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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis	2023–Present
Ph.D. in Linguistics	
Boğaziçi University	2017–2021
B.A. in Linguistics	İstanbul, Türkiye

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Integration of B-Formats to Sign Language Classifier Constructions	2024
<i>The Symposium on Language Research</i> — Davis, CA, USA	
My Sign App: Supporting Sign Language Acquisition of Deaf Children with Hearing Parents	2023
<i>Student Conference on Linguistics</i> — İstanbul, Türkiye (with Dilay Z. Karadöller)	
A Proposition for Typology of Modality Markers in Sign Languages	2020
<i>Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics (BUSTCEL)</i> — İstanbul, Türkiye	

RESEARCH & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics	2023–Present
<i>Project Manager</i> — “TİD-Lex: Turkish Sign Language (TİD) Lexical Database”	
SRCD Small Grants Program for Early Career Scholars	2022–2023
<i>Project Manager</i> — “My Sign App”	
TADNET — EU Endangered Languages Network	2020–2021
<i>Project Assistant</i>	
Boğaziçi University Research Fund (#14458)	2019–2020
<i>Project Assistant</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Davis	Davis, CA, USA
<i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics</i>	
• LIN 103B: Linguistic Analysis II: Morphology, Syntax, Semantics	Fall 2026
• LIN 131: Introduction to Syntactic Theory	Spring 2026
• LIN 001Y: Introduction to Linguistics (Hybrid)	Winter, Spring, Fall 2024; Winter, Fall 2025; Winter 2026
• LIN 001: Introduction to Linguistics	Fall 2023

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)</i>	2026
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PUBLIC OUTREACH & SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Bilimin En Zor Problemi Serisi	Article Series
“The Hardest Problem of Science” — Popular cognitive science series on Medium (CogIST)	
Mentalese Muhabbet: İşaret Dili Biliş Hakkında Ne Söylüyor?	Podcast Episode
“What Does Sign Language Say About Cognition?” — Featured guest episode on Spotify	