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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, Turkey**

2005 **B.A. in Sociology, Bogazici University, Turkey**

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality

Gender and Ecology

Sociology of Motherhood/Family

Sociology of Reproduction

Contemporary Social Theory

Feminist Theory

Stratification/Middle Class

Qualitative Methods

EMPLOYMENT

2022- present Lecturer, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley,

2021-2022 Adjunct Faculty Member, Villanova University

2020-2021 Adjunct Faculty Member, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

2017-2020 Adjunct Faculty Member, Temple University

2015-2017 Adjunct Faculty Member, Binghamton University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles:

- 2023, “Naturalizing Motherhood: Neoliberal Femininity and the Re-traditionalization of Gender”, *Journal of Middle Eastern Women’s Studies* (Forthcoming)
- 2022, “From Criticism to Collaboration: Politics of Naturalist Mothering in Turkey”, *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxac041>

Under review/In progress:

- Care-work as Classwork: Materiality of “Awareness”
- Rethinking Nature as Agency: The Limits of Neoliberal Politic of Care

Book Review

- 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

- 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

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 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, NY, April 15-17
- 2011 1st Interdisciplinary Media Studies Conference, Department of Media Studies, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 7-8

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

- 2022-2023 Member, Department of Sociology, Undergraduate program curriculum committee
Member, Department of Sociology, Core assessment committee
Member, Department of Sociology, Faculty search committee

Binghamton University

- 2016 Organizer, Graduate Student Conference, Department of Sociology
- 2014 Graduate Student Representative, Sociology Department Graduate Curriculum Review Committee

Journal Service

- 2010-2011 Editorial Board Assistant, Journal of Feminist Approaches in Culture and Politics, Istanbul/Turkey

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)