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PROFILE

Ph.D. student in Philosophy, specializing in developmental psychology and cognitive neuroscience of language. Holds minors in Cognitive Science, Neurobiology of Language, and Logic. Author of the textbook on logic, *Symbolic Logic Manual* (2014), used by leading philosophy departments in Turkey. Recipient of the prestigious *Teaching Excellence Award* from the University of Connecticut in the first year of teaching there. Offers 11 years of teaching experience, having served as a principal instructor for 15 sections and 6 different courses, and as a teaching assistant for 13 sections and 7 courses. These include Neuropsychology, Social Psychology, Philosophy and Social Ethics, Problems of Philosophy, Logic, Modern Logic, and History of Science. Consistently ranks at the top of department evaluations, with a recent score of 4.8 out of 5. Has taught at Phillips Academy Summer School, the University of Connecticut, and the Middle East Technical University, one of the top universities in Turkey.

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut <i>PhD in Philosophy (Currently ABD)</i> <i>Graduate Certificates in Neurobiology of Language, Cognitive Science, and Logic</i>	Aug. 2018 – Cont'd Storrs, CT
Middle East Technical University <i>MA in Philosophy</i>	Sept. 2013 – Jun 2016 Ankara, Turkey
Middle East Technical University <i>BA in Philosophy</i>	Sept. 2009 – Jun 2013 Ankara, Turkey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lead Faculty <i>Phillips Academy Andover Summer School</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught 3 sections of Neuropsychology, 1 section of Social Psychology, and will teach Introduction to Philosophy and another session of Neuropsychology this summer• House Counselor of Stearns and America House, and Coach of Soccer (2 times)	Summers of 2022, 2023, (2024) Andover, MA
Principal Instructor and Teaching Assistant <i>University of Connecticut</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal instructors of <i>Philosophy and Social Ethics</i> (3 times), <i>Problems of Philosophy</i> (4 times), <i>Philosophy and Logic</i>• Teaching Assistant of <i>Problems of Philosophy</i> (4 sections), and <i>Philosophy and Logic</i> (2 sections)• Taught in Storrs, Stamford, Waterbury, and Hartford campuses	Aug. 2018 – Present Storrs, CT
Principal Instructor and Teaching Assistant <i>Bartın University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal instructor of <i>History of Science</i>• Teaching Assistant of <i>Introduction to Logic, Logic I, and Logic II</i> (2 times each)	Jan 2016 – May 2018 Bartın, Turkey
Teaching Assistant <i>Middle East Technical University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching Assistant of <i>Introduction to Logic, Modern Logic I, and Modern Logic II</i> (2 times each)	Sept 2012 – Jan 2015 Ankara, Turkey

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Provost's Teaching Excellence Award	2019
UConn Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (3 times)	2018 – 2023
CT Inst. for the Brain and Cog. Sci and BIRC Research Fellow (3 times) (\$20,000)	2020 – 2022
Expression, Communication, and Origins of Meaning (ECOM) Fellowship (7 times)	2019 – 2023
Visiting Researcher at UC Davis (\$12,000)	2015 – 2016
Winner of Akbank's Think-Tank Competition (\$100,000)	2012

COURSES I CAN TEACH (PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR SAMPLE SYLLABI)

AP

- Psychology, Biology

Philosophy

- Moral Compass: Navigating Ethical Dilemmas; Social Ethics; From Sweatshops to Boardrooms: A Global Perspective on Business Ethics; Animal Rights vs. Animal Welfare
- Logic; Symbols and Systems: An Introduction to Formal Logic; Modern Logic; Philosophy of Proof and Persuasion
- Religion in Society: Cultural, Philosophical, and Sociological Perspectives; Human Nature

Psychology

- Neuropsychology: From Neurons to Behavior; Harmonious Mind: The Neurobiology of Learning, Memory, and Self-Peace; Neuroanatomy and Behavior
- AP Psychology; Social Psychology of Leadership: Power, Influence, and Ethics; Attitudes and Persuasion: How Opinions are Formed and Change

Various Topics

- The Science of Language: A Journey Through Linguistics; Decoding Language: A Journey Into Semantics
- Cognitive Science & Development; Mind, Brain, and Language: Interdisciplinary Perspectives; The Learning Brain: An Exploration of Neuroplasticity and Memory
- What Unifies Us: Exploring Common Bonds Across Cultures and Societies; Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Science: Bridging the Gap

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Group Manager, ECOM | *Research, Conference, Academic Talks* Dec 2018 – Present

- Organized 10 academic conferences, such as *Kinds of Action, Expression, Language, and Music, Communication, Context, Conversation, Kinds of Mindreading*, and *Kinds of Consciousness*
- Invited more than 60 speakers to UConn, including Prof. Daniel Dennet (Tufts), Prof. Alex Byrne (MIT), Prof. Francois Recanati (Jean-Nicod), Prof. Helen Tager-Flusberg (Brown), Prof. Jill de Villiers (Smith College), Prof. Jonathan Prather (Wyoming), Prof. Crispin Wright (NYU), and Prof. Aniruddh Patel (Tufts)
- Secured various funding for the research group (~ \$40,000)

Research Assistant in Neuroimaging, UConn Health & BIRC | *fMRI Data Analysis* Jul 2019 – Aug 2021

- Designing and implementing experimental procedures for fMRI and EEG via Psychopy
- Data analysis (starting from DICOM sorting and BIDS conversion to QC and first, second and third level analyses) via Freesurfer

PUBLICATIONS (MANUSCRIPT & JOINT EDITORSHIP)

Symbolic Logic Manual, (Book) METU Press, Oct 2014, 135 pages.

T. Grünberg, Language, Logic, and Empirical Knowledge Collected Papers 1965-2005,

Editors: D. Grünberg and A. Özercan, Middle East Technical University Press, Jan 2017, 196 pages.

REFERENCES

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