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Education

- **Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics** (Expected, April 2023)
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York (SUNY), New York, USA
- **B.S. in Mathematics** (2017)
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Software Expertise

- **Expert:** Python, SQL, Cython, Matlab, SLURM, L^AT_EX, Illustrator, Microsoft Office, Jupyter notebooks, Numpy, scikit learn, PyTorch, Plotly, Pandas, ReadTheDocs, matplotlib, NetworkX
- **Intermediate:** AWS, PySpark, HTML, CSS, Git

Skills

- **Statistical analysis:** Linear regression, Clustering, Classification, Dynamic community detection, Dimensional reduction, Network analysis, Time-series analysis, Topological data analysis.
- **Machine learning:** Deep Learning, Image Recognition (CNNs), Natural Language Processing (RNNs).
- **High-performance computing:** Distributed computing.

Work Experience

Graduate Research Assistant – University at Buffalo, SUNY (2019–)

- Pursued high-impact journal publications, gave talks in major conferences and presented papers in journal club meetings.
- Ran multiple research projects, conducted quantitative scientific research, reviewed the literature, analyzed data.
- Built [algorithms and models](#), developed [codebases](#) for quantitative research pipelines, prepared [documentations](#).
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary scientists, gained analytical problem solving ability, communication skills and high autonomy.
- Obtained high-level knowledge in network-data analytics, topological & geometrical data analyses, computational neuroscience, data-oriented modeling, state detection, complex graphs, dynamical systems, spreading processes.

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Department of Mathematics, University at Buffalo, SUNY (2017–)

- Tutored and mentored undergraduate students, graded exams, held office hours.
- Taught undergraduate courses in mathematics key to STEM curriculum.
 - Math 141, College Calculus I Fall'18
 - Math 142, College Calculus II Spring'18/Spring'21/Fall'22
 - Math 231, College Calculus III Fall'19/Fall'21/Spring'22
 - Math 309, Linear Algebra Spring'20
 - Math 417, Survey of Multivariable Calculus Spring'22

Adjunct Instructor – Department of Mathematics, University at Buffalo, SUNY (2019,2020)

- Administered undergraduate courses in mathematics.
 - [Math 131, Mathematical Analysis for Management](#) Summer'19
 - [Math 231, College Calculus III](#) Summer'20

Publications

- **B. U. Kilic** and D. Taylor. Simplicial cascades are orchestrated by the multidimensional geometry of neuronal complexes, Communications Physics, 2022, [arXiv:2201.02071](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.02071). (*In Press*)
- **B. U. Kilic** and S. Muldoon. Skeleton coupling: a novel method for choosing interlayer edges in temporal networks for dynamic community detection, 2022. (*In Preparation*)

Talks & Poster Presentations

- Boston University, Dynamical Systems Seminar ([BU-DSS](#)) 2022
(Seminar Talk) Thresholding and multi-body interactions orient cascades in spatially embedded networks.
- Contagion on Complex Social Systems ([CCSS](#)) 2022
(Contributed Talk) A simplicial threshold model for higher-order cascades.
- Network Science Society ([Netsci2022](#)) 2022
(C. T.) Simplicial cascades are orchestrated by the multidimensional geometry of neuronal complexes.
- Northeastern Regional Conference on Complex Systems ([NERCCS](#)) 2022
(C. T.) Simplicial cascades are orchestrated by the multidimensional geometry of neuronal complexes.
- [Networks2021](#), A joint Sunbelt and NetSci conference 2021
(C. T.) Higher-order flow channels of neuronal avalanches uncovered by topological data analysis of simplicial contagions.
- Northeastern Regional Conference on Complex Systems ([NERCCS](#)) 2021
(C. T.) Characterization of communities in dynamic functional networks.
(C. T.) Geometrical/topological data analyses reveal higher-order flow structures provide flow channels for neuronal avalanches.
- Northeastern Regional Conference on Complex Systems ([NERCCS](#)) 2019
(C. T.) Biomedical image processing via persistent homology.
- Northeastern Regional Conference on Complex Systems ([NERCCS](#)) 2022
(Poster) Skeleton coupling: novel method for choosing interlayer edges in temporal networks for dynamic community detection.
- Dynamics Days ([DD](#)) 2022
(Poster) Cascades over simplicial complexes preferably follow geometrically reinforced channels.
- Society for Neuroscience ([SFN](#)) 2019
(Poster) Cell detection and segmentation via persistent homology.

Leadership and Organization

- Directed Reading Program - Turkey ([DRP-Turkey](#)) 2022
 - Organized a remote directed reading program, with an in-person symposium, pairing undergraduate students with young researchers to work on selected topics in mathematics.
 - Applied for grants, wrote reports and performed exploratory data analysis.

Professional Development

- Neuromatch Academy Deep Learning summer workshop ([NMA-DL](#)) 2021
 - Worked on an NLP project in which we developed a deep learning framework for sentiment analysis from tweets with other domain experts via an agile based process (Github, Google colab, Pytorch) and presented our results to a general audience.
- Topological insights in Neuroscience ([MSRI](#)) 2021
 - Participated in an interdisciplinary workshop.
- [TopoNets](#), Networks beyond pairwise interactions, Satellite @ Networks 2021 2021
 - Participated in a satellite workshop.
- Biology, Analysis, Geometry, Energies, Links ([bagel19](#)), IMA 2019
 - Participated in a two-week long workshop, presented posters.

Awards, Honors and Scholarships

- Obtained travel and lodging grant from University of Colorado at Boulder (\$1000), [CCSS](#). 2022
- Rewarded by honorable mention of the best poster award, [NERCCS](#). 2022
- Obtained travel and lodging grant from The Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications (\$750), [IMA](#). 2019
- Contributed to the project 'Seizure control through state-specific manipulation of cell assemblies' (NSF SMA-1734795).

Volunteer activity

- Project mentor for ‘*Mathematics of deep learning*’ – ([Directed Reading Program, Turkey](#)) 2022
- Project mentor for ‘*Graph theoretical analysis of brain networks*’ – ([Directed Reading Program, Turkey](#)) 2021
- Project mentor for ‘*Network analysis for real-world applications*’ – ([UB, Directed Reading Program](#)) 2022

Languages

- Turkish (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- Greek (Elementary)

References

- **Sarah F. Muldoon** (Co-Advisor)
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