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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, 2020**

Dissertation: To Whom Does the Natural Come Naturally: Neoliberal Ideals of Mothering in Turkey

M.A. **Program in Cultural Studies, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul/Turkey, 2009**

Thesis: Clothed Bodies that Matter: In search of a feminist perspective on the headscarf controversy

B.A. **Department of Sociology, Bogazici University, Istanbul/Turkey, 2005**

EMPLOYMENT

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Lecturer (August 2022- present)

Villanova University, Adjunct Faculty Member (2021)

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Adjunct Faculty Member (2020)

Temple University, Adjunct Faculty Member (2017-2019)

Binghamton University, Adjunct Faculty Member (2015-2017)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality

Stratification/Middle Class

Environmental Studies

Gender and Ecology

Contemporary Social Theory

Feminist Theory

Sociology of Reproduction

Sociology of Motherhood/Family

Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

- From Criticism to Collaboration: Politics of Naturalist Mothering in Turkey (Forthcoming, *Social Policy*)
- Naturalizing Motherhood: Neoliberal Femininity and the Re-traditionalization of Gender (Under review, *Journal of Middle Eastern Women's Studies*)

Book Review

- Review of *Infidel Feminism: Secularism, Religion and Women's Emancipation, England 1830-1914*, by Laura Schwartz, *Feminist Review*, Vol. 115, No. 1 (2017): 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

Presentations

- 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

Conference Organization

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014 Graduate Student Representative for Sociology Department Curriculum Review Committee, Binghamton University
- 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