

NURAY KARAMAN

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EDUCATION

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville 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 <i>Minor: Interdisciplinary Graduate Sociological Theory</i>	2013 – 2018
Florida Atlantic University Sociology M.A. Program Advisor: Prof. Lynn Appleton	2011 – 2013
Cumhuriyet University Sociology, B.A. Program	2005 – 2009

ACADEMIC

Uşak University, Turkey Department of Sociology – Associate Professor	2023 – Cont.
Uşak University, Turkey Department of Sociology – Assistant Professor	2019 – 2023
Uşak University, Turkey Department of Sociology Institutional Sociology Program Chair	2019 – Cont.

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 <i>Wiley – Sociological Inquiry</i> - 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.	2022 – 2023
TÜBİTAK ULAKBİM Publication Incentive Awards <i>The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)</i> , Received three national publication awards for articles published in <i>Sociological Inquiry</i> , <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> , and <i>Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies</i> .	2022 - 2023

MEDIA COVERAGE & OUTREACH

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

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

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. Deardorft (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 Özkan Sakarya (Edts.), *Dijital Tabakalaşma ve Eşitsizlik* (ss.105-132). Turkey: Sakarya Üniversitesi Yayınları.

CONFERENCES

- 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). Environmental 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

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

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

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

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 Tarn - *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 Akın - *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 Aydın - *The Effect of Gender Roles on Marital Adjustment.*

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

