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EDUCATION

- 2021- PhD Candidate, Sociology, University of Chicago
Dissertation: *'Education Strategies in Modern Turkey: A Study of Parents Navigating the Transition to High School'*
Committee: Andrew Abbott (co-chair), Andreas Glaeser (co-chair), John Levi Martin, Ayca Alemdaroglu.
- 2017 M.A., Sociology, University of Chicago
- 2013 B.A., Political Science and International Relations, Bogazici University

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Education, Family, Culture, Social Class and Status Inequality, Religion, Qualitative Methods, Middle East History.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

"A Good Life Now and After Death": Religiosity, Social Class Mobility, and Limits of Faith-Based School Choice in Turkey (*under review*)
Towards a Pragmatist Theory of Parental School Choice

BOOK REVIEW

- 2015 *"A Tale of Four Augusts: Obama's Syria Policy"* by Kılıç Buğra Kanat.
Daily Sabah (Dec 21)

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- "Pathways to Status: Parenting and Schooling of Middle School Children in Turkey"
- Presented at the Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago. January 28, 2019.
- "From Selective Enrollment to Neighborhood Schools: Parental Responses to New Public-School Placement Policy"
- Presented at Keyman Conference on Youth and Education in Turkey, Northwestern University. October 19, 2018.
- "Institutional Change in the Diffusion of Non-Instrumental Innovations: Lessons from the Case of American Hand-knitting"
- Presented at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, 2018.
 - Presented at the Politics, History and Society Workshop, University of Chicago, 2017.
- "New Directions in Sociological Research."
- (Invited Talk) Meridyen Akademi, Istanbul. 2017.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 University of Chicago Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2020 Pozen Center for Human Rights Doctoral Fellowship
2019 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Research Grant

TEACHING

- 2018 Teaching Assistant, *Social Science Inquiry III*
Professor: Justin Grimmer, Social Science Core Program, University of Chicago
2018 Teaching Assistant, *Social Science Inquiry II*
Professor: Lauren Perez, Social Science Core Program, University of Chicago
2017 Teaching Assistant, *Social Science Inquiry I*
Professor: Michael Weaver, Social Science Core Program, University of Chicago
2017 Teaching Assistant, *Qualitative Field Methods*
Professor: Omar McRoberts, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
2017 Teaching Assistant, *Urban Policy Analysis*
Professor: Terry N. Clark, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020-2021 Manuscript Board Member, American Journal of Sociology
2014 Organizer & Moderator of “Object Sociology” Panel in Spring Institute, University of Chicago.