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## Academic Interests

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**Syntax/Semantics:** NPI-Licensing, A-not-A Questions, Complementation

**Psycholinguistics:** Grammatical Illusions, Online Processing of Negation & NPIs

## Professional Interests

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**Computational Linguistics:** Grammar Engineering, Semantic Search, Relational Frameworks

## Education

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**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

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**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**

2017

*Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury*

*Language, Cognition & Neuroscience*

**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*

<b>GALA13</b>	<b>Mallorca</b>
<i>The processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish-German bilingual speakers</i>	2017
Seckin Arslan, Sol Lago, Aydogan Yanilmaz, John E. Drury & Claudia Felser	
<b>XPRAG Questions, Answers and Negation Workshop</b>	<b>Berlin</b>
<i>The costs and benefits of processing negation in NPI licensing contexts in Turkish</i>	2016
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>EXAL+, NYU-Abu Dhabi</b>	<b>Abu Dhabi</b>
<i>Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish: Does the parser ignore the grammar?</i>	2016
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>TU+1</b>	<b>U Mass</b>
<i>Illusions of grammaticality on NPI licensing in Turkish</i>	2015
Aydogan Yanilmaz	
<b>Harvard Language and Cognition Seminar</b>	<b>Harvard University</b>
<i>Online processing of grammatical illusions:evidence from Turkish NPI licensing</i>	2014
(Invited Talk)	
<b>The Sixth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference</b>	<b>Amsterdam</b>
<i>ERP responses for polarity sensitivity and definiteness restriction violations</i>	2014
John E. Drury, James Monette, Aydogan Yanilmaz & Karsten Steinhauer	
<b>CUNY's Psycholinguistics Supper</b>	<b>CUNY</b>
<i>Illusions of grammaticality, prospective NPI/licensor dependencies</i>	2014
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury (Invited Talk)	
<b>CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing</b>	<b>Columbus, OH</b>
<i>Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish:Does the parser ignore the grammar?</i>	2014
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>The Fifth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference</b>	<b>San Diego, CA</b>
<i>Processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish</i>	2013
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>
<i>NPI Licensing in Turkish: An ERP Study</i>	2013
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>WAFL VIII</b>	<b>Universität Stuttgart</b>
<i>A-not-A Questions in Turkish</i>	2012
<b>SYNC 13</b>	<b>New York University</b>
<i>On the Syntax of Embedded Yes/No Questions in Turkish</i>	2011
<b>METU Syntax Workshop</b>	<b>METU</b>
<i>Some Remarks on NPIs in Turkish</i>	2008
<b>6th METU Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics &amp; Language Teaching</b>	<b>METU</b>
<i>NPI Licensing in WH-Questions</i>	2008
<b>22. National Linguistics Conference</b>	<b>Van Yüzüncü Yıl University</b>
<i>NPIs in Wh-Questions</i>	2008
Aydogan Yanilmaz & Emine Yazar	
<b>Mediterranean Graduate Students Meeting in Linguistics</b>	<b>Mersin University</b>
<i>Word Order Restrictions in Negative Polarity Items</i>	2007

## Professional Experience

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### Computational & Translation.....

#### **NTENT, INC.**

**Work from Home**

*Computational Linguist*

*2016 October-2018 January*

- 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 the Universities.....

#### **Department of Linguistics**

**SBU**

TEACHING ASSISTANT & INSTRUCTOR

*2009–Now*

#### Courses TAed:

- LIN 200 Language in the 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**

*Lead Instructor*

#### **Agnes Scott College**

*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**

*Online Adjunct Faculty*

#### **Dowling College**

*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.*

- o ENGL 101 Proficiency in Writing (Fall '14, Session D)

**Department of Linguistics****HU***Research Assistant*

2007–2009

Courses Taught:

- o IDB 116 Languages of the World ('07 Spring)
- o IDB 121 Integrated Language Skills I ('07 Spring)
- o IDB 156 Investigations in Linguistics ('08 Fall)
- o IDB 261 Morphology I ('08 Fall)
- o IDB 376 Morphology II ('09 Spring)
- o IDB 462 Advanced Syntax ('09 Spring)

**English Preparatory 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 &amp; 2016

- o 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–now

**Department of Linguistics****SBU***Graduate Student Representative, with Ling Wang*

2011–2012

**Department of Linguistics****SBU***Colloquium Series Co-organizer, with Sara Catlin*

2011–2012

**Department of Linguistics****HU***Academic Advisor*

2007–2009

**Ad hoc reviewing****SYNC, Poznań Studies in Contemporary Linguistics****Teaching elsewhere****Active English****Ankara, Turkey***English Teacher*

July 2010

- o Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT

**English Club***English Teacher***Ankara, Turkey***2008–2009*

- Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT

**European Union-Social Total Organization Project (STOP-Ref. No:403)***English Teacher & Curriculum Designer, Ankara, Turkey**2005*

## Language & Computer Skills

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**Natural:** Turkish (Mothertongue); English (Fluent)**Formal:** Unix/Linux, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Python, Matlab, EEGLab, Presentation®

## Professional Membership

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**2014-Now:** American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages**2013-Now:** Cognitive Neuroscience Society**2013-Now:** Society for the Neurobiology of Language**2009-Now:** Linguistics Society of America**2008-Now:** Ankara Linguistics Society

## References

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Available upon request