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Languages: English, Arabic, Kurdish Sorani (fluent); Kurdish Kurmanji (advanced); Persian (intermediate); French and Turkish (basic)

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BOOKS

1. *Fascism or Whatever You Want to Call It: Confronting the Beast Locally and Globally*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2025.
2. *Fascism in the Middle East: Nationalism, Islamism, and Imagining Other Futures*. London: Routledge, 2025.
3. *The Death of Home: Aura and Space in the Age of Digitalization*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2024.
4. *Elsewhereness*. Montreal: Daraja Press, 2024.
5. *Critical Theory from the Margins: Horizons of Possibility in the Age of Extremism*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2023 (Paperback edition, 2024).
6. *Revolutionary Hope after Nihilism: Marginalized Voices and Dissent*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2022.
7. *Totalitarian Space and the Destruction of Aura*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2019 (Paperback edition, 2020).
8. Under contract: *Exile and Spatiality*.

BOOKS IN KURDISH AND ARABIC

1. تاراوگه ز مه‌نیه‌کان [Exiles of Time] (Kurdish). Sulaimaniya: Ranj, 1999.
2. ترانیم پرومیتئوس [Prometheus's Hymns] (Arabic). Damascus: Arab Writers Union, 2001.
3. ناکۆکیه‌کانی دوو دانێشتن [The Arguments of Two Dialogues] (Kurdish). Sulaimaniya: Ranj, 2008.
4. Translation: George Anderson, *Federalism: An Introduction* [فیدراڵیزم: پێناسه‌یه‌ك], English to Kurdish. Ottawa: Forum of Federations, 2007.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and political philosophy, International Relations, Critical Theory, political theory, comparative philosophy, comparative politics, political economy, environmental studies, urban studies, cultural studies, the Middle East and North Africa, social movements, linguistics

DEGREES

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| 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

AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Dec. 2023– Present	Associate of the Institute for the Humanities, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada
Jan. 2025– Jan. 2026	Senior Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh
July 2019– Aug. 2023	Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Union College, Schenectady, NY, USA
July 2018– June 2019	Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Relations, Siena College, Loudonville, NY, USA
Aug. 2017– June 2018	O'Donnell Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of Politics & Race and Ethnic Studies, Whitman College, Walla Walla, USA
April 2017	Visiting O'Donnell Educator, Race & Ethnic Studies, Whitman College, Walla Walla, USA
Oct. 2014– Aug. 2015	Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin, Turkey

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Exile and Spatiality." *Social Research: An International Quarterly* 91, no. 2 (Summer 2024): 707-727.
2. Chinese translation of "Negativity as the Compass of Revolution: A Marxist Rejection of the No-alternative Ethos." Translated by Liu Yunshan 马克思主义与现实 [Marxism and Reality] 1, (2024): 190-200.
3. "Transparence, aura et totalitarisme." [Transparency, Aura, and Totalitarianism]. Translated by Memphis Krickberg. *Revue Illusio* 20 (January 2023): 563-582.
4. "Problematizing Exclusionary Politics in the Middle East and North Africa." *New Political Science* 45, no. 3 (June 2023): 500-525. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2023.2219170>
5. "Fascism as an Ideological Form: A Critical Theory." *Critical Sociology* 49, no. 4-9 (July 2022): 669-687. DOI:10.1177/08969205221109869
6. "The Cost of Freedom in the Neoliberal World of Blood and Oil." *Marxism & Sciences* 2, no. 1 (Summer 2022): 223-241.
7. "Negativity as the Compass of Revolution: A Marxist Rejection of the No-alternative Ethos." *Science & Society* 86, no. 3 (July 2022): 409-438.
8. "The Marginalized and Critical Theory: Dialectics of Universalism." *International Critical Thought* 12, no. 2 (2022): 305-326.
9. "The Ecological Crisis, Apocalypticism, and the Internalization of Unfreedom." *World Review of Political Economy* 11, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 115-140.

10. "Womenless Space: The Islamist Exclusion of Women from Public Space." *Telos: Critical Theory of the Contemporary* 188 (Fall 2019): 33-53.
11. "Panopticism and Totalitarian Space." *Theory in Action* 11, no. 1 (2018): 1-16.
12. "The Inauthenticity of the Left in the Kurdish Liberation Movement in Iraqi Kurdistan." *Critique: Journal of Socialist Theory* 46, no. 1 (2018): 65-76.
13. "The Left's Culturalism." *Contours Journal* 9 (2019): 1-20.
14. (Translated into Turkish) "Faşizm Hayatta ve İyi!" [Fascism is Alive and Well] *Demokratik Modernite* 21 (2017): 29-32.
15. "Culture as 'Ways of Life' or a Mask of Racism? Culturalisation and the Decline of Universalist Views." *Critical Race and Whiteness Studies* 11, no. 1 (2015): 1-17.
16. "Foucault, Truth, Genealogy." *Kinesis* 37, no. 1 (2010): 41-55.
17. "Wisdom Poisons Life." *Philosophical Frontiers* 3, no. 2 (2008): 1-11.
18. "Mass Mentality, Culture Industry, Fascism." *Kritike* 2, no. 1 (2008): 79-94.
19. "What is Sufism?" *Forum Philosophicum: International Journal for Philosophy* 13, no. 2 (2008): 233-251.

BOOK REVIEWS AND CHAPTERS

1. (Book Chapter) (forthcoming) "'A Philosophical Confrontation with Absolutism for the Democratic Struggle Against Fascism'" in *Fascism, Anti-Fascism, and Philosophy*, edited by Robert Metcalf and Andrew Fiala.
2. (Book review) "Screens of Power: Ideology, Domination, and Resistance in Informational Society." *New Political Science* 43, no. 2 (2021): 254-256. DOI: 10.1080/07393148.2021.1925836
3. (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.
4. (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

- 2026** Keynote Speech, Annual Conference of Historical Materialism, University of Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, April 16
- 2023** Book Talk, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, February 17
- 2022** Scholar at Risk, 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

- 2025** "Displacement, Spatiality, and Alternative Epistemology," Displacement New University in Exile Consortium Conference, Humboldt University Berlin, April 1, 2025
- 2023** "On Plurality and Urbanity," Homelessness and Homemaking in Post-Displacement Contexts in the MENA Region, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin, November 17-18
- 2023** "Auracide: A New Concept for Critical Analysis of Social Space," 11th Annual International Conference on Social Sciences, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Greece, July 29–Aug 1 — via Zoom
- 2023** "Spatiocide, Urbicide, Nationalism," 18th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece, May 22-25
- 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?” 61st 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,” 8th 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 5th 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

CONSTRUCTED AND TAUGHT COURSES (Selection)

1. Homelessness: Biopolitical Economy of Housing (Union College, Spring 2023)
2. Exiles (Union College, Spring 2022)
3. African Liberation Politics (Union College, Winter 2022)
4. Comparative Ethnic Politics (Union College, Spring 2021)
5. Discovering the Political in the Apolitical (Union College, Winter 2021)
6. Public Sphere and Democracy (Union College, Spring 2020)
7. Enlightenment and its Discontent (Union College, Winter 2020)
8. Political Power and Social Space (Siena College, Spring 2019)
9. International Relations (Siena College, four sections, Fall 2018/Spring 2019)
10. Authoritarianism and Resistance (Siena College, Fall 2018)
11. The Problem of Culture (Whitman College, Spring 2018)
12. Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (Whitman College, Spring 2018)
13. Totalitarianism (Whitman College, Fall 2017)
14. Unpacking Racism (Whitman College, two-week course, Spring 2017)
15. Ancient Philosophy I and II (Mardin Artuklu University, Spring 2015)
16. Philosophical Terminology (graduate seminar), co-taught (Mardin Artuklu University, Fall 2014)

SENIOR THESIS SUPERVISION

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

DEPARTMENTAL AND CAMPUS SERVICE

- Committee Member for Tidmarsh 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

- 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

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

2023	Hosted by NPR's branch in Fayetteville, Arkansas to discuss marginalized voices, on KUAF
2018-2023	Regular guest on the Voice of America (based in Washington, DC)
2013-2022	Regular guest on several satellite TV stations to comment on political affairs in the Middle East

REFERENCES

Arien Mack, Ph.D.

Alfred and Monette Marrow Professor of Psychology Emeritus, The New School for Social Research

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