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EDUCATION

- 2017: **Ph.D., UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,**
Toronto/ ON / Canada
Department of History
Dissertation Title: “Locating an Ottoman Port City in the Early Modern Mediterranean: İzmir (1580-1780)”
Committee members: E. Natalie Rothman (supervisor)
Victor Ostapchuk
Jens Hanssen
- 2009: **Master of Arts, SABANCI UNIVERSITY,**
Istanbul/Turkey
Department of History
- 2007: **Bachelor of Arts, GALATASARAY UNIVERSITY,**
Istanbul/ Turkey
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

- Book Review of Despina Vlami, Trading with the Ottomans: The Levant Company in the Middle East, *The Journal of Ottoman Studies/ Osmanlı Araştırmaları* (submitted)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Labor Mobility in Early Modern Eastern Mediterranean: Reconstruction of a City - Izmir (1688-1691)” MESA (Middle East Studies Association) Annual Meeting, 17-20 November 2016, Boston, USA
- “Early Modern Levantine Commerce Revisited: The Commerce of Izmir (1580-1780)” Conference titled “The Levant and Europe: Shipping and Trade Networks of People and Knowledge”, Organized by Levantine Heritage Foundation, 2-4 November 2016, London, UK.
- “Erken Modern Dönem Akdeniz Ticaretinin İzmir Gümrük Gelirleri Bağlamında Yeniden Değerlendirilmesi” CIEPO (Comité International des Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes) Annual Meeting, Trabzon 4-8 October 2016, Trabzon, Turkey
- “Migration in Early Modern Ottoman Lands: Izmir in the late 17th century” Turkologentag 14-17 September 2016, Hamburg, Germany
- “Emergence of a City “In-between”: Changing Urban Patterns in Ottoman Izmir” – Accepted – EAUH 2016 (European Association for Urban History) International Conference 24 – 17 August 2016, Helsinki, Finland
- “Social and Political Networks of Ottoman Local Rulers: Kadı of Izmir (1580-1730)” BRISMES (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies) Annual Conference, 13-15 July 2016, Lampeter, Wales
- “Climate “the Magnificent”: An Ecological Perspective on 16th Century Ottoman Empire” presented at conference titled ‘Empires of Water: Water Management and Politics in the Arid Regions of China, Central Eurasia and the Middle East (16th-20th centuries)’ organized by The University of Hong Kong, 26 – 28 May 2016, Hong Kong.
- “Ecologic and Demographic Transformation in Early Modern Ottoman Anatolia and its Impact on

Agricultural Production in the 16th and 17th centuries” presented at Seminar in Ottoman and Turkish Studies, Organized by Departments of History and Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, in University of Toronto, 6 April 2016

- “An Oasis in the midst of Little Ice Age: Rise of Western Anatolia during the first half of 17th century” Presented at EMIGF (Early Modern Interdisciplinary Graduate Forum) in University of Toronto, 25 February 2016.
- “Changing Urban Pattern of Izmir: 17th Through 20th Centuries” Presented at MESA (Middle East Studies Association) Annual Meeting: November 2014, Washington D.C.
- “Ottoman Merchants, Venetian Partners: Solved – Unsolved Cases from 17th Century” presented at 4th Mediterranean Maritime History Network Conference – May 2014, Barcelona
- “Echoes of the Discovery of America in the Ottoman world” Presented at Roots and Routes 2012: Translation, Mediation, and Circulation – Summer Institutes, May 2012, Toronto
- “The Nature of the Relationship Between Ottoman Corsairs and the Imperial Navy in the 16th Century” Presented at the 26th Annual Middle East History & Theory (MEHAT) Conference, University of Chicago, May 2011, Chicago

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer:

March 19, 2012

“Making Connections- Imperial Cartographers, Geographers, and Diplomats”
HISB62H3 2012 - The Early Modern Mediterranean, 1500-1800
by Dr. David Gugel,
University of Toronto

Teaching Assistant:

WINTER 2016:

HISA04 – Themes in World History
Historical and Cultural Studies
University of Toronto Scarborough

FALL 2015

HIS 201 – Introduction to Middle East History
Department of Historical Studies
University of Toronto – Missasagua

FALL 2015/WINT2016

**HIS 102 -Empires, Encounters, and Exchanges:
From the Silk Roads to the Present**
Department of History
University of Toronto

FALL 2014

HIS 241 – 19th Century Europe
Department of History
University of Toronto

WINTER 2014

HIS 340 – The European Reformation
Department of Historical Studies - Missasagua
University of Toronto

FALL 2013

HIS243 – Early Modern Europe 1450 – 1648
Department of History
University of Toronto

FALL 2012

HIS101 - Introduction to Historical Studies
Department of Historical Studies - Missasagua
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FALL 2012

HIS C65 – Venice and Its Empire 800 – 1800

WINTER 2015	Department of Humanities - Scarborough University of Toronto
WINTER 2012 WINTER 2014	HISB62H3 - The Early Modern Mediterranean, 1500-1800 Department of Humanities - Scarborough University of Toronto
FALL 2011	HIS 204 – History of the Ottoman Empire Department of Historical Studies University of Toronto
FALL2010/WINT2011	HIS 104Y1 - Ten Days That Shook the World Department of History University of Toronto
2007 - 2008 2008 - 2009	SPS 101 – Humanity & Society I, SPS 102 – Humanity & Society II, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2010 – Present	Research Assistant , Department of History, University of Toronto, Prof. Natalie Rothman Archival and library research
2011 – June 2012	Research Assistant , Department of Italian Studies, Victoria College, University of Toronto Prof. Luca Somigli Bibliographical research, Translating materials

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2015 : Natalie Zemon Davis Fellowship
- 2015-2016 : Dissertation Completion Award
- 2015 Summer : SGS – Summer Research Travel Grant
- 2014 Fall : Graduate Student Travel Grant – University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2014 Spring : History Department Conference Travel Award – University of Toronto
- 2013 Summer : SGS – Summer Research Travel Grant
- 2010 – 2015 : Full Tuition waiver & stipend, University of Toronto
- 2011 Summer : SGS – Grant for LCTL
- 2011 Spring : SGS – Grant for conference travel
- 2010 – 2011 : Massey College, Resident Junior Fellowship
- 2007 – 2009 : Full tuition waiver & stipend, MA Fellowship, Sabanci University
- 2008 : Erasmus/Socrates Scholarship

LANGUAGES

- Turkish (native)
- Ottoman Turkish
- English
- French
- Italian