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## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA, PH.D., 1991, Columbia, Missouri, USA  
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, M.A., 1980, Chicago, Illinois, USA  
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY, B.A., 1976, Omaha, Nebraska, USA

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social/Political Philosophy  
Moral Philosophy  
Applied Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science  
Logic  
Critical Reasoning

## POSITIONS

2007-present	Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), USA
2004-2007	Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, UNO
1998-2004	Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, UNO
1992-98	Lecturer of Philosophy and Religion, UNO
2001 (Spring Semester)	Fulbright Scholar/Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy and Sociology University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
2000 (Summer Semester)	Visiting Professor, Research Institute of Philosophy South China Normal University, Guangzhou, China
1994-2002	Lecturer, Department of Philosophy Creighton University, Omaha, USA

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

1997 *Blurred Visions: Philosophy, Science, and Ideology in a Troubled World.* The San Francisco State University Series in Philosophy. New York: Peter Lang.

## BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2002 "Pashënie" ("Foreword"), in Fatos Tarifa, *Kërkimi I legjitimitetit dhe venitja e utopisë (The Quest for Legitimacy and the Withering Away of Utopia)*. Tirana: Globus R, pp. 93-98.
- 1997 "A Participatory Approach to the Teaching of Critical Reasoning," in Tziporah Kasachkoff (ed.), *In the Socratic Tradition: Essays on Teaching Philosophy*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 161-65.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2005 "A Sisyphean Tale: The Pathology of Ethnic Nationalism and the Pedagogy of Forging Humane Democracies in the Balkans," *Studies in East European Thought* 57 (June): 139-84.
- "Sizifovska priča: Patologija etničkog nacionalizma i pedagogija kovanja humanih demokratija na Balkanu," ("A Sisyphean Tale: The Pathology of Ethnic Nationalism and the Pedagogy of Forging Humane Democracies in the Balkans"), *Dijalog* 1-2 : 74-99. Translated by Srebren Dizdar.
- 2004 Eine Sisyphos-Erzählung: Zur Pathologie des (religiösen) ethnischen Nationalismus und Praxis humaner Demokratieförderung auf dem Balkan" ("A Sisyphean Tale: The Pathology of (Religious) Ethnic Nationalism and the Pedagogy of Forging Humane Democracies in the Balkans"), *Kakanien Revisited*. In: [www.kakanien.ac.at/beitr/theorie/Rconces1.pdf,04.02.2004](http://www.kakanien.ac.at/beitr/theorie/Rconces1.pdf,04.02.2004). Translated by Ursula Reber.
- 2002 "Unified Pluralism: Fostering Reconciliation and the Demise of Ethnic Nationalism," *Studies in East European Thought* 54 (December): 285-302.
- "Opravdavanje prisilne i neprisilne intervencije i strateski i humanitarni argumenti" ("Justifying Coercive and Non-Coercive Intervention: Humanitarian and Strategic Arguments"), *Socijaldemokrat*, 9 (January): 55-74. Translated by Jasminka Babić-Avidispahić.
- 2001 "Objedinjeni pluralizam: gajenje pomirenja I okoncanje etnickog nacionalizma" ("Unified Pluralism: Fostering Reconciliation and the Demise of Ethnic Nationalism"), *Dijalog* 3-4: 125-39.
- "Justifying Coercive and Non-Coercive Intervention: Humanitarian and Strategic Arguments," *Acta Analytica* 16 (December): 133-52.
- 1998 "Consensual Foundations and Resistance in Locke's 'Second Treatise,'" *Theoria* no. 92 (June): 19-33.
- 1997 "Contract, Trust, and Resistance in the 'Second Treatise,'" *The Locke Newsletter* no. 28: 117-33.
- "Ethics and Sovereignty" (Co-author: William L. Blizek), *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 8: 1-11.
- 1996 "The Semblance of Ideologies and Scientific Theories and the Constitution of Facts," *Review Journal of Philosophy and Social Sciences* 21: 1-18.
- 1995 "A Participatory Approach to the Teaching of Critical Reasoning," *APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* (Spring): 114-16.
- 1994 "Aesthetic Alienation and the Art of Modernity," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 10 (July): 149-64.

## REVIEWS

- 2006 Amoz Oz, *How to Cure a Fanatic*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 17: 27-28.
- 2004 Azar Nafisi, *Reading Lolita in Tebran: A Memoir of Books*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 15 : 23-25.
- 2003 Fatos Tarifa, *Culture, Ideology and Society*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 14: 35-37. Reprinted in *Kakanien Revisited* : [www.kakanien.ac.at/rez/RConces2.pdf](http://www.kakanien.ac.at/rez/RConces2.pdf).
- 2002 Fatos Tarifa, *The Quest for Legitimacy and the Withering Away of Utopia*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 13: 23-26. Reprinted in *Kakanien Revisited*: [www.kakanien.ac.at/rez/RConces1.pdf](http://www.kakanien.ac.at/rez/RConces1.pdf).
- 2000 Scott Anderson, *The Man Who Tried to Save the World: The Dangerous Life and Mysterious Disappearance of Fred Cuny*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 11: 45-47.
- The Dalai Lama, *Ethics for the New Millennium*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 11: 49-51.
- 1998/99 Richard Holbrooke, *To End a War*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 10: 77-79.
- Anatol Lieven, *Chechnya: Tombstone of Russian Power*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 10: 81-84.
- 1997 Jan Nederveen Pieterse and Bhikhu Parekh, eds., *The Decolonization of Imagination: Culture, Knowledge and Power*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 9: 73-75.
- 1996 David Borstein, *The Price of a Dream: The Story of the Grameen Bank and the Idea That Is Helping the Poor to Change Their Lives*, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 8: 91-92.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2005 Interview with Haley Monk, "Making a Difference: Professor Rory Conces," *The Gateway* 5:2 (August 26), p. 4.
- "Reconstructing Kosovo: Ontology to Politics and the Less Traveled Road," *Bosnia Daily* (July 22), pp. 8-9.
- 2004 "Re-Inventing the Labyrinth: Self-Identity, Spirituality, and the Ethics of Intervention in the Lives of Persons Afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease," *Alzheimer's Association Midlands Chapter Newsletter* 5 no. 3 (Summer), p. 8.
- "Kosovo: The Fragile Nature of Civility," *Bosnia Daily* (March 22), p. 9.
- 2003 "Higher Education in BiH," *Bosnia Daily* (February 10), pp. 9-10.
- 2002 "Half Empty or Half Full?" *Bosnia Daily* (July 18), p. 3.
- 2001 "Bosnian 'Culture of Dependency,'" *Bosnia Daily* (September 26), p. 3.
- "Universiteti Në Vendet Në Tranzicion Drejt Kapitalizmet Dhe Demokracisë" ("In Defense of Education: The University in Transitional Democratic Capitalist Countries"), *Zëri* (July 14), pp. 35-37. Translated into Albanian by Besnik Domi.

## AWARDS

Civic Participation Project Travel Grant, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006 and 2007.  
Teaching Circle Grant, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003.  
Fulbright Scholar Award, Lecture and Research in Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Spring 2001.

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Taking Realism and the War on Terrorism Seriously in the Balkans,” Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2007.
- “Taking Realism and the War on Terrorism Seriously in the Balkans,” Annual Conference of the International Political Science Association, Political Philosophy Research Committee (RC31), “Terrorism, Globalization & Democracy,” University College London, June 2007.
- “Civil Society and the Building of Democracy in the Balkans,” European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Graz, Austria, March 2007.
- “Reconceptualizing the Moralization of Political Realism and the War on Terrorism,” Department of Philosophy, University of Rijeka, Croatia, March 2007.
- “The Hyperintellectual in the Balkans,” Department of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, March 2007.
- “The Role of the Hyperintellectual in Civil Society Building and Democratization in the Balkans,” Department of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, March 2007.
- “Ethics and Sovereignty,” Department of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, March 2007.
- “Difficulties in Bosnia and Kosovo,” Listening Strategies, Intensive Language Program (ILUNO), University of Nebraska at Omaha, January 2007.
- “On Moralizing Political Realism and the War on Terrorism,” Global Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 2006.
- “Philosophy and Philosophers in America,” Philosophy Faculty, University of Pristina, Kosovo, July 2006.
- “Democratization, Nation Building, and the Hyperintellectual,” Academic Training Association (ATA) Mitrovica Summer School, Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo, July 2006.
- “A Role for Religion in Civil Society Building and Democratization in the Balkans,” (Forum Debate with Vanessa Ruget, Ivan Radic, and Tamara Slavkovic), Academic Training Association (ATA) Mitrovica Summer School, Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo, July 2006.
- “A Role for Religion in Civil Society Building and Democratization in the Balkans,” Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2006.
- “The Hyperintellectual’s Dealings with Ethnic Nationalism and Strong Interventionism in the Balkans,” Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2006.

- “On the Moralizing of Political Realism and the War on Terrorism,” Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2006.
- “The Myth Sisyphus Redux: The Pathology of Ethnic Nationalism and the Pedagogy of Forging Humane Democracies in the Balkans,” Institute of Governance, Public Policy and Social Research, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, July 2004.
- “A Sisyphean Tale: The Pathology of Ethnic Nationalism and the Pedagogy of Forging Humane Democracies in the Balkans,” Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, April 2004.
- “Dictating and Teaching Democratically and Economically Viable Living Spaces in the Balkans,” Sigma Iota Round Table, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 2004.
- “A Sisyphean Tale: The Pathology of Ethnic Nationalism and the Pedagogy of Forging Humane Democracies in the Balkans,” Third World Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 2003.
- “The Philosopher as Public Intellectual in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” University of Prištine, Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo, July 2003.
- “The Role of the Intellectual in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Nansen Dialogue Centre, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2003.
- “Cultural Globalization,” Nansen Dialogue Centre, University of Tuzla, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2003.
- “A Sisyphean Tale: The Pathology of Ethnic Nationalism and the Pedagogy of Forging Humane Democracies in the Balkans,” Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2003.
- “Ethno-Nationalism: Intervention and Country-Building from Bihac to Basra,” The Matrix Forum, Omaha, Nebraska, May 2003.
- “What War Does to the Environment,” Colloquium Series, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 2002.
- “In Defense of Education: The University in Transitional Democratic Capitalist Countries,” Faculty of Languages, The University of Džemal Bijedie of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, June 2001.
- “Unified Pluralism: Fostering Reconciliation and the Demise of Ethnic Nationalism,” Third Annual Symposium, Philosophy Faculty, University of Rijeka, Croatia, May 2001.
- “Justifying Coercive and Non-Coercive Intervention: Strategic and Humanitarian Arguments,” Department of Philosophy, University of Rijeka, Croatia, May 2001.
- “In Defense of Education: The University in Transitional Democratic Capitalist Countries,” Department of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Pristina, Kosovo, May 2001.
- “In Defense of Education: The University in Transitional Democratic Capitalist Countries,” Philosophy and Pedagogy Faculties, University of Rijeka, Croatia, May 2001.
- “The Pursuit of Human Transformation: Person-Building to Nation-Building from America to Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Druga Gymnasium, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, January 2001.

“Applied Philosophy and Critical Thinking,” Department of Foreign Languages, Hangzhou Teachers College, Hangzhou, P.R. China, June 2000.

“Understanding Politics, Economics, Philosophy, and Human Rights in China and the United States,” Department of Politics and Economics, Hangzhou Teachers College, Hangzhou, P.R. China, June 2000.

“Introduction to Applied Philosophy,” Department of Philosophy, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, P.R. China, May 2000.

“Ethics and Sovereignty,” Third World Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 1996.

“Alienation and the Art of Modernity,” Central Division of the American Philosophy Association, May 1994.

“Ideologies, Scientific Theories and Facts: What Do They Have in Common?” Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha, December 1993.

“Ideologies, Scientific Theories and Facts: What Do They Have in Common?” Philosophy and History of Science Group, University of Nebraska at Omaha, December 1993.

“Alienation and the Art of Modernity,” Iowa Philosophical Society Conference, Wartburg College, Iowa, November 1993.

Comment on Pascalev, “Primary and Secondary Arguments for Secession: A Critique of Allen Buchanan,” Central States Philosophical Association Conference, University of Missouri-Rolla, October 1993.

## **TEACHING (1992-present)**

### **UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA**

#### **(Assistant Professor/Lecturer)**

PHIL 1010	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 1020	Contemporary Moral Problems
PHIL 1210	Critical Reasoning
PHIL 2020	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 3050	Ethical Theory
PHIL 3150	Philosophy of History
PHIL 3180	Environmental Ethics
PHIL 3210	Social Philosophy
PHIL 3260	History of American Philosophy: 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
RELI 3500	Special Topics in Religion: Religion, Violence, and Conflict Resolution
INST 2130	International Studies (Team Taught)

### **UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO**

#### **(Fulbright Scholar/Visiting Professor)**

Analytic Philosophy  
Ethics

### **SOUTH CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY**

#### **(Visiting Professor)**

Applied Philosophy

### **CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY**

#### **(Lecturer)**

PHIL 147 Introduction to Critical Thinking

**SERVICE (Selected)****PROFESSION**

Founding Editor, *ID: International Dialogue, A Multidisciplinary Journal of World Affairs*, 2006-present.

Editor, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review*, 1994-2006.

Associate Editor, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review*, 1993-94.

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA**

Writing Across the Curriculum Advisory Committee, 2007.

College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Committee, 2005-2008.

International Studies Program Committee, 2005-2008.

Andy Award Selection Committee, International Studies and Programs, (IS&P), 2005.

Third World Studies Conference Secretariat, IS&P, 1994-95, 1997-present.

The Goldstein Lecture Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 1997-present.

**COMMUNITY**

Member, Medical Scientific Board, Alzheimer's Association, Omaha and Eastern Nebraska Chapter, 2003-2005.

Board Member, Coalition for Ecodevelopment and Community Action in Haiti (CECAH), 1992-96.

**REFERE**

Dageforde Publishing, Longman, St. Martin's Press, Mayfield, McGraw-Hill, W.W. Norton, Prentice-Hall