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EDUCATION

- 2020** **Ph.D. in Sociology, Binghamton University, NY**
Dissertation: “To Whom Does the Natural Come Naturally: Neoliberal Ideals of Mothering in Turkey”
- 2009** **M.A. in Cultural Studies, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul/Turkey**
- 2005** **B.A. in Sociology, Bogazici University, Istanbul/Turkey**

EMPLOYMENT

- 2024-** Assistant Professor in Sociology, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- 2022-2024** Lecturer in Sociology, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- 2021** Adjunct Faculty Member in Sociology, Villanova University,
- 2020** Adjunct Faculty Member in Anthropology&Sociology, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- 2017-2019** Adjunct Faculty Member in Sociology, Temple University
- 2015-2017** Adjunct Faculty Member in Sociology, Binghamton University
- 2013-2015** Graduate Teaching Assistant in Sociology, Binghamton University

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

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| Gender and Sexuality | Politics of Care/Social Reproduction |
| Gender and Ecology | Contemporary Social Theory |
| Sociology of Family/Motherhood | Feminist Theory |
| Feminist Political Ecology | Qualitative Research Methods |

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- From Criticism to Collaboration: Politics of Naturalist Mothering in Turkey, *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 2022; <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxac041>
- Naturalizing Motherhood: Neoliberal Femininity and the Re-traditionalization of Gender (Forthcoming, *Journal of Middle Eastern Women's Studies*)

- Between Nature and a Hard Place: Gendered Management of Risk in the Household (in progress)
- Materiality of Ecological Awareness: Gendered Care-work as Class-work (in progress)

Book Reviews

- 2024, Gendered fortunes: divination, precarity, and affect in postsecular Turkey, by Zeynep K. Korkman, *Journal of International Women's Studies*, (forthcoming)
- 2017, Infidel Feminism: Secularism, Religion and Women's Emancipation, England 1830-1914, by Laura Schwartz, *Feminist Review*, Vol. 115, No. 1: 183-185

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Conference Travel Award, Calleva Research Center, Magdalen College, Oxford
- 2019 Dissertation Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University
- 2018 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University
- 2016 Certificate in Online Teaching, Center for Learning and Teaching, Binghamton University
- 2015-2012 Teaching Assistantship, Graduate School, Binghamton University
- 2012 Graduate Assistantship, Research Foundation, Binghamton University
- 2009 Conference Travel Award, Open Society Foundation Istanbul
- 2009-2007 Graduate Fellowship, Istanbul Bilgi University

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "Caring Naturally: Neoliberal femininity and re-traditionalization of gender", Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 3-6
- 2023 "Between Nature and a Hard Place: Gendered Management of Risk in the Household", Risk Reconsidered: Histories, theories, applications, A Workshop and Public Forum by Calleva Research Center, Magdalen College, Oxford. June 6-7
- 2022 "From Criticism to Collaboration: Politics of Naturalist Mothering in Turkey", Social Science History Association, 48th Annual Meeting, November 17-20
- 2020 "Politics of the "Natural": Naturalist Motherhood as Eco-conscious Consumerism", Eastern Sociological Society, 90th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, February 27- March 1
- 2019 "Women's Narratives as Data in the Age of Neoliberalism: The Case of "Naturalist Mothers" in Turkey", Social Science History Association, November 21-24
- 2019 "Naturalist Mothering in Turkey: Neoliberal Governance and Ideals of Child-raising", American Sociological Association 114th Annual Meeting, New York, August 10-13
- 2019 "Naturalist Mothering: Shifting Ideals, Shifting Inequalities", Eastern Sociological Society 89th Annual Meeting, Boston, March 14-17
- 2018 "To Whom Does The 'Natural' Come Naturally?: New Ideals Of Mothering In Turkey", Eastern Sociological Society 88th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, February 22-25

- 2016 “Whose Reproduction? Population Control, Assisted Reproduction, and Bodily Agency”, American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, November 16-20
- 2016 “Embodying reproductive technologies”, Doing the Body in the 21st Century International Conference by Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies Department, University of Pittsburgh, March 31-April 2
- 2012 “Clothing the body”, International Conference on Race Ethnicity and Place VI, University of Puerto-Rico, San Juan, October 24-26
- 2010 “Clothing: Un/Bounding the Body”, Generar Cuerpos: Producciones Discursivas Sexuadas, 2. Congreso Internacional Los Textos Del Cuerpo, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, November 30- December 3
- 2009 “Islam and Feminism; Turkish Experience”, Feminist Transitions, Feminist and Women’s Studies Association, UK, Liverpool, June 19-21
- 2009 “Islam and Feminism: hand in hand?”, Gendering East/West, Center for Women Studies, University of York, UK, July 8-10

Invited talks

- 2022 “The neoliberal ideals of motherhood in Turkey”, Gender and Women’s Studies Program Spring Speaker Series, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, April 14
- 2021 “Interpreting Fieldwork Data”, Graduate Seminar on Sociology of Reproduction, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, November 20

Conference Organization

- 2016 Graduate Student Conference, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University
- 2011 1st Interdisciplinary Media Studies Conference, Department of Media Studies, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 7-8

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022- present University of Texas Rio Grande Valley: Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Families
- 2021 Villanova University: Introduction to Sociology
- 2020 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania: Sociology of Gender
- 2017-2019 Temple University: Love, Marriage and Families; Gender in America
- 2013-2017 Binghamton University: Sex, Body and Pop Culture; Gender and Sexual Identities Modernity, Gender, Sexuality; Social Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology
- 2010-2011 Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey: Contemporary Social Thought; Women and Media Human Rights and Media

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023- present Member, The Student Scholarships & Awards Committee, College of Liberal Arts, UTRGV

- 2022-present Member, Undergraduate Program Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, UTRGV
- 2022 Member, Non-tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, UTRGV
Member, Core Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, UTRGV
- 2016 Organizer, Graduate Student Conference, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University
- 2014 Graduate Student Representative, Sociology Department Graduate Curriculum Review Committee, Binghamton University
- 2010-2011 Editorial Board Assistant, Journal of Feminist Approaches in Culture and Politics, Istanbul/Turkey

Reviewer for:

Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies
American Journal of Sociology

Selected Translations:

- 2015 “Women, Land Struggles, and The Reconstruction of the Commons” by Silvia Federici, in Kultur ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklasimler (Journal of Feminist Approaches in Culture and Politics),
- 2013 “Politics of Passion” by Diane Taylor, in Kultur ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklasimler (Journal of Feminist Approaches in Culture and Politics),
- 2010 “Honour: Crimes, Paradigms and Violence Against Women” by Lynn Welchman & Sara Hossein, published in Turkish by BGST Books
- 2009 “Interview with a Palestinian Activist Musician: Reem Kelani”, in Kultur ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklasimler (Journal of Feminist Approaches in Culture and Politics),
- 2007 “Radical Feminism and Theatre”, Sue Allen Case, in MIMESIS 12, Theatre Translation and Research Journal, 2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Sociological Association (Sections: Family; Sex and Gender)
- Member, Sociologists for Women in Society
- Member, Southern Sociological Society
- Member, Social Science History Association (Women, Gender, Sexuality Network)