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EDUCATION

- PhD Sociology, Princeton University, expected August 2010
Dissertation: *Sermons of the State: Religious Bureaucracy and the Production of Islamic Sermons in Turkey*
Committee: Robert Wuthnow (Chair), Karen Barkey, Miguel Centeno, Paul DiMaggio, Martin Ruef
- MA Sociology, Princeton University, June 2006
- BA Sociology, *summa cum laude*, Wheaton College, May 1999

AREAS OF INTEREST

Religion, Culture, Immigration, Inequality, Political & Historical Sociology, Ethnicity, Cognition, Turkey

PUBLICATIONS

- James Gibbon. Forthcoming. "Religion, Immigration, and the Turkish Government in Germany: Reexamining the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)," in *Living Islam in Europe*, ed. by Dietrich Reetz (Boston, MA: Brill Academic Publishers).
- James Gibbon. 2008. "God is Great, God is Good: Teaching God Concepts in Turkish Islamic Sermons." *Poetics* 36:389-403.
- Becky Hsu, Amy Reynolds, Conrad Hackett, and James Gibbon. 2008. "Estimating the Religious Composition of All Nations: An Empirical Assessment of the World Christian Database." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47:678-693.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- James Gibbon. "Between Religion and the State: Democracy, Religious Markets, and Turkey's Directorate of Religious Affairs."
- James Gibbon. "Unveiling Islamophobia: American Attitudes Toward Islam."
- James Gibbon. "Here Now, But Not Yet: Turkish Immigrant Entrepreneurs in the U.S."

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

National

- 2007 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$27,000)
- 2007 American Research Institute in Turkey Dissertation Fellowship (\$14,500) *declined*
- 2007 Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$10,000)
- 2005 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention
- 2004 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention
- 2004 American Research Institute in Turkey Summer Language Fellow (\$2,000)
- 1999 Pew Younger Scholars Summer Study Grant, Notre Dame University (\$750)

Princeton University

- 2009 Dissertation Writing Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (\$18,000)
- 2007 Dissertation Research Award, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (\$2,000)
- 2006 Graduate Research Award, Center for the Study of Religion (\$5,500)
- 2006 Global Network on Inequality Fellowship (\$6,000)
- 2005 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic (\$14,000)
- 2005 Cognitive and Textual Methods Project Fellowship (\$31,400)
- 2005 Graduate Research Award, Center for the Study of Religion (\$5,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 “Religion, Immigration, and the Turkish Government in Germany.” Living Islam in Europe Conference, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany.
- 2009 “Between Religion and the State: Democracy, Religious Markets, and Turkey’s Directorate of Religious Affairs.” Participant in the “Religion, Law, and Democracy” workshop at the 10th Mediterranean Research Meeting, European University Institute, Florence/Montecatini, Italy.
- 2008 “Sermons of the State: Religious Regulation and the Production of Islamic Sermons in Turkey.” Cambridge Symposium on Middle Eastern Studies: Knowledge and Language in Middle Eastern Societies, Cambridge, England.
- 2006 “Sermons of the State: Religious Regulation and Islamic Sermons in Turkey.” American Association of Teachers of Turkish Graduate Student Conference, Boston, MA.
- 2006 “Religion, Migrants, and the Turkish Government in Germany.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.
- 2006 “Estimating the Religious Composition of All Nations: An Empirical Assessment.” (with Amy Reynolds) Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.
- 2006 “Here Now, But Not Yet: Turkish Immigrant Entrepreneurs in the U.S.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

- 2005 “Unveiling Islamophobia in the U.S.: Muslim Immigrants and their Context of Reception.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005 “Explaining Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the U.S.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Princeton University

The Western Way of War (Undergraduate). Spring 2005, Miguel Centeno.

The Sociological Perspective (Undergraduate). Fall 2004, Mitchell Duneier.

English Teacher, Dialogue Language School (Istanbul, Turkey)

Taught English to Turkish college students and professionals. May 2001-June 2003.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant, Dr. Robert Wuthnow, Princeton University, February 2005 – December 2006

World Christian Database Project. Assessed reliability of religious composition estimates for Muslim countries in the World Christian Database. Collaborated on journal article published in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Research Assistant, Dr. Miguel Centeno, Princeton University, December 2003 – May 2004

International Sociology Project. Collected and analyzed data on the representation of non-U.S. topics in top American sociology journals. Helped prepare survey and interview questions for sociology department chairs on attitudes toward international research.

Research Assistant, Dr. Robert Wuthnow, Princeton University, July 2003 – September 2003

Religion and Immigration Project. Conducted literature review on religion and immigration, prepared reports and annotated bibliography of findings.

SERVICE

To Princeton University Department of Sociology

Graduate Student Representative, Junior Faculty Search Committee (2005 & 2006)

To the Profession

Occasional reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Sociological Spectrum*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Middle East Studies Association

Eastern Sociological Society

LANGUAGES

Turkish (fluent); German (reading); Arabic (elementary reading)

REFERENCES

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