

# RAMI EL ALI

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EMPLOYMENT	Lebanese American University, Department of Humanities Associate Professor of Philosophy 2022  Lebanese American University, Department of Humanities Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2015-2021  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 Arizona, 2022- present PhD in Information  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 perception; philosophy of mind; philosophy of technology
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Philosophy of psychology, cognitive science, and AI; phenomenology; existentialism; epistemology; philosophy of language
LANGUAGES	English (native fluency), Arabic (native fluency)

PUBLICATIONS

**Ali, Rami.** (2022) The Values of the Virtual, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* <https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12625>

**Ali, Rami.** (2022) The Video Gamer's Dilemmas, *Ethics and Information Technology* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10676-022-09638-x>.

**Ali, Rami.** (2018) Does Hallucinating Involve Perceiving?, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-017-0884-7>

**Ali, Rami.** (2015). A New Solution to the Gamer's Dilemma, *Ethics and Information Technology* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10676-015-9381-x>

PUBLICATIONS  
(IN PROGRESS)

**Ali, Rami.** What are phenomenal particularists committed to? Brogaard, B., French, R., & Bueno, O. (eds.). *The Roles of Representation in Visual Perception*. Synthese Library.

**Ali, Rami.** What in the world are hallucinations?, Masrour, F. & Beck, O. (Eds) *New Waves in Relationalism*. Routledge.

BOOK REVIEWS

**Ali, Rami.** (2016) Book Review: Levinas' Totality and Infinity: A Reader's Guide by William Large, *Phenomenological Reviews* <https://doi.org/10.19079/pr.2016.4.e1a>

**Ali, Rami.** (2015). Book Review: Hallucinations: Philosophy and Psychology ed. MacPherson and Platchias, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-015-9413-3>

SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS

**"Naive Realism and Hallucinatory Perception"**, New Waves in Relationalism (May 2021), University of Wisconsin-Madison (<https://newwavesinrelationalism.weebly.com>)

**"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)

PRESS AND  
PUBLIC TALKS

**Ali, Rami.** (2022) *Justice Everywhere blog*: The diversity of values in virtual reality <http://justice-everywhere.org/moral-values/the-diversity-of-values-in-virtual-reality/>

**Ali, Rami.** (2022) *Philosophie Magazine* Interview: Un viol dans le viol? (Is rape in the metaverse really rape?) <https://www.philomag.com/articles/un-viol-dans-le-metavers-est-il-vraiment-un-viol>

**Ali, Rami.** (2021) The Philosopher & the News podcast: The Allure of the Metaverse. <https://newsphilosopher.buzzsprout.com/1577503/9574472-rami-ali-the-allure-of-the-metaverse>

**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>

**Ali, Rami.** (2020) PechaKucha Talk: Becoming Virtual at Alserkal Avenue, Dubai. <https://youtu.be/qZC5MOaKQCo>

**Ali, Rami.** (2018) TedX Talk: Philosophy for the Future at Lebanese American University, Beirut. <https://youtu.be/nX1fZ2dSpMA>

GRANTS  
AND AWARDS

*Faculty fellow*, Center for Innovative Learning, Lebanese American University (Summer 2020 & Summer 2021)

*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)

*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 (2014-2022)**

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

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

*Philosophy of Language* (1 time)  
*Philosophy of Mind* (1 time)  
*Minds & Machines* (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)  
*Applied Philosophy* (7 times)  
*Ethics* (7 times)  
*Philosophical Classics* (4 times)

ACADEMIC  
ADVISING

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

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

*Heidegger and Social Media*  
*Arendt on the Banality of Evil*  
*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*, Abdullah Salah Allothman's MA thesis, 2019. University of Miami

*An Epistemology and Phenomenology of Perceptual Recognition*, Adam Hauptfeld's PHD dissertation, 2021. University of Miami

**Advisor Board (2020-Present)**

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

ACADEMIC  
AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICE

- Philosophy program coordinator, Department of Humanities, Lebanese American University (2014-2022).
- One of two leading on ASHA/USAID grant for virtual & augmented reality labs at the Lebanese American University (2018-2022).
- Refereed submissions for: Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethics and Information Technology, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Inquiry, Journal of the Philosophy of Games, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophia, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Mind, and Synthese.
- Committees at the Lebanese American University: Liberal Arts Course Design task force (2020-2022), School Planning Council (2020-2022), Faculty Senate (2018-2019), Humanities Hiring Committee (2016, 2019), School Learning Assessment Council (2016), and Department Assessment Committee (2015).
- Faculty advisor at the Lebanese American University: Intersectional Feminism Club (2015-2017), the Philosophy Student Club (2017-2022), the Book club (2021-2022)

GRADUATE  
COURSES TAKEN

**University of Arizona**

Foundations of Information - Bryan Heidorn  
Human-Computer Interaction - Leonard Brown  
Computation Social Science - Charles Gomez

**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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