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## EDUCATION

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- PhD Sociology, Princeton University, expected June 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 (Wheaton, IL), May 1999

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 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

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- 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**

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### *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**

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- 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

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*Teaching Assistant*, Princeton University

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

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

*English Teacher*, Dialogue Language School (Istanbul, Turkey)

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

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

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*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 2004 – May 2005

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

*Research Assistant*, Dr. Robert Wuthnow, Princeton University

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

## **SERVICE**

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*To Princeton University Department of Sociology*

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

*To the Profession*

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

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Middle East Studies Association

Eastern Sociological Society

## LANGUAGES

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Turkish (fluent); German (intermediate reading); Arabic (basic reading)

## REFERENCES

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