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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, August 2008.
- B.A., Department of Translation and Interpreting, Boğaziçi University, Turkey, June 1999.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Barnard College-Columbia University, 2016-Present.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Barnard College-Columbia University, 2008-2016.
- Graduate Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Fall 2005, Summer 2006.
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 2002-2004.
- Research Assistant, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Turkey, 1999-2001.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

- *Rightlessness in an Age of Rights: Hannah Arendt and the Contemporary Struggles of Migrants* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).
  - International Studies Association-Northeast, Yale H. Ferguson Award, 2016.
  - International Studies Association, Theory Section, Book Award Competition, Honorable Mention, 2015.
  - Included in a “Critical Dialogue” in *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2016).
  - Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue canadienne de science politique* (June 2018); *Choice* (July 2015); *Constellations* (June 2018); *Contemporary Political Theory* (January 2016); *Human Rights Quarterly* (August 2017); *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (April 2015); *International Migration Review* (Winter 2016); *Political Science Quarterly* (Winter 2016); *Political Studies Review* (August 2017); *Political Theory* (April 2018); *Studies in Social Justice* (2016); *The Review of Politics* (Fall 2015); *Theoria* (December 2015).
  - Included in the list of *Choice* “Outstanding Academic Titles” (January 2016).
  - Featured in New Books Network Podcast (June 2016), Flavorwire’s “10 Must-Read Academic Books for 2015” (January 2015), and *De Groene Amsterdammer* (May 2016).

### Journal Articles

- “A Critical Phenomenology of Racialized Vulnerability: Judith Butler and the Rodney King Trial,” *American Political Science Review*, 2025, 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055425100932>.
- “Animal Trouble: Arendt and the Question of Anthropocentrism,” *Review of Politics* 86, no. 4 (Fall 2024): 505–528.
- “Border Deaths as Forced Disappearances: Frantz Fanon and the Outlines of a Critical Phenomenology.” *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology* 5, no. 3 (2022): 1–41.

- “At the Margins of Personhood: Rethinking Law and Life Beyond the Impasses of Biopolitics,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 28, no. 4 (December 2021): 570–587.
- “Disagreeing with Rancière: Speech, Violence, and the Ambiguous Subjects of Politics,” *Polity*, vol. 49, no. 2 (April 2017): 188–219.
- “A Revolution in Rights: Reflections on the Democratic Invention of the Rights of Man,” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, vol. 10, no. 3 (October 2014): 367–379.
- “Potentialities of Human Rights: Agamben and the Narrative of Fated Necessity,” *Contemporary Political Theory*, vol. 11, no. 1 (February 2012): 2–22.
- “‘Perplexities of the Rights of Man’: Arendt on the Aporias of Human Rights,” *European Journal of Political Theory*, vol. 11, no. 1 (January 2012): 4–24.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “From the Colony to the Border: Lawful Lawlessness of Racial Violence.” In *Lawless Zones, Rightless Subjects: Migration, Asylum, and Shifting Borders*, ed. Seyla Benhabib and Ayelet Shachar (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), pp. 175–191.
- “Migration.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Political Phenomenology*, ed. Sophie Loidolt, Tobias Matzner, Steffen Herrmann, Nils Baratella, and Gerhard Thonhauser (Routledge, 2024), 423–433.
- (reprint) “Border Deaths as Forced Disappearances: Frantz Fanon and the Outlines of a Critical Phenomenology.” In *Another Universalism: Seyla Benhabib and the Future of Critical Theory*, ed. Stefan Eich, Anna Jurkevics, Nishin Nathwani, and Nica Siegel (New York: Columbia University Press, 2023), 335–365.
- “Borders of Human Rights: Territorial Sovereignty and the Precarious Personhood of Migrants.” In *Critical Perspectives on Human Rights*, ed. Birgit Schippers (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018), pp. 191–212.
- “Statelessness and the Right to Have Rights.” In *Hannah Arendt: Key Concepts*, ed. Patrick Hayden (Routledge, 2014), pp. 108–123.
- (Reprint) “‘Perplexities of the Rights of Man’: Arendt on the Aporias of Human Rights.” In *The Aporia of Rights: Explorations in Citizenship in the Era of Rights*, ed. Anna Yeatman and Peg Birmingham (Bloomsbury Academic, 2014), pp. 13–36.
- (Reprint) “Potentialities of Second Nature: Agamben on Human Rights.” In *Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics*, ed. Lida Maxwell, Laura Ephraim, and Crina Archer (Fordham University Press, 2013), pp. 104–126.
- (Co-authored with Raymond D. Duvall and Kartik Raj) “Borders, Power and Resistance: Bounding and Challenging Europe.” In *Europe and Its Boundaries: Worlds and Words, Within and Beyond*, ed. Andrew Davison and Himadeep Muppidi (Lexington Books, 2009), pp. 225–241.

### Review Essay

- “On the Ambivalent Politics of Human Rights,” *Journal of International Political Theory*, vol. 14, no. 3 (October 2018): 367–380.

### Critical Exchanges/Dialogues

- “Critical Dialogue” with Ben Herzog (*Rightlessness in an Age of Rights and Revoking Citizenship*). *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 14, no. 3 (September 2016): 836–841.
- “Arendt on Culture and Imperialism: Response to Klausen,” *Political Theory*, vol. 39, no. 5 (October 2011): 661–667.

### Book Reviews

- Review of Serena Parekh, *Refugees and the Ethics of Forced Displacement* (Routledge, 2017), *Political Theory*, vol. 46, no. 2 (April 2018): 299–303.

- Review of Margaret Kohn and Keally McBride, *Political Theories of Decolonization: Postcolonialism and the Problem of Foundations* (Oxford University Press, 2011); Jacob T. Levy and Iris Marion Young (ed.), *Colonialism and Its Legacies* (Lexington, 2011), *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 10, no. 4 (December 2012): 1061–1063.
- Review of Chantal Mouffe, *On the Political* (Routledge, 2005), *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 25, no. 3 (2007): 583–586.

### Translated Works

- “Grenzen der Menschenrechte,” *Zeitschrift für Praktische Philosophie* 8, no. 1 (2021): 569–603.
  - German translation of the book chapter “Borders of Human Rights” (see above).
- “Umanità elusiva: Claude Lefort e la politica democratica dei diritti umani” *Parolechiave*, no. 57 (2017, Special issue: Umanità): 51–72.
  - Italian translation of “Elusive Humanity: Claude Lefort and the Democratic Politics of Human Rights,” conference paper (see below).

### Other Published Works

- (Co-authored with Çiğdem Çıdam, Luba Cortés, Violeta Moreno-Lax) “Solidarity as Legal Mobilization,” *American Journal of International Law Unbound* 119 (2025): 19–24.
- “Accident/Person: Migrant Deaths, Border Crimes, and the Marks of Humanity,” essay for the website of MoMA exhibition, “Insecurities: Tracing Displacement and Shelter,” November 2016. <https://medium.com/insecurities/accidents-persons-migrant-deaths-border-crimes-and-the-marks-of-humanity-685733bf2915>
- “Identities in Question: Greek-Turkish Relations in a Period of Transformation?” *Middle East Review of International Relations* (MERIA), vol. 5, no. 1 (March 2001): 106–117.

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Membership at the Institute for Advanced Study
  - Granting Agency: School of Social Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study
  - Project Title: Project Title: “Forced Disappearances: A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths.”
  - Term and Amount of Award: 2024-2025, \$68,713
- Interdisciplinary Seed Grant
  - (with Claire Greene, Assistant Professor of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University)
  - Granting Agency: Columbia University
  - Project Title: “Developing Innovative Research Approaches to Address the Needs of People on the Move.”
  - Term and Amount of Award: 2023-2024, \$40,000
- Presidential Research Award
  - Granting Agency: Barnard College
  - Project Title: “Forced Disappearances: A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths.”
  - Term and Amount of Award: 2022-2023, \$40,000
- Tow Professorship for Distinguished Scholars and Practitioners
  - Granting Agency: Barnard College
  - Term and Amount of Award: 2019-2021, \$10,000 research/professional development fund and summer stipend each year.
- Heyman Center Fellowship
  - Project Title: “Between the Human and the Person: A Critical Inquiry into the Subject of Rights.”
  - Granting Agency: The Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University
  - Term and Amount of Award: 2018-2019, 2 course releases

- Mellon Mid-Career Research Fellowship

Project Title: “Between the Human and the Person: A Critical Inquiry into the Subject of Rights.”  
 Granting Agency: Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2017-2018, \$ 47,300
- Presidential Research Award

Project Title: “Migrations of Equality: Rethinking Human Rights and Democratic Politics.”  
 Granting Agency: Barnard College  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2013-2014, \$13,960
- Harvard University, Postdoctoral Fellowship

Project Title: “Paradoxes of Human Rights: Hannah Arendt and the Contemporary Struggles of Non-Citizens”  
 Granting Agency: Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2011-2012; \$55,000
- Special Assistant Professor Leave Grant

Project Title: “Paradoxes of Human Rights: Hannah Arendt and the Contemporary Struggles of Non-Citizens”  
 Granting Agency: Barnard College  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2011-Present, \$4,992
- Sawyer Dissertation Fellowship on Humanitarianisms and World Orders

Project Title: “Non-citizens and the Global Politics of Human Rights”  
 Granting Agency: Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2007-2008, \$20,000
- Graduate Research Partnership Award

(with Raymond D. Duval, Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities)  
 Project Title: “Hannah Arendt on Politics and Ethics of Human Rights and Humanitarianism”  
 Granting Agency: College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Term and Amount of Award: Summer 2007, \$5,000
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

Project Title: “Non-Citizens and the Global Politics of Human Rights”  
 Granting Agency: College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2006-2007, \$21,000
- MacArthur Research Stipend

Project Title: “Non-Citizens and the Global Politics of Human Rights”  
 Granting Agency: Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC)-MacArthur Program, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Term and Amount of Award: Spring 2006, \$6,250
- MacArthur Predissertation Grant

Project Title: “Rights and Norms as Sites of Contestation: Politics of Asylum and Immigration in the European Union”  
 Granting Agency: ICGC-MacArthur Program, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Term and Amount of Award: Summer 2005, \$3,000
- Thomas F. Wallace Fellowship

Project Title: “Rights and Norms as Sites of Contestation: Politics of Asylum and Immigration in the European Union”  
 Granting Agency: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2004-2005, \$16,000
- ICGC-MacArthur Scholars Fellowship

Granting Agency: ICGC-MacArthur Program, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Term and Amount of Award: 2001-2002, \$12,500

## TEACHING

### Undergraduate Teaching

#### **Barnard College-Columbia University**

- *Political Theory* (1000-level lecture), cross-listed at Columbia University, Fall 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2021
- *Political Theory at the Border* (3000-level lecture), cross-listed with the Human Rights Program at Barnard, Spring 2026
- *Colloquium on Human Rights in a Diverse World* (3000-level seminar), cross-listed with the Human Rights Program at Barnard, Spring 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2015; Fall 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
- *Colloquium on Law and Violence* (3000-level seminar), Spring 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, Fall 2025
- *Human Rights and Immigration* (3000-level lecture), cross-listed with the Human Rights Studies at Columbia, Spring 2013; Fall 2021 and 2023
- *Crisis and Critique: The Frankfurt School* (4000-level lecture, undergraduate and graduate), cross-listed with the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia, Spring 2015, Fall 2016
- *Senior Research Seminar in Political Theory*, 2008-9, 2009-10, Fall 2010 and 2012
- *Violence and Justice*, First-Year Seminar, Spring 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2015, Fall 2015

#### **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**

- *International Relations* (3000-level lecture), Summer 2006
- *Democracy and Citizenship* (3000-level lecture), Fall 2005

### Graduate Teaching

#### **Barnard College-Columbia University**

- *Crisis and Critique: The Frankfurt School* (4000-level lecture, undergraduate and graduate), cross-listed with the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia, Spring 2015, Fall 2016

#### **Columbia University**

- *Law and Violence* (8000-level graduate seminar), Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia, Spring 2022, 2024, 2026

### Graduate Supervision

- Co-sponsor for the Ph.D. Dissertation of Mayaki Kimba, “Welfare after Empire: State Action and Politics of the Black Migrant Child in Western Europe,” Department of Political Science, Columbia University (2023—).
- Committee Member for the Ph.D. Dissertation of Isaac Stethem, “Planetary Peoples: Historical Continuity and Contemporary Spaces,” Department of Political Science, Columbia University (2021-2025).
- Committee Member for the Ph.D. Dissertation of Jordan Dez, “The Political Rights of Migrants: Undocumented Migrant Politics as Human Rights-making Practice,” Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (March 2024-May 2025).
- Committee Member for the MPhil Exam of Lucilla Ines Martorana, Department of Religion, Columbia University (September 2022).
- Committee Member for the Prospectus Defense of Isaac Stethem, “Jewish Non-Territorial Politics: Historical Insights for Contemporary Contestations of Space, Territory and Environment,” Department of Political Science, Columbia University (December 2021).

- Reviewer for the Doctoral Thesis of Adel-Naim Reyhani, “The Rightlessness of Refugees in Libya,” School of Law, University of Vienna (June 2021).
- Committee Member for the Special Minor in Jewish Studies, Isaac Stethem, “The Formation of Yiddish Politics: Chaim Zhitlovsky, Philosophy, and the Language of the Universal,” Department of Political Science, Columbia University (April 2021).
- Committee Member for the Ph.D. Dissertation of Luise Papcke, “Individuality and Social Cohesion: Humboldt and Schleiermacher at the Origin of Modern Liberalism,” Department of Political Science, Columbia University (February 2020).
- Committee Member for the Ph.D. Dissertation of Borhane Blili-Hamelin, “Topography of the Splintered World: Hegel and the Disagreements of Right,” Department of Philosophy, Columbia University (March 2019).
- Faculty Supervisor for the Visiting Researcher Ville Suuronen (ASLA-Fulbright Scholar, University of Jyväskylä, Finland; Project Title: “Thinking Politics Beyond and After the Nation-State with Hannah Arendt”), Department of Political Science, Barnard College-Columbia University (2018-2019).
- Committee Member for the Ph.D. Dissertation of Guido Parietti, “On the Concept of Power,” Department of Political Science, Columbia University (May 2018).
- Committee Member for the Ph.D. Dissertation of Bjorn Wee Gomes, “The Desire and Struggle for Recognition,” Department of Political Science, Columbia University (January 2017).

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Invited Presentations

- “Racial Bureaucracy: The Anatomy of a Cruel Machinery,” Home to Roost: Hannah Arendt Conference, NYU Deutsches Haus (New York, NY, December 4-5, 2025).
- “Forced Disappearances: A Legal-Phenomenological Reinterpretation,” Conference on “Mapping Absence,” Stanford University (Stanford, CA, May 14-19, 2025).
- “From the Colony to the Border: Lawful Lawlessness of Racial Violence.” Book Launch Roundtable for “Lawless Zones, Rightless Subjects,” Columbia Law School (New York, NY, March 7, 2025).
- (co-authored with Çiğdem Çıdam) “Beyond Disobedience: Reclaiming Law in the Name of Political Resistance,” Workshop on Solidarity, Migration, and Law, New York University School of Law (May 30-31, 2024).
- “‘Race and Bureaucracy’ at the Borders of Europe,” Sovereignties Roundtable, Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop and Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University (April 12, 2024).
- “‘Race and Bureaucracy’ at the Borders of Europe,” Mini-Conference for *Another Universalism: Seyla Benhabib and The Future of Critical Theory*, Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University (April 6, 2024).
- “‘Race and Bureaucracy’ at the Borders of Europe,” Commencement Panel at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Arendt Circle Conference, New York University (April 4, 2024).
- “Critical Theory as a Method of Inquiry,” Workshop on Methodologies for Researching Migrants in Transit, Barnard-College-Columbia University and Columbia Mailman School of Public Health (January 10-12, 2024).
- “On the Lawful Lawlessness of Borders: Rethinking Extraterritorialization as a Technique of Racialized Governance,” The Ethics of Border Externalization—Migrant Rights and State Obligations,” Boston University (September 21, 2023).
- “From the Colony to the Border: Lawful Lawlessness of Racial Violence,” Political Theory Workshop, Brown University (February 2, 2023).

- “On the Lawful Lawlessness of Borders: Rethinking Extraterritorialization as a Technique of Racialized Governance,” Workshop on Borders, Territory, and Rights: Changing Legal Cartographies of Migration and Mobility, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt-am-Main (June 30-July 1, 2022).
- “Forced Disappearances: A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths,” Social Criticism and Political Thought Speaker Series, Princeton University (April 21, 2022, online).
- “Border Deaths as Forced Disappearances: Frantz Fanon and the Outlines of a Critical Phenomenology,” Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University (March 24, 2022, online).
- “Border Deaths and the Challenges of Responsibility,” Ringvorlesung Lecture Series on *Responsibility/ies and Agency – Gendered Challenges*, organized by Department of Philosophy and the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Vienna (June 24, 2021, online).
- “Forced Disappearances: A Legal and Phenomenological Analysis of Border Deaths,” Workshop on Borders, Territory, and Rights: Changing Legal Cartographies of Migration and Mobility, Columbia Law School (June 17-18, 2021, online).
- “Border Deaths as Forced Disappearances,” Roundtable on Human Mobility, organized by Agora Europe and Studio Europa Maastricht (May 19, 2021, online).
- “Extraterritorialization of Migration Control and the Problem of Rightlessness at the Borders,” Workshop on Human Mobility, organized by Agora Europe and Studio Europa Maastricht (May 10, 2021, online).
- “A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths.” “In Search of the Concrete Universal: A Conference in Honor of Seyla Benhabib,” organized by Yale University (December 11, 2020, online).
- Keynote Presentation: “Border Deaths and the Crisis of Human Rights.” Conference on “Paradoxes of Universalism,” The Centre of Excellence in Law, Identity and the European Narratives, University of Helsinki (November 4-6, 2020, online).
- “The Nonhuman Condition: Arendt’s Worldly Phenomenology of Living Things.” Inaugural Workshop of “Arendt on Earth: From the Archimedean Point to the Anthropocene,” Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois, May 3-4, 2019).
- “‘The Living Space of Freedom:’ Arendt on Law and Power.” Conference on “Exile and Rightlessness: Émigré Scholars and the Birth of Human Rights Discourse,” Barnard College (New York, New York, May 2, 2019).
- “Forced Disappearances: A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths.” Tri-Co Political Theory Workshop, Haverford College (Haverford, Pennsylvania, February 28, 2019).
- “Borders of Personhood: Migration, Human Rights, and Sovereignty.” Lecture Series: “Human Rights in Crisis?” The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Istanbul, Turkey, December 21, 2018).
- “Forced Disappearances: A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths.” Workshop on “Experiences and Structures of Rightlessness,” Technische Universität Darmstadt (Darmstadt, Germany, December 17-18, 2018).
- “A Phenomenology of Living Things: Arendt and Merleau-Ponty on Worldliness, Appearance, and Plurality.” Conference on “Hannah Arendt: Challenges of Plurality,” Paderborn University (Paderborn, Germany, December 13-15, 2018).
- “Forced Disappearances: A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths.” The Columbia University Seminar on Political Economy and Contemporary Social Issues (New York, November 8, 2018).
- “The Pariahs of Humanity: Arendt and the Challenges of Modern Equality.” Conference on “Arendt and Antisemitism,” Yale Program for the Study of Antisemitism. Yale University (New Haven, Connecticut, November 1-2, 2018).
- “Amidst the Ruins of Personhood: Border Deaths and the Challenges of Representation in Law and Art.” Symposium on “Border Elegies: Refugees, Migrants, and Contemporary Art and Literature,” Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee, October 25-26, 2018).
- “Borders of Personhood: Migration, Human Rights, and Sovereignty.” The Stanford Summer Human Rights Program, Stanford University (Stanford, California, July 25, 2018).

- “Borders of Personhood: Migration, Human Rights, and Sovereignty.” Public Lecture, Lecture Series: Legal Critique as Social Theory. Freie Universität (Berlin, Germany, June 5, 2018).
- “Forced Disappearances: A Critical Phenomenology of Border Deaths.” Department of Politics, Speaker Series. The New School University (New York, May 1, 2018).
- “Forced Disappearances: Migrant Deaths and the Borders of Personhood.” Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University (New Haven, Connecticut, April 18, 2018).
- “When Borders Become Lethal: Migration and the Paradoxes of Human Rights in Europe.” Workshop on “The Disintegration of Europe and the Refugee Crisis,” Columbia Law School (New York, April 16, 2018).
- Roundtable on *Transparency in Postwar France: A Critical History of the Present* by Stefanos Geroulanos. Columbia University (New York, February 12, 2018).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights” and “Territorial Sovereignty and the Precarious Personhood of Migrants.” CEDPIR (Centro de Estudos em Política e Direito de Imigração e Refúgio), Fundação Casa de Rui Barbosa (FCRB) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 12 and 14, 2017).
- “‘The Living Space of Freedom:’ Arendt on Law and Power.” Conference on the Critical Edition of Hannah Arendt’s Work, “Hannah Arendt’s ‘Modern Challenge to Tradition,’” Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee, November 2-4, 2017).
- “The Nonhuman Condition: Arendt and the Phenomenology of Living Things.” Social and Political Theory Students Association, The Graduate Center at CUNY (New York, October 19, 2017).
- Roundtable on “Comparative Republicanisms.” Political Theory Workshop, Yale University (New Haven, Connecticut, September 27, 2017).
- “The Nonhuman Condition: Arendt and the Phenomenology of Living Things.” Political Theory Workshop, Yale University (New Haven, Connecticut, September 20, 2017).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” 2017 NEH Seminar for School Teachers (K-12) (“The Political Theory of Hannah Arendt: A Public Intellectual in the Public Square,” University of California, Davis (Davis, California, July 13, 2017).
- “Human Rights at the Border.” Lieberman Human Rights Conference (“Beyond Borders: The Human Rights of Non-Citizens at Home and Abroad”), University of Connecticut (Stamford, April 20-21, 2017).
- “Between the Human and the Person: A Critical Inquiry into the Subject of Rights.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison (February 3, 2017).
- “Between the Human and the Person: A Critical Inquiry into the Subject of Rights.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, Virginia, December 2, 2016).
- “Arendt’s Nietzsche.” Seminar: “Nietzsche 13/13,” Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University (New York, November 11, 2016).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” The Critical Human Rights Theory Workshop, The Center for the Study of Law and Culture, Columbia Law School (New York, October 20, 2016).
- “Declarations of a Right to Have Rights.” Workshop on Transformations of Civil Disobedience, Barnard College-Columbia University (New York, May 7-8, 2016).
- “Between the Human and the Person: A Critical Inquiry into the Subject of Rights.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (April 15, 2016).
- “On the Right to Have Rights: Migrant Deaths and the Question of Personhood.” Conference on the EU Refugee Crisis and the Future of Europe, Columbia University (April 1, 2016).
- “Accident/Person.” Workshop: What is a Refugee Crisis? The Cogut Center for the Humanities and Modern Culture and Media Department, Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island, March 11, 2016).
- “Masking the Human: Toward a Political Understanding of Personhood.” Social and Political Thought Speaker Series, Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee, February 26, 2016).
- “When Compassion Turns Cruel: Arendtian Reflections on the Paradoxes of Humanitarianism.”

Workshop on Cruelty. Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University (Stanford, California, October 30, 2015).

- “Between the Human and the Person: A Critical Inquiry into the Subject of Rights.” Department of Politics, Speaker Series. The New School University (New York, October 20, 2015).
- “Borders of Humanity: Migration and the Crisis of Human Rights in Europe.” Symposium on Africa, Europe and the Mediterranean Migration Crisis. Rutgers University (New Brunswick, New Jersey, October 16, 2015).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” Book Talk, Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University (İstanbul, Turkey, May 27, 2015).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” Book Talk, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University (İstanbul, Turkey, May 18, 2015).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” Book Talk, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University (New York, April 15, 2015).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” Book Talk, Political Theory Seminar, Sciences Po (Paris, March 16, 2015).
- “Borders of Personhood: Arendtian Reflections on Human Rights of Migrants.” Conference on Crossing Mexico: Migration and Human Rights in the Age of Criminal Politics. The New School University (New York, March 11, 2015).
- “Perplexities of Human Rights: Hannah Arendt and the Contemporary Struggles of Migrants.” Political Theory Workshop at the University at Albany-SUNY (Albany, New York, April 25, 2014).
- “Displacing Personhood: Human Rights, Migration, and the Question of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.” Research Workshop: The Public Authority in the Era of Globalization, Whitlam Institute, University of Western Sydney (Sydney, Australia, August 12-14, 2013).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights: Hannah Arendt and the Precarious Personhood of Migrants.” Vassar Seminar on Politics, Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, New York, November 30, 2012).
- Panelist, Public Affairs Conference (Theme: “Culture of Connectivity”). Missouri State University (Springfield, Missouri, April 17-20, 2012).
- “In Defense of Groundless Claims: Arendt and the Aporias of Human Rights.” Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 23, 2012).
- “Perplexities of the Rights of Man: Political and Methodological Orientations of Arendt’s Critique of Human Rights.” Conference on Old Europe, New Orders: Post-1945 German Thought on War, Peace, and International Law, Indiana University, Bloomington (Bloomington, Indiana, March 27-29, 2009).
- “Arendt on the Stateless: Rethinking the Violence of Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” Arendt after ’68 Symposium, Columbia University (New York, February 12-13, 2009).
- “‘Right to Have Rights’: Arendt and Agamben on Politics of Human Rights.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 3, 2006).

### **Conference Presentations**

- “Racial Bureaucracy: Routinizing ‘Administrative Massacres’ Under Imperial Rule and Border Governance,” Association for Political Theory (Loyola University, Chicago, IL, November 6-8, 2025).
- (co-authored with Çiğdem Çıdam) “Beyond Disobedience: Reclaiming Law in the Name of Political Resistance,” Law and Society Association (Chicago, IL, May 22-25, 2025).
- (co-authored with Çiğdem Çıdam) “Beyond Disobedience: Reclaiming Law in the Name of Political Resistance,” Association for Political Theory (Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, November 21-23, 2024).
- “Phenomenology at the Border,” Association for Political Theory (Union College, Schenectady, New York, October 12-14, 2023).
- “Fanon on Law and Violence: Colonialism, Racism, and Legally Sanctioned Lawlessness,” Association

for Political Theory (University of Houston, Houston, Texas, October 27-29, 2022).

- “Legally Sanctioned Lawlessness: Fanon on Law and Violence under Colonialism,” American Political Science Association (Montréal, Quebec, Canada, September 15-18, 2022).
- “Spectral Humanity: Border Control and the Racialized Annihilation of Plurality,” Association for Political Theory (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, November 11-13, 2021).
- “Border Deaths and the Problem of Racialized Precarity,” Association for Political Theory, Virtual Conference (November 7-13, 2020).
- “Forced Disappearances: Critical Phenomenology at the Borders of Law and Politics,” Association for Political Theory, Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges (Haverford and Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, October 18-20, 2018).
- “Forced Disappearances: Critical Phenomenology at the Borders of Law and Politics,” American Political Science Association (Boston, Massachusetts, August 30 – September 2, 2018).
- “The Nonhuman Condition: Arendt’s Phenomenology of Living Beings,” Association for Political Theory (University of Michigan, October 12-14, 2017).
- “The Nonhuman Condition: Arendt’s Phenomenology of Living Beings,” American Political Science Association (San Francisco, California, August 31-September 3, 2017).
- Author/Responder, Roundtable: “Rightlessness in Age of Rights,” Author Meets Critics, Western Political Science Association (Vancouver, Canada, April 13-15, 2017).
- “Between the Human and the Person: A Critical Inquiry into the Subject of Rights.” American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 1-4, 2016).
- “On the Right to Have Rights: Migrant Deaths and the Question of Personhood.” Roundtable on the Challenge of the Other: European Identity and the Refugee Crisis, American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 1-4, 2016).
- “What is ‘Political’ About Human Rights?” Roundtable on New Directions in Human Rights Research (San Diego, California, March (March 24-26, 2016).
- “Foucault and the Politics of Rights.” Roundtable on Ben Golder’s *Foucault and the Politics of Rights*, Western Political Science Association (San Diego, California, March (March 24-26, 2016).
- “Borders of Humanity: Persons and Non-Persons in the Age of Human Rights.” Western Political Science Association (San Diego, California, March (March 24-26, 2016).
- “Borders of Humanity: Persons and Non-Persons in the Age of Human Rights.” Association for Political Theory (University of Colorado-Boulder, October 22-24, 2015).
- “Politics and Police at the Border: Critical Reflections on Rancière.” American Political Science Association (San Francisco, California, September 3-6, 2015).
- “Precarious Personhood: Arendtian Reflections on the Paradoxes of Human Rights,” Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic, May 20-24, 2015).
- “Elusive Humanity: Claude Lefort and the Challenges of Undocumented Immigrants to Human Rights.” Western Political Science Association (Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2-4, 2015).
- “Elusive Humanity: Claude Lefort and the Democratic Politics of Human Rights.” Association for Political Theory (University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 16-18, 2014).
- “Democracy as a Theater of Contestation: Claude Lefort and the Challenges of a Politics of Human Rights.” American Political Science Association (Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014).
- “Arendt’s Labor.” Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 14-16, 2013).
- “Disagreeing with Rancière: Democratic Rights Struggles and the Challenges of Staging Equality.” Association for Political Theory (Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, October 10-12, 2013).
- “Staging Equality: Rancière and Arendt on the Subjects of Politics.” American Political Science Association (Chicago, Illinois, August 29-September 1, 2013).
- “Vanishing Sites of Democratic Politics: Limits of the Rawlsian Approaches to Human

Rights.” Western Political Science Association (Hollywood, California, March 28-30, 2013).

- “What is ‘Political’ About Human Rights? A Critical Assessment of the Rawlsian Arguments.” Association for Political Theory (University of South Carolina, October 11-13, 2012).
- “On Persons, Semi-Persons, and Non-Persons: Arendtian Reflections on Rightlessness in an Age of Rights.” Workshop in Applied Philosophy: Global Justice and Ethics of Exclusion, Northeastern University (Boston, Massachusetts, September 28-30, 2012).
- “Agreeing and Disagreeing with Rancière: Hannah Arendt on the Politics and Anti-Politics of Human Rights.” Western Political Science Association (Portland, Oregon, March 22-24, 2012).
- “Hannah Arendt and the Perplexities of ‘A Right to Have Rights’: Outlines of a Groundless Politics of Human Rights.” Association for Political Theory (University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, October 13-15, 2011).
- “In Defense of Groundless Claims: Hannah Arendt and ‘A Right to Have Rights.’” American Political Science Association (Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011).
- “Perplexities of ‘A Right to Have Rights’: Hannah Arendt and the Outlines of a Groundless Cosmopolitics.” Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic, May 11-15, 2011).
- “‘A Right to Have Rights’: Hannah Arendt and the Outlines of a Groundless Cosmopolitics.” Western Political Science Association (San Antonio, Texas, April 21-23, 2011).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights: Arendt and the Precarious Status of Non-Citizens.” American Political Science Association (Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 2010).
- “Rightlessness in an Age of Rights: Arendt and the Precarious Status of Non-citizens.” Western Political Science Association (San Francisco, California, April 1-3, 2010).
- “‘Perplexities of the Rights of Man’: Political and Methodological Orientations of Arendt’s Critique of Human Rights.” American Political Science Association (Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009).
- “Acting As If Citizens: ‘A Right to Have Rights’ and Its Paradoxical Subjects.” Western Political Science Association (San Diego, California, March 19-22, 2008).
- “Human Rights in the Grip of Sovereignty? Democratic Paradoxes and Potentials of Modern Rights Declarations.” American Political Science Association (Chicago, Illinois, August 30-September 2, 2007).
- “Beyond Human Rights? Agamben on Modern Biopolitics and the Rights of Man,” Western Political Science Association (Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8-10, 2007).
- “Bare Life at the Threshold of Natural and Political: Agamben on Human Rights and Biopolitical Logic of Sovereignty,” Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics, Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory, Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois, February 9-10, 2007).
- “‘Right to Have Rights’: Humanity and Citizenship in the Making,” Western Political Science Association (Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 16-18, 2006).
- “Citizenship and Humanity in the Making: Human Rights, Non-Citizens, and the Reconstitution of Politics.” International Studies Association Convention (Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005).
- “Contesting the Communitarian Borders with Global Norms: Asylum and Refugee Policies in the European Union.” International Studies Association Convention (Portland, Oregon, February 26-March 1, 2003).
- “Identity as a Site of Contestation: Complexity of Discursive Maps in Greek-Turkish Relations.” International Studies Association Convention (New Orleans, Louisiana, March 24-27, 2002).
- “Identities in Question: Greek-Turkish Relations in a Period of Transformation?” International Studies Association Convention (Chicago, Illinois, February 20-24, 2001).
- “Critical Rethinking in Foreign Policy: Greek-Turkish Relations in the Post-Cold War Era.” Halki International Seminars 2000, Session 00.2 on the “Mediterranean and the Middle East: Looking Ahead.” Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) (Halki, Greece, September 13-18, 2000).

### **Panel Chair and Discussant**

- Discussant, “Book Proposal Workshop,” Association for Political Theory (Loyola University, Chicago, IL, November 6-8, 2025).
- Chair, “Authoritarianism: Origins and Justifications,” Association for Political Theory (Loyola University, Chicago, IL, November 6-8, 2025).
- Discussant, Columbia University Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Columbia University (New York, NY, February 28, 2025).
- Chair, Panel titled “Arendtian Politics,” American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8, 2024).
- Chair, Panel titled “Genre, Authorship, and the Archives of Anticolonialism,” The International Conference for the Study of Political Thought (Riverside Church, New York, NY, May 22-23, 2024).
- Chair, Panel titled “War and Peace,” Association for Political Theory (Union College, Schenectady, New York, October 12-14, 2023).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Human Rights Within and Beyond the State,” Association for Political Theory (University of Houston, Houston, Texas, October 27-29, 2022).
- Chair, “Roundtable on Çiğdem Çıdam’s *In the Street: Democratic Action, Theatricality, and Political Friendship*,” American Political Science Association (Montréal, Quebec, Canada, September 15-18, 2022).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Marx at the Margins,” American Political Science Association (Montréal, Quebec, Canada, September 15-18, 2022).
- Chair, Panel titled “A Political Epistemology,” Association for Political Theory (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, November 11-13, 2021).
- Chair, Panel titled “Incarceration,” Conference on “Torture, Death Penalty, Imprisonment: Beccaria and His Legacies,” Columbia University (New York, October 15-16, 2021).
- Chair, First Book Manuscript Workshop, Association for Political Theory (Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, Pennsylvania, October 18-20, 2018).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Hypocrisy and Populism,” Association for Political Theory (Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, Pennsylvania, October 18-20, 2018).
- Chair, “Roundtable on Seyla Benhabib’s *Exile, Statelessness and Migration*,” American Political Science Association (Boston, Massachusetts, August 30 – September 2, 2018).
- Chair and Discussant, Panel titled “Theorizing Border Crossings: Refugees, Asylum-Seekers, and Migrants,” American Political Science Association (Boston, Massachusetts, August 30 – September 2, 2018).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Refugees, States and Statelessness,” Association for Political Theory (University of Michigan, October 12-14, 2017).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Arendt on Action, Judgment, and the Political,” American Political Science Association (San Francisco, California, August 31-September 3, 2017).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Human Rights as Emancipatory Politics?” American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 1 - 4, 2016).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Experts, Authority, and the Modern State.” Association for Political Theory (University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 16-18, 2014).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Women in Dark Times: Twentieth Century Experience in Beauvoir, Arendt, and Shklar.” American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014).
- Chair, Panel titled “Hannah Arendt.” American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, August 29-September 1, 2013).
- Chair and Discussant, Panel titled “Rancière the Classicist.” Western Political Science Association (Hollywood, California, March 28-30, 2013).
- Discussant, Panel titled “Suffering, Guilt, and Loss.” Association for Political Theory, University of

Notre Dame (South Bend, Indiana, October 13-15, 2011).

- Discussant, Panel titled “Foundations of Human Rights (II).” American Political Science Association (Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011).
- Chair, Panel titled “Overcoming the Trap of Resentment.” Istanbul Seminars: Dialogues on Civilizations (Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 19-24, 2011).
- Chair, Panel titled “Law,” Conference on “World of Capital: Conditions, Meanings, Situations.” The Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University (New York, April 29-30, 2011).
- Chair of “Struggles for Recognition in the Context of Capitalist Crisis: A Re-examination.” Speaker: Nancy Fraser, Istanbul Seminars: Dialogues on Civilizations (Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 30-June 3, 2009).
- Chair, Panel titled “Contemporary War, Intervention, and the Purview of International Law.” International Studies Association Convention (Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005).
- Chair and Discussant, Panel titled “Refugee Protection and International Organizations.” International Studies Association Convention (Portland, OR, February 26-March 1, 2003).

#### **SERVICE TO BARNARD COLLEGE**

- Chair, Search Committee for Lecturer in Political Science (Spring 2026)
- Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, Barnard College (Fall 2025—)
- Member, President’s Council, Barnard College (Fall 2025—)
- Chair, Search Committee for Term Assistant Professor in Political Theory, Department of Political Science, Barnard College (Spring 2024)
- Member, Tenure Review Committee, Department of Anthropology, Barnard College (Spring 2024)
- Member, Faculty Committee on Internationalization, Barnard College (2023-2024)
- Member, Third-Year Review Committee, Department of Religion, Barnard College (2022-2023)
- Chair, Department of Political Science Search Committee for Political Theory, Barnard College (Fall 2019)
- Elected Member, Committee on Instruction, Barnard College (2018-2020)
- Member, Public Policy Advisory Committee, Barnard College (Spring 2017)
- Department Representative, Department of Political Science, Barnard College (2015-2017)
- Elected Member, Faculty Governance and Procedures Committee, Barnard College (2015-2017)
- Member, First Year Seminar Oversight Committee, Barnard College (Fall 2015)
- Faculty Fellow, Barnard Global Symposium, Barnard College (Spring 2015)
- Member, Academic Curricular Review, Global and International Curriculum and Programs Committee, Barnard College (2014-2015)
- Member, Human Rights Working Group, Barnard College (Spring 2013)
- Member, Department of Political Science Search Committee for Term Assistant Professor Position in American Politics, Barnard College (Spring 2013)
- Member, Senior Seminar Restructuring Committee, Department of Political Science, Barnard College (2012-2013)
- Member, Provost’s Human Rights Studies Advisory Board, Barnard College (2010-2011)
- Member, Department of Political Science Search Committee for Political Theory, Barnard College (Fall 2010)
- Member, Human Rights Faculty Committee, Barnard College (2009-2010)
- Member, Committee on Programs and Academic Standing, Barnard College (2009- 2011)
- Faculty Teller, Barnard College (Spring 2009)

#### **SERVICE TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

- Member, Committee on Forced Migration, Columbia University (Spring 2022—)

- Member, Working Group, “Migrant Personhood and Rights: Crises of Recognition,” Center for the Study of Social Difference (Fall 2019-Spring 2024)
- Faculty Co-Director, Political Theory Workshop, Columbia University (Spring 2019)
- Chair, University Seminar on Political and Social Thought, Columbia University (2016-2017)
- Member, Faculty Steering Committee, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul (Fall 2016—)
- Member, Working Group, “Reframing Gender Violence,” Center for the Study of Social Difference (2016-2017).
- Member, Steering Group, Columbia University Seminar on Political and Social Thought (2014-2015)
- Affiliate Faculty, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University (2011—)
- Member, Faculty Review Committee, Human Rights Studies M.A. Program, Columbia University (Spring 2011 and 2013)
- Member, Faculty Review Committee, 2011 Human Rights Essay Contest, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University (Spring 2011)
- Member, Education Committee of the Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University (2010-2011)

#### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of International Political Theory* (2022—)
- Member of Scientific Advisory Board, “Externalisation and Rightlessness,” directed by Adel-Naim Reyhani, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights (Vienna, Austria) (2025—)
- Program Co-Chair, Foundations of Political Theory Division, American Political Science Association 2024 Annual Meeting (2023-2024)
- Chair, Governance Committee, Association for Political Theory (November 2022-October 2023)
- Member, Governance Committee, Association for Political Theory (2020-2023)
- Editorial Associate, *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* (2019—)
- Chair, Committee for the First Book Manuscript Workshop, Association for Political Theory (2018).
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Digital Communications Strategy, Association for Political Theory (2018).
- Member, Chairs and Discussants Committee, Association for Political Theory (2015).
- Member, Conference Program Committee, Association for Political Theory (2013).
- Manuscript Reviewer for *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*; *American Political Science Review*; Bloomsbury Academic; *Citizenship Studies*; *Constellations*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Critical Times*; Duke University Press; Edinburgh University Press; *Ethics & International Affairs*; *European Journal of Philosophy*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *History of Political Thought*; *Human Rights Review*; *International Migration*; *International Theory*; *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Journal of International Political Theory*; *Law, Democracy and Development*; Max-Weber-Kolleg Fellowship Programme; Oxford University Press; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Philosophy and Rhetoric*; *Political Geography*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Theory*; *Polity*; *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology*; *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*; *Signs*; *The Review of Politics*; *Theory & Event*.