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**Academic Position**

*Instructor in Sociology*, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice with Marriage and Family Therapy, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia, 2002 – present.

**Education**

Ph.D in Department of Sociology in December 1994  
Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey  
Emphasis on Medical Sociology  
Dissertation title: A Medical Sociology Study on Hemodialysis Patients

M.A. in Department of Sociology in 1988  
Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey  
Emphasis on Social Research Methods and Theory  
Thesis title: A Social Research Technique: Ethnomethodology

B.A. in Department of Sociology in 1985  
Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey  
Major: Sociology  
Minor: Psychology, Philosophy, Education  
Senior thesis title: Employment Opportunities for Turkish Women Workers Returning from Germany

**Research Areas**

Medical sociology: public health, epidemiology, social research and health policy,  
Sociology of culture: globalization and religion, women and religion, memory studies, social identity, immigration and globalization  
Teaching and learning in sociology

**Research Studies in Progress**

Public health and community related research projects in medical sociology courses  
Longitudinal research of kidney patients in Ankara, Turkey  
Collaborating learning and critical thinking in teaching sociology

## **Research Projects**

Designed database in Microsoft Access for modified and customized patients' records for an international research project supervised by Dr. Fessler at the University of Florida, Neurosurgery Department, Brain Institute, Gainesville, FL, 2000.

Gathered information from several sources for Tobacco 2000-community context research project, analyzed, interpreted and summarized the current and historical information utilizing SPSS social statistic software with Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 2000.

Work in a research on "arthritis patients" with Dr. Eleanor Stoller, in University of Florida, Department of Health Policy and Epidemiology Gainesville, FL, 1996.

Conducted a two-year research project on "customs and traditions in the Turkish society" in Ataturk Culture, Language and History Supreme Council, Ankara, Turkey, 1987-1989.

Graduate class project; Field Research on the immigration in Akcapinar Village, Eskisehir, Turkey, 1987.

## **Courses Taught**

Medical Sociology  
Mass Media and Popular Culture  
Sociology of Religion  
Introduction to Sociology  
Introduction to Social Problems  
Research Methods  
Family Sociology

## **Paper Presented**

"Why Is It True? Why Is It False?; Critical Thinking and Grading Core Classes in Sociology," Core Matters Conference in Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, April 9-10 2010.

"Comparison of Family Dynamics in Turkey, Japan, USA: Gender, Marriage, Parenting and Family Values," 2008 Integrated Conference, Society for Cultural Research (SSCR) New Orleans, LA, February, 20-23 2008.

"Now and Then Turkish Women; Will They Become a Member of the European Union?,"

Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Conference, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, March 30, 31 and April 1, 2006.

## **Experience**

August 2000-2001, Office Manager, March of Dimes, Gainesville, FL

June - August 2000, Data Analyst, State of Florida Community Context Project For: Research on Anti-Tobacco Strategies, University of Florida in Gainesville, FL

May-June 2000, Computer and Database Support, Department of Neurosurgery, University of Florida Brain Institute, Gainesville, FL

February-April 2000, Computer and Administrative Support  
GTA Design Group, Inc. Winter Park, FL

February-March 2000, Internship/Computer Support,  
Chamber of Commerce in Winter Park, FL

November 1998-January 2000, Student, PC Support Program,  
Winter Park Tech, Winter Park, FL

1997-1998, Office Assistant, Department of Pathology,  
Neurosurgery, and Learning Resource Center, University of Florida,  
Gainesville, FL

1995-1997, Learning and Practicing English in Gainesville, FL

1990-1995, Office Manager, Bayindir Construction Company in Ankara, Turkey

March 1986-1990, Junior and Senior Expert in Ataturk Culture Center in Ataturk Culture,  
Language and History Supreme Council, Ankara, Turkey

## **Languages**

Fluent in Turkish and English

Reading, translation and basic conversation in French

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Sociological Association (member 2002-present)