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EDUCATION

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

Bachelor of Science, Molecular Biology and Genetics (2004-2009)

Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey

Master of Arts, English Language and Literature (2010–2014)

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Master of Arts, English Literature (2014-2016)

Doctor of Philosophy, English Literature (2016-incomplete)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Translator/Interpreter (since 2005). Worked as a translator for various companies, such as Straker and Lionbridge. Turkish-English. Areas of specialization include: biomedicine, literature, law. 20+ years of experience.

European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany. *Research Intern (2007, Summer).* Performed research into lateral primordium development in *D. rerio*.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. *Assistant Lecturer (2015 – 2018).* Taught critical writing and thinking to freshmen and sophomores for three years.

Rosenberg & Ball Co, LPA, Ohio. Legal Assistant (2018-19). Handled complex documentation and engaged in legal research.

Hathaway & Parker LLP, California. Legal Assistant (2019-2022). Handled complex documentation and engaged in legal research.

Doruk Inc., Turkey. Vice President, Shares Owner, Consultant (2020-Present). Real-estate company based in Kirikkale, Turkey.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish: fluent

English: fluent

Ancient Greek: intermediate

Russian: intermediate

German, Latin, French: beginner

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Bilkent University: Comprehensive (100%) Scholarship: awarded to students who achieve exceptional success in a Turkish college admissions exam.

Bosphorus University: The Selcuk Altun Scholarship for Creative Writing (2010-2014).

The Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies: Merit-Based Award (2012).

University of Southern California: Provost's Fellowship: the most exclusive on campus, granted once per annum for each cohort (2014 - 2019).

University of Southern California: Summer Study Grants (2015, 2016, 2017).

Olive Tree Initiative: Student Diplomat Scholarship (2017, Summer).

MISCELLANEOUS

- Ranked 421th out of 1.6 million applicants in a Turkish college admissions exam (OSS)
- Has absolute pitch, the ability to recognize notes in the absence of a referent.¹ Can memorize complex orchestral passages.²
- Recommendation letters available upon request
 - Kenneth Jolivet, *former NATO commander*
 - Hans Bader, *CEO & former federal attorney*
 - Orhan Yilmaz, *former lieutenant at the Turkish Air Force*
 - Janice Fiamengo, *Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Ottawa*
 - James Moore II, *Professor Emeritus of Systems Engineering at the University of Southern California*
 - Spiro Pantazatos, *Associate Professor of Neurobiology at Columbia University*

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhmkd6w93Qs>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAnjte5rUJ8>