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EDUCATION

- Sabancı University** 2016 - 2018
M.A. in Cultural Studies (Full Scholarship)
- Koç University** 2013 - 2016
B.A. in English Language and Comparative Literature (50% Scholarship)
GPA: 3.81/4, Graduated with high honors as the third ranking student from the department.
Honors Thesis Title: "Algerian White as a Site of Mourning: Function of Literature in the Face of Death."
- Boğaziçi University** Spring 2013
Guest Student in the History Department
GPA: 3.67/4
- Hampshire College** 2010 - 2012
Political Theory, Middle Eastern Studies, Literary Nonfiction
Activities: Coordinator of FISH (Forum for International Students), SISTERS (Women of Color and International Women), and Hampshire Francophones.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant, Sabancı University** 2016- ...
Led discussion sections, held office hours, and graded exams for:
SPS 101: Humanity and Society, SPS 102: Humanity and Society II,
HUM 231: Major Works of Poetry.
- Tutor, Koç University Office of Learning and Teaching (KOLT)** 2015-2016
Peer tutor for the following courses: LITR 111 Intro to Literary Theory & Criticism,
LITR 209 Literature and Culture I, ACWR 105 Academic Writing for Humanities.
- Faculty Assistant, Koç University** 2014-2015
Research assistant to Megan MacDonald, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature.
- Reporter, bianet.org** 2013
Covered news stories about women's and LGBTI rights, urban gentrification, press freedom, and Christian minorities' rights. Duties included minor translations and keeping record of bianet's monthly report on male violence.
Archive: <http://bianet.org/yazar/ece-kocak>
- Intern, bianet.org** 2012
Covered numerous news stories in Istanbul (mostly about women's and LGBTI rights, reproductive rights, and press freedom), translated several articles on reproductive rights' movements, and assisted the reproductive rights campaign titled "Benim Bedenim, Benim Kararım" (My Body, My Decision).

Faculty Assistant, Hampshire College 2012
Handled organizational office duties for Flavio Risech-Ozeguera, Professor of Law.
Helped prepare his coursework for *Constitutionally Queer: Law, Equality, and Sexuality*.

Foreign News Desk Intern, CNN Turk 2011
Prepared international news sequences and translations for evening news.

LANGUAGES

Turkish | Native
English | Bilingual
French | Advanced reading skills (Obtained Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) B1 in 2010.)
Arabic | Lower intermediate
Russian | Beginner

PUBLICATIONS

Contributed to the collective translation of: *Herkesin Herkes İçin: Müşterekler Üzerine Eleştirel Bir Antoloji*, ed. Fikret Adaman, Bengi Akbulut, Umut Kocagöz. Istanbul: Metis, 2017.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"*Algerian White as Textual Funeral: Function of Literature in the Face of Evil.*" *Representing Evil: Memories of Evil in Contemporary Cultural Narratives*, Undergraduate Comparative Literature Conference organized by Koç University, May 2015.

PROJECTS

Memory of Objects, Hrant Dink Foundation (May 2017)

Participated in a workshop titled "Memory of Objects" with German artists Horst Hoheisel and Andreas Knitz. International Council of Museums has named the theme of 2017 as "Museums and contested history: Saying the unspeakable in museums." In accordance with this theme, Hrant Dink Foundation has organized this workshop in which participants brought objects that reminded them the current relationship between Turkey and Armenia.

My Body My Decision, bianet.org (June 2012)

Reproductive rights campaign launched as a response to the Turkish PM's words "every abortion is a murder" and the government's worrying steps towards banning abortion.

International Human Rights Tribunal, Hampshire College (January 2011)

Traveled to The Hague, Netherlands with 9 other students to observe trials at the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Followed Radovan Karadzic's case at the ICTY, and prepared a report on the witness testimonies.

HONORS

Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship (Spring 2016)

Vehbi Koç Scholar at Koç University (Spring 2014 – Spring 2016)

Scholarship covering full tuition at Hampshire College

Scholarship from Turkish Educational Foundation (TEV) covering high school tuition (2006 – 2010)