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EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 2002–
Ph.D. in Sociology, expected (May 2010)
Dissertation Topic: “Religious Politics: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparative Perspective”
Dissertation Advisors: Philip S. Gorski (co-chair), Jeffrey C. Alexander (co-chair), Julia Adams, Peter Stamatov.

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 2006
M.Phil. in Sociology

Comprehensive Exam Field Papers: Theories of Assimilation
Citizenship and Immigrant Incorporation

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 2004
M.A. in Sociology

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 2002
B.A. in Sociology

German School, Istanbul, Turkey, 1998
German Abitur Diploma
Turkish High School Diploma

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2009 Reinhard Bendix Award for the Best Graduate Student Paper, American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, for "The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison."

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Yale University, September 2007 - June 2008

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Program) Dissertation Research Grant for dissertation research in Berlin, Germany from October 2006 to July 2007.

Camp Mini-Grant, Yale University, 2004 and 2007.

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Curriculum Vitae

Center for Comparative Research, Junior Fellow, Yale University, 2006 -

Center for Cultural Sociology, Junior Fellow, Yale University, 2003 –

Graduate Student Fellowship, Yale University, September 2002 – June 2005.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“After Secularization?” (with Philip S. Gorski), *Annual Review of Sociology*, Vol. 34 (2008), 55-85.

WORK UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

“The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison,” revise and resubmit, *American Journal of Sociology*.

“Comparative Historical Perspectives on Religious Politics,” chapter manuscript to be published in Courtney Bender, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt, and David Smilde, eds., *Religion on the Edge: De-Centering and Re-Centering the Sociology of Religion* (book proposal under consideration at Oxford University Press).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“The Debate on ‘Neighborhood Pressure’ in Turkey,” *Footnotes*, Newsletter of the American Sociological Association, February 2009.

“Varieties of Anti-Religious Imagination,” contribution in the SSRC blog *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, ed. Jonathan VanAntwerpen (http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/), post date: April 30, 2008.

"Review of Fuyuki Kurasawa's 'The Ethnological Imagination'," *Theory: The Newsletter of the Research Committee on Sociological Theory of International Sociological Association*, Spring/Summer 2005, 12-14.

“Critics as Mediators of Authenticity: Eichmann in Jerusalem,” *Yale Journal of Sociology*, Volume 3, Fall 2003, 49-61.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Comparative Historical Perspectives on Religious Politics,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (Session on ‘Religion in Sociology: Comparative-Historical Approaches and Case Studies’), Denver, Colorado, October 24, 2009 (forthcoming).

- “Comparing the Past and Present of Religious Politics,” ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section Mini-Conference: Comparing Past and Present (Session on ‘Religion’), Berkeley, California, August 12, 2009.
- “The Incorporation of Religious Politics: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison,” American Sociological Association 104th Annual Meeting (‘Regular Session: Comparative Political Participation’), San Francisco, August 9, 2009.
- “Ideology, Identity, and Religious Politics,” ASA Junior Theorists Symposium (Session on ‘Politics’), University of California, Berkeley, August 7, 2009.
- “The Incorporation of Religious Politics: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison,” Religion and Politics Colloquium, The MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society, Yale University, February 24, 2009.
- “The Incorporation of Religious Politics: German Political Catholicism in the Wilhelmine Era,” Frontiers of Comparative Sociological Research: A Graduate Student Conference, Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, New Haven, CT, January 24, 2009.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison,” American Sociological Association 103rd Annual Meeting (‘Section on Sociology of Religion Paper Session: Religion and Politics’), Boston, MA, August 1-4, 2008.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison,” Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat Conference, the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 24-25, 2008.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison,” Workshop in Cultural Sociology, The Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 8, 2008.
- “Secularization Theory and Islam” 38th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Budapest, Hungary, June 26-30, 2008.
- “After Secularization?” (with Philip S. Gorski), Comparative Research Workshop, Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 29, 2007.
- “Anti-Catholicism (1848-1900) and Contemporary Anti-Islamicism (1973-2006) in Germany,” Comparative Research Workshop, Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, New Haven, CT, March 7, 2007.
- “The Headscarf Controversies in Germany and France: Challenging Contemporary Assimilation Theory,” 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Stockholm, Sweden, July 5-9, 2005.

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“School and the Politics of Cultural Diversity,” Spring Conference: Culture in the World, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, May 6-9, 2005.

“The Meaning(s) of the Headscarf: Der Kopftuchstreit,” American Sociological Association 99th Annual Meeting (Section on Sociology of Law Paper Session: Law and Society), San Francisco, CA, August 15-17, 2004.

“Trial as Performance: Eichmann in Jerusalem,” Spring Conference: Culture and Performance, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, April 2003.

COMMENTS IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Comments on Mark Juergensmeyer, “Global Rebellion: Religious Challenges to the Secular State,” Religion and Politics Colloquium, The MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society, Yale University, April 7, 2009.

Comments on Jonathan Laurence, “Extra-Parliamentary Interest Representation and Political Moderation: The Case of State-Islam Relations in Western Europe,” Religion and Politics Colloquium, The MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society, Yale University, January 28, 2008.

Comments on Georgia Warnke, “Geertzian Irony,” Clifford Geertz and the Human Sciences, October 19-21, 2007, Yale University.

Comments on Samuel Nelson, “Revival as Event and Representation: Revival Anxiety and Early Evangelicalism at Yale College in the Eighteenth Century,” Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University, November 26, 2007.

Comments on Geoffrey Hartman, “Holocaust Testimony in a Genocidal Era,” Center for Cultural Sociology Annual Conference, Yale University, May 6-9, 2005.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Foundations of Modern Social Theory, Professor Ivan Szelenyi, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2009.

Challenges of Globalization in the Middle East, Dr. Sallama Shaker, Teaching Fellow, Spring 2009.

Introduction to Middle East Politics, Professor Ellen Lust-Okar, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2008.

Topics in Contemporary Theory, Professor Peter Stamatov, Grader, Spring 2006.

Empires and Imperialism, Professor Peter Stamatov, Grader, Fall 2005.

Human Societies, Professor Julia Adams, Teaching Fellow, Spring 2005.

Social Problems, Professor Peter Stamatov, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2004.

PEER REVIEW FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

Sociological Theory (2008), American Journal of Sociology (2009)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Conference Coordinator, “Exploring the Post-Secular,” organizers: Philip Gorski, John Torpey, David Kyuman Kim, April 2-4, 2009, Yale University.

Conference Coordinator, “Varieties of Secularism in A Secular Age,” organizers: Michael Warner, Craig Calhoun, Jonathan VanAntwerpen, April 3-5, 2008, Yale University.

Graduate Student Coordinator, The MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society, Yale University, September 2007- May 2009.

Student Editor, *Sociological Theory*, September 2004 - March 2005

Member, *American Sociological Association*, January 2004 -

Member, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2009 -

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Historical Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Political Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Theory, Religion and Politics, Political Parties, Secularization and Secularism, Citizenship, Nationalism, Immigrant Incorporation, Europe, Germany, Middle East, Turkey, Comparative Historical Research Design and Methodology

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), German (advanced)

REFERENCES

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