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Academic Interests

Syntax/Semantics: NPI-Licensing, A-not-A Questions, Complementation

Psycholinguistics: Grammatical Illusions, Online Processing of Negation & NPIs

Professional Interests

Computational Linguistics: Grammar Engineering, Semantic Search, Relational Frameworks

Education

Stony Brook University (SBU) **New York, USA**
Ph.D in Linguistics 2009–Now

Hacettepe University (HU) **Ankara, Turkey**
MA in Linguistics 2006–2009

Thesis Title: *An Investigation into the Lexical & Syntactic Properties of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish*

Middle East Technical University (METU) **Ankara, Turkey**
BA in Foreign Language Education 2001–2005

Summer/Winter Schools.....

Utrecht University **Utrecht, Netherlands**
LOT Summer School July 2008

Tilburg University **Tilburg, Netherlands**
LOT Winter School January 2008

Masaryk University **Brno, Czech Republic**
EGG Summer School August 2007

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven **Leuven, Belgium**
LOT Summer School June 2007

Awards

Natural Science Foundation
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2017

NYU-Abu Dhabi
EXAL+ Student Travel Award 2016

SBU <i>President's Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student</i>	2014
The 27th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing <i>CUNY2014 Student Travel Award</i>	2014
SBU <i>GSEU Development & Professional Award</i>	2012
SBU <i>Tuition Waiver & Teaching Assistantship</i>	2009-Now
Utrecht University <i>Tuition Waiver, LOT Summer School</i>	2008
Tilburg University <i>Tuition Waiver, LOT Winter School</i>	2008
Leuven University <i>Tuition Waiver, LOT Summer School</i>	2007
Hacettepe University <i>Travel Grant</i>	2007
Middle East Technical University Scholarship Fund <i>METU Scholarship</i>	2001-2005

Publications

Prospective NPI licensing and intrusion in Turkish <i>Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury</i>	2017 <i>Language, Cognition & Neuroscience</i>
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Conference Presentations & Talks

CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing <i>Intervening and non-intervening Interference</i> Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	UC Davis 2018
CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing <i>The processing of Turkish and Korean NPI licensing and intrusion: ERP evidence</i> So Young Lee, Aydogan Yanilmaz, Jiwon Yun & John E. Drury	UC Davis 2018
CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing <i>ERP effects distinguishing polarity versus free choice: English ANY & Mandarin RENHE</i> Jun Lyu, Hongchen Wu, Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	UC Davis 2018
ConCALL-3 <i>Anti-local intrusion effects in Turkish</i> Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	UI Bloomington 2018
TU+3 <i>Anti-local intrusion effects in Turkish</i> Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	UCLA 2017
The Ninth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference <i>ANY ERP effects?</i> Hongchen Wu, Jun Lyu, Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	Baltimore, MD 2017

GALA13	Mallorca
<i>The processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish-German bilingual speakers</i>	2017
Seckin Arslan, Sol Lago, Aydogan Yanilmaz, John E. Drury & Claudia Felser	
XPRAG Questions, Answers and Negation Workshop	Berlin
<i>The costs and benefits of processing negation in NPI licensing contexts in Turkish</i>	2016
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
EXAL+, NYU-Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi
<i>Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish: Does the parser ignore the grammar?</i>	2016
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
TU+1	U Mass
<i>Illusions of grammaticality on NPI licensing in Turkish</i>	2015
Aydogan Yanilmaz	
Harvard Language and Cognition Seminar	Harvard University
<i>Online processing of grammatical illusions:evidence from Turkish NPI licensing</i>	2014
(Invited Talk)	
The Sixth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference	Amsterdam
<i>ERP responses for polarity sensitivity and definiteness restriction violations</i>	2014
John E. Drury, James Monette, Aydogan Yanilmaz & Karsten Steinhauer	
CUNY's Psycholinguistics Supper	CUNY
<i>Illusions of grammaticality, prospective NPI/licensor dependencies</i>	2014
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury (Invited Talk)	
CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing	Columbus, OH
<i>Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish:Does the parser ignore the grammar?</i>	2014
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
The Fifth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference	San Diego, CA
<i>Processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish</i>	2013
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting	San Francisco, CA
<i>NPI Licensing in Turkish: An ERP Study</i>	2013
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
WAFL VIII	Universität Stuttgart
<i>A-not-A Questions in Turkish</i>	2012
SYNC 13	New York University
<i>On the Syntax of Embedded Yes/No Questions in Turkish</i>	2011
METU Syntax Workshop	METU
<i>Some Remarks on NPIs in Turkish</i>	2008
6th METU Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics & Language Teaching	METU
<i>NPI Licensing in WH-Questions</i>	2008
22. National Linguistics Conference	Van Yüzüncü Yıl University
<i>NPIs in Wh-Questions</i>	2008
Aydogan Yanilmaz & Emine Yarar	
Mediterranean Graduate Students Meeting in Linguistics	Mersin University
<i>Word Order Restrictions in Negative Polarity Items</i>	2007

Professional Experience

Computational & Translation.....

NTENT, INC.

Work from Home

Computational Linguist

2016 October-2018 January

- Corpus Development by identifying relevant web & mobile use
- Semantic Processing by developing relational rules & frames
- Turkish Lexicon Development & Evaluation of the large proprietary ontology
- Search Quality Evaluation with functional tests & end-to-end results

Appen Pty Ltd.

Farmington Hills, MI

Localization tester

2017 February

- Onsite testing of the automatic speech recognition systems in Turkish
- Running test cases for the in-car infotainment systems
- Validating voice-related screens and reporting functional issues

National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland

Work from Home

Linguist

2016 January-May

- Developing reading & listening passages for language testing
- Providing transcripts & English renderings of the passages

Appen Pty Ltd.

Work from Home

Computational Linguist

2015 June-2016 January

- Development & testing of Error Detection & Correction for Turkish language of Microsoft Office 15
- Using linguistic software to develop & validate linguistic error critiques
- Maintaining & reviewing design documentation in English
- Reporting & monitoring linguistic critiques using proprietary online issue management system

Pro Bono Speaks, LLC.

New York, NY

Interpreter & Translator

2013-2014

International Language Services, INC.

New York, NY

Translator & Transcriptionist

July 2012

Teaching at the Universities.....

Department of Linguistics

SBU

TEACHING ASSISTANT & INSTRUCTOR

2009-Now

Courses TAed:

- LIN 200 Language in the US ('09 Fall)
 - Responsible for conducting review sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 211 Syntax ('11, '12, '13 Fall)
 - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 346 Language & Meaning ('10 Spring)
 - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions & *Semantica* software, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 431 The Structure of an Uncommonly Taught Language: Najdi Arabic ('13 Spring)
 - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- LIN 431 The Structure of an Uncommonly Taught Language: Turkish ('14 Spring)
 - Responsible for being the language resource person, teaching weekly recitation sessions and holding regular office hours.
- LIN 344 Literacy Development ('16 Spring)
 - Responsible for conducting review sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- PSY 260 Survey of Perception and Cognition ('18 Spring)
 - Responsible for conducting review sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.

Courses Taught:

Fully responsible for designing each course, teaching classes, developing means to assess student learning, student advising, grading and providing feedback on students' work and progress.

- ESL 192 Intermediate Composition ('10 Fall, '11 Spring, '11 Summer, '13 Summer)
- LIN 300 Writing in Linguistics ('12 Winter, '14 Summer)
- LIN 355 Language & Life in Turkey ('12 Spring, '14 Fall)
- LIN 551 Bilingualism ('13 Summer)
- TRK 101 Intensive Elementary Turkish ('14, '15 Summer)
- LIN 200 Language in the USA ('15 Winter)
- LIN 230 Languages of the World ('16 Summer)
- TRK 111 Elementary Turkish I ('16 Summer - ONLINE)
- LIN 544 Language Acquisition & Literacy Development ('16 Fall)

Undergraduate Thesis Advising:

Co-mentor and informant of Chor Yan Chau's undergraduate thesis entitled "Turkish Focus Question Morpheme: A Syntactic Analysis of -mI" ('15 Spring)

Georgia STARTALK program

Lead Instructor

Agnes Scott College

2017

Fully responsible for the design of the Turkish language program, coordinating daily meetings with the language and music instructors, developing means to assess student learning, student and instructor advising.

Department of English

Online Adjunct Faculty

Dowling College

2015

Courses Taught:

Fully responsible for designing the online course, maintaining the weekly discussions, developing means to assess student learning, student advising, grading and providing feedback on students' work and progress.

- ENGL 2140A Introduction to Linguistics (Summer '15)

Department of English & World Languages**American Public University System***Online Adjunct Faculty*

2014

Courses Taught:

Fully responsible for designing the online course, teacher training, maintaining the weekly discussions, developing means to assess student learning, student advising, grading and providing feedback on students' work and progress.

- o ENGL 101 Proficiency in Writing (Fall '14, Session D)

Department of Linguistics**HU***Research Assistant*

2007–2009

Courses Taught:

- o IDB 116 Languages of the World ('07 Spring)
- o IDB 121 Integrated Language Skills I ('07 Spring)
- o IDB 156 Investigations in Linguistics ('08 Fall)
- o IDB 261 Morphology I ('08 Fall)
- o IDB 376 Morphology II ('09 Spring)
- o IDB 462 Advanced Syntax ('09 Spring)

English Preparatory School**Atılım University***English Instructor, Ankara, Turkey*

2005–2007

Foreign Language Education**METU***Student Assistant*

2004 Fall

Volunteering.....**Pre-college Institute****College of Arts and Sciences, SBU***Lecturer*

July 2015 & 2016

- o Teaching and role-modeling for students from disadvantaged school districts.

Teaching Assistant Orientation Workshop**SBU***Speaker*

August 2014

Organizational Duties.....**Language Learning Research Center****SBU***Preparing & Administering the Challenge Exam in Turkish*

2014–now

Department of Linguistics**SBU***Graduate Student Representative, with Ling Wang*

2011–2012

Department of Linguistics**SBU***Colloquium Series Co-organizer, with Sara Catlin*

2011–2012

Department of Linguistics**HU***Academic Advisor*

2007–2009

Ad hoc reviewing.....**SYNC, Poznań Studies in Contemporary Linguistics**Teaching elsewhere.....**Active English****Ankara, Turkey***English Teacher*

July 2010

- o Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT

English Club*English Teacher***Ankara, Turkey***2008–2009*

- Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT

European Union-Social Total Organization Project (STOP-Ref. No:403)*English Teacher & Curriculum Designer, Ankara, Turkey**2005*

Language & Computer Skills

Natural: Turkish (Mothertongue); English (Fluent)**Formal:** Unix/Linux, L^AT_EX, R, Python, Matlab, EEGLab, Presentation®

Professional Membership

2014-Now: American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages**2013-Now:** Cognitive Neuroscience Society**2013-Now:** Society for the Neurobiology of Language**2009-Now:** Linguistics Society of America**2008-Now:** Ankara Linguistics Society

References

Available upon request