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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D in Africana Studies & History University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA | 2022 |
| BA in Sociology Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey | 2005-2011 |
| University of Granada, Spain Student of Erasmus Program | February 2009-July 2009 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Guest Lecturer- Ottoman Cultural History, Bogazici University | December 2021 |
| Research Assistant, research work for <i>Marginalized Populations Project</i> , directed by Professor Michael Hanchard University of Pennsylvania | October 2018- May 2019 |
| Guest Lecturer- Introduction to Africana Studies University of Pennsylvania | February 2019 |
| Research Assistant, <i>Marginalized Populations Project</i> and Conference, titled " <i>Under the Gun</i> " organized by Professor Michael Hanchard University of Pennsylvania | 2017 (Spring) |
| Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Africa, University of Pennsylvania | 2016 (Fall) |
| Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Africana Studies University of Pennsylvania | 2016 (Spring) |

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Africana Studies
University of Pennsylvania

2015 (Fall)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Translation: *Türkiye'de Multecilik: İltica, Geçicilik ve Yasallik 'Van Uydu Sehir Örneği*, Ozge Biner. (Istanbul: Bilgi University Press, 2016) from English to Turkish.

Article: "Siyah=yabancı=göçmen: Afrikali göçmenlerin İstanbul deneyimine dair bir okuma" in *Göçler Ülkesi*, ed. by Lülüfer Korükmez and Ilkay Südas, (Istanbul: Ayrıntı Yayınları, 2015) 169-178

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS and LECTURES

Invited Speaker. "The Roots of the Silence. Encounters with blackness in Early Turkish Republic" the third talk of the public lecture series 'Reflections on Whiteness, Blackness, and Race in the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey,' organized by Keyman Modern Turkish Studies, May 7th, 2021. <https://keyman.buffett.northwestern.edu/events/visiting-speakers/index.html>

"Encounters with Blackness: Discussions on Race in Early Turkish Republic, 1923-1933" Racial Formations in the Middle East and Africa Workshop organized by the Project on Middle East Political Science and the Program on African Social Research (POMEPS-PASR), February 25-26, 2021

"Blackness in the Middle East" the public lecture organized by Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania. September 16, 2020

Remnants of the Empire: Encounters with the history of African slavery in the Early Turkish Republic" Africa in the Middle East / Middle East in Africa workshop, organized by Cornell University & New York University. Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, NYU. November 18, 2019

"Remnants of the Past: Encounters with the history of African slavery in the Early Turkish Republic," Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA 2019) New Orleans, LA November 17, 2019

"Africa and Africans in Ottoman/ Turkish Studies: Past, Present, Future. Roundtable participant, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA 2019) New Orleans, LA November 16, 2019

"Remembering a Silenced History: A Discussion on the Diasporic Identity of African Descent Community in Turkey" Center for the Study of Africa and African Diaspora (CSAAD-ASWAD) Medial Meeting, New York University, May 2-3, 2019

“Sound like Turkish, look like Turkish: Reading Surname Law through the case of Afro-Turk community” ASWAD 9th Biennial Conference, Seville/Spain November 7-11, 2017

“African Slave of African Servant? a discussion on the forms of “free labor” in domestic servitude in the late Ottoman Empire.” Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA 2016) Boston, MA November 17-20, 2016

"*Gerçek yabancılar: mültecilik, siyahlık ve İstanbul*" (Real Strangers: Refugeeeness, Blackness and İstanbul), Lisansustu Goc Arastirmalari Sempozyumu, Ege University, Izmir/ Turkey. April 2013

INTERVIEWS AND PODCASTS

Interview for Critical Ottoman & Post Ottoman Studies Initiative at Cornell University with Mostafa Minawi. February 26, 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9OFHGGaq6Q>

Invited talk- Online. “One Race, the Human Race: From F1 to Football.” 4th Conversation of “(Anti)Racism in Sports Series.” Organized and released by *Online Seminars & BoMoVu*. October 22, 2020.

<http://bomovu.org/antiracisminsports/>

Interview for *Agos* (Armenian bilingual weekly newspaper) with Emre Can Dağlıoğlu about history of slavery, racialization processes and blackness in the Ottoman Empire. Spring 2022(forthcoming)

Invited talk- Online. “Blackness Across Geographies: From the United States to Turkey.” 9th Conversation of “Critical Bodies in Conversation.” Organized and released by *Online Seminars & BoMoVu*. June 20, 2020.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2OdwDxoswM&feature=youtu.be>

Interview for *dokuz8GUNDEM* (online news portal) with Gurkan Ozturan. “Special Broadcast on police violence in the United States” for. June 4, 2020.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOX0EBDiJQ&list=PLy4CTqZsIRqiZDusRYN_bFudeT91uqr4B&index=67

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Translation Assistant for the documentary *Familiar Faces/Unexpected Places: A Global African Diaspora*, directed by Sheila S. Walker. March-April 2019

Translation of Documentary “Arap Kızı Camdan Bakıyor” (*Baa Baa Black Girl*) directed by Gül Büyükbeşe Muyan, 2006 February-April 2020

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| Assistant in Refugee Support Service - Caritas Turkey | December 2011- June 2014 |
| Event Organizer - Cosmo M.I.C.E | January-July /2011 |
| Archive Assistant - in Oral History Project “Human Landscape of Mardin” conducted by Foundation of History | October 2006-May 2007 |

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania | 2014-2019 |
| Vartan Gregorian Fellowship | 2015-2016 |
| Summer Language fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences University of Pennsylvania, | June-August 2015 |

LANGUAGES and INSTITUTIONS

Turkish- Native

English –Fluent: Nisantasi High School in English, Bogazici University

Spanish- Advanced: University of Granada- Erasmus program in Sociology Department at University of Granada February- July 2009 and in Intensive Spanish Language Program.
Bogazici University Foreign Languages Institute October 2005- December 2008

Ottoman Turkish- Read and Write: Koc University Intensive Ottoman Turkish Summer Program, July 3- August 13, 2015.

Independent studies at the Middle East Center and in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania.