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Academic Positions

Burt Dorsett '53 Postdoctoral Fellow in Ethics, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 2023-
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Loyola U. Maryland, Baltimore, MD 2022-2023
Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Brown University, Providence, RI 2021-2022

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. 2022

Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics

Dissertation Title: “The Right to Travel: Toward an Ethics of Short-Term Mobility”

Committee: Elizabeth F. Cohen (Supervisor), Kenneth Baynes, Glyn Morgan, Dennis C. Rasmussen, Ayelet Shachar, Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson

Received *Best Dissertation Award* in *Migration & Citizenship* in 2023, American Political Science Association (APSA), and Nominated for *Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy* by Syracuse University.

M.A. Government, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 2015

B.A. Philosophy, Middle East Technical University, Ankara 2013

B.S. Political Science (*with Honors*), Middle East Technical University, Ankara 2011

Research Interests

Contemporary Political Theory, Citizenship, Migration, Borders and Boundaries, Global Justice, and Democratic Theory

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“[The Open Borders Debate, Migration-as-Settlement, and the Right to Travel](#),” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2022) DOI: 10.1080/13698230.2022.2040202.

[“Democratic Citizenship,”](#) *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Political Science*. Ed. L. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press (2020) (with Rick Valelly).

["The Individual in Political Liberalism: A Critical Perspective,"](#) *Journal of Individual and Society*. Vol. 7, No. 13 (Spring 2017): 59-78. (*In Turkish*, with Mehmet Kocaoğlu).

[“Regime Change within Defective Democracies: Turkey in the Early 1990s and 2010s,”](#) *Journal of Democracy and Society*, 2016, Vol 13., no 1.

Book Reviews

[“Immigration and Freedom”](#) *Contemporary Political Theory* (2022) DOI: 10.1057/s41296-022-00585-2.

[“Review of Nazli Avdan’s *Visas and Walls: Border Security in the Age of Terrorism*,”](#) *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol.135 No.3 (Fall 2020): 536-538.

Works Under Review

“Two Conceptions of the *Demos*: A Mobility Perspective to the Boundary Problem in Democratic Theory” (Revise & Resubmit).

"On the Political Impact of International Visa-Waiver Agreements and Short-term Mobility" (Revise & Resubmit).

“The Ethics of Visa Overstays” (Under Review)

Works in Progress

The Right to Travel: Toward an Ethics of Short-Term Mobility (Book manuscript under preparation).

“Critical Exchange on the Right to Travel” (to be published in *Contemporary Political Theory*).

“Tacit Dissent to Immigration Law” (Journal article manuscript).

“Cross-border Mobility and Global Duties” (Book Chapter, TBA.)

“Statelessness, De Facto States, and the Right to Exit” (Journal article manuscript).

The Politics of Non-Immigrant Visas (Book manuscript in progress to be submitted in 2026).

Teaching Experience

- **Instructor of Record** (Loyola University Maryland)

PS 387 - Politics of Belonging and Migration, Loyola University Maryland, Fall 2022.

PS 384 - American Political Thought, Loyola University Maryland, Fall 2022.

PS 391 - Contemporary Political Theory, Loyola University Maryland, Spring 2023.

PS 334 - Global Justice, Loyola University Maryland, Spring 2023.

PS 335 - Refugees and International Politics, Loyola University Maryland, Spring 2023.

- **Instructor of Record** (Syracuse University)

PSC 125 - Introduction to Political Theory, Syracuse University, Summer 2021.

PSC 300 - Politics of Immigration, Syracuse University, Spring 2020.

- **Teaching Assistant** (Syracuse University):

PSC 123 - Comparative Politics and Government (Instructor: Dr. Erin Hern), Spring 2021.

PSC 354 - Human Rights & Global Affairs (Instructor: Dr. Lamis Abdelaaty), Fall 2020.

PSC 307 - Politics of Citizenship (Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth F. Cohen), Spring 2019.

PSC 300 - Refugees in International Politics (Instructor: Dr. Lamis Abdelaaty), Fall 2018.

PSC 382 - Contemporary Political Philosophy (Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth F. Cohen), Fall 2017.

PSC 125 - Introduction to Political Theory (Instructors: Dr. Laurence Thomas, Fall 2016; Dr. Glyn Morgan, Spring 2017; Dr. Pamela Ryan, Spring 2018).

Conference Talks

Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference 2023, “The Ethics of Visa Overstays,” Boston, MA.

Association for Political Theory (APT) 2022, “Cross-border Mobility and Democratic Theory,” Houston, TX.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) 2022, “The Boundary Problem in Democratic Theory: A Mobility Perspective,” Montreal, Canada.

The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (PPE) Fifth Annual Meeting 2022, “Mobility and Democratic Citizenship,” New Orleans, LA.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) 2021, “The Boundary Problem in Democratic Theory: A Mobility Perspective,” Seattle, WA (Virtual).

Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies 2021, “A Normative Debate on Borders, Short-term and Long-term Migration” (Virtual).

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) 2019, “The Open Borders Debate, Migration, and Travelers,” Washington, D.C.

New York State Political Science Association Conference (NYSPSA) 2019, “Open Borders, Sovereignty, and Travelers,” New York, NY.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (SPSA) 2017, “Freedom *from* Hate Speech: A Libertarian Justification of Hate Speech Regulations,” New Orleans, LA.

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) 2016, “The Individual and the Culture of Living Together in the Liberal Theory,” with Dr. Mehmet Kocaoglu. Chicago, IL

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) 2016, “Problem of Justice at the International Level: Rethinking Foundations and Principles of Theory of International Justice,” with Dr. Mehmet Kocaoglu. Chicago, IL

Other Invited Talks

“Is There a Right to Travel?” Ethics Institute, Law and Ethics Fellowship Program, Dartmouth College, 2024, Hanover, NH

“What are Human Rights for Refugees?” Invited by the Alexander Hamilton Society at Loyola University Maryland, 2023, Baltimore, MD.

Professional Experience

Political Theory Editorial Assistant, *American Journal of Political Science* (AJPS) (November 2019 – Present)

Research Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs (October 2017 – 2021) Collaborating with Dr. Elizabeth F. Cohen

Editor, *Journal of Democracy and Society*, the Center for Democracy and Civil Society at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (September 2013-August 2015)

Programs Coordinator, Institute of Turkish Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (February 2014 – May 2015)

Professional Service

Selection Committee Member, Migration and Citizenship Best Dissertation Award Committee, American Political Science Association (APSA) 2024.

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science* (AJPS); *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (CRISPP); *Comparative Migration Studies* (CMS); *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*.

Section Chair, “Identity Politics” at Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA)

Panel Chair, “Social Media, Populism, and Identity Politics” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2023, Boston, MA.

Panel Chair, Author Meets Critics, *Citizenship beyond Nationality: Immigrant Voting Rights across the World*, by Luicy Pedroza (U Penn Press, 2019), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2019, Washington D.C.

Discussant, Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop at Dartmouth College 2024.

Discussant, Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies 2021, “Normative Approaches” (Virtual).

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

Best Dissertation Award, Migration & Citizenship section, APSA, 2023

Dissertation Nominated for APSA’s Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy by Syracuse University, 2023.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Syracuse University, 2021-2022

Ketcham Award, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2021

Cohn Fund, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2020

APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019

Andersen Award, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2019

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA 2017

IHS Conference Grant, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, 2017

Training

Certificate in University Teaching, Syracuse University, March 2022

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, June 2019

Future Professoriate Program (FPP), Syracuse University, 2018 and 2019

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for Political Theory (APT), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA).

Languages

Turkish (Native), Spanish (Proficient)

Computer skills and competences

HTML, In-Design, LaTeX, Microsoft Office Programs, SPSS, STATA, R.

References

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