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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

TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
Director, Centre for Free Expression 2015 - Present
Distinguished Visiting Professor 2014 – 2018
Distinguished Visiting Scholar 2018 - 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., "Academic Freedom in Canada: Its Origins, Components, and Limits." *Canadian Labour & Employment Law Journal* 25, no. 1 (2023): 35-72.
- Turk, James L., "The Public Nature of Ministerial Tasks: Mandate Letters Before the Supreme Court of Canada." *Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law* 16, no. 3 (2022): 601-606.
- Turk, James L., "Universities, the Charter, Doug Ford and Campus Free Speech." *Constitutional Forum* 29, no. 2 (2020): 31-44.
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- 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): 381-400. <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.ryerson.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.

Presentations (Selected 2015-2024)

- Turk, James L., “The Dark Side of Censorship”, Vic One Plenary, Victoria College, University of Toronto, January 24, 2024.
- Turk, James L., “New World of Challenges”, Book and Periodical Council, Toronto, December 13, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “Re-evaluating Universities Role in Society: Lessons from the Israel-Hamas War”, Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleagues, Toronto, December 12, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “Intellectual Freedom Under Attack”, Nova Scotia Library Association Annual Conference, Truro, NS, October 21, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “Research Libraries Navigating Challenges to Free Expression, Academic Freedom, and Inclusion – Perspectives from Canada”, Association of Research Libraries Executive Institute, Washington D.C., October 19, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “This Talk Is about ~~Censorship~~”. Saskatoon Public Library, September 17, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “Censorship”, Regina Public Library, June 8, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “Intellectual Freedom, Public Libraries, and Democracy”, Kitchener Public Library Board, May 17, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “Intellectual Freedom and Public Libraries,” New Brunswick Public Libraries Board”, April 24, 2023.
- Turk, James L., “Putting Students First: Teachers’ Challenge in a Polarized World”, Manitoba School Library Association, October 21, 2022.
- Turk, James L., “Intellectual Freedom, Public Libraries, and Democracy”, Oakville Public Library, October 6, 2022.
- Turk, James L., “Understanding Academic Freedom”, University of Windsor, October 6, 2022.
- Turk, James L., “Libraries and Intellectual Freedom: Being a Truly Inclusive Public Space”, Barrie Public Library, August 22, 2022.
- Turk, James L., “Why are we talking about intellectual freedom?” Public Library Leaders. Canadian Urban Libraries Council. November 17, 2021.
- Turk, James L., “Libraries and Intellectual Freedom: Being a Truly Inclusive Public Space.” Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, August 17, 2021.

- Turk, James L., "Public Libraries Cannot Fulfill Their Public Role without Vigorous Protection for Intellectual Freedom." Mississauga Public Library, June 30, 2021.
- Turk, James L., "Intellectual Freedom, Public Libraries, and Social Justice." Halifax Public Libraries, May 18, 2021.
- Turk, James L., "The Challenges of Intellectual Freedom." Canadian Urban Libraries Council, May 17, 2021.
- Turk, James L., "Offence Is Unavoidable, Hate Is Inexcusable: Navigating Intellectual Freedom in Public Libraries." Ontario Library Association. February 4, 2021.
- Turk, James L., "Public Libraries: Challenges of Intellectual Freedom." Milton Public Library. October 19, 2020.
- Turk, James L., "Challenges of Intellectual Freedom for Public Libraries in Democratic Society." Calgary Public Library. March 13, 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 Is 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.

Organizational (Current)

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

Convenor and Chair, Right to Information Alliance Canada, 2021 – Present

Convenor and Chair, Online Harms Network. 2022 -- Present

Awards

Intellectual Freedom Award for outstanding contributions to intellectual freedom in Canada
Canadian Federation of Library Associations/ Fédération Canadienne des Associations de Bibliothèques,
2023

Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award – Ontario Library Association, 2019

Milner Memorial Award for distinguished contribution to the cause of academic freedom
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