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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. candidate, Political Science, The Ohio State University
Major: Comparative Politics
Minor: Political Theory
Expected graduation date: June, 2009

Dissertation Title: “State Co-optation, Religiopolitical Actors, and the Mobilization of Sociocultural Cleavages: A Comparative Study of the Rise of Religious Parties in Turkey and Israel”

- M.A., Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2004
- B.A., Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University (Magna Cum Laude), 2001

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- Intensive Hebrew Language Program, Tel Aviv University, August 6- September 22, 2007
- Intensive Hebrew Language Program, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July 1- July 31, 2007
- Summer Institute in Political Psychology, The Ohio State University, July-August, 2002

WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- “Religious Schools, Sociocultural Marginalization and Political Mobilization: Comparing the *Imam Hatip* Schools in Turkey and the *Ma’ayan* Schools in Israel” (under review in a peer-reviewed journal)
- “Natural Allies or Irreconcilable Foes? Reflections on African American-Immigrant Relations in the United States ” *Social Policy* Fall 2008, Vol.39/1 (forthcoming with Andrew Grant-Thomas and Cheryl Staats)
- “Alliance Building between African Americans and Immigrants” *Kirwan Update*, Spring 2008, p.13 (with Cheryl McLaughlin)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Female Body, Democratic Theory, and the Politics of Headscarf in Current Turkey” paper presented at the graduate conference. *Religion Matters: Material Effects of Religion on Bodies* at Ohio State University, Columbus, October 4, 2008.
- “Religious Schools, Socio-cultural Marginalization and Religiopolitical Mobilization: Lessons from Turkey and Israel” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association* 2008, Boston, August 28-31, 2008.
- “Is There a Relationship between State Religious Education and Religiopolitical Parties? Israel and Turkey in Comparison” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association* 2007, Montreal Canada, November 11-13, 2007.
- “Secular State and the Activation of the Religious Cleavage: Indonesia and Turkey in Comparison” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* (with Kuskridho Ambardi) 2006, Chicago, Illinois, April 20-23, 2006.

INVITED LECTURES

- “Natural Allies or Irreconcilable Foes: The State of Immigrant-African American Relations in the U.S” talk presented at the *Kirwan Brownbag Series*, June 26, 2008 (with Cheryl Staats).
- “The Intersection of Religion, Race and Socioeconomic Marginalization” talk presented at the *Kirwan Brownbag Series*, January 24, 2008.
- “Religious parties and the mobilization of religious cleavages in Turkey and Israel” lecture given at The Ohio State University to undergraduate students of a comparative politics course by professor Goldie Shabad, November 7, 2007.
- “Turkey: A Bridge between East and West?” lecture given at the Great Decision Lecture Series of the *Columbus Council on World Affairs*, Kennington Place, May 14, 2006.

SCHOLARSHIP, GRANT, AWARD

- Aumann Dissertation Writing Fellowship: Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, March-June 2007
- Graduate Student Dissertation Research Travel Grant: The Office of International Education, The Ohio State University, May 2006
- Alumni Grant for Graduate Research: Graduate School, The Ohio State University, September 2005

- Graduate Assistantship: Political Science, The Ohio State University. The scholarship includes tuition waiver and part-time work as teaching or research assistant, September 2002 – June 2006
- University Fellowship: The Ohio State University, September 2001- August 2002

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Volunteer at the “World Refugee Day Event”, hosted by the Economic and Community Development Institute, June 20, 2008.
- Volunteer at the Conference “*Toward a Transformative Agenda Around Race*”, hosted by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, November 31- December 2, 2007.
- Chair, Panel: “Kemalism and Kemalist Institutions” at the *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association* 2007, Montreal Canada, November 11-13, 2007.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, June 2004-Spring 2006

- Political Science 597.02 “Problems of the Contemporary World: Culture, Identity, and Politics”, Spring 2006
- Political Science 571 “Theories of Democracy”, Fall 2005- Winter 2005
- Political Science 210 “Introduction to Political Theory”
Summer 2004-Summer 2005

Teaching Assistant, September 2002- March 2004

- Political Science 100 “Introduction to Comparative Politics”, Winter 2004
- Political Science 670 “Political Theory from Socrates to Machiavelli”
Autumn 2003
- Political Science 671 “Political Theory from Machiavelli to Rousseau”
Winter 2003
- Political Science 672 “Political Theory from Rousseau to Weber”, Spring 2003
- Political Science 571 “Theories of Democracy”, Autumn 2002, Summer 2003

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, September 2007-present
I conducted interviews with social activists working on alliance building between African American and immigrant communities across the United States.
- Summer Intern at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, June 2007-September 2007.
I wrote a literature review and created an annotated bibliography on the intersection between race and gender.
- Field Research in Turkey (Istanbul and Ankara), December 2006- April 2007.
I conducted interviews with political activists, members of the parliament, and government bureaucrats..
- Field Research in Israel (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Petach Tickva), September-December 2006.
I conducted interviews with political activists, members of the parliament, and government bureaucrats.
- Research Assistant to Michael Neblo, Department of Political Science, Spring 2004.
- Field Researcher in the “World Value Survey 2000” in Istanbul, October-December 2000.
I conducted surveys with households in Umraniye and Kadikoy, two counties of Istanbul.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Comparative Politics
- Politics of the Middle East
- Religion and Politics
- Political Theory
- Democratic Theory

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Midwest Political Science Association
- Middle East Studies Association
- American Political Science Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Turkish (native)
- English (fluent)
- Hebrew (advanced)
- German (advanced)