


# CURRICULUM VITAE

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Citizenship		

## Education

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**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL, USA  
Physics, Ph.D. candidate, Aug 2020 – Present  
Advisor: Francis John Petriello  
CGPA: 4.00/4.00

**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY, USA  
Physics, Ph.D. student, Aug 2019 – Aug 2020

**Middle East Technical University**, Ankara, Turkey  
Physics, M.Sc., Feb 2017 – Jul 2019  
Dissertation: *Exploring extra dimensions through rare processes*  
Advisor: İsmail Turan  
Coadvisor: İsmet Yurduşen (Hacettepe University)  
CGPA: 4.00/4.00

**Middle East Technical University**, Ankara, Turkey  
Physics, B.Sc. (double major), Sep 2012 – Feb 2017  
Dissertation: *Exploring universal extra dimensions*  
Advisor: İsmail Turan  
CGPA: 3.70/4.00

**Middle East Technical University**, Ankara, Turkey  
Civil engineering, B.Sc., Sep 2009 – Feb 2016  
Dissertation: *Redesign of METU pedestrian bridge*  
Advisor: Alp Caner  
CGPA: 2.84/4.00

## Employment

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**Argonne National Laboratory**, Lemont, IL, USA  
Visiting student  
January 2023 – Present

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL, USA  
Graduate student, teaching assistant, research assistant  
September 2020 – Present

**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY, USA  
Teaching assistant  
August 2019 – August 2020

**Middle East Technical University**, Ankara, Turkey  
Teaching assistant  
October 2017 – August 2019

**Middle East Technical University**, Ankara, Turkey

Student assistant

October 2016 – June 2017

**Asil Proje Teknik Hizmetler Mim. Müh. İnş. Tic. Ltd. Şti.**, Ankara, Turkey

Civil engineer

August 2015 – September 2015

**Arsanlar İnşaat Ticaret ve Turizm Ltd. Şti.**, Ankara, Turkey

Assistant site chief

August 2013 – September 2013

**Eynehane İnşaat Taahhüt Ticaret Ltd. Şti.**, Ankara, Turkey

Civil engineering intern

June 2011 – September 2011

## Research interest

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My main field of study is theoretical particle physics. I am profoundly interested in phenomenological studies. My research area includes theories with extra dimensions, physics beyond the Standard Model, top physics, rare processes, QCD, hadron physics, and the Standard Model effective field theory.

## Teaching experience

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During my graduate years at Northwestern University (Evanston, IL), I assisted the following courses:

- Undergraduate level

Physics 125-1	<b>General Physics ISP</b> (2021-1) <i>Graded homework and exam papers; prepared discussion problems; delivered discussion sessions</i>
Physics 130-3	<b>College Physics</b> (2021-3) <i>Graded quiz papers; prepared discussion problems; delivered discussion sessions</i>
Physics 135-2, 3	<b>General Physics</b> (2021-4) <i>Graded quiz and exam papers; prepared discussion problems; delivered discussion sessions</i>

- Graduate level

Physics 411-1	<b>Methods of Theoretical Physics</b> (2021-1, 2022-1) <i>Graded homework and exam papers</i>
Physics 412-1, 3	<b>Quantum Mechanics</b> (2022-1, 3) <i>Graded homework and exam papers; delivered discussion sessions</i>
Physics 416-0	<b>Introduction to Statistical Mechanics</b> (2021-2) <i>Graded homework papers</i>

During my graduate year at the University of Rochester (Rochester, NY), I assisted the following courses:

- Undergraduate level

Physics 113, 114	<b>General Physics I, II</b> (Laboratory) (2019-1, 3) <i>Graded lab report; conducted experiments; prepared lab manual</i>
Physics 121, 122	<b>Mechanics, Electromagnetism</b> (Laboratory) (2019-1, 3) <i>Graded lab reports; conducted experiments; prepared lab manual</i>
Physics 142	<b>Electricity &amp; Magnetism</b> (Laboratory) (2019-1) <i>Graded lab reports; conducted experiments</i>
Physics 123	<b>Waves &amp; Modern Physics</b> (2019-2) <i>Graded lab reports, and homework and midterm papers; conducted experiments; delivered workshops</i>

During my undergraduate and graduate years at Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Turkey), I assisted the following courses:

- Undergraduate level

- Physics 105, 106 General Physics [I](#), [II](#) (Laboratory) (2016-1, 2; 2017-1, 2, 3; 2018-1, 2)  
*Graded lab reports and quizzes; conducted experiments*
- Physics 207 [Concepts of Modern Physics](#) (2017-1)  
*Graded quiz papers*
- Physics 407, 408 Particle Physics [I](#), [II](#) (2017-1, 2; 2018-2)  
*Graded homework papers; prepared theoretical recitation hours, quizzes, and homework problems; delivered lectures; taught shell scripting, Mathematica, FeynArts, FormCalc, Package X, LanHEP, and CalcHEP*

- Graduate level

- Physics 507, 508 Quantum Mechanics [I](#), [II](#) (2017-1, 2; 2018-1, 2)  
*Graded homework and midterm papers; prepared recitation hours and homework and midterm problems; delivered lectures*
- Physics 545, 546 Particle Physics [I](#), [II](#) (2018-1, 2)  
*Graded homework and midterm papers; prepared recitation hours and midterm problems; delivered lectures*

## Papers

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- 10 *SMEFT probes in future precision DIS experiments*  
 C. Bissolotti, R. Boughezal, K. Şimşek  
 Submitted to Phys. Rev. D  
[arXiv: 2306.05564](#)
- 9 *Neutral-current electroweak physics and SMEFT studies at the EIC*  
 R. Boughezal, A. Emmert, T. Kutz, S. Mantry, M. Nycz, F. Petriello, K. Şimşek, D. Wiegand, X. Zheng  
[Phys. Rev. D \*\*106\*\* \(2022\) 016006](#)  
[arXiv: 2204.07557](#)
- 8 *Snowmass 2021 White Paper: Electron Ion Collider for high energy physics*  
 R. Abdul Khalek *et al.*  
[arXiv: 2203.13199](#)
- 7 *Strong coupling constants of charmed and bottom mesons with light vector mesons in QCD sum rules*  
 T. M. Aliev, K. Şimşek  
[Phys. Rev. D \*\*104\*\* \(2021\) 074034](#)  
[arXiv: 2107.02735](#)
- 6 *Strong  $B_{QQ'}^* B_{QQ'} V$  vertices and the radiative decays of  $B_{QQ}^* \rightarrow B_{QQ} \gamma$  in the light-cone sum rules*  
 T. M. Aliev, T. Barakat, K. Şimşek  
[Eur. Phys. J. A \*\*57\*\* \(2021\) 160](#)  
[arXiv: 2101.10264](#)
- 5 *Strong vertices of doubly heavy spin-3/2 baryon to spin-1/2 baryon with light mesons in light-cone QCD sum rules*  
 T. M. Aliev, K. Şimşek  
[Phys. Rev. D \*\*103\*\* \(2021\) 054044](#)  
[arXiv: 2011.07150](#)
- 4 *Gravitational form-factors of the  $\rho$ ,  $\pi$ , and K mesons in QCD sum rules*  
 T. M. Aliev, T. Barakat, K. Şimşek  
[Phys. Rev. D \*\*103\*\* \(2021\) 054001](#)  
[arXiv: 2008.04385, 2009.07926](#)
- 3 *Strong coupling constants of doubly heavy baryons with vector mesons in QCD*  
 T. M. Aliev, K. Şimşek  
[Eur. Phys. J. C \*\*80\*\* \(2020\) 976](#)  
[arXiv: 2009.03464](#)
- 2 *Determination of the strong vertices of doubly heavy baryons with pseudoscalar mesons in QCD*  
 H. I. Alrebdi, T. M. Aliev, K. Şimşek  
[Phys. Rev. D \*\*102\*\* \(2020\) 074007](#)  
[arXiv: 2008.05098](#)

- 1  $N^*(1535) \rightarrow N$  transition form-factors due to the axial current  
T. M. Aliev, T. Barakat, K. Şimşek  
*Phys. Rev. D* **100** (2019) 054030  
arXiv: 1907.08017

## Seminars & Talks

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- 10 **Precision electroweak measurements and SMEFT studies at the EIC**  
*Phenomenology 2023 Symposium*  
University of Pittsburgh  
Talk  
May 9, 2023
- 9 **Beyond-the-Standard-Model searches at the Large Hadron-electron Collider and the Electron-Ion Collider**  
*Physics and Astronomy Early Career Research Seminars*  
Northwestern University  
Talk (invited)  
April 19, 2023
- 8 **Precision electroweak measurements and beyond the Standard Model searches at the Electron-Ion Collider**  
*DIS2023: XXX International Workshop on Deep-Inelastic Scattering and Related Subjects*  
Michigan State University  
Talk (invited)  
March 30, 2023
- 7 **SMEFT projections at the EIC and LHeC to NLO QCD**  
*Candidacy talk*  
Northwestern University  
Talk  
December 2, 2022
- 6 **SMEFT projections of neutral-current PVDIS asymmetries at the EIC**  
*EIC Early Career Workshop 2022*  
CFNS Stony Brook University and remote  
Talk (invited)  
July 25, 2022
- 5 **SMEFT projections using EIC PVDIS asymmetries**  
*INT Workshop: Parity-Violation and other Electroweak Physics at JLab 12 GeV and Beyond*  
Remote  
Talk (invited)  
June 27, 2022
- 4 **Neutral-current SMEFT studies at the EIC**  
*CFNS Workshop: High-Luminosity EIC (EIC Phase II)*  
Remote  
Talk (invited)  
June 21, 2022
- 3 **Neutral-Current SMEFT Studies at the EIC**  
*HEP Seminars*  
Northwestern University  
Seminar  
April 18, 2022
- 2 **Applications of MUED to Rare Top Quark Processes**  
*2020 GSRM Talks*  
University of Rochester  
Talk  
February 8, 2020
- 1 **Universal Extra Dimensions**  
Middle East Technical University  
Seminar  
December 6, 2018

## Organizations attended

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- 6 *Phenomenology 2023 Symposium*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, May 8-10, 2023.
- 5 *DIS2023: XXX International Workshop on Deep-Inelastic Scattering and Related Subjects*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 27-31, 2023.
- 4 *EIC User Group Early Career Workshop 2022*, CFNS Stony Brook University NY and online, July 24-25, 2022.
- 3 *2022 CTEQ Summer School on QCD and Electroweak Phenomenology*, University of Pittsburgh PA, July 6-16, 2022.
- 2 *INT Workshop: Parity-Violation and other Electroweak Physics at JLab 12 GeV and Beyond*, remote, June 27-July 1, 2022.
- 1 *CFNS Workshop: High-Luminosity EIC (EIC Phase II)*, remote, June 21-24, 2022.

## Awards

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Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA

Scholarship covering full tuition and monthly stipend  
Aug 2020 – Present

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, USA

Scholarship covering full tuition and monthly stipend  
Aug 2019 – Jun 2020

## Computer skills

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My main tool for computations is MATHEMATICA. I am experienced in HEP packages such as FEYNARTS, FORMCALC, LOOP-TOOLS, FEYNALC, PACKAGE X, LANHEP, CALCHEP, and LHAPDF, and proficient in  $\text{\TeX}$ , shell scripting, Python, and Fortran.

## Hobbies

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I play the piano, guitar, and pretty much anything that I can get my hands on. I also compose and produce. I am a licensed player of the Turkish Chess Federation. I am passionately into cycling, computers, and collecting fountain pens.

## References

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