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**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**CITICINSHIP:** Canadian

**EDUCATION**

2013            Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Ottawa

2009            M.A., Applied Language Studies, Carleton University

2008            M.A., Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Brock University

2006            B.A. (highest honours), Philosophy, Carleton University

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Sept. 2022-        Visiting Professor of Arabic, Modern Languages and Literatures, Union  
Present            College, Schenectady, NY

Sept. 2019-        Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Union College, Schenectady,  
Present            NY

Sept. 2018-        Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Relations,  
May 2019            Siena College, Loudonville, NY

Sept. 2017-        O'Donnell Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of Politics & Race  
May 2018            and Ethnic Studies, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

April 2017        Visiting O'Donnell Educator, Race and Ethnic Studies, Whitman College,  
Walla Walla, WA

Oct. 2014-        Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin,  
Aug. 2015            Turkey

Sep. 2013-        Lecturer, Departments of Political Science and Sociology. University of  
July 2014            Duhok, Iraq

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Critical Theory; social and political philosophy; political theory; contemporary continental philosophy; global politics; comparative politics; history of philosophy; comparative philosophy; race and ethnic studies, modernism; postmodernism; social space

**PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS**

- *Critical Theory from the Margins: Horizons of Possibility in the Age of Extremism*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. 2023.
- *Revolutionary Hope after Nihilism: Marginalized Voices and Dissent*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2022.
- *Totalitarian Space and the Destruction of Aura*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2019 (Paperback edition, 2020).

- Under Contract (Routledge): Race, Gender, and Exclusionary Movements in the Middle East.
- Under Contract (De Gruyter): The Death of the Home: Aura and Space in the Age Digitalization.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. (Under Review) "Trumpism and the Rise of Fascism."
2. (Under Review) "Problematizing Exclusionary Politics in the Middle East and North Africa."
3. "Fascism as an Ideological Form: A Critical Theory." *Critical Sociology*, OnlineFirst, July 15 (2022): <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/08969205221109869>
4. "Negativity as the Compass of Revolution: A Marxist Rejection of the No-alternative Ethos." *Science & Society* 86, no. 3 (July 2022): 409-438.
5. "The Marginalized and Critical Theory: Dialectics of Universalism." *International Critical Thought*, June 19 (2022):1-22.
6. "The Ecological Crisis, Apocalypticism, and the Internalization of Unfreedom." *World Review of Political Economy* 11, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 115-140.
7. "Womenless Space: The Islamist Exclusion of Women from Public Space." *Telos: Critical Theory of the Contemporary* 188 (Fall 2019): 33-53.
8. "Panopticism and Totalitarian Space." *Theory in Action* 11, no. 1 (2018): 1-16.
9. "The Inauthenticity of the Left in the Kurdish Liberation Movement in Iraqi Kurdistan." *Critique: Journal of Socialist Theory* 46, no. 1 (2018): 65-76.
10. "Culture as 'Ways of Life' or a Mask of Racism? Culturalisation and the Decline of Universalist Views." *Critical Race and Whiteness Studies* e-journal 11, no. 1 (2015): 1-17.
11. "Foucault, Truth, Genealogy." *Kinesis* 37, no. 1 (2010): 41-55.
12. "Wisdom Poisons Life." *Philosophical Frontiers* 3, no. 2 (2008): 1-11.
13. "Mass Mentality, Culture Industry, Fascism." *Kritike* 2, no. 1 (2008): 79-94.
14. "What is Sufism?" *Forum Philosophicum: International Journal for Philosophy* 13, no. 2 (2008): 233-251.

## PUBLICATIONS WITHOUT PEER REVIEW PROCESS

### Academic Articles and Book Chapters:

1. (Forthcoming invited journal article) "Transparence, aura et totalitarisme." [Transparency, Aura, and Totalitarianism]. Translated by Memphis Krickberg. *Revue Illusio* 20 (January 2023).

2. (Journal article) “The Cost of Freedom in the Neoliberal World of Blood and Oil.” *Marxism & Sciences* 2, no. 1 (Summer 2022): 223-241.
3. (Book review) “Screens of Power: Ideology, Domination, and Resistance in Informational Society.” *New Political Science*: 43:2 (2021): 254-256, DOI: 10.1080/07393148.2021.1925836
4. (Invited journal article) “The Left’s Culturalism and Rojava.” *Contours Journal* 9, 2019: 1-20.
5. (Book chapter) “Foucault, Truth, Genealogy.” In *Studies in the Philosophy of Michel Foucault: A French Alternative to Anglo-Americanism*. Edited by Brian Lightbody & Rohit Dalvi. Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 2010: 91-106.
6. (Book chapter) “Wisdom Poisons Life.” In *Philosophical Frontiers: Essays and Emerging Thoughts*. Edited by Richard H. Corrigan & Mary E. Farrell, Gloucester, UK: Progressive Frontiers Press, 2009: 229-239.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2021	Faculty Research Fund (Union College)
2020	Faculty Research Fund (Union College)
2013	Dean’s Scholarship for early PhD completion (University of Ottawa)
2010	Françoise and Jean-Louis Allard Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
2009	Admission Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
2008	Naida Waite Graduate Scholarship (Carleton University)
2008	Dean of Graduate Studies Academic Excellence Scholarship (Carleton University)
2007	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) (Brock University)
2004	Lester Bowles Pearson Scholarship (Carleton University)
2004	Dean’s Honour List (Carleton University)

### **INVITED TALKS**

2023	Book Talk, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, February 17
2022	Book Talk, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November 16
2022	Book Talk, Institute for Social Ecology, Online, October 20
2021	“Diversity Through Unlearning Prejudice: Moving Beyond Culturalism,” Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, November 9 – via Zoom
2021	“Culturalism and Human Rights,” Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada, October 26

- 2021 “Universal University: On Space and Inclusion in Higher Education,” Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, Online, January 12
- 2019 “Are We Living in Totalitarian Times? A Spatial Reading,” San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA, April 4
- 2015 “Womenless Space: The Gender Pathology of the Islamic State,” Youth and the Allure of Terrorism: Identity, Recruitment, and Public Diplomacy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, October 18-21
- 2011 “An Ideological Mapping of the Ongoing Revolutions,” hosted by The Society for International Development, Saint Brigid’s Centre for the Arts, Ottawa, ON, December 12

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- 2021 “Critical Theory and the Margins: A Critique of Positivism,” The 15th Forum of the World Association for Political Economy, Shanghai International Studies University, China, December 19– via Zoom
- 2018 “Negation, Despair, Resistance,” Northwest Critical Theory Roundtable, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, February 16-17
- 2017 “The Frankfurt School and Revolution: Adorno’s Negativism,” Left Forum, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY, June 2-4
- 2017 “Why Philosophy of Space?” 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 28-31
- 2017 “Panopticism and Totalitarian Space,” Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, York University, Toronto, ON, May 29-June 2
- 2017 “Will the Ecological Crisis End Capitalism,” Ecological Challenges 2017, University of Oslo, Oslo, Feb. 15-18
- 2015 “The Need for Philosophy of Space,” Atlantic Region Philosophers’ Association Annual Conference, Fredericton, NB, October 30-31
- 2014 “Panopticism as Spatial Techniques of De-Housing,” ARCHTHEO ’14: Theory of Architecture Conference, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey, November 6-8
- 2013 “Reintroducing Philosophy to the Critique of Religion,” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece, May 27-30
- 2011 “Hegel’s Concept of Labour: Liberation and Alienation,” Hegel and Negativity, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, April 1-3

- 2011 “Images as the Means of Construction of Fascist Space,” Annual Conference of the International Journal of Arts and Sciences, University of Malta, Gozo, Malta, March 6-10
- 2010 “New-Racism and Culturalization,” Crossing Boundaries: Transforming Identities, Culture and Human Relations in a Global Village, Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, WV, November 12-13
- 2010 “The Two Truths and Reasoning,” The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle, Tokai University, Honolulu, HI, April 8-10
- 2010 “Perpetual Revolution and Critique,” Capitalism & Confrontation: Grassroots Responses to Empire, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON March 19
- 2009 “Foucault, Genealogy, Truth,” Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, October 23-24
- 2009 “Is the Ecological Crisis a Common Doom?” Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 26-27
- 2008 “The Fascist World of Images,” International Image and Imagery Conference on Literature and the Arts, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, October 10-11
- 2008 “Mass Mentality and Fascism,” 2008 International Conference on Diversity, École des Hautes Études Commerciales, Montréal, QC, June 17-20

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Courses**

- Homelessness (Union College, Spring 2023)
- Middle East Politics (Union College, Winter 2023)
- Basic Arabic 1 (Union College, Fall 2022)
- Unmasking the Culture Industry (Union College, Fall 2022)
- Exiles (Union College, Spring 2022)
- African Liberation Politics (Union College, winter 2022)
- Politics of Resistance (Union College, fall 2021)
- Comparative Ethnic Politics (Union College, spring 2021)
- The Body and Borders (Union College, spring 2021)
- Discovering the Political in the Apolitical (Union College, winter 2021)
- Revolutions (Union College, winter 2021)
- Marxism and Social Democracy (Union College, fall 2020)
- Marx’s Materialism: Praxis and Human Emancipation (Freie Universität Berlin, fall 2020), Cotaught
- Public Sphere and Democracy (Union College, spring 2020)
- Fascism and Neofascism (Union College, winter 2020)
- Enlightenment and its Discontent (Union College, winter 2020)
- Introduction to Political Thought (Union College, fall 2019)
- Political Power and Social Space (Siena College, spring 2019)

- Introduction to International Relations (Siena College, four sections, fall 2018/spring 2019)
- Authoritarianism and Resistance (Siena College, fall 2018)
- The Problem of Culture (Whitman College, spring 2018)
- Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (Whitman College, spring 2018)
- Totalitarianism (Whitman College, fall 2017)
- Introduction to Race and Ethnic Studies (Whitman College, fall 2017)
- Unpacking Racism (Whitman College, two-week course, spring 2017)
- Ancient Philosophy II (Mardin Artuklu University, spring 2015)
- Philosophical Terminology (grad. seminar), co-taught (Mardin Artuklu University, fall 2014)
- Introduction to Philosophy (University of Duhok, fall 2013 - spring 2014)
- History of Political Thought (University of Duhok, fall 2013 - spring 2014)
- Sociological Theories (University of Duhok, fall 2013 - spring 2014)

### **SENIOR THESIS SUPERVISION**

2021-2022	Four Senior Theses in Political Science, Union College
2020-2021	Four Senior Theses in Political Science, Union College
2019-2020	Four Senior Theses in Political Science, and a thesis in History, Union College
2020-2021	Four Senior Theses in Political Science, Union College
2020-2021	A Senior Thesis in Political Science, Siena College

### **DEPARTMENTAL AND CAMPUS SERVICE**

- Committee Member for Tidmarch Prize for best senior thesis, Union College, 2022
- International Programs committee member, Union College, Winter 2022
- Adviser of five first year students, Union College, 2021-22
- Faculty Colloquium, Department of Political Science, Union College, October 26, 2021.
- Committee Member for Wilder Prize for a scholarly work on women and politics, 2020-21
- Delivered a talk on diversity, Department of Political Science's Pizza & Politics series, Union College campus, November 5, 2019.
- Writer of the "Professor Sounds Off" section for the Fall issue of the Department of Political Science's newsletter, 2019: <https://www.union.edu/sites/default/files/political-science/201911/fall-2019-newsletter-final.pdf>
- Delivered a talk on refugees, hosted by the School of Liberal Arts, Siena College campus, November 7, 2018
- Faculty speaker at the Annual Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Siena College, January 26, 2019
- Faculty Advisor, book drive for local refugee community, Siena College, 2018-19
- Member, Curriculum Development Committee, Department of Philosophy, Mardin Artuklu University, 2014-15

- Member, Planning Committee for English Graduate Program, Department of Philosophy, Mardin Artuklu University, spring 2015
- Chair, Academic Integrity Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Duhok, 2013-14
- Member, Curriculum Development Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Duhok, 2013-14
- Member, Scientific Committee, Departments of Sociology and Political Science, University of Duhok, 2013-14
- Member, Curriculum Development Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Duhok, 2013-14
- Founding advisor, Domiz Team, a refugee solidarity student group, University of Duhok, 2013-14

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Philosophical Association
- American Political Science Association

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2023 Hosted by NPR's branch in Fayetteville, Arkansas to talk marginalized voices, on KUAF
- 2021 Featured research by Research Outreach (a publication and communication agency based in London, UK), November.
- 2019-2023 Regular guest of Voice of America (VOA) Kurdish for comments on American and international politics and political events
- 2019-2022 Regular guest analyst on NRT (an Independent Kurdish TV Network) and other TV networks such as, Aryen TV, Sterk TV, and Runahi TV.
- 2019-2022 Periodic live interviews on Aryen-TV (a Belgium-based network focused on Iran and the Middle East)
- 2016 "Being a Kurdish-Turkish Mistake." interview by Robert Leonard Rope. *openDemocracy*, September 18: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/saladdin-ahmed-robert-leonard-rope/being-kurdish-turkish-mistake>. Also translated into French: <http://www.kedistan.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/mh9.pdf>

## LANGUAGES

- Sorani Kurdish: native fluency
- Arabic: native fluency
- English: fluent
- Kurmanji Kurdish: advanced level
- Persian: working reading and listening skills
- French: limited reading skills