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EDUCATION

The Graduate Center, the City University of New York, NY Ph.D. in Anthropology	2019
Dissertation: “Sedimenting Territory: A Political Geology of Oil, Earth, and Spatial Politics in Turkey” Advisor: Gary Wilder	
The Graduate Center, the City University of New York M.Phil. in Anthropology	2016
Columbia University, NY M.A. in Sociocultural Anthropology	2011
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul B.A. in Sociology	2009

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Northwestern University, IL Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental Humanities (Joint appointment in Anthropology)	2019-2021
The Graduate Center, the City University of New York Center for Place, Culture, and Politics Doctoral Fellow	2018-2019
The Graduate Center, the City University of New York The Committee for Globalization and Social Change Doctoral Fellow	2017-2018
Medgar Evers College, the City University of New York Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow	2017-2018
The Graduate Center, the City University of New York Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellow	2012-2017

PUBLICATIONS

<i>Peer-Reviewed Articles</i> “Geosocial Territories: Cavernous Modalities of Power in Turkey” <i>Political Geography</i> (revised and resubmitted in October 2019)	December 2019
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“The Speculative Underground: Oil, Conspiracy, and Geological Uncertainty in Turkey”
American Ethnologist
 (in preparation) 2020 (expected)

Book Chapters (In preparation)

“Plate Tectonics”
An Anthropogenic Table of Elements (Edited by Timothy Neale, Courtney Addison, and Thao Phan), Duke University Press 2021 (expected)

“‘Petroleum is Our Blood:’ Oil Politics, Resource Nationalism, and Coloniality in Turkey”
 Untitled volume (Edited by Mandana Limbert and Nelida Fuccaro) 2021 (expected)

AWARDS

External

American Council of Learned Societies
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (declined) 2019-2020

National Science Foundation
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (#1624210) 2016-2017

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (#9265) 2016-2017

Internal

Climate Action Fellowship
 Center for the Humanities
 The Graduate Center, the City University of New York 2018-2019

Dissertation Year Fellowship
 Center for Place, Culture, and Politics
 The Graduate Center, the City University of New York 2018-2019

Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship
 Medgar Evers College
 The Graduate Center, the City University of New York 2017-2018

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
 Committee on Globalization and Social Change
 The Graduate Center, the City University of New York 2017-2018

Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award
 The Graduate Center, the City University of New York 2015-2016

Anthropology Department Summer Fellowship Award The Graduate Center, the City University of New York	2015
Doctoral Student Research Grant The Graduate Center, CUNY	2014
Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship The Graduate Center, CUNY	2012-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University Lecturer – “The Politics and Poetics of the Earth”	Spring 2020
Northwestern University Lecturer – “Fire and Blood: Social Studies of Resources, Energy, and Society”	Winter 2020
Brooklyn College, CUNY Lecturer – “Cultures in Transformation I”	2013-2016
Brooklyn College, CUNY Lecturer – “Cultures in Transformation II”	2013-2016

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“Catastrophic Formations: Political Cosmologies of the Great Flood in the Mountains of Anatolia” New Earth Histories Conference, UNSW, Sydney, Australia	Dec. 4-6, 2019
“Lithospheric Beings: Elemental Politics in Turkey” Australian Anthropological Society (AAS) Meeting, Canberra, Australia	Dec. 2-5, 2019
“Geo-Political Collisions: How Plate Tectonics Becomes Political in Turkey’s Oilfields and Battlefields” American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meeting, Vancouver, Canada	Nov. 20-24, 2019
“Earth Worlds: Plate Tectonics as an Elemental Process” Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Meeting, New Orleans, LA	Sept. 4-7, 2019
“Violent Geologies: Battlefields and Oilfields in Turkey’s Kurdistan” Life-Worlds of Oil in the Middle East Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE	Apr. 15-17, 2019
“Violent Geologies: Battlefields and Oilfields in Turkey’s Kurdistan” Energy and the Left, NYU, New York	Mar. 30-31, 2019
“Decomposing Futures: Time, Work, and ‘Political Decay’ in Turkey’s Oilfields”	

- American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meeting, San Jose, CA Nov. 14-18, 2018
- “Matters of Conspiracy: Oil Prospects, Geological Knowledge, and Temporality in Turkey”
Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth Annual Conference, Oxford University, Oxford, England Sept. 18-21, 2018
- “Violent Collisions: Geology, Oil, and Subterranean Power in Turkey’s Kurdistan”
Serbest Kurdish Studies Conference
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL Jun. 1-2, 2018
- “Geological Futures: Life of Oil in the Late Capitalist Colony”
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Meeting, Washington DC Apr. 10-14, 2018
- “Wells of Failure: Oil Exploration, Conspiracy Theory, and Power in Turkey”
Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Meeting, Washington DC Nov. 18-21, 2017
- “The Will to Predict: Oil Exploration, Temporality, and the Work of Imagination”
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Meeting, Barcelona, Spain Sept. 1- 2, 2017
- “Subterranean Futures: Geology, Materiality, and Temporality in Hydrocarbon Exploration in Turkey”
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Meeting, New Orleans, LA Apr. 1-2, 2016
- “Anticipating Radiance: Imaginaries of Energy Abundance and Power in Turkey”
American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meeting, Denver, CO Nov. 18-22, 2015
- “Unrealized Futures: Geo-Politics of Thorium’s Nuclear Potentiality”
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Meeting, Denver, CO Nov. 11-14, 2015
- “Inanimate Life: Rocks, Time, and Geological Practice at Turkey's Mineral Research and Exploration Institute”
Science Studies Research Group (SSRG), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Nov. 2, 2015
- “Earth Enacted: Rethinking Fossil Fuels and Climate Change through Geology in Turkey”
Four Field Event: Animal, Vegetable, Mineral: The Environment as Anthropological Subject, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY Oct. 9, 2015
- “‘Common but Differentiated’ Burdens: Questioning Environmental Justice and Historical Responsibility through the Politics of Climate Change in Turkey”
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA March 24-28, 2015

WORKSHOPS & COLLABORATIVE EXPERIMENTS

Anthropocene River Campus: The Human Delta Tulane University, New Orleans, LA	Nov. 10-16, 2019
The Life Worlds of Middle Eastern Oil NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE	Apr. 15-17, 2019
Energy and the Left NYU, New York, NY	Mar. 30-31, 2019
Writing Slow Disaster in the Anthropocene Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA	Apr. 19, 2018
Anthropocene Campus Philadelphia Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA	Oct. 22-26, 2017

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University Environmental Humanities Workshop Organizer	2019 – 2021
The Graduate Center, the City University of New York Climate Action Lab Organizer	2018 – 2019
The Graduate Center, the City University of New York Committee for Globalization and Social Change Program Administrator	2018-2019
Writing Center, Medgar Evers College, the City University of New York Writing Counselor	2017-2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Mentor Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Mentor-Mentee Program	2019
Reviewer <i>American Ethnologist</i>	
Reviewer Center for Spatial Justice (<i>Mekanda Adalet Derneği</i>)	2019
Mentor American Anthropological Association (AAA) Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology & Computing (CASTAC)	2018

Mentor-Mentee Program

President 2013-2019
Middle Eastern Studies Organization
The Graduate Center, CUNY

Student Representative 2017-2018
Anthropology Department Executive Committee
The Graduate Center, CUNY

Co-chair
Anthropology Department Elections Committee
The Graduate Center, CUNY 2013-2014

LANGUAGES

Turkish– native
English– fluent
Kurdish– basic

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
American Association of Geographers (AAG)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)