

# REZA HADISI

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## AREAS

- Specialization Post-Classical Arabic & Persian Philosophy; Kant; related issues in contemporary ethics, epistemology, and action theory
- Competence History of Ethics, German Idealism, Modern European Philosophy, Existentialism

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025–present **Assistant Professor** (tenure-track), University of Toronto: Department of Philosophy (St. George) and Graduate Department of Philosophy; Center for Medieval Studies. Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Faculty Scholar, 2026–27
- 2022–2025 **Assistant Professor** (fixed-term), University of Toronto: Department of Philosophy; affiliated member, Graduate Program in the Center for Medieval Studies
- 2020–2022 **Assistant Professor** (career-track), University of Arizona: Department of Philosophy; affiliated with the Roshan Graduate Program in Persian Studies and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- 2019–2020 **Lecturer & Visiting Scholar**, Princeton University: Department of Philosophy and the UCHV
- 2018–2019 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Hamilton College: Department of Philosophy

## EDUCATION

- 2012–2018 **Ph.D., Philosophy**, University of Illinois at Chicago. *Kant's Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Epistemic Normativity* (supervisor: Sally Sedgwick). Visiting: University of Michigan (2017–18, 2014); Konstanz University (2014)
- 2010–2012 **M.A., Philosophy**, Concordia University, Montréal
- 2007–2010 **B.A., Philosophy**, Sheffield University (First Class Honours)
- 2004–2007 **B.Sc., Computer Science**, University of Science, Malaysia (First Class Honours)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal articles

- 2026 Imagination and Its Object: Recovering Suhrawardī's Suspended Images. *Philosophers' Imprint* 26: 22, 1–21
- 2025 Ṭūsian Perfectionism. *Journal of Ethics* 29(2): 359–381
- 2024 Autonomy as Practical Understanding. *Ergo* 11(34): 911–946
- 2022 Kant's Account of Epistemic Normativity. *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 106(3): 576–610
- 2021 Ghazālī's Transformative Answer to Skepticism. *Theoria* 88(1): 109–142
- 2021 Creative Imagining as Practical Knowing: An Akbariyya Account. *Res Philosophica* 98(2): 181–204
- 2020 (with Sara Aronowitz) Iqbal's Fractured Vision. *Philosophy East and West* 70(4): 881–905

### Edited volumes, handbooks, and encyclopedia chapters

- forthcoming Ṭūsī's Ethics. *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Ethics*, edited by Mustafa Shah
- 2026 (with Jing Iris Hu) Non-Western Treatments of Imagination. *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Imagination and Creativity*. Edited by Amy Kind, and Julia Langkau. 92–105
- 2025 Al-Ghazālī's Epistemology. *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology* (3rd ed.) 17–21
- 2025 Suhrawardī's Ishrāqī Epistemology. *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology* (3rd ed.) 704–708

### Book reviews

- forthcoming *Al-Ghazālī and the Idea of Godlikeness*, by Sophia Vasalou *Mind*
- 2026 *A Sourcebook in Global Philosophy*, edited by M. Rustom, *Islamic Intellectual Traditions* 255–258
- 2025 *Morality and Revelation in Islamic Thought and Beyond: A New Problem of Evil* by Amir Saemi. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <https://shorturl.at/ulU9w>
- 2019 *Kant on Freedom and Spontaneity*, edited by Kate Moran *Kantian Review* 24(4): 668–672

### In preparation

- Ṭūsī, Naṣīr al-Dīn. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & PRIZES

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|         |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026–27 | Connaught New Researcher Award (\$30,000)                                                                                                                         |
| 2026–27 | Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Faculty Scholar Award (\$18,000)                                                                                                        |
| 2026    | SSHRC Insight Grant, “Cities of Imagination” (\$100,000)                                                                                                          |
| 2025    | International Research Fund, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto (\$7,000)                                                                           |
| 2024    | SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG), Ṭūsī on the value of friendship (\$1,000)                                                                                        |
| 2023    | SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG), “The Philosophy of al-Ṭūsī” (\$2,000)                                                                                            |
| 2022    | NEH Summer Scholar, “The Imagination and Imaginal Worlds in the Mirror of Buddhism” (\$2,200) [declined]                                                          |
| 2021    | Research Award, “Between the Universal and the Particular: Suhrawardī on Practical Reasoning,” Templeton Foundation, Theology, Science, Knowledge Project (\$500) |
| 2020    | Research Award, “Ibn ‘Arabī’s Conception of Imagination: An Analytic Reading,” Templeton Foundation, Theology, Science, Knowledge Project (\$7,500)               |
| 2018–19 | DAAD Postdoctoral Fellowship, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt [declined]                                                                                             |
| 2017–18 | Dean’s Scholar Award, UIC (\$22,000)                                                                                                                              |
| 2017    | Ruth Barcan Marcus Award, Outstanding Member of the Graduate Program, UIC                                                                                         |
| 2016    | Chancellor’s Research Award, UIC (\$5,000)                                                                                                                        |
| 2014    | Centre for Philosophy North Rhine-Westphalia Award, Universität Bonn (€1,000)                                                                                     |
| 2013    | Provost Deiss Award, UIC, “Early 18th Century Influences on Kant’s Philosophy” (\$2,600)                                                                          |
| 2012    | Markus Herz Prize (best graduate paper), North American Kant Society, “Kant’s Transcendental Arguments, Hegel’s Dialectical Method & Pyrrhonism”                  |
| 2011–12 | MERIT Scholarship for Academic Excellence (CAD 14,000); Arts and Sciences Fellowship (CAD 18,000), Concordia University                                           |
| 2007–10 | Peter Nidditch Prize in Philosophy, University of Sheffield (honorable mention)                                                                                   |
| 2009    | Undergraduate Research Grant, Hang Seng Center for Cognitive Studies, Sheffield                                                                                   |
| 2007    | President’s MERIT Prize, B.Sc. Computer Science                                                                                                                   |

## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Upcoming*

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| 2027 | Book symposium on Amy Kind’s <i>Imagination</i> , APA Pacific  |
| 2027 | Keynote, Colorado State University Graduate Student Conference |
| 2026 | Philosophy Colloquium, University of Ottawa                    |

### *Talks*

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| 2026 | “Suspended Images and Ficta,” The Object(s) of Literature, State University of Campinas                                                                                            |
| 2026 | “Ibn ‘Arabī and the Problem of Noumenal Ignorance,” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, Saint Louis University                                                        |
| 2026 | Book symposium on Amir Saemī’s <i>Morality and Revelation in Islamic Thought and Beyond</i> , APA Central, Chicago                                                                 |
| 2026 | “Perfection and Solidarity [ <i>tawallā</i> ]: Ṭūsī on Practical Perfection,” Four-Schools Medieval Philosophy Workshop, Johns Hopkins                                             |
| 2025 | “Perfection and Solidarity [ <i>tawallā</i> ]: Ṭūsī on Practical Perfection,” International Aristotelian Conference, Lisbon                                                        |
| 2025 | “On What Could Be in Front of Your Nose,” Werkmeister Conference: New Work on Imagination, Florida State University                                                                |
| 2024 | “Perfection and Solidarity [ <i>tawallā</i> ]: Ṭūsī on Practical Perfection,” Avicenna, Avicennism(s), and the Later Philosophical Traditions, LMU Munich & Orient-Institut Beirut |
| 2024 | “Ṭūsī on the Form and Matter of Perfection,” Marmura Lectures in Arabic Studies, University of Toronto                                                                             |
| 2024 | “Perfectionism and the Value of Friendship,” Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences,                                                                                       |

- Tehran [online]
- 2023 “Ṭūsī’s Perfectionism,” Hopkins Seminar in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy
- 2023 “Ṭūsī on Perfectionism and Virtue,” University of Waterloo
- 2023 “Aristotelian Naturalism and Non-Natural Moral Realism: Lessons from Ṭūsī’s Nāserian Ethics,” Philadelphia Normative Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania
- 2023 “Ṭūsī’s Naturalist Perfectionism in the Nāserian Ethics,” 11th International Colloquium, Société Internationale d’Histoire des Sciences et de la Philosophie Arabes et Islamiques, LMU Munich
- 2023 “Natural Goodness and Perfectionism in Ṭūsī’s Nāserian Ethics,” Boston University
- 2023 “Natural Goodness and Perfectionism in Ṭūsī’s Nāserian Ethics,” Global Philosophy Research Group, University of Toronto
- 2023 “Between the Universal and the Particular: Lessons from Suhrawardī,” Carleton University
- 2023 “Suhrawardī’s Epistemology of Imagination,” Collaborative Program in Ancient & Medieval Philosophy, Toronto
- 2022 “Between the Universal and the Particular: Lessons from Suhrawardī,” Imagination Domination Conference, Claremont McKenna [virtual]
- 2022 “Suhrawardī’s Epistemology of Imagination,” Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy Conference, Illinois
- 2022 “Suhrawardī’s Epistemology of Imagination,” Concordia University
- 2021 “Between the Universal and the Particular: Lessons from Suhrawardī,” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Arizona
- 2021 “Epistemic Autonomy and Autonomous Action,” Epistemic Autonomy in Kant and Beyond, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile [virtual]
- 2021 “Imagination: Between the Universal and the Particular,” Workshop on Analytic Islamic Philosophy, Templeton/UMSL
- 2021 “Kant and the Primacy of Epistemic Normativity,” North American Kant Society [virtual] (panel with Patricia Kitcher and Alix Cohen)
- 2021 “Imagining as Practical Knowing: Lessons from Ibn ‘Arabī,” Eastern APA [virtual]
- 2020 “Imagining as Practical Knowing: Lessons from Ibn ‘Arabī,” University of Arizona
- 2019 “Al-Ghazālī’s Prophetic Dreams and Descartes’ Skeptical Nightmares,” Theology, Science, and Knowledge, UMSL
- 2018 “Kant on the Primacy of Epistemic Obligations,” Michigan Graduate Workshop
- 2017 “Reflexive Grounding of Normativity: Humean Doubts and Kantian Formalism,” Understanding Value Conference, Sheffield
- 2015 “Doxastic Voluntarism as Epistemic (But Not Practical) Agency,” Value & Agency Conference, University of Tennessee
- 2013 “Kant’s Solution for the Pyrrhonian Dilemma of the Criterion,” University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2012 “Kant’s Transcendental Arguments, Hegel’s Dialectical Method & Pyrrhonism,” North American Kant Society, Princeton (*Markus Herz Prize*)
- 2009 “On Spinoza’s Necessitarianism: A Dilemma,” British Undergraduate Philosophy Society, Oxford
- 2009 “Children’s Attribution of Function to Artefacts and Natural Kinds,” Interdisciplinary Centre for Inquiry-based Learning, Sheffield
- Commentary*
- 2023 Serena Gregorio, “On Self-Related Imagining”
- 2022 Kyoungmin Cho, “The Problem of the Infinite Regress of Ends”
- 2021 Alix Cohen, “In Defense of Epistemic Autonomy: A Kantian Proposal,” Cologne Knowledge Router [virtual]
- 2018 Carolina Flores, “Spinoza’s Account of Self-Knowledge,” APA Central
- 2018 Adam Schmidt, “Freedom and Responsibility in Kant,” APA Eastern
- 2016 Jessica Tizzard, “The Possibility of Kantian Frailty,” Chicagoland Conference
- 2015 Karl Ameriks, “On Some Reactions to Kant’s ‘Tragic Problem,’” Chicago Area German Philosophy Consortium

## TEACHING & ADVISING

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### *Courses taught*

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| Graduate     | Ethics in Arabic Philosophy (26); Guise of the Good (cross-listed; 21)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Upper-level  | Particularism (26); Kant's Third Critique (25); Post-Classical Arabic Philosophy (w24); Friendship and Love (24); Ethics (22); Practical Knowledge (21); Kant's <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> (18)                                                                                                                                |
| Intermediate | Post-Classical Arabic Philosophy (f24, f25); Classical Islamic Philosophy (23); Virtue Ethics (23, 24, 25); Moral Imagination (23); Philosophy of Religion (21, 24); Existentialism and Phenomenology (19, 20); History of Modern European Philosophy (19); Islamic Sufi Philosophy (18); 19th Century Continental Philosophy (16) |
| Introductory | Justice and Virtue (20, s21, f21); Reason and Irrationality (23, 24, 25); Ethics of Belief (18); Critical Thinking (17); Introduction to Philosophy (15, f22); Naturalism and Antinaturalism (14)                                                                                                                                  |

### *Graduate supervision*

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|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026–present | Practical deliberation (UofT, dissertation committee member)                                                   |
| 2026–present | Virtues in Indian philosophy (UofT, qualifying committee member)                                               |
| 2025         | Métis approaches to the ethics of kinship (UofT, internal/external examiner)                                   |
| 2020–23      | Metaethical naturalism (Arizona, Philosophy, dissertation committee member)                                    |
| 2021–22      | Agency and normativity (Arizona, MENAS, dissertation committee member); Shīrī “forms of life” (Arizona, MENAS) |

### *Independent studies and other advising*

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| 2026–27 | Postdoctoral supervisor, global philosophy (UofT)                         |
| 2026–27 | Graduate research supervisor, project on ‘Ālam al-Mithāl (UofT, History)  |
| 2026    | Graduate revision papers on practical deliberation                        |
| 2026    | Graduate revision papers on Kant's theory of friendship                   |
| 2026    | Undergraduate research supervisor for project on moral imagination        |
| 2025    | Independent study on 20th-century metaethics                              |
| 2025    | Independent study on Kant's 3rd Critique                                  |
| 2021–22 | Independent study on Aristotelian ethics and imagination (Arizona)        |
| 2021–22 | Qualifying paper on Kantian responses to theories of aspiration (Arizona) |

## SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### *Refereeing*

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| Presses  | Cambridge University Press; Harvard University Press                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Funders  | Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; Swiss National Science Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Journals | <i>Ergo</i> (×2); <i>Synthese</i> ; <i>Dialogue</i> ; <i>Asian Journal of Philosophy</i> (×2); <i>Philosophy East and West</i> ; <i>Kantian Review</i> ; <i>Kant Çalışmaları</i> ; <i>Journal of Value Inquiry</i> ; <i>Journal of Islamic Studies</i> ; <i>Agatheos</i> |

### *Department and university service, University of Toronto*

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| 2026–28      | Graduate Executive Committee, Department of Philosophy                                |
| 2026–27      | Convenor, Global Philosophy Research Interest Group                                   |
| 2025–27      | Committee for organizing the Philosophy Department Colloquium                         |
| 2024–26      | Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, St. George Campus                                 |
| 2024–26      | Department representative, Faculty of Arts & Science Council                          |
| 2022–26      | Placement Committee, Department of Philosophy (2022–23, 2024–26)                      |
| 2023–24      | Philosophy liaison, initiative for a Graduate Collaborative Program in Global Studies |
| 2023–present | Faculty advisor for incoming graduate students (×3)                                   |

### *Conferences and workshops organized*

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| 2026–present | Toronto liaison organizer, medieval philosophy workshop with Johns Hopkins, Notre Dame, and Chicago (×2)                                                                                                    |
| 2025         | Co-organizer, <i>Other Epistemic Achievements: Global Perspectives</i> , Toronto/TMU, <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/globalphilosophy/home">https://sites.google.com/view/globalphilosophy/home</a> |
| 2025         | Co-organizer, pedagogical workshop on integrating Chinese, Sanskrit, Latin American, Indigenous, and Africana philosophy into teaching, Toronto/TMU                                                         |

2024–present Co-organizer, University of Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy (×3)  
 2024 Co-organizer, workshop on Ibn ‘Arabī and the Shī‘ī Tradition: Texts, Ideas, and Receptions, Toronto  
 2014–17 Workshop organizer, Work in Progress Series, UIC  
 2014–16 Conference organizer, 1st, 2nd, and 4th Chicagoland Graduate Conferences  
 2012 Conference organizer, “The Status of Minorities in Philosophy,” UIC, <https://bit.ly/2k5iCCY>

*Other academic and community service*

2022 Graduate Teaching Advisory Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona  
 2021–22 Faculty advisor, University of Arizona Philosophy Club and Ethics Bowl  
 2020–23 Board member, Corrupt the Youth, <http://corrupttheyouth.org/>  
 2020 Assistant editor, “Kant,” PhilPapers  
 2019–20 Co-organizer, Islamic Philosophy group, Princeton Project in Philosophy & Religion  
 2016–17 Webmaster, Department of Philosophy, UIC

*Earlier experience*

2009 Research assistant, Hang Seng Center for Cognitive Studies, Sheffield, <https://bit.ly/2lCDNNa>  
 2008–10 Volunteer, Philosophy in the City outreach program, Sheffield  
 2006–07 Database developer, LEO Smart Loyalty (Java, Oracle, .Net)

## LANGUAGES & MEMBERSHIPS

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Languages English (fluent), Persian (native), German (reading), Classical Arabic (reading)  
 Programming Java, C++, PL/SQL, PHP  
 Memberships Canadian Philosophical Association; American Philosophical Association; North American Kant Society; Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

## REFERENCES

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**Sarah Buss**  
 University of Michigan

**Andrew Chignell**  
 Princeton University

**Jon D. McGinnis**  
 University of Toronto

**Mohammed Rustom**  
 Carleton University

**Sally Sedgwick**  
 Boston University

**Daniel Sutherland**  
 University of Illinois Chicago