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## Academic Interests

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

**Psycholinguistics:** Grammatical Illusions, Online Processing of Negation & NPIs

## Professional Interests

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**Computational Linguistics:** Grammar Engineering, Semantic Search, Relational Frameworks

## Education

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**Stony Brook University (SBU)**

*Ph.D in Linguistics*

**New York, USA**

*2009–Now*

**Hacettepe University (HU)**

*MA in Linguistics*

**Ankara, Turkey**

*2006–2009*

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

**Middle East Technical University (METU)**

*BA in Foreign Language Education*

**Ankara, Turkey**

*2001–2005*

**Summer/Winter Schools.....**

**Utrecht University**

*LOT Summer School*

**Utrecht, Netherlands**

*July 2008*

**Tilburg University**

*LOT Summer School*

**Tilburg, Netherlands**

*January 2008*

**Masaryk University**

*EGG Summer School*

**Brno, Czech Republic**

*August 2007*

**Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**

*LOT Summer School*

**Leuven, Belgium**

*June 2007*

## Awards

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**Natural Science Foundation**

*Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant*

*2017*

**NYU-Abu Dhabi**

*EXAL+ Student Travel Award*

*2016*

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

## Publications

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<b>Prospective NPI licensing and intrusion in Turkish</b>		<b>2017</b>
<i>Aydogan Yanilmaz &amp; John E. Drury</i>	<i>Language, Cognition &amp; Neuroscience</i>	

## Conference Presentations & Talks

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<b>TU+3</b>		<b>UCLA</b>
<i>Anti-local intrusion effects in Turkish</i>		2017
<i>Aydogan Yanilmaz &amp; John E. Drury</i>		
<b>The Ninth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference</b>	<b>Baltimore, MD</b>	
<i>ANY ERP effects?</i>		2017
<i>Hongchen Wu, Jun Lyu, Aydogan Yanilmaz &amp; John E. Drury</i>		
<b>GALA13</b>		<b>Mallorca</b>
<i>The processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish-German bilingual speakers</i>		2017
<i>Seckin Arslan, Sol Lago, Aydogan Yanilmaz, John E. Drury &amp; Claudia Felser</i>		
<b>XPRAG Questions, Answers and Negation Workshop</b>		<b>Berlin</b>
<i>The costs and benefits of processing negation in NPI licensing contexts in Turkish</i>		2016
<i>Aydogan Yanilmaz &amp; John E. Drury</i>		
<b>EXAL+, NYU-Abu Dhabi</b>		<b>Abu Dhabi</b>
<i>Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish: Does the parser ignore the grammar?</i>		2016
<i>Aydogan Yanilmaz &amp; John E. Drury</i>		
<b>Harvard Language and Cognition Seminar</b>		<b>Harvard University</b>
<i>Online processing of grammatical illusions: evidence from Turkish NPI licensing</i>		2014
<i>(Invited Talk)</i>		

<b>The Sixth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference</b>	<b>Amsterdam</b>
<i>ERP responses for polarity sensitivity and definiteness restriction violations</i>	2014
John E. Drury, James Monette, Aydogan Yanilmaz & Karsten Steinhauer	
<b>CUNY's Psycholinguistics Supper</b>	<b>CUNY</b>
<i>Illusions of grammaticality, prospective NPI/licensor dependencies</i>	2014
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury (Invited Talk)	
<b>CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing</b>	<b>Columbus, OH</b>
<i>Intrusion effects on NPI licensing in Turkish: Does the parser ignore the grammar?</i>	2014
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>The Fifth Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference</b>	<b>San Diego, CA</b>
<i>Processing of Negative Polarity Items in Turkish</i>	2013
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>
<i>NPI Licensing in Turkish: An ERP Study</i>	2013
Aydogan Yanilmaz & John E. Drury	
<b>WAFL VIII</b>	<b>Universität Stuttgart</b>
<i>A-not-A Questions in Turkish</i>	2012
<b>SYNC 13</b>	<b>New York University</b>
<i>On the Syntax of Embedded Yes/No Questions in Turkish</i>	2011
<b>METU Syntax Workshop</b>	<b>METU</b>
<i>Some Remarks on NPIs in Turkish</i>	2008
<b>6th METU Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics &amp; Language Teaching</b>	<b>METU</b>
<i>NPI Licensing in WH-Questions</i>	2008
<b>22. National Linguistics Conference</b>	<b>Van Yüzüncü Yıl University</b>
<i>NPIs in Wh-Questions</i>	2008
Aydogan Yanilmaz & Emine Yazar	
<b>Mediterranean Graduate Students Meeting in Linguistics</b>	<b>Mersin University</b>
<i>Word Order Restrictions in Negative Polarity Items</i>	2007

## Professional Experience

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### Computational & Translation.....

**NTENT, INC.** **Work from Home**  
*Computational Linguist* 2016 October-Now

- 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**

*Linguist*

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

**Work from Home**

*2016 January-May*

**Appen Pty Ltd.**

*Computational Linguist*

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

**Work from Home**

*2015 June-2016 January*

**Pro Bono Speaks, LLC.**

*Interpreter & Translator*

**New York, NY**

*2013-2014*

**International Language Services, INC.**

*Translator & Transcriptionist*

**New York, NY**

*July 2012*

**Teaching at the Universities.....**

**Department of Linguistics**

**SBU**

TEACHING ASSISTANT & INSTRUCTOR

*2009–Now*

Courses TAed:

- o LIN 200 Language in US ('09 Fall)
  - Responsible for conducting review sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- o LIN 211 Syntax ('11, '12, '13 Fall)
  - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions, holding regular office hours and grading.
- o LIN 346 Language & Meaning ('10 Spring)
  - Responsible for teaching weekly recitation sessions & *Semantica* software, holding regular office hours and grading.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o LIN 344 Literacy Development ('16 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.*

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

**Georgia STARTALK program**

**Agnes Scott College**

*Lead Instructor*

2017

*Fully responsible for designing 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**

**Dowling College**

*Online Adjunct Faculty*

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.*

- o 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

<b>Department of Linguistics</b> <i>Graduate Student Representative, with Ling Wang</i>	<b>SBU</b> 2011-2012
<b>Department of Linguistics</b> <i>Colloquium Series Co-organizer, with Sara Catlin</i>	<b>SBU</b> 2011-2012
<b>Department of Linguistics</b> <i>Academic Advisor</i>	<b>HU</b> 2007-2009

Ad hoc reviewing.....

**SYNC, Poznań Studies in Contemporary Linguistics**

Teaching elsewhere.....

<b>Active English</b> <i>English Teacher</i>	<b>Ankara, Turkey</b> July 2010
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- o Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT

<b>English Club</b> <i>English Teacher</i>	<b>Ankara, Turkey</b> 2008–2009
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- o Preparing young adults for TOEFL-IBT

<b>European Union-Social Total Organization Project (STOP-Ref. No:403)</b> <i>English Teacher &amp; Curriculum Designer, Ankara, Turkey</i>	2005
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**Language & Computer Skills**

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**Natural:** Turkish (Mothertongue); English (Fluent)

**Formal:** Unix/Linux, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Matlab, EEGLab, Presentation®

**Professional Membership**

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**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**

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Available upon request