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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland USA

PhD, Department of Sociology (expected graduation date: May 2012)

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland USA

MA, Department of Sociology, May 2009

Towson University, Towson, Maryland USA

MS, Department of Women's Studies, May 2006

- Thesis Topic: Social Determinants of Attitudes towards Women's Premarital Sexuality among Female Turkish University Students
- Advisor: Professor Karen Dugger, Chair of Women's Studies Department and Director of Institute for Teaching and Research on Women, Towson University
- Area of Study: Sexuality
- GPA: 4.00/4.00

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

BA, Department of Psychology, July 2002

- GPA: 3.00/4.00

Lycée Saint Benoît, Istanbul, Turkey

Highschool Degree, June 1997

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2007 – Present: University of Maryland Graduate Student Labor Union Sociology Department Coordinator, website co-administrator

2001 – 2008: Compiling international news for Pazartesi, a well-known feminist periodical in Istanbul, Turkey.

2000: Mentored children from poor families in Istanbul, Turkey.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland USA

Lecturer

August 2008 to May 2011

- 3 credits, lecture
- Sociology / Women's Studies: 325 Sociology of Gender
- Department of Sociology

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland USA

Teaching Assistant

August 2007 to May 2008

- 3 credits, lecture / discussion
- Sociology 100, Introduction to Sociology
- Department Sociology

Towson University, Towson, Maryland USA

Lecturer

January 2007 to May 2007

- 3 credits, lecture
- Women's Studies 233 International Perspectives on Women
- Department of Women's Studies

WORK
EXPERIENCE

Towson University, Towson, Maryland USA

Health Insurance Coordinator

April 2004 to May 2006

- Enabled coordination between the University and the insurance company AETNA
- Participated in international student orientation sessions
- Coordinated efforts to increase understanding of insurance issues among the international student community
- Assisted the University's international student community with their insurance problems
- Enforced University insurance policies as they applied to international students

PUBLICATIONS
AND
PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Sexuality & Culture, 2007, "Social Determinants of Attitudes towards Women's Premarital Sexuality among Female Turkish University Students", 11, 3, pp. 1–10.

Pazartesi, 2007, "Seks ve Savaş" [Sex and War], translation and foreword to translation, 112, Kadın Kültür ve İletişim Vakfı, İstanbul.

Pazartesi, 2006, "Kadın Cinselliği ve Orgazm" [Women's Sexuality and Orgasm], 109, pp. 100 – 103, Kadın Kültür ve İletişim Vakfı, İstanbul.

Evire Cevire, 2000, "Periler Cemberi" [The Circle of Fairies], 6, pp. 37 – 39, Bogazici University Translation Club, Istanbul (translation from French into Turkish).

Presentations

NWSA: November 2009, "Dilemmas of Teaching (to) the Empire". Paper presented at the "Feminist Pedagogies of the Other: Gender, Nationality, Race, and Class Intersecting in Feminist Classrooms at U.S. Colleges" panel during NWSA 30th Annual Conference *Difficult Dialogues*.

Towson University: April 2006, "Social Determinants of Attitudes toward Women's Premarital Sexuality among Female Turkish University Students". Paper presented at Graduate Student Research Panel, Towson University Women's Studies Department.

Self-Publications

Thesis, 2006, "Social Determinants of Attitudes toward Women's Premarital Sexuality among Female Turkish University Students", Towson University.

Research Paper, 2004, "The Western Medicalization of Heterosexual White Women's Orgasm", Towson University

Reviews

Reviewer, February 2011, for ASA 2011 Student Forum Paper Session

RESEARCH AND
TEACHING
INTERESTS

Feminist theory,
Sexuality and normativity,
Processes of othering,
Ethnic conflicts,
Colonialism and neocolonialism,
Narration and discourse,
Intersubjectivity

AWARDS

Towson University
• Graduate Student Association Award, 2005

LANGUAGES &
PROFESSIONAL
SKILLS

Languages

Turkish (Mother Tongue)
English (Fluent in writing, reading, and speaking)
French (Fluent in writing and reading)

Computer Skills

Operating Systems

- Linux (Ubuntu and Arch) (excellent)
- Microsoft Windows (95, 98, XP) (excellent)

Statistical Software

- SPSS (very good)
- STATA (good)
- R (good)

Transcription Software

- Transcriber (excellent)

Office Software

- Microsoft Office Word (excellent), Excel (excellent), Access (good), PowerPoint (very good)
- OpenOffice.org / LibreOffice Writer (excellent), Calc (excellent), Impress (excellent)
- L^AT_EX document preparation system (very good)
- GNU Emacs and AUC_TE_X (good)

Audio and Video Editing Software

- Adobe Premiere Video Editing Software (very good)
- Arcsoft PhotoStudio Image Editing Software (very good)
- GIMP Image Editing Software (excellent)