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November 29, 2021

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Ali Erol of 204 Dedham Street, Newton 02461 as a member of the Economic Development Commission. His term of office shall expire on December 31, 2023 and his appointment is subject to your confirmation. The Economic Development Commission members have three year terms staggered over the three year period. Mr. Erol will be serving the term expiring December 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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**Application Form**

**Profile**

<u>Ali</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Erol</u>
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name

alieerol.bc@gmail.com  
 Email Address

<u>204 Dedham Street</u>	<u></u>	
Home Address	Suite or Apt	
<u>Newton</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>02461</u>
City	State	Postal Code

**What Ward do you live in?**

Ward 8

<u>Mobile: (617) 858-9086</u>	<u></u>
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

<u>boston college</u>	<u>Assistant Professor of the Practice</u>
Employer	Job Title

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Economic Development Commission: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

I want to serve in the Economic Development Commission of Newton for two reasons. First and foremost, Newton is my chosen home and I want to work to improve my city and the lives of those who live in it. I lived in many different places in the U.S., after immigrating from Turkey. None of the places I have lived felt like home--except for Newton. Secondly, I conduct academic research on urbanization, urban spaces and social justice, food scarcity in urban spaces, and food equity in New England. Envisioning urban and suburban spaces that meet the needs of every citizen, that is just, equitable, economically and environmentally sustainable is a value I deeply hold onto and one that I teach, research, and strive for. By serving in the Economic Development Commission of Newton, I can assist the city with research and direction of ongoing economic development.

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 Upload a Resume

Ali E. Erol  
Assistant Professor of the Practice  
Communication Department  
Boston College  
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Economic & Social Policy  
Social Justice & Space  
Urbanization  
Food Equity

**Education**

Ph.D., Communication and Culture, 2013  
Howard University, School of Communication  
M.S., Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 2009  
George Mason University, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution  
B.A. Philosophy, 2006  
B.A. International Politics, 2006  
Pennsylvania State University, College of Liberal Arts

**Academic Positions**

Assistant Professor of the Practice  
Communication, *Boston College*, 2017 – Present  
Professorial Lecturer  
School of International Service, *American University*, 2013-2017  
Assistant Researcher on Syrian Immigration Crisis  
*Brookings Institution*, 2013-2014  
Instructor of Record  
School of Communication, *Howard University*, 2011-2012

**Awards, Honors, and Grants**

Book Manuscript Mini-Conference Award  
Boston College, Internal Grant (2018)  
New Course Small-Grant Award  
Boston College, Internal Grant (2018)  
Top Paper Award,  
National Communication Association, Peace and Conflict Division (2014)  
Norway House Dialogue for Peace Travel Grant,  
University of Minnesota (Fall 2013)  
Doctoral Honors Award  
National Communication Association (Summer 2012).  
Graduate Symposium Second Place Prize in Arts and Humanities,  
Howard University (Spring 2012).

**Publications**

**Books**

Erol, A. E. (n.a.) *Community Farming in Urban Spaces in New England: A Case for an Alternative Socioeconomic Structure*.  
Erol, A. E. (2021). *LGBT Activism in Turkey During 2010s: Queer Talkback*. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan

**Journal Articles**

- Erol, A. E. (2021) Delighted for a Dairy Queen in Egypt: US Foreign Policy leadership discourse in the Middle East during Arab Spring. *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication*. 1-16
- Cuklanz, L. & A. E. Erol (2021) The Shifting Image of Hegemonic Masculinity in Contemporary Television Series. *International Journal of Communication*. 15, 18
- Erol, A. E. & L. Cuklanz (2020) Queer Critique of Feminist Methodologies. *Investigaciones Feministas*. 11 (2), 211-221.
- Erol, A. E. (2017). Queer contestations of neoliberal and heteronormative moral geographies during #occupygezi. *Sexualities*. 21 (3), 428-445
- Erol, A. E. (2016). Legality and Power: the 2016 Turkish Coup Attempt and the State of Emergency. *Oxford Journal of Socio-Legal Studies*.
- Erol, A. E. (2016). "Çokluğun Karnavalı": Gezi Park Ayaklanmasındaki LGBTQ Bireylerin Söylemlerinde Heterotopya. *KaosQ+*, 3
- Erol, A. E. (2015). Co-creating Coherence: Using Coherence for the Analysis and Transformation of Social Conflicts. *Journal of Narrative and Conflict*
- Erol, A. E. (2013). Poetry of Neoliberal Fascism and Ways of Reading: Turkey and Gezi Park Protests. *Unrest*, 9
- Erol, A. E. (2013). "Please don't be Turk, BE GREEK, BE ARMENIAN": Agency and Deixis across Virtualized "Turkish" Imagined Community. *International Journal of Communication*. 7

**Book Chapters**

- Erol, A. E. (2017). To Be and To Be With: Heteronormative Regulation of Desire in Turkish Travesti Erotic Stories. In T. Carilli & J. Campbell (eds.) *Queering Media*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press
- Erol, A. E. & J. Gjata (2013). Doğmamış Çocuğa Don Bıçmek: Visions of a multicultural family. In A. Gonzalez & T. Harris (Eds.). *Mediating Cultures: Parent Communication in Intercultural Contexts*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press

**Book Reviews**

- Erol, A. E. (2013). Critical Pragmatics [Review of the book *Critical Pragmatics: An Inquiry into Reference and Communication*]. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology* 32 (2), p. 227-230

**Talks & Presentations****Invited Talks**

- Erol, A. E. (2016). Tracing the Social and Legal Issues of July 2015 Coup Attempt in Turkey and the Subsequent State of Emergency. *Brown Bag Lunch at School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution*, George Mason University, Virginia.
- Erol, A. E. (2016). Critical Discourse Analysis Workshop. American University, Washington, DC.

Erol, A. E. (2016). Turkish Foreign Policy & Syrian Refugee Crisis, American University, Washington DC

Erol, A. E. (2015). Refugee Crisis in Europe. Key Spiritual Center, American University, Washington DC

*Selected Conference Presentations*

Erol, A. E. (2017). Conspiracy Theorizing as Official Turkish Historical Epistemology. *International Studies Association*. Baltimore, MD

Erol, A. E. (2016). A Case for a Queer Ethos: Desiring Queer Disidentifications. *National Communication Association*. Philadelphia, PA

Erol, A. E. (2016). Heterotopia as Queer Morality: Understanding Queer Discourses During #occupygezi. *National Communication Association*. Philadelphia, PA

Erol, A. E. (2015). "Being a Faggot is a Natural Way of Life": Agentive Transformation of Gezi Park. *The Twelfth Annual Public Anthropology Conference*, American University

Erol, A. E. (2015). "Carnival of the Multitude": Heterotopia in the discourses of LGBTQ identified individuals during Gezi Park Uprisings." *Lavender Languages and Linguistics Conference*. American University