

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **Education**

Ph.D. Sociology, New School For Social Research, 2008  
MA in Sociology, New School For Social Research, 1998  
BA in Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, 1993

### **Academic Appointments**

2020- Associate Professor of Sociology, CSU Channel Islands.  
2015-2020 Assistant Professor of Sociology, CSU Channel Islands.  
2011-2014 Lecturer in the Social Science Core, The University of Chicago.  
2007-2011 Harper-Schmidt Fellow in Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts & Collegiate  
Assistant Professor, Social Science Core, The University of Chicago.

### **Publications**

- 2025 “Theory and Theology: The Axial Age, Realized Eschatology and the Eclipse of Reason in the Twenty-first Century.” *Current Perspectives in Social Theory: Insecurity and Eclipse of Reason*. Vol. 42.
- 2024 “Rise of the Resistance” and the Demise of Social Being: The Autolysis of Subjectivity in the Twenty-First Century. *Fast Capitalism*, Vol. 21.
- 2023 “Allegory, Discourse and Truth: The Ontological Grounding of Social Being.” *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*. *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, Vol. 40.
- 2020 “Lukács and the Problem of Knowledge: Critical Ontology as Social Theory” in *Georg Lukács and the Possibility of Critical Social Ontology*. ed Michael J. Thompson. Brill / Haymarket (paperback).
- 2019 “History, Critique, and Progress: Amy Allen’s ‘End of Progress’ and the Normative Grounding of Critical Theory.” *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, Vol. 36.
- 2015 “Toward a Critical Ontology of the Social: Hegel, Lukács, and the Challenge of Mediation.” *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, Vol. 33.
- 2013 “Truth, Fact and Value: Recovering Normative Foundations for Sociology.” *Society*, Vol. 50.

**Book Project**

Critical Ontology (monograph in development).

**Works in Progress**

Collective Life as Unreason: Post-Apocalyptic/Dystopian Imagery and the End of Social as Representation (article, in final revision).

**Selected Conferences & Invited Talks**

“AI and the Ontology of Social Being: Toward a Phenomenology of Digitally Mediated Consciousness.” *22nd Annual Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium, Center for Social Theory-University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN, (Online) June 2025.*

“Collective Life as Unreason- Part II: Post-Apocalyptic/Dystopian Imagery and the End of Social as Representation.” *Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association, Valencia, CA, May 2025.*

Author Meets Critics: *Sociology in Post-Normal Times*, by Charles Thorpe. Organizer and Discussant. *Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2025.*

“Lekta,” “Phantasia,” and Mediation as a Guiding Principle to Apprehend Collective Life. *Kontrapunkt II: A Symposium on the Critical Social Theor, Chicago, IL, March 2025.*

Severance as Perseverance: Negation of Subjectivity in a Fragmented World. *Mid-South Sociological Society Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, (Online) Oct. 2024.*

Apocalyptic Imagery, Normative Structures of Collective Life and the Search of New Forms of Social Mediation *Mid-South Sociological Society Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, (Online) Oct. 2024.*

“Rise of the Resistance” and the Demise of Social Being: The Autolysis of Subjectivity in the Twenty-First Century. *UC San Diego Sociology Colloquium Series, San Diego, CA, April 24-25, 2024.*

Collective Life as Unreason: The Road and the End of the Social as Representation. *87th Annual Meeting of Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April 2024.*

*Kontrapunkt: A Symposium on the Critical Social Theory of Theodor W. Adorno and Max Horkheimer, Des Moines, IA. April 5-7, 2024.*

“Where Are We in History?”: Theology, “Transcendence” and Critical Ontology of Representations in the 21st Century.” *21st Annual Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium, Free University of Bolzano, Bressanone-Brixen, Italy, (Online) October 2023.*

“Theory and Theology: Commodity Form, Prosperity Gospel, and Realized Eschatology of the 21st Century.” *Mid-South Sociological Society Conference, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA*, (Online) Oct. 2023.

“‘With What Must Social Theory Begin?’ An Outline of Critical Ontology of the Present.” *20th Annual Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium, University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN*, (Online) June 2022.

“Recovering Durkheim's Ontology.” *19th Annual Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium, University of South Florida Tampa, FL*, (Online) June 2021.

**Awards and Grants (Selected)**

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Grant (RSCA), CSUCI, 2024–2025  
Provost’s Direct Costs Grants for Research and Creative Activities, CSUCI, 2023  
Center for International Affairs Foreign Language Enrichment Award, 2023

**Professional Service (Selected)**

Editorial Board, *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*.  
Manuscript Reviewer: *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, *Open Philosophy*, *Sociological Perspectives*, Rowman & Littlefield / Lexington Books.  
Theory Section Organizer, Pacific Sociological Association (2020, 2021).

**University & Department Service (Selected)**

Chair, General Education Committee (2024)  
Professional Leave Committee (2023–2025)  
President’s Planning and Policy Committee (2023)  
Associate Chair, Sociology Program (2020–2021)  
Program Personnel Committee, Sociology (2021, 2023, 2024)