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Education

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Toronto, Ontario
Ph.D., Sociology

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, California
M.A., Sociology

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, England
Knox Fellow, Political Science and Philosophy

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Massachusetts
A.B. (*magna cum laude*), Sociology, Social Psychology & Anthropology

Positions

RYERSON UNIVERSITY
Director, Centre for Free Expression 2015 - Present
Distinguished Visiting Professor 2014 - Present

CARLETON UNIVERSITY – INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY
Adjunct Research Professor 2010 - Present

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS
Executive Director 1998 – 2014

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
Executive Assistant to the President 1996-1998

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR
Director of Education 1986-1996

ONTARIO COUNCIL OF REGENTS FOR COLLEGES OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY
Chair (Acting) 1991

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF CANADA
Director of Research 1981-1986

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Associate Professor 1975-1989
Assistant Professor 1970-1975

Publications (Since 2000)

Books

- Turk, James L., ed., *Academic Freedom in Conflict: The Struggle over Free Speech Rights in the University*. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co., 2014.
- Turk, James L., and Charis Wahl, eds., *Love, Hope, Optimism: An informal portrait of Jack Layton by those who knew him*. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co., 2012.
- Turk, James L., ed, *Universities at Risk: How Politics, Special Interests and Corporatization Threaten the Integrity of the University*. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co, 2008.
- Turk, James L. and Manson, Allan. (eds). *Free Speech in Fearful Times: After 9/11 in Canada, the U.S., Australia and Europe*. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co, 2007.
- Bruneau, William and Turk, James L. (eds). *Disciplining Dissent: The Curbing of Free Expression in Academia and the Media*. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co., 2005.
- Turk, James L. (ed). *The Corporate Campus: Commercialization and the Dangers to Canada's Universities and Colleges*. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co., 2000.

Articles

- Turk, James L., "Universities, the Charter, Doug Ford and Campus Free Speech." *Constitutional Forum*. Forthcoming, Spring 2020.
- Palys, Ted, James L. Turk and John Lowman, "Statute-based Protections for Research Confidentiality: Implications of the U.S. Experience for Canada" *Canadian Journal of Law and Society/ Revue Canadienne Droit et Société* 33, no.3 (2018). <https://bit.ly/2Sh7d1O>
- Turk, James L., "A manufactured crisis: the Ford government's troubling free speech mandate" *Academic Matters* (Fall 2018). <https://academicmatters.ca/a-manufactured-crisis-the-ford-governments-troubling-free-speech-mandate/>
- Turk, James L., "Suppressing Speech Does Not Lead to Social Justice." *Canadian Diversity* 14, no. 4 (2018): 47-51.
- Turk, James L., "Stripping Academic Freedom from Administrators." *Academe* (September-October 2017). <http://bit.ly/2fhqDyY>
- Turk, James L. and Stewart, Penni, "Safe for What: Universities and the Controversy over Safe Spaces." Centre for Free Expression, Occasional Papers Series (July 7, 2017). https://cfe.yerson.ca/sites/default/files/Turk_Stewart_Safe_Spaces_2017_07_07.pdf
- Turk, James L., "The Landscape of the Contemporary University" *Canadian Journal of Communication* 42 (2017): 3-12. <http://www.cjc-online.ca/index.php/journal/article/view/3202/3319>
- Turk, James L., "University Debased" *Alberta Views* (September 1, 2016). <http://albertaviews.ca/university-debased/>
- Turk, James L., "Canadian Research -A Fresh Start?" *International Innovation* (January 2016). <http://www.internationalinnovation.com/canadian-research-fresh-start/>
- Turk, James L., "A Chance to Get Science Right" *Science* 350, no. 6257 (October 9, 2015): 139. <http://science.sciencemag.org/content/350/6257/139>
- Turk, James L., "Science Under Siege." In *Canada After Harper*, edited by Ed Finn, 322-346. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co., 2015.
- Turk, James L., "The Canadian Corporate-Academic Complex," *Academe* 96, no. 6 (2010): 51-52.

- Guyatt, Gordon H., Carol E. Cass, Alan C. Jackson, Derryck H. Smith, J. Philip Welch, and James L. Turk, Protecting Academic Freedom. *Open Medicine*, 2 (2008).
<http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/viewArticle/14/130>
- Catano, Victor M. and James L Turk,. (2007). "Fraud and misconduct in scientific research: a definition and procedures for investigation. *Med Law*, 26, no. 3 (2007): 465-76.
- Turk, James L., "Days of Action: Challenging the Harris Corporate Agenda." In *Open for Business / Closed to People*, edited by Diana Ralph, André Régimbald and Nérée St-Amand, 165-176. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing, 1997.
- Turk, James L., "Surviving the Cold War: A Study of the United Electrical Workers in Canada," *Oral History Forum d'histoire orale* 4, no. 2 (1980): 16-28.
<http://oralhistoryforum.ca/index.php/ohf/article/view/355>
- Turk, James L., "Uses and Abuses of Family Power." In *Power in Families*, edited by Ronald E. Cromwell and David H. Olson, 80-94. New York: Wiley, 1975.
- Turk, James L., "Power as the Achievement of Ends: A Problematic Approach in Family and Small Group Research," *Family Process* 13 (1974): 39-52.
- Turk, James L. and Norman W. Bell, "Measuring Power in Families," *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 34 (1972): 215-222.

Presentations (Selected 2014-2020)

- Turk, James L., "Intellectual Freedom: Human Rights, Social Justice & Public Libraries." Ontario Library Association Super Conference. January 30, 2020.
- Turk, James L., "Democracy, Public Libraries, and Intellectual Freedom." Edmonton Public Library. January 15, 2020.
- Turk, James L., "What's All the Fuss about Campus Free Speech? Politics, Academic Freedom & the Mission of the University." University of Alberta. November 6, 2019.
- Turk, James L., "Academic Freedom in Canada." International Dialogue on Education. Berlin, Germany. October 28, 2019.
- Turk, James L., "Intellectual Freedom 101." Vancouver Public Library. September 25, 2019.
- Turk, James L., "Social Responsibility and Neutrality in Libraries." Alberta Library Conference. Jasper. April 27, 2019.
- Turk, James L., "Freedom of Expression on Campus: Some Thoughts." Harry Crowe Foundation Conference. Toronto, February 22, 2019.
- Turk, James L., "Challenges to Intellectual Freedom: What to do." Ontario Library Association SuperConference. Toronto. January 31, 2019.
- Turk, James L., "Freedom of Expression: Its Importance & Its Limits." Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, N.S. January 22, 2019.
- Turk, James L., "University Statements on Free Expression: What is essential." Ryerson Faculty Association, Ryerson University, Toronto. November 28, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Academic Freedom, Campus Freedom of Expression, Privacy and Other Related Adventures in Academic Collective Bargaining." Canadian Association of University Business Officers – Faculty Bargaining Services. Montreal, October 31, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Countering SLAPPs." Parkland Institute. Edmonton, September 28, 2018

- Turk, James L. "Exploring the Tensions between Academic Freedom and Anti-Oppression." Carleton University, September 24, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Taking Intellectual Freedom Seriously." Edmonton Public Library, September 11, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Campus Free Speech." Council of Ontario Universities Academic Associates. Toronto, August 22, 2018
- Turk, James L., "Protecting Intellectual Freedom." Canadian Federation of Library Associations National Forum. Regina, May 2, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Censorship Undermines Social Justice." Mount Royal University, Calgary. February 9, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Is There Room for Academic Freedom in Today's University?" Mount Royal University, Calgary. February 8, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Is There a Place for Censorship in Libraries and Universities?" Ontario Library Association SuperConference, Toronto. February 1, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "Who Can Say What? Censorship and Free Speech in the University." Centre for Constitutional Studies, University of Alberta Law School, Edmonton. January 23, 2018.
- Turk, James L., "The Controversy Over Campus Free Expression." OISE/UT, Toronto. November 23, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Words Matter: Freedom of Expression, Hate Speech, and Academic Freedom in the University" Social Justice Week Forum, Ryerson University, Toronto. October 25, 2017
- Turk, James L., "Suppressing Speech In Not the Route to Social Justice." Ryerson University Conference: The Many Gods of Canada: Religion, Secularism and Public Policy. Toronto. October 19, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Academic Freedom Worldwide: The Importance of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel." UNESCO Forum – World Teachers Day, Paris. October 5, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Researcher-Participant Privilege: Hanging by a Thread." Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards National Conference, Halifax. April 28, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Civility and Incivility in Academia: Academic Freedom, Expressive Speech & Misconduct." Jointly sponsored by University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg and Brandon University. April 13, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Under Attack from All Sides: Freedom of Expression, Academic Freedom and the Future of the University." University of Wisconsin – Stout, March 27, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Rescuing Collegial Governance." Laurentian University, March 16, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Seizing the Opportunity: Getting Better Rights and Protections." University of Alberta, February 8, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Universities Must Be Safe Spaces for Free Expression." Chang School, Ryerson University, January 18, 2017.
- Turk, James L., "Requisites for Good Post-Secondary Labour Relations Law." University of Alberta, November 2, 2016.
- Turk, James L., "Academic Freedom and University Boards of Governors." Ryerson University Board of Governors, November 1, 2016.
- Turk, James L., "Unsafe and Unsound: Codes of Conduct Threaten Academic Freedom, Free Expression & the Academic Mission." Northern Ontario School of Medicine. April 18, 2016.
- Turk, James L., "Academic Freedom." Annual Meeting of Chairs, Deans and Directors, Ryerson University. April 14, 2016.

- Turk, James L., "Undermining Academic Freedom: Precarity, Duty, Surveillance & Civility." University of Alberta, November 5, 2015.
- Turk, James L., "Whither University Governance." Kwantlen Polytechnic University, August 27, 2015.
- Turk, James L., "Silencing the Academy: Academic freedom and the future of university governance." Dalhousie University. Halifax, Nova Scotia. March 24, 2015.
- Turk, James L., "What Is an Art College without Academic Freedom?" Alberta College of Art and Design. Calgary, Alberta. March 12, 2015.
- Turk, James L. "Research and Science in Canada Are in Danger." SRC Seminar, Department of Politics and Public Administration. Ryerson University. Toronto. March 5, 2015.
- Turk, James L., "What's All the Fuss about Program Prioritization?" Wilfrid Laurier University. November 27, 2014.
- Turk, James L., "'You can't say that': Enforced civility as a threat to academic freedom and freedom of expression." Ryerson University. Toronto, Ontario. November 13, 2014
- Turk, James L., "Public Science under Siege: Past, present and a vision for the future." Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada. National Research Council. Ottawa, Ontario. November 6, 2014.
- Turk, James L., "Civility, Precarity and the Demise of Academic Freedom." Brock University. St. Catharine's Ontario. October 30, 2014.
- Turk, James L. "Should universities and colleges be run like Walmart?" Ryerson University Social Justice Week Talks. Toronto, October 7, 2014.
- Turk, James L., "An Inconvenient Symbol: Academic freedom in the 21st century university." Keynote address. Academic Freedom Conference. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. October 1, 2014.
- Turk, James L., "Limiting Academic Research." Graduate Student Association Colloquium. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. September 30, 2014.
- Turk, James L. "Science Under Siege." Joint session of the Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians, Canadian Population Society, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Canadian Society for the Study of Education, and Canadian Sociological Association at the Congress for the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. St. Catharines, Ontario May 27, 2014.
- Turk, James L., "The Future of the University and How We Can Shape It." Mount Royal University, May 12, 2014
- Turk, James L. "The Remaking of the University" Ryerson University, Toronto. April 4, 2014
- Turk, James L. "Academic Freedom." University of Regina Academic Freedom Forum, March 27, 2014
- Turk, James L. "Community-University Research." Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University. March 17, 2014
- Turk, James L. "More of the Story: *Silence of the Labs* and the undermining of science in Canada." Science for Peace. University of Toronto, March 3, 2014
- Turk, James L. "Protecting Academic Integrity When Universities Collaborate with Industry." Centre for Policy Studies in Higher Education and Training, University of British Columbia, February 25, 2014.

Organizational (Current)

Member, Steering Committee, International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group, 2008 – Present

Awards

Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award – Ontario Library Association, 2019

Milner Memorial Award – Canadian Association of University Teachers, 2018

Peter C. Dooley Legacy Award – University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association, 2014

Jay Newman Award for Academic Integrity – University of Guelph Faculty Association, 2013

Distinguished Member Award – Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, 2012