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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

August 2019 - Present

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics

Advisor: Anna Papafragou

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

September 2015 - June 2019

Master of Arts (MA) in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics

Thesis Title: The Syntax of Focus Particles in Turkish

Thesis Supervisors: Mine Nakipoğlu, A. Sumru Özsoy

Koç University, Istanbul

September 2002 - September 2007

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Business Administration

College of Administrative Sciences and Economics

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To be an expert in psycholinguistics with a focus on the interaction between language and other cognitive processes such as event cognition.

PROJECTS

The mapping between language and event cognition

Working with Dr. Anna Papafragou on a project focusing on the impact of boundedness on how people process events.

Presented with a talk at HSP 2023 (the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing).

Presented as a poster presentation at LSA 2023 (Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting).

Presented with a talk at ELM 2022 (Experiments in Linguistic Meaning) at the University of Pennsylvania.

Presented as a poster presentation in CogSci 2022 (The 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society) at the University of Toronto.

The effects of event types on memory

Working with Dr. Anna Papafragou on how different event types influence offline recognition memory.

Locative Alternation in Turkish

Working on an analysis in which both locative alternation variants in Turkish can be accounted for with a uniform change-of-state structure. Both direct objects in the variants are claimed to be the subjects of the small clauses and the resulting state is shown to originate from the denominal root of the verbs.

Presented with a talk at ConCALL-4 2021 (The 4th Conference of Central Asian Language and Linguistics) at Indiana University.

Presented as a poster presentation in TU+4 2019 (the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic) at NYU.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LING 0001 Introduction to Linguistics

Fall 2022

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant for two sections

Professor: Mark Liberman

LING 001 Introduction to Linguistics

Fall 2021

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant for two sections

Professor: Gareth Roberts

LING 001 Introduction to Linguistics

Spring 2021

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant for two sections

Professor: Martin Salzmann

LING 101 Introduction to Linguistics

Fall 2018

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

Teaching Assistant

Professor: Mine Nakipoğlu

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Analysis

R, Python

Software & Tools

WORK EXPERIENCE

Unilever, Turkey

January 2008 - April 2018

Latest position: Customer and Channel Development Manager

- The key leader for the Profit & Loss and the trade marketing operations of the Knorr brand.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (2019-2024)

Vehbi Koc Fellowship, Koc University (2002 - 2007)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Student Parent Advisory Board Member, Penn Family Resource Center