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EDUCATION

09/2005-06/2012 **McGill University (Canada)**
Doctoral degree (Dr. phil.) in History

09/2001-09/2005 **Bilkent University (Turkey)**
Master of Arts (M.A.), History

09/1996-06/2001 **Middle East Technical University, *with honors* (Turkey)**
Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Social Sciences

EMPLOYMENT

08/2012- **University of Florida**
Appointment: Senior Lecturer (08/2018-present) || Lecturer (08/2015-08/2018) || Visiting Lecturer (08/2012-08/2015)

- Advisory board member, Center for Global Islamic Studies
- Affiliated faculty, Center for Arts, Migration, Entrepreneurship
- Affiliated faculty, Department of History
- Affiliated faculty, International Studies Program
- Global Fellow, International Center
- Preview Student Advisor, Advising Center
- Program Coordinator, Project Global Officer (ROTC)
- Program Coordinator, Turkish Studies, Center for European Studies (home unit)

09/2005-06/2012 **McGill University**

- Faculty lecturer (09/2008-06/2012), Institute of Islamic Studies
- Teaching associate (09/2005-01/2011), Department of History

09/2004-06/2005 **Bilkent University**

- Graduate teaching instructor in History and General Education

06/2003-09/2021 **Research Scholar** (in residence)

- Başkent University (2021); TOBB University of Economics and Technology (2016); Harvard University (2003)

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPH AND EDITED VOLUMES

- 2021 | *Pedagogies, Challenges, and Exchanges in Turkish and the Turkic World: Proceedings of the AATT Conference and the ADES International Symposium*. Madison, Wisconsin: Turko-Tatar Press (under contract, as co-editor of this peer-reviewed volume scheduled for publication in fall 2021).
- 2018 | *Faithful Encounters: Authorities and American Missionaries in the Ottoman Empire*. Part of the McGill-Queen's Studies in the History of Religion Series. Chicago, Kingston, London, Montréal: McGill-Queen's University Press.
- 04/2016. Winner of the Sabancı International Research Award
 - 10/2018. Winner of the Award to Scholarly Publications Program
 - 07/2019. Public interview with the author at [New Books Network](#)
 - 10/2021. Turkish version of the book in press with Timaş Yayınları
 - Reviewed in:
 - [American Historical Review](#)
 - [Humanities Network](#)
 - [Journal of American History](#)
 - [Journal of Turkish Studies](#)
 - [Journal of World Christianity](#)
 - [Turkish Radio-Television Research Centre](#)
- 2017 | *Once upon a Time America and the Turks: Political, Social, Religious, and Commercial Exchanges*. Istanbul: Libra Books [editor of the Turkish volume, *Bir Zamanlar Amerika ve Türkler: Siyasi, Sosyal, Dini ve Ticari Temaslar*].
- 2013b | [Clockwork Game: The Illustrious Career of a Chess-Playing Automaton](#). By Jane Irwin. Michigan: Malloy (co-editor of the graphic novel, a publicly accessible book narrating Muslim perceptions in Europe and U.S. based on a true story of the world's first chess-playing machine named the Turk).
- 2013a | *Black Pearl and White Tulip: A History of Ottoman Africa*. Istanbul: Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (editor of the English version).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (*) AND INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2021d | * Myth of the Eternal State: Armenian Outlaws, American Outsiders, and the Ottoman Search for Order. *The Journal of Historical Sociology* (submitted and refereed; scheduled for publication in September 2021).
- 2021c | * Dogs and the Caravan: State Regulations and Evangelical Literature in the Middle East. *International Journal of Turkish Studies* (invited and refereed; in press).

- 2021b * Listening in the Language Classroom: Second Thoughts, Challenges, Strategies, and Teaching Turkish as a Less Commonly Taught Language. In Emrah Sahin and Funda Guven, eds, *Pedagogies, Challenges, and Exchanges in Turkish and the Turkic World: Proceedings of the AATT Conference and the ADES International Symposium*. Madison, Wisconsin: Turko-Tatar Press (invited and refereed; in press).
- 2021a * Voices of Unchained Women in a Turkish Tavern: A Vignette of Hüseyin Rahmi's 1924 Novella. *Delos: A Journal of Translation and World Literature* 36 (1): 76-83 (first author; doi: 10.5744/delos.2021.1008).
- 2017d So far yet so close: Ottoman-U.S. rapprochement. In Emrah Sahin, ed., *Once upon a Time America and the Turks: Political, Social, Religious, and Commercial Exchanges [Bir Zamanlar Amerika ve Türkler: Siyasi, Sosyal, Dini ve Ticari Temaslar]*. Istanbul: Libra Books, 75-88.
- 2017c America and the Turks in the past tense. In Emrah Sahin, ed., *Once upon a time America and the Turks [Bir Zamanlar Amerika ve Türkler]*. Istanbul: Libra Books, 15-21.
- 2017b Surely they will convert: Americans from an Islamist perspective. In Emrah Sahin, ed., *Once upon a time America and the Turks [Bir Zamanlar Amerika ve Türkler]*. Istanbul: Libra Books, 43-53.
- 2017a One state one nation: A socio-political comparison of early America and modern Turkey. In Emrah Sahin, ed., *Once upon a time America and the Turks [Bir Zamanlar Amerika ve Türkler]*. Istanbul: Libra Books, 145-69 (as co-author).
- 2016 Money, Power, and the Bible: America, the Ottoman Empire and the Balkans [Para, İktidar ve İncil: Amerika, Osmanlı ve Balkanlar]. In Savaş Kafkasyalı, ed., *Islam in the Balkans: From Times of Glory to Times of Humility*. Ankara: Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency, vol. 4, 101-18.
- 2014 * Sultan's America: Lessons from Ottoman Encounters with the United States. *Journal of American Studies of Turkey* 39: 55-76 (invited but refereed).
- 2012d Ottoman Society. In Andrea Stanton, et al., eds, *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa*. California: SAGE, vol. 1: 185-90.
- 2012c Millet System. In Andrea Stanton, et al., eds, *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa*. California: SAGE, vol. 1: 181-3.
- 2012b Institutions: Capitulations. In Andrea Stanton, et al., eds, *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa*. California: SAGE, vol. 1: 177-9.
- 2012a Ottoman Decline and Fragmentation. In Andrea Stanton, et al., eds, *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa*. California: SAGE, vol. 1: 172-4.
- 2010 * Construction of National Identities in Early Republics: A Comparison of the American and Turkish Cases. *The Journal of the Historical Society* 10 (4): 507-31 (co-author).

- 2009 | Review Article: Jewish Emigration to Turkey in the 1930s. *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 15: 115-9.
- 2008b | Home Away from Home: Early Turkish Migration to the United States Reflected in the Lives of Bayram Mehmet and Hazim Vasfi. In Kemal Karpat and Deniz Balgamiş, eds, *Turkish Migration to the United States: From Ottoman Times to the Present*. Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press, 87-101.
- 2008a | An Ottoman traveler's view of Islam in the United States [Bir Seyahatnamenin Işığında Amerika ve İttihad-ı İslam: Mirza Abdurrahim Efendi'nin Amerika'da İslamiyeti]. *Klavuz* 48: 97-103.
- 2007d | Thinking Religion Globally, Acting Missionary Locally: Last Century's American Missionary Experience in the Near East. *World History Bulletin* 23: 33-6.
- 2007c | Prayer, faith, and holy professions. In İlber Ortaylı and Bayram Bilge Tokel, eds, *Islamic Culture and Civilization in Anatolia [Anadolu'da İslam Kültür ve Medeniyeti]*. Ankara: Turkey's Presidency of Religious Affairs, 28-32.
- 2007b | Educational institutions in republican Turkey. In İlber Ortaylı and Bayram Bilge Tokel, eds, *Islamic Culture and Civilization in Anatolia*. Ankara: Turkey's Presidency of Religious Affairs, 165-76.
- 2007a | Daily life in Anatolia. In İlber Ortaylı and Bayram Bilge Tokel, eds, *Islamic Culture and Civilization in Anatolia*. Ankara: Turkey's Presidency of Religious Affairs, 75-81.
- 2006b | * I am not Collecting Money like Apples from Trees: Case Studies of Two Turks Who Shared a Common American Past. *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 12: 83-96.
- 2006a | Review Article: American-Turkish Relations in Retrospect. *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 12: 195-8.

INVITED (*) AND SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

- 2021c | * *Violence and Militants: From Ottoman Rebellions to Jihadist Organizations*, by Baris Cayli. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press. [Maydan Reviews](#).
- 2021b | * *Protestants, Gender, and the Arab Renaissance in Late Ottoman Syria*, by Deanna Womack. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. [International Journal of Turkish Studies](#) (scheduled for Fall 2021).
- 2021a | * *Brokers of Faith, Brokers of Empire: Armenians and the Politics of Reform in the Ottoman Empire*, by Richard Antaramian. California: Stanford University Press. [Journal of Church and State](#) (published 3/2021; doi: 10.1093/jcs/csab015).
- 2020 | * *Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora, 1908-1925*, by Stacy Fahrentold. New York: Oxford University Press. [Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses](#)

- 2019c * *American Missionaries in the Ottoman Empire: A Conceptual Metaphor Analysis of Missionary Narrative, 1820-1898*, by Hami Gumus. Bielefeld: Transcript. *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 88 (2): 552-3.
- 2019b *The Idea of the Muslim World: A Global Intellectual History*, by Cemil Aydin. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. [Maydan Reviews](#)
- 2019a * *America and the Making of Modern Turkey: Science, Culture, and Political Alliances*, by Ali Erken. London: I.B.Tauris. *Nazariyat Journal of History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences* 5 (1): 231-5.
- 2013b * *Localizing Islam in Europe: Turkish Islamic Communities in Germany and the Netherlands*, by Ahmet Yükleven. New York: Syracuse University Press. *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 30 (2): 112-5.
- 2013a * *From the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean: The Global Trade Networks of Armenian Merchants from New Julfa*, by Sebouh Aslanian. California: University of California Pres. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 56: 309-11.
- 2009 In [Alternatives International Journal](#); short reviews of various titles including:
 - o *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War, and the Roots of Terror*, by Mahmood Mamdani
 - o *Muslim Minorities in the West: Visible and Invisible*, by Yvonne Haddad and Jane Smith, eds.
 - o *The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideals*, by Jane Mayer
 - o *The Theft of History*, by Jack Goody
- 2007b *The Dynamics of Global Dominance: European Overseas Empires*, by David Abernethy. New Haven: Yale University Press. *World History Connected* 43 (3): 17 pars.
- 2007a *The Arab-Israeli Conflict*, by Kirsten Schulze. London: Longman. *World History Connected* 43 (3): 17 pars.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Refereed article c | **Cold War in the Periphery: Radical Youth, The Blowtorch Bob, and Burning of the U.S. Embassy Vehicle at Middle East Technical University.** A revisionist essay on global anti-American movements in the Middle East.
- Refereed article b | **Will Islam Fail?** Comparative essay that explores the state of Muslims in a violence-prone context across the Far and Middle East.
- Refereed article a | **The Last of the Phanariots: Alexander Mavroyenis in Vienna and Washington.** An archive-driven study examining a historic defense of Muslim perspectives by the last Ottoman-Greek ambassador in the West.

Book manuscript	<i>Beyond Jihad: A Tale of Six Muslim Travelers, 1860-1960.</i> A book-length study of how Muslim intellectuals defined Western ideas and people in their travelogues.
Collected volume	<i>American Encounters with the Muslim World: Early Exchanges in Culture, Trade, and Politics.</i>
Non-fiction novel	<i>Accidental Savages: Christian Converts, Peak Massacre, and the Muslim Identity Crisis in a Secular Age.</i> A historical narrative of Christian converts massacred by Muslim nationalists in 2007 in a remote Kurdish town (This project is the 2021 recipient of the University of Florida's Global Fellowship Award).

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2021	Global Fellow , UF International Center's Office for Global Research Engagement (\$5,000); a competitive fellowship that comes with year-long research, grant, and teaching workshops besides a seed grant for international field work.
2014	Research Fellow , Turkish Cultural Foundation (\$2,000); fellowship for publishing "an outstanding paper" on Turkish Culture.
2011	Advanced Research Fellow , Turkish Cultural Foundation (\$10,000); a competitive international fellowship original research on Islamic Studies.
2006-09	Dissertation and Research Scholarships , McGill University (total: \$23,000)
2001-05	Scholarships for Distinguished Success , Bilkent University (total: \$11,000)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARDS

2021	Teacher of the Year (finalist), University of Florida; nominated by students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
2020b	Inaugural Research Award , (\$1,500); given for an original contribution to the University of Florida's new Center for Arts, Migration, and Entrepreneurship.
2020a	Career Influencer Award (finalist), Florida's Career Connection Center. This award "recognizes a faculty member who has championed the career development of students at the University through collaboration and mentorship."
2018b	Teacher of the Year , University of Florida (\$2,000). This campus-wide award recognizes "demonstrated excellence, innovation, and effectiveness in teaching."

- 2018a **Scholarly Publication Program Award**, Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$8,000). Evaluated competitively by the Publications Committee and awarded by the Academic Council of Canada.
- 2016 **International Research Award**, the Sakıp Sabancı Humanities Research Foundation Turkey (\$10,000). Evaluated by an international jury, the winner’s work is a “distinguished example of fresh research engaging intellectual attention.”
- 2011 **Best Paper Award**, Colloque Pierre Savard, University of Ottawa.
- 2010 **Teaching Award**, McGill University. Nominated by students; awarded by the College of Arts for “excellence in teaching.”

PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

- 2021 **Program Coordinator, Project Global Officer - Turkish and Swahili Program.** Sponsored by U.S. Defense Language and National Security Education Office; administered by U.S. Institute of International Education; grant to be used for admitting and funding a national group of cadets (ROTC students) for gaining the language skills, regional expertise, and intercultural communication skills relating to Turkish and the Near East, or Swahili and East Africa (\$349,716)
- 2020-21 **Distance Learning Development**, Florida’s Center for Teaching Excellence (\$2,000); a competitive grant for a peer-reviewed fully-remote course titled, “Istanbul, Not Constantinople: A Global City in Context.
- 2013-20 **Course Development Grants**, through Title VI International Research and Studies Program Competition (total: \$21,000); for the following courses:
 - o Beginner’s Turkish Language and Culture (fully online)
 - o Islam and Turkey: From Shamans of Asia to the Caliphs of Islam
 - o Money and Bible: Merchants and Missionaries in the Middle East
 - o Soccer Cult: Soccer Culture Past to the Present
- 2004-20 **Research, Presentation, Workshop Funds**, (\$18,251); given variously by,
 - o Bilkent University
 - o Bosphorus University
 - o Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies
 - o Penn State University-Abington
 - o Royal Military College of Canada
 - o Sabancı University
 - o U.S. Embassy in Turkey
 - o University of Chicago
 - o University of Florida
 - o University of Texas-Austin
- 2015-18 **Program Coordinator, Project Global Officer - Turkey** (total: 595,256).

TEACHING AND ADVISING

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

COURSE OFFERINGS

Global and International	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Studies Perspectives (core)• Istanbul, Not Constantinople: A Global City in Context• Senior Research Seminar in International Studies (capstone)
Area-Studies Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of Turks• Money and the Bible• Muslim Emigrations• Ottoman History• Soccer and Culture• Terror, Islam, Europe
Language and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Turkish• Intermediate Turkish• Beginning Turkish• Themes in Turkish Language
Honors Reading Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A City of Two Tales• Coexistence in the Middle East• History of God• US and the World

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Graduate level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cilingir Sofrasi: Unlocking the Politics of Modernity and Masculinity in Turkey's Third Republic</i>, by Janna Tamargo (Advisor of a research project as part of a Ph.D. dissertation in progress).• <i>Political Elites and Party Politics in the Middle East</i>, by Miaad Hassan (Advisory committee member of a Ph.D. dissertation defended in March 2021).
University Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Individuals, Communities, Institutions: Mixed Race Patterns and Practices at the University of Florida</i>, by University Scholar Ava Gomez (Supervisor of a thesis completed in April 2021).• <i>Press Rights and Freedoms in the Middle East</i>, by University Scholar Irfan Kovankaya (Supervisor of a thesis completed in April 2020).

Undergraduate

- *Foreign Policy Alignments in Post-Arab Spring Egypt, Iran, and Turkey*, by Makiya Seminera (Supervisor of a research fellow majoring in International Studies and Middle East, 2020-21).
- *Students and Massacres: Anatolia College and a Socio-institutional Analysis of Armenian Massacres*, by Flora Harutyunyan (Supervisor of a research fellow majoring in Political Science, 2020-21).
- *Islam as Lived Experience in Europe*, by Megan Rennebaum (Supervisor of a research fellow majoring in International Studies and Europe, 2020-21).
- *Cold War and US on the Eastern Front*, by Marco Pressley (Supervisor of a research fellow majoring in International Studies and Political Science, 2020-21)
- *Class Analysis in the Gulf Cooperation Council: Examining Kuwait, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia*, by William Christou (Supervisor of an honors thesis completed in August 2018).
- *1928: Turkish Revolution through the Lens of Script Revolution*, by Maithili Jais (Supervisor of an honors thesis completed in May 2018).
- *Predictors of Success in Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations, 1989-99*, by Amila Tica (Supervisor of an honors thesis completed May 2017).
- *For the Good of the Country or the Executive? The EU Talks in Erdogan's Political Agenda*, Logan Abbot (Supervisor of an honors thesis completed in May 2017).
- *Mistaken Victimization of Turkish Women by the German Media: Impacts of Media on the Cultivation of Identity*, by Halie Mosher (Supervisor of an honors thesis completed in December 2014).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

INVITED LECTURES

- 11/2021 | **“Transition to Online Teaching, Reconstructing Teaching Pedagogies and Curricula.”** Middle East Studies Association Conference, Montreal (roundtable discussant; scheduled).

- 04/2021 | **“Backfired: Cold War and Anti-Americanism in the Middle East.”** Norwich University, Northfield.
- 03/2021 | **“The Definitive History of Coexistence in the Middle East.”** The Air Force Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, Gainesville.
- 01/2020b | **“Delivering Justice in a Multi-Religious City: An Argument from Islamicate.”** Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Baltimore.
- 01/2020a | **“Interfaith Rhymes: How Rumi Reminds God, Self, Us.”** Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Baltimore.
- 11/2019 | **“Debating Identities: Muslim Athletes in Focus.”** Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville.
- 10/2019 | **“Heads Will Roll: Anti-Colonial Struggle, Enemies Within, and Republic Triumphant in Turkey.”** Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville.
- 05/2019 | **“Authority, Community, Modernity in the Islamic World.”** Summer Institute and Symposium: Lived Islam in Africa, Gainesville.
- 02/2019b | **“Channeling a Forked-Tongue: A Time-honored Muslim Response to Modernity.”** Penn State University-Abington.
- 02/2019a | **“Avicenna the Physician: Body, Health, and Healing.”** Penn State University-Abington.
- 07/2018 | **“Missionaries and Traitors: Turkish-US Hostage Diplomacy.”** Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston.
- 12/2017 | **“Wigs and Figs: Significance of the Bostonians in the Mediterranean.”** Turkish Consulate General, Boston.
- 02/2015 | **“Elephant in the Classroom: New Perspectives on Teaching Islam and Europe.”** New Look at the Old World, Daytona.
- 11/2014 | **“Negotiating the Past: The Case of Modern Turkey.”** Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville.
- 02/2013 | **“Turkey: Deep Divides Within.”** Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville.
- 03/2012 | **“American Missionaries in the Ottoman Realm: Views from the Imperial Center.”** Ottomanist Workshop, Montreal.
- 03/2011 | **“A Nation Reborn: Military Operations in the Dardanelles.”** Islamic Centre of Québec, Montreal.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- 11/2021 | **“Playing with Doubt: Ethnicity, Community, and How Turkish-German Soccer Players Select National Teams.”** Middle East Studies Association Conference, Montreal (scheduled).

- 10/2020 **“Listening Matters: Notes from a Turkish Class.”** American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages, Washington, DC.
- 11/2017 **“Shooting an Ottoman-Greek Diplomat in the Leg: Alexandros Mavroyeni, Revolutionaries, and Fugitives in the United States, 1860-96.”** Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium, New Jersey.
- 03/2017 **“Ottoman State Responses to Miss Stone Affair, American Missionaries, and Public Disorder.”** Rethinking Late Ottoman Civilization Symposium, Austin (invited and reviewed)
- 11/2015 **“Turkish Road Less Traveled to Greece: Politics, Missionaries, and Relocating the Anatolia College from Merzifon to Thessaloniki, 1924.”** Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium, Atlanta.
- 11/2014 **“The Printing Activities of American Missionaries in Turkey and Syria.”** Missionaries in Turkey and China: A Historical Reappraisal, Istanbul (invited but refereed).
- 07/2013b **“Turks across the Atlantic: A Comparison of Political Authority and Religious Identity among Turkish Communities in Cologne and Montreal.”** 12th Middle East Technical University International Conference on International Relations, Ankara.
- 07/2013a **“Terrible Turk Beaten: Fighting the Turkish Athletes during the Progressive Era.”** Turkish-American Workshop, Istanbul (cancelled during a local protest).
- 03/2012b **“Crime and Punishment: American Missionaries as the Subject of Ottoman Public Security.”** Pierre Savard Conference, Ottawa.
- 03/2012a **“When Ottoman Karabet Becomes American Walter: The Significance of Citizenship Debates in Ottoman-U.S. Relations.”** McGill-Queen's History Conference, Montreal.
- 04/2011 **“Strangers in the Land: The Formation of Ottoman Responses to American Missionaries in the Middle East.”** Pierre Savard Conference, Ottawa.
- 03/2011b **“Bitter Taste of Liberty: Ottoman Migration to America.”** The Immigrant Experience: A History of Communities in Transition, Montreal.
- 03/2011a **“Writing Turks: Prospects and Challenges of Research in Ottoman Archives.”** McGill-Queen's History Conference, Kingston.
- 03/2010 **“Eyes on the Ball: Soccer Fever, Collective Identities, and Urban Landscape in Modern Turkey.”** History at Play: Sport, Leisure, and Games, Old and New, Montreal.
- 11/2009 **“Amusing a Nation: The Making of Şaban the Cow.”** Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston.
- 06/2009 **“Primal Fear: Ottoman Governmentality toward the American Missionaries, 1880-1896.”** World History Association Conference, Salem.

06/2008	“That Most-Favored Nation: Sultan Abdulhamid's America, 1880-1908.” International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations World Conference, Saint John.
03/2008	“Living in America as a Marginal Turk: Ubeydullah Efendi and His Memoirs of America, the 1890s.” McGill-Queen's History Conference, Montreal.
11/2007	“A Travelogue to Understand Ottoman Islamism: Mirza Abdurrahim's Islam in America, 1893.” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Montreal.
03/2007	“Americans of Turkey: Missionary Life with the Ottomans, 1850-1905.” McGill-Queen's History Conference, Kingston.
05/2005	“The First Turks Who Shared a Common American Past.” International Cultural Studies Symposium in Turkey, İzmir.
04/2005	“From Business to Friendship: American-Ottoman Relations during the Nineteenth Century.” Ohio Academy of History Conference, Springfield (Ohio).
03/2004	“Studying World History in the Near East.” World History Association Conference, Boston.
10/2004	“Comparative Early Republics: The American and Turkish Cases.” American Studies Conference in Turkey, Antalya.

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY, PROFESSION, COMMUNITY

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Doğu Asya Araştırmaları</i> (East Asian studies) • Islamic Studies • <i>Journal of Historical Sociology</i> • <i>Journal of International Relations and Development</i>
Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Doğu Asya Araştırmaları</i>
Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Advisor, historical documentary titled Long Journey. Narrating an arduous journey of early Turkish and Muslim migrants in America, this bilingual docu-drama was released with subtitles and became a finalist in the 12th International Documentary Awards organized by the Turkish Radio Television Network. • External Evaluator for international grant applications, Social Sciences and Humanities Division, Israel Science Foundation (2019-20 cycle)

- **External Evaluator**, [Critical Language Scholarship Program](#), organized by U.S. Department of State (2018-20)

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT

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| Advising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Board Member, Center for Global Islamic Studies (2015-21). • University Advisor, campus-wide advisor for freshmen (2018-21). • Faculty Club Advisor, International Studies Club (2013-17). |
| Organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizer of the Research Cluster, “Islam and Ottoman-Turkish Studies,” Center for Global Islamic Studies. • Coordinator of the Internship Program between the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the TOBB University of Economics and Technology (2013-16). • Co-negotiator of the Exchange Program between the UF College of Fine Arts and the Anatolia University (established in January 2015). • Presenter and Organizer of the book launch and panel, “Faithful Encounters,” Gainesville (November 2018). Rice University’s senior historian Ussama Makdisi joined in panel with Florida scholars Benjamin Soares, Matthew Jacobs, and Michelle Campos. • Presenter and Organizer of the panel, “Turkish-American Encounters: Exchanges in Culture and Politics,” Gainesville (April 2016). Additional meetings were held with visiting speaker Ross Wilson, Director of the Eurasia Center and the former U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan and Turkey. • Organizer of the Workshop, “Turkey: Then and Now,” a six-day workshop at the Institute of Learning in Retirement, Gainesville (October 2014). |
| Administrative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Memberships, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ By-laws Committee (as chair) ◦ Course Development Grants ◦ Curriculum Committee ◦ Faculty and Graduate Student and Faculty Travel Grants ◦ Search Committee (for Directorship of the Center for Arts, Migration, and Entrepreneurship) ◦ Search Committee (International Studies lecturer with focus on the Middle East) ◦ Search Committee (International Studies lecturer with focus on Asia) ◦ Foreign Language and Area-Studies Fellowships (chair) |

- Merit Guidelines Committee (chair)
- Professional Development Leave (campus-wide)
- Project Funding Committee (campus-wide)
- Project Go-Turkey Fellowships (chair)
- Workshops and Speaking Series.

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Organization

- **Organizer** of the Mediterranean Movie Nights, sponsored by European Studies and Greek Studies.
- **Founder** of “University of Florida Turkish Central,” a social media platform currently with 458 members.
- **Introduction and Public Screening** of the documentary, “Crossing the Bridge: The Sound of Istanbul,” the Hippodrome Theatre, Gainesville (November 2015).
- **Exhibition** titled, “Tiny Wonders: Ottoman Miniatures and Illumination.” Harn Museum of Art (April 2014).
- **Founder** of “Turkish Tuesdays,” a discussion blog on Islam, Turkish politics, and everyday life.
- **Public Interviews and Editorials,**
 - “Interview Narrative: Emrah Sahin.” *TRaCE McGill*, 11 March 2021.
 - “Asian Musical Traditions.” *Sparks Magazine* 19 (Fall 2020): 21-23.
 - “A Beginner’s Guide to Language Teaching in Critical Times: Notes from a Turkish Class,” *American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages Newsletter*, June 2020, 12-13.
 - “Lucha de intereses [a clash of interests],” *La Razón*, 20 October 2016.
 - “An Inside Look at Ottomans, Islam, Syria, and Turkey.” *The Independent Florida*, 24 September 2015.
 - Multiple columns on democracy, history, homeland politics, gender, and migration. In national community newspaper *Canada Turk* (2010-13).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

- American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages
- American Research Institute in Turkey
- American Studies Association of Turkey
- Cultural Studies Association of Turkey

- International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations
- Middle East Studies Association
- Modern Greek Studies Association
- National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages
- Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association
- Turkish Historical Society
- World History Association

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, METHODS, AND TRAINING

07/2021	“Curriculum Design and Development Workshop.” Held by the University of Chicago, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
04/2021	“Veteran Advisor Training.” With focus on effective campus-wide advising in virtual/remote platforms.
12/2020	“HyFlex Bootcamp.” A workshop to develop hybrid flexible courses, organized by the University of Florida’s Center for Teaching Excellence.
06/2020	“Test Design and Development Workshop.” Held by the University of Chicago, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
04/2020	“Academic Advisor Training.” University of Florida’s Academic Advising Center.
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