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Curriculum Vitae

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Dissertation: The Rise of Performance-Based Accountability in Education: 1965-1994
Committee: Kenneth (Andy) Andrews (chair), Howard Aldrich, Neal Caren, Thurston Domina, and Charles Kurzman
- 2009 Master's, Global Policy, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin
Specialization: International Development
Certificate: Portfolio Certificate in Nonprofit Studies
- 2003 Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, Millsaps College

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – Present Commissioner, Durham City-County Planning Commission (Two Three-Year Appointments by the Durham City Council)
- 2012 – 2014 Program Officer, International Budget Partnership (IBP) of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- 2010 – 2012 Publications Manager and Senior Research Assistant, Brookings Institution

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Public policy, nonprofits, social movements, urban affairs, development, computational methods

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2019 Al-Turk, Akram and Howard E. Aldrich. "Revisiting 'Traits to Rates' After 25 Years: Organizational Ecology's Limited Impact on Entrepreneurship Research." *Advances in Entrepreneurship, Firm Emergence, and Growth* 21: 99-114.
- 2018 Aldrich, Howard E. and Akram Al-Turk. "Crouching Authors, Hidden Pitfalls: Collaboration in Research." *Studi di Sociologia* 56(4): 351-368.
- 2016 Andrews, Kenneth T., Bob Edwards, Akram Al-Turk, and Anne Kristen Hunter. "Sampling Social Movement Organizations." *Mobilization* 21(2): 231-246.

Manuscripts Under Review (Available Upon Request)

Al-Turk, Akram. "The Effects of Resource Dispersion and Program Implementation on Policy Adoption: The Case of Affordable Housing in the U.S." Revise and Resubmit at *Policy Studies Journal*.

Al-Turk, Akram. “The Supply and Demand of New Ideas: How the Federal Government and Academics Shaped Education Policy in the U.S., 1965-1983.”

Al-Turk, Akram. “Political Partisanship and Collective Action: Explaining the Growth of Interest Groups in the United States.”

Manuscripts In Preparation (Available Upon Request)

Al-Turk, Akram. “Effectiveness in the Service of Equality: Paradigm Bridging and the Passage of Major Legislation in the United States.”

Levy, Brian L. and Akram Al-Turk. “Stratification in the Storm: How Residential Segregation Produces Inequality in Outcomes of ‘Natural’ Disasters.”

Al-Turk, Akram. “Assessing the Effects of Policy and Proximate Threats on Mobilization: Nonviolent Resistance in the Palestinian Territories, 2003-Present.”

Al-Turk, Akram and David Rigby. “Framing Contests and Salience: The Emergence and Transformation of Policy Issues in the U.S. Congress, 1948-2015.”

Book Chapters

2011 Al-Turk, Akram. “Libya: From Revolt to State-Building,” in *The Arab Awakening: America and the Transformation of the Middle East*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

Reports, Essays, Blog Posts, and Other Publications

2017 Aldrich, Howard E. and Akram Al-Turk. “Four strategies to increase the likelihood of creating and sustaining successful research teams.” *LSE Impact Blog*. Available at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2017/10/04/four-strategies-to-increase-the-likelihood-of-creating-and-sustaining-successful-research-teams/>.

2016 Al-Turk, Akram. “Place-Based Initiatives: A Report for the Kate B. Reynold Charitable Trust’s Healthy Places Initiative.” *Duke University’s Division of Community Health*. Available at https://akramalturk.org/files/Al-Turk,%20HPNC_report.pdf.

2014 Al-Turk, Akram. “A Guide to the Tunisian Budget.” *International Budget Partnership*. Available at https://akramalturk.org/files/Tunisian_budget_guide_IBP.pdf.

2014 Al-Turk, Akram. “Training Tunisian Media to Report on the Budget.” *International Budget Partnership Blog*. Available at <https://www.internationalbudget.org/2014/01/training-tunisian-media-to-report-on-the-budget/>.

2013 Al-Turk, Akram. “Recent Developments in Tunisia’s Budget Process.” *International Budget Partnership Blog*. Available at <https://www.internationalbudget.org/2013/11/recent-developments-in-tunisias-budget-process/>.

- 2012 Al-Turk, Akram. “Lessons from Democracy’s Third Wave.” *Kalimat Magazine*.
- 2009 Al-Turk, Akram. “Internal Displacement in Iraq: History, Implications, and Future Prospects.” Master’s Professional Report. LBJ School of Public Affairs.
- 2008 LBJ School of Public Affairs. “A Study of Global Transportation Activities: Assessing Fuel Economy, Emission Standards, and Related Climate-Change Public Policies.” Policy Research Project Report Series. Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Al-Turk, Akram. “The Policy and Political Determinants of Interest Group Growth in the U.S.” *Social Science History Association Conference*, Washington, DC, November 2020.
- 2019 Al-Turk, Akram. “The Emergence and Success of a Policy Paradigm: How Standards-Based Reforms in Education Won Out.” *American Sociological Association Conference*, New York, August 2019.
- 2019 Al-Turk, Akram and David Rigby. “Framing Contests and Salience: The Emergence and Transformation of Policy Issues in the U.S. Congress, 1948-2015.” *American Sociological Association Conference*, New York, August 2019.
- 2018 Al-Turk, Akram and David Rigby. “Framing Contests and Salience: The Emergence and Transformation of Policy Issues in the U.S. Congress, 1948-2015.” *Social Science History Association Conference*, Phoenix, AZ, November 2018.
- 2017 Al-Turk, Akram. “Assessing the Effects of Policy and Proximate Threats on Mobilization: Nonviolent Resistance in the Palestinian Territories, 2003-Present.” *Mobilization Conference on Social Movements and Protest: Nonviolent Strategies and the State*, San Diego, CA, May 2017.
- 2016 Al-Turk, Akram. “Movement Effects on Policy Adoption and Socio-Economic Outcomes: The Case of Affordable Housing Mobilization in the United States.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2016.
- 2016 Al-Turk, Akram. “From Advocacy to Service Provision: The Effect of Shifting Institutional Logics on Organizational Forms in the Affordable Housing Movement.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2016.
- 2016 Levy, Brian L. and Akram Al-Turk. “Stratification in the Storm: How Residential Segregation Produces Inequality in Outcomes of ‘Natural’ Disasters.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, March 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, TRAININGS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2019 Royster’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2018 Dean’s Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2017 BITSS Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training, UC-Berkeley

- 2017 Pilot Research Fund, UNC-Chapel Hill, Sociology Department
- 2014 Weiss Urban Livability Fellow, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2009 Emmette Redford Award for Outstanding Research, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- 2008 Fellow, FINCA International
- 2008 Recipient, William H. Crook Fellowship in International Affairs, Robert S. Strauss Center, University of Texas at Austin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record (all at UNC-Chapel Hill)

- Formal Organizations and Bureaucracy (Spring 2019)
- Social and Economic Justice – Experiential Learning (Fall 2018)
- Sociology of Politics (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
- Social Theory (Summer 2017)

Teaching Assistant (all at UNC-Chapel Hill)

- Social and Economic Justice (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)
- Social Theory (Fall 2016)
- Social Movements (Spring 2016)

Workshops

- “Advocating for Political and Social Change.” Buckley Public Service Scholars Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
- “Introduction to the Budget and Policy Process.” Multiple workshops co-facilitated with Egyptian and Tunisian NGOs and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2012 – 2014)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT, AND PROFESSION

- 2016 – 2018 Graduate Studies Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill, Sociology Department
- 2015 – 2017 Assistant Editor, *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*
- 2014 – 2015 Buckley Public Service Scholars Graduate Assistant, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2008 – 2009 Executive Committee Member, Graduate Public Affairs Council, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- 2008 – 2009 Assistant Editor, LBJ School of Public Affairs Online Journal

- Reviewer *American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Sociation, Academy of Management (Entrepreneurship Division)*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association
 - Collective Behavior and Social Movements
 - Political Sociology
 - Organizations, Occupations, and Work
 - Comparative and Historical Sociology
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Social Science History Association