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EDUCATION

2008–2015	Ph.D.	<i>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</i> Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History Dissertation: At Arm's Length: Historical Ethnography of Proximity in Harput
2004–2006	M.A.	<i>Boğaziçi University</i> Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History Thesis: The Labor-based Prisons in Turkey, 1933-1953
1999–2004	B.Sc.	<i>Istanbul Technical University</i> Electronics and Communication Engineering

ACADEMIC WORK

2016–	<i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Özyeğin University
2020–2021	<i>Visiting Scholar</i> Graduate Program in Anthropology, Yeditepe University
2015	<i>Part-time Instructor</i> Department of Sociology, Koc University
2013–2014	<i>Visiting Scholar</i> Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin
2009–2015	<i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> Department of History, University of Michigan
2007–2008	<i>Instructor</i> Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University
2004–2007	<i>Research Assistant</i> Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University
2004	<i>Researcher</i>

Book Project: *Social Security and Social Policies in Turkey*. Project Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Nadir Özbek. Published by Tarih Vakfı in 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- 2019 – Department Chair
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Özyeğin University
- 2022 – Curriculum Committee, Özyeğin University
- 2020 Committee for Academic Planning, Özyeğin University
- 2018–2020 Social Science Faculty Representative in Campus Committee (KHDK), Özyeğin University

MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARLY DUTIES

- 2023 – Vice-President, Board of Directors, Tarih Vakfı (History Foundation, Turkey)
- 2023 – Associate Editor, Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları
- 2022 – Editorial Board, *Toplumsal Tarih Akademi: Osmanlı-Türkiye Çalışmaları Dergisi*
- 2022 – Turkey Correspondent, EASA History of Anthropology Network (HOAN)
- 2022 Fellow, Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI)
- 2022 Member, European Association for Social Anthropology (EASA)
- 2022 Member, American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- 2021, 2013 Member, Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

PUBLICATIONS

[Submitted] “One Anthropologist, Two Religious Revivals: Lloyd A. Fallers on Turkish Islam and Christianity in the 1960s,” *Journal of American Academy of Religion*.

[Submitted] “Cold War Anthropology of Turkey,” *Cold War History*, special issue on Turkey.

“An ethnographic moment in Turkey during the long 1968: Anthropologist portraits from the Chicago Circle and beyond,” *BEROSE: International Encyclopedia of the Histories of Anthropology*, forthcoming, January 2024.

“Antropolog Lloyd A. Fallers’in 1960’lardaki Türkiye Çalışmaları,” *folklor/edebiyat*, no. 116 (November 2023): 1129–1150.

“How to be a Good Guest? American Ethnographers in Cold War Turkey,” *Journal of Royal Anthropological Institute*, published online in October 2023 (issue in March 2024):
<https://ra.i.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1467-9655.14049>

“Peter Benedict: Türkiye Etnografi Tarihinden Bir Portre,” *Antropoloji*, no. 44 (2022): 4–19.

“The Making of a National City: From Harput to Elazığ,” in *Routledge Handbook on Contemporary Turkey*, ed. by Joost Jongerden. New York: Routledge, 2022, 63–74.

“In pursuit of intellectual discovery: an interview with Michael E. Meeker,” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, no. 65 (2021): 100–119.

“Başka bir dünya onu merak etmekle başlar: Marshall Sahlins’in ardından,” *Toplum ve Bilim*, no. 156 (2021): 166–184.

“Ethnographic authority and public culture in Turkey in the 1950s,” *History and Anthropology* 32, no. 3 (2021): 381–403.

“‘Battle of Agencies’ Released,” *CSSH Behind the Scenes*, 1 March 2021.

“Deception and Violence in the Ottoman Empire: The People’s Theory of Crowd Behavior during the Hamidian Massacres of 1895,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 62, no. 4 (October 2020): 810–835.

[Book Review] “Begüm Adalet. Hotels and Highways: The Construction of Modernization Theory in Cold War Turkey. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2018, xi + 286 pages.” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, no. 60 (May 2019): 140-44.

“Arabella ile Tomas,” *Tarihçilerden Başka Bir Hikâye*, der. Ebru Aykut, Nurçin İleri, Fatih Artvinli. İstanbul: Can Yayınları, 2019, 29-52.

“Narrative Construction in the 1895 Massacres in Harput: The Coming and Disappearance of the Kurds,” *Études arméniennes contemporaines*, no. 10 (2018): 63-95.

“Convict Labor in Turkey, 1936-1953: A Capitalist Corporation in the State?” *International Labor and Working-Class History*, no. 90 (Fall 2016): 244-65.

“Window-Conflicts in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey: Visual Privacy, Materiality and Right to the City,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 52, no. 4 (2016): 588-604.

“Suburbanization and Urban Duality in Harput Area,” in *The Ottoman East in the Nineteenth Century: Societies, Identities and Politics*, ed. by Yaşar Tolga Cora, Dzovinar Derderian, and Ali Sipahi. London: I.B. Tauris, 2016, 247-67.

“Introduction,” co-authored by the editors, in *The Ottoman East in the Nineteenth Century: Societies, Identities and Politics*, ed. by Yaşar Tolga Cora, Dzovinar Derderian, and Ali Sipahi. London: I.B. Tauris, 2016, 1-15.

“İmralı Cezaevi’nin Tarihi,” *Toplum ve Kuram*, no. 8, Bahar 2013: 111-136.

“Unearthing the Ottoman Present,” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, no. 47, Fall 2012: 211-220.

“HAU: Felsefi Antropolojiden Antropolojik Felsefeye Doğru,” *Toplum ve Bilim*, no. 23, Mart 2012: 286-91.

CONFERENCES

Presentations

“‘1968’ Türkiyesinde Amerikalı Antropologlar: Lloyd A. Fallers ve Chicago Grubu,” Atatürk Institute Friday Seminars, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 6 December 2023. [Invited Talk]

“Town Ethnographies in Turkey in the 1960s” in the panel entitled “Republican Turkey through the Looking-Glass of Provincial Towns,” *Turkologentag 2023*, Vienna, 21 September 2023.

“Archives of anxiety and despair in the face of Cold War uncertainties: American anthropologists of Turkey in 1968,” *EASA2022: Transformation, Hope and the Commons*, Belfast, 28 July 2022.

“One anthropologist, two religious revivals: Lloyd A. Fallers on Turkish Islam and Christianity in the 1960s.,” *EASA2022: Transformation, Hope and the Commons*, Belfast, 26 July 2022.

“How to be a Good Guest? Lloyd A. Fallers and American Ethnography in Cold War Turkey,” *RAI2022: Anthropology, AI and the Future of Human Society*, 10 June 2022.

“Politics of Ethnography during the Cold War: Lloyd A. Fallers’ Unfinished Turkey Research in the 1960s,” *Peripheral Encounters with the Cold War in Turkey: Paradoxes and Uncertainties* panel organized by Ali Sipahi, MESA Annual Meeting, 30 Nov 2021.

“The 1895 Massacres and the Perception of Kurdish Involvement,” *State Violence and the Kurds*, NIOD Institute, Amsterdam, 15 Nov 2018. [Invited Talk]

“1895 Massacres in Harput: How Did People Conceive Collective Violence?” *The Abdul Hamid II Era and Beyond: Massacres and Reform, Rupture and Continuity*, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, 25-26 October 2018. [Invited Talk]

“Massacres of November 1895: Rumors, Violence, and Collective Feelings,” *Multidisciplinary Workshop for Armenian Studies*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 10, 2015. [Invited Talk]

“1895 Katliamları: Provokasyon Nedir, Ne Değildir?,” *Bilgi Üniversitesi Siyaset Bilimi Perşembe Seminerleri*, Istanbul, December 11, 2014. [Invited Talk]

“1830-1930 Harput Bölgesinde İkili Kentin Oluşumu ve Yeni Kentli Sınıf,” *Marmara Üniversitesi FEF Bilim ve Kültür Günleri*, Istanbul, November 20, 2014. [Invited Talk]

“When the Margin Becomes the Centre: Suburbanization in the Ottoman East,” *ZMO Urban Studies Seminar*, Berlin, July 14, 2014. [Invited Talk]

“State Formation and City Building in the Periphery: The Making of Elazığ,” *Koc University Social Science Seminars*, Istanbul, February 18, 2014. [Invited Talk]

“Pieces of Harput: Duality of Urban Life in the Ottoman East during the Age of Reform,” *Abandonment in Urban Spaces: Dismantled Lives, Ruined Alleyways and Reclaimed Pasts*, panel organized by Ali Sipahi and Joseph Viscomi, MESA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 13, 2013.

“Artificial Cities: Colonialism and Urbanism in the Ottoman East,” *Connectivity: Strategies and Impacts*, Koç RCAC Mini-Symposia, Istanbul, April 5, 2013.

“Juridicization in the Legal-economic Field of Industrial Disputes, Labor Arbitration in Turkey, 1950s,” *the Fifth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities*, American University of Paris, Paris, July 18, 2007.

Organization

Cumhuriyet Tarihyazımının 100 Yılı, Tarih Vakfı & Bilgi University, 5-7 May 2023.

Buluşmalar, Özyeğin University Social Science Faculty, Fall 2021.

Critical Approaches to Social Sciences. Özyeğin University, 2017 – 2020.

Shared History, Shared Geography: The Ottoman East, Fourth Annual International Graduate Student Workshop, Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan, April 18-19, 2013.

The Sixth Conference of the European Historical Economics Society, Istanbul, September 9-10, 2005.

Discussant

“Toplumu Yazmak: Kırılgan Zamanlarda Araştırma Etiği ve Politikası,” Sabancı Üniversitesi, 9-12 Eylül 2019.

“Performans,” *Yaklaş – ÖzÜ Disiplinlerötesi Düşünce – 1*, 17 Ekim 2018.

“Living Together/Managing Separation: A Micro-History of the Urban Space,” *Visible and Invisible Urban Boundaries in the Ottoman and Post-Ottoman World from a Comparative Perspective*, ZMO Workshop, Berlin, May 22-23, 2014.

“Political Economies of Empire,” *Paucity & Plenty*, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Ann Arbor, October 22, 2010.

Moderator

“Dinleme ve Ses,” *Buluşmalar 8*, 3 Jan 2022.

“Sanat Kurumları: Niye Vazgeçemiyoruz? Neleri Tartışıyoruz?,” *Buluşmalar 7*, 6 Dec 2021.

Cities: A Bigger Picture, Koç ARHA Graduate Symposium, April 27, 2013.

LANGUAGES

English – Advanced

Ottoman Turkish – Advanced
German – Upper-Intermediate
Armenian – Lower-Intermediate

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Gerda Henkel Foundation, Research Fellowship, 2024-2025.
TÜBİTAK 2219, International Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2023 (for 2024-25 academic year).
BAGEP (Science Academy's Young Scientist Awards Program) Award, 2022.
Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Spring/Summer 2014.
Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2012-2013.
Junior Fellow, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC), Koc University, 2012-2013.
Research Fellow, American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT), 2012.
Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan, 2012.
Rackham Centennial Spring/Summer Fellowship Award, University of Michigan, 2012.
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (for Candidates), University of Michigan, 2011.
Summer Block Grant, Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History, University of Michigan, 2010.
Rackham Graduate School Research Grant, University of Michigan, 2010.
Summer Block Grant, Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History, University of Michigan, 2009.
Regents Fellowship, Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History, University of Michigan, 2008-2009.

COURSES OFFERED

HIST 201 – History of Modern Turkey I
HIST 202 – History of Modern Turkey II
HIST 303 – History of Modern Turkey I for International Students
HIST 304 – History of Modern Turkey II for International Students
HUM 307 – The City: Understanding Urban Life

SEC 101 – “Antropoloji Nedir, Ne İşe Yarar?”
“Tarihçi Arşivinden Trajik Bir Aşk Hikayesi”

ANT 551 – Political Anthropology
ANT 651 – Anthropology of Politics

ACADEMIC PEER REVIEW

Comparative Studies in Society and History
International Journal of Middle East Studies
Southeast European and Black Sea Studies
New Perspectives on Turkey
Bellefen
Toplumsal Tarih Akademi
Yıllık

Syracuse University Press