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EDUCATION

- Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University** 2012-2020
PhD, Middle Eastern Studies and History
Dissertation title: “Paracelsus Goes East: Ottoman ‘New Medicine’ and its Afterlife”
- Clinical Psychology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul** 2007-2010
MA, Clinical Psychology
Thesis title: The Relation of Attachment Security with Maternal Responsiveness and Child’s Socioemotional Competence
- Psychology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul** 2002-2007
BA, Psychology

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Istanbul Research Institute’s Early Career Article Prize 2020
Mahindra Humanities Center Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University 2019-20
American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Research Fellowship 2019
Gerda Henkel Stiftung Ph.D. Scholarship 2018-19
Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations Research Fellowship, Koç University 2016-17
Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Research Fellowship 2016
Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer School Fellowship 2015
Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies Research Fellowship 2014
Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Research Fellowship 2014
Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies Research Fellowship 2013

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Social and economic history of the early modern Ottoman Empire, history of medicine, Ottoman pharmacology, Islamic manuscript culture, culinary history.

ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, and EXHIBITIONS

“Söyleşi: Gülten Dinç ile Türkiye’de Tıp Tarihi Çalışmaları Üzerine” *Toplumsal Tarih Akademi*, 6 (Haziran 2025), 111-120.

“Review of Kılıç (Rüya), Erken Modern Osmanlı’da Deliler ve Delilik, İstanbul, İletişim Yayınları, 2023, 180 p.” in *Turcica*, 56, 2025, 497-500.

“Libraries as Spaces of Medical Knowledge Production and Circulation in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire” Paper will be presented at “Libraries in the Ottoman World,” Trinity College, Dublin, November 5-8, 2025.

“‘Alī Münşī’ nin *İpekakuana Risalesi* Üzerine Notlar ya da Feridun Nafiz Uzluğ’un Monografisine Küçük Bir Zeyl,” in *Intricate Pathways in the Quest for Knowledge - Festschrift for Feza Günergun / Bilgi Arayışının Karmaşık Yolları - Feza Günergun Armağanı Cilt 1*, ed. Şeref Etker (Libra Kitapçılık ve Yayıncılık, 2025), 141-150.

“Rethinking Medical Innovation in the Early Modern Ottoman World: Between Theory, Practice, and Circulation” Paper presented at “SHIFA-ANA Workshop: Histories of Death and Disease in Anatolia,” Research Center for Anatolian Civilisations (ANAMED), Istanbul, June 12-13, 2025

“Medical Encounters with the Unknown: Scurvy, Geography, and Translation in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire” Paper presented at “Bodies and Environments in the Early Modern World,” University of Manchester, Manchester, June 8-10, 2025.

“Not Covered in the Writings of Islamic Physicians: Scurvy in Early Modern Ottoman Medicine” Talk at *SHIFA-ANA Lecture Series* (ANAMED & Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine), Istanbul, February 26, 2025.

“Who ‘Banned’ New Medicine in the Ottoman Empire?” *Osmanlı Araştırmaları/The Journal of Ottoman Studies*, 63 (2024): 195-225, <https://doi.org/10.18589/oa.1513031>.

“What is Çay? Where is China? The Early Modern Ottomans’ Encounter with an Exotic Remedy” Paper presented at “Anatolian Cornucopia: Drugs, Elixirs, and Spices between Leisure, Medicine, and Morality,” 18th International ANAMED Annual Symposium, Istanbul, December 7-8, 2023.

“An Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Introduction to Tea” Paper presented at “Global Lives of Medicines: Materials, Markets, and Healing: Practices Across Asia,” University of Pennsylvania, USA, July 11-12, 2022.

(with Wigen et al.) “Temporal technologies of epidemics” *Medical Humanities* Published Online First: 11 July 2022.

“Geçmişin Hekimleri Tarih Olurken,” ed. Nükhet Varlık, *Journal of Turkish Studies = Türklük Bilgisi Araştırmaları. Edebiyattan Tıp Tarihine Uzun İnce Bir Yol. Festschrift in Honor of Nuran Yıldırım I 55* (December 2021) (2021): 383–406.

“Making and Reading Herman Boerhaave’s Aphorisms in the Ottoman Empire” Paper presented at 55th Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 29, 2021 (Virtual).

“A 300-Year-Old Tale of One Woman’s Quest to Stop a Deadly Virus” Guest on NPR’s radio show “All Things Considered,” March 8, 2021.

“May Those Who Understand What I Wrote Remember This Humble One”: Paratextual Elements in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Medical Manuscripts, *YILLIK: Annual of Istanbul Studies* 2 (2020): 35-51. (Early Career Article Prize)

“Osmanlı Yazmalarından Hikâyeler” Guest on podcast episode, with Mehmet Kentel, Ottoman History Podcast series, February 2, 2020.

“‘Bir İllete Etibba Beş Yüz İlac Yazarlar’: Modernite Öncesinde Osmanlı Tıp Yazmaları ve Şifa Kültürü,” Talk at Istanbul Research Institute, Istanbul, Turkey, January 9, 2020.

“Ali Münşi’s ‘Ipecacuanha Treatise’: A New Cure for a New Ottoman Medical Corpus,” Paper presented at “Shared Practices, Common Legacies: Ottoman Science from a Global Perspective,” University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 5-6, 2019.

“Medicine and Alchemy in the Early Modern Ottoman World,” Paper presented at “Angelical Conjunctions: Crossroads of Medicine and Religion, 1200-1800,” McGill University, Montreal, Canada, April 12-14, 2019.

“Hafıza-i Beşer: Osmanlı Yazmalarından Hikâyeler (Memories of Humankind: Stories from Ottoman Manuscripts),” Exhibition at Istanbul Research Institute, Istanbul, Turkey, October 18, 2019 – February 13, 2021. Advisory board member (Medical Manuscripts Section).

“Corpse Medicine in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire,” Paper presented at “Materia Medica on the Move II,” at the Descartes Centre for the History and Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, October 4-6, 2017.

“Abbas Vesim ve Yeni Bir ‘Düster’ Arayışı,” Paper presented at “Küresel Tarih Yazımının Meseleleri, Erken Modernite ve Osmanlı Tarihçiliği Çalıştayı,” Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2, 2017.

“Mümyâ: Osmanlı Tıbbında Gündelik Bir İlacın İzini Sürmek,” Talk at Institut Français d’Etudes Anatoliennes (IFEA), Istanbul, Turkey, May 25, 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boğaziçi University (2021–)

- HIST 210 “Research Methods in History II” (undergraduate course)
- HIST 222 “Ottoman History, 1300-1600” (survey course)
- HIST 235 “Ottoman Cultural History” (survey course)
- HIST 48I “Histories of Pre-Modern Medicine” (graduate seminar)
- HIST 59G “Global History of Science and Medicine” (graduate seminar)
- HIST 495 “Thesis I” (undergraduate thesis advising)
- HIST 496 “Thesis II” (undergraduate thesis advising)

Harvard University

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| - Co-leader: Winter Term Study Excursion in Turkey | January 2019 |
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| - Teaching Fellow: What is History of Medicine | Spring 2016 |
| - Teaching Fellow: Iran’s Revolutions | Fall 2015 |
| - Teaching Fellow: Ottoman State and Society II | Fall 2015 |
| - Teaching Fellow: Ottoman State and Society I | Spring 2015 |
| - Teaching Fellow: Elementary Turkish II | Spring 2015 |
| - Teaching Fellow: Elementary Turkish I | Fall 2014 |
| - Teaching Fellow: Medieval History and Cinema | Fall 2014 |

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant professor: Department of History, Boğaziçi University 2021—
- Post-doc Fellow: “The Lifetimes of Epidemics in Europe and the Middle East” Project, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo 2020-2021
- Psychotherapist: Boğaziçi University’s Counseling Center, Istanbul 2010-2012
- Psychotherapist: Bakırköy Psychiatric Hospital, Istanbul 2010

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- *YILLIK: Annual of Istanbul Studies* subject editor (Ottoman Istanbul) 2023 —
- *Toplumsal Tarih Akademi* editorial board member 2023 —
- *Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society* advisory editor 2025 —

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Modern Turkish (Native) — Ottoman Turkish (Advanced reading) — English (Fluent) — Arabic (Intermediate reading) — French (Intermediate reading)