






A qualified, dedicated teacher and academic researcher who demonstrates a willingness to learn and implement new, unique and innovative strategies and ideas in education and historical research.

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Languages

- English 
- Turkish 
- Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian 
- Slovak 
- German 

Work experience

- Teaching and Research Assistant** 2018 - Present
Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
Working closely under the supervision of a professor whilst providing supplemental lectures for undergraduate students
- Research Assistant** 2019 - 2020
Urban Occupations OETR: Bringing Ottoman/Turkish History Into Digital Humanities, Istanbul, Turkey
Using GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to geolocate towns and cities transposed over 19th-century Ottoman maps of Bosnia.
- Social Studies Teacher** 2013 - 2018
New York City Department of Education, New York City, NY
Taught United States History and Economics to an urban and diverse cohort of students ranging from middle school to high school. Lessons were prepared with the objective of making students aware, responsible, and independent-thinking citizens. Frequent communication with the school-based community allows for an in-depth approach to curriculum delivery.
- Research and Archival Assistant** 2013 - 2014
Louis Armstrong House Museum and Archives at Queens College, Flushing, NY
Familiarized with Anglo-American cataloging procedures and Past Perfect software, worked directly with archives and artifacts. Provided creative assistance in setting up exhibits.

Education and Qualifications

- Ph.D. in History** 2018 - Present
Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
Areas of Concentration: Area Studies, Ethnic Conflicts, Nation Building and Nationalism, Post-Socialist States
- Master of Arts in History** 2013 - 2016
Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, NY
Areas of Concentration: Nazi Germany, World War II, Postwar Memory and Consciousness, Cold War Europe
- Bachelor of Arts in History and Adolescent Education** 2008 - 2012
Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY
Areas of Concentration: Middle East, Ottoman Empire, and Pedagogy
- Visiting Fellow** 2013 - 2015
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Areas of Concentration: Slavic Languages-Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian

Publications

- Degirmenci, Avni K. Forthcoming. "Urbanism, Modernity, and Nation Building in Ankara: The Birth of Turkey's Capital City during the Early Republican Period." *Journal of Urban Planning and Development*. 10.1061/(ASCE)UP.1943-5444.0000752.

Conferences and Paper Presentations

- CEPOS 10th Annual International Conference at the University of Craiova, Romania (Virtual) March 2020 Paper Title: "Revisiting the Legacy of Jozef Tiso in Slovak National Identity in Post 1993 Slovakia."
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Achievements

- Koç University, Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities Ph.D. Scholarship, 2018-Present
 - University of Pittsburgh, CREES Visiting Fellow, 2013-2015
 - United States Department of Education, Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, 2013-2014
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Certifications

- Department of Education, United Kingdom, Qualified Teacher Status (Reference #1983143), 2020-Present
- New York State Department of Education, Classroom Teacher 7-12: Social Studies (Professional Certificate), 2017-Present