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EDUCATION

- **University of Southern California** *Los Angeles, CA*
Ph.D. Politics and International Relations *May, 2010*
- **Bilkent University** *Ankara, Turkey*
B.A. International Relations *May, 2004*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research

- Postdoctoral Fellow *Providence, RI*
Watson Institute for International Studies *July, 2010 – present*
Brown University
- Research Assistant *Los Angeles, CA*
Religion, Identity and Global Governance Project *2007-2010*
University of Southern California

Teaching

- Visiting Faculty, Brown University *Providence, RI*
 - Religion and Global Politics *Sept. 2010 - present*
 - Public Theologies of Governance and Secularization
 - Conflict Resolution and Peace-building
- Lecturer, California Lutheran University *Thousand Oaks, CA*
 - Global Studies *Sept. 2009 – May 2010*
 - International Security
 - Political Violence and Revolutions

PUBLICATIONS

- “Religious Actors as Epistemic Communities in Conflict Transformation: The Cases of Northern Ireland and South Africa,” *Review of International Studies* 37, 2011, 929-949.
- “Religion and International Relations Theory: Towards a Mutual Understanding,” *European Journal of International Relations* 17(1), 2011, 3-25. (with Patrick James).
- “Poliheuristic Theory and Crisis Decision-making: A Comparative Analysis of Turkey with China,” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44(1), 2011, 27-57 (with Patrick James, Enyu Zhang and Carolyn James).
- “Towards Integrating Religion into IR Theory” (with Jonathan Fox) *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*, 17(1), 2010, 39-49.
- “State Religious Exclusivity and International Crises between 1990 and 2002,” (with Jonathan Fox) in Patrick James (ed.) *Religion, Identity and Global Governance: Ideas, Evidence and Practice*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press (2010).

Forthcoming

- “Clash of Public Theologies? Rethinking the Concept of Religion in Politics,” *Alternatives*.
- “Conservative Peacemakers: 'Slow Learning' or Punctuated Peace Socialization?,” *Political Studies* (with Neophytos Loizides).
- “Churches in ‘Troubles’: A Knowledge-based Analysis of Clergy Involvement in Conflict” in Jonathan Fox (ed.) *Religion, Politics, Society and the State*, Boulder: Paradigm Publishers (2011).

Under Review

- “Counter-bidding: The Success and Failure of Ethnic Outbidding in Divided Societies” (with Neophytos Loizides and Gavin Moore, Revised and Resubmitted to *Electoral Studies*).
- *Religion in IR Theory: Concepts, Tools, and Debates* (with Jonathan Fox), book manuscript.
- *Conflict Transformation and Peace-building in Northern Ireland: An Epistemic Approach*, book manuscript.

Work in Progress

- *Questioning “Secular Citizenship”: Christians of the Turkish Nation-State*, book manuscript (planned completion date: September 2012).

- “Epistemic Communities in Post-Conflict Human Rights Regime Formation: Cases of Sierra Leone and Colombia”
- “Holding the Sacred Accountable: The Effect of Government Involvement in Religion on Media Freedom,” (with Jenifer Whitten-Woodring).
- “Leading with “Zero Problems”?: Brazilian and Turkish Foreign Policies Compared.”

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers and Presentations

- “The Cross and the Crescent: Christianity and the Public Sphere in Contemporary Turkey,” To be presented at the annual meeting of *International Studies Association-Northeast (ISA-Northeast)*, Providence, RI, 2011.
- “Religious Actors as Epistemic Communities in Human Rights and Reconciliation: The Cases of Colombia and Sierra Leone,” Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada, 2011.
- “Religion and Neoliberalism,” (with Jonathan Fox) Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada, 2011.
- “Holding the Sacred Accountable: The Effect of Government Involvement in Religion on Media Freedom,” (with Jenifer Whitten-Woodring) Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association*, New Orleans, LA, 2010.
- “Conceptualizing and Operationalizing Theologies in International Relations,” Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association*, New Orleans, LA, 2010.
- “Tradition in Practice: Theologies, Governance, and Political Violence.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association-West (ISA-West)*, San Francisco, CA, 2009.
- “Conservative Peacemakers: Center Right Parties in the Northern Irish and Cypriot Peace Processes.” (with Neophytos Loizides) Presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Toronto, Canada, 2009.
- “The Politics of Ethnoreligious Conflict and Conciliation: The Case of Northern Ireland.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association (ISA)*, New York City, NY, 2009.
- “Religion and International Relations Theory: Towards a Mutual Understanding.” (with Patrick James) Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association (ISA)*, New York City, NY, 2009.

- “Emerging Epistemic Communities: Integrating Religious Actors into IR Theory.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association-West (ISA-West)*, San Francisco, CA, 2008.
- “State Religious Exclusivity and International Crises between 1990 and 2002.” (with Jonathan Fox) Invited paper presented at the *Religion, Identity and Global Governance Conference*, Los Angeles, CA, 2007.
- “Poliheuristic Theory and Crisis Decision-making: A Comparative Analysis of Turkey with China.” (with Patrick James, Enyu Zhang and Carolyn James) Presented at the annual meeting of the *International Studies Association (ISA)*, San Diego, CA, 2006.

Invited Lectures & Presentations

- Lecture: “The Middle East in 2011: Turkey in Transition”, Janus Forum Public Lecture, Providence, November 2010.
- Lecture/Seminar: “Knowledge Networks of Religion in Conflict Management and Peacebuilding”, co-sponsored by Watson Institute- Religious Studies Department at Brown, October 2010.
- Lecture/Seminar: “Conservative Peacemakers: Center-Right Parties in Cyprus and Northern Ireland,” Irish Studies Seminar Series, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, November 2009.
- Lecture: “Public Theologies in Divided Societies: The Cases of Northern Ireland and South Africa,” Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, October 2008.
- Lecture: “Israeli-Turkish Strategic Partnership: Regional Implications and Challenges,” Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, September 2008.
- Discussant: “Russia and Kosovo: The Nationalist Background to Realpolitik,” presentation by Robert English at the Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, April 2008.
- Discussant: “Israel’s Strategic Challenges,” presentation by Efraim Inbar at the Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, February 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

- International Studies Association Martin O. Heisler Graduate Student Paper Award, Committee Chair, 2011-2012.
- Craig Cambridge Fellowship Selection Committee Member, 2011, Brown University.

- Editor, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section, International Studies Compendium (with Patrick James and Gallya Lahav), Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.
- Vice President, International Studies Association, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section, 2011-2013.
- Communications Chair, International Studies Association, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section, 2007-2010.
- Contributing Editor, Journal of Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2007.
- President, USC Politics and International Relations Graduate Student Association, 2006-2007.
- Reviewer for Routledge (book proposals/ manuscripts); *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Studies Quarterly*, *Review of International Studies*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Theory*; *Democratization*; *Politics, Religion & Ideology* (articles).
- Primary Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (Brown University) for the following students:
 - Haley W. Jordahl (*The Costs of Credit Access: Estimating Religious Discrimination in Indian Financial Markets*), 2011.
 - Jordan Worthington (*Good Health, Strong Nation: A Case Study of Religious Actors in the Capacity-Building Process in Timor-Leste*), 2011.
 - Joelle Murphy (*The Nationalist Neoliberalism of your Desires: The Case of Public Housing in Egypt*), 2011.
 - Mariama Darboe (*Passive or Assertive Secularism?: Situating Religion in Turkish and Israeli Education Systems*), 2011.

Secondary Undergraduate Thesis Advisor:

-Shanoor Seervai (*Explaining the Persistence and Decline of Separatist Movements: The Case of India*), primary advisor Dr. Ashutosh Varshney, 2011.

SKILLS

Languages: Turkish(native), French, Spanish, Arabic and Hebrew (all five languages are operational on the academic research level), Portuguese (intermediate).

Computer Languages and Software: Proficient in STATA and SPSS.