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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | 2021– |
| Associate Professor, Department of Political Science | |
| Associate Director, Global Islamic Studies Center (2023–2025) | |
| Interim Director, Global Islamic Studies Center (2023) | |
| 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

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| UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PhD, Political Science | 2012 |
| Dissertation: “Genealogies of Peace: Hostility, Consensus, and War in Comparative Political Thought”; Committee: Anne Norton (chair), Jeffrey Green, Nancy 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); war and peace; international theory; comparative political theory; language and politics; Islamic thought (classical to postcolonial); classical texts in modern thought (both Arabic and European); Islam in Arab and European thought; colonial and anticolonial thought; approaches to political theory.

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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: *Network ReOrient*; *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).

Political Theory: A Global and Comparative Introduction, with Leigh Jenco and Paulina Ochoa Espejo (SAGE, 2025).

Qutb Postcolonial; or, *An Islamist on Colonialism, Capitalism, and Race: The Global and Critical Thought of Sayyid Qutb, 1945–1954* (under contract with Cambridge University Press).

BOOK PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

Dialogue for Hate: Global Genealogies of Violence and Morality

Islam in Theory: Scripts of Unfreedom, Fanaticism, and Violence

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

ARTICLES:

“Critique, Imperative, Interrogative; or, Diogenes, Erasmus, and Arabic Philosophy on Investing in the World,” *Oxford Handbook of Cosmopolitanism*, eds. Prathama Banerjee, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Sanjay Seth, and Lisa Wedeen (forthcoming 2025).

“The Location of Anticolonialism; or, Al-Afghani, Qasim Amin, and Sayyid Qutb at the Peripheries,” *Critical Times* 5.2 (Aug. 2022): 337–369. <https://doi.org/10.1215/26410478-9799712>

“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 Ṭufayl's *Ḥayy ibn Yaqzān* 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 Ghervas (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 Yaqzān'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:

"Political Theologies of Christian Missionaries, European Colonialism, and Postcolonial Resistance." *Journal of International Political Theory* 19.1 (2023): 139–146. Forum on William Bain's *Political Theologies of International Order*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17550882221144473>

Book review of Juan Cole, ed. *Peace Movements in Islam* (2022). *Journal of Politics, Religion, and Ideology* 23.4 (2022): 537–538. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21567689.2022.2153987>

"Philosophy in Light of *In the Shadow of Justice*." *Review of Politics* 84.3 (2022). Symposium on Katrina Forrester's *In the Shadow of Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670522000389>

"Introduction," *European Journal of Political Theory* (2022). Forum on Massimiliano Tomba's *Insurgent Universality*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851221109757>

"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 Yaqẓān," *Iberian Connections: Medieval and Early Modern Studies & Contemporary Critical Thought* 2.2 (2019). <https://iberian-connections.yale.edu/articles/the-politics-of-ḥayy-ibn-yaqẓān/>
- "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).
- "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:

- "Civilian Impunity" (*Public Culture*)
- "Digital Annihilation" (with Ghadeer Awad and Kentaro Toyama)
- "Violence, Colonialism, and Capitalism in an Islamist Key"
- "Re-Orienting Luther: Soldiers, Missionaries, and Second-Comings"
- "Al-Farabi's *Politics*" (English translation and critical edition, with critical commentary)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- Democracy, Civic Empowerment & Global Engagement Grant, University of Michigan, 2025.
- Race & Ethnicity Course Development Summer Grant, LSA, University of Michigan, 2024.
- Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin, 2025–2026.
- Michigan Humanities Award, University of Michigan, 2024.
- Sawyer Seminar, "The Africana Muslim and the Genealogies of White Supremacy: Interdisciplinary Seminar for the Study of Muslimness and Blackness," Mellon Foundation, 2023–2025 (\$225,000; with Su'ad Abdul Khabeer and Samer Ali).
- Associate Professor Support Fund, University of Michigan, 2023.
- LSA Summer Research Award, "Islam in the Archives," 2023 (for archival research).
- SUCCEED Grant, Advance, University of Michigan, 2022 (for archival research in NYC)
- 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.

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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.
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

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| Chair, Michigan | Merisa Sahin (co-chair), “Anticolonial Cosmopolitanisms: Young Ottoman Anticolonial Thinkers and Projects of Global Integration, 1884–1914” Jess Hasper (co-chair), “Pauli Murray and the Promise of Black Transgender Resistance: Theorizing Protest and Self-Mastery through Twentieth-Century Political Movements.” Ekaterina Olson Shipyatsky (chair); “Remembering Violence and Violent Remembrance: Responsibility, Space, and the Politics of Museums.” Loay Alarab (chair); prospectus in progress |
| Committee, Michigan | Janice Feng, PhD 2023, “Traces of Desire, or the Corporeality of Settler Colonialism: New France and Dutch Formosa, 1624–1763” Ghadir Awad (UM School of Information); prospectus in progress |

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| 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, PhD 2023, “The Moral Narratives of the European Sovereign Bond Crisis” |
| 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” |
| Second year advisor | Onur Muftugil 2022–23; Loay Alarab 2022–2023; Jess Hasper 2022–2023. |
| First year evaluation | Ekaterina Olson Shipyatsky; Loay Alarab |
| Second year evaluation | Onur Muftugil (chair); Jess Hasper |
| Prelim exam committee | Loay Alarab 2023 (chair); Ekaterina Olson Shipyatsky 2023; Onur Muftugil 2023 (chair), Jess Hasper 2022; Laura Comini 2023 (external); Franshelly Martinez-Ortiz 2024 (external). |

TEACHING

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| UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | 2021– |
| POLSCI 301: Development of Political Theory: Ancient to Modern | |
| POLSCI 302: Development of Political Theory: Modern to Recent | |
| POLSCI 495: The Muslim Question & Political Theory | |
| POLSCI 495: War, Violence, Politics | |
| POLSCI 701: War (Graduate Seminar) | |
| 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) | |
| 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:

“Holy Wars of the Philosophers (I): Strauss’s Writing and the Heart of Persecution”

(1) Panel: Navigating Language and Power. APSA 2024.

(2) Panel: Democracy, Religion, and Its Elsewheres. SSHA 2024.

“Violence, Colonialism, and Capitalism in an Islamist Key.” University of British Columbia Political Theory Workshop, April 2024.

“Violence, Colonialism, and Capitalism in an Islamist Key.” UC-Berkeley Political Theory Workshop. Dec. 2023.

“Luther *Orientalisch*: Soldiers, Missionaries, Second-Comings,” Panel: The Political as Missionary. *Social Science History Association*, Nov. 2023.

“Critique, Imperative, Interrogative; or Diogenes, Erasmus, and Three Questions on Investing in the World,” Cornell Political Theory Workshop, May 4, 2023.

“Violence, Colonialism, and Capitalism in an Islamist Key.”

(1) Panel: The Politics of Violence. APSA 2022.

(2) Panel: Theory and Its Institutions in Modern Intellectual History. MESA 2022 (co-organizer).

(3) Panel: The End of Crisis? ISA 2023.

(4) Panel: The Crisis of Man in Modern Arabic Thought. MESA 2023.

“Luther’s Missionaries.” *Social Science History Association*, Nov. 2022.

“Critique, Imperative, Interrogative; or Diogenes, Erasmus, and Three Questions on Investing in the World,” *Oxford Handbook of Cosmopolitanism* workshop, University of Chicago, Nov. 11–12, 2022.

“The Location of Anti-Colonialism.”

(1) University of Florida Political Theory Workshop, March. 2021.

(2) Panel: Cartographies of Thought in Comparative View. APSA, 2021 (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:

- Roundtable on Banu Bargu’s *Disembodiment*, APSA 2024.
- Roundtable on Sinja Graf’s *The Humanity of Universal Crime*, ISA 2023.
- Roundtable on Prathama Banerjee’s *Elementary Particles of the Political*, Questioning the Present, The Center of Global Culture and Communication & Center for Transcultural Studies, Northwestern University, Feb. 2023.
- Roundtable on Democracy and the Authorization of Violence, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, Nov. 2022.
- Roundtable on Erin Pineda’s *Seeing Like an Activist*, APSA 2022.
- 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

- Panel Speaker. "Visualizing Palestine," *Visualizing Palestine* Book Launch, Arab American National Museum, October 18, 2024.
- "What Hinges on Anti-Palestinian Racism?" Dialogue across Differences series, MIT, April 18, 2024.
- Interviewer. Palestinian Photojournalist Motaz Azaiza. DISC Distinguished Lecture, University of Michigan, April 1, 2024.
- Panel Speaker. "Catalyzing Change in Local Politics," Muslim Community Association, Ann Arbor, March 9, 2024.
- "Palestine in Islamic Thought," Bridges of Solidarity: Palestine in Tapestry of Islamic Thought. Annual Symposium on Islamic Thought and Civilization, Global Islamic Studies Center and the Muslim Coalition, February 12, 2024.
- Panel Chair. "Palestine & Free Speech: Activism, Advocacy, and Law." Global Islamic Studies Center, University of Michigan, November 14, 2023.
- "War for Peace," The Politics of Security, University of Ottawa, May 31, 2023.
- "Against Inclusion," Symposium on Reconstructing History and Challenging Canons, University of Michigan, Mar. 28, 2023.
- "Comparative Political Theory as Immanent Critique," Political Science graduate seminar, UCLA, March 10, 2023.
- "Islamic Anticolonialism," Annual Symposium on Islamic Thought and Civilization, Global Islamic Studies Center and the Muslim Coalition, University of Michigan, Feb. 6, 2023.

- “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.
- “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.

SERVICE

Associate Director Global Islamic Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2023–2025.

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| Interim Director | Global Islamic Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2023. |
| Search Committee | Dean of the UM College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, 2023 –2024. |
| Executive Committee | Masters in International and Regional Studies, 2023–2025. |
| Executive Committee | Program in International and Comparative Studies, 2024–2025. |
| Subfield Coordinator | Political Theory, 2024–2025. |
| Editorial Board | <i>American Political Science Review</i> , 2024–. |
| Editorial Board | <i>Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, & the Middle East</i> , 2025–2028. |
| Contributing Editor | <i>Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, & the Middle East</i> , 2020–2025. |
| Editorial Board | <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> , 2022–2025. |
| Search Committee | <i>Political Theory</i> Editorial Team Search Committee Member, 2023. |
| Award Committee | Best Book Award, APSA, 2023. |
| Award Committee | Spitz Best Book Prize, CSPT, 2025 (as chair), 2024, 2023. |
| Award Committee | Best First Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA 2022. |
| Award Committee Chair | First Book Manuscript Workshop Award, APT, 2023. |
| Council Member | Society of Fellows Alumni Council, Columbia University 2024–. |
| Book MS. Workshops | Yasmeen Daifallah, UC Santa Cruz, Mar. 10, 2023. Pinar Kemerli, Bard College, Nov. 19, 2022. Nadim Khoury (University of Tromsø), Univ. of Virginia, 2018. Greta Snyder (Victoria University of Wellington), Univ. of Virginia, 2015. |
| UM Committee Member | Fullbright Selection Committee, 2024–2025. |
| UM Committee Member | Tenure Promotion Review Committee, 2023–2024. |
| UM Committee Member | MENAS FLAS committee 2023; MENAS MIRS admissions 2023; Islamic Studies MIRS admissions 2023–2024; WCED Graduate Fellowships 2023. |
| Faculty Organizer | University of Michigan Third-Year Graduate Conference, Fall 2022–2023. |
| Panel speaker | “Publishing in Political Science,” GAPS, Univ. of Michigan, Feb 12, 2024. |
| Panel speaker | “How to Conference,” GAPS, University of Michigan, March 30, 2023. |
| Faculty Co-Coordinator | University of Michigan Political Theory Workshop, Fall 2021–2022. |
| Workshop Organizer | “Comparative/World/Global,” Workshop Series, University of Virginia (co-organized with Fahad Bishara and Jack Chen), Spring 2021. |
| Faculty Coordinator | University of 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 <i>The Red Sea</i> (2016) and Fahad Bishara’s <i>A Sea of Debt</i> (2017) University of Virginia, Mar. 2018. |
| Workshop Organizer | “Global Political Thought,” Workshop, University of Virginia (co-organized with Debjani Ganguly), Oct. 2017. |

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| Conference Organizer | <p>“Political Thinking at the Margins,” University of Virginia, Apr. 2017.</p> <p>Competitive grants:</p> <p>(i) Buckner W. Clay Endowment for the Humanities (\$15,000)</p> <p>(ii) Page Barbour Funds, University of Virginia (\$13,000)</p> <p>(iii) Center for Global Inquiry + Innovation (CGII) (\$5,000).</p> |
| 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 | <p>UVa: Democracy Initiative Lab Proposal Selection Committee, 2020–2021;</p> <p>Page-Barbour Committee, 2019–2021; Libraries Committee, 2019–2021;</p> <p>Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Politics, 2016–2018, 2019–2021;</p> <p>Philosophy, Politics, Law (PPL) Postdoctoral Search (2016); Postdoctoral Diversity Fellow Search, Politics (2017).</p> |
| Workshop Co-organizer | “Reading Canons: Rethinking the Arabic Tradition and Histories of Islam,” Workshop, Columbia University (with Marwa Elshakry, Angela Giordani), 2016–2017. |
| U-M UROP Mentor | Ayat Tolba (2023–2024); Simon Moncke (2021–2022, 2022–2023); Joseph Fisher (2021) |
| Undergrad Supervision | U-M Politics Honors thesis: Alifa Chowdhury (2024–2025); Rob Lucas (2023–2024); Zainab Mustafa (2023–2024). |
| Undergrad Supervision | UVa: Omar Elhaj (Political & Social Thought thesis, 2019–2020); Mazzen Shalaby (PPL thesis, 2019–2020); Hibah Berhanu (Religion, Race & Democracy Lab project, 2019–2020). |
| Prospectus workshops | Global South Lab, UVa, 2019–2021, for projects on: (i) the politics of soccer in Senegal; (ii) fortune-telling in China; (iii) comparative anticolonial thought; (iv) heritage discourse in Nigeria. |
| Manuscript Referee | <p>Oxford University Press; Princeton University Press; Cambridge University Press; Duke University Press; <i>American Political Science Review</i>; <i>Political Theory</i>; <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>; <i>Modern Intellectual History</i>; <i>Islamic Studies Journal / Majallat al-Dirāsāt al-Islāmiyya</i>; <i>Critical Times</i>; <i>Gender, Place and Culture</i>; <i>Journal of Religion in Europe</i>; <i>International Relations</i>; <i>New Political Science</i>; <i>History of Political Thought</i>; <i>History Compass</i>; <i>Journal of Religion</i>; <i>Journal of Arabic Literature</i>; <i>Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East</i>; <i>Journal of Politics</i>; <i>Polity</i>; <i>European Journal of Political Theory</i>; <i>Contemporary Political Theory</i>; <i>Review of Politics</i>; <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>; <i>Global Policy</i>; <i>Foucault Studies</i>; <i>Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory</i>; <i>International Journal of Peace Studies</i>; <i>Constellations</i>; <i>Millennium</i>; <i>International Journal of Urban and Regional Research</i>; <i>African Journal of Political Science and International Relations</i>; <i>Mosaic</i>; <i>Journal of International Political Theory</i></p> |
| Mellon Mentor | Mentoring PhD students affiliated with the MMUF/Mellon Mays Fellows Professional Network, 2014–2017. |
| Section Chair | Section 67. Theory & Institutions, Midwest Political Science Association (2021–2022; co-chair). |

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| Program Committee | Middle East Studies Association (2021). |
| Program Committee | Association for Political Theory Conference (2019; 2015; 2013); Chairs & Discussants Committee (2016). |
| Reviewer | APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grants (2021) |
| Reviewer | Doctoral Fellowship, Austrian Academy of Sciences |
| Consultant | Department of Innovations, <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i> , 2013. |
| Consultant | <i>Fiasco</i> podcast, 2021–2023. |
| Organizing Committee | Graduate Conference, “Nature(s) in the Middle East: The Nonhuman, Subhuman, and Superhuman.” Middle East Center, UPenn, Apr. 2011. |
| Co-organizer | Political Science Graduate Student Semi-Monthly Workshop Series on the Profession. Political Science, UPenn, 2010–2011. |
| Co-organizer | Middle East Politics Research and Teaching Group. Monthly graduate workshop series, Political Science, UPenn. 2008–2009. |
| Contributing Translator | <i>Tahrir Documents</i> , print documents from Tahrir Square, collected and translated, 2011–2012, housed at UCLA. http://www.tahrirdocuments.org |

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Arabic (native language; full professional proficiency; also trained in classical and modern)

German, French, Ancient Greek (basic reading knowledge)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.