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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska, Omaha, 2016-Present  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska, Omaha, 2011-2016  
Director, Islamic Studies Program, University of Nebraska Omaha, 2013-2016 and 2018-Present  
Co-Director, Islamic Studies Program, University of Nebraska Omaha, 2016-2018  
Visiting Assistant Professor, James Madison College, Michigan State University, 2008-2011

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Arizona State University, 2008  
M.A. International Relations, Bilkent University, 2001  
B.A. International Relations, Bilkent University, 1999

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books:**

*Generating Generosity: Beliefs, Institutions and Public Goods Provision in Catholicism and Islam*,  
Cambridge University Press, 2018, (with Carolyn Warner, Christopher Hale and Adam Cohen)  
*Alien Citizens: State and Religious Minorities in Turkey and France* (Cambridge University Press,  
Forthcoming)  
Book Manuscript – *Two Tales of Islamism: The Rise and Fall of Muslim Democracy in Turkey*.

### **Peer Reviewed Articles:**

“Ethnic Conflict and Gender Inequality in Education: The Case of Turkey,” *Turkish Studies*, Volume 19  
No 3 (2018), pp. 400-421 (with Jody Neathery-Castro and Selin Akyuz)  
“Ideology and Foreign Policy: A Comparative Analysis of Kemalist (1930-1939) and Islamist (2011-  
2015) Foreign Policies in Turkey,” *Uluslararası İlişkiler/International Relations*, Volume 13 No  
52 (2016), pp. 67-88.  
“Why ISIS’ Message Resonates: Leveraging Islam, Socio-Political Messaging and Adaptive Messaging,”  
*Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Volume 39 Issue 10 (July 2016), pp. 871-899, (with Ian  
Pelletier, Leif Lundmark, Rachel Gardner, Gina Scott Ligon).  
“Religion and Public Goods Provision: Experimental and Interview Evidence from Catholicism and Islam  
in Europe,” *Comparative Politics*, Volume 47 No 2 (January 2015), pp. 189-209 (with Carolyn  
Warner, Christopher Hale, Adam Cohen and Kathryn Johnson).  
“Micro-Foundations of Religion and Public Goods Provision: Belief, Belonging and Giving Catholicism  
and Islam,” *Politics and Religion*, Volume 8 No 4 (December 2015), pp. 718-744 (with Carolyn  
Warner).  
“International Pressure, Domestic Politics and Dynamics of Religious Freedom: Evidence from Turkey,”  
*Comparative Politics*, Volume 46 No 2 (January 2014), pp. 127-145.  
“Critical Junctures as Catalysts in Democratic Consolidation: The Case of Turkey,” *Political Science  
Quarterly*, Volume 129 No 2 (Summer 2014), pp. 293-318.  
“The Secularist and Nationalist Oppositions’ View of Non-Muslim Minorities in Turkey,” *Turkish  
Review*, Volume 2 No 6, (November-December 2012), pp. 28-33.  
“Democratic Consolidation and Minorities in Turkey,” *Turkish Review*, Volume 2 No 2 (March-April  
2012), pp. 96-101  
“Turkey and the Alliance of Civilizations: Norm Adoption as a Survival Strategy,” *Insight Turkey*,  
Volume 11 No 3 (July-September 2009), pp. 57-75.

### **Book Chapters:**

- “Religion and Faith” in Sean Yom (ed), *The Societies of the Middle East and North Africa*, (Routledge, 2019)
- “International Context and State-Religion Regimes in France and Turkey” in Ted Jelen and Mehran Tamadonfar (eds.), *Religion and Regimes: Support, Separation, and Opposition* (Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2013), pp. 97-120.
- “Muslims and Liberalization: The Case of the Gulen Movement” in Greg Barton, Paul Weller and Ihsan Yilmaz (eds.), *The Muslim World and Politics in Transition*, (London: Continuum Press, 2013), pp. 82-95.
- “State and Muslims in France: Secularism, Islamophobia, and the Headscarf Ban,” in Aysegul Komşuoğlu and Gül Kurtoğlu-Eskişar (eds.), *The Different Faces Political Islam* (Istanbul: Profil Yayıncılık, 2009).

### **Works in Progress:**

- Article Manuscript – “Religion, War and Women’s Education in Afghanistan” (with Zahra Yasin)
- Article Manuscript – “Islam, Nationalism and Religious Liberty: State Policies toward Christian Minorities in Turkey and Jordan” (with Turan Kayaoglu)
- Article Manuscript – “Historical Legacies and State Policies toward Muslims in the United States” (with Bryan Brooks)
- Article Manuscript – “The National Economy, Economic Evaluations and Leader Approval in Liberal Democracies, Newer Democracies, and Non-Democracies” (with Gregory Petrow, and Tarah G Starr).
- Article Manuscript – “Islam and Underdevelopment: A Critical Dialogue between Said Nursi and Contemporary Scholars”

### **Review Essays**

- “State, Charitable Giving, and Social Welfare Provision in the Middle East,” Review Essay for *Building a House in Heaven: Pious Neoliberalism and Islamic Charity in Egypt*, by Mona Atia, *The Orphan Scandal: Christian Missionaries and the Rise of the Muslim Brotherhood*, by Beth Baron, and *Compassionate Communalism: Welfare and Sectarianism in Lebanon*, by Melani Cammett, *Turkish Review*, Volume 6 No 3 (May/June 2016), pp. 186-191.
- “Secularism, Nationalism, and Democratic Citizenship in Turkey,” Review Essay for *Democracy, Islam, and Secularism in Turkey*, by Ahmet T. Kuru and Alfred Stepan (eds), and *From the Adobe of Islam to the Turkish Vatan: The Making of a National Homeland in Turkey* by Behlül Özkan, *Critical Muslim*, Issue 16 (October 2015), forthcoming.
- “Is Democracy the Answer to End Terrorism,” Review Essay for *Islamist Terrorism and Democracy in the Middle East*, by Katerina Dalacoura, *International Studies Review*, Volume 15 (2013), pp. 454-456.
- Review Essay for *Localizing Islam in Europe: Turkish Islamic Communities in Germany and the Netherlands*, by Ahmet Yükleyen , and *Can Islam Be French? Pluralism and Pragmatism in a Secularist State* by John R. Bowen, *Sociology of Islam* Volume 1 (2013), pp. 121-123.

### **Book Reviews:**

- Muslim Civil Society and the Politics of Religious Freedom in Turkey*, by Jeremy F. Walton, *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, forthcoming
- The Politics of Secularism: Religion, Diversity, and Institutional Change in France and Turkey*, by Murat Akan, *Politics and Religion*, Volume 11 No 3, (September 2018), pp. 704-706.
- Secular Conversions: Political Institutions and Religious Education in the United States and Australia, 1800-2000*, by Damon Mayrl, *Sociology of Religion*, Volume 79 No 1 (February 2018), pp. 137-139.

*Politicizing Islam: The Islamic Revival in France and India*, by Z. Fareen Parvez, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Volume 56 No 3 (September 2017), pp. 696-697.

*Middle East: A Religious Geopolitics Perspective*, by Engin Akcay, Erkan Ertosun, and Mahmut Akpinar (eds). *The Washington Review*, Volume 4, No 6, (July 2016), pp. 670-672

*The Fall of the Turkish Model: How the Arab Uprisings Brought Down the Islamic Liberalism*, by Cihan Tugal. *American Journal of Sociology*. Volume 122 No 6 (May 2017), pp. 2028-2030.

*The Varieties of Religious Repression: Why Governments Restrict Religion*, by Ani Sarkissian, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Volume 54 Issue 3 (September 2015), pp. 623-629.

*Mobilizing Religion in Middle East Politics: A Comparative Study of Israel and Turkey*, by Yusuf Sarfati, *Turkish Review*, Volume 4 Issue 6 (2014), pp. 670-672

*Sayyid Qutb and the Origins of Radical Islamism*, by John Calvert. *International Dialogue: A Multidisciplinary Journal of World Affairs*, Volume 3 (2013), pp. 179-182.

*Türkiye’de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik*, by Ahmet T. Kuru, *Radikal Kitap*, (Turkish weekly magazine on books and book reviews), July 24, 2013 (in Turkish).

*How Happy to Call Oneself a Turk: Provincial Newspapers and the Negotiation of a Muslim National Identity*, by Gavin D. Brockett, *Contemporary Islam*, Volume 7 (2013), pp. 395-398.

*The Arab Revolution: Ten Lessons from the Democratic Uprising*, by Jean-Pierre Filiu, *Insight Turkey*, Volume 14 Issue 4 (2012), pp. 198-199.

*Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies*, by Nader Hashemi, *Digest of Middle East Studies*, Volume 21 Number 2 (Fall 2012), pp. 429-431.

*Islam and Liberal Citizenship: The Search for an Overlapping Consensus*, by Andrew F. March, *Insight Turkey*, Volume 12 Issue 4 (2010), pp. 230-232.

*Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey*, by Ahmet T. Kuru, *Middle East Policy*, Volume 16 Issue 3 (2009), pp. 173-176

*Turkish Islam and the Secular State: The Gulen Movement*, edited by Hakan Yavuz and John Esposito, *European Journal of Turkish Studies*, (2006)

*Changes in Statehood: The Transformation of International Relations* by Georg Sørensen, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Volume 32 Issue 3, 2003, pp. 679-81.

#### **Other Scholarly Publications:**

“Islam, Secularism and Democracy in Turkey,” *Mehrname: Iranian Journal of Politics and Social Sciences*, (September 2011), pp. 145-146 (in Persian).

“Islam and European Integration”, *Liberal Düşünce* [Liberal Thought], Issue 44, Fall 2006.

“Constructing Globalization: Globalization as Transformation of Sovereignty”, *Liberal Düşünce* [Liberal Thought], Issue 25-26, Winter-Spring 2002, pp. 27-40 (in Turkish).

“Conservatism: A Key to Understand the Abdulhamid II Era,” in *Türkler Ansiklopedisi* [Encyclopedia of Turks], Volume 12, (Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2002), pp. 931-938 (in Turkish).

“The Transformation of Iranian Foreign Policy: The Case of Iranian-Arab Relations in the Gulf Region,” *Liberal Düşünce* [Liberal Thought], Issue 23, Summer 2001, pp. 164-174 (in Turkish).

“On the History of Economic Liberalization in Syria,” *Jeoekonomi* [Geo-economics], Volume 2 Numbers 2-3, Summer/Fall 2000, pp. 65-75 (in Turkish).

“Persian Gulf Security in the post-Cold War Era: Structure, Perceptions, Policies,” *Avrasya Dosyası* [Eurasia File], Volume 6 Number 1, Spring 2000, pp. 6-27 (in Turkish).

“The Opportunity of Change in Syria after Asad,” *Stratejik Analiz* [Strategic Analysis], Volume 1 Number 3, July 2000, pp. 3-14 (in Turkish)

#### **OpEds:**

“Turkish Islamism 2.0: Hegemonic, Nationalist and Populist,” *Berkley Forum*, August 30, 2016.

“Bürokratik Vesayetden Dindarların Vesayetine Türkiye’de Din [Religion in Turkey from Bureaucratic Guardianship to Religious Guardianship],” *Mavi Yorum*, June 4, 2016 (in Turkish)

- “Why Give to Charity? What Muslims and Catholics Have in Common,” *Washington Post*, February 3, 2016.
- “Türkiye’de Zengin Olmak Mutluluk Getirmiyor [Wealth Does Not Bring Happiness in Turkey],” *Zaman*, December 17, 2016 (in Turkish).
- “Turkey: From Conservative Democracy to Popular Authoritarianism,” *Open Democracy*, December 5, 2016.
- “Muslims Maintain Unique Identities within Our American Mosaic,” *Omaha World Herald*, November 1, 2015
- “The Rift between the AKP and Gulen Movement in Turkey” Published in “Islam and International Order” Blog of *Project on the Middle East Political Science* at George Washington University, June 17, 2015
- “Özgürlük Yoksa Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma da Yok [No Freedom No Sustainable Development],” *Zaman*, March 26, 2014 (in Turkish).
- “What Happened to the Turkish Model?” *Open Democracy* Blog, March 24, 2014
- “Fringe Voices Do Not Speak for All,” *Omaha World Herald*, September 24, 2012
- “Secularism, Nationalism and Christian Minorities in Turkey,” *Sightings* blog of University of Chicago, May 3, 2012.
- “Türkiye’de Din Özgürlüğü 2012 [Religious Freedoms in Turkey 2012],” *Zaman*, April 21, 2012 (in Turkish)
- “Islam and Christian Minorities in Turkey,” *Inside Islam* Blog of University of Wisconsin-Madison,” April 11, 2012.
- “Medeniyetler İttifakı Projesi’nin Türkiye’ye Faydası Ne? [How Can Turkey Benefit from the Project of the Alliance of Civilisations],” *Zaman*, April 7, 2009 (in Turkish)
- “Obama’nın Demokrasi ile İmtihanı [Obama’s Test with Democracy],” *Zaman*, February 17, 2009 (in Turkish)

#### **AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS**

- Teaching Award**, UNO Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award, Campur-wide teaching award at University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2018.
- Community Service Grant**, “Dialogue with Muslim Communities in Omaha” Humanities Nebraska, 2018-2019, \$3,000 .
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- Community Service Grant**, “Dialogue with Muslim Communities in Omaha” Humanities Nebraska, 2016-2017, \$3,000.
- Community Service Grant**, “Dialogue with Muslim Communities in Omaha” Humanities Nebraska, 2015-2016. \$3,000.
- Civic Engagement Grant**, Global Citizens Academy –A Program to Teach Global Cultures at Elementary Schools in Omaha, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2018-2019, \$1,000.
- Civic Engagement Grant**, Global Citizens Academy –Developing a Program to Teach Global Cultures at Elementary Schools in Omaha, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2017-2018, \$1,000.
- Teaching Development Grant**, “Developing a new course on Comparative International Development,” University of Nebraska Global Engagement Office, (Summer 2018), \$5000.
- Teaching Development Grant**, “Developing a new course on Political Entrepreneurship,” University Committee for Advancement of Teaching, University of Nebraska at Omaha, (November 2016), \$800.
- Library Acquisition Grant**, “Library Books on Turkish Studies” Institute if Turkish Studies, Spring 2015. \$5,000 (with James Shaw).
- Research Grant**, “The Institutional Roots of Underdevelopment in the Muslim World: A Comparative Analysis of Egypt and Turkey,” University Committee on Research and Creative Activity Grant, University of Nebraska-Omaha, May-August, 2017. \$ 5,000.

**Research Grant**, “The Divide within the Faithful: Competition among Islamic Groups and the Future of Democracy in Turkey and Beyond” Project on Middle East Political Science at George Washington University, Summer 2014. \$ 3,000.

**Research Grant**, “State Policies toward Non-Muslim Minorities in Muslim-Majority Countries: Turkey, Egypt, Jordan and Indonesia” University Committee on Research and Creative Activity Grant, University of Nebraska-Omaha, May-December, 2013. \$ 5,000.

**Research Grant**, “Gender Inequality and Education: The Case of Turkey” University Committee on Research and Creative Activity Grant, University of Nebraska-Omaha, \$ 10000. Ramazan Kilinc, Co-PI. Jody Neathery-Castro, PI. May-December 2013. \$10,000

**Research Grant**, “International Pressure and Norm Adoption: State Policies toward Christian Minority in Turkey,” University Committee on Research and Creative Activity Grant, University of Nebraska-Omaha, May-August, 2012. \$ 4,500.

**Research Grant**, “The Role of Religious Beliefs and Institutions in Generosity: Catholicism and Islam”. Science of Generosity Program, University of Notre Dame/Templeton Foundation. Ramazan Kilinc, co-PI. Carolyn M. Warner, PI. Adam Cohen, co-PI. January 2010-December 2011. \$363,666.

**2013 Sage Paper Award**, American Political Science Association, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research for “Religion and Public Goods Provision: Experimental and Interview-Based Evidence from Catholicism and Islam” (with Carolyn Warner and Chris Hale).

**2012 Weber Paper Award**, American Political Science Association, Religion and Politics Section for “Opportunity Junctures as Catalysts: Islam, Secularism and Democratic Consolidation in Turkey”

**Post-Doctoral Scholarship**, James Madison College at Michigan State University, 2008-2011.

**Dissertation Completion Grant**, Graduate College, Arizona State University, 2007-2008.

**Dissertation Research Grant**, Graduate and Professional Students’ Association, Arizona State University, 2006-2007.

**Departmental Scholarship**, Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Arizona State University, January 2-12, 2007.

**Departmental Scholarship** for tuition expenses of Masters in International Relations, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University, 1999-2001.

**Summer Language Fellowship** for an intensive Arabic language learning program at Al-Albayt University Mafraq, Jordan, June-August 1997.

**University Scholarship** for tuition expenses and stipend in undergraduate study in International Relations, Bilkent University, 1995-1999. (Ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the nationwide University Entrance Examination in Turkey among more than 1.5 million students, 1995).

## INVITED TALKS

US Strategic Command, Lecture to Commander’s Design Team, “The Role of Religion in International Affairs in the Shia Islamic Traditions,” October 12, 2016, Omaha, NE

University of Nebraska at Omaha, “The Turkish Elections: A Fatal Blow to Democracy,” November 11, 2015.

University of Nebraska at Omaha, “Turkish-US Relations and the War against ISIS,” Sixth Annual Charles Gildensleeve Lecture, November 17, 2014, Omaha, NE

Christopher Newport University, “Islam in America: Roots and Transformation” October 9, 2014, Newport News, VI

John Carroll University, “Religion and Secularism in Turkey,” October 20, 2013, Cleveland, OH

Winter Lecture Series, “Religion and Politics in Turkey and Iran: A Comparative Perspective,” February 24, 2013, Lincoln, NE.

University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Global Studies Program, “Religion, Secularism and Democracy in Turkey,” September 27, 2012, Lincoln, NE.

Iowa State University, “Democratic Consolidation and Christian Minorities in Turkey,” April 18, 2012

University of Akron, Department of Political Science, “Islam, Secularism and Democracy in Turkey,” February 14, 2011

Michigan State University, Muslim Studies Program, "Can Turkish Democracy be a Model for the Arab World?" February 24, 2011

University of Nebraska-Omaha, Department of Political Science, "Opportunity Junctures as Catalysts: Islam, Secularism and Democratic Consolidation in Turkey," February 7, 2011

University of Nebraska-Omaha, Department of Political Science, "Authoritarianism and Democratization in the Middle East," February 8, 2011

University of Nevada-Reno, Department of Political Science, "Opportunity Junctures as Catalysts: Islam, Secularism and Democratic Consolidation in Turkey," December 9, 2010

Syracuse University, Democracy in the Middle East Program "Islam, Secularism and Democracy: The Turkish Case," November 19, 2009

Michigan State University, James Madison College, "History, Norms and Domestic Institutions: State-Religion Relations in France and Turkey" April 15, 2008

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Two Tales of Islamism: The Rise and Fall of Muslim Democracy in Turkey," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

"Historical Legacies and State Policies toward Muslims in France and the United States" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9, 2017 (with Bryan Brooks).

"The Regulation of Religion in Competitive Authoritarianism: The Turkish Case." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies, Omaha, NE. April 30, 2016).

"Bringing the History Back In: The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism in Turkey." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 17, 2016.

"The Divide within the Faithful: Competition among Islamic Groups and the Future of Democracy in Turkey and Beyond," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6, 2015.

"Microfoundations of Religion and Public Goods Provision: Belief, Belonging and Giving Catholicism and Islam," Conference on Charity in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Traditions, St Louis University, St Louis, MO, March 26-27, 2015 (with Carolyn Warner)

"Islamophobia, Secularism and State Policies toward Muslims in France," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 27- 31, 2014.

"Explaining State Policies toward Religious Minorities in Muslim-Majority Countries: A State-Building Approach," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 27- 31, 2014 (with Dilshod Achilov and Turan Kayaoglu).

"Islam, Nationalism and Religious Liberty: State Policies toward Christian Minorities in Turkey and Jordan," Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada. March 26-29, 2014 (with Turan Kayaoglu).

"Islam, Democratic Consolidation and Christian Minorities in Turkey," Religions and Social Innovations Conference, University of Toronto, Canada October 27-29, 2013.

"Generosity Dynamics of Catholicism and Islam: The Role of Institutions and Beliefs," Workshop Organized by Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies, Princeton University, NJ, October 17-19, 2013 (with Carolyn Warner and Christopher Hale).

"Islam, Nationalism and Religious Liberty: State Policies toward Christian Minorities in Turkey and Jordan," Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. October 10-13, 2013 (with Turan Kayaoglu).

"International Pressure, Domestic Politics, and Dynamics of Religious Freedoms: Christians in Turkey," Conference on Minorities, Media and Democratization in the Contemporary Middle East, University of Nebraska at Omaha. April 13-14, 2013.

"International Politics, Domestic Politics and State Policies toward Religious Minorities: Christians in Turkey," Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA. April 3-6, 2013.

- “The Role of Religious Beliefs and Institutions in Generosity: Catholicism and Islam,” Science of Generosity Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 19-20, 2012 (with Carolyn Warner and Adam Cohen).
- “Can Turkey be a Model for Democratization in the Arab World?” Global Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE., October 5-6, 2012.
- “Religion and Public Goods Provision: Experimental and Interview-based Evidence from Catholicism and Islam” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 30-September 3, 2012 (with Carolyn Warner and Christopher Hale).
- “Can Turkish Democracy be a Model for the Arab World?” Arab Spring: One Year After, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE., April 15, 2012.
- “Islam, Democratic Consolidation and Christian Minority in Turkey,” The Third International Conference on Islam: Islam and Democracy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. April 13-14, 2012.
- “Change and Continuity in Turkish Foreign Policy: Turkey as a Rising Regional Actor in the Middle East,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA. April 1-4, 2012.
- “Islam and Underdevelopment: A Critical Dialogue between Nursi and Contemporary Scholars” Challenges to Contemporary Islam: The Muslim World 100 Years after Nursi’s Damascus Sermon, Cleveland, OH, October 23-25, 2011.
- “Religion and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Catholicism and Islam,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011 (with Carolyn Warner and Adam Cohen)
- “Opportunity Junctures as Catalysts: Islam, Secularism and Democratic Consolidation in Turkey,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011
- “History, International Context and State Policies toward Religious Minorities: The Turkish and French Cases,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010
- “The Turkish Exceptionalism?: Islam, Secularism and Democratization,” American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009
- “State and Muslims in France: Secularism, Islamophobia, and the Headscarf Ban,” Fifth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, April 23-25, 2009
- “Islam, Secularism, and Democratization in Turkey: The Relevance of Consensus Building,” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009
- “Bargaining Identities: Explaining Turkish Foreign Policy Discourse of the ‘Alliance of Civilizations’,” Alliance of Civilizations: Turkey at the Crossroads of Cultures Conference, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA, January 29-31, 2009
- “Islam, Secularism and Democracy: Patterns of Interaction in Turkey and France,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 26-29, 2008
- “Patterns of Interaction between Islam and Liberalism: The Case of the Gulen Movement,” Muslim World in Transition Conference, SOAS University of London, London, UK, October 25-27, 2007
- “History and International Norms in Domestic Institutional Change: State-Religion Relations in France and Turkey,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 29-September 2, 2007
- “History and the Limits of Institutional Change: State-Religion Relations in France and Turkey,” International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 28-March 3, 2007
- “When Does History Stop? Change of State-Religion Relations in France and Turkey,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR, October 19-21, 2006
- “International Norms and Domestic Institutional Change: Changes in Church-State Relations in France and Sweden” Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Student Conference: Bridging Disciplines, Spanning the World: Approaches to Development, Diversity, and Democracy, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 7-8, 2006
- “Islamic Movements and Liberalization: The Case of the Gulen Movement” 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Islam, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, March 24-24, 2006
- “Transformative Role of Liberalism in Turkey after 1990s: The Case of Turkish Islamic Groups” 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kokkalis Program Graduate Student Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. February, 3-4, 2005

- “Engagements between Islam and the West: Globalization and the Transformation of Islamic Identities in Europe and the Middle East” 19<sup>th</sup> Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 30-May 1, 2004. (with Neslihan Cevik).
- “Regional Power of a Grand Strategy or Democratic Member of a Regional Identity: Turkey between Eurasia and Europe” The First International M.E.T.U. Conference on International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, July 3-5, 2002
- “The Problem of Sovereignty in Turkey’s Relations with the European Union” Turkish and Bulgarian Road to the European Union, Sofia, June 27-28, 2002
- “The Place of Westernization and Nationalism in Turkish Foreign Policy” Southeast European Studies Association, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. April 20-21, 2002

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Post-doctoral Scholar.* James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, August 2008-Present.
- Visiting Researcher.* L’Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, Summer 2007.
- Trainee.* Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Arizona State University, January 2-12, 2007.
- Research Associate.* Project on Democracy in the Middle East, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, January-December 2006.
- Research Associate.* Public Religion, the Secular, and Democracy: An International, Cross-Disciplinary Project, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, Summer 2006.
- Research Fellow.* *Baskose* (Prime), a foreign policy program broadcasted on Turkish public television (TRT), 2000-2001.
- Research Assistant.* Program on the Middle East, Center for Eurasian Strategic Studies, Ankara, Turkey, 1999-2000.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- University of Nebraska-Omaha, August 2011-Present*
- Sacred and Violent, Spring 2018
- Politics, Society and Economy in Turkey (study abroad course), Summer 2014, Summer 2015
- Government and Politics of the Middle East, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Summer 2018
- Islam and Politics, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2018
- International Relations of the Middle East, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2017
- Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017
- Comparative Politics (graduate), Spring 2014, Spring 2017
- Introduction to Political Science, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017
- James Madison College, Michigan State University, August 2008-August 2011*
- International Relations I: World Politics and International Security, Fall 2008, Fall 2009
- International Relations II: Politics of International Economic Relations, Spring 2010, Spring 2011
- Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy, Summer 2009
- Introduction to Public Affairs II (team-taught course required for all freshmen), Spring 2009, Spring 2010
- Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in the Middle East, Fall 2008
- Arizona State University, August 2003-August 2008*
- Democratization, Summer 2008
- Comparative Politics, Fall 2007



## **SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE**

### ***Program Committee Work:***

Program Committee Member, Middle East Studies Association 2015 Meeting

Chair, Weber Best Paper Award Committee, Religion and Politics section of American Political Science Association.

Sage Best Paper Award Committee, Qualitative and Multi-Methods section of American Political Science Association

Founding and Executive Board Member, Turkish International Studies Association, 2006-Present

### ***Reviewer for Article Manuscripts:***

*British Journal of Political Science*, 2016

*Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 2012

*Comparative Politics*, 2014, 2012

*Contemporary Islam*, 2012

*Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 2018

*Ethnicities*, 2014

*Insight Turkey*, 2011

*International Dialogue: A Multidisciplinary Journal of World Affairs*, 2015, 2014

*International Political Sociology*, 2011

*Journal of Church and State*, 2016

*Journal of Common Market Studies*, 2012

*Journal of Religion and Society*, 2016

*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2012

*Muslim World Journal of Human Rights*, 2015

*New England Journal of Political Science*, 2015

*Party Politics*, 2014

*Political Research Quarterly* 2010

*Political Science Quarterly*, 2015

*Politics and Religion*, 2016, 2015 (twice), 2014, 2012

*Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2014

*Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions*, 2010

*Terrorism and Political Violence*, 2016

*Turkish Review*, 2014, 2013, 2012

*Turkish Studies*, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013

*World Politics*, 2008, 2009, 2010

### ***Reviewer for Book Manuscripts:***

Routledge, 2012; Rowman and Littlefield, 2012; Westview, 2012; Polity, 2015

### ***Panel Discussant:***

“Religion and Party Systems,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, AuApril 6-9, 2017

“Religion and Public Goods,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6, 2015

“The State as a Religious Actor,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 28-September 1, 2013

“Change and Continuity in Turkish Foreign Policy: Turkey as a Rising Regional Actor in the Middle East,” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012

“Religion, Politics and Contention,” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012

“Beyond Islamic Studies: De-Essentializing the Study of Muslim Societies,” MSU Muslim Studies Annual Conference, East Lansing, Michigan, April 7-8, 2011

“Identity and Civil Society: Shaping Turkey-EU Relations,” International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 28-March 3, 2007

***Panel Chair:***

“Religion and Party Systems,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, AuApril 6-9, 2017

“Politics of Islam and Europe and the US,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 27-31, 2014

“ Discourse and Strategy: Turkish Foreign Policy in a Changing Region,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6, 2013

“ Rethinking Political Change through the Arab Spring,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6, 2013

“Turkish Foreign Policy and the Arab Spring: Turkey's Role and Place in a Changing Middle East,” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012

“Religious Political Parties in Comparative Perspective,” American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009

“Islam and Democratic Consolidation,” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009

“Social Structures, Political Elites and Democracy in the Middle East,” International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 15-18, 2009

“Comparative Foreign Policy in the Middle East and Europe,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 26-29, 2008

“Identity and Civil Society: Shaping Turkey-EU Relations,” International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 28-March 3, 2007

**SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

***Department:***

Search Committee Member, International Relations Position, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2013-2014)

Search Committee Member, Comparative Politics Position, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2014-2015)

Committee Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2011-Present

Committee Member, Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016 - Present.

***College:***

Director, Islamic Studies Program, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2013-2016 and 2018-Present

Co-Director, Islamic Studies Program, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2016-2018

Search Committee Member, Islamic Studies Position, Department of Religious Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha (Fall 2013)

Committee Member, Center for Human Rights, Fall 2015-Present

Subcommittee Member, Minor in Human Rights, Fall 2015-Present

Committee Member, International Studies and Programs (2014-Present)

Advisory Committee, Schwalb Center for Israeli and Jewish Studies (2012-Present)

***Campus***

Faculty Senator to represent College of Arts and Sciences, 2018-Present

Delegation Member, University Delegation to Turkey, June 8-16, 2013

Delegation Member, University Presidential Delegation to Turkey, December 2-12, 2012.

Committee Member, Funds for Undergraduate Scholarly Experiences Advisory Committee, 2016 - Present.

Faculty Advisor, Arab Students Association, 2013 - Present.

Faculty Advisor, Muslim Students Association, 2013 - Present.

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

### ***Media Appearances:***

Interview with Geri Simon for “Go Vote Omaha” on “Muslims in the US” broadcasted at KPNO on August, 5, 2016

“UNO professor proud that Turks defended government but hopes they continue criticism of President Erdogan,” *Omaha World Herald*, July 17, 2016.

Interview with local Fox 42 KPTM on Istanbul bombings, June 26, 2016

“Saliba o que especialistas turcos dizem sobre a atual situacao do pais [Learn what experts say about the current situation in Turkey],” *Correio Braziliense* (a Brazilian daily), June 18, 2013 [in Portugese]

Gabriela Walker, “Um pais repartido,” *Correio Braziliense* (a Brazilian daily), June 17, 2013 [in Portugese]

Phone interview with Busan Radio on street protests on Turkey, Busan, South Korea, June 12, 2013

Matthew Hansen, “Turkish unrest hits home for man here,” *Omaha World Herald*, June 9, 2013.

Phone interview with Bugun TV television channel on US elections, Turkey, November 7, 2013

Phone interview with Bugun TV television channel on US elections, Turkey, November 6, 2013

Radio talk with Mav Radio on US foreign policy toward the Middle East, Omaha, NE, November 5, 2012

Katie Schubert, “Middle East Forum focuses on US foreign policy relations, relations with Iran, Syria, other nations,” KIOS Omaha Public Radio, October 30, 2012.

Katie Schubert, “Panel discussion focuses on Middle East violence, US role in foreign policy,” KIOS Omaha Public Radio, October 24, 2012.

Radio talk with Crash Davis show of KFAB on Middle East, October 24, 2012.

“What Motivates Generosity? Researchers Study Muslims and Catholics,” *Science Daily*, June 20, 2012

Tatiana Sabadini, “Turquia assume o papel de lider entre as nacoes do Oriente Medio [Turkey has a leadership role among the nations of the Middle East],” *Correio Braziliense* (a Brazilian daily), October 3, 2011 [in Portugese]

### ***Community Talks:***

Great Decisions Program, “Turkey: Partnership in Crisis,” June 10, 2018, Omaha, NE

Great Decisions Program, “Saudi Arabia in Transition,” May 22, 2017, Omaha, NE

Nebraska Civic Leadership Program, “Immigrants and Refugees in the Middle East,” June 12, 2018, Omaha, NE

Nebraska Civic Leadership Program, “Authoritarianism in the Middle East,” June 13, 2017, Omaha, NE

Omaha South High School, “Democracy and Authoritarianism in Iran,” (7 times on 3 days), April 18, 2017; April 11, 2016; April 21, 2015, Omaha, NE

Mary Our Queen School, “Islam, Muslims and ‘I am Malala’ Book,” February 21, 2017, Omaha, NE

Stratcom Fellows Program, “The Persistence of Authoritarianism in the Middle East,” February 16, 2017, Omaha, NE

Council Bluffs Community Alliance, “Islam and Muslims in America,” September 25, 2016, Council Bluffs, IA

Omaha Public Schools Curriculum Development Seminar, “The Political Instability in Syria, the Rise of ISIS and the Influx of Refugees,” September 16, 2016, Omaha, NE

Briefing at Rejuvenating Women, an Omaha non-profit to fight against human trafficking, on the ways to help Muslim victims of human trafficking, June 21, 2016.

Nebraska Civic Leadership Program, “Authoritarianism in the Middle East,” June 7, 2016, Omaha, NE

Online Participation to Middle East Regional Fragmentation Simulation, Department of Defense, April 25-29, 2016

Panelist for “The Future of Interfaith Relations,” Schwalb Center for Jewish and Israeli Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 11, 2016.

Discussant for the movie showing of “Cities of Light: The Rise and Fall of Muslim Spain,” University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 31, 2016.  
Stratcom Fellows Program, “The Persistence of Authoritarianism in the Middle East,” March 10, 2016, Omaha, NE  
West Omaha Rotary Club, “Iranian Nuclear Deal,” November 20, 2015.  
First Central Congregational United Church of Christ, “Authoritarianism and Democracy in the Middle East, October 27, 2012, Omaha, NE.  
Panelist for the Middle East Forum, University of Nebraska at Omaha (27 times): March 16, 2017; February 16, 2017; January 19, 2017; November 17, 2016; October 20, 2016; September 22, 2016; March 17, 2016; February 18, 2016; January 21, 2016; November 19, 2015; October 15, 2015; September 24, 2015; February 19, 2015; January 22, 2015; November 20, 2014; October 23, 2014; September 18, 2014; March 20, 2014; February 20, 2014; November 21, 2013; October 24, 2013; September 26, 2013; March 14, 2013; February 14, 2013; January 24, 2013; November 29, 2012; October 25, 2012  
Online Participation to Middle East Regional Fragmentation Simulation, Department of Defense, August 17-21, 2015  
Moderator for “The Future of Israel and Palestine” Panel, UNO Campus, December 11, 2013

### **LANGUAGES**

Turkish, native  
English, fluent  
French, intermediate  
Arabic, intermediate

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association (Sections: Comparative Politics, Religion and Politics, Qualitative Methods)  
International Studies Association  
Middle East Studies Association  
Turkish International Studies Association (Founding and Executive Board Member)