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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Quantitative Research Methodology, Latent Variable Models, Item Response Theory (IRT), Test Security, and Psychometrics	
EDUCATION	University of Wisconsin-Madison , Madison, Wisconsin Ph.D. Candidate, Quantitative Methods, May, 2023 (expected graduation) <i>Minor in Statistics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisor: Dr. James Wollack University of Connecticut , Storrs, Connecticut M.A., Research Methods, Measurement, and Evaluation, August, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masters Thesis: “English as a Second Language Proficiency: An IRT Approach to Scoring”• Advisor: Dr. Eric Loken Bogazici University , Istanbul, Turkey M.S., Secondary School Mathematics Education, August, 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masters Thesis: “A Prospective Secondary Mathematics Teacher’s Development of the Meaning of the Cartesian Form of Complex Numbers”• Advisor: Dr. Gulseren Karagoz Akar B.S., Integrated B.S. and M.S. Program in Teaching Mathematics, May, 2014	
AWARDS & HONORS	Early Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison (03/20): \$1,000 Turkish Ministry of National Education Fellowship for Graduate Studies (02/14): \$110,000 Prof. Dr. Hikmet Sebuhtekin Education Grant Award, Bogazici University (11/13): \$900 Turkish Ministry of National Education Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies: \$7,200 International Student Exchange Program Grant in the United States: \$20,000 High Honors Graduation Certificate, Bogazici University (06/14)	
PUBLICATIONS	Sarac, M. & Loken, E. (2022). Examining patterns of omitted responses in a large-scale English language proficiency test. <i>International Journal of Testing</i> , 1-17. https://doi.org/10.1080/15305058.2022.2070756 Sarac, M. & Feinberg, R. (2022). Exploring the utility of nonfunctional distractors. In M. Wiberg, D. Molenaar, J. González, J.-S. Kim, & H. Hwang (Eds.), <i>Quantitative Psychology: The 86th Annual Meeting of the Psychometric Society</i> (pp. 83-93). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-04572-1_7 Murphy, D., Sarac, M. , & Sedivy S. (2022). Why U.S. undergraduate students are (not) studying languages other than English. <i>Second Language Research & Practice</i> , 3(1), 1-33. https://doi.org/10.125/69866 Karagoz Akar, G. & Sarac, M. (under review). Development of complex numbers through quantitative reasoning: The case of Esra. <i>Journal of Mathematical Behavior</i> . Karagoz Akar, G., Sarac, M. & Belin, M. (under review). Exploring prospective teachers’ development of the Cartesian form of complex numbers. <i>Mathematics Teacher Educator</i> .	

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (in preparation). Reducing score bias through real-time rerouting of examinees with preknowledge.
	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (in preparation). Real-time preknowledge detection for computer-based linear tests.
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (2023, April). Comparison of Likelihood Ratio Test-Based Preknowledge Detection Statistics for Use in Real-Time. <i>National Council on Measurement in Education</i> , Chicago, IL.
	Sarac, M. , Feinberg, R., Liu, C., & Ross, L. (2023, April). Longitudinal Analysis of Response Accuracy and Time: Baseline Trends for Compromised Items. <i>National Council on Measurement in Education</i> , Chicago, IL.
	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (2022, October). Examining Preknowledge Detection Statistics based on Likelihood Ratio Test for Use in Real-Time. <i>Conference on Test Security</i> , Princeton, NJ.
	Sarac, M. & Feinberg, R. (2021, November). The Utility of Nonfunctioning Distractors for Credentialing Tests. <i>Conference on Test Security</i> , Virtual.
	Sarac, M. , Feinberg, R., O'Donnell, F., & Ong, T. Q. (2021, November). Topic Modeling and Sentiment Analysis of User Feedback: Improving a Score Reporting Dashboard. <i>Natural Language Processing (NLP) in Assessment</i> , National Board of Medical Examiners Educational Virtual Conference.
	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (2021, October). Reducing Score Bias Through Real-Time Rerouting of Examinees with Anomalous Responses: Impact of Relaxing the Assumption of Identical Forms. <i>Conference on Test Security</i> , Virtual.
	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (2021, June). Reducing Score Bias Through Real-Time Rerouting of Examinees with Anomalous Responses. <i>National Council on Measurement in Education</i> , Virtual.
	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (2020, September). Real-Time Anomalous Response Detection for Computer-Based Linear Tests. <i>National Council on Measurement in Education</i> , Virtual.
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Sarac, M. & Wollack, J. (2020, July). A Score Differencing Method for Item Preknowledge Detection in Real-time. <i>International Meeting of the Psychometric Society 2020</i> , Virtual.
	Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison (08/19 - 05/20) —Ed Psych 773: Factor Analysis, Multidimensional Scaling & Cluster Analysis (Spring 2020) —Ed Psych 771: Test Construction (Fall 2019)
PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS	Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison (08/18 - 05/19) —Ed Psych 761: Statistical Methods Applied to Education II (Spring 2019) —Ed Psych 760: Statistical Methods Applied to Education I (Fall 2018)
	Project Assistant, The Office of Testing and Evaluation Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison (09/20 - present)
	Research Intern, Office of Research Strategies, National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) (06/22-08/22)
	Statistical Consulting, The Office of Testing and Evaluation Services, University of Wisconsin-

Madison (11/21 - 03/22)

Research Intern, Office of Research Strategies, National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) (06/21-07/21)

Project Assistant, The Institute of Education Sciences (IES; #R305D190053) project *Bayesian dynamic borrowing: A method for utilizing historical data in education research*. Principal Investigators: David Kaplan, University of Wisconsin-Madison & Jianshen Chen, College Board (07/20)

Research Intern, The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) (06/20-08/20)

Project Assistant, The Office of Testing and Evaluation Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison (09/18 - 09/19)

Research Assistant, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (10/15 - 09/16)

Research Assistant, Bogazici University (10/13 - 05/14)

LEADERSHIP & SERVICES

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee Member, Graduate School Dean's Advisory Board, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2022-present)

Graduate Student Representative, Diversity Issues and Testing Committee (CODIT), National Council on Measurement in Education (2022-present)

Inclusion Organizer, Diversity and Inclusion Association (DIA) Leadership, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2022-present)

National Council on Measurement in Education-Graduate Student Issues Committee Standards Study Group (2021-present)

Brown Bag Panelist, *What to Expect from Faculty and What they Expect from You*, Educational Psychology Student Association, University of Wisconsin-Madison (09/2022)

Proposal Reviewer, 2023 American Educational Research Association Annual & National Council on Measurement in Education Annual Meeting (09/2022)

Event Organizer, *We're here too! An Exciting Networking Event for Historically Marginalized Researchers & Students*, Diversity Issues and Testing Committee (CODIT), National Council on Measurement in Education (04/2022)

Panel Session Organizer, *Not There Yet: Addressing Differential Educational Outcomes for Marginalized Populations in the Era of COVID-19*, Diversity Issues and Testing Committee (CODIT), National Council on Measurement in Education (04/2022)

Panel Session Organizer, *Intersectional Career Panel*, Diversity and Inclusion Association (DIA) Leadership, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (03/2022)

Quantitative Methods Area Student Representative, Diversity and Inclusion Association (DIA) Steering Committee, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2022)

Educational Psychology Graduate Student Mentoring Program, Educational Psychology Student Association, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2019-present)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS	Writing Test Questions (2019, November). <i>Nursing Professional Development Fall Workshop</i> . South Central Wisconsin Affiliate of the Association for Nursing Professional Development, Madison, WI.
	Technical Advisory (2021, October). <i>Test Development Committee (Mathematics)</i> . The Office of Testing and Evaluation Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING	The NAEP Research Development Data Training Workshop (2023, January), The American Institutes for Research, Arlington, VA.
	People from Multiple Races or Identities: Best Practices in Handling Complex Social Identity Data (2022, September). Culturally Responsive and Equitable Evaluation (CREE) Learning Opportunities, The Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness.
	Resilience & Wellbeing (2022, September). Mentoring Session, Women in Measurement.
	Working Effectively in Teams: Fundamentals of Team Dynamics and From Conflict to Collaboration in Teams (2021, March). University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Professional Development, Madison, WI.
	Modern Meta-analysis Research Workshop (2021, February). The AERA-ICPSR PEERS Data Hub.
	Grant Writing (2021, January). University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Professional Development, Madison, WI.
	A Practical Approach to Project Management for Graduate Students (2021, January). University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Professional Development, Madison, WI.
	Learning Environment and Pedagogics Workshop (2021, January). <i>Teaching Academy</i> . University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
	Inclusive Teaching Workshop (2020, November). <i>Inclusive Teaching in a Difficult Semester Series</i> . Delta Program in partnership with the UW-Madison Collaborative for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Madison, WI.
	Workshop by Scott Long (2018, January). <i>Reproducible Results and the Workflow of Data Analysis</i> . University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	Psychometric Society, National Council on Measurement in Education, Educators of Measurement SIGIMIE, Large-scale Assessment SIGIMIE, Certification and Licensure SIGIMIE, Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, American Educational Research Association
COMPUTER SKILLS	Programming Languages & Software: R, <i>Mplus</i> , Python, OpenBUGS, HLM, SPSS, G*Power Applications: R Shiny, L ^A T _E X, R Markdown
REFERENCES	<p>James Wollack Professor Department of Educational Psychology University of Wisconsin-Madison jwollack@wisc.edu</p> <p>Daniel Bolt Professor</p>

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