	
CORNELL UNIVERSITY	2012–2014
Mellon Postdoctoral Diversity Fellow, Department of Government	

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PhD, Political Science	2012
Dissertation: “Genealogies of Peace: Hostility, Consensus, and War in Comparative Political Thought”; Committee: Anne Norton (Chair), Jeffrey E. Green, Nancy J. Hirschmann, Joseph E. Lowry	
Mellon / ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellow	
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, MA, Political Science	2008
Fields: Political Theory; Middle East Politics; Comparative Politics	
CARLETON UNIVERSITY, BA, Highest Honors, History and Political Science	2006
Double Honors, concentrations in International Relations and Political Theory	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

POLITICAL THEORY: History of political thought (ancient, modern, contemporary); theories of war and peace; international political theory; comparative political theory; secularism and religion; language and politics; Islamic political thought (classical, modernist, postcolonial); classical texts in modern thought (both Arabic and European); Islam in Arabic and European thought; advice for rulers/mirrors for princes; colonial and anticolonial thought; approaches to political theory.

MIDDLE EAST POLITICS: Colonialism; representations of violence; popular culture; political economy.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

War for Peace: Genealogies of a Violent Ideal in Western and Islamic Thought (Oxford University Press, 2019; paperback 2021).

Awards: 2021 Best Book in Interdisciplinary Studies Award, International Studies Association.
2020 David Easton Award, APSA, Foundations of Political Theory.
2020 Best Book Award, International Studies Association, International Ethics Section.

Symposia/Exchanges: *Politics, Religion & Ideology* (4 reviews with author response); *Syndicate Theology* (4 reviews with author responses); *Perspectives on Politics* 18, no. 1 (2020): 213–218 (critical dialogue with Jennifer Pitts)

Reviews: *Review of Politics*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Political Theory*; *International Journal of Middle East Studies*.

Book panels: ISA International Ethics Award Panel 2021; APSA 2019; Columbia University Heyman Center for the Humanities; Labyrinth Books, Princeton NJ.

Featured in: *Heyman Center New Books Podcast*; *Mitchell Center Podcast*; *New Books in Political Science Podcast*; *Political Theory Review Podcast*; *The Page 99 Test*.

(ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Theory*, edited with Leigh K. Jenco and Megan C. Thomas (Oxford University Press, 2020)

Book panels: Asian Cosmopolitanisms Lab, University of Virginia (Jan. 2020); University of Toronto (Dec. 2020).

The International and Global Thought of Sayyid Qutb, 1945–1954: Colonialism, Capitalism, and Race (under contract with Cambridge University Press).

BOOK PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

Islam under Modernity: Genealogies of Definition, Reform, and Jihad

Inventing Islamic Philosophy: The Politics of Hayy ibn Yaqzan and Ibn Tufayl's Global Afterlives

ARTICLES:

"The Location of Anti-Colonialism, Or, al-Afghani, Qasim Amin, and Sayyid Qutb at the Peripheries," *Critical Times* (forthcoming 2022).

"Islam Out of History: Three Genealogies," *History of the Present* 11.2 (Oct. 2021): 253–278.
<https://doi.org/10.1215/21599785-9015324>

"Rawls, Genealogy, History," *Polity* 53.4 (Oct. 2021): 541–554. <https://doi.org/10.1086/716208>. "Classics Revisited" invited article on John Rawls's *A Theory of Justice*.

"Islam, Rawls, and the Disciplinary Limits of Late Twentieth-Century Liberal Philosophy," *Modern Intellectual History* 18.4 (2021): 1034–57. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1479244320000499>

"The Kazanistan Papers: Reading the Muslim Question in the John Rawls Archives," *Perspectives on Politics* 19.1 (2021): 110–30. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S153759272000239X>.

* **2020 Best Paper Prize**, APSA, Foundations of Political Theory.

"Producing Islamic Philosophy: The Life and Afterlives of Ibn Tufayl's *Hayy ibn Yaqzan* in Global History, 1882–1947," *European Journal of Political Theory* 15.4 (Oct. 2016): 382–403.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1474885116666032>

“Political Theory and the Politics of Comparison,” *Political Theory* (Jul. 2016): 1–20. (Guide through the Political Theory Archive 4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591716659812>

“Alternative Political Theologies: Erasmus on Peace, Speech, and Necessity,” *Theory & Event* 17.4 (Dec. 2014). <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/562823>

“Ibn Tufayl’s Critique of Politics,” *Journal of Islamic Philosophy* 7 (2011): 67–102.
<https://doi.org/10.5840/islamicphil201177>

BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Peace, or, the Moral Economy of War: Between W. E. B. Du Bois and Sayyid Qutb,” in *Crisis under Critique*, eds. Didier Fassin and Axel Honneth (Columbia University Press, 2022), 123–144.

“Peace, Pacifism, and Religion,” in *A Cultural History of Peace in the Age of Enlightenment (1648–1815)*, eds. David Armitage and Stella Gervas (Bloomsbury, 2020).

“Comparison, Connectivity, and Disconnection,” with Leigh Jenco and Megan Thomas, introduction to *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Theory*, eds. Jenco, Idris, Thomas (Oxford University Press, 2020).

“Colonial Hesitation, Citation, and Appropriation: Qāsim Amīn, Empire, and Saying ‘No’,” in *Colonial Exchanges: Political Theory and the Agency of the Colonized*, eds. Burke A. Hendrix and Deborah Baumgold (Manchester University Press, 2017), 180–216.

“Animality, Death, and Colonialism in the State of Nature: Hayy ibn Yaḡzān’s Islands of Politics” in *The State of Nature in Comparative Political Thought*, eds. Jon Carlson and Russell Arben Fox. (Lexington, 2013), 145–164.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

“Philosophy in Light of *In the Shadow of Justice*.” *Review of Politics* (forthcoming). Symposium on Katrina Forrester’s *In the Shadow of Justice*.

“Introduction,” *European Journal of Political Theory* (forthcoming). Forum on Massimiliano Tomba’s *Insurgent Universality*.

“Introduction,” H-Diplo Roundtable XXIII-17 on Thea Riofrancos’s *Resource Radicals: From Petro-Nationalism to Post-Extractivism in Ecuador* (Dec. 2021). <https://hdiplo.org/to/RT23-17>

“The Politics of ‘What Is Islam’: What Kind of Question Is This Anyway?” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 40.1 (May 2020). Forum on Shahab Ahmed’s *What Is Islam?: The Importance of Being Islamic*.

“The Politics of Ḥayy ibn Yaḡzān,” *Iberian Connections: Medieval and Early Modern Studies & Contemporary Critical Thought* 2.2 (2019). <https://iberian-connections.yale.edu/articles/the-politics-of-hayy-ibn-yaqzan/>

“Ibn Tufayl and the story of the feral child of philosophy” (with Marwa Elshakry). *Aeon*. March 26, 2019. <https://aeon.co/ideas/ibn-tufayl-and-the-story-of-the-feral-child-of-philosophy>

“Power and Civility,” *Immanent Frame* (Jan. 2017). Symposium on Teresa M. Bejan’s *Mere Civility*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/category/exchanges/book-blog/mere-civility/>

“Liberalism, Islam, Missionaries,” *Syndicate Theology* 3.3: 82–85 (Jun. 2016). Symposium on Joseph A. Massad’s *Islam in Liberalism*. <https://syndicatetheology.com/symposium/islam-in-liberalism/>

“Re-thinking how Liberalism Constitutes Islam—Three Theses.” Book review of Joseph A. Massad, *Islam in Liberalism* (2015). *Theory & Event* 19.1 (Jan. 2016).

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- “Regicide” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael Gibbons. Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- “Masses” and “Islamization” in *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, ed. Gerhard Böwering. Princeton University Press, 2012.
- Book review of Jacob Shamir and Khalil Shikaki, *Palestinian and Israeli Public Opinion* (2010). *Israel Studies Review* 27.1 (Summer 2012).
- Book review of Juliana Ochs, *Security and Suspicion* (2011). *Middle East Journal* 65.4 (Fall 2011).

PAPERS IN PROGRESS:

- “Violence, Colonialism, and Capitalism in an Islamist Key”
- “Cosmopolitanism and the Pre-Enlightenment,” *The Oxford Handbook of Cosmopolitanism*, eds. Prathama Banerjee, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Sanjay Seth, and Lisa Wedeen (under contract)
- “Re-Orienting Luther: Soldiers, Missionaries, and Second-Comings”
- “Al-Farabi’s *Politics*” (English translation and critical edition, with critical commentary)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- Best Book in Interdisciplinary Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies Section, International Studies Association, 2021.
- David Easton Award, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA, 2020 (first time awarded to a first book)
- Best Paper Prize, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA, 2020.
- Best Book Award, International Ethics Section, International Studies Association, 2020.
- University of Chicago Library Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship, 2020.
- Finalist, Mellon Emerging Faculty Leader, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2020.
- AMIAS Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, 2018, 2019.
- Society Fellow, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2018–2019 (declined).
- Mellon Humanities Fellow, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, 2017–2018.
- Research Stipend (competitively selected), Arts & Sciences, University of Virginia, Summer 2017.
- Course Dev. Award, “The Muslim Question,” Religion & Its Publics, University of Virginia, Jan. 2017.
- Clay Fellow, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, 2016–2017.
- Mellon Research Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Columbia University, 2014–2017.
- Mellon Violence / Non-Violence Postdoctoral Fellowship, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, 2014–2015 (declined fellowship; accepted secondary appointment as Associate).
- Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute, 2014–2015 (declined).
- Mellon Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship, College of Arts & Sciences, Cornell University, 2012–2014.
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation / ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2011–2012.
- Josephine de Karman Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2011–2012 (declined).
- Alvin Z. Rubinstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching, Political Science, UPenn, 2011.
- Janet Lee Stevens Fellowship in Arabic & Islamic Studies. UPenn Middle East Center, 2011.
- GAPSA–Office of the Provost’s Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation, UPenn, 2010.
- Graduate Division Pew Presidential Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2010.

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Janet Lee Stevens Fellowship in Arabic & Islamic Studies. UPenn Middle East Center, 2010.
Research Grant, Political Science, UPenn: 2011 & 2009 (competitively selected).
Benjamin Franklin Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2006–2011.
Tawfiq Shaheen Memorial Scholarship. Ottawa Muslim Association / Carleton University, 2006.
North American Conference on British Studies Undergraduate Essay Award, 2006.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Chair, Michigan	Merisa Sahin (co-chair), “Anticolonial Cosmopolitanisms: Young Ottoman Anticolonial Thinkers and Projects of Global Integration, 1884-1914”
Committee, Michigan	Janice Feng, “Traces of Desire, or the Corporeality of Settler Colonialism: New France and Dutch Formosa, 1624-1763”
Committee, UVa	Jingcai Ying, PhD 2018, “Zhu Xi and Confucian Democracy” Brittany Leach, PhD 2020, “Death Before Birth: Theorizing Pregnant Embodiment, Reproductive Autonomy, and the Politics of Abortion” Nicola Nones, “The Moral Narratives of the European Sovereign Bond Crisis” Matt Frierdich, “Take Them All Down: White Monumentality and Memory Politics”
MA Reader, UVa	Abir al-Abyad, MA 2017, MESALC, “Palestinian Cinema: Between the Siege and the Universal, Doomed by Hope” Alexa Liedke, MA 2017, MESALC, “Narrative re(Construction): Reading the Emergence of Contemporary Istanbul”

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	2021–
POLSCI 701: Theorizing the International (Graduate seminar)	
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	2015–2021
PLPT 3030: Contemporary Political Theory	
PLPT 8500: Political Theories of War & Peace (Graduate seminar)	
PLPT 8500: Islam and Political Theory (Graduate seminar)	
DEM 7000/1: Democracy, War, Violence (co-taught graduate seminar; competitively selected)	
PLPT 4500: War and Politics	
PLPT 4500: Islamic Political Thought	
PLPT 4500: The Muslim Question & Political Theory	
ACADEMY OF GLOBAL HUMANITIES AND CRITICAL THEORY (BOLOGNA, ITALY)	SUMMER 2017
Waging War & Ordering the World (Graduate seminar)	
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	2014–2015
MDES 4056: The Politics of Colonized Thought (Graduate seminar)	
CC 1101: Contemporary Western Civilization I (The Core)	

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY	2012–2014
GOVT 6574: Comparative Political Theorizing (Graduate seminar)	
GOVT 4615 / NES 4615: Islamic Political Thought	
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (Teaching Fellow)	2007–2011
PSCI 211: Middle East Politics (Ian Lustick)	
PSCI 211: Middle East Politics (Robert Vitalis)	
PSCI 182: Contemporary Political Theory (Jeffrey Green)	
PSCI 183: American Political Theory (Anne Norton)	
PSCI 181: Modern Political Theory (Nancy Hirschmann)	
PSCI 180: Ancient Political Theory (Mark Shiffman)	

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

“The Location of Anti-Colonialism.”

- (1) University of Florida Political Theory Workshop, March. 2021.
- (2) Panel: Cartographies of Thought in Comparative View. *APSA*, 2021 (panel co-organizer).

“Islam Out of History: Three Genealogies.”

- (1) *Association for Political Theory Annual Conference*, Oct. 2019.
- (2) Panel: Alternative Approaches to Toleration. *APSA*, 2020 (panel co-organizer).
- (3) Oxford Political Thought Seminar, University of Oxford, Nov. 2020.

“Peace, or, the Moral Economy of War,” workshop on *Crisis under Critique*, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, Nov. 15–16, 2019.

“Re-Framing Islam: Submission, Reformation, Pacification,” conference on *Democratic Interpellations*. Department of History of Consciousness, University of California—Santa Cruz, Oct. 10–11, 2019.

“The Politics of *Ḥayy ibn Yaqzān*,” *X: Iberian Connections: Medieval and Early Modern Studies and Contemporary Critical Thought*, Yale University, Sept 26, 2019.

“Founding Kazanistan: The Muslim Question in the John Rawls Archives,” Panel: Theorizing History, Historicizing Theory: New Approaches to Political Theory. *APSA* 2019.

“Re-Orienting Luther.” Workshop on *Between Civil War and Revolution: Global Genealogies*, Lichtenberg-Kolleg - Göttingen Institute for Advanced Study, University of Göttingen, May 2019.

“The Kazanistan Papers: John Rawls, Liberal Orientalism, and American Philosophy’s Muslim Problem.”

- (1). *Association for Political Theory Annual Conference*, Oct. 2018.
- (2). *Critical Conversations*, Institute for Advanced Study, Oct. 2018.
- (3). *CSPT - Toronto Chapter, Workshop*, Nov. 2018.

“Imagined Unities: Four Idioms of the Islamic International in Arab Political Thought, 1890–1951.”

- (1). Conference on *Unions, Federations, Leagues, and Pan-Movements in Global Political Thought*, Columbia University, Apr. 2018.
- (2). Panel: “The Science of Empire: Non-Western Colonialisms in Comparative Perspective.” *APSA* 2018. (panel co-organizer)

“Provincializing the Political Concept of a Global History.” Conference on *Towards a Global History of Political Concepts*, Brown University, Apr. 2018.

“Luther *Orientalisch*: Soldiers, Missionaries, and Second-Comings.”

- (1). London School of Economics, Political Philosophy Seminar, Dec. 2016.
- (2). Panel: “1517–2017: Dealing with Luther.” Society for German Renaissance and Baroque Literature. *Modern Language Association*, Jan. 2017.
- (3). Panel: “Figuring Islam: Missionary, Terrorist, Traitor, Humiliated, Fanatic, Reformer.” *APSA 2017* (panel co-organizer).
- (4). University of Madison-Wisconsin Political Theory Workshop, Oct. 2017.
- (5). University of Pennsylvania Political Theory Workshop, Nov. 2017.
- (6). Georgetown University Political Theory Workshop, Feb. 2018.

“Luthers of the Orient: Colonists, Reformers, and Tactical Identifications,” Workshop on *Global Political Thought: Perspectives from South Asia and the Middle East*, Global South Lab, University of Virginia, Oct. 5, 2017 (co-organizer).

“Illustrating Islamic Philosophy: Post-colonial Canons, Education, Identity, and Ibn Tufayl’s *Ḥayy ibn Yaqzan*, 1937–1992.” *Middle East Studies Association*, Nov. 2017 (panel co-organizer).

“Third World Approaches to International Law and Comparative Political Theory: Critical Approaches to International Law and Political Theory.” (with Helen Kinsella).

- (1). Roundtable: “Critical International Law and Comparative Political Theory: A Conversation.” *APSA 2017* (roundtable co-organizer).
- (2). *Rethinking Comparison in the Social Sciences*, Workshop at the City College of New York, Oct. 19–20, 2017.
- (3). Panel: “Rethinking Comparison I: Conceptualizing Comparison Through an Interpretive Lens.” *APSA 2018*.

“Bordering Peace, Layering Jihad,” *Political Thinking at the Margins*, conference, University of Virginia, Apr. 2017 (conference co-organizer).

“The Future of Comparative Political Theory,” Roundtable, London School of Economics, Dec. 2016.

“Genealogies and Disseminations of Political Scripts: Texts, Histories, Moralities,” *Global South: A Colloquium*. Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, Nov. 2016.

“Formations of the World, Divisions of the Globe: Nations, Cities, Colonies.” *Between the World and the International: Thinking with Ottoman and Islamic Pasts*. UC-Berkeley. Nov. 2016.

“Producing Islamic Philosophy: The Life and Afterlives of Ibn Ṭufayl’s *Ḥayy ibn Yaqzān* in Global History, 1882–1947.” *Association for Political Theory*, Oct. 2016.

“How to Read Ibn Tufayl: From Philosophy and Theology to Historicist Critique.” *Textual Exegesis: The Interpretation and Teaching of Primary Sources*. The Tocqueville Forum for Political Understanding, Georgetown University, Apr. 2016.

“Making Islam ‘Meaningful’: Submission and Peace between Islamists and Orientalists.” *Middle East Studies Association*, Nov. 2015.

“Luthers of the Orient: Adapting Martin Luther in Egypt, India and China.” *Association for Political Theory*, Oct. 2015.

“Al-Farabi and His *Politics*: Advisor between Ruler and Ruled. A Translation and Commentary.” Panel: Comparative Perspectives on “Advice for Rulers.” *APSA Sept 2015* (panel co-organizer).

“Histories of Ibn Ṭufayl’s *Ḥayy ibn Yaqzān*: Paratexts and the Production of *Falsafa*,” Conference on *New Histories of Political Thought*, London School of Economics, Apr. 2015.

“A Weak and Enslaved People Rarely Uses the Word ‘No’: Qasim Amin without Progress, Gender, or Empire.” Conference on *Colonial Exchanges*, University of Oregon, Oct. 2014.

“Does Ibn Khaldun Have a Political Theory of Law? On the Historicity of Legal Authority in the *Muqaddima*.” Panel: Comparative Perspectives on Law in the Ancient and Medieval World. *APSA*

Sept. 2014.

“Cycles of Political Authority: Thomas Hobbes and Ibn Khaldun on the Generations of Peace.”

(1). Panel: Reason & Revelation. *Association for Political Theory*, Oct. 2013.

(2). Panel: Political Innovations and Cultural Exchange. *WPSA* Mar. 2014.

“The Polemics of World Peace: The Peace Plans of Immanuel Kant and Sayyid Qutb.”

(1). Panel: Kant and Alternatives to Kantianism. *WPSA* Mar. 2013.

(2). Panel: Translating Power. *APSA* Sept. 2013.

“Islam/Peace: Disseminations.” Near Eastern Studies Workshop, Cornell University, Nov. 2012.

“Alternative Political Theologies: Erasmus on Peace, Speech, and Necessity.” Cornell Political Theory Workshop, Sept. 2012.

PANEL DISCUSSANT:

Roundtable on “Interdisciplinarity in Global Studies: Forms, Uses, Critique,” *ISA* 2022.

Roundtable on Katrina Forrester’s *In the Shadow of Justice*, *APSA* 2021.

Roundtable on “Taking Stock at 24: Comparative Political Theory in 2021 and Beyond.” *APSA* 2021.

“Comparative Political Theory and the Comparative Study of Religion and Politics.” *APSA* 2021.

Roundtable on Hagar Kotef’s *The Colonizing Self*, *WPSA* 2021.

Roundtable on Massimiliano Tomba’s *Insurgent Universality*, *APSA* 2020 (panel organizer).

“Provincializing Political Theory: Islamic Intellectuals in Turkey.” *MESA* Nov 2017.

“Complexity, Process and Disruption”; “New Approaches to Religion and Violence”; “Black Freedom and Black Thought.” *APSA* Sept. 2016. (3 panels)

“Imperialism and Colonialism in Political Theory.” *APSA* Sept. 2014.

“Imperialism and International Peace in Early Modern Thought.” *APSA* Sept. 2013.

“Non-Western Perspectives in Political Theory.” *WPSA* Mar. 2013.

“Documenting the Print Culture of Tahrir Square.” *Middle East Studies Association* Nov. 2012.

“Comparative Political Theorizing.” *Association for Political Theory* Oct. 2012.

“Religion and Political Theory.” *MPSA* Apr. 2012.

“East and West Debate Foundations.” *APSA* Sept. 2011.

“Landscapes of Israel / Palestine.” Natures in the Middle East, Grad Conference. UPenn, Apr. 2011.

WORKSHOP PAPER DISCUSSANT:

“Confronting Liberal Presentism: Edward Said and the Slow Practice of Humanist Reflection,” Jeanne Morefield (Whitman College). UVa Political Theory Colloquium, Jan. 16, 2015.

“Remembering Democracy: Anti-Colonial Evocations and Invocations of a Disappearing Norm,” Siba Grovogui (Johns Hopkins University). Cornell Political Theory Workshop, Feb. 28, 2013.

“Taking People as They Are: Islam as a Realistic Utopia in the Political Theory of Sayyid Qutb,” Andrew March (Yale University). UPenn Political Theory Workshop, Oct. 22, 2009.

“The Crimes of History, the Rights of Man, and the Taubira Law Revisited,” Miranda Spieler (University of Arizona). UPenn Ethnohistory Workshop, Sept. 25, 2008.

INVITED LECTURES

“War for Peace,” Global Forum on Southern Epistemologies, hosted jointly by Penn State, University of the Western Cape, and Nelson Mandela University in South Africa, April 29, 2022.

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- “Violence, What’s It Good For?” Panel discussion with Banu Bargu, Global Middle East: Theorizing Political Violence, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, April 14, 2022.
- “Violence, Colonialism, and Capitalism in an Islamist Key,” Oxford Political Thought Seminar series: Violence, February 23, 2022.
- “Re-Framing Islam: Submission, Reformation, Pacification—Decolonization?” *Decolonising Knowledge* series, Diversity Reading List and British Philosophical Association, Oct. 13, 2021.
- “Idealizations of Peace in Islamic Political Thought: The Case of Sayyid Qutb,” Centre for Philosophy and Critical Thought, Goldsmiths, University of London, April 28, 2021.
- Panel Speaker. “Islamic Law in Translation: A Conversation with Prof. Mohammad Fadel,” University of Virginia, Mar. 2, 2020.
- “The Crisis of Democracy: Three Views.” Opening lecture, conference on *Crises of Democracy*, Institute for Ideas and Imagination, Columbia Global Centers, Reid Hall, Paris, May 17, 2019.
- “Reading Ibn Tufayl in the Modern Middle East: Philosophy, Colonialism, and Political Fantasies,” Friends of the IAS, Institute for Advanced Study, Feb. 22, 2019.
- “Islam: Three Genealogies,” School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Feb. 4, 2019.
- “Idealizations of Peace in Islamic Political Thought: The Case of Sayyid Qutb,” Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, Nov. 19, 2018.
- “Idealizations of Peace and Postcolonial Pacification.” Lecture on Postcolonial Unrests: State, Citizenship Rights and Trauma. Postcolonial Studies Organisation of the Global South (PSAGS) Annual Meeting, sponsored by *Kairos: A Journal of Critical Symposium*, June 30–July 1, 2018.
- “Idealizations of Peace in Islamic Political Thought: The Case of Sayyid Qutb,” lecture and seminar, Pembroke Center, Brown University, Feb. 27–28, 2018.
- Panel Speaker. Teach-In on the Syrian War. University of Virginia, April 18, 2017.
- “Reading Ibn Tufayl in the Modern Middle East: Philosophy, Colonialism, and Political Fantasies.” Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Wake Forest University, Nov. 3, 2016.
- “Luther *Orientalisch*: Soldiers, Missionaries, and Second-Comings.” Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Columbia University, Feb. 18, 2016.
- “A Plan for Universal Peace: Sayyid Qutb in the Shade of Immanuel Kant.” Thursday Lecture Series, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Columbia University, Nov. 20, 2014.
- “Troubling Cosmopolitan Kant: Arabs, Commerce, Hospitality.” Near Eastern Studies graduate seminar, Cornell University, Mar. 7, 2014.
- “When Islam Means: Submission, Peace, Terror.” Political Science seminar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Feb. 24, 2014.
- “Constructing Islam in Language.” Islamic Alliance for Justice, Arab Students Association, and Persian Students Association, Cornell University, Apr. 16, 2013.
- “Rethinking ‘War is for the Sake of Peace’ through Plato’s *Laws*.” Peace and Conflict Studies Seminar, Reppy Institute, Cornell University, Mar. 7, 2013.
- “Did someone say, ‘Islam is (not) peace?’” Alumni Weekend 60-Second Slam, School of Arts and Sciences, UPenn, May 12, 2012.
- Panel Speaker. “The Syrian Revolution.” Event titled “The Arab Spring.” Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Bryn Mawr College. Oct. 25, 2011.
- Panel Speaker. “Palestine / Israel Asymmetrical.” Event titled “Palestine’s UN Bid.” Sponsored by

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Penn for Palestine and J-Street UPenn. UPenn. Oct. 5, 2011.

Panel Speaker. “Human Rights in Historical and Post-Colonial Perspective.” Event titled “Human Rights in Egypt.” Sponsored by the International Relations Program, UPenn. Apr. 20, 2011.

Keynote and Moderator. “Israel and Palestine: The Search for Solutions.” Sponsored by the UPenn Philomathean Society, the Penn Israel Coalition, and Penn for Palestine. UPenn. Oct. 19, 2010.

Panel Speaker. “Counting Bodies Unequally Across the Globe.” Event titled “The War on Gaza,” organized by independent faculty. UPenn. Feb. 11, 2009.

SERVICE

Contributing Editor *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, & the Middle East*, 2020–2025.

Selection Committee Best First Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA 2022.

Workshop Organizer “Comparative/World/Global,” Workshop Series, University of Virginia (co-organized with Fahad Bishara and Jack Chen), Spring 2021.

Faculty Coordinator University of Michigan Political Theory Workshop, Fall 2021–.

Faculty Coordinator University of Virginia Political Theory Colloquium, Fall 2015–Spring 2018, Fall 2019–Spring 2021.

Lecture Organizer Biennial Egger Political Theory Lecture delivered by Joan Scott, University of Virginia, Jan. 2020.

Workshop Organizer “Empire By Its Other Names,” Workshop, Columbia University (co-organized with Hagar Kotef), Apr. 2019.

Symposium Organizer “Histories Overflowing,” symposium on Alexis Wick’s *The Red Sea* (2016) and Fahad Bishara’s *A Sea of Debt* (2017) University of Virginia, Mar. 2018.

Workshop Organizer “Global Political Thought,” Workshop, University of Virginia (co-organized with Debjani Ganguly), Oct. 2017.

Conference Organizer “Political Thinking at the Margins,” University of Virginia, Apr. 2017.
Competitive grants:

- (i) Buckner W. Clay Endowment for the Humanities (\$15,000)
- (ii) Page Barbour Funds, University of Virginia (\$13,000)
- (iii) Center for Global Inquiry + Innovation (CGII) (\$5,000).

Field Chair Political Theory Group, Politics, UVa, 2016–2017; 2019–2021.

Co-Organizer National Teach-In on Refugees, Immigration, and Borders (with David Leblang, Jennifer Rubenstein), UVa, Feb 2017.

Committee Member UVa: Democracy Initiative Lab Proposal Selection Committee, 2020–2021; Page-Barbour Committee, 2019–2021; Libraries Committee, 2019–2021; Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Politics, 2016–2018, 2019–2021; Philosophy, Politics, Law (PPL) Postdoctoral Search (2016); Postdoctoral Diversity Fellow Search, Politics (2017).

Workshop Co-organizer “Reading Canons: Rethinking the Arabic Tradition and Histories of Islam,” Workshop, Columbia University (with Marwa Elshakry, Angela Giordani), 2016–2017.

UROF Mentor UMich: Simon Moncke (2021–2022); Joseph Fisher (2021)

Undergrad Supervision UVa: Omar Elhaj (Political & Social Thought thesis, 2019–2020); Mazzen

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	Shalaby (PPL thesis, 2019–2020); Hibah Berhanu (Religion, Race & Democracy Lab project, 2019–2020).
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