

CURRICULUM VITAE (Updated: August 2026)

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Education

2007-2016 – Ph.D., History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NY, USA

2007-2011 – M.Phil., History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NY, USA

2004-2007 – M.A., History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

1998-2002 – B.A., Sociology, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Research Interests

Modern Turkey and the Middle East; Religion and Secularism; Intellectual History; History of Psychiatry and Psy-Sciences; History of Science; Gender and Sexuality

Academic Positions & Work Experience

2019-Present – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

2026 (Fall Term) – Willis F. Doney Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, USA

2021 (Michaelmas Term) – Visiting Fellow, Corpus Christi College; Visiting Scholar, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

2018-2019 – Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Atatürk Institute of Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

2017-2018 – Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Istanbul Bilgi University; Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences, Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey

2016-2017 – Zvi Yavetz Postdoctoral Fellow, Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

2011-2014 – Editorial Assistant, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Cambridge University Press, New York, NY, USA

2011-2012 – Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, The City College of New York, CUNY, New York, NY, USA

2008-2011 – Graduate Teaching Fellow/Lecturer, Department of History, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, New York, NY, USA

2008-2009 – Assistant Program Officer, Middle Eastern Studies Master's Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY, USA

2006-2007 – Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

2002-2005 – Freelance Editor. Selected edited book: José Saramago, *Mağara* (Türkiye İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları, 2005), Istanbul, Turkey

Publications

Books

The Republican Soul: Psy-sciences, Secularism, and Modernity in Turkey. [Under contract with Syracuse University Press, *Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East* series]

Research Articles in Journals

“Finding *Ruh* in the Forebrain: Mazhar Osman and the Emerging Turkish Psychiatric Discourse” *Medical History* 66:3 (2022): 225-241.

“Fazla Dünyevi Temayüller: (İstanbul) Amerikan Kız Koleji, Misyoner-Süfretler ve Osmanlı-Türk Kadın Hareketi Üzerine Notlar” [Too Worldly Proclivities: Notes on the American College for Girls in Constantinople, Missionary Suffragettes, and the Ottoman-Turkish Women’s Movement] *Osmanlı Araştırmaları / The Journal of Ottoman Studies* 59 (2022): 225-260. [In Turkish]

“In Search of Perfection: Neo-Spiritualism, Islamic Mysticism, and Secularism in Turkey” *Modern Intellectual History* 18:1 (2021): 70-94.

“Turkey Psychoanalyzed, Psychoanalysis Turkified: The Case of İzzettin Şadan” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 38:1 (2018): 57-72.

“Mevhibe Celalettin, Bir Osmanlı ‘Prensesi’, Bir Türk ‘Vatanperveri’: Mevhibe Celalettin’in *Geçmiş Zaman Olur ki...* İsimli Anılarının Bir Analizi” [An Ottoman “Princess,” A Turkish “Patriot”: An Analysis of Mevhibe Cellalettin’s Memoirs] *Journal of Turkish Studies / Türklük Bilgisi Araştırmaları* (Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University) 31:2 (2007): 237-245. [In Turkish]

Forthcoming

“Republican Constellations: Psychiatry, Gender, and Statehood in Turkey, 1923-1950” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 23:2 (2027).

In preparation

“Islamic Tradition, Secular State, and Liberal Ethics in Accord? Reflections on the *Tarikat* of Ke’nan Rifai”

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

“The Secular and Religious: Or, What the Curious Lexicon of Turkish Neo-Spiritualism Might Reveal” in Caroline Tee, Fabio Vicini, Philip Dorroll, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Religion in Turkey* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2026): 166-182.

“Turkey Psychoanalyzed and Psychoanalysis Turkified” in Salman Akhtar, ed., *Freud in Istanbul: Turkish Contributions to Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis* (Bicester: Karnac Books, 2025): 3-16.

Review Articles

“Erudition or Neo-Orientalism? Can Islamic Intellectual History Evade National and Eurocentric Historiography?” *Global Intellectual History* 11:2 (2026): 268-276.

Book Reviews (Selection)

Nancy Rose Hunt and Hubertus Büschel, eds., *Psychiatric Contours: New African Histories of Madness*. *Isis* 116:4 (2025): 829-830.

Christine M. Philliou, *Turkey: A Past Against History*. *New Perspectives on Turkey* 66 (2022): 191-194.

Alireza Doostdar, *The Iranian Metaphysicals: Explorations in Science, Islam, and the Uncanny*. *Psychoanalysis and History* 21:2 (2019): 232-235.

Art Projects

Bedri Bey. Collaborative art project with Adina Mocanu. [In progress]

Conferences & Invited Talks (Selection)

"What Is the Soul? Genealogies of Psy-sciences and Secularism in Modern Turkey" *New York History of Science Lecture Series* (Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, November 18, 2026, *Upcoming*).

"Republican Constellations: Psychiatry, Gender, and Statehood in Turkey, 1923-1950," *2025 Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting* (Washington, DC, USA, November 22, 2025); also delivered at *History Talks* (Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey, November 5, 2024).

Colloquium in Honor of Samira Haj (CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, USA, March 31, 2023).

"Finding *Ruh* in the Forebrain: Mazhar Osman and the Emerging Turkish Psychiatric Discourse," *The Tenth Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS)* (Brussels, Belgium, September 9, 2022).

"Mazhar Osman and the Emerging Turkish Psychiatric Discourse," *New Perspectives in Transcultural and Postcolonial Psychiatry Conference* (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin, Germany, November 4, 2021).

"Immaterial Science, Experimental Sufism: Turkish Neo-Spiritualism between 1945-1960," *5th Annual Symposium on Turkey: The Concept of Culture and Politics in Turkey* (University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, November 30, 2019); also delivered at *2018 Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting* (San Antonio, Texas, USA, November 18, 2018).

"Between Science and Sufism: Reflections on Turkish Neo-Spiritualism," *Turkologentag 2018* (Bamberg, Germany, September 21, 2018).

"On Happiness: Psychoanalysis, Religion, and Nationalism in Early Republican Turkey," *Atatürk Enstitüsü Seminerleri* (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, April 6, 2018); also delivered at *Critical Approaches at Social Sciences Talk Series* (Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey, February 23, 2017).

"Teaching History of Islamic Science and Technology," (Presenter/Participant in the Thematic Discussion) *2016 Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting* (Boston, Massachusetts, USA, November 19, 2016).

"From Jinns to Genes: On Psy-sciences and Epistemic Modernity in Turkey," *Contextualizing the Self: Creating and Recreating the First Person-An Interdisciplinary Workshop* (Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, November 15, 2016).

“(Re)Dematerializing the Soul: Modern Science, Islamic Mysticism, and Turkish Neo-Spiritualism,” *Dissections: New Directions in Research on the Middle East and North Africa – Fall 2015* (CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, USA, December 4, 2015).

“Diagnostics Across Cultures: Translating Psychoanalysis into Turkish,” *2015 Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting* (Denver, Colorado, USA, November 23, 2015).

“The Nation State and Psychiatric Expertise,” *Language, Science, and Aesthetics* (International Summer Academy, jointly organized by the Orient-Institut Beirut, and Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, held at the Orient-Institut Beirut, and the American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, September 11-19, 2014).

“Turkey Psychoanalyzed, Psychoanalysis Turkified: Reflections on İzzettin Şadan,” *Re-shaping the Margins of Europe: Russian/Soviet and Ottoman/Turkish Transformations, 1900-1930 Conference* (Columbia University Global Centers, Paris, France, July 2, 2012).

Fellowships & Awards (Selection)

2026 – Willis F. Doney Membership, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

2021 – Visiting Fellowship, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge

2020-2021 – BAP Start-Up Research Fund (Project code: 20B08SUP2), Boğaziçi University

2016-2017 – The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, Tel Aviv University

2012-2013 – Provost’s Dissertation Writing Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY

2012-2013 – International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (Alternate)

2011-2012 – Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship, The City College of New York, CUNY

2011 – Ph.D. Qualifications completed with Distinction, The Graduate Center, CUNY

2008-2009 – Presidential Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY

2007-2012 – Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Teaching Experience

Boğaziçi University, Department of Sociology:

SOC 343: *State and Society in Comparative Perspective*

SOC 345: *Politics, Religion, and Social Change*

SOC 451: *Identity and Culture*

SOC 482: *Sociology of Religion*

SOC 496: *Directed Research and Readings: Science, Religion, Society*

SOC 597: *Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology: Concepts in Social and Cultural Theory* (graduate seminar)

Boğaziçi University, Atatürk Institute of Modern Turkish History:

ATA 584: *Selected Topics in Social Theory and History* (graduate seminar)

ATA 68B: *Special Topics in Modern Turkish History* (graduate seminar)

Istanbul Bilgi University, Department of Sociology:

SOC 221: *Change in Contemporary Turkish Society*

SOC 432: *Historical Sociology*

SOC 441: *Religion in Society*

Özyeğin University, Faculty of Social Sciences:

HIST 104: *History of Civilizations II*

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, Department of History:

HIS 231: *The Origins of the Contemporary World I*

HIS 232: *The Origins of the Contemporary World II*

HIS 205: *The Modern World*

Boğaziçi University, Department of History (Teaching Assistant):

HIST 105: *The Making of the Modern World I*

HIST 106: *The Making of the Modern World II*

University Service

Boğaziçi University, Department of Sociology, First-Year Student Advisor (2019-Present)

Boğaziçi University, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee, Member (2023-2025)

Field Service

Manuscript reviewer for journals:

AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples; Alternatif Politika; Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East; European Journal of Turkish Studies; History of the Human Sciences; Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society; Journal of the History of Sexuality; Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association; Medical History; New Perspectives on Turkey; Sosyoloji Araştırmaları Dergisi; Politics, Religion & Ideology; Turkish Studies

Manuscript reviewer for publishers:

Routledge; Türkiye İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association

History of Science Society

Middle East Studies Association of North America

Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Gesellschaft für Turkologie, Osmanistik und Türkeiforschung

References

References can be furnished upon request.