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EDUCATION

- Present **PhD SLAT Second Language Acquisition and Teaching**
University of Arizona, Tucson AZ
- Present **Doctor of Modern languages in Italian and German**
Middlebury College, Middlebury VT
- 2009 **Master of Arts in SLAT Second Language Acquisition and Teaching**
University of Arizona, Tucson AZ
- Summer/2005 **Doctoral Candidate for DML degree in Italian and German**
Middlebury College, Middlebury VT
- Summer/2004 **Master of Arts in Italian Studies**
Middlebury College, Middlebury VT
- 1/04-12/04 **Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX
- 8/02-12/03 **Master of Arts in German Studies**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX
- 9/82-7/87 **Bachelor of Science in Political Geography**
Ankara University, Turkey
- 9/77-7/81 **Mechanical Technical High School**
Ankara, Turkey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Language Instructor
8/05-present **Turkish**, beginner, intermediate and advanced
- TA, 9/03-6/05 **Italian**, first year
- TA, 9/03-6/05 **Italian**, second year
- TA, 4/04-5/04 **German**, second year
- TA, 6/03-8-03 **German**, first year

SCHOLARSHIPS, SEMINARS, AND TRAINING

- 8/09 **ACTFL OPI Workshop**
Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, MN
- 7/09 **CARLA Summer Institutes, MN**
Language and Culture in Sync: Teaching the Pragmatics of a Second Language
- 4/09 **Western Consortium of Middle Eastern Studies Centers, UT Austin**
Evaluation and Assessment
- 3/09 **MENA**
Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Association
9th Annual Conference, Turkish Global Simulation
- 3/09 **CERCLL**
Center for Educational Resources in Culture, Language and Literacy
Rincon High School teachers, Turkish Lesson
- 2/09 **CMES Outreach**
The Middle East in Focus: The Ottoman Empire Educator workshop
Turkish Lesson for the K12 Teachers traveling to Turkey
- 1/09 **CMES**
Center for Middle Eastern Languages
Grant for Material Development
- 9/08 **AZLA**
Arizona Language Association
Languages: Passports to Success in the 21st Century
Turkish Global Simulation
- 3/08 **CMES/CERCLL**
Western Consortium of Middle Eastern Studies Centers, Recall Protocol
- 7/07 **CERCLL**
Funding for the Turkish Global Simulation material development
- 4/07 **Western Consortium of Middle Eastern Studies Centers, UT Austin**
Turkish Language Teaching
- 7/04-7/08 **Full Scholarships for the Doctoral Program in German and Italian**
Middlebury College, VT
- 6/04 **Italian Language Course**
Lorenzo de Medici, Italy
- 6/02-8/02 **American Literature and Composition**
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas
- 10/01 **GSM Technology Training**
Ericsson, Istanbul

- 7/01-9/01 **Italian Language Courses**
Dante Alighieri Scholarship, Italy
- 10/95-6/01 **Italian Language Courses**
Italian Culture Center, Istanbul
- 96-98 **Conferences**
The Economist; Euromoney
- 3/98 **Quality Lead Assessor**
AOQC, Moody International, London
- 6/95-8/95 **Total Quality Management**
Engineering Faculty, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- 10/94-11/94 **Contemporary Developments In Financial Institutions**
Turkish Bankers' Association/British Government Scholarship
Loughborough University, England
- 10/88-12/88 **German Language Course**
Goethe Institute scholarship, Germany
- 9/86-7/95 **German Language Courses**
Goethe Institute, Ankara, Istanbul
- 9/83-06/85 **Arabic Language Courses**

CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Language Instructor** **The University of Arizona | NES Turkish Department**
8/05-present Created curriculum for the Turkish Department. Has developed in-house materials for all of the 6 semester Turkish language courses. Created a web page to instruct in the classroom using technology. Teaches a course called Turkish Global Simulation which is conducted via Turkish Culture. Involved with study abroad and language fair programs.
- Teaching Assistant** **Texas Tech University | Modern Languages Department**
8/02-6/05 Taught first and second year German and Italian courses. Developed materials for the program. Created a web page to teach Italian using technology in the classroom, not the LAB. The first to do so at TTU.

- Department** **Telecom Italia Mobile, Istanbul**
Manager Customer Care, Commercial Process & Procedure Department
10/01-4/02
Managed customer care process and procedures for the call centre of Telecom Italia Mobile, a multi-national Italian GSM operator in Turkey. Set-up and ran a shop in a large-scale German shopping mall to obtain customer expectations from TIM.
- Department** **Sümerbank, Istanbul**
Manager **Headoffice** Organization & Quality Assurance & PR Department
11/95-7/01
Lead Total Quality Management, reorganization, ISO-9001 project as well as public relations in the first ever privatized Turkish bank. Directed bank's merger with other five banks before sell-off again.
- Assistant** **Emlak Bank, Istanbul**
Manager **Headoffice** Organization Department
7/92-11/95
Lead Total Quality Management at the biggest real estate bank; published interim reports entitled World Economy Last Month and Latest Economic Data compiling economic news from around the world via various periodicals and news agencies.
- 9/90-9/92 **Emlak Bank, Representative Office**
Represented the bank to relevant authorities abroad under sponsorship of the Turkish Consulate-General.
- 1/98-9/90 **Emlak Bank, Istanbul**
Headoffice International Relations Department
Managed the Middle East Desk, which handled correspondent relations with banks in those countries.
- 4/88-9/88 **Emlak Bank, Istanbul**
Headoffice Management Trainee
Selected one of twenty among thousands of university graduates for a six-month intensive training program for potential management posts in Emlak Bank. Successfully finished program, which consisted of courses in law, accounting, loans, marketing, deposits, money and banking, foreign exchange, securities, software applications and human relations.

LANGUAGES

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| Turkish | Native |
| English | Fluent |
| German | Fluent |
| Italian | Fluent |
| Arabic | Fair |
| Ottoman | Fair |

COMPUTER SKILLS

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| MS Office | Competent with all the programs to create multimedia materials for language teaching. |
| Macintosh | Competent with all the professional programs regarding Internet and multimedia, including Dreamweaver and imovie. |

OTHER INTERESTS

Reading about current affairs (Der Spiegel, The Economist, New York Times, La Repubblica); social psychology; traveling; opera; cinema, nature photography, and swimming.