

**Dr. Hamad Ahmed Al-Rayes**

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**Education**

2018	PhD Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook University
2014	Visiting Scholar, Universität Trier, Germany
2010	MA Philosophy, Duquesne University
2007	BSc Computer Science, University of Bahrain

**Areas of Specialization**

Aesthetics; philosophy of imagination; philosophy of poetry.

**Areas of Concentration**

Logic and critical thinking; philosophy of education; philosophy of horror.

**Grants, Honors, and Awards**

2016	Pushcart Prize Nomination for Best Short Story.
2014	Hugh Silverman Travel Award, Stony Brook University.
2013-2014	Max Kade Fellowship for the <i>Collegium Transatlanticum</i> , Germany.
2009	Best Philosophy Graduate Student Essay Award, Duquesne University.
2008-2010	Fulbright Scholarship.

**Teaching Experience (2008-Present)**

- “Critical Thinking,” Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), Bahrain.
- “Ethics for Young Philosophers,” Anna’s Place NOLA, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “German Idealism” (Phi 3931), Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida.
- “Logic and Critical Thinking” (Phi 108), Stony Brook University, New York.
- “Philosophy of Law” (Phi 375), Stony Brook University, New York.
- “Social and Political Philosophy” (Phi 105), Stony Brook University, New York.
- “Ethics Bowl,” St. Joseph’s College, New York.
- “Herodotus’ *Histories*,” Delve Readers Seminar, Portland, Oregon.
- “Mohsin Hamid’s *Exit West*,” Delve Readers Seminar, Portland, Oregon.
- “Short Fiction,” Delve Readers Seminar, Portland, Oregon.
- “English Composition II: Business Report Writing” (Writ 161), New York Institute of Technology, Bahrain.
- “Problems of Philosophy” (Phil 110), New York Institute of Technology, Bahrain.
- “English as a Second Language,” American Cultural & Educational Center, Bahrain.

### **Selected & Forthcoming Academic Publications**

- 2023 “Ann Sharp’s Concept of Personhood and the Spiritual Dimension of the Community of Philosophical Inquiry,” *Childhood & Philosophy*, Vol. 19 (2023).
- 2023 “Transformations in the Philosophy of Poetic Imagination from Aristotle to Kant” [“تحويلات فلسفة الخيال الشعري بين أرسطو وكانط”], *Al-Bahrain Al-Thaqafiyya* [البحرين الثقافية], Vol. 111 (January 2023).
- 2023 Guest-editor, *On the Margins of Shi‘r*, special issue of *Middle Eastern Literatures*.
- 2023 “Qassim Haddad and Amin Saleh’s *Death of the Chorus*,” *On the Margins of Shi‘r*, special issue of *Middle Eastern Literatures*.
- 2023 “Jabra Ibrahim Jabra as Critic and Theorist of Modern Arabic Poetry,” in Khalid Lyamlahy and Suja Sawafta (eds.), *Jabra Illuminated: Legacies, Influences, and Dialogues*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- 2022 “Qassim Haddad and Amin Saleh’s ‘The Torrential Blood,’” a translation with an introductory essay, in Huda Fakhreddine (ed.), *Decades of Fire*, special issue, *Michigan Quarterly Review Online*.
- 2021 “Amin Saleh: The Poetry of an Unfamiliar Self,” *Translation Review*, Vol. 109, No. 1 (Winter 2021).
- 2021 “‘The Still Shadow, the Guiding Sun’: A Translation from Amin Saleh’s *A Hymn to the Universal Room*,” *Translation Review*, Vol. 109, No. 1 (Winter 2021).
- 2020 “A Speculative Poetics of Tammuz: Myth, Sentiment, and Modernism in Twentieth Century Arabic Poetry,” *Philosophy, Art(theory), and Literature*, special issue of *Labyrinth: An International Journal for Philosophy, Value Theory and Sociocultural Hermeneutics*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (2020).
- 2020 “Sublime Horror in the Aesthetics of E. T. A. Hoffmann,” in Matt Rosen (ed.), *Diseases of the Head: Essays on the Horrors of Speculative Philosophy*, Santa Barbara: Punctum Books.
- 2013 “On the Form of the Relation: America and Islam,” *Kinesis*, Vol. 40, No. 2 (Fall 2013).

### **Edited Publications (Arabic)**

- 2021 Co-editor, *Stasis and Change in the Arab Gulf States: Ecology in the Gulf* [الثابت والمتحول في دول الخليج العربية: البيئة في الخليج], Gulf Centre for Development Policies, Kuwait & Centre for Arab Unity Studies, Beirut.
- 2020 Co-editor, *Stasis and Change in the Arab Gulf States: Sustainability in the Gulf* [الثابت والمتحول في دول الخليج العربية: الاستدامة في الخليج], Gulf Centre for Development Policies, Kuwait & Centre for Arab Unity Studies, Beirut.

### **Published & Forthcoming Translated Volumes (English to Arabic)**

- 2023 Joanna Haynes, et al., *Philosophy and Education: An Introduction to Key Questions and Themes* [الفلسفة والتعليم: مقدمة في أبرز القضايا والموضوعات], Jeddah: Baseera Publishing.
- 2023 Peter Worley, *The Philosophy Shop* [متجر الفلسفة], Jeddah: Baseera Publishing.
- 2023 Peter Worley, *The If Machine: 30 Lesson Plans for Teaching Philosophy* [ماكينة لو؟: 30 خطة دراسية لتعليم الفلسفة], Jeddah: Baseera Publishing.
- 2023 John Rees, *Religion in International Politics and Development: The World Bank and Faith Institutions* [الدين في التنمية والسياسات الدولية: شراكات البنك الدولي مع المؤسسات الدينية], Kuwait: Nohoudh Center.
- 2022 Omar Al-Shehabi, *Contested Modernity* [نزاعات الحداثة], Kuwait: Nohoudh Center.
- 2021 Jonathan Israel, *A Revolution of the Mind: Radical Enlightenment and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Democracy* [ثورة العقل: التنوير الجذري والأصول الفكرية للديمقراطية الحديثة], Kuwait: Nohoudh Center.

### **Conference Presentations & Professional Workshops**

- 2020 October “Projects of Modernity in Twentieth Century Arabic Poetry,” panel organizer and co-chair, the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington, DC.
- 2019 November “On the Margins of *Shi’r*: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on the Development of Modern Arabic Poetry,” panel organizer and co-chair, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2019 November “Poetic Modernity in Qassim Haddad and Amin Saleh’s *Al-Jawashin*,” the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2019 October “A Brief History of the Sublime,” Florida Gulf State University, Philosophy Club (by invitation).
- 2019 August Certified participant, The Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children (IAPC) Residential Seminar, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey.
- 2019 June “Philosophical Allegories for Philosophical Children: Challenges and Perspectives for Authors, Illustrators, and Scholars,” The Fifth Biennial Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) Conference, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

- 2018 April “The Life and Thought of Abdallah Laroui,” Towards an Arab Left Reader: Key Documents in Translation and Context, Center for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge, UK.
- 2017 March “The Forgotten Origins of Arab and Jewish Nationalism” (with Prof. Landon Frim), History, Memory, and Justice Conference, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida.
- 2014 November “Toward a ‘Standpoint’ on the ‘History of Consciousness’: The Influence of Beck and Fichte on Hegel’s Conception of the Task of the *Phenomenology*,” Northwest Philosophy Conference 2014, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington.
- 2014 November Session chair, “Hegel’s Metaphysics: Language and Truth,” The Hegel Society of America, 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Meeting, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.
- 2014 April “The Problem of Beginning in Hegel’s Logic,” Universität Trier, Trier, Germany.
- 2013 April Session chair, “Outside Philosophy: Being Philosophical Elsewhere,” Frontiers of Philosophy: 42 Years of PhDs from the Philosophy Department at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook University, New York.
- 2011 December Session chair, “Public Reasons and Secularism,” the American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division One Hundred Eighth Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2010 April “Islamism and the Civilizational Paradigm,” John Stuart Mill Memorial Philosophy Conference, Eastern Illinois University.
- 2009 November “On the Form of the Relation: America and Islam,” Building Bridges: America, Islam, Violence and Dogma Conference, Southern Illinois University.
- 2009 September “The Universal and the Islamic: The Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam and the Universality of Human Rights,” Critical Legal Conference 2009, University of Leicester, UK.
- 2009 September “Devious Emancipations: Political Liberalism and Marx’s Critique of Classical Liberalism,” presented in the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University. (Winner of the Graduate Essay Contest, Philosophy Department, Duquesne University.)

### **Selected Poetry and Fiction**

- 2023 “Initiation” & “Birth of Venus,” *Quail Bell* (March 2023).
- 2022 “Carnival,” *Antigravity*, Vol. 20.5, No. 214 (August 2022).
- 2022 “Pilgrimage,” *Eternal Haunter Summer*, Vol. 16 (Summer 2022).

- 2022 “The Invention of Language,” *Young Ravens Quarterly Review*, Vol. 16 (Summer 2022).
- 2020 “Three Séances” & “Christ Re-Recrucified” [Arabic], *The Room Surrealist Magazine* (Summer 2020).
- 2018 “The Resurrection of Hasan II,” *The Society of Misfit Stories Presents... Volume II*, ed. Julie Ann Dawson, Bards and Sages Publishing. (Reprint)
- 2017 “The Resurrection of Hasan II,” *The Society of Misfit Stories*, September 2017.
- 2017 “Dingmaro,” *Glint*, Vol. 8 (Fall 2017).
- 2016 “The Keeper of the Sea,” *Mizna: Prose, Poetry, and Art Exploring Arab America*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Winter 2016). (Nominated for the Pushcart Prize for the Best Short Story in an American Magazine.)

### Service

- 2021-Present Volunteer, Food Distribution and Community Kitchen, Second Harvest Food Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2020-2021 Volunteer Translator, Immigration Services, COVID-19 Resource Guide, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018-2019 Volunteer Instructor, Family Literacy Program, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018-Present Arabic Interpreter, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2017-2018 Instructor & Guest Judge, Constitutional Debate Team (Unit 1), Lincoln High School, Portland, Oregon.
- 2012-2013 Graduate student representative, Stony Brook University Junior Hire Committee.
- 2012-2013 Graduate student representative, Stony Brook University History Exam Committee.
- 2011-2012 Faculty representative, Stony Brook University Philosophy Graduate Students organization.
- 2010-2011 Member, Stony Brook University Graduate Student Senate.
- 2009 Participant, Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, Washington, DC.
- 2008 & 2009 Member, Fulbright Study Abroad Program Selection Committee, Duquesne University.
- 2008 Participant, Fulbright Gateway Orientation, New York City.

### Anonymous Peer-Reviewer

- 2022-Present *Childhood and Philosophy*
- 2010 *Philosophy and Social Criticism*

**Language Skills**

Arabic – fluency in speaking, reading, and writing.

English – fluency in speaking, reading, and writing.

German – working proficiency in reading and translating.