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Curriculum Vitae

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Research and Teaching Interests

Areas of Specialization: History of Metaphysics (esp. Greek and Medieval),
Post-Kantian Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence: Medieval Philosophy, Phenomenology,
Continental Philosophy, 20th-Century French
Philosophy

Education

- 2023 **PhD.**, Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, Chicago, USA
Dissertation Title: Eleusis *contra* Delphi: The Idea of Eternal Return in
Nietzsche, Heraclitus, and the Greek Mystery Cults
Committee: Sean Kirkland, William McNeill, Peg Birmingham
- 2015 **MPhil.**, Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Thesis Title: Χώρα and Necessity: Irrationality, Disorder, and
Destruction in Plato's *Phaedrus* and *Timaeus*
Thesis Advisor: Henning Tegtmeier
- 2014 **M.A.**, Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Thesis Title: The Phenomenon of Life in Heidegger's Late Writings
Thesis Advisor: Ullrich Melle
- 2013 **B.A.**, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Academic Positions

- 2023-2024 İstinye University, Visiting Assistant Professor
2022-2023 Boğaziçi University, Visiting Assistant Professor
2017-2022 DePaul University, Teaching Fellow
2015-2017 DePaul University, Teaching Assistant

Languages

Ancient Greek, German, and French (All officially completed during Ph.D.)
Reading and research skills in Classical Arabic, Latin, and Ottoman Turkish

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Publications

“Moses, *Anamnesis*, and the Death of God” in *The Reception of Plato in Late Antiquity*, edited by Eva Anagnostou and George Steiris. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming in 2024

“The Question Concerning Ground and Theodicy in Schelling’s Plato” (forthcoming in *The Journal of Religion*) [AHCI, Q2]

“*Natura Fluens*: Time and Nature in Avicenna’s *Physics of Healing*” in *Filozofia: Journal for Philosophy*, 78 (10): 834 – 847. [AHCI, Q1]

“Act of Terror and the Sublime at the Twilight of the Islamic State” in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 37 (2): 216-233. [AHCI, Q2]

“‘Deep Yellow and Hot Red’ – Nietzsche’s Genealogy of Space” in *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy*, 18 (2):150-74. [ESCI, Q2]

De Theognide Megarensi: Nietzsche on Aristocracy and Blood” in *Megarali Theognis Üzerine*, written by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, 7-22. Istanbul: Dergah Yayinlari, 2021.

Work in Progress

“Eternal Recurrence and the Heraclitean Child” (under review)

“Lived Experience and the Archeology of Perception: Who is Nietzsche’s Dionysos?” (under review)

“Temporal Entanglement and Disembodiment in Sophocles’ *Trachiniae*” (under review)

“Δαίμονες and the Topography of the Future” (under review)

“Place and Locomotion in Aristotle's *Physics Δ*” (in preparation)

Manuscript Proposal: “Time-God, Time as God, Time and Being” (in preparation)

Grants and Fellowships

2021 Doctoral and Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship (DUOS) Grant, DePaul University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Project: *The Dionysian State: Friedrich Nietzsche on Politics and Community*

2020 Writing Quarter Fellowship, DePaul University

2016 Richardson Fellowship, French Language Courses in Paris

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- 2016 International Graduate Research Fund, DePaul University,
Project: *Foucault's Unpublished Notes on Nietzsche and the notion of
Herkunft*, Foucault Archives in Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris
- 2015- Graduate Teaching Fellowship
- 2007-2012 TUBITAK Grant

Conference Activity and Participation

- 2023 "Who is Nietzsche's Dionysus?" invited lecture at Boğaziçi
University. Oct 27
- 2021 "Nietzsche on Time and Place of the Tragic" *History of Philosophy
Society*. May 2
- 2020 "Nietzsche and the Temporalities of Destruction: Desert Time
and Jungle Time" *History of Philosophy Society*. April 17.¹
- 2020 "History of Time: The Notion of Αἰών In Homer, Aeschylus, and
Euripides" *Ancient Science Conference*, University College
London. (UCL) February 22
- 2015 "Plato and Nietzsche on Place." *Place and Space Conference*,
Kingston College, January 6
- 2014 "Heidegger and the Question of Animality in 1929-30 Lecture
Course." Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte (HIW), KU Leuven.
April 20.

Teaching Experience

İstinye University, Department of Philosophy, 2023-2024

Introduction to Philosophy	(1 section)
Logic	(1 section)
Medieval Philosophy	(1 section)
Epistemology	(1 section)

Boğaziçi University, Department of Philosophy, 2022-2023

Negative Theology	(1 section)
Greek tragedy	(1 section)

DePaul University, Department of Philosophy, 2015-2021

Introduction to Philosophy	(7 sections)
Love, Hatred, and Resentment	(5 sections)
Business Ethics	(2 sections)
Philosophy of God	(1 section)
Environmental Philosophy	(1 section)

¹ Conference cancelled after paper acceptance due to the pandemic.

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