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INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION

Assistant Professor (Sociology)

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University

WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Fellow (2021-2022)

Department of Anthropology, McGill University

Visiting Professor (Winter 2022)

Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University

Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Postdoctoral Fellow (2018-2021)

Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University

EDUCATION

Graduate	Columbia University in the City of New York PhD in Anthropology (2019) <i>Dissertation Title:</i> “Dispossession, Racialization, and Rural Labor Migration in Turkey”
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Graduate	Boğaziçi University – Istanbul MA in Sociology (2011)
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Undergraduate	Boğaziçi University – Istanbul BA in Sociology (2008)
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PUBLICATIONS

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| 2023 | Review of <i>Gendered Fortunes: Divination, Precarity, and Affect in Postsecular Turkey</i> , by Zeynep K. Korkman. <i>American Anthropologist</i> , October 9, 2023. |
| 2023 | “I Would Have Recognized You from Your Smell”: Racialization of Migrant Farm Workers in Western Turkey” <i>Kurds in Dark Times: New Perspectives on Violence and Resistance</i> eds. Ayça Alemdaroğlu and Müge Göçek, Syracuse University Press. pp.164-191 |
| 2022 | Review of <i>Sacrificial Limbs: Masculinity, Disability, and Political Violence in Turkey</i> by Salih Can Açıksöz. <i>Social Anthropology</i> , March 3, 2022. |
| 2021 | “Erasure and Affect in Race-Making in Turkey” <i>POMEPS Journal</i> , September 2021 |
| 2020 | “Tracing the Conceptual Genealogy of Kurdistan as an International Colony” <i>Middle East Report</i> 295 (Summer 2020) |

- 2020 ["The Kurds: A Stateless People, Turkey's Enemies, or the Colonized Other?"](#),
Ethnographic Explainers, PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review Online.
- 2015 ["Embodiment of Space and Labor: Kurdish Migrant Workers in Turkish Agriculture"](#)
in *Spatial Dimensions of the Kurdish Issue in Turkey* eds. Zeynep Gambetti and Joost Jongerden. Routledge. 2015. pp 289-309
- 2013 "Seasonal farm workers: Pitiful Victims or Kurdish Laborers Demanding Equality
(Part II)" *Perspectives: Political Analyses and Commentary from Turkey*. No.4 April
2013 pp. 44-50
- 2012 "Seasonal farm workers: Pitiful Victims or Kurdish Laborers Demanding Equality
(Part I)" *Perspectives: Political Analyses and Commentary from Turkey*. No.3
December 2012 pp. 32-37
- 2009 "Söke Ovası'nda Kimlik Müzakereleri" (Negotiations of Identity on the Söke
Plain), *Birikim*, No.247, (2009) pp.74-8

INVITED TALKS

- September 12, 2022 Lexicons of Race Project – Turkish Roundtable**
- December 2, 2021 [Racializing Skill: Kurdish Farmworkers and Syrian Refugees in Turkey](#)**
McGill University, Institute for the Study of International Development
- June 14, 2021 Workers' Guardian, Bosses' Henchman: Mediating the Racialized and
Militarized Migrant Labor Regime on Turkish Farms**
Conversations about Kurdistan and Palestine, Rurality, Rural Lives and
Alternative Futures - University of Exeter and Sciences Po, with Dr Rafeef Ziadeh
- May 19, 2021 Kurdishness, Race-Making, and Political Subjectivity on Turkish Farms**
Rural Sociology 75 years Seminar, Wageningen University, with Dr Seth Holmes
- February 23, 2021 Kurdish Migrant Farmworkers, Development, and Gender**
Guest lecture: Ethnographic Approaches to Development, McGill University
- March 15, 2017 "Their Daughters Have Seen Nothing but These Fields": Gender, Kinship,
and Desire among Kurdish Migrant Workers**
Michigan University Studies on Turkey Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop
- November 30, 2012 Embodiment of Space and Labor: Kurdish Migrant Workers in Turkish
Agriculture**
Political Anthropology Working Group Meeting at Department of Anthropology,
Harvard University, MA

CAMPUS TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- Dec 2, 2022 "War, Racial Capitalism, and Kurdish Migrant Farmworkers in Turkey"**
Social Justice Center, Concordia University
- May 20, 2022 "Seasons of Migration to the West: Kurdish Workers and Syrian Refugees
on Turkish Farms"**
McGill Refugee Research Group Book Manuscript Workshop

- March 6, 2020** **Workers' Guardian, Bosses' Henchman: Mediating Capitalism, Military Occupation and Racialization on Turkish Farms**
Center for International and Area Studies, Global Lunchbox Series
- January 24, 2020** [The Making of Turkey's Mobile Labor Force: From Kurds to Syrian Refugees](#)
Buffett Institute for Global Affairs Faculty & Fellows Lecture Series
- January 13, 2020** [The Kurdish Question and Academic Expertise: Borders, Territories, and Statelessness](#) (with Zeynep Oğuz, PhD)
Middle Eastern and North African Studies at Northwestern University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2022-present** **Assistant Professor, Concordia University**
SOC/ANTH 498 Global Migrations and Immobilities
SOC/ANTH 483 Nationalism and Racism
SOC 622 Studies in Race and Ethnicity
- Winter 2022** **Visiting Professor, Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University**
Graduate Seminar: Political Economy of Migration and Im/mobilities
(cross-listed – Sociology and Anthropology)
Graduate Seminar: Labor, Social Difference, and Subjectivity
(cross-listed - Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, and Political Economy)
- 2020- 2021** **Instructor, Northwestern University**
Spring 2021 Islam, Gender, and Minorities in Turkey and the Middle East
(cross-listed, MENA and Anthropology)
Spring 2020 Economic Anthropology
- 2012- 2018** **Teaching Assistant, Columbia University Department of Anthropology**
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| Spring 2018 | Interpretation of Culture | (Paige West) |
| Spring 2017 | Rise of Civilization | (Terrence D'Altroy) |
| Spring 2016 | Ethnographic Imagination | (Gökçe Günel) |
| Spring 2014 | Women and Gender in the Muslim World | (Lila Abu-Lughod) |
| Fall 2013 | Introduction to Socio-Cultural Theory | (Partha Chatterjee) |
| Spring 2013 | Africa and the Anthropologist | (Hlonipha Mokoena) |
| Fall 2012 | Introduction to Socio-Cultural Theory | (Partha Chatterjee) |

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Wenner Gren Foundation** Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (2015-2016)
- Columbia University** GSAS International Travel Fellowship (2014-2015) (funded by the Lury, Mellon, Thompson, and Wollemborg Fellowships)
- Columbia University Middle East Institute** Regional Travel Research Fellowship (06-08/2013)
- Boğaziçi University** MA in Sociology- High Honors Degree (2011)
- Boğaziçi University** BA in Sociology- Honors Degree (2008)
- Heinrich Boll Foundation** Scholarship of Rural Development (2009 – 2010)

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Leadership

- *Creator and Host*, [Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program Podcast](#) (2019-2020)
- *Co-Creator and Co-Host* (with Galya Ben-Arieh, J.D., PhD), [The Colloquium on Refugees, Migrants, and Statelessness](#) at Northwestern University (Spring 2020)
- *Coordinator*, Volunteer Coordinator of International Medical NGOs Sुरुç Coordination during the refugee crisis of 2014-15 at the Syrian border of Turkey
- *Founding member*, *ÇİFTÇİ-SEN Dayanışma* (Solidarity Group for an NGO focused on sustainable ecological farming, Turkey branch of *La Via Campesina*)
- *President*, Kurdish Studies Student Association (KSSA) at Columbia University (2016- 2018)
- *Founding Member*, Kurdish Studies Student Association (KSSA) at Columbia University (2013)
- *Cohort Representative*, Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA) at Columbia University (2013-2018)

Service

- Advisory Board Member of the journal *The Commentaries* (2022 onwards)
- Peer review *American Ethnologist* (January 2022)
- Peer review *Society & Space* (October 2021)
- Peer review *Anthropological Quarterly* (September 2021)
- The Graduate School Well-Being Advisory Council Postdoctoral Member at Northwestern University (2019-2020)
- Two Peer Reviews for *Ethos* (Feb 2020, March 2020)
- Peer review *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* (March 2019)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Universal Design for Learning Workshop Part 1: Universal and Accessible Student Resources (“a framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn” (CAST). UDL covers accessibility, disability, modalities of learning in line with differences of race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status. (February 8- 21, 2021)

Mentoring Up and Down Workshops I& II & III - Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Northwestern University (January 30th and February 13th, 2020, January 20th, 2021)

CV to Resume Workshop - Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Northwestern University (February 2020)

Strategies for Outlining and Organizing Large Writing Projects Workshop – The Graduate School/Writing Program Workshop, Northwestern University (January 14, 2019)

CONFERENCE AND EVENT ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

Co-organizer, [The Colloquium on Refugees, Migrants, and Statelessness](#) at Northwestern University

Organizer, [Ismail Besikci and Wendy Pearlman: Kurds’ Right to Self-Determination and the International Political Order](#), November 28, 2018, Northwestern University

Organizer, [Serbest Kurdish Studies Conference](#), June 7-8, 2019, Northwestern University

Co-organizer, Panel: “Ethnicity, Migration, and Labor in Modern Turkey”, November 15, 2019, American Anthropological Association 118th Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Co-organizer, Panel: “Kurdish Laborers, Armenian Survivors, African Domestic Workers: Stories of Escape in the Middle East”, November 14-18, 2018, American Anthropological Association 117th Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA

Co-organizer and Chair, Panel: “Migrant Desires: Uprooted Lives and Labor in Unsettling Times”, December 1, 2017, American Anthropological Association 116th Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

Organizer, A Talk by Nazan Üstündağ “Antigone as Politician” and discussion with Professor Rosalind Morris, April 14, 2017, Columbia University

Organizer, Film Screening of *Garod (Longing)* and discussion with director Onur Günay and Professor Elizabeth Povinelli, November 14, 2016, Columbia University

RECENT CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

September 12, 2022 Lexicons of Race Turkish Roundtable, The Middle East Studies Association

September 24-25, 2021 Kaçak: Fugitive Forms of Economy and Bureaucracy across Southwest Asia
Mekanda Adalet Derneği, İstanbul (supported by Wenner-Gren) attended virtually

February 25-26, 2021 Racial Formations in the Middle East and Africa (POMEPS-PASR)
George Washington University, Washington DC (virtual conference)

June 7-8, 2019 The Kurdish Labor Intermediary: The Symptom of Turkey’s Racialized and Gendered Labor Regime
Serbest Kurdish Studies Conference, Northwestern University

November 14-18, 2018 How Kurdish Women Fight and Flee
American Anthropological Association 117th Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA

October 12-14, 2018 Migrant Labor: Continuation of Displacement by Other Means
International Kurdish Studies Symposium, University of Toronto

June 1-2, 2018 Border as an Epistemological Device in Kurdish Studies
2018 Serbest Kurdish Studies Conference, Northwestern University

April 6-8, 2018 Reading the Labor Regime of Internal Colonialism in Turkey through the Example of Kurdish Rural Migrant Labor
Interdisciplinary Conference on Kurdish Politics and Societies, Yale University

December 1, 2017 Kurdish Migrant Laborers’ Weddings: Producing Desire or Reproducing the Family?
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting 116, Washington DC

June 14-15, 2017 Building Homes Making Kin
Politics of Dispossession and Commodification: New Perspectives on Rural Turkey Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto

April 15, 2017 Racializing the Kurdish Migrant Worker
Migration and Mobility in Turkey: Past and Present Conference at the New School, New York, NY

- March 30, 2017** **“I Would Have Recognized You from Your Smell”: Making the Kurdish Migrant Worker a Raced Subject**
American Ethnological Society Annual Conference at Stanford University
- December 3, 2016** **Making of a Kurdish Working-Class Town**
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting 115, Minneapolis, MI
- August 10-14, 2016** **Kurdish Laborers in Rural Western Turkey**
XIV. World Congress of Rural Sociology, Toronto, ON, Canada

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish	Native Speaker
English	Reading: Advanced, Writing: Advanced, Speaking: Advanced
Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Reading: Upper Intermediate, Writing: Intermediate, Speaking: Intermediate
French	Reading: Elementary, Writing: Elementary, Speaking: Elementary
Arabic	Reading: Elementary, Writing: Elementary, Speaking: Elementary