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## EDUCATION

1/2011-8/2017 PhD, Ad Hoc Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program. Sponsor: Department of Germanic Studies, The University of Texas at Austin.

**Dissertation Title:** *Colonization of the Normative Realm in the Age of Instrumentality*; Committee: Dr.

Katherine Arens (chair), Dr. Kathleen Higgins, Dr. John Hoberma, Dr. Robert Jensen, and Dr. Per Urlaub. *Colonization of the Normative Realm in the Age of Instrumentality* aims to establish a contemporary model why apolitical actors engage in the political realm. The project intersperses practical cases with theoretical concerns, including two case studies: the role of Soccer Hooligans in the 2011 Egyptian Revolution and the Occupy Austin Movement, also 2011. The goal of these juxtapositions is to provide insights into the realities behind political theories, as I accommodate additional strands of theory that have received little attention to date in studies of political motivation. I begin by showing how inadequate Rational Choice Theory (RCT) has proven in explaining political action and then move onto employing central concepts from Heidegger, Arendt, Marcuse, Foucault, Habermas, and Wendy Brown to create a richer picture of what choice means for subjects. With the aid of the categories these thinkers provide, I then build an analytical heuristic device called the Three Realms of Action Model. My claim is that this model, which explains the relationship between the normative, political and economic realms can better explain political choice. The actions of nonpolitical actors might seem non-rational when viewed from within a purely economic realm, but switching between the three realms and the rationalities they inhabit, provides the three-pronged lens needed to make a more nuanced study of the power relations between political actors. To better illustrate how subjects negotiate the realms, I use familiar historical sites. Each historical event allows us to inhabit an epistemology that describes how the realms bargain for dominance with each other. The insight I come away with here is that the economic realm has colonized the normative and political realms in the United States. But despite the dominance of the economic realm and the one dimensionality of the US public, political action or choice is not driven solely by market rationality. In fact, there is a shifting play of the power between the three realms where we see new and competing rationalities. This allows us not only to see “choice” as a more dynamic and nuanced category but also better clues us into how it is manipulated and even subverted.

2002-08 Graduate. Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Houston.  
Major Field: Political Theory; Secondary Fields: American Politics & Quantitative Methods.  
1998-2002 MA, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, Houston, TX.  
1991-94 BS, Political Science, Minor in Anthropology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.  
1987-90 AA, General Studies, University of Maryland, European Division, Würzburg, Germany

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Philosophy (especially Ancient, Modern, and German Continental); The Middle East; American Politics; Eastern Mediterranean History; and Decision-Making Theories.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

6/2006- present Professor, Government Department, Austin Community College, Austin, TX.  
5/2008-5/12 Adjunct Associate Professor, History Department, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD (online classes).  
12/2007-5/08 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Government and Politics Department, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD (online classes).  
1/2002-8/2004 Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Tomball College (Lone Star), Tomball, TX.  
1/2002-12/2003 Adjunct Professor, Political Science Department, University of Houston, Houston, TX.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- July 9-20, 2013 International Society of the Great Patriotic War, "Battle of Kursk: The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour"  
Aug 11-23, 2011 International Society of the Great Patriotic War, "Battle of Leningrad, Winter War, and Cholm Pocket Tour"  
Aug 17-27, 2007 Michael A. Hawash Historical Foundation. "Battle of Stalingrad Research Grant" part of the "Soviet War Memoirs Project: In Honor of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Allied Victory in World War II." Principal investigator: Seyfarth Shaw LLP. Volgograd, Russia. Travel grant paid for travel to Volgograd, Russia in order to tour Battle of Stalingrad battlefields, identify locations associated with battle, talk to military and civilian survivors, and put together a book with current and WWII era photos

## ORGANIZATIONS

The Austin School: founder and president <http://theaustinschool.com>

## PUBLICATIONS

### TEXTBOOK MATERIALS

"WWII." Semester-length course module for University of Maryland University College upper division undergraduate class, History of WWII. Supplemental text for both online and face to face courses. Completed summer of 2010. [http://coursedev.umuc.edu/cgi-bin/id/CDI/index.pl?class=0909:HIST465:Z001:d&module=0&default=Read\\_Me\\_First%2FS1-Approach.html](http://coursedev.umuc.edu/cgi-bin/id/CDI/index.pl?class=0909:HIST465:Z001:d&module=0&default=Read_Me_First%2FS1-Approach.html)

### POPULAR PRESS

- "Procedures or Principles: The Egyptian Revolution Chose the Latter," *TODO Austin: Multicultural Media for all of Austin*, August 2013, [http://issuu.com/todo\\_austin/docs/vol\\_v\\_iss4/1?e=1916445/4337250](http://issuu.com/todo_austin/docs/vol_v_iss4/1?e=1916445/4337250)  
"Sanctions and Iran," Donya-e-Eqtasad Daily newspaper, August 2013  
"Interests and Aspirations in Egypt," *TODO Austin: Multicultural Media for all of Austin*, December 2012, <http://todoaustin.com/interests-and-aspirations-in-egypt/>  
"The Aftermath of the Arab Spring," *TODO Austin: Multicultural Media for all of Austin*, October 2012, [http://issuu.com/todo\\_austin/docs/vol\\_iv\\_iss06/1](http://issuu.com/todo_austin/docs/vol_iv_iss06/1)  
"The Libyan Uprising and Foreign Intervention" *Mehrnameh*, May 2012, Yr. 3, No. 1. [*Mernameh* is a leading Tehran-based socio-political monthly]  
"The End of Capitalism?," *Mernameh*, February 2012, Yr. 2, No 10.  
"Winston Churchill the Reluctant anti-Fascist," *Mernameh*, January 2012, Yr. 2, No 9.  
"The Occupy Wall Street Movement," *Hamshahri*, November 2011, [*Hamshahri* a Tehran-based socio-political journal established by former Tehran mayor Gholamhussein Karbaschi in the mid-1990s and was a major source for the dissemination of reformist ideas. I have been informed that this article was published in one of the last printed editions before Islamic Republic shut the journal down].  
"The Creation of Israel," *Mehrnameh*, October 2011, Yr. 2, No. 6., 96-99  
"The Failure of the United Arab Republic," *Mehrnameh*, September 2011, Yr. 2, No. 5.  
"Pakistan the Victim of US Foreign Policy," *Mehrnameh*, August 2011, Yr. 2, No. 4.  
"The Contradictions of Zionism and US Support for Israel," *Mehrnameh*, July 2011, Yr. 2, No. 3, 92-99. (this issue also features an interview with Stephen Walt).  
"Revolts stir pride, memory of shame in Austinite with Egyptian roots" *Austin American-Statesman* 17 Apr. 2011, Vol. 40, No. 266 D1.  
"The Arab Revolution," *Mehrnameh*, February 2011, Yr. 1, No. 9., 108-111  
"Conservatism and the Republican Party" *Mehrnameh*, December 2010, Yr.1, No. 7, 151-155.  
"Religion in US Politics," *Mehrnameh*, November 2010, Yr. 1, No. 6, 148-151.  
"The Nature of the Tea Party Movement," *Mehrnameh*, October 2010, Yr. 1, No. 5,118-121.

### EDITOR

Mark, Jason. *Besieged: The Epic Battle for Cholm*. Pymble, NSW (Australia): Leaping Horseman Books, 2011.  
Mark, Jason. *Island of Fire: The Battle for the Barrikady Gun Factory in Stalingrad*. Pymble, NSW (Australia): Leaping Horseman Books, 2007.

## SELECTED NEWS INTERVIEWS

- Interview by Casey Claiborne. *Fox 7*. “Dallas Co. Sheriff Lupe Valdez running for Governor” pre-recorded. 6 Dec. 2017. <http://www.fox7austin.com/news/298475886-video>
- Interview by Reena Diamante. Spectrum News. “Austin Police Remain Ready for Mass Demonstrations after Charlottesville” pre-recorded. August 15, 2017. <http://spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/austin/news/2017/08/14/austin-police-department-remains-ready-for-mass-demonstrations-after-charlottesville>
- Interview by Thorne Dreyer. *Rag Radio*. “Citizen Trump Takes on the World,” Live. 21 Apr. 2017.
- Interview by Casey Claiborne. *FOX 7*. “Lawmakers from Texas React to Syria Strike,” pre-recorded. 7 Apr. 2017. <http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/247342970-story>
- Interview by John Dabkovich. *KXAN News (ABC)*. “A look at the Russia/Syria relationship,” Live. 7 Apr. 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oY4JoUzOYa8>
- Interview by Bryan Mays. Daybreak *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Reaction on President Trump’s Syria Strike,” Live. 7 Apr. 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfuIKft2hgY>
- Interview by Quita Culpepper. Nightbeat Live coverage. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “US Attacks Syrian Airbase with Cruise Missiles,” Live. 6 Apr. 2017.
- Interview by Thorne Dreyer. *Rag Radio*. “Iraq & ISIL: How U.S. Actions Set the Table for Terrorism,” Live. 11 Dec. 2015.
- Interview by Thorne Dreyer. *Rag Radio*. “Roy Casagranda on Syria, ISIL, and the Causes of Terrorism in the Middle East,” Live. 4 Dec. 2015. <http://www.veteranstoday.com/2015/12/08/rag-radio-roy-casagranda-on-syria-isil-and-the-causes-of-terrorism-in-the-middle-east/>
- Interview by RaeAnn Christensen. *FOX 7*. “Parisians in Austin stand together in light of Friday’s attack,” Live. 14 Nov. 2015. <http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/49126828-story>
- Interview by Ann Wyatt. *FOX 7*. Paris Attacks, Live. 14 Nov. 2015.
- Interview by Bryan Mays. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Middle East affair expert discusses Egyptian air strikes against ISIL,” Live. 16 Feb. 2015. <http://www.kvue.com/media/cinematic/video/23505085/middle-east-affairs-expert-discusses-egyptian-airstrikes-against-isil/>
- Interview by Perry Watson, *KLBJ News Radio (99.7 FM/590 AM)*. “Local college professor talks about efforts to protect Libya from ISIS.” 16 Feb. 2015. <http://www.newsradioklbj.com/news/austin-local-news/local-college-professor-talks-about-efforts-protect-libya-isis>
- Interview by Bryan Mays. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “An Associate Professor of Government from Austin Community College discusses ISIS with KVUE’s Bryan Mays,” Live. 29 Sept. 2014. <http://www.kvue.com/media/cinematic/video/15064242/acc-isis-interview/>
- Interview by Ashley Goudeau. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Austin expert on Middle Eastern affairs weighs in on Islamic State attacks,” 31 Aug. 2014. <http://www.kvue.com/story/news/world/2014/08/31/austin-expert-on-middle-eastern-affairs-weighs-in-on-islamic-state-attacks/14900535/>
- Interview by Ashley Goudeau. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Effects of ISIS in the United States,” Live. 31 Aug. 2014. <http://www.kvue.com/media/cinematic/video/14419716/austin-expert-on-middle-eastern-affairs-weighs-in-on-islamic-state-att/>
- Interview by Ashley Goudeau. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Unrest and Violence Continues to Plague Egypt,” Live. 18 Aug. 2013. <http://www.kvue.com/videos/news/world/2014/05/24/2400814/>
- Interview by Ashley Goudeau. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Professor Roy Casagranda discusses Egypt’s Uncertain Future,” Live. 6 July 2013. <http://www.kvue.com/news/world/Local-professor-discusses-Egypt-uncertain-future-214469751.html>
- Interview by Ashley Goudeau. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Professor Roy Casagranda discusses anti-American protests in the Middle East,” Live. 16 Sept. 2012. <http://www.kvue.com/video/featured-videos/Professor-Roy-Casagranda-discusses--169948166.html>
- Interview by Alana Rocha. *YNN News*. Cable News. “Occupy Austin Movement Enters Day Two,” Cable News. 7 Oct. 2012. <http://austin.ynn.com/content/headlines/280823/-occupy-austin--movement-enters-day-two>
- Interview by Steve Alberts. *KVUE News (ABC)*. “Austinite Reacts to Egypt’s New Era,” TV. 14 Feb. 2011. <http://www.kvue.com/home/Austinite-reacts-to-Egypt-116079264.html>
- Interview by Matt Largey. *KUT News*. “Local Reaction to Egyptian Power Transition,” Radio. 1 Feb. 2011. <http://kutnews.org/post/local-reaction-egyptian-power-transition>

Interview by Nathan Bernier. *KUT News*. "Egyptian ACC Professor Watching Unrest With Concern And Hope," 2012. Radio. 31 Jan. 2011. <http://kutnews.org/post/egyptian-acc-professor-watching-unrest-concern-and-hope>

Interview by Alana Rocha. *YNN News*. Cable News. "Professor Brings Personal Perspective to Egypt Unrest," 31 Jan. 2011. <http://austin.ynn.com/content/276391/professor-brings-personal-perspective-to-egypt-unrest>

### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- March 16, 2007 "US Foreign Policy in the Age of Instrumentality." Panel "Foreign Policy" Southwest Social Science Association, Albuquerque, NM.
- April 13, 2006 "Skowronek's Cycle and Presidential Autonomy." Panel on "The US Presidency" Southwest Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX.
- April 14, 2006 "Empire of the Dollar Autocracy." Panel on "Critiques of Rational Choice Theory" Southwest Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX.
- March 12, 2002 "Beyond the Rational and Self Interested: Identity Claims in an Electoral Republic." Southwest Social Science Association. Panel on "Rational Choice Theory and its Critics." New Orleans, LA.
- November 9, 2001 "Beyond the Rational and Self Interested: Voter Turnout, Meaning, and Identity Claims in Presidential Elections." Panel on "Capitalism and its Critics." Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2017 NISOD Teaching Excellence Award

### **SELECT PUBLIC LECTURES**

- 2017**
- "The Iran Nuclear Deal with Ambassador Thomas Pickering" World Affairs Council Austin and Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Dec, 7
  - "A Brief Overview of US Foreign Policy in the Middle East" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 24
  - "A Brief History of Western Civilization" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 17
  - Moderator for Democratic Primary debate for Texas District 21, Dripping Springs, TX. October, 9
  - "A Brief Overview of WWII and Why We should not Do WWIII" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Apr., 4
  - "The Fall of the Roman Empire" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Feb., 7
- 2016**
- "The Politics of Exclusion Creating Third Class Citizenship in 2016" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Nov., 10
  - "In the Shadow of the Arab Spring: Living on Post-Hope Earth" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Nov., 1
  - "War and Protest Panel" Rag Reunion: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rag, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 14
  - "Presidential Elections: Rhetoric and Identity" Southwestern Philosophy Club, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX. Oct., 5
  - "Katrina, Syria, and Catastrophe: How a Civil War and a Hurricane Echo One Another in the Novel *Zeitoun*" Keynote Address for Convocation, The Austin Waldorf School, Austin, TX. Aug, 22
  - "The Role of the News Media in US Elections" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Jul., 27
  - "Plato's Justice, the Z Generation, and Three Lessons for Academia" Keynote Address for Graduation, The Austin Waldorf School, Austin, TX. May, 5
  - "Portrayal of Arabs in US Media" The Austin Waldorf School, Austin, TX. May, 5
  - "The Most Serene Republic of Venice" Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Apr., 26

“The Crusades” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Mar., 29  
 “The Origins of the Syria Crisis” Global Issues Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Mar., 9  
 “Rise and Fall of the Arab Empire” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Mar., 1  
 “Voting? What Is it Good For!” Southwestern University Philosophy Club, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX. Feb., 17  
 “From Operation Barbarossa to the Death of the Nazi Empire” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Jan., 26  
 “Soccer Hooligans, Martin Heidegger, and Revolution” Ed Talk, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Jan., 15  
 “The Rise of ISIL,” Rotary, Austin, TX. Jan. 14.

## 2015

“Three Ancient Rivals,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Nov., 10  
 “The Very Modern Ancient Egypt,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 13  
 “Syria,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Sept., 22  
 “Origins of Civilization,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Sept., 8  
 “The Rise of ISIL,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Aug., 11  
 “The Crusades,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Aug., 4  
 “A Brief History of Reason,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. July, 28  
 “ISIL, Part 2,” University Christian Church, Austin, TX. Apr., 19  
 “ISIL, Part 1,” University Christian Church, Austin, TX. Apr., 12  
 “The Most Serene Republic of Venice,” Austin School Lecture Series, Mariposa Montessori School, Austin, TX. Apr., 1  
 “History of the US Presidency in a Nutshell,” Austin School Lecture Series, Mariposa Montessori School, Austin, TX. Mar., 25  
 “An Overview of Egyptian History,” Austin School Lecture Series, Mariposa Montessori School, Austin, TX. Mar., 11  
 “Happiness in *The Prince*,” Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX. Mar., 3.  
 “Pretending to Be Democratic: How Electoral Institutions in the US Prevent Democracy,” Austin School Lecture Series, Mariposa Montessori School, Austin, TX. Feb., 25  
 “The Rise of Islam,” Austin School Lecture Series, Mariposa Montessori School, Austin, TX. Feb., 18  
 “The Adaptation of Capitalism in a Post Great Depression World,” Austin School Lecture Series, Mariposa Montessori School, Austin, TX. Feb., 11  
 “Happiness and Justice in Plato’s *Republic*,” Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX. Feb., 3

## 2014

“The Most Serene Republic of Venice,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 1  
 “ISIL,” University Christian Church, Austin, TX. Nov., 2  
 “The Very Modern Ancient Egypt,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 29  
 “Ancient Egypt,” Mariposa Montessori School, Austin, TX. Oct., 28  
 “Pride,” Picnic in the Park, Association for India’s Development, Austin, TX. Oct., 25  
 “The Palestine-Israel Conflict,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 1  
 “The Human Cost of International Conflict: Refugees and Human Trafficking” [Panel] ACC Peace and Conflict Studies, Austin Community College Austin, TX. Sept., 19  
 “Incompetence, Disaster, and Ruin: An Overview of the US Policies towards Iraq,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Sept., 4  
 “An Overview of US Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Part 2,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. July, 30  
 “An Overview of US Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Part 1,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. July, 23

- “Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. July, 16
- “Film Screening: The Square,” Pi Gamma Mu, Texas State, San Marcos, TX. Apr., 24.
- “The US and Iraq,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Mar., 19
- “The Very Modern Ancient Egypt,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Feb., 26
- “A Panel on Revolution: Part 2,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Feb., 5
- “Europe and the Middle East in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century AD: Unified by a Sea, Divided by Ideology,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Jan., 29.

**2013**

- “A Panel on Revolution: Part 1,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Dec., 4.
- “Israeli National Self-Denial” a 45 minute introductory talk prior to Joseph Massad’s talk entitled: “Peace is War: Negotiations, Israeli settler Colonialism, and the Palestinians,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 23.
- “An Overview of the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Oct., 16
- “Syria: Path to Peace and Security” [Panel] ACC Peace and Conflict Studies, Austin Community College Austin, TX. Sept., 20
- “A Reconsideration of Modernity,” Austin School Lecture Series, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Sept., 11
- “An Overview of US Foreign Policy in the Middle East”, Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. July 31.
- “Europe and the Middle East in the 11th Century AD: Unified by a Sea, Divided by Ideology,” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. July 17.
- “Forgotten and Hidden Revolutions” [Panel], Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. May 1.
- “Operation Barbarossa: June 22-December 5, 1941,” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. April 24.
- “Six Revolutions that Shaped Contemporary Modernity” [Panel], Austin Philosophy Forum, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. April 17.
- “The Ignominious End of Modernity,” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. April 3.
- “In Search of Justice for the People of Palestine and Israel” [Panel], Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. March 27.
- “Khalid ibn Walid: Profile of a Warrior” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. March 6.

**2012**

- “Rational Choice Theory” [Panel], Fourth Annual Pinnacle Student Political Science Conference, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. December 11.
- “An Overview of the US Presidency since 1945” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 24.
- “The Egyptian 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. September 19.
- “Three Conquests of Jerusalem: 637 AD, 1099 AD, and 1187 AD,” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. September 5.
- “The Continuum of Being: Aristotle, ibn Sina, Husserl, and Heidegger” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. August 1.
- “The First Modernity: 1550 BC – 415 AD” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. July 18.
- “Warfare in the Time of the Prophet Muhammad and Abu Bakr” Middlebury College, VT. March 1.
- “Al Faraby, the Sufis, and the European Enlightenment” Middlebury College, VT. February 29.
- “Causes and Conditions of the Iran-Iraq War” Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT. January 25.

**2011**

- “Debt and Texas,” Occupy Austin Teach-in, City Hall, Austin, TX. November 28.

- “Justice and Revolution,” Occupy Austin Teach-in, City Hall, Austin, TX. November 21.
- “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Revolution,” Occupy Austin Teach-in, City Hall, Austin, TX. November 14.
- “Film Screening: *Battle of Algiers*” Austin Philosophy Forum, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. November 2.
- “Major Changes are Necessary,” Occupy Austin Teach-in, City Hall, Austin, TX. October 31.
- “2011: The Year of Revolutions,” Occupy Austin Teach-in, City Hall, Austin, TX. October 24.
- “The Continuum of Work: Plato, Marcuse, and Arendt” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 18.
- “Lessons from Previous People’s Movements,” Occupy Austin Teach-in, City Hall, Austin, TX. October 17.
- “Film Screening: *Battle of Algiers*” Austin Philosophy Forum, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. November 2.
- “The Continuum of Work: Plato, Marcuse, and Arendt” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 18.
- “Revolution” [Panel], Austin Philosophy Forum, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 5.
- “Arab History 1830 AD to 1952 AD” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. September 20.
- “The Second Modernity: 632 AD to 1347 AD.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. September 7.
- “The Arab Spring” NetIP (Network of Indian Professionals), July 19.
- “The Three Arab Revolutions: 1916 AD to Present” MHC Summer Institute (The University of Texas at Austin). June 4.
- “A Brief Overview of Arab History: 610 AD to 1348” MHC Summer Institute (The University of Texas at Austin). June 4.
- “WWII: 1941-1943.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. April 12.
- “Rousseau and Wollstonecraft on the Education of Women” [Panel], Austin Philosophy Forum, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. April 7.
- “WWII: 1937-1941.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. March 22.
- “The Egyptian Revolution.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. February 15.
- “The Arab.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. January 25.
- 2010** “Iraq and the United States since 1968.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. December 7.
- “Iran and the United States since Reza Shah.” Department of History, Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX. December 2.
- “The Tea Party Movement.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. November 17.
- “War with Iran?” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. November 16.
- “Social Contract Theory” [Panel], Austin Philosophy Forum, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 7.
- “The Many Contradictions of the Palestine-Israel Conflict,” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. September 21.
- “Haiti: A Brief Overview 1790-Present.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. April 28.
- “The Israel-Palestine Conflict” [Panel], Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. April 14.
- “Rebirth of Humanitarian Radicalism” [Panel], Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. February 24.
- 2009** “Insurance Reform and Not Healthcare Reform,” [Panel], Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 2.

- “Modernity?” Austin Philosophy Forum, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 1.
- “We Watch You: Totalitarianism in US.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. September 10.
- “20th Century Iran.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. May 7.
- “Searching for Solutions to the Israel-Palestine Situation” [Panel], Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. March 6.
- “Privilege and Identity” [Panel], Ethics Resource Center, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. February 26.
- “The Conquest of Palestine.” Austin Mustard Seed (Community of diverse politically engaged Austin leaders). Austin, TX. February 22.
- “The Incredible Shrinking Palestine.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. February 19.
- “The Crusades: 1095 AD to 1291 AD.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. February 5.
- “The Arab Empire From 661 AD to 1095 AD” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. January 22.
- “The Conquest of Palestine.” Austin Coalition for Gaza, Gateway Community Center, Austin TX. January 10.
- 2008** “The Rise of Islam.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. December 2.
- “The Origin and Birth of the East-West Paradigm.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. November 18.
- “Political Identity” [Panel], Ethics Resource Center, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 23.
- “Age of the Technological Cave: Mass Media and Politics.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 21.
- “The Presidency Explained.” Twelfth Revolution: Politics and History Student Club, Austin Community College, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. October 7.
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