

BENJAMIN P. BEAMES

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION AND AWARDS

2017–2019 MA – Middle Eastern Studies, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

*University of
Chicago*

Division of Social Sciences Graduate Scholarship. Thesis on the effect of migrant workers on the Saudi Arabian constitution and how power, nepotism, and familial politics prevent the creation of imported worker's rights. Research included analysis of Islamic jurisprudence, philosophy of ethics, contemporary news reports, philosophy of human rights, political theory, and primary legal sources in Arabic. Quantitative approaches utilized population surveys, economic statistics, and criminal court verdicts.

Thesis: The Moral and Social Effects of Labor Importation in Saudi Arabia: A Critical Look at Agency in the Kingdom.

Advisors: Dr. Fred DONNER (1st Year) · Dr. Ben LAURENCE · Dr. Ahmed El SHAMSY

2011–2016 BA – Ethics, Social, and Political Philosophy, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON

*University of
Massachusetts*

Distinction. Dean's List. Alpha Lambda Delta. Vice-President of Philosophy Club. Co-Concertmaster of chamber orchestra. Philosophy Department Thesis Recognition for "*Tacit Rights: A Critical Investigation of Agency in the Middle East*."

Advisors: Dr. Ruth A. MILLER · Dr. Mickaella PERINA

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Summer Language Institute at the University of Chicago, Turkish study grant (\$4700 [Declined]) 2019

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Summer Turkish (\$7500) 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015 University of Massachusetts, Boston

Teaching Assistant

· *Modern Languages 288L - Faust* · Division of Humanities

Description: Assisted the professor both in and out of the classroom. Collected assignments, recorded attendance, managed the computer, projector, digital materials, and online learning site; uploaded class materials, assignments, and readings to the online learning portal. Administered quizzes, the midterm, and final exam.

2014 University of Massachusetts, Boston

Teaching Assistant

· *History 212 - Modern Western Civilization* · Division of Humanities

Description: One of the youngest T.A.s in the university's history. Lectured

undergraduates (as an undergraduate) weekly on topics ranging from 18th century philosophy to 21st century drone ethics. Prepared students for the midterm and final exams as well as coaching them on effective writing techniques for the final paper. The class focused on the evolution of social thought and the deconstruction of the term "Modern Western Civilization."

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

CFR Global Kids Program

February 2020,
New York

Presentation title: *Economic Inequality*.

Presented to students and faculty in the Global Kids program. Presentation was on the types of economic inequality in the United States. Goals were to give the students a vocabulary to speak about the issues. Focus given to the philosophical issues with inequality and ways to judge wealth from a moral perspective.

University of
Chicago

Middle Eastern History and Theory conference

May 2019,
Chicago

MEHAT Paper title: *The Moral and Social Effects of Labor Importation in Saudi Arabia*.

What is the impact of imported foreign workers on legal precedents in Saudi Arabia and what does it infer about the nation's legal system? Additional attention is given to Foucauldian discourse analysis and the relationship between citizen and ruling elite. Who claims authorship of law and who controls the status-quo?

UMB

University of Massachusetts Philosophy Club

October 2015,
Boston

Lecture title: *Simulation Hypotheses and the Problem of Quantum Non-Locality*.

Presented to faculty, staff, and student members of the philosophy club on Robert Nozick's "experience machine," Nick Bostrom's "simulation hypothesis," and their effects on morality, ethics, and existence.

UMB

University of Massachusetts Philosophy Club

April 2014, Boston

Lecture title: *Legal Existence, and Why We Should be Happy with the Death Penalty: A focused Look at Rousseau, Kant, Mazzini, Sieyes, and the Justice System*. Presented to faculty, staff, and student members of the philosophy club. Penitentiaries educate citizens on how to re-enter society; the death penalty acts as the "purest" form of re-education and subsequent integration into society.

UMB

University of Massachusetts Philosophy Club

March 2013,
Boston

Lecture title: *Philosophy in Education: Should Philosophy be Taught in School?*

Presented to faculty, staff, and student members of the philosophy club on the advantages and disadvantages of teaching philosophy in public schools.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

September
2019-Present

Research Associate

Council on
Foreign Relations

Research Associate to Senior Fellow, Historian in Residence, and Director of International Economics, Dr. Benn Steil, as well as the Adjunct Senior Fellow for Business and Foreign Policy, James P. Dougherty. Responsibilities include writing invitations, copy-editing book chapters, balancing the fellows' budgets, managing roundtables, and providing professional research for Dr. Steil's book project. Supervise and mentor one undergraduate intern every semester.

Summer 2018

Graduate Research Intern

Council on
Foreign Relations

Assisted Senior Fellow and Director of International Economics, Dr. Benn Steil, on his upcoming book. Researched sources, provided critical analysis, and presented findings on a bi-weekly basis. Prepared reports on philosophical

influences on Henry Wallace. Collaborated with senior fellow and research associate.

Summer 2017 Graduate Research Intern

*Council on
Foreign Relations*

Assisted Dr. Benn Steil with research on his upcoming book, acting as his primary research assistant. Compiled source materials into Excel and Word documents. Interviewed and selected replacement intern for winter period. Worked closely with RA and senior fellow.

2016 - 2017 Research Assistant

Dr. Ruth A. Miller

Assisted Dr. Miller with research and citation management for her papers on Turkish penal codes, Islamic jurisprudence, and extradition. Worked independently to source citations and organize her extensive 20-page bibliography. Collected source materials in both Turkish and English. Collaborated internationally as she worked from Turkey.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

*September
2019-Present* Assistant Editor

*International
Finance*

Assistant editor of *International Finance*, a peer-reviewed academic journal aimed at covering theory and policy in macroeconomics and finance. Published by Wiley. Primary responsibilities include preparing submissions for review, copy-editing accepted papers, and communicating with authors and referees.

*September
2019-Present* College Mentor

UStrive

Primary responsibilities include mentoring high school students with SAT and ACT prep, college selection, and financial planning. Additional responsibilities include writing tutoring, college essay and statement proofreading, and career advice.

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH · Native

SPANISH · Intermediate (reading, writing, speaking)

FRENCH · Intermediate (reading)

TURKISH · Intermediate (reading, writing, speaking)

GERMAN · Low Intermediate (reading)

ARABIC
(MSA) · Low Intermediate (reading, writing)

February 29, 2020