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Boğaziçi Üniversitesi
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Academic Education

- 2015 Ph.D., Anthropology and Sociology of Religion
Divinity School, the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Dissertation Title: *Subject to Approval: Sanction and Censure in Ottoman Istanbul (1889-1923)* (with distinction)
- 2002 B.A., Political Science, Boğaziçi University
- 2002 B.A., Sociology, Boğaziçi University (high honors)

Pedagogy Training

- 2013 The Craft of Teaching Program, Divinity School, University of Chicago
- 2010 Academic/Professional Writing, University of Chicago

Professional Employment

- 2024– Assistant Professor of Sociology,
Department of Sociology, İstanbul Boğaziçi University, İstanbul
- 2018–2024 Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology, İstanbul Medeniyet University, İstanbul
- 2016–2018 Assistant Professor of Sociology of Religion
Department of Religious Studies, İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, İstanbul
- 2013 Co-Instructor, “World War I in the Ottoman Empire,” Department of Near
Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Religious Studies,” University of Chicago
- 2007–2010 Research Assistant, Michael Sells, University of Chicago
- 2004-2005 Research Assistant, Malika Zeghal, University of Chicago

Specialization and Competence Areas

Sociology of religion, anthropology of religion, secularism theories, late Ottoman and early Turkish Republican history and society, medical sociology, qualitative research methods

Fellowships and Awards

- 2023 The Scientific and Technological High Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), # 1001 Research Grant
- A Grounded Theory Situational Analysis Examining the Relationship Between the Traditional and Complementary Medicine, and Modern Medicine in Turkey
- 2021 The Scientific and Technological High Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) #1002 Research Grant
- The Experience of the Contact-Tracing Teams in Istanbul During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Multidisciplinary Phenomenological Research
- 2014 Provost's Dissertation-Year Fellowship, the University of Chicago
- 2012–2013 Martin Marty Center Junior Fellowship, the University of Chicago
- 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship
- 2006–2010 Graduate Tuition Fellowship and Stipend, the University of Chicago
- 2003–2004 Graduate Tuition Fellowship, the University of Chicago

Publications

- 2025 “The Role of Imam-Hatips Deployed in Türkiye’s COVID-19 Pandemic Response,” *Mevzu* 13 (co-author: Beyzanur Yılmaz Narin) (Tr-dizin)
- 2025 Batı’da ve Türkiye’de Biyotıp ile Geleneksel, Alternatif, Tamamlayıcı Tıbbın Ayrıştırılması ve Entegrasyonu, *Mersin Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi Lokman Hekim Tıp Tarihi ve Folklorik Tıp Dergisi*, 15 (1) (Tr-dizin)
- 2024 “Türkiye’de Dini Grupların Diyanet İşleri Başkanlığına Bakışı: Altınoluk, Köprü ve İktibas Dergilerinde Diyanet Tartışmaları,” *Medya ve Din Araştırmaları Dergisi* 7 (2), (co-author: Mahmut Bilal Uzun) (Tr-dizin)
- 2024 “Are we Heroes or Couriers? A Phenomenological Study on Reappropriation of Professional Subjectivity and Agency Among Medical Professionals During Covid-19 Contact Tracing in Türkiye,” *Social Science and Medicine* (co-authors: Zübeyde Demircioğlu, Hüseyin Küçükali) (SSCI-Q1)
- 2023 *Toplum Tanıma ve Birlikte Çalışma: Toplum Tanıma ve Topluluk Kapasitesini Güçlendirme*, İstanbul: İBER STK Yayınları.

- 2022 Nitel Arařtırmalarda Yarı-Yapılandırılmıř Görüřme Soruları: Soru Form ve Türleri, Nitelikler ve Sıralama, *Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 22 (Tr-dizin)
- 2022 Yükseköğretimde Sosyoloji Öğretim Çalışmaları: Amerikan, Avrupa ve Türk Sosyolojisinde Karşılařtırılabilir Bir Alanyazın İncelemesi, *Yükseköğretim Dergisi*, 12 (2) (Tr-Dizin, ESCI)
- 2020 The Late Ottoman Novel as Social Laboratory: Celal Nuri and the “Woman Question,” *Ottoman Culture and the Project of Modernity: Reform and Translation in the Tanzimat Novel*. Monica M. Ringer and Etienne Charrière (eds). New York: I.B. Tauris
- 2020 The Ottoman Religious and Moral Censorship of the Armistice Istanbul Press, *Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914-1918*. Mehmet Beşikçi, Akşin S. Somel, A. Toumarkine (eds.). Würzburg: Ergon-Verlag
- 2019 Book Review, Hicret Toprak, Mihrap, Minber ve Devlet: Tek Parti Döneminde Diyanet İşleri Başkanlığı, *İnsan ve Toplum* 10 (1), 1 (Tr-dizin)
- 2018 Osmanlı'da Matbu İslam'ın Onay ve Denetimi: Tedkik-i Mesahif ve Müellefat-ı Şer'iyye Meclisi. *FSM İlmî Arařtırmalar İnsan ve Toplum Bilimleri Dergisi*, 11 (2) (Tr-dizin)
- 2018 Sırat-ı Müstakim ve Okuyucu Mektupları: Sorulan, Tartıřılan, İnřa Edilen İslam, "İslam'ı Uyandırmak:" Meşrutiyet'ten Cumhuriyet'e İslamcı Düşünce ve Dergiler, Sunar L., ed., İLEM, İstanbul
- 2017 The Human Jesus: A Debate in the Ottoman Press. *Mizan: Journal of Interdisciplinary Approaches to Muslim Societies and Civilizations*, (2:1), 1-24
- 2015 A Conflict on Baha'ism and Islam in 1922: Abdullah Cevdet and State Religious Agencies. *İnsan ve Toplum*, 5 (10) (Tr-dizin)
- 2012 A Comparison of Charles Taylor and Talal Asad on the Issue of Secularity. *İnsan ve Toplum*, 2 (4), 217-230 (Tr-dizin)

Conference Presentations

- 2023 The Domestication of Medicine: The Experiences of Contact-Tracing teams in Turkey, ISA International Sociological Association, Melbourne, Australia, online
- 2023 Orchestrating Modern and Alternative Medicine: Challenges for the Practitioners of CAM in Turkey, ISA International Sociological Association, Melbourne, Australia, online
- 2022 Pandemi Sürecinde İstanbul'daki Filyasyon Ekiplerinin Deneyimleri Üzerine Fenomenolojik Bir İnceleme, Nitel Arařtırmalar Çalıştayı, çevrimiçi

- 2022 Imperial, Occupied, and National: Ottoman Religious Bureaucratic Administration in Istanbul, *Occupied Istanbul: Urban Politics, Culture, and Society, 1918–19123*, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- 2020 Linguistic Terrains of Religion and Secular in Ottoman Turkish Periodicals, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, online
- 2019 Religion Constituting Irreligion: Intellectual, Legal, and Social articulations on Religion and Secular in Ottoman Turkish Periodicals, Religion and the Production of Difference: Annual Conference of the Dutch Association for the Study of Religion, Holland
- 2019 Mapping out Late Ottoman Terms for Religion and Irreligion, Religion as a Changing Category of Muslim Practice, Oxford University, England
- 2019 Sağlıkta Çoklu Habitus Pratikleri: Modern ve Geleneksel Tıp Uygulayıcıları, IX. Ulusal Sosyoloji Kongresi, Ankara, Turkey
- 2019 Osmanlı Dini Bürokrasisi: Matbuat, Tarikat ve Kamusal Ahlakın Denetimi, *VII. Osmanlı İstanbullu Sempozyumu*, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2018 Late Ottoman Regulations on Sufi Orders and Practices, World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, Spain
- 2017 “*Sırat-ı Müstakim* ve Okuyucu Mektupları: Sorulan, Tartışılan, İnşa Edilen İslam,” İlimi Etütler Merkezi (İLEM) İslamcı Dergiler Sempozyumu 2, İstanbul
- 2016 Approved for Print: Late Ottoman Regulatory Mechanisms on Islamic Books, British Association for Islamic Studies, London, England
- 2015 The Human Jesus: A 1922 Ottoman Periodical Debate, Islamic Stories of the Prophets: Semantics, Discourse, and Genre, Università L’Orientale, Napoli, Italy
- 2014 The Evolution of the Print of the Qur’an in Ottoman Istanbul, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, USA.
- 2014 The Ottoman Print Regime on the Domain of Printed Qur’ans and Islamic Publications, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2014 The Religio-Moral Censorship of the Press in Post-WWI Istanbul, Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2013 Dar’ul Hikmet’il İslamiye’s Surveillance of Public Morality in post-WWI Ottoman Society, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, USA.

- 2013 Islam and Immorality: The Late Ottoman Religious Committee Dar'ul Hikmet'il Islamiye in the Aftermath of WWI, American Academy of Religion Annual Western Regional Conference, Arizona, USA.
- 2013 Religious Censorship in Istanbul during the Armistice Period, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2012 Medreses in the Aftermath of World War One: The Case of Medrese'tul Irşad, Madrasah Tradition and Madrasahs in the Process of Modernization, Muş, Turkey
- 2011 Teaching How to Think: Sheikh al-Islam Mustafa Sabri Efendi's Engagement in Debates on Islam, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC, USA.
- 2010 The Sırat-i Mustakim Ottoman Journal (1908–1911): Controversies between the Followers of the 'Straight Path' and 'Secular Mujtahids', Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2008 The Dilemmas of the Presidency of Religious Affairs in Turkey, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2008 Thinking through Reader Questions in the Ottoman Journal Sırat-i Mustakim, Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Washington DC, USA.

Languages

- Turkish: Native
 English: Fluency in reading, speaking, and writing
 French: Professional upper-intermediate competency in reading
 Ottoman Turkish: Professional competency in reading

Courses Taught

- Introduction to Sociology
 Sociology of Religion
 Medical Sociology
 Ethnography
 Religion, State, and Society
 Historical Sociology
 Qualitative Research Methods
 Qualitative Data Analysis