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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. Student in Communication
Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 Ph.D. Student in Communication, Culture and Media
Drexel University, Philadelphia
- 2015 M.S. in Intercultural Communication
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
Thesis: "Medical Tourist Patient Testimonials in Istanbul: At the Intersection of Intercultural Communication and Multimodal Discourse"
- 2006 M.A. in Language Education and Sociolinguistics
International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
Thesis: "The road from Lopushna to Varna: Language Use and Language Attitudes among Bilingual Ethnic Turks in Bulgaria".
- 2001 B.A. in Politics, New York University, New York
- 1999 Exchange Student, Tohoku University, Japan
- 1996-9 Student, University of California, Riverside
Major: Foreign Languages (French, Spanish, Japanese)
- 1995 Journalism Student, Medill School of Journalism Summer High School Institute
Northwestern University, Evanston

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2015 Pozitif Rehberlik [single author]. Istanbul: Nesil; 208 pages; paper ISBN: 9786051625300; e-book ISBN: 2790000694404
- 2012 Pozitif Disiplin [single author]. Istanbul: Timaş; 176 pages; ISBN: 9786050802818
- 2011 Baby Sign Language [single author]. Istanbul: Bebek Universitesi; 96 pages; ISBN: 9780615551685
- 2011 Bebek İşaret Dili [single author]. Istanbul: Boyut; 83 pages; ISBN: 9789752307643

Academic Articles

- 2013 Language use and language attitudes of bilingual Turks in Bulgaria. *European Scientific Journal, Special Edition II*, pp. 436-440.

- 2005 Bulgaria's language policies towards the Turkish language 1944-2003. *Society of ICU English Studies*, pp. 16-30.

AWARDS

- 2017-8 Full Tuition and Research Fellowship
Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016-7 Full Tuition and Teaching Fellowship
Drexel University, Dept. of Communication, Culture and Media
- 2014-5 US Department of Education Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)
Arabic and Middle East program
- 2014-5 Majeda Family Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education
- 2014-5 Graduate Assistantship, University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education
- 2014 "First in Turkey" Award, Hearing Impaired Federation of Turkey
- 2004-5 Ishimori Memorial North America Friendship Scholarship Fund, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004-6 Japan Department of Education Monbusho Scholarship, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 It's all good with food: Communist Bulgaria's quest of cleansing of all vestiges of Turkishness...except the food. Graduate Student Conference, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, April 13.
- 2018 Chair: Panel V: Body, Gender, Power. Mediating Islamic State Symposium, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication (CARGC), Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 6.
- 2018 Geopolitical Drama: The Discursive Reproduction of East and West in Russian Drama. Popular Culture Association National Conference, Indianapolis, March 31.
- 2018 *Neo-Ottoman Cool* in Bulgaria: The Drama of Turkish Drama in the Bulgarian Public Sphere. Colloquium, Drexel University, Philadelphia, March 6.
- 2017 Critical Transculturalism and Closet Consumption: Chalga and Turkish Dramas in Bulgaria. Mid-Atlantic Popular & American Culture Association (MAPACA), Philadelphia, November 9.
- 2017 Taming Neo-Ottoman Cool: The Discursive Reproduction of East and West in Russian Drama. Global Fusion Conference, Ohio University, October 14.
- 2017 Physical Places and Virtual Spaces: WDU's Quest for Accessibility. World Disability Union General Assembly, Moscow, May 21.

- 2017 Taming Neo-Ottoman Cool: Images of East and West (Russia!) in Russian Drama. Communication, Culture, and Media Graduate Conference, Drexel University, May 11.
- 2016 Neo-Ottoman Cool in Bulgaria: Redefining Turkish Modernity through Transnational Media. Global Fusion Conference, Temple University, October 23.
- 2016 Accommodation vs. Accessibility. International Digital Accessibility Workshop, World Disability Union, Istanbul, October 15.
- 2015 Panelist. Sustainable Accessibility Global Forum, United Nations Eighth Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations Headquarters, New York, New York, June 9-11.
- 2014 Positive Discipline and Community Building in the Classroom. Full day seminar on positive discipline and effective community building for preschool teachers at Gulistan Egitim ve Kultur Merkezi [Gulistan Center for Education and Culture], Ankara, Turkey, July 7.
- 2014 Panelist. First Global Forum on Disability: Voice of Our Own, United Nations Seventh Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations Headquarters, New York, New York, June 9.
- 2014 Language Development and Baby Sign Language Colloquium. Arel University, Istanbul, Turkey, March 11.
- 2012 Working towards Equal Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities. Invited presentation at the United Nations Association of Georgia, Conference for Organizations Supporting People with Disabilities, Batumi, Georgia, September 25.
- 2012 The Importance of the World Disability Union World Report on Perceptions of Disability. United Nations Fifth Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, World Disability Union Side-Event, UN Headquarters, New York, New York, September 13.
- 2012 Bebek İşaret Dili [Baby Sign Language]. Invited presentation at the Merkezefendi Traditional Medicine Festival at Zeytinburnu Tıbbi Bitkiler Bahçesi, Istanbul, Turkey, June 12.
- 2012 Engellilik Algısı Dünya Raporu: Amacımız Ne? [The World Report on Perceptions of Disability: What is Our Goal?]. World Disability Union Perceptions of Disability Conference, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 16.
- 2012 Annelik ve Pozitif Disiplin [Motherhood and Positive Discipline]. Invited talk at Eğitim-SEN Teachers' Union, Sakarya, Turkey, May 12.
- 2012 Anneler ve Çocuklar İçin Pozitif Disiplin [Positive Discipline for Mothers and Children]. Publisher-sponsored talk. Kadriye Faik Koparan Elementary School, Istanbul, Turkey, May 8.
- 2012 Çocuk Eğitiminde Pozitif Psikolojinin Önemi [The Importance of Positive Psychology in the Education of Children]. Invited presentation at Sakarya, Turkey, March 8.

- 2011 Bebek İşaret Dili [Baby Sign Language]. Invited presentation at the World Disability Union General Assembly, Istanbul, Turkey, October 23.
- 2011 Bebek İşaret Dili [Baby Sign Language]. Invited presentation at Alternatif Yaşam Association, Sakarya, Turkey, May 5.
- 2011 Pozitif Disiplin [Positive Discipline]. Invited presentation at Anadolu National Press Agency, Ankara, Turkey, April 13.
- 2011 Bebek İşaret Dili [Baby sign language]. Invited presentation at Anadolu National Press Agency, Ankara, Turkey, April 13.
- 2004 The Importance of Teaching Pragmatics to L2 Learners and Implications for Japan. International Christian University Language Study Workshop, Tokyo, Japan, August 21.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Drexel University

- TA, Societies in Transition (ANTH 310), Spring 2017
 TA, Media Anthropology (ANTH 330), Winter 2017
 TA, Public Relations Writing (COM 282), Winter 2017
 TA, Public Speaking (COM 230), Fall 2016
 TA, Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101), Fall 2016

University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education

- TA, Second Language Acquisition, Spring 2015

Johnson & Johnson Tokyo

- English Teacher, 1/2002 - 4/2005

Tokyo YMCA

- English Teacher, 8/2003 - 4/2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007-2014 Independent research in Istanbul, Turkey. Authored published books on child language development and education.
- 2012 Literature review on sign language teacher training materials for the Hearing Impaired Federation of Turkey.
- 2011 Multilingual literature review and research design for the World Report on Perceptions of Disability, World Disability Union.
- 2010 Literature review on child sexual abuse prevention for Haydi Tut Elimi Association.
- 2010 Literature review on adoption and foster parenting for Bahçelievler Çocuk Esirgeme Kurumu [Child Protection Agency].

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2011 – Present Secretary-General, World Disability Union

2011 Founder, Bebek Üniversitesi, a child development education NGO in Turkey

SELECTED MEDIA CITATIONS

TV

- 2012 Featured guest, interviewed on child language development, Derya'nin Dünyası, KanalTürk, Istanbul, April 24.
- 2011 Featured guest, interviewed on baby sign language, Eğlence Pazarı, TRT1, Istanbul, October 23.
- 2011 Featured guest, interviewed on baby sign language, Hayatın İçinden, Kanal 7, Istanbul, October 6.
- 2011 Featured guest, interviewed on baby sign language, Bebeğim, KanalTürk, Istanbul, June 4.
- 2011 Interviewed and featured for baby sign language book on 19:00 News, ATV, Istanbul, February 21.

Radio

- 2015 Phone interview about intergenerational communication, Mavi Dünya, Moral FM 105.0 MHz. Istanbul, May 9.
- 2014 Interviewed about baby sign language, Kadınca Kararınca, Moral FM 105.0 MHz. Istanbul, March 6.
- 2013 Phone interview about positive discipline, Mavi Mikrofon, Konya FM 99.5 MHz, October 7.
- 2013 Interviewed about baby sign language, Mavi Dünya, Moral FM 105.0 MHz. Istanbul, February 14.
- 2012 Interviewed about language development and bilingualism, Mavi Dünya, Moral FM 105.0 MHz. Istanbul, June 11.
- 2012 Interviewed about positive discipline, Mavi Dünya, Moral FM 105.0 MHz. Istanbul, May 24.
- 2012 Interviewed about positive discipline, Bezm-i Cihan. (S. Öztürk, Interviewer) Burç FM 88.8 MHz. Istanbul, May 23.
- 2011 Interviewed about baby sign language, Mavi Dünya, Moral FM 105.0 MHz. Istanbul, October 18.

- 2009 Interviewed about child development on Medya FM 93.9. Istanbul, November 9.
- Print
- 2015 Inan, T. A. (2015, March 16). [Bebekler işaretle konuşuyorlar](#) *Vahdet* newspaper, March 16.
- 2014 Deniz, H., [Bebek işaret dili nedir? \[What is baby sign language?\]](#). *Working Mother Magazine*, pp. 34-36, April 24.
- 2012 Staff. [Meğer bebekler de konuşuyormuş \[So babies can talk too\]](#). Haber 7, May 20.
- 2011 Küçükkahraman [Röportaj: Yasemin Yusufoff \[Interview: Author Yasemin Yusufoff\]](#). *Klass Magazin* (72), pp. 242-3, March.
- 2011 Staff. [Bebek de konuşur \[Babies can talk too\]](#). *Bebek* (19), pp. 76-9, July.
- 2011 Staff. [Bebğinizle iletişimde mucize yöntem. \[A miracle method for communicating with your baby\]](#). *Cumhuriyet*, July 9.
- 2011 Staff. [Çocuğunuzu incitmeden eğitin! \[Teach your child without hurting him/her\]](#). *Bugün*, April 15.
- 2011 Staff. [Çocukların pozitif gelişim için 'pozitif disiplin' \[For the positive development of children 'positive discipline'\]](#). *Güneydoğu Ekspres*, April 15.
- 2011 Staff. [Bebek için işaret dili \[Sign language for babies\]](#). *HaberTürk*, March 5.
- 2011 Staff. [Agudan önce işaret dili \[Sign language before cooing\]](#). *Hürriyet*, February 21.
- 2011 Staff. [Bebek bezinden sonra en iyi buluş! \[The best discovery since diapers!\]](#). *Zaman*, February 21.
- 2011 Staff. [Bebek iletişimde mucize buluş: İşaret dili \[A miracle discovery in communicating with babies: Sign language\]](#). *Sabah*, February 20.
- 2011 Tulpar, İ. [Dünyayı siyasetle değiştiremeyeceğimi anladım \[I knew I could not improve the world with politics\]](#). *Posta*, April 23.
- Web
- 2012 Milliyet. [Bebek bezinden sonraki en önemli buluş \[The best discovery since diapers\]](#)
- 2011 NTV. [Yanlış acı vermeden söyleyin \[Correct without hurting\]](#) April 14.
- 2011 HaberTürk. [Çocuğunuzu böyle eğitin! \[Teach your child like this!\]](#) April 14.
- 2011 CNN Türk. [İşaret diliyle daha az ağlayan bebekler. \[Baby sign language\]](#) February 20.

LANGUAGES

Fluent: Turkish, Bulgarian, Japanese
Advanced: French, Russian
Intermediate: Spanish, Macedonian, Serbian, Italian
Beginner: Georgian, Arabic