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EDUCATION

Boğaziçi University

M.A. in Linguistics

Sep 2021 - Present

Boğaziçi University

B.A. in Foreign Language Education

GPA: 4.0, Summa Cum Laude

Sep 2017 - Aug 2021

Beylikdüzü Cahit Zarifoğlu Anadolu Lisesi

Foreign Languages

GPA: 93.97, High School Valedictorian

Sep 2013 - Aug 2017

INTERESTS

Computation & Cognition Sentiment Analysis • Textual Processing • Cognitive Modeling • NLP Applications

Sign Languages Age of Acquisition • Information Structure • Language Processing • Syntax

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Codeswitch Software

Research Intern

Jan 2021 - Aug 2021

- Interned for a funded research project that aims to develop a mobile application in Unity using machine learning, artificial intelligence, and gamification for the sign language development of deaf children (aged between 0-3) in Turkey.
- Prepared forms and surveys for the assessment of sign language vocabulary among deaf children.

Boğaziçi University, Psycholinguistics Research Lab

Lab Member

Nov 2020 - Present

- Working on a project that investigates how individuals on the autism spectrum process sentences.

Boğaziçi University, Dept. of Linguistics

Computational Linguistics Reading Group

Jun 2021 - Present

- Attending weekly meetings and currently contributing to a project which aims to build a Dynamic Benchmark for Sentiment Analysis in Turkish.

Undergraduate Project Assistant

Jan 2019 - Jan 2021

- Led two research projects in the Sign Language Lab
- Investigated age of acquisition effects on verbal fluency and narrative abilities of deaf adult signers in Turkish Sign Language.

Boğaziçi University, Dept. of Foreign Language Education

Undergraduate Departmental Assistant

Feb 2020 - Jun 2020

- Involved in the organization of the first BU Sociolinguistics Research Group Student Seminars.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Gökgöz, K. & Keleş, O. (2020) Pragmatics: 6.4. Information Structure. In Meltem Keleş (ed.), A Grammar of Turkish Sign Language (TİD). 1st edn. (SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series). (<https://www.sign-hub.eu/grammar>)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

3. Gökgöz, K. & **Keleş, O.** *Information Structure in TİD Narratives*. Manuscript submitted.
2. **Keleş, O.**, Atmaca, F., & Gökgöz, K. *Age of Acquisition Effects on Reference Tracking in Signed Narratives*. Manuscript in progress.
1. **Keleş, O.**, Atmaca, F., & Gökgöz, K. *Age of Sign Language Acquisition Matters: Evidence from Verbal Fluency*. Manuscript under review.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

7. **Keleş, O.**, Atmaca F., & Gökgöz, K. (June, 2021). *Age of Acquisition Effects on Reference Tracking in Turkish Sign Language* (Paper presentation). The 9th Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory (FEAST) Colloquium: The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies of CUHK, Hong Kong (Online Conference).
6. **Keleş, O.**, Pekuzun, S., Bağban A. S., Cebeci, E., & Kaya, C. (May, 2021). *Culture as a Predictor for Emotion Word Choice* (Paper presentation). 14. Dilbilim Öğrenci Konferansı: Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey (Online Conference).
5. **Keleş, O.**, Atmaca F., & Gökgöz, K. (April, 2021). *Türk İşaret Dilini Edinme Yaşının Sözel Akıcılığa Olan Etkisi* (Paper presentation). 34. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı: Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey (Online Conference).
4. **Keleş, O.** & Pekuzun, S. (March, 2021). *Emotion Word Choice Dependent on Language Mode and Proficiency* (Paper presentation). The 45th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC45): Pennsylvania, USA (Online Conference).
3. **Keleş, O.** & Pekuzun, S. (February, 2021). *Effect of Cultural Orientation on Emotional Granularity* (Paper presentation). 13th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS13): Illinois, USA (Online Conference).
2. **Keleş, O.**, Atmaca F., & Gökgöz, K. (November, 2020). *Age of Acquisition Effects on Verbal Fluency in Turkish Sign Language* (Poster presentation and Paper Alternate). 45th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD): Boston, USA (Online Conference).
1. **Keleş, O.** (February, 2019). *Assessing and Comparing Verbal Fluency in Turkish Sign Language and Turkish* (Paper presentation). Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics (BUSCTEL): Istanbul, Turkey.

Select Departmental Talks

2. Pekuzun, S., Bağban, A. S., **Keleş, O.**, Cebeci, E., Kaya, C. (April, 2020). *Culture as a Predictor for Emotion Word Choice in Second Language* (Paper Presentation). Boğaziçi University Foreign Language Education Undergraduate Students' Research Group (BUFLED-USRG): Istanbul, Turkey.
1. Bağban, A. S., Pekuzun, S., **Keleş, O.**, Cebeci, E., Kaya, C. (April, 2020). *First and Second Language Emotionality Dependent on Culture and Proficiency* (Paper Presentation). Boğaziçi University Foreign Language Education Undergraduate Students' Research Group (BUFLED-USRG): Istanbul, Turkey.

TEACHING

İstanbul 29 Mayıs Üniversitesi

English Lecturer

Sept 2021 - Present

- Teaching reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in the School of Foreign Languages.

Boğaziçi University

Teaching Assistant

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021

- Assisting faculty members at Boğaziçi University in the Turkish Language and Culture Summer Program.

- Teaching listening and speaking classes in Turkish for foreign students.

ENACT Communities, Languages, and Activities App

Co-production facilitator

Feb 2021 - June 2021

- Completed a 30-hour Virtual Learning, Teaching, and Training Activity organized by the ENACT project co-funded by the EU and hosted online by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Robert College

Teacher Intern

Oct 2020 - Jun 2021

- Observed and taught 9th grade English classes three hours a week.

Dil Atölyesi, Yıldız Technical University

Director of the Science and English Department

Jun 2018 - Jun 2021

- Organizing research methodology workshops (teaching R, \LaTeX , and bibliography managers) for undergraduate and graduate students in Istanbul.
- Taught English twelve hours a week to a class of intermediate level undergraduate students.

International American Academy of English

English Teacher

Sep 2019 - Sep 2021

- Teaching English three hours a week to a group of senior high school students.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Sesli Betimleme Derneği (SEBEDER)

Audio Description Writer

Nov 2018 - Jun 2020

- Volunteered in Audio Description Association's project, Description Bank, and provided written descriptions of movie posters, characters, logos and emblems for the visually-impaired.

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Görme Engelliler Teknoloji ve Eğitim Laboratuvarı (GETEM)

Student Volunteer

Aug 2018

- Volunteered in GETEM, and worked on the classification of audio books.

SKILLS

Select Certifications	Digital Skills Certificate (ENACT) · Anatomy: Neuroanatomy (UMich) · Fundamental Neuroscience for Neuroimaging (JSU) · The Data Scientist's Tool Box and R Programming (JSU) · Turkish Sign Language (120 hours, MEB)
Select Coding	\LaTeX · Markdown · Python (experience with nltk, pandas, scikit-learn, BeautifulSoup, and Tweepy) · R (experience with tidyverse, magrittr, lme4, and brms)
Software	ELAN (sign language annotation) · Sony Vegas Pro · Adobe Creative Cloud
Languages	Turkish (native) · English (proficient) · Spanish (intermediate) · Turkish Sign Language (research experience)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards	TÜBİTAK Star Scholarship & Faculty of Education Award
Test Scores	ALES (2021): 83/100, YDS (2019): 97.5/100, YÖKDİL (2018): 100/100