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SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *Muslim Reformers in Iran and Turkey: The Paradox of Moderation.* Austin: University of Texas Press, 2010 (reviewed at *Choice*, *Contemporary Islam*, *Insight Turkey*, *Iranian Studies*, *Middle East Journal*, & *World Politics*).

Articles

- "Support for Democracy in Iran," *Political Research Quarterly* (Forthcoming, published online in March 2011) (primary author with Taghi Azadarmaki, Bahar Mehri, & Hooshang Nayebi).
- "Trends and Characteristics of the Turkish Party System in Light of the 2011 Elections," *Turkish Studies* (forthcoming 2012).
- "Democracy Promotion, Authoritarian Resiliency and Political Unrest in Iran," *Democratization* 19, 1 (February 2012): 120-140.
- "Women as Candidates: An Experimental Study in Turkey," *Politics & Gender* 7, 3 (September 2011): 365-390 (equal authorship with Richard Matland).
- "When Democratization Radicalizes?: The Kurdish Nationalist Movement in Turkey," *Journal of Peace Research* 47, 6 (November 2010): 775-89. Reviewed in *Wilson Quarterly* 35, 2 (Spring 2011): 86.
- "Moderation Theory Revisited: The Case of Islamic Political Actors," *Party Politics* 16, 1 (January 2010): 69-88.
- "Kurdish Nationalism and Identity in Turkey: A Conceptual Reinterpretation," *European Journal of Turkish Studies* [Online], 10 | 2009.
- "Judicial Activism in Perilous Times: The Case of Turkey," *Law & Society Review* 43, 2 (June 2009): 305-36.
- "Religiosity and Islamic Rule in Iran," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47, 2 (June 2008): 211-24 (primary author with Taghi Azadarmaki).
- "Constitutionalism, Judiciary, and Democracy in Islamic Societies," *Polity* 39, 4 (October 2007): 479-501. Reprinted in *Islamic Political Thought and Governance* edited by Abdullah Saeed (New York: Routledge, 2010).
- "Religious Participation among Muslims: The Iranian Exceptionalism," *Middle East Critique* 15, 3 (Fall 2006): 217-32 (primary author with Taghi Azadarmaki & Bahar Mehri).

Book Chapters

- "Democratic Struggles and Authoritarian Rule in Iran in Comparative Perspective," in *Middle East Authoritarianisms: Governance, Contestation, and Regime Resilience in Syria and Iran*, Steven Heydemann & Reinoud Leenders eds. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, forthcoming.
- "Intra-Elite Struggles in Iranian Elections," in *Political Participation in the Middle East and North Africa*, Ellen Lust-Okar & Saloua Zerhouni eds. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2008, pp. 51-74.

Education

Ph.D., 2005
Political Science
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor

B.A., 2000
Political Science
Bogazici University
Istanbul, Turkey

Academic Positions

Associate Professor
Loyola University
Chicago
2011-present
Assistant Professor
Loyola University
Chicago
2005-2011

Languages

Turkish
English
Persian

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & VISITING POSITIONS

- Visiting Researcher, Koç University, İstanbul, fall 2012.
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant, 2012.
- Paid Leave, Loyola University, 2007, 2008, 2012.
- Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award 2nd Prize Winner, 2011.
- Turkish Institute Post-Doctoral Grant, 2011.
- US Department of Education Title VI A grant Islamic World Studies Minor at Loyola University, 2010-2012 (for program development).
- United States Institute of Peace Research Grant, 2007-9.
- Loyola University Summer Stipend, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.
- Loyola University Research Support Grant, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- Research Grant, Catholic Center, Loyola University, 2009.
- Fellow, European-American Scholars' Summer Institute on Religion and Secularization, 2003-2004.
- Rackham One term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2003.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award in Political Science, 2002-3.
- Predissertation Research Award, University of Michigan, 2002.

DATA, NON-REFERRED PUBLICATIONS, & FIELDWORK

Original Data Sets

- Kurdish Insurgency Militants (KIM) Dataset (N= 5,380) (1976-2011)
- Tehran Surveys of August 2003 (N=412) & January 2008 (N=580)
- Kurdish Insurgency Violent Events (KIVE) Dataset, 2000-2011 (N= 1,450)
- Turkish Electoral Politics Dataset (1983-2011)

Book Reviews, Scholarly Commentary, & Encyclopedia Articles

- "Afterword," in *Secular State and Religious Society: Two Forces in Play in Turkey* edited by Berna Turam (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).
- Review of R. Olson's *Blood, Beliefs and Ballots: The Management of Kurdish Nationalism in Turkey, 2007-2009* in *Insight Turkey* 12, 2 (Spring 2010): 247-9.
- Review of A. Adib-Mohaddam's *Iran in World Politics: The Question of the Islamic Republic* in *Insight Turkey* 12, 1 (Winter 2010): 248-50.
- "The 2009 June Iran Presidential Elections: The Failure of Managed Factionalism," *Insight Turkey* 11, 3 (July-September 2009): 13-22.
- Review of D. Jung & C. Raudvere edited *Religion, Politics and Turkey's EU Accession* in *South European Society & Politics* 14, 2 (June 2009): 237-9.
- Review of A. Bayat's *Making Islam Democratic* in *Politics and Religion* 1,1 (April 2008): 148-50.
- *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* Ed. W. A. Darity, Jr. Vol. 4. 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008. Entries: Palestinian Authority, 104-7; Lebanese Civil War, 396-8; Iran-Iraq War, 413.
- "Iran Notlari," *Stratejik Analiz Aylık Uluslararası İlişkiler ve Stratejik Araştırmalar Dergisi* 41, 4 (Eylül 2003): 6-9.
- "Plebiscite in the Midst of Hunger Portrayals from last Turkish Elections," *Journal of the International Institute of the University of Michigan* 10, 2 (January 2003).

Fieldwork

- Turkey, June 2002-May 2003, July 2005, June-December 2007, July-September 2008, June 2009, May 2010, May-June 2011, September-December 2012.
- Iran, January & May 2003, June 2005, June 2006, March 2008, June 2009.
- Peru, July 2011.
- Iraq, November 2007.
- Indonesia, June 2007.
- Lebanon, July 2006.

TALKS, WORKSHOPS, & CONFERENCES

Invited Talks

- "Muslim Political Encounters in Modern Turkey." Lecture delivered at American Islamic College, Chicago, November, 2011.
- "Turkish Secularism: A Role Model or a Historical Anomaly?" Lecture delivered at Arab Spring: What, Where, Why is It? Seminar Series, Northwestern University, October 2011.
- "Democracy Struggles in Turkey and Implications for the Middle East." Paper presented at Secularism, Islam, and Democracy: Constitutional Tensions and Accommodations Conference at Boston College, Boston, October 2011.
- "Democratic Struggles and Muslim Reformers in the Middle East." Lecture delivered at Grade Lutheran Church, River Forest, IL, September 2011.
- Speaker and Moderator at Comparative Perspectives on Constitution-making, Political Transitions, and Secularism: Turkey, United States, and India Conference at Columbia University, New York, March 2011.
- "Support for Democracy in an Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Iran." Paper presented at MUAPP/Rigali Lecture Series, Loyola University Chicago, January 2011.
- "Reconstructing the Triangle: Iran, Israel, and Turkey." Public lecture hosted by Emanuel Congregation, Chicago, April 2010.
- "When Democratization Radicalizes? The Kurdish Nationalist Movement in Turkey." Paper presented at Columbia University, April 2009.
- "The Paradox of Moderation: Post-Islamism in Turkey." Paper presented at Northwestern University, November 2008.
- "The Paradox of Moderation: Muslim Reformers in Iran and Turkey." Paper presented at Dartmouth University, October 2008.
- "A Theory of Political Change: Post-Islamism in Iran and Turkey." Paper presented at the University of Exeter, May 2008.
- "The Crisis of Turkish Secularism? A Reinterpretation." Lecture delivered at the Turkish-American Cultural Alliance, Chicago, May 2008.
- Speaker at Political Shi'a Revival in Iran, Iraq and Lebanon panel at DePaul University, Chicago, April 2008.
- "Role of Islamic NGOs in Promoting the Rule of Law and Democracy." Paper presented at The Cross, the Crescent and the Ballot Box: Catholic and Islamic Dialogue on the Rule of Law and International Democracy Promotion Conference, Rome, April 2008.
- "The Challenge of Secularism and Muslim Societies." Lecture delivered at Social Science Faculty of Tehran University, March 2008.

- “Electoral Politics in Iran.” Paper presented at the annual conference on the Middle East, Iran in the New Era: Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy, Işık University, İstanbul, December 2007.
- “The Moderation Theory Re-visited: The Case of Islamic Political Actors.” Paper presented at International Relations Seminar series at Koç University, İstanbul, December 2007.
- “The Rise of the Justice and Development Part.” Paper presented at Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, March 2003.

Invited Workshops

- “Religious Actors, Democratization and Violence: Comparing Catholic and Muslim Actors.” Paper presented at Democracy, Culture, and Catholicism International Research Project at Antonio Ruiz Montoya University, Lima, July 2011 and Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome, June 2012.
- “Language, Religion, & Violence in the Formation of Kurdish Identity in Turkey.” Paper presented at Pluralism, Coexistence and Conflict: Majority and Minority Communities in Muslim Societies Inaugural Workshop at Harvard University, October 2011.
- “Evolving Patterns of Authoritarian Rule in Iran in Comparative Perspective.” Paper presented at Authoritarianisms, Regime Resilience and State-Society Relations: Comparing Political Change in Syria and Iran Workshop at the University of Amsterdam, May 2010.
- “Pursuing Votes, Responding to the Faithful: Party Politics in Indonesia and Turkey.” Paper presented at Religious Parties in Processes of Democratic Consolidation - Revisiting the Inclusion-Moderation Thesis Workshop at Princeton University, March 2010.
- “The Evolution of the Turkish Center-Right: An Ecological Inference Analysis.” Paper presented at Workshop on Turkish Elections 2007 at Sabancı University, İstanbul, November-December 2007.
- “Electoral Competition and Cleavages in Turkey: A Geographical Perspective.” Paper presented at Workshop 19, Politicizing Socio-Cultural Structures: Elite and Mass Perspectives on Cleavages, European Consortium on Political Research (ECPR) Joint Session of Workshops, Helsinki, May 2007.
- “Why Does Electoral Competition Fail to Produce Democratization in the Islamic Republic of Iran?” Paper presented at the Seventh Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Florence – Montecatini Terme, March 2006.
- Participant in European-American Young Scholars’ Summer Institute on Secularization and Religion, Erfurt, July 2003, and Raleigh, July 2004.
- “The Dilemma of the Enemy: Evolution of Islamism in Turkey after 1997.” Paper presented at Crossing Borders: Revitalizing Area Studies Workshop at the University of Michigan, May 2002.

Professional Conferences

Presentations

- “Language, Religion, & Violence in the Formation of Kurdish Identity in Turkey.” Paper presented at the World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 2012.
- “The Call of Mountains: Joining the Kurdish Insurgency.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, March 2011.
- “Support for Democracy in an Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Iran.” Paper presented at

- the IPSA-ECPR joint conference, Sao Paulo, February 2011.
- “The Early Years: The Formation and Rise of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, November 2010.
 - “What is the Matter with East? A Spatial Analysis of Turnout in Turkey.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2010.
 - “The Call of Mountains: Joining the Kurdish Insurgency.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2009.
 - “When Democratization Radicalizes? The Kurdish Nationalist Movement in Turkey.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2009.
 - “Religion and Politics in the Islamic Republic.” Paper presented at The Iranian Revolution: Thirty Years Conference at Rutgers, February 2009.
 - The Challenge of Kurdish Nationalism: Promises and Limits of Electoral Politics.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2008.
 - “Dynamics of Kurdish Nationalism in Turkey: Paradox of Democratic Solution.” Paper presented at the World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 2008.
 - “The Moderation Theory Revisited: The Case of Political Actors.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007.
 - “Religious Participation among Muslims: Iranian Exceptionalism.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 2006.
 - “Is Islam really relevant for understanding democratization (or its lack thereof)?” Paper presented at the Democracy in Iran, Middle East and Central Asia: Past Traditions and Future Prospects Conference, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, April 2006.
 - “How is Secularism Relevant for Democracy? Religiosity and Politics in Contemporary Iran and Turkey.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2005.
 - “When does Secularism Confront Liberal-Democracy? Theology of Secularism.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 2005.
 - “War and Nationalism: Explaining the Multiple Forms of Kurdish Identity,” Paper presented at the 7th Annual Middle East Conference, University of California Santa Barbara, March 2005.
 - “The Determinants of Islamist Political Worldview in Iran,” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2004.
 - “Whither Islamism in Iran? Evidence on Mass Political Attitudes” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Bloomington, October 2004.
 - “Evolution of Muslim Democrats in Turkey and Iran.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004.
 - “Whither Islamism? Democratization in Iran and Turkey,” Paper presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2004.
 - “The Justice & Development Party: From Hostility to Accommodation,” Paper

presented at the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association, Anchorage, November 2003.

- “An Alternative to Secular Authoritarianism and Islamic Radicalism? The Rise of Secularized Islam in Turkey,” Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003.
- “An Alternative to Secular Authoritarianism and Islamic Absolutism? The Rise of Democratic Islamism in Turkey,” Paper presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2003.

Organizer & Discussant

- Organizer of “Cooperation, Resistance and Violence in Kurdish Politics” panel at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, November 2010.
- Discussant at “Explaining Turkey’s New Activism in the Middle East: Between Identity and Realpolitik” panel at the annual meeting of Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, November 2010.
- Discussant at “The role of religion in ethnic politics” panel at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2010.
- Organizer of “Becoming Kurdish: A Century of Making a Nation” panel at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2009.
- Organizer of “Kurdish Political Identity in Comparative Perspectives” panel at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2008.
- Organizer of “Islamic Political Parties in Democratic Competition” panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007.
- Discussant at “The Evolution of Islamist Movements.” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007.
- Discussant at “How do We Free the Market and Liberate the People? Comparative Reflections on Developing Democracies and the Case of Turkey” conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, November 2006.
- Discussant at “Islam and Politics in Developing Countries” panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2005.
- Discussant at “Political, Territorial, and Cultural Cleavages” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2005.

TEACHING

- Political Violence (undergraduate & graduate seminar)
- Religion and Politics: Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon (undergraduate seminar)
- Politics of Energy (undergraduate seminar)
- Encountering the Middle East (honors seminar)
- Catholicism, Islam & Democracy (undergraduate seminar)
- Politics of the Middle East (undergraduate & graduate seminars)
- Introduction to International Studies (undergraduate introduction)
- Comparative Political Systems (graduate seminar)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Graduate Studies Committee, Political Science Department, Loyola U, 2011-present.
- Graduate Fellowship Committee, Loyola U, 2012.
- Advisor, M.A. and Ph.D. students, Loyola U, 2005-present.

- Reviewer, the International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) program at the Social Science Research Council, 2009-2011.
- Member, the Fulbright Advisory Committee, Loyola U, 2008-present.
- Founding faculty member, the Islamic World Studies Program, Loyola U, 2006-present.
- Organizer, "Forces of Change in the Muslim World" Lecture Series, Loyola U, 2011-12.
- Organizer, "The Politics of Performance and the Performance of Politics: Perspectives from Islamic World" Lecture Series, Loyola U, 2010-11.
- Organizer, "Islam, Engagement, and the Public Sphere" Lecture Series, Loyola U, 2009-10.
- Organizer, "Islam, Intellectuals and Ideology" Lecture Series, Loyola U, 2008-9.
- Organizer, "Islam, Identity and Culture" Lecture Series, Loyola U, 2007-8.
- Organizer, "Politics of Islam & Secularism" Lecture Series, Loyola U, 2006-7.
- At-large faculty representative, Academic Council, Loyola U, 2006-8.
- Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Democratization*, *European Journal of Turkish Studies*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Poverty, Law & Society Review*, *Party Politics*, *Politics & Gender*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies Quarterly*, *Sociology of Religion*, *South European Society & Politics*, *World Politics*, Choice, Oxford University Press, Lynne Rienner, Pearson Longman, Routledge, and Broadview Press.

OP-EDS & MEDIA

- The AKP Years in Turkey: The Third Stage (September 2011) *Opendemocracy.net*
- Rethinking "Moderate Islam" in the Light of the Arab Uprisings" (May 2011) *Muftah.org*
- Turkey's Referendum: A Democratic Dynamic (September 2010) *Opendemocracy.net*
- Turkey in Transition: Reality and Image (April 2009) *Opendemocracy.net*
- The Last Fault Line: Kurdish dreams, the Middle East realities (March 2008) *newsweek.washingtonpost.com/postglobal*
- Turkey after Hrant Dink (January 2008) *Opendemocracy.net*
- Turkey's Kurdish Challenge (November 2007) *Opendemocracy.net*
- Turkey's Political Opening (July 2007) *Opendemocracy.net*
- Turkey Divided: Politics, Faith and Democracy (May 2007) *Opendemocracy.net*
- Hrant Dink: Murder of Freedom (January 2007) *Opendemocracy.net*
- The Armenian Shadow over Turkey's Democratization (October 2005)
- Live appearances at WGN Radio, Extension 720 (March 2012), WGN-TV Channel 9 Morning Show (June 2009), WTTW11 Chicago Tonight (June 2009); interviews with *Gulen* (Iraqi Kurdistan, April 2007), *Voice of the Cape Town* (South Africa, May 2007), *Washington Times* (February 2009), *Pravda* (Slovakia, August 2009), *Hawler* (Iraqi Kurdistan, March 2010), *IRNA* (Iran, July 2010), *EurasiaNet* (May 2011), *Mardomak.org* (Iran, June 2011), *International Business Times* (October 2011), *The National* (November 2011), *FmNews101.1 Chicago* (January 2012), *SETimes.com* (March 2012).

In Turkish:

- Full page Interview at *Yeni Şafak*, June 6, 2011.

- Demokratikleşme Kürt Sorununu Çözer mi? *Taraf*, November 11, 2008.
- Silahlı Mücadele ile Anayasal Haklar Elde Edilmez, *Taraf*, September 1, 2008.
- PKK Neden Silah Bırakmıyor? *Taraf*, August 18, 2008.
- Interviewed by Alumni (BÜMED) Magazine of the Boğaziçi University, November 2007.
- Demokrasi Sınavı: Şemdinli, *Yeni Şafak*, November 11, 2007.
- Şemdinli’de bir Türkiye Baharı, *www.bianet.org*, November 8, 2007.
- Kürt Siyasetinin Stratejik Çelişkisi, *Radikal*, October 7, 2007.
- Partilerin İki Yüzü: Katılım ve Paylaşım,” *Birgün*, July 22, 2007.
- DTP’nin Ateşle İmtihanı, *www.bianet.org*, July 20, 2007.
- Doğu’nun Seçim Nabzı: Hakkâri, Batman, Van, Şırnak, *Birgün*, June 30, 2007.
- DP’den AK Parti’ye Sağ Siyaset, *Yeni Şafak*, June 8, 2007.
- İdam sonrası ABD’nin İran Planı ve Ortadoğu’nun Geleceği, *Yeni Şafak* March 26, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Association for the Study of Nationalities
International Studies Association, International Political Science Association, Middle
Eastern Studies Association.