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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2022-present	University of Arizona, School of Information Teaching Assistant
2022	Lebanese American University, Department of Humanities Tenure-track Associate Professor of Philosophy
2015-2021	Lebanese American University, Department of Humanities Tenure-track Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2014-2015	Lebanese American University, Department of Humanities Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2010-2014	University of Miami, Department of Philosophy Teaching Assistant
2008-2010	York University, Department of Philosophy Teaching Assistant
2008-2013	American University of Beirut, Department of Philosophy Instructor (part-time)
2006-2008	American University of Beirut, Department of Philosophy Instructor

EDUCATION

2022- present	PhD in Information, University of Arizona
2010- 2014	PhD in Philosophy, University of Miami Dissertation Title: *Illusionism: Making the Problem of Hallucinations Disappear* Committee: Elijah Chudnoff (Chair), Otávio Bueno, Simon Evnine, Susanna Schellenberg (external member)
2008 - 2010	PhD in Philosophy, York University (before transferring to Miami)
2004 - 2006	MA in Philosophy, American University of Beirut Thesis Title: *On the Intentionality of Emotions* Committee: Hans Muller, Muhammad Ali Khalidi, Jeremy Koons
1999 - 2004	BBA in Business Administration, American University of Beirut

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of mind, philosophy of perception, philosophy of technology, AI, digital ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Aesthetics, epistemology, existentialism, phenomenology, philosophy of psychology

SOFTWARE

Aseprite (expert), Blender, C#, Python, R, and Unity (intermediate)

LANGUAGES

English (native fluency), Arabic (native fluency)

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming	**The reality of the virtual**, *Facets of Reality*. 45th International Wittgenstein Symposium conference proceedings. De Gruyter
Forthcoming	**What in the world are hallucinations?**, *Masrour, F. & Beck, O. (Eds) The Relational View of Perception: New Essays*. Routledge.
Forthcoming	**Video game aesthetics & the sense of presence**, Evans, L.(ed.) *Virtual Reality Gaming: embodiment, presence, immersion*. Emerald.
Forthcoming	**What are phenomenal particularists committed to?**, Brogaard, B., French, R., & Bueno, O. (eds.). T*he Roles of Representation in Visual Perception*. Synthese Library
2024	**What are virtual items, and are they real?**, Asian Journal of Philosophy
2023	**The values of the virtual**, Journal of Applied Philosophy 40:2 231-245
2022	**The video gamer's dilemmas**, Ethics and Information Technology 24,18
2018	**Does hallucinating involve perceiving?**, Philosophical Studies 175, 601-627
2018	**Malik's The Systems of Whitehead's Metaphysics**, On the Philosophical Thought of Charles Malik Vol. I: Whitehead, Reason, and Spirit. Edited and published by Notre Dame University Press, Lebanon.
2015	**A new solution to the gamer's dilemma**, Ethics and Information Technology 17, 267-274

IN PROGRESS

In progress	AI, moral patients, and our ignorance about consciousness
In progress	Dissimulation, coloration, and social perception
In progress	Extended responsibility
In progress	Perception and sensibility in Levinas' *Totality and Infinity*
In progress	Proximal causes, distal causes, and causally-matching hallucinations
In progress	Seeing in virtual reality
In progress	The varieties of transhumanism
In progress	Two hells with other people
In progress	Virtual reality design ethics (with Leonard Brown)
In progress	The limits of perception (monograph)

BOOK REVIEWS

2016	**Levinas' Totality and Infinity: A Reader's Guide by William Large**, Phenomenological Reviews

| 2015 | **Hallucinations: Philosophy and Psychology ed. MacPherson and Platchias**, [Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences](#) 15, 455-460 |

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS_____

August 2024	**The reality of the virtual**, 45th International Wittgenstein Symposium 2024
March 2024	**Virtual reality design ethics,** Digital Worlds Workshop, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
May 2023	**A multidimensional view of videogames**, Tucson Game Developers
Mar 2023	**The distinctive moral landscape of virtual reality**, School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, Oregon State University
Jan 2023	**The values of the virtual**, School of Information, University of Arizona
May 2021	**Naive realism and hallucinatory perception**, New Waves in Relationalism Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sep 2019	**Hallucinations and picture perception**, European Society for Philosophy & Psychology
Aug 2019	**What in the world are hallucinations?**, Philosophy of Language & Mind 5, St. Andrews University
Jun 2018	**Is all virtual reality equally real?**, Distributed Interactive Systems lab, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica
Mar 2018	**Agency, dissimulation, and social perception**, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division
Jan 2018	**Do visual hallucinations involve perception?**, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division
Aug 2017	**Are visual hallucinations perceptions?**, ECAP9: European Society for Analytic Philosophy
May 2017	**Is all virtual reality equally real or unreal?**, Phenomenology and Virtuality Conference, Husserl Archives, KU Leuven
Mar 2017	**Direct social perception and dissimulation**, 'Empathy, Direct Perception and Other Minds' Spring School, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen
Feb 2017	**Living with others: four basic concepts from phenomenology**, Colloquium, American University of Beirut
Feb 2016	**The illusionist view of hallucinations**, Normativity Workshop, at New York University Abu Dhabi
Nov 2014	**A new solution to the gamer's dilemma**, The 8th Philosophy of Computer Games Conference - Freedom in Play, at Bilgi University

SELECTED PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY_____

| 2022 | **The diversity of values in virtual reality**, [Justice Everywhere blog](#) |

2022	**Un viol dans le viol? (Is rape in the metaverse really rape?)**, Philosophie Magazine (interview)
2021	**The allure of the metaverse**, The Philosopher & the News podcast (interview)
2020	**Becoming virtual**, PechaKucha, Alserkal Avenue (presentation)
2018	**We're virtually there: ethics and digital technology in the coming years**, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung
2018	**Philosophy for the future**, TEDx, Lebanese American University (presentation).
2017	**Does hallucinating involve perceiving?**, Imperfect Cognitions

GRANTS AND AWARDS_____

Spring 2024	*Travel Grant,* School of Information, University of Arizona
Spring 2024	*Graduate College Fellowship,* School of Information, University of Arizona University
Fall 2023	*Graduate College Fellowship,* School of Information, University of Arizona University
Spring 2023	*Graduate College Fellowship,* School of Information, University of Arizona
Spring 2023	*Travel Grant,* School of Information, University of Arizona
2022-2027	*Graduate Scholarship,* School of Information, University of Arizona
2020-2022	*Faculty fellow,* Center for Innovative Learning, Lebanese American University
Spring 2018	*Course release*, School Research & Development Council, Lebanese American University
2016-2018	*Travel award,* School Research & Development Council, Lebanese American University (five awards)
2014-2015	*David John Ruggiero Award* (for best dissertation in the humanities), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami
2014-2015	*Dissertation Fellowship,* University of Miami, Center for the Humanities (declined after receiving job offer)
Summer 2014	*Summer Ethics Grant,* University of Miami, Department of Philosophy
2010-2015	*Individual PhD Research Account,* University of Miami, Department of Philosophy
2008-2009	*Individual Graduate Scholarship*, York University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE_____

2023	**University of Arizona**
	Ethics in a Digital World (1 time)
	Great ideas of the Information Age (1 time)
	Digital Dilemmas (1 time)

2014-2022	**Lebanese American University**
	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)
2010-2014	**University of Miami**
	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)
2006-2013	**American University of Beirut**
	Introduction to Philosophy (10 times)
	Applied Philosophy (7 times)
	Ethics (7 times)
	Philosophical Classics (4 times)

ACADEMIC ADVISING_____

2014-2022	**Lebanese American University (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

2019-2022	**External Thesis Advising**
	A Naive Realist Account of Intuition, Abdullah Salah Alothman's MA thesis, 2019. University of Miami
	An Epistemology and Phenomenology of Perceptual Recognition, Adam Hauptfeld's PHD dissertation, 2021. University of Miami
2020-2022	**Advisory Board**
	Sectarianism and Intergroup Conflict, Center for Applied Social Cognition Research (CASCR), Lebanese American University

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

2014-2022	Philosophy program chair, Department of Humanities, Lebanese American University
2018-2022	Designing virtual & augmented reality labs as part of USAID grant, Lebanese American University
2020-2022	Liberal Arts Course Design task force, Lebanese American University
2020-2022	School Planning Council, Lebanese American University
2018-2019	Faculty Senate, Lebanese American University
2016, 2019	Humanities Hiring Committee, Lebanese American University
2016	School Learning Assessment Council, Lebanese American University
2015-2022	Faculty advisor to the Intersectional Feminism Club (2015-2017), the Philosophy Student Club (2017-2022), and Book club (2021-2022), Lebanese American University
2015	Department Assessment Committee, Lebanese American University

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Refereed submissions for Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethics and Information Technology, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Inquiry, IEEE International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality, Journal of the Philosophy of Games, Mind, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophia, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, and Thought.

GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN

University of Arizona
Foundations of Information - Bryan Heidorn
Human-Computer Interaction - Leonard Brown
Computation Social Science - Charles Gomez
Artificial Intelligence - Tyler Millhouse
Game Development - Drew Castalia
Information Research Methods - Andrea Thomer
Independent Study: Ethics of Technology - Zack Lischer-Katz
Independent Study: Perceptual Illusion Design - Drew Castalia

Independent Study: The Psychology of Perception - Mary Peterson
Fundamentals of Statistics - Melissa Flores
Virtual Reality - Lila Bozgeyekli
Transformative Design & Sociotechnical Innovation - Winslow Burlison

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

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