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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Binghamton University, SUNY, August 2001  
Major Field: Comparative Politics  
Minor Field: International Relations  
Dissertation: Democratization in Africa: A Cross-National Analysis

MBA, Computer Information Systems, Baruch College, CUNY, January 1993

BBA, Finance and Investments, Baruch College, CUNY, August 1988

AS, Science/Mathematics, Bronx Community College, CUNY, January 1986

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

08/13 - Present Associate Professor, University of Central Arkansas  
08/05 - 07/13 Assistant Professor, University of Central Arkansas  
08/04 - 05/05 Lecturer, University of Vermont  
08/00 - 05/04 Assistant Professor, University of Georgia  
01/97 - 05/00 Teaching and Research Assistant, Binghamton University (SUNY)

## **RESEARCH INTEREST**

Democratization in Africa, the Middle East, and worldwide  
Democratic theory and measurement  
Economic and social developments in Africa, the Middle East, and worldwide  
The globalization process  
Academic Performance

## **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Comparative Politics  
African Politics  
Middle East Politics  
International Relations  
Political Methodology  
Political Theory

## **AWARD**

Recipient of the 1999 Richard Hofferbert graduate student best paper award,  
Binghamton University (SUNY).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2015). *The Rise and Fall of the Solomonic Dynasty of Ethiopia: Is the Kebra Nagast a Time-Bound Document?* Los Angeles: Tsehai Publishers.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2008). *When is Democracy Normal? The Relation to Demography, Market Economy, and Globalization.* Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press.

### **Articles:**

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2014). "The Kebra Nagast: Can its Secrets be Revealed?" *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies*. VIII (1&2): 51-72.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2014). "Social Revolutions: Their Causes, Types, and Phases." *Sage Open*. 4: 1-12. DOI: 10.1177/2158244014548845.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2013). "Does Social Background Influence Political Science Grades." *Current Issues in Education*. 16 (2): 1-13.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2009). "Determinants of Adult HIV/AIDS Prevalence in Africa: Do Cultural Variations Matter?" *Midsouth Political Science Review*. 10: 103-124.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2008). "Can Africa Tap the Benefits of Economic Development?" *Current Politics and Economics of Africa*. 1 (1): 47-60.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2008). "Democracy," In *International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences*. 2nd edition. William A. Darity, editor-in-chief. Macmillan. pp. 272-276.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2008). "Political Power," In *International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences*. 2nd edition. William A. Darity, editor-in-chief. Macmillan. pp. 415-417.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2007). "Does Attendance Enhance Political Science Grades?" *Journal of Political Science Education*. 3(3): 265-276.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2006). "Regime Type and Economic Growth in Africa: A Cross-National Analysis," *Social Science Journal*. 43(1): 3-18.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2004). "Towards Normal Democracy: Theory and Prediction with Special Reference to the Developing Countries," *Journal of Social, Political and Economic Studies*. 29 (4). 470-489.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2004). "Democratic Development in Botswana and Tunisia: A Comparative Analysis," *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. 22 (1): 13-28.

## **OTHER METHODOLOGICAL PUBLICATIONS**

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2010). "Age and Winning Professional Golf Tournaments," *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*. 6 (1), Article 5. DOI: 10.2202/1559-0410.1209.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2009). "The Relationship between Physical Activity and Body Mass Index: Issues in Model Specification," *International Journal on Disability and Human Development*. 8 (3): 267-275.

## **METHODOLOGICAL PAPER UPLOADED ON A SCIENTIFIC DATABASE**

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2009). "Explaining Planetary-Rotation Periods Using an Inductive Method," arXiv:0906.3531v2 [astro-ph.SR]. Paper can be accessed at [http://arxiv.org/PS\\_cache/arxiv/pdf/0906/0906.3531v2.pdf](http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/arxiv/pdf/0906/0906.3531v2.pdf).

## **MEMOIR ABOUT MY POLITICAL PERSECUTION**

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2014). *On the Run in the Blue Nile: A True Story*. CreateSpace. [A 400-page long memoir about my political persecution during the Ethiopian Revolution in the late 1970s and early 1980s].

## **WORKS-IN-PROGRESS**

. *Political Orientation; Political Stability*

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Tiruneh, Gizachew, T. Price Dooley, and Joseph Y. Howard. (2016): "What Determines the Political Orientations of College Students? A Comparative Study of Two Universities," Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 07-09, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2015). Section Chair/Coordinator, Comparative Politics/International Relations section. Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 27-28, Conway AR [Hendrix College].

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2014). Chair and Discussant, Student Panel on International Politics. Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 28 - March 01, Searcy, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2013). Chair and Discussant, Student Panel on Comparative Politics/International Relations. Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 01- 02, Arkadelphia, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2013). Participant, Comparative Politics/International Relations Roundtable on "Issues in Comparative Politics." Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 01-02, Arkadelphia, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2012). Section Chair/Coordinator, Comparative Politics/International Relations section. Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 24-25, Conway AR [UCA].

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2012). Participant, Comparative Politics/International Relations Roundtable on "Issues in Comparative Politics." Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 24-25, Conway, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2012). Chair and Discussant, Panel on Comparative Politics/International Relations. Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 24-25, Conway AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2011). Discussant, Panel on "International Conflict and Conflict Management," Arkansas Political Science Association, March 4-5, Little Rock, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2010). "What Causes Social Revolutions," Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 7- 9, Atlanta, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2010). "Does Social Background Influence Political Science Grades?" Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 7- 9, Atlanta, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2010). Convener, IR/Comparative section, Roundtable on U.S. Foreign Policy and Foreign Relations, Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 26-27, Jonesboro, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2009). Chair, IR/Comparative section, Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 27-28, Russellville, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2009). Chair and Discussant, International Relations/Comparative Politics Roundtable on “America and the World: Assessing Global Reactions to the Change of Guards at the White House,” Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 27-28, Russellville, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2008). Discussant, Panel on “Issues in International Relations / Comparative Politics,” Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 22-23, Fayetteville, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2006). Discussant, Student Panel on “International Relations / Comparative Politics,” Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, February 17 – 18, Arkadelphia, AR.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2006). Discussant, Panel on ‘New Approaches to Understanding Developing Countries,’ Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 5 – 7, Atlanta, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2006). “Determinants of HIV/AIDS Prevalence in Africa: A Cross-National Analysis,” Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 05-07, Atlanta, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2005). “What Can We Learn from the Comparative Analysis of Political Democracy and Life Expectancy? An Interdisciplinary Approach,” Paper Prepared for Presentation at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 06-08, New Orleans, LA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2002). Chair and Discussant, Panel on ‘Consequences of Terrorism and Political Violence’, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 7 – 9, Savannah, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2001). “Democratic Development in Botswana and Tunisia: A Comparative Analysis,” Paper Presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 14 – 17, Houston, TX.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2001). “Democratization in the Developing Countries: A Cross-National Analysis,” Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 8 – 11, Atlanta, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (2001). "Regime Type and Economic Growth in Africa: A Cross-National Analysis," Paper Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 29 – Sep. 2, San Francisco, CA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (1999). "The Theory and Measurement of Democracy: An Assessment of Current Practices," Paper Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (1999). Discussant, Panel on 'Liberalism and Democracy', American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Tiruneh, Gizachew. (1999). "Indices of Democracy: Their Strengths and Weaknesses," Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Introduction to Political Science, Spring 2008 – present, University of Central Arkansas

Governments and Politics of the Middle East, Fall 2007 – present, University of Central Arkansas

Dynamics of Democratization, Fall 2006 – present, University of Central Arkansas

Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2006 – present, University of Central Arkansas

International Political Economy and Globalization, Spring 2006 – present, University of Central Arkansas

Governments and Politics of Africa, Fall 2005 – present, University of Central Arkansas

Statistical Methods for Political Analysis, Fall 2005 – present, University of Central Arkansas

Globalization in Comparative Perspective, Seminar, Spring 2005, University of Vermont

Comparative Political Systems, Fall 2004 – Spring 2005, University of Vermont

Introduction to African Politics, Fall 2004, Summer 2005, University of Vermont

Globalization and Distributive Justice, Spring 2004, University of Georgia

African Political Systems, Summer 2001 – Spring 2004, University of Georgia

Comparative Politics, Fall 2000 – Fall 2003, University of Georgia

Comparative Political Analysis, graduate seminar, Fall 2002, University of Georgia

Political Development in Africa, Summer 1999, Binghamton University

Introduction to Ideas and Politics (political theory), Summer 1998, Binghamton University

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 1997, Binghamton University

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICES**

Member, University Research Council, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2011-Spring 2015.

Chair, College of Liberal Arts Research Committee, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2011- Spring 2015.

Member, College of Liberal Arts Research Committee, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2006-Spring 2011.

Member, Institutional Review Board Committee, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2008 – Spring 2013.

Advisor, International Studies Club, Fall 2011 - present.

Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2005 - present.

Member, Recruitment Committee, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2005 - present.

Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Georgia, Fall 2002-2004

Member, Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, Fall 2002-2004

### **INVITED TALKS, INTERVIEWS, AND OTHER SERVICES**

Gave an interview to SBS (Australian) Radio Amharic Language Program on my book, *The Rise and Fall of the Solomonic Dynasty of Ethiopia*, on November 25, 2015.

Gave a talk to elementary school children at the University of Central Arkansas's summer camp about Ethiopia's culture, history, and ecology on July 16, 2013.

Gave a talk to an audience invited by Raindrop Turkish House on January 17, 2013. My talk was titled: The Arab Spring and Prospects for Democracy in the Middle East.

Gave a YouTube interview on the Middle Eastern uprisings in March 2011. The interview was conducted by Venita Jenkins, Associate Director of Media Relations at UCA.

Gave a talk on the topic of Revolution in the Middle East on April, 14, 2011. I was invited to do the talk by the National Political Science Honors Society: Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha of the UCA chapter.

Participated in a randomly selected faculty focus group of eight on February 17, 2010. We were invited by Provost Lance Grahn to meet with Dr. David McFarland, UCA's strategic planning consultant.

Co-hosted with Dr. Alison Hall of the Department of Sociology a talk given by an Israeli peace activist, Gila Svirsky, at UCA on September 23, 2009 at the Ida Waldron Auditorium. The talk was on the possible peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians.

Gave a talk on the topic of *Challenges of Democracy in the Middle East* on August 7, 2009. I was invited to participate in the conference by the Department of History at UCA. The Conference for Teaching the Social Studies was intended to educate high-school teachers in Arkansas about the politics, culture, and history of the Middle East.

Gave a talk to a class organized by Carey Voss, a Resident Master at Hughes Residential College, on January 29, 2009. My talk was on the political and social history of Iran.

Gave a talk to a student group at UCA, the United Leftist Front, about the relationship between education and democracy in Spring 2007.

Served as a discussant in a forum on "The Future of the United Nations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," organized by Dr. Mark Mullenbach of the Department of Political Science on October 21, 2005 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the formation of the United Nations.

Participated in a panel on "Why U.S.?" on April 3, 2003. The panel was organized by the School of Public and International Affairs and the Center for International Trade and Security at the University of Georgia about the 09/11 terrorist attack.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Southern Political Science Association  
Arkansas Political Science Association



## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member, Editorial Board, the Journal of Contemporary African Studies. Fall 2005 - present.

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS**

Comparative Politics  
Journal of Political Science Education  
Midsouth Political Science Review  
Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports