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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."

Manuscripts In Preparation (Available Upon Request)

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

Al-Turk, Akram. "The Policy and Political Determinants of Interest Group Growth in the U.S."

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."

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

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| 2016 – 2018 | Graduate Studies Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill, Sociology Department |
| 2015 – 2017 | Assistant Editor, <i>Mobilization: An International Quarterly</i> |
| 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 | <i>American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Sociation, Academy of Management (Entrepreneurship Division)</i> |

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