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EDUCATION

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

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

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

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

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Doctor of Philosophy, English Literature (2014-2020, 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, European Union regulations. 17+ 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, California. Assistant Lecturer (2015 - 2018). Taught critical writing and thinking to freshmen and sophomores.

Rosenberg & Ball Co, LPA, Ohio. *Legal Assistant (2018-19).* Handled complex documentation and wrote legal briefs.

Hathaway & Parker LLP, California. *Legal Assistant (2019-21).* Handled complex documentation and engaged in legal research.

Doruk Inc., Turkey. *CEO (Present).* Chief executive of a real estate company.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish: native speaker.

English: native speaker.

Ancient Greek: advanced

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.

Turkish Prime Ministry Scholarship (2004-2009).

Bogazici 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 412th out of 1.6 million applicants in a Turkish college admissions exam (OSS)
- Human rights advocacy in multiple venues. For example, created a petition to oppose the prosecution of a dissident woman politician critical of radical Islam.¹
- Has absolute pitch, the rare ability to recognize notes in the absence of a referent.² Can memorize complex orchestral passages.³⁴

¹ <https://www.change.org/p/court-of-cassation-turkey-petition-to-free-canan-kaftancioglu-human-rights-activist-critic-of-radical-islam>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhmkd6w93Qs>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAnjte5rUJ8>

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EF6GCZ0OoHI>

PRESS COVERAGE

My advocacy has been covered by Campus Reform,⁵ The College Fix,⁶ Fox News,⁷ Wall Street Journal,⁸ The Hill,⁹ NBC News,¹⁰ The Post Millennial,¹¹ The Daily Wire,¹² The Daily Caller,¹³ PJ Media,¹⁴ USA Today,¹⁵ The Associated Press,¹⁶ Taiwan News,¹⁷ Euro News,¹⁸ New Delhi Times,¹⁹ Forbes,²⁰ The Stanford Daily,²¹ Trojan Daily.²²

ARTICLES

Articles I wrote were published on Newsweek,²³ Inside Higher Education,²⁴ The James Martin Center,²⁵ The Federalist,²⁶ and The European Conservative.²⁷

⁵ <https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=10899>

⁶ <https://www.thecollegefix.com/male-sexual-harassment-claims-ignored-by-the-feds-title-ix-office-in-boston-for-eight-years/>

⁷ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/yale-being-probed-by-doe-accused-of-toxic-environment-against-men>

⁸ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/do-pro-women-groups-on-campus-discriminate-against-men-1527067800>

⁹ <https://thehill.com/regulation/administration/388675-ed-dept-investigating-whether-yale-discriminates-against-men>

¹⁰ <https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/doe-investigating-title-ix-complaints-from-men-who-say-it-discriminates-in-support-of-women-1399057987509>

¹¹ <https://thepostmillennial.com/one-brave-young-man-takes-on-gender-inequality-at-usc>

¹² <https://www.dailywire.com/news/foia-request-reveals-boston-title-ix-office-has-ashe-schow>

¹³ <https://dailycaller.com/2018/05/14/education-department-yale-university-programs-scholarships-men-women/>

¹⁴ <https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/tyler-o-neil/2019/06/20/ph-d-student-files-federal-complaint-says-usc-retaliated-against-his-pro-men-title-ix-activism-n66503>

¹⁵ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/02/12/colleges-universities-discriminate-men-title-ix-complaints-toxic-masculinity-column/2831834002/>

¹⁶ <https://apnews.com/article/north-america-us-news-ap-top-news-education-ca-state-wire-3c30816a631240cc8f1ee7051c129388>

¹⁷ <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3578393>

¹⁸ <https://www.euronews.com/2018/12/15/men-s-rights-activists-are-attacking-women-s-scholarships-programs-n947886>

¹⁹ <https://www.newdelhitimes.com/ed-department-investigates-claims-against-womens-programs/>

²⁰ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kimelsesser/2022/11/30/stanford-university-under-investigation-for-sex-bias-against-men/?sh=2d92e45a3c17>

²¹ <https://stanforddaily.com/2022/12/01/department-of-education-opens-investigation-into-stanford-for-bias-against-male-students/>

²² <https://dailytrojan.com/2019/01/08/student-accuses-university-of-discriminating-against-men/>

²³ <https://www.newsweek.com/biden-administration-unwilling-oppose-discrimination-against-men-opinion-1762731>

²⁴ <https://www.insidehighered.com/users/james-moore-and-kursat-christoff-pekgoz>

²⁵ <https://www.jamesmartin.center/2019/10/the-ministry-of-love-ongoing-gender-partisanship-in-the-department-of-education/>

²⁶ <https://thefederalist.com/2019/11/26/u-s-department-of-education-to-investigate-georgetown-for-giving-women-privileges-it-doesnt-give-men/>

²⁷ <https://europeanconservative.com/articles/commentary/is-eu-law-more-conservative-than-american-law/>