

# NURAY KARAMAN

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## EDUCATION

### **The University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

2013 – 2018

Sociology Ph.D. Program  
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Michelle Christian  
Dissertation: Experiences of Muslim Female Students in Knoxville:  
At the Intersection of Race, Gender, and Religion  
*Minor:* Interdisciplinary Graduate Sociological Theory

### **Florida Atlantic University**

2011 – 2013

Sociology M.A. Program  
Advisor: Prof. Lynn Appleton

### **Cumhuriyet University**

2005 – 2009

Sociology, B.A. Program

## ACADEMIC

### **Uşak University, Turkey**

2023 – Cont.

Department of Sociology – Associate Professor

### **Uşak University, Turkey**

2019 – 2023

Department of Sociology – Assistant Professor

### **Uşak University, Turkey**

2019 – Cont.

Department of Sociology Institutional Sociology Program Chair

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### **Invited Academic Visit (Erasmus+ Staff Training Mobility)**

*University of Würzburg, Germany – May 2022*

Invited for staff training under the Erasmus+ program between partner institutions.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Global Fellow, Center for Social Theory, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

2024 – Cont.

Global Fellow, Center for the Study of Social Justice, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

2018 – 2024

Migrations Studies and Politics Application and Research Center, Uşak University, Turkey

2019 – Cont.

Erasmus Coordinator, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Uşak University, Turkey

2019 – Cont.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### **Turkish Ministry of National Education Study Abroad Scholarship**

2009 – 2018

### **Top Cited Article Award**

2022 – 2023

*Wiley – Sociological Inquiry* - For the article “Should I Wear a Headscarf to Be a Good Muslim Woman?”: Situated Meanings of the Hijab Among Muslim College Women in America.

### **TÜBİTAK ULAKBİM Publication Incentive Awards**

2022 - 2023

*The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK),*  
Received three national publication awards for articles published in *Sociological Inquiry*,  
*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, and *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*.

## MEDIA COVERAGE & OUTREACH

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### Interviewed by *The Economist* (June 2025)

Featured in the international article "[Can Men and Women Be Just Friends?](#)" by journalist Piotr Zaleski. Provided expert opinion on gender, friendship, and social interaction in Turkish society.

### Invited Speaker, "From Past to Present: The Family" – 2022 Uşak Year of the Family Project (2022)

Invited by the Uşak Governorship to participate in a public sociology video as part of the *Uşak Year of the Family* Initiative. [The video](#) was published on the official YouTube channel of the Uşak Governorship.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Karaman, N., & Christian, M. (2026). Travelling race and international students in Turkey: white ambiguities, Muslim differences and relational racial understandings. *Identities*, 1–21.

Odabaşı, S. & **Karaman N.** (2023). Socio-Economic Reasons of Migration from Turkey to Abroad. *İstanbul Nişantaşı University Journal of Social Sciences*, 1(11) 75-90.

**Karaman, N.** & Doğan, K. (2023). Naming and Understanding Violence: The Experiences of Women in Turkey with Violence and Their Coping Strategies. *Dumlupınar University Journal of Social Science*. 75(1), 71-86.  
DOI:10.51290/dpusbe.1121909

**Karaman, N.** (2022). The Racialization Experiences of Syrian Refugees and Their Coping Strategies in Turkey. *İçtimaiyat*. 6(1), 269-285.

**Karaman, N.**, Fidan, A. & Alagoz, R. (2022). Gender Roles, Religion, and Attitudes towards Homosexuality and Premarital Sex in Turkey. *Pamukkale University Journal of Social Sciences Institute* 52(1), 253-268.  
<https://doi.org/10.30794/pausbed.1019296>

**Karaman, N.** (2022). Coding Whiteness and Racialization: Living in the Space as an Insider-Outsider. *Journal of International Students*. 12(S2), 124-140. <https://doi.org/10.32674/jis.v13i1.4336>

**Karaman, N.** (2021). The Status of Women in Turkey: The Intersection of Gender, Politics, and Religion. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 20(58), 193-207.

Fidan, A., Alagoz, R. & **Karaman, N.** (2021). Liberal sexual morality, religion, and attitudes toward abortion in Turkey. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 60 (4), 914-933. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12755>

**Karaman, N.** (2020). International Students' Experiences During COVID-19 Pandemic. *Social Science Studies Journal* 6(75), 5626-5632.

**Karaman, N.** & Christian., M. (2020). "Should I Wear a Headscarf to be a Good Muslim Woman?": Situated Meanings of the Hijab Among Muslim College Women in America. *Sociological Inquiry* 92 (1), 225-2432022.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12454>

**Karaman, N.** & Christian., M. (2020). "My hijab is like my skin color": Muslim women students, racialization and intersectionality. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 6 (4), 517-532112020.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649220903740>

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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**Karaman, N.** (2024). Gendered Social Norms and Financial Inclusion in Turkey. *Financial Inclusion: In Pursuit of UN SDG 8.10*. New York: Springer Publishing.

**Karaman, N.** (2022). Gendered Urban Spaces: Women's Urban Experience (In Turkish: Cinsiyetleştirilmiş Kentsel Mekanlar: Kadınların Kent Deneyimi). *Kent Prizması ve Toplumsal Spektrum*. Nobel Akademik Yayıncılık.

**Karaman, N.** (2022). The Role of Emotions in the Construction of Masculinity. İbrahim Yücedağ (Edt.), *Sociology of Emotions*. Çanakkale: Paradigma Akademi Yayınları.

**Karaman, N.** (2022). Learning Malleable Whiteness. Lily A. Arasaratnam-Smith ve Darla K. Deardorff (Der.), *Developing Intercultural Competence in Higher Education: International Students' Stories and Self-Reflection* (ss.50-53). New York, NY: Routledge.

**Karaman, N.** (2021). Being a Woman in the Digital Age from a Gender Equality Perspective. (In Turkish: Toplumsal Cinsiyet Eşitliği Perspektifinden Dijital Çağda Kadın Olmak). Dijital Tabakalaşma ve Eşitsizlik. Serdar Nerse and Abdurrahman ÖzkanSakarya (Edts.), *Dijital Tabakalaşma ve Eşitsizlik* (ss.105-132). Turkey: Sakarya Üniversitesi Yayıncıları.

## **CONFERENCES**

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**Karaman, N.**, & Karaman, F. (2022, February). From Bad to Worse? Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Mental Health of Young Adults in Turkey. In *Conference Proceedings of COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health System* (Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 1-11).

**Karaman, N.** (2022, January). Enviromental Conflict in the Gold Mining Field in Turkey. In Conference Proceedings of International Khazar Scientific Researches Conference- III (Pp. 488-495).

**Karaman, N.** (2020, July). Analyzing a Conceptual Conflict of Feminism and Religion. In Conference Proceedings of Euroasia Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities (Pp. 242-248).

**Karaman, N.** (2020, July). Intersectional Perspectives on Media and Body Image Conformity. In Conference Proceedings of Euroasia Journal of Social Sciences &Humanities (Pp. 249-256).

**Karaman, N.** (October, 2017). Intersectionality: Race, Gender, and Religion. Presented at the 2017 Mid – South Sociological Association, Chattanooga, TN.

**Karaman, N.** (March, 2017). Racialization of Muslims. Presented at the 2017 Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.

**Karaman, N.** (April, 2016). The Relationship between Political Participation and Confidence in Politics and the Media in Turkey. Presented at the 2016 Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

**Karaman, N.** (March, 2015). “The Changing Status of Women in Turkey”. Presented at the 2015 Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Karaman, N.** (March 2012). The Relationship between Employed Women and Their Family's Problems. Presented at the 2012 Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.

## **AD-HOC REVIEWER**

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Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

Journal of International Students

Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power

Race and Social Problems

Humanities and Social Science Communications

Marmara Social Research

Avrasya International Social Research

İçtimaiyat

## **PROFESIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Center for the Study of Social Justice, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Center for Social Theory, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Southern Sociological Society

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

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*Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2019,2020)*

*Social Theory (Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)*

*Gender and Society (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021,2022, 2023)*

*Sociology of Identity (Spring 2021, 2022)*

*Representation and Identity (Spring 2022)*

*Sociology of Youth (Fall 2020, 2021)*

*Sociology in Turkey (Fall 2022)*

*Sociology of Education (Spring 2020, 2022)*

*Sociology of Institutions (Fall 2020, 2021)*

*Contemporary Social Problem (Spring 2021)*

## **MENTORSHIP**

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### **Undergraduate Thesis Supervision**

Nuray Kaymak - *The Impact of Social Media on Perceptions of Beauty*

Serap Ay - *Divorced Women's Perspectives on Honor, Violence, and Post-Divorce Social Acceptance* –.

Şeyma Tarın - *University Youth's Social Lives and Intra-Family Role Conflicts During the Pandemic*.

Ceren Beleri - *Feminist Movements in Turkey*.

İlayda Nantu - *The Effects of Consumption Habits on Environmental Issues in the Capitalist System*.

Melisa Doğrul - *Sociological Perspective on the Experiences of Women Who Migrated to Turkey Due to Forced Migration*.

Melissa Nergiz - *University Students' Perceptions and Attitudes Toward Dating Violence* –

Sevde Togay - *Women's Roles and Their Evolution in Turkish TV Series: Examples of "Yasak Elma" and "Yaprak Dökümü"*.

Sevim Beyza Özen - Advisor for undergraduate thesis on *Youth in the Digital Age*.

Yusuf Atakan Akin - *Sociology of Leisure, Capitalism, and the City*.

Derya Yıldız.- *Working Women's Issues in the Context of Feminism*.

Hüseyin Emre Dalgali - *Urban Identity through the Theories of Georg Simmel and Erving Goffman: The Case of Istanbul*.

İrem Akyüz.- *The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women's Work and Household Life*.

Kübra Doğan - *An Analysis of Theses Written in the Field of Feminism in Turkey*.

Sevgi Vural - *Representation of Women in Cleaning Product Advertisements in the Context of Gender*.

Şevval Şimşek - *Tradition and Modernity in Turkish Society: The Case of the TV Series "7 Numara"*.

Zahide Ceylan - *The Roles of Working and Non-Working Women in the Family within the Context of Gender Roles*.

Beste Kanat - *The Effects of Gender Discrimination on Working Life*.

Ahmet Musab Halim - *Psychological, Social, and Economic Effects of the Pandemic Period*.

Büşra Çetin - *Reflections of Gender Roles on Family Functioning Among Married Couples*.

Fatmanur Taştekin - *Beauty Perception Emerging with the Penetration of Social Media into Daily Life in Turkey*.

Özge Aydin - *The Effect of Gender Roles on Marital Adjustment*.

Selver Uğur - *Problems Faced by Girls Married at an Early Age in Turkey*.

