

# RAMI EL ALI

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EMPLOYMENT	Lebanese American University, Department of Humanities Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure track) 2015-present  Lebanese American University, Department of Humanities Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2014-2015  University of Miami, Department of Philosophy Teaching Assistant 2010-2014  York University, Department of Philosophy Teaching Assistant 2008-2010  American University of Beirut, Department of Philosophy Course Instructor 2006-2008; Summer Semesters 2008-2013
EDUCATION	University of Miami, 2010- 2014 PhD in Philosophy Dissertation Title: <i>Illusionism: Making the Problem of Hallucinations Disappear</i> Committee: Elijah Chudnoff (Chair), Otávio Bueno, Simon Evnine, Susanna Schellenberg (external member)  University of Miami, 2010 - 2012 MA in Philosophy  York University, 2008 - 2010 PhD in Philosophy (before transferring to the University of Miami)  American University of Beirut, 2004 - 2006 MA in Philosophy Thesis Title: <i>On the Intentionality of Emotions</i> Committee: Hans Muller, Muhammad Ali Khalidi, Jeremy Koons  American University of Beirut, 1999 - 2004 BBA in Business Administration
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Philosophy of mind; philosophy of perception; Philosophy of digital technology
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Philosophy of AI; Philosophy of cognitive science; phenomenology, existentialism; epistemology; philosophy of language
LANGUAGES	English (native fluency), Arabic (native fluency)

ACADEMIC  
PUBLICATIONS

**Ali, Rami.** (2018) Does Hallucinating Involve Perceiving?, *Philosophical Studies* 175 (3):601-627.  
**Ali, Rami.** (2018). Book Chapter: Malik's The Systems of Whitehead's Metaphysics (Chapter 7). On the Philosophical Thought of Charles Malik Vol. I: Whitehead, Reason, and Spirit. NDU Press, Lebanon.  
**Ali, Rami.** (2015). A New Solution to the Gamer's Dilemma, *Ethics and Information Technology* 17 (4), 267-274.

BOOK REVIEWS

**Ali, Rami.** (2016) Book Review: Levinas' Totality and Infinity: A Reader's Guide by William Large, *Phenomenological Reviews* (<http://reviews.ophen.org>)  
**Ali, Rami.** (2015). Book Review: Hallucinations: Philosophy and Psychology ed. MacPherson and Platchias, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 1-6

PRESS

**Ali, Rami.** (2020) Op-Ed on COVID-19 pandemic: Lesson Learned?, Lebanese American University, Beirut <https://news.lau.edu.lb/2020/op-ed-lesson-learned.php>  
**Ali, Rami.** (2018). We're Virtually There: Ethics and Digital Technology in the Coming Years, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Beirut. <https://lb.boell.org/en/2018/12/07/were-virtually-there-ethics-and-digital-technology-coming-years>

SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS

**"What in the World are Hallucinations?"**, Philosophy of Language & Mind 5, St. Andrews University (Aug 2019), European Society for Philosophy & Psychology (Sep 2019), and the University of Glasgow's Philosophy, Psychology and Neuroscience Research Seminar (Dec 2019).  
**"Is all Virtual Reality Equally Real?"**, Distributed Interactive Systems lab, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Netherlands (June 2018)  
**"Agency, Dissimulation, and Social Perception"**, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division (March 2018)  
**"Do Visual Hallucinations Involve Perception?"**, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division (January 2018) and ECAP9, European Society for Analytic Philosophy (August 2017)  
**"Is All Virtual Reality Equally Real or Unreal?"**, Phenomenology and Virtuality Conference, Husserl Archives, KU Leuven (May 2017)  
**"Direct Social Perception and Dissimulation"**, 'Empathy, Direct Perception and Other Minds' Spring School, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen (March 2017)  
**"Living With Others: Four Basic Concepts from Phenomenology"**, Colloquium, American University of Beirut (February 2017)  
**"The Illusionist View of Hallucinations"**, Normativity Workshop, at New York University Abu Dhabi (February 2016)  
**"A New Solution to the Gamer's Dilemma"**, The 8th Philosophy of Computer Games Conference - Freedom in Play, at Bilgi University (November 2014)

GRANTS  
AND AWARDS

*Faculty fellowship*, Center for Innovative Learning, Lebanese American University (Summer 2020)

*Course release*, School Research & Development Council, Lebanese American University (Spring 2018)

*Travel award*, School Research & Development Council, Lebanese American University (Fall 2014, Fall 2017, Spring 2017x2, Fall 2018x2)

*David John Ruggiero Award* (for best dissertation in the humanities), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami (2014- 2015)

*Summer Ethics Grant*, University of Miami, Department of Philosophy (Summer 2014)

*Dissertation Fellowship*, University of Miami, Center for the Humanities (2014-2015; Declined)

*Individual PhD Research Account*, University of Miami, Department of Philosophy (2010-2015)

*Individual Graduate Scholarship*, York University (2008-2009)

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

Coordinating Instructor  
(fully responsible for designing and running course)

**Lebanese American University (2014-present)**

*Topics in Philosophy: Perception, Belief, and Imagination* (1 time)

*Philosophy of Language* (1 time)

*Topics in Philosophy: Philosophy of Psychology* (1 time)

*Emmanuel Levinas* (1 time)

*Nietzsche* (3 times)

*Phenomenology & Existentialism* (5+ times, including honors seminar)

*Early Modern Philosophy* (1 time)

*Philosophy of Art* (2 times)

*Philosophy in Literature and Film* (5+ times, including honors seminar)

*Metaphysics* (5+ times)

*Theory of Knowledge* (2 times)

*Philosophy of Religion* (5+ times, including honors seminar)

*Ethics* (2 times)

*Cultural Studies (19th & 20th century)* (1 time)

*Visual Culture* (1 time)

*Introduction to Philosophy* (2 times)

**University of Miami (2010-2014)**

*Introduction to Philosophy* (2 times)

*Contemporary Moral Issues* (1 time)

*Philosophy of Perception* (1 time)

*The Phenomenological Movement* (1 time)

*Early Modern Philosophy* (1 time)

**American University of Beirut (2006-2013)**

*Introduction to Philosophy* (10 times)

ACADEMIC  
ADVISING

*Applied Philosophy* (7 times)  
*Ethics* (7 times)  
*Philosophical Classics* (4 times)

Advising on Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD thesis committees, and membership on advisory boards

**Lebanese American University (2014-present; undergraduate theses)**

*Sartre and Free Will*  
*Collective Self-Deception*  
*Shared Emotions*  
*Berkeley's Idealism*  
*Consciousness*  
*Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence*  
*The Phenomenological Mind*  
*De Beauvoir and Sartre*  
*The Philosophy of Sport*

**External Thesis Advising (2019-present)**

*A Naive Realist Account of Intuition* (2019 MA thesis, University of Miami)

*An Epistemology and Phenomenology of Perceptual Recognition* (2020 PhD thesis, University of Miami)

**Advisor Board (2020-Present)**

*Sectarianism and Intergroup Conflict* (Center for Applied Social Cognition Research (CASCR))

SERVICE

-Philosophy program coordinator, Department of Humanities, Lebanese American University (2014-present).

-One of two leads in ASHA/USAID grant for virtual & augmented reality labs at the Lebanese American University (2018-present).

-Refereed submissions for *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, *Ergo*, *Ethics and Information Technology*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, and the *Journal of the Philosophy of Games*.

-Member of the Liberal Arts Course Design task force (2020-present), School Planning Council (2020-Present), Faculty Senate (2017-2020), Humanities Hiring Committee (2016, 2019), School Learning Assessment Council (2016), and Department Assessment Committee (2015) at the Lebanese American University.

-Member of the Future of AI and Big Data task force at the American University of Beirut, and ASOM-MENA (Association for Study of Mind in the Middle East & North Africa).

-Faculty advisor to the Intersectional Feminism Club (2015-present) and the Philosophy Student Club (2017-present) at the Lebanese American University.

-Member of the citizen-centered political group, Beirut Madinati, serving on the recruitment campaign (2016), municipal electoral campaign (2016), political vision task force (2017-2018), and the Ethics committee (2019).  
-Member of the Independent Professor of Coalition (2019-present).

GRADUATE  
COURSES TAKEN

**University of Miami**

*History of Logic* - Risto Hilpinen  
*History of Analytic Philosophy* - Risto Hilpinen  
*Epistemology* - Otávio Bueno  
*Formal Logic* - Elijah Chudnoff  
*Extended, Embedded, Embodied and Enacted Cognition* - Mark Rowlands  
*Perception: Direct realism* - Otávio Bueno  
*Idealism* - Elijah Chudnoff  
*Metaethics* - Bradford Cokelet  
*Existentialism* - Amie Thomasson

**York University**

*Core Theoretical Philosophy* - Muhammad Ali Khalidi & Claudine Verheggen  
*Metaphysics of Natural Kinds* - Muhammad Ali Khalidi  
*Davidson* - Claudine Verheggen  
*Feminist and Post-Colonial Critiques of Epistemology* - Lorraine Code  
*Kant's Critiques of Pure and Practical Reason* - Jim Vernon  
*Phenomenology and Alterity* - Jim Vernon

**American University of Beirut**

*Emotions* - Hans Muller  
*Philosophy of Psychology* - Hans Muller  
*Pragmatism* - Muhammad Ali Khalidi  
*Historiography* - Jorge Secada  
*Early Modern Moral Philosophy* - Richard Dean  
*Kant's Critique of Pure Reason* - Gregg Osborne  
*Nietzsche* - Joshua Andresen  
*Hegel* - Jay Gupta

REFERENCES

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