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## EDUCATION

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- MA** Syracuse University, Theoretical Linguistics & NLP May 2022  
Thesis: "Liquid consonants in Standard Turkish: features and phenomena"  
Advisor: Christopher R. Green  
Cumulative GPA 3.94
- BA** Bogazici University, Foreign Language Education June 2020  
Cumulative GPA 3.21

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** 2022  
Graduate School, Syracuse University
- Graduate Research and Teaching Assistantship Grant** 2020 - 2022  
Documented attendance and completed assignments to maintain full class and student records. Checked assignments, proctored tests, and provided grades according to university standards. Worked with teachers in evaluating student progress, needs and gains.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- M.A. Thesis**, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 2022  
Advisor: Christopher R. Green

- Research experience with PRAAT 6.2,
- NORM Vowel Normalization Suite  
<http://lingtools.uoregon.edu/norm/norm1.php>
- Lobanov normalization.

- Data Entry and Content Writing**, South Hackensack, NJ 2020 to 2022

- Completed data entry tasks regarding product information, product description, SKU, SEO, and Google Indexing.
- Creatively wrote product descriptions using keywords according to search engine optimization and marketplace templates.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Cappadocia University**, Urgup, Nevsehir, Turkey  
**Foreign Languages Unit**  
**English Language Instructor**

Oct 2022 to present

- Teaching A1, A2 and B1 English courses.
- Keeping track of attendance and participation in the classroom.
- Evaluating student progress and giving positive or negative feedback when necessary
- Grading mid-term, final exams, and homework assignments.
- Maintaining the online LMS in case of immediate cancellation of classes.

**Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY  
**Kenji Oda & Christopher R. Green**, Linguistic Studies Program  
**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Aug 2020 to May 2022

- Taught LIN – 201 Nature and study of language, an undergraduate course averaging 150 students per semester, covering the following topics: What is language, Languages of the world, Language policy, Dialect vs. accent, Language endangerment, Languages in contact, Loanwords, Language variation, Orthography vs. the IPA, Writing as technology, Sound and meaning, The lexicon, Word building, Morphological analysis, Parts of speech, American sign language, Forensic linguistics, Building phrases and sentences, Non-verbal communication, Semantics, First language acquisition, Second language acquisition, Pragmatics and political discourse
- Developed quizzes, exams, and homework
- Revised the syllabus to meet accreditation standards
- Coordinated grading and recitation sections

**Istek Schools – Atanur Oguz**, Istanbul, Turkey  
**English Teacher**, Department

Sep 2019 to May 2020

- Prepared and implemented lesson plans covering required course topics.
- Administered assessments and standardized tests to evaluate student progress.
- Delivered instruction in language arts encompassing reading, grammar, composition, and literature, working with teachers in other subjects to integrate skills across curriculum.
- Developed overall yearly curriculum for teaching English-language learners based on school and national requirements.

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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**Paper Presentation**, “Liquid consonants in Standard Turkish: features and phenomena LLL Showcase at SU, April 14, 2022.

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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**Preventing Harassment & Discrimination Certification**, EVERFI, 03/10/2021

Description: Preventing Harassment and Discrimination: Non-Supervisors with Title IX/Clery Module.

**Sexual Assault Prevention for Graduate Students Certification**, EVERFI, 10/28/2020

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**Bogazici University Kindergarden**

English Teacher, Bogazici University South Campus, Bebek/Besiktas, 2017

## **LANGUAGES**

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**English:** C1, IELTS Overall Score: 7.5 Listening: 8.5, Reading: 8, Speaking: 7.5, Writing: 6.5

**German:** B1, Intermediate Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Writing

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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**Programming:** Python, HTML5, CSS

**Applications:** Microsoft Office, PRAAT, Cakewalk

## REFERENCES

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