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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2025-	Associate Professor, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University
2022-	Chair, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University
2012-2025	Assistant Professor, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University
2017	Visiting Research Associate, Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota; Visiting Assistant Professor, Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World, University of Minnesota
2011-2012	Visiting Assistant Professor, Binghamton University-SUNY

EDUCATION:

2011	PhD, History, Binghamton University-SUNY
2007	MA, History, Binghamton University-SUNY
2005	MA, John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Master's Program in the Humanities and Social Thought, New York University
2002	BA, English, University of Minnesota

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Early Modern Atlantic/Early Americas
Social and cultural history
Labor and education
Urban history
Native America
Print culture
Social theory
Historiography

PUBLICATIONS:

Book:

2022 *Making the Early Modern Metropolis: Culture and Power in Pre-Revolutionary Philadelphia* (University of Virginia Press).

Indexed articles:

2025 "A 'Disposition to Laziness': Visions of Cockaigne in the English Atlantic World," *Huntington Library Quarterly: An Early Modern Studies Journal* 88, nos. 1-2: 119-148.
2022 "'So great is the hurry in the spirit of this world': Transcending Time with John Woolman," *Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies* 22, no. 4: 82-103.
2021 "'Profane language, horrid oaths and imprecations': Order and the Colonial Soundscape in the American Mid-Atlantic, 1650-1750," *Social History* 46, no. 3: 255-277.
2021 "'Nothing will Satisfy you but Money': Debt, Freedom, and the Mid-Atlantic Culture of Money, 1670-1764," *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 19, no. 1: 100-137.
2015 "Hot-Heads, Gentlemen and the Liberties of Tradesmen: Popular Politics and the Philadelphia Tanners' Affair of 1739," *Cultural and Social History: Journal of the Social History Society* 12, no. 3: 343-364.
2013 "Winstanley's Ecology: The English Diggers Today," *Monthly Review* 65, no. 7: 20-31.
- Published in Turkish as "Winstanley'in Ekolojisi: Bugünün Ingiliz Kazıcıları," *Turkish Monthly Review* no. 36 (May 2014): 115-28.

2012 "'What must Poor People do?': Economic Protest and Plebeian Culture in Philadelphia, 1682-1754," *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 79, no. 2: 117-153.

Textbook:

2019 Editor/contributor, Chapter 3, "British North America," *The American Yawp* (Stanford University Press).
- Revised 2nd edition published June 2026; Ch. 4 editor/contributor ("British North America"); contributor to Chapters 3 ("Colliding Cultures"), and 22 ("World War II").

In progress:

Article "To the Land of Virginny: Imagining America in Seventeenth-Century English Ballads."
Book *Humanity vs. Human Nature: Knowledge, Class, and Improvement in the British Atlantic World*.
Book *The Most Flagitious Banditti on Earth: True Crime, Quakers, and Culture in Early Philadelphia and the Atlantic World*.

Essays and reviews:

2025 "New (Old) Crisis in Turkey," *Against the Current* no. 237: 14-16.
- Republished at *Europe Solidaire Sans Frontières*, July 1.

2024 "Culture Wars, Nationalism, and the Politics of History," *New Politics* 20, no. 1: 74-83.
2024 "A Blow to Erdoğan: Municipal Landslide in Turkey," *Against the Current* no. 231: 6-8.
2023 "Places in Early Philadelphia," review of C. Dallet Hemphill, *Philadelphia Stories: People and Their Places in Early America* (Philadelphia, 2021), *American Literary History Online Review* 35, no. 3: 1385-1388.
2023 "Earthquake Aftermath in Turkey," *Against the Current* no. 224: 14-15.

2023 "The Working Class in Turkey Today," review of *The Condition of the Working Class in Turkey: Labour under Neoliberal Authoritarianism*, eds. Çağatay Edgücan Şahin and Mehmet Erman Erol (London, 2021), *Against the Current* no. 224: 41-43.
2022 "Echoes of Money in Times Past," *Against the Current* no. 220: 21-26.
2022 "Crime in the City of Brotherly Love," *History Today* 72, no. 1: 28-39.
2022 "The Turkish State Today," review of Turkey's *New State in the Making: Transformations in Legality, Economy and Coercion*, eds. Pınar Bedirhanoğlu, Çağlar Dölek, Funda Hülagü and Özlem Kaygusuz (London, 2020), *Against the Current* no. 216: 42-44.
- Republished at *International Viewpoint*, April 10.

2021 "American Gothic; Or, what Melville can Teach Us" *New Politics* 18, no. 3: 125-133.
2019 "Remembering the English Revolution," review of John Rees, *The Levellers' Revolution: Radical Political Organisation in England, 1640-1650* (London, 2016), *New Politics* 17, no. 2: 120-123.
- Republished at *Portside*, June 13.

2017 "E.P. Thompson's Socialist Humanism," review of *E.P. Thompson and the Making of the New Left: Essays and Polemics*, ed. Cal Winslow (New York, 2014), *Against the Current* no. 188: 27-28, 30.
2016 "Prospects for Turkey: A Historical Perspective," *New Politics* 15, no. 4 (Winter 2016): 61-68.

Web-based publications:

2026 "NATO and Potemkin Ankara," *The Bullet*, August 25, https://socialistproject.ca/2026/08/nato-and-potemkin-ankara/.
2025 "History without democracy: Palestine, the AHA, and the fight against scholasticide," *Tempest*, August 6, https://tempestmag.org/2025/08/history-without-democracy/.
2025 "Scholasticide at the American Historical Association," *Tempest*, February 26, https://tempestmag.org/2025/02/scholasticide-at-the-american-historical-association/.
- Republished at *MRonline*, April 2.

2023 "A New Era in Turkey?" *New Politics*, May 8, https://newpol.org/a-new-era-in-turkey/.
2023 "Neocolonial Wastelands," *Tempest*, January 6, https://tempestmag.org/2023/01/neocolonial-wastelands/.
- Published in Turkish as "Yeni-sömürge çöplükler ve Türkiye," *İleri Haber*, January 19.

2022 "The Culture of Money in Early America," *EAS Miscellany: The Digital Companion to Early American Studies*, March 13, https://web.sas.upenn.edu/earlyamericanstudies/2022/03/13/the-culture-of-money-in-early-america/.
2021 "The Power of Sound in the Early Modern Mid-Atlantic," *Social History Blog*, August 6, https://socialhistoryblog.com/the-power-of-sound-in-the-colonial-mid-atlantic-by-daniel-johnson/.
2021 "End of the Road for the AKP?" *The Bullet*, March 30, https://socialistproject.ca/2021/03/end-of-the-road-for-the-akp/.

- Published in French as "Turquie. Une fin de perspective pour l'AKP?," *A l'encontre,* March 31, 2021.

2020 "Against False Dichotomies," *New Politics*, April 17, https://newpol.org/against-false-dichotomies/.

2019 "Yet Another Turkish Election," *New Politics*, April 11, https://newpol.org/yet-another-turkish-election/.

2019 "Madison versus the People," *Solidarity Webzine*, January 24, https://solidarity-us.org/madison-versus-the-people/.

2017 "Women and the Nation," *Jacobin*, November 1, https://jacobin.com/2017/11/turkey-womens-rights-feminism-erdogan-akp-hdp.

- Republished at *International Viewpoint*, January 16, 2019.

2017 "The End of Islamic Liberalism?" *New Politics*, August 22, https://newpol.org/end-islamic-liberalism/.

2015 "'We lost a lot of good, beautiful people': Demanding Justice in Turkey," *New Politics*, October 13, https://newpol.org/we-lost-lot-good-beautiful-people-demanding-justice-turkey/.

2015 "The Meaning of the Election in Turkey," *New Politics*, June 25, https://newpol.org/meaning-election-turkey/.

2015 "Workers in the New Turkey," *Jacobin*, April 5, https://jacobin.com/2015/04/turkey-workers-strike-mine-explosion/.

- Republished at *ZNet*, April 6.
- Republished at *LeftEast*, April 20.

2015 "The Coming Reckoning in Turkey," *New Politics*, January 16, https://newpol.org/coming-reckoning-turkey/.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2019-20	Department of American Culture and Literature nominee for the Annual Distinguished Teaching Award, Bilkent University.
2017	William Reese Company Fellowship, James Ford Bell Library, University of Minnesota.
2015-6	Department of American Culture and Literature nominee for the Annual Distinguished Teaching Award, Bilkent University.
2014-5	Department of American Culture and Literature nominee for the Annual Distinguished Teaching Award, Bilkent University.
2009	Research Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.
2009	Dissertation Semester Fellowship, Binghamton University, Fall.
2009	Outstanding Service in the Graduate Student Organization, Binghamton University.
2009-10	O'Neil Memorial Research Grant, Binghamton University.
2009	History Department Summer Scholarship, Binghamton University.
2005-2010	Teaching Assistantship, Tuition Scholarship, Binghamton University.

COURSES TAUGHT:

2012-present, Assistant/Associate Professor, Bilkent University
- AMER196, Introduction to American Studies II
- AMER293, American History I
- AMER294, American History II
- AMER207, Texts and Contexts I
- AMER208, Texts and Contexts II
- AMER357, American Intellectual History I
- AMER358, American Intellectual History II
- AMER384, American Novel Since 1900
- AMER474, Colonialism and the Making of the New World
- AMER477, American Gothic
- AMER483, Freedom and Philosophy in Anglo-America
- AMER486, Social Movements in American History
- AMER492, Gender Studies in American Culture

2011-2012, Visiting Assistant Professor, Binghamton University
- History 103, Foundations of America, Spring 2012
- History 480, Undergraduate Research Seminar, Gotham: New York City to 1898, Spring 2012
- History 280, Native Americans in Early America, Fall, 2011

INVITED TALKS / PANELS:

2025 Guest Speaker, Mentorship Program for Graduate Students: Publishing in Top Academic Journals and Books, Bilkent University, October 21

2025 Panel chair, Rewriting in/through American Culture and Literature: American Studies Departments of Turkey Joint Graduate/Undergraduate Conference, October 17.

2024 Panel chair, "Community and Social Dynamics in Gaming," Digital Games: American Studies Departments of Turkey Joint Graduate/Undergraduate Conference, May 17.

2024 Panel chair, "Diplomacy and Society," Bilkent History Graduate Symposium, May 10.

2022 Panel chair, "The Transatlantic World," American Studies Association of Turkey 41st Annual Conference, November 17.

2021 Guest lecture, "Dreaming of Lubberland: Idleness and Industry in the British Atlantic," American Studies Association of Turkey, December 17.

2017 Guest discussant, "Money and Exchange," Graduate Seminar, "The Early Modern Archive," University of Minnesota, March 9.

2016 Panelist, "Post-American Elections: A Look Back," discussion of the 2016 U.S. Presidential election, Bilkent University, December 6.

2016 Panelist, "Refugees, War and Austerity: The View from Syria, Greece and Turkey," Left Forum 2016, New York City, May 22.

CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:

2025 "To the Land of Virginny: Envisioning the New World in 17th-Century Broadsides," International American Studies Association, 12th World Congress, *Visual Americas: Image, Text, Performance*, Hacettepe University, May 15.

2022 "'You that a lazy life do love': Dreaming of Lubberland in the English Atlantic World," Early Modern Atlantic Workshop, University of Minnesota, November 18.

2022 "Walking in Uprightness: Transcending Time in John Woolman," American Studies Association of Turkey 41st Annual Conference, *Trans*America*, November 17.

2019 "'Profane Language, Horrid Oaths and Imprecations': Order and the Urban Soundscape in the American Mid-Atlantic, 1660-1750," Bilkent University Medieval/Early Modern Workshop, March 28.

2017 "'Nothing will Satisfy you but Money': Culture and Currency in the Urban Mid-Atlantic, 1680-1754," Early Modern Atlantic Workshop, Department of History, University of Minnesota, February 24.

2016 "Varieties of Tyranny in the Colonial City: Debt, Currency, and Servitude in Philadelphia, 1682-1760," British Group of Early American Historians Conference, *Freedom and Coercion in Early America*, University of Cambridge, September 2.

2014 "For the 'Publick Utility' of Empire: Gender, Transportation, and Print Culture in 18th-Century British America," 1st International Conference on *Empire, Nation and Gender: Perspectives in World History*, Ankara University, Nov. 26.

2013 "Vicious Multitudes or Honest Plain Folk? Social Theory, Criticism, and Protest in the Early Modern Mid-Atlantic," Department of History Seminar, Bilkent University, May 9.

2013 "Honest Plain Folk or Multitudinous Rabble? Social Theory and Popular Culture in Eighteenth-Century British America," Social History Society Annual Conference, University of Leeds, March 25.

2011 "Orality and Cultures of Conspiracy: Communication, Intelligence, and Syncretism in Early Modern New York City," Medieval and Early Modern Society Research Workshop, Binghamton University, May 3.

2010 "'A Growing Evil in the City': Law and Disorder in Early Philadelphia," Upstate Early American History Workshop, Binghamton University, Feb. 19.

2009 "The Transformation of Urban Space and Society in Colonial Philadelphia," The Pennsylvania Historical Association 78th Annual Meeting, *Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic*, Oct. 23.

2009 "'The Most Flagitious Banditti on Earth': Crime and the City in Colonial America," MCEAS Biennial Graduate Student Conference, *Early America and Its Discontents*, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 25.

2008 "The 'Eutopolis' in British America: Imperial Imagination and Social Reality," Upstate Early American History Workshop, Binghamton University, December 5.

2008 "Power, Punishment, and 'Last Dying Speeches' in Colonial America," The 30th Annual Warren I. Susman Graduate Student History Conference, Rutgers University, April 5.

2008 "The Transformation of Space and the Urban Experience in Colonial New York City, 1730-1763," McGill-Queens Graduate Conference in History, *Negotiating Histories,* March 14-15.

SERVICE:

Advisory Board, *Journal of American Studies of Turkey*, current.
Chair, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University, current.
Faculty Advisor to the Political Philosophy Society, Bilkent University, current.
American Culture and Literature Department Quality Management Evaluation team, Bilkent University, current.
PhD dissertation committee: Bengin Eser Öztürk, Bilkent Department of History, current.
PhD dissertation committee: Fatih Tokatlı, "Turkish-American Military Cooperation and the Transformation of the Turkish Military, 1947-1954," Bilkent Department of History.
MA thesis jury: Zeynep Ulusoy, "Americanisation of Popular Culture During the Democrat Party Era: The Case of Women's Magazines," Ankara University Institute of Social Sciences, Media and Communication Studies, January 26, 2024.
PhD qualifying exam jury: Bengin Eser Öztürk, Bilkent Department of History, December 21, 2023.
PhD qualifying exam jury: Yağmur Fakıoğlu, Bilkent Department of History, January 3, 2023.
MA thesis jury: Kemal Yardimci, "Comedian Turned Podcasters Changing the Comedy Scene Through the Podcast Medium," Bilkent Department of Communication and Design, December 23, 2021.
Faculty Advisor to the American Culture Society, Bilkent University, 2016-2020.
Department of American Culture and Literature Erasmus Exchange Program Coordinator, Bilkent University, 2013-2020.
PhD qualifying exam jury: Tarık Tansu Yiğit, Bilkent Department of History, August 27, 2020.
MA thesis jury: Ravel Holland, "The Emergence of Schism: A Study in the History of the Scottish Kirk from the National Covenant to the First Secession," Bilkent Department of History, September 9, 2014.
MA thesis jury: Burcu Feyzullahoğlu, ""*Ufuk*: How the U.S. Information Agency Molded Turkish Elite Opinion, 1960-1980," Bilkent Department of History, September 20, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Historical Association
American Studies Association of Turkey
Social History Society

REFERENCES:

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