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EDUCATION

- 2005 **Ph.D., Sociology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis**
Dissertation: “Chromatic Turkishness: Race, Modernity, and Western Scholars in the Construction of Turkish National Identity” (Advisor: Barbara Laslett)
- 2000 **Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis**
Thesis: “Arabesk: Music, Culture and Politics in Turkey”
- 1996 **Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005-present **Assistant Professor of Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey**
Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology, Turkish Society in Comparative Perspective, Nations and Nationalism, Sociology of Crime and Deviance
- Spring 2005 **Instructor, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo**
Course taught: Sociology of Deviance
- 1998-2003 **Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota**
Courses taught: American Race Relations, Basic Social Statistics, Social Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology, Computer Usage for Social Statistics
- 1997-2000 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota**
Courses assisted: Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology, American Corrections, Descriptive Statistics, Principles of Social Psychology, Social Organizations
- 2000-2001 **Reader/Grader, Department of History, University of Minnesota**
Courses assisted: History of the Ottoman Empire, Middle East Survey, Arab Islam in the Caliphal Age

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2009-2010 **Research Grant for project entitled “The Construction of Cultural Boundaries: Relations between Cultural, Socio-Economic, and Moral Status Symbols in Turkey” (Grant Award: \$110,000)**
TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey)
- 2008-2009 **Book Fellowship**
Social Science Research Council
- 2002-2003 **International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship**
Social Science Research Council
- 2001 **Anna Welsch Bright Research Award**
Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 2001 **Doctoral Fieldwork Research Grant**
University of Minnesota, The MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice
- 2000 **Travel Award for presenting a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association**
Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 1998 **International Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant**
University of Minnesota, The MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice
- 1996 **Block Grant Fellowship for the 1996/97 academic year**
Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 1996 **Rector’s Achievement Award**
(highest award in the university based on academic excellence and extracurricular activities)
Boğaziçi University, 1996
- 1996 **Academic Achievement Award**
(ranked first among 106 students with a GPA of 3.65)
Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science & International Relations
- 1996 **Alumni Association Membership Award**
(based on academic achievement)
Boğaziçi University

PUBLICATIONS

(With Jeffrey C. Dixon) “Explaining Anti-Kurdish Beliefs in Turkey: Group Competition, Identity, and Globalization,” *Social Science Quarterly*, forthcoming.

“Taking It to the Grave: Gender, Cultural Capital, and Ethnicity in Turkish Death Announcements,” *OMEGA: The Journal of Death and Dying*, 60, no. 2 (2010): 175-197.

“Cultural Encounters in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Western Émigré Scholars in Turkey,” *History of the Human Sciences*, 22, no. 1 (2009): 105-130.

“‘Is the Turk a White Man?’ Toward a Theoretical Framework for Race in the Making of Turkishness,” *Middle Eastern Studies*, 44, no. 6 (2008): 827-850.

“Biometrics and Anthropometrics: The Twins of Turkish Modernity,” *Patterns of Prejudice*, 42, no. 3 (2008): 281-304.

“Archaeology and the Perception of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Eras in Early Republican Turkey,” *Perceptions of the Past in the Turkish Republic (Classical and Byzantine Periods)*. ed. by Scott Redford and Nina Ergin, Leuven: Peeters, forthcoming.

“Türkiye’de Irk Düşüncesi” [The Idea of Race in Turkey], *Modern Türkiye’de Siyasi Düşünce* [Political Thought in Modern Turkey], ed. by Tanıl Bora. Istanbul: İletişim.

“On Humans, Fish, and Mermaids: The Republican Taxonomy of Tastes and Arabesk,” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 33 (2005): 63-92.

Book Review: Alev Çınar, *Modernity, Islam, and Secularism in Turkey: Bodies, Places, and Time*, *New Perspectives on Turkey* 33 (2005): 145-149.

PRESENTATIONS

2009 European Sociological Association Meeting, Lisbon

Paper: “Cultural Boundaries in Turkish Death Announcements (1970-2006)”

“Imagining the West” Workshop, Koç University, Istanbul

Paper: “Whiteness and Modernity in Contemporary Turkey”

2008 Interdisciplinary.net 6th Global Conference Making Sense of: Dying and Death, Salzburg

“Bereavement and Emotions in Death Announcements in Turkey: Gender, Class and Ethnicity”

European Sociological Association Network of the Sociology of Consumption Interim Meeting, Helsinki

Paper: “Whiteness, Bodies, and Consumption in Contemporary Turkey”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York

Paper: “What Explains Negative Attitudes toward Kurds in Turkey? The Roles of Interest, Culture, and Globalization” (delivered by co-author Jeffrey C. Dixon)

2007 **European Sociological Association Meeting, Glasgow**

Paper: “Whiteness, Intersectionality and African Immigrants in Turkey”

International Relations Departmental Seminar, Bilgi University, Istanbul

Paper: “Is the Turk a White Man?": Toward a Theoretical Framework for Race in the Making of Turkishness”

2006 **“Perceptions of the Past in the Turkish Republic (Classical and Byzantine Periods), Annual Symposium at the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul**

Keynote speech: “Archaeology and the Perception of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Eras”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal

Paper: “Cultural Encounters in the Social Sciences: Western Refugee Scholars in Turkey”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Turkish Studies*
October 2009 to present

Reviewer for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*
April 2008 to present

Reviewer for *The Sociological Quarterly*
January 2005 to present

Reviewer for *New Perspectives on Turkey*
August 2007 to present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
European Sociological Association
Middle Eastern Studies Association

REFERENCES

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Prof. Barbara Laslett, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
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