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Academic Interests

Syntax/Semanics: NPI-Licensing, A-not-A Questions, Complementation

Psycholingusitics: Grammatical Illusions, Online Processing of Negation & NPIs

Professional Interests

Computational Linguistics: Speech Synthesis, Grammar Engineering, Semantic Search, Relational Frameworks

Education

Stony Brook University (SBU)	**New York, USA**
Ph.D in Linguistics	*2009–Now*
Hacettepe University (HU)	**Ankara, Turkey**
MA in Linguistics	*2006–2009*

Thesis Title: *An Investigation into the Lexical & Syntactic Properties of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish*

Middle East Technical University (METU)	**Ankara, Turkey**
BA in Foreign Language Education	*2001–2005*

Summer/Winter Schools

Utrecht University	**Utrecht, Netherlands**
LOT Summer School	*July 2008*
Tilburg University	**Tilburg, Netherlands**
LOT Winter School	*January 2008*
Masaryk University	**Brno, Czech Republic**
EGG Summer School	*August 2007*
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	**Leuven, Belgium**
LOT Summer School	*June 2007*

Awards

Natural Science Foundation	
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	*2017*
NYU-Abu Dhabi	
EXAL+ Student Travel Award	*2016*
SBU	
President's Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student	*2014*
The 27th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing	
CUNY2014 Student Travel Award	*2014*

SBU
GSEU Development & Professional Award   *2012*

SBU
Tuition Waiver & Teaching Assistantship   *2009-Now*

Utrecht University
Tuition Waiver, LOT Summer School   *2008*

Tilburg University
Tuition Waiver, LOT Winter School   *2008*

Leuven University
Tuition Waiver, LOT Summer School   *2007*

Hacettepe University
Travel Grant   *2007*

Middle East Technical University Scholarship Fund
METU Scholarship   *2001-2005*

Publications

Prospective NPI licensing and intrusion in Turkish   **2018**
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury   *Language, Cognition & Neuroscience*

The processing of NPIs in Turkish-German bilingual speakers   **2019**
Arslan, S., Lago, S., Yanilmaz, A., Drury, E. J., & Felser, C.   *Proceedings of GALA 13*

Professional Experience

Computation & Localization

APPLE, INC.   **Work from Home**
Language Engineer   *May 2018-Now*
○ Siri Speech Team

NTENT, INC.   **Work from Home**
Computational Linguist   *2016 October-January 2018*
○ Corpus Development by identifying relevant web & mobile use
○ Semantic Processing by developing relational rules & frames
○ Turkish Lexicon Development & Evaluation of the large proprietary ontology
○ Search Quality Evaluation with functional tests & end-to-end results

Appen Pty Ltd.   **Farmington Hills, MI**
Localization tester   *2017 February*
○ Onsite testing of the automatic speech recognition systems in Turkish
○ Running test cases for the in-car infotainment systems
○ Validating voice-related screens and reporting functional issues

National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland   **Work from Home**
Linguist   *2016 January-May*
○ Developing reading & listening passages for language testing
○ Providing transcripts & English renderings of the passages

Appen Pty Ltd.   **Work from Home**
Computational Linguist   *2015 June-2016 January*
- Development & testing of Error Detection & Correction for Turkish language of Microsoft Office 15
- Using linguistic software to develop & validate linguistic error critiques
- Maintaining & reviewing design documentation in English
- Reporting & monitoring linguistic critiques using proprietary online issue management system

Pro Bono Speaks, LLC.   **New York, NY**
Interpreter & Translator   *2013-2014*

International Language Services, INC.   **New York, NY**
Translator & Transcriptionist   *July 2012*

Teaching at College

Department of Linguistics   **SBU**
Teaching Assistant & Instructor   *2009–Now*

Courses TAed:
- LIN 200 Language in US ('09 Fall)
  - Responsible for conducting review sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 211 Syntax ('11, '12, '13 Fall)
  - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 346 Language & Meaning ('10 Spring)
  - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions & *Semantica* software, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 431 The Structure of an Uncommonly Taught Language: Najdi Arabic ('13 Spring)
  - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 431 The Structure of an Uncommonly Taught Language: Turkish ('14 Spring)
  - Responsible for being the language resource person, teaching weekly recitation sessions and holding regular office hours.
- LIN 344 Literacy Development ('16 Spring)
  - Responsible for conducting review sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- PSY 260 Survey of Perception and Cognition ('18 Spring)
  - Responsible for conducting review sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.

Courses Taught:

Fully responsible for designing each course, teaching classes, developing means to assess student learning, student advising, grading and providing feedback on students' work and progress.
- ESL 192 Intermediate Composition ('10 Fall, '11 Spring, '11 Summer, '13 Summer)
- LIN 300 Writing in Linguistics ('12 Winter, '14 Summer)
- LIN 355 Language & Life in Turkey ('12 Spring, '14 Fall)
- LIN 551 Bilingualism ('13 Summer)
- TRK 101 Intensive Elementary Turkish ('14, '15 Summer)
- LIN 200 Language in the USA ('15 Winter)
- LIN 230 Languages of the World ('16 Summer)
- TRK 111 Elementary Turkish I ('16 Summer - ONLINE)
- LIN 544 Language Acquisition & Literacy Development ('16 Fall)

Undergraduate Thesis Advising:

Co-mentor and informant of Chor Yan Chau's undergraduate thesis entitled "Turkish Focus Question Morpheme: A Syntactic Analysis of -*mI*" ('15 Spring)

Georgia STARTALK program   **Agnes Scott College**
Lead Instructor   *2017*

Fully responsible for the design of the Turkish language program, coordinating daily meetings with the language and music instructors, developing means to assess student learning, student and instructor advising.

Department of English   **Dowling College**
Online Adjunct Faculty   *2015*
Courses Taught:

Fully responsible for designing the online course, maintaining the weekly discussions, developing means to assess student learning, student advising, grading and providing feedback on students' work and progress.
○ ENGL 2140A Introduction to Linguistics (Summer '15)

Department of English & World Languages   **American Public University System**
Online Adjunct Faculty   *2014*
Courses Taught:

Fully responsible for designing the online course, teacher training, maintaining the weekly discussions, developing means to assess student learning, student advising, grading and providing feedback on students' work and progress.
○ ENGL 101 Proficiency in Writing (Fall '14, Session D)

Department of Linguistics   **HU**
Research Assistant   *2007–2009*
Courses Taught:
○ IDB 116 Languages of the World ('07 Spring)
○ IDB 121 Integrated Language Skills I ('07 Spring)
○ IDB 156 Investigations in Linguistics ('08 Fall)
○ IDB 261 Morphology I ('08 Fall)
○ IDB 376 Morphology II ('09 Spring)
○ IDB 462 Advanced Syntax ('09 Spring)

English Prepatory School   **Atılım University**
English Instructor, Ankara, Turkey   *2005–2007*

Foreign Language Education   **METU**
Student Assistant   *2004 Fall*

Volunteering

Pre-college Institute   **College of Arts and Sciences, SBU**
Lecturer   *July 2015 & 2016*

○ Teaching and role-modeling for students from disadvantaged school districts.

Teaching Assistant Orientation Workshop   **SBU**
Speaker   *August 2014*

Organizational Duties

Language Learning Research Center   **SBU**
Preparing & Administering the Challenge Exam in Turkish   *2014-2018*

Department of Linguistics   **SBU**
Graduate Student Representative   *2011-2012*

Department of Linguistics	**SBU**
Colloquium Series Co-organizer	*2011-2012*
Department of Linguistics	**HU**
Academic Advisor	*2007-2009*

Ad hoc reviewing...

SYNC, Journal of Neurolinguistics, Oxford Handbook of Negation

Teaching elsewhere..

Active English	**Ankara, Turkey**
English Teacher, Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT	*July 2010*
English Club	**Ankara, Turkey**
English Teacher, Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT	*2008–2009*
European Union-Social Total Organization Project (STOP-Ref. No:403)	
English Teacher & Curriculum Designer, Ankara, Turkey	*2005*

Conference Presentations & Talks

CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing   **UC Davis**
Intervening and non-intervening Interference   *2018*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing   **UC Davis**
The processing of Turkish and Korean NPI licensing and intrusion: ERP evidence   *2018*
So Young Lee, Aydogan Yanilmaz, Jiwon Yun & John E. Drury

CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing   **UC Davis**
ERP effects distinguishing polarity versus free choice:English ANY & Mandarin RENHE   *2018*
Jun Lyu, Hongchen Wu, Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

ConCALL-3   **UI Bloomington**
Anti-local intrusion effects in Turkish   *2018*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

TU+3   **UCLA**
Anti-local intrusion effects in Turkish   *2017*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

The Ninth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference   **Baltimore, MD**
ANY ERP effects?   *2017*
Hongchen Wu, Jun Lyu, Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

GALA13   **Mallorca**
The processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish-German bilingual speakers   *2017*
Seckin Arslan, Sol Lago, Aydogan Yanilmaz, John E. Drury & Claudia Felser

XPRAG *Questions, Answers and Negation* Workshop   **Berlin**
The costs and benefits of processing negation in NPI licensing contexts in Turkish   *2016*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

EXAL+, NYU-Abu Dhabi   **Abu Dhabi**
Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish: Does the parser ignore the grammar?   *2016*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

TU+1   **U Mass**
Illusions of grammaticality on NPI licensing in Turkish   *2015*
Aydogan Yanilmaz

Harvard Language and Cognition Seminar   **Harvard University**
Online processing of grammatical illusions:evidence from Turkish NPI licensing   *2014*
(Invited Talk)

The Sixth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference   **Amsterdam**
ERP responses for polarity sensitivity and definiteness restriction violations   *2014*
John E. Drury, James Monette, Aydogan Yanilmaz & Karsten Steinhauer

CUNY's Psycholinguistics Supper   **CUNY**
Illusions of grammaticality, prospective NPI/licensor dependencies   *2014*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury (Invited Talk)

CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing   **Columbus, OH**
Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish:Does the parser ignore the grammar?   *2014*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

The Fifth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference   **San Diego, CA**
Processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish   *2013*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting   **San Francisco, CA**
NPI Licensing in Turkish: An ERP Study   *2013*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury

WAFL VIII   **Universität Stuttgart**
A-not-A Questions in Turkish   *2012*

SYNC 13   **New York University**
On the Syntax of Embedded Yes/No Questions in Turkish   *2011*

METU Syntax Workshop   **METU**
Some Remarks on NPIs in Turkish   *2008*

6th METU Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics & Language Teaching   **METU**
NPI Licensing in WH-Questions   *2008*

22. National Linguistics Conference   **Van Yüzüncü Yıl University**
NPIs in Wh-Questions   *2008*
Aydogan Yanilmaz & Emine Yarar

Mediterranean Graduate Students Meeting in Linguistics   **Mersin University**
Word Order Restrictions in Negative Polarity Items   *2007*

Languages

Turkish (Native); English (Fluent); Korean (Research Knowledge); Arabic (Research Knowledge)

Computer Skills

Languages: Python, R

Applications: Unix/Linux, Git, LaTeX, Matlab, EEGLab

References

Available upon request