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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
2008 (Fall Semester)	Fulbright Scholar/Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science University of Prishtina, Kosovo
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 "Pasthënie" ("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.
- "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

- 2010 "Uloga hiperintelektualca u izgradnji građanskog društva I demokratizacije na Balkanu" ("The Role of the Hyperintellectual in Civil Society Building and Democratization in the Balklans"), Dijalog 1-2: 7-30.
- 2009 "Epistemical and Ethical Troubles in Achieving Reconciliation, and then Beyond," *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 5: 25-47.
 - "Rethinking Realism (or Whatever) and the War on Terrorism in a Place Like the Balkans," *Theoria* 56: 81-124.
- 2007 "The Role of the Hyperintellectual in Civil Society Building and Democratization in the Balkans," *Studies in East European Thought* 59 (September): 195-214.
 - "Tarifa's Exposition of the Kanun: Something for Sociologists and Philosophers Alike," Sociological Analysis 1: 125-27.
- 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. 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"), *Sociajdemokrat*, 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.
- "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

- 2013 Helen Sword. Stylish Academic Writing. Högre Utbildning 3 no. 2: 163-65.
 - Helen Sword. Stylish Academic Writing. Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Update no. 15 (February): 1-2. www.unomaha.edu/writingcenter/WAS%20Update%20February%202013.pdf
- 2006 Amoz Oz. How to Cure a Fanatic, International Third World Studies Journal and Review 17: 27-28.
- Azar Nafisi, Reading Lolita in Tehran: 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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

- 2015 "Pedagogy for Understanding Kosovo Society: (II) Greater Than Its Parts," *Bosnia Daily* (June 24, 2015), pp. 10-11.
 - "Pedagogy for Understanding Kosovo Society: (I) From the Plural Monoethnic to the Multiethnic," *Bosnia Daily* (June 23, 2015), pp. 10-11.
- 2014 "Rumsfeld's Known Unknowns: The Graying of Terror(ism) and Dark Terror," Bosnia Daily (April 24, 2014), pp. 10-11.
 - "From Babylution to Devolution to...," Bosnia Daily (February 10, 2014), p. 8
- 2013 "Borges's Labyrinths, Kosovo's Enclaves, and Urban/Civic Designing (IV) Intimations of Change: Urban Design," *Bosnia Daily* (August 16, 2013), p. 11-13.
 - "Borges's Labyrinths, Kosovo's Enclaves, and Urban/Civic Designing (III) Intimations of What Is: Enclaves, Objects, and Kosovo," *Bosnia Daily* (August 15, 2013), pp. 10-11.
 - "Borges's Labyrinths, Kosovo's Enclaves, and Urban/Civic Designing (II) Intimations of What Is: Societies and Enclaves," *Bosnia Daily* (August 14, 2013), pp. 10-11.
 - "Borges's Labyrinths, Kosovo's Enclaves, and Urban/Civic Designing (I) Intimations of Making Sense," *Bosnia Daily* (August 13, 2013), pp. 10-11.
- 2012 "The Art of the Possible: Suljagic, Ceric, and the Rest on Fairness and Religious Education," Bosnia Daily (March 26), pp. 7-8.
- "Using Public Evocative Objects to Support a Multiethnic Democratic Society in Kosovo(II) Fields of Existence vs. Fields of Battle," Bosnia Daily (January 5), pp. 9-10.
 - "Using Public Evocative Objects to Support a Multiethnic Democratic Society in Kosovo (I) Friendly and Enemy Images," *Bosnia Daily* (January 4), pp. 10-11.
- 2010 "Mendime të rralla për filozofin, politiëberësin dhe ideologjinë (2)" ("About Philosophical Mindfulness: Not So Ransom Thoughts about the Philosopher, the Policy-Maker, and Ideology [2]"), *Koha Ditore* (August 14), p. 28.
 - "Mendime të rralla për filozofin, politiëberësin dhe ideologjinë" ("About Philosophical Mindfulness: Not So Ransom Thoughts about the Philosopher, the Policy-Maker, and Ideology"), *Koha Ditore* (August 7), p. 28.
- 2009 "Reflections on Truth Telling and Reconciliation in Srebrenica (3): Labyrinth of Hatred," *The Serbia Observer* (October 2), p. 6.
 - "Reflections on Truth Telling and Reconciliation in Srebrenica (2): Grim Shadows of the Past," *The Serbia Observer* (October 1), p. 6.
 - "Reflections on Truth Telling and Reconciliation in Srebrenica (1): Back Again in Bosnia," *The Serbia Observer* (September 30), p. 6.

- "Reflections of a Hopeful Realist (or Reluctant Pessimist): Truth Telling and Reconciliation in Srebrenica," *Bosnia Daily* (September 23), pp. 7-8.
- 2008 "Komuniteti ndërkombëtar dhe nacionlizmi etnik në Kosovën e parvarur" ("The International Community and Ethnic Nationalism in an Independent Kosovo"), www.telegrafi.com (December).
 - "The Int'l Community and Ethnic Nationalism in an Independent Kosovo," *Bosnia Daily* (December 26), pp. 10-11.
 - "All is Not Normal in Kosovo," The Serbia Observer (December 10), p. 2.
 - "Coming to Grips with the Queer Festival and Deeper Concerns," *Bosnia Daily* (September 8), p. 9.
 - "Zulfikarpasic's Passing: A Time to Reflect on the Important but Difficult Role of the Hyperintellectual," *Bosnia Daily* (August 22), pp. 7-8.
 - "Where Will the Finger Point to Next? Bosnia Daily (July 29), p. 3.
- 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.

POETRY

- 2008 "How the Longing," Republika Poezije (Republic of Poetry) (December 1), p. 17.
- "Thought On a Cold Winter Night No. 1," Lapis (Winter-Spring 1929), p. 54.

RESEARCH GROUPS

2011-2012 Research Triangle, Religious Studies Program, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

GRANTS/AWARDS

Fullbright Scholar Award, Lecture and Research in Political Science, University of Prishtina, Kosovo, Fall 2008.

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

- 2013 "Chatting About Stylish Academic Writing (Helen Sword)," Co-presenter: Nora Bacon, University of Nebraska at Omaha. (March 12)
- 2012 "Peacebuilding Revisited, or, How to Give Peacebuilding a New Face," Department of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzagovina. (May 30)
 - "Peacebuilding Revisited, or, How to Give Peacebuilding a New Face," Global Political Studies Department, University of Malmö, Sweden. (May 11) "Religion and Politics," Co-presenter: Paul Williams, Times Talk, Newspapers in Curricula Program (NIC), University of Nebraska at Omaha. (February 20)
- 2010 "Democratization (and Reconciliation or Whatever), Identities, Enemy Images, Evocative Objects and Bosnia/Kosovo," Global Political Studies Department, University of Malmö, Malmö, Sweden. (December 17)
 - "About Philosophical Mindfulness: Not So Random Thoughts about the Philosopher, the Policy-Maker, and Ideology," The Balkan Policy Institute and the Department of Political Science, University of Prishtina, Prishtina, Kosovo. (July 22)
- 2009 "Epistemical and Ethical Troubles in Achieving Reconciliation, and then Beyond," European Studies Colloquium, Department of History and Area Studies, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark. (December 16)
 - "Doing the Unthinkable: In Praise of American Exceptionalism," Undergraduate Intensive English Language Program (UIELSP), University of Nebraska at Omaha. (June 3)
- 2008 "Theoretical Aspects of Writing a Master's Thesis and Much More," M.A. Candidates, Department of Political Science, University of Prishtina, Kosovo. (October 6)
- 2007 "Difficulties in Bosnia and Kosovo," REASON, Omaha, Nebraska. (October 20)
 - "Taking Realism and the War on Terrorism Seriously in the Balkans," Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (July 12)
 - "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 29)
 - "Civil Society and the Building of Democracy in the Balkans," European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Graz, Austria. (March 13)
 - "Reconceptualizing the Moralization of Political Realism and the War on Terrorism," Department of Philosophy, University of Rijeka, Croatia. (March 12)
 - "The Hyperintellectual in the Balkans," Department of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (March 8)
 - "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 7)

- "Ethics and Sovereignty," Department of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (March 6)
- 2006 "On Moralizing Political Realism and the War on Terrorism," Global Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha. (October 6)
 - "Philosophy and Philosophers in America," Philosophy Faculty, University of Pristina, Kosovo. (July 27)
 - "Democratization, Nation Building, and the Hyperintellectual," Academic Training Association (ATA) Mitrovica Summer School, Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo. (July 26)
 - "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 24)
 - "A Role for Religion in Civil Society Building and Democratization in the Balkans," Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (July 13)
 - "The Hyperintellectual's Dealings with Ethnic Nationalism and Strong Interventionism in the Balkans," Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (July 10)
 - "On the Moralizing of Political Realism and the War on Terrorism," Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (July 6)
- 2004 "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 30)
 - "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 16)
 - "Dictating and Teaching Democratically and Economically Viable Living Spaces in the Balkans," Sigma Iota Round Table, University of Nebraska at Omaha. (March 24)
- 2003 "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 10)
 - "The Philosopher as Public Intellectual in the 21st Century," University of Prištine, Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo. (July 29)
 - "The Role of the Intellectual in the 21st Century," Nansen Dialogue Centre, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (July 22)
 - "Cultural Globalization," Nansen Dialogue Centre, University of Tuzla, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (July 16)
 - "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 8)
 - "Ethno-Nationalism: Intervention and Country-Building from Bihac to Basra," The Matrix Forum, Omaha, Nebraska. (May 8)

- 2002 "What War Does to the Environment," Colloquium Series, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha. (April 10)
- 2001 "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 4)
 - "In Defense of Education: The University in Transitional Democratic Capitalist Countries," Department of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Pristina, Kosovo. (May 31)
 - "Unified Pluralism: Fostering Reconciliation and the Demise of Ethnic Nationalism," Third Annual Symposium, Philosophy Faculty, University of Rijeka, Croatia. (May 24)
 - "Justifying Coercive and Non-Coercive Intervention: Strategic and Humanitarian Arguments," Department of Philosophy, University of Rijeka, Croatia. (May 23)
 - "In Defense of Education: The University in Transitional Democratic Capitalist Countries," Philosophy and Pedagogy Faculties, University of Rijeka, Croatia. (May 22)
 - "The Pursuit of Human Transformation: Person-Building to Nation-Building from America to Bosnia and Herzegovina," Druga Gymnasium, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (January 31)
- 2000 "Applied Philosophy and Critical Thinking," Department of Foreign Languages, Hangzhou Teachers College, Hangzhou, P.R. China. (June 9)
 - "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 8)
 - "Introduction to Applied Philosophy," Department of Philosophy, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, P.R. China. (May 31)
- "Ethics and Sovereignty," Third World Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha. (October 11)
- "Alienation and the Art of Modernity," Central Division of the American Philosophy Association. (May 7)
- 1993 "Ideologies, Scientific Theories and Facts: What Do They Have in Common?" Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha. (December 3)
 - "Alienation and the Art of Modernity," Iowa Philosophical Society Conference, Wartburg College, Iowa. (November 6)

Comment on Pascalev, "Primary and Secondary Arguments for Secession: A Critique of Allen Buchanan," Central States Philosophical Association Conference, University of Missouri-Rolla. (October 16)

TEACHING (1992-present)

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

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PHIL 1010 Introduction to Philosophy
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PHIL 3150	Philosophy of History
PHIL 3180	Environmental Ethics
PHIL 3210	Social Philosophy
PHIL 3260	History of American Philosophy: 20th 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

UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA

(Fulbright Scholar/Visiting Professor)

Nations and Globalization

Conflict Resolution

SOUTH CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY

(Visiting Professor)

Applied Philosophy

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(Lecturer)

PHL 147 Introduction to Critical Thinking

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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.

Board Member, Balkan Policy Institute, Prishtina, Kosovo, 2010-present.

Editorial Board Member, The International Journal on Balkan Policy Research, 2011-2014)

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

Graduate Program Committee Leadership (GPCL), MACCT Program, 2013-present.

Writing Across the Curriculum Advisory Committee, 2007-present.

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

International Studies Program Committee, 2005-present.

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

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

The Goldstein Lecture Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 1997-2008.

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.

REFEREE

BOOK PUBLISHERS

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

JOURNALS

European Journal of Political Theory, Journal of Religion & Film, Beijing Legal Review, Theoria, Democratization, International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology, Southeastern Europe