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### **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Dissertation: *Harm and Wrongdoing in the Crime of Genocide*.  
MSC. 2001. London School of Economics – University of London.  
B.A. 1999. Victoria University (Wellington, New Zealand).

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD:**

1. Assistant Professor – Department of Philosophy, California State University, Los Angeles (2008-Present)
2. Associate Lecturer; Graduate Instructor; Teaching Assistant; Research Assistant; Reader in Islamic History – University of Wisconsin-Madison (2001-2007).

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Moral Philosophy; Social/Political Philosophy; Islamic Philosophy.

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Philosophy of Mind/Psychology; Philosophy of Science.

### **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:**

1. 2006. “Clarifying the Concept of Genocide.” *Metaphilosophy*. Vol. 37, Issue 3-4, pp. 308-330.
2. 2007. “Clarifying the Concept of Genocide.” Reprinted in Card, Claudia and Marsoobian, Armen T. (Editors). *Genocide’s Aftermath: Responsibility and Repair* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing) pp. 27-49.
3. 2007. “In Defense of Academic Boycotts: A Response to Martha Nussbaum.” *Dissent* (Fall) pp. 83-87.
4. 2009. “Review of John K. Roth’s *Genocide and Human Rights: A Philosophical Guide*.” *Journal of Genocide Research*.

### **UNDER REVIEW/IN PREPARATION:**

1. 2010-2011. *Morality and Moral Discourse in the Israel-Palestine Conflict* (with Steven Salaita, Associate Professor of English, Virginia Tech). Under review at Oxford University Press.
2. 2011. *Harm and Wrongdoing in the Crime of Genocide*. Book manuscript.

### **SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS:**

1. 2006. “The Meaning and Meaningfulness of Terrorism.” *Symposium Presentation*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting.
2. 2006. “A Moral Defense of Academic Boycotts.” *Group Program*, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting.
3. 2006. “Self-Determination and the Resolution of Ethnic Conflict.” *Group Program*, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting.

4. 2008. "Terrorism and Suicide Terrorism." *Mini Conference on Terrorism, Torture, and the Uses of Violence*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting.
5. 2008. Comment on Steven Patterson's "Torture, Necessity, and Moral Integrity." *Main Program*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting.
6. 2008. "Anarchism, Morality, and the Law." *Continuing Legal Education Lecture*, Howarth & Smith Law Firm, Los Angeles, California.
7. 2009. "National Self-Determination and Global Justice." *American Communities Program*, California State University, Los Angeles.
8. 2010. "Terrorism, Representation, and the Limits of Philosophical Analysis." *Powerful Visions Lecture Series*, California State University, Los Angeles.
9. 2010. "Double Effect, Practical Reason, and the Perils of Abstraction." *Interdisciplinary Faculty Colloquium*, Law School, University of California, Los Angeles (with Professor Henry Mendell, CSULA Department of Philosophy).
10. 2010. "Dialogue and the Possibility of Peace in Israel-Palestine." *Main Program*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting.
11. 2010. "Group Identity, Mass Murder, and the Moral Distinctiveness of Genocide." *Conference on Value Inquiry*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale Illinois.
12. 2010. "What is Genocide and Why is it So Bad?" *Invited Lecture*, Occidental College, Los Angeles, California.
13. 2011. "What is Genocide?" *Invited Lecture*, California State University – Long Beach.
14. 2011. "Collective Action and Moral Responsibility in the Crime of Genocide." *Invited Lecture*, California State University – Chico.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

1. Research Leave Award, California State University, Los Angeles – Winter Quarter 2011
2. Marie Christine Kohler Dissertation Fellowship – University of Wisconsin-Madison 2006-2008
3. Vilas Travel Fellowship, University of Wisconsin - Madison 2006
4. Vilas Travel Fellowship, University of Wisconsin - Madison 2007

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

1. Reviewer, *Journal of Genocide Research*.
2. Referee, *Journal of Genocide Research*

#### **SERVICE:**

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee – California State University, Los Angeles  
 Faculty Senate – California State University, Los Angeles  
 Nominations and Elections Committee – Philosophy Department, California State University, Los Angeles  
 Director of Undergraduate Advising – Philosophy Department, California State University, Los Angeles  
 Lecturer Evaluation Committee - Philosophy Department, California State University, Los Angeles  
 Fiscal Committee – Philosophy Department, California State University, Los Angeles  
 Advisor for Student Organizations – Philosophy Department, California State University, Los Angeles  
 Scholarships and Awards Committee - Philosophy Department, California State University, Los Angeles

## **COURSES AND SEMINARS TAUGHT:**

### *California State University – Los Angeles*

1. Ethics I
2. Violence and Ethics: War & Terrorism, Torture, Genocide
3. Special Topic: Islamic Philosophy (Upper Division Undergraduate Course)
4. Human Diversity and Justice
5. Social and Political Philosophy (Upper Division Undergraduate Course)
6. Anarchism and State Legitimacy (Graduate Seminar)
7. The Armenian Genocide: Normative and Conceptual Aspects (Graduate Seminar)

### *University of Wisconsin – Madison (Full Responsibility)*

1. Reason in Communication
2. Introduction to Ethics
3. Contemporary Moral Issues – Topics in International Ethics

## **LANGUAGES:**

Arabic – Fluent

## **REFERENCES:**

1. **Martha Nussbaum** – (Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago).

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2. **Lester Hunt** (Professor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

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