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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 **Yale University**
Assistant Professor
- 2020 **Hamilton College**
Visiting Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

- 2020 **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**
Ph.D. Sociology
Dissertation: “Imperial Daydreaming: Disentangling Contemporary Ottoman Nostalgia in Turkey”
- 2012 **Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey**
M.A. Comparative Studies in History and Society
Thesis: “Multiple Narratives of the Ottoman Past in Turkey”
- 2010 **Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey**
B.A. Sociology, Summa cum Laude
- 2009 **Columbia University, New York**
Student Exchange Program

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociological theory, cultural sociology, political sociology, ethnography, global sociology, comparative-historical sociology, religion, popular culture, social movements, collective memory, nostalgia, populism, qualitative methodology, emotions, Turkey, United States.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Forthcoming in 2022. **Karakaya, Yagmur**. “The Panorama of Conquest”: A Cultural Approach to Emotions. *Sociological Forum*

Karakaya, Yagmur and Penny Edgell. “Populist Rallies in United States and Turkey: A Comparative Perspective on Performing Nostalgic Populism” (first author) online first *Social Forces*

Karakaya, Yagmur and Alex Manning. “The NBA isn’t what it used to be: Nostalgia for 90s Basketball” (equal author) online first *Sociological Inquiry*

Karakaya, Yagmur and Alejandro Baer. 2019. “Hatred has never flourished on our soil” The Politics of Holocaust Memory in Turkey and Spain” *Sociological Forum*

Karakaya, Yagmur. 2018. “The Conquest of Hearts: The Central Role of Ottoman Nostalgia within Contemporary Turkish Populism,” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*

- *Honorable Mention for Best Student Paper, The Sociology of Culture Section’s Richard A. Peterson Award*

Ergin, Murat and **Yagmur Karakaya**, 2017. “Between neo-Ottomanism and Ottomania: Navigating the State-led and Popular-cultural Representations of the Past,” *New Perspectives on Turkey*. (equal authorship)

Moen, Phyllis, Erik Kojola, Erin L. Kelly, and **Yagmur Karakaya**. 2016. “Men and Women Expecting to Work Longer: Do Changing Work Conditions Matter?” *Work, Aging and Retirement* 2, no. 3

Book Chapters

Forthcoming in 2022. “Perpetuum Mobile: Hagia Sophia as an impossible machine of conquest” in *Populist Historicities. Populist Engagements with the Past and Challenges to Historical Thinking*. Cambridge University Press.

2021. “Hagia Sophia: The Eternal Light in the Dark Byzantine” Istanbul Research Institute Press.

2020. “Political Staging of Nostalgia: Neo-Ottomanism in Turkey.” In *Nostalgia Now: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on the Past in the Present*, edited by Michael Hviid Jacobson. Routledge.

Book Reviews

2021. Creating the Creation Museum: How Fundamentalist Beliefs Come to Life, by KATHLEEN C. OBERLIN. New York: New York University Press, 2020, 280 pp.; \$30.00 (paperback), \$89.00 (hardcover). In *Sociology of Religion*.

2020. Tokdoğan, Nagehan, Yeni Osmanlıcılık: Hınç, Nostalji, Narsisizm (New Ottomanism: Resentment, Nostalgia, Narcissism) (İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2018). In *Emotions: History, Culture, Society*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Karakaya, Yagmur. “Nostalgia as an Analytical Tool Applied to Turkey’s Relationship with Its Past” (manuscript available, in preparation for *Sociological Theory*)

Gowan, Teresa and **Yagmur Karakaya**. “Drinking the Other? Addiction Management in HBO’s True Blood” (manuscript available, in preparation for *British Journal of Sociology*)

Policy Reports, Podcasts, Essays and Public Engagement

Karakaya, Yagmur, Sinan Erensü, Murat Altun, Baris Ine, Elif Kalaycioğlu, Cihan Yılmaz. 2020. This is America! Birlesik Devletler’de Irkçilik ver Minneapolis Bahari. *Ayrinti Dergi* (Turkish piece on Racism, George Floyd’s death and the Minneapolis Uprising)

Webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDYefRHk1HA>

Karakaya, Yagmur and Jacqui Frost. 2019. "The Cultures of Cultural Sociology at Minnesota," ASA Culture Section Newsletter.

Karakaya, Yagmur. 2019. "On Ottoman Nostalgia and Populism in Turkey," Interview by William Armstrong, Turkey Book Talk. Available at: <https://turkeybooktalk.podbean.com/e/yagmur-karakaya-on-ottoman-nostalgia-and-populism-in-turkey/>

Karakaya, Yagmur. 2019. "On Collective Memory and Historical Responsibility: An Interview with Jeffrey Olick," Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, The Society Pages.

Karakaya, Yagmur. 2019. "Study This, Not That!" Invited Piece for *Tales from the Field: Reflections on the Research Process* Spring/Summer 2019 Issue for Political Sociology Newsletter, States, Power & Societies.

Elizabeth Boyle, Cosette Creamer, **Yagmur Karakaya**, Suzy McElrath, Florencia Montal and j. Siguru Wahutu. 2017. "Making Human Rights Campaigns Effective While Limiting Unintended Consequences: Lessons from Recent Research." *USAID/DCHA/DRG Working Papers Series*.

Karakaya, Yagmur and Jacqui Frost. 2017. "Nostalgia Isn't What It Used to Be," The Society Pages.

TEACHING

Visiting Assistant Professor, Hamilton College

Spring 2022 Urban Sociology, SOC 305
 Introduction to Sociology, SOC 101

Fall 2021 American Society, SOC 110

Spring 2021 Social Movements, SOC 340
 Cultural Sociology, SOC 213

Fall 2020 Politics and Culture, SOC 361SC

Instructor, University of Minnesota

Summer 2017 Instructor of Record
 Cities and Social Change, SOC 3451W

Fall 2016 Co-Instructor with Teresa Gowan (and later TA)
 SOC 3701 Social Theory *Awarded *Outstanding Teaching Assistant*

Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota

Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant, Section Leader SOC 1001 Introduction to Sociology
Spring 2019	Teaching Assistant, Section Leader GLOS 3145 Global Modernity, the Nation State, and Capitalism
Spring 2013	Teaching Assistant, SOC 4135 White Collar Crime
Fall 2012	Teaching Assistant, SOC 3701W Social Theory

Teaching Assistant, Koç University

2010- 2012	Turkish Society in Comparative Perspective, Culture and Society in the Ottoman Empire, Modern History, Labor History of the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey, Comparative Urban History
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AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2021	Creative Arts & Technology (CAT) Award, Hamilton College. \$600
2020	Don Martindale Award. \$1000 Awarded annually for excellence in graduate student scholarship in the University of Minnesota Sociology Department.
2019	Honorable Mention, Best Student Paper, The ASA Sociology of Culture Section's Richard A. Peterson Award
2019	Outstanding Graduate Research Paper, Sociological Research Institute, University of Minnesota
2019	Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota (\$5,000)
2018-2019	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota (\$25,000)
2018	Hella Mears Graduate Fellowship in European Studies, the Center for German and European Studies, University of Minnesota (\$5,000)
2017-2018	Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship, University of Minnesota (\$25,000)
2017	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Presented at Sociological Research Institute, University of Minnesota
2016	Transatlantic Summer Institute (TASI) Fellowship for participation in "Reframing Mass Violence in Europe and the Americas: The Holocaust & Global Memory Constellations" sponsored by the German Academic

Exchange Service, the University of Minnesota's Center for German and European Studies, and the University of Bayreuth.

- 2016 Anna Welsch Bright Dissertation Research Award, University of Minnesota (\$3,750)
- 2015- 2016 Bernard and Fern Badzin Fellowship in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota (\$20,000)
- 2013- 2014 Professional Development Award, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 2013 Sociology Graduate Diversity Award, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 2012 GSSSH Excellence Award, Koç University
*Based on academic achievement in Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities
- 2010-2012 National scholarship program for MA students of TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey)
- 2010 Academic Achievement Award, Alumni Club Membership Award
Ranked first in the School of Arts and Sciences, Boğaziçi University
- 2009 Admission to exchange program at Columbia University
Tuition waiver based on academic achievement
- 2006-2010 Monthly Stipends, TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey)
- 2017 Thesis Research Travel Grant, Albert Howard Fund (\$4,980)
- 2015 HGMV Travel Grant, The Center of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Human Rights Program, University of Minnesota.
- 2015 Life Course Center Professional Development Fund

CONFERENCE PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting
One Hundred Years of Nostalgia: Intellectual Origins of Neo-Ottomanism
- 2022 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
From “Critical Race Theory” to CRT: the new front in the American Culture Wars
- 2021 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting

- “The NBA isn’t what it used to be: Nostalgia for 90s Basketball” (with Alex Manning)
- 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual
“The NBA isn’t what it used to be: Nostalgia for 90s Basketball”
(roundtable with Alex Manning)
- 2021 Democracy Under Threat in Times of Nationalism and Populism,
University of Minnesota
“Populist Rallies in United States: Nostalgia as a Force of State
Mobilization” (with Penny Edgell)
- 2020 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual
From Politics as Vocation to Politics as Business: Social Performance
in Trump Rallies (with Penny Edgell)
- 2019 Heritage, Aesthetics and Belonging: Gender in Turkish Neo-
Ottomanism Symposium, Swedish Institute in Istanbul
Invited Paper, Neo-Ottomanism and Popular Representations of
Masculinity (with Murat Ergin)
- 2019 Nostalgia Symposium, University of Minnesota
Organizer with Patricia Lorcin and MJ Maynes
- 2019 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
Panel Organizer and Paper Presenter, Politics of Nostalgia
Paper: Nostalgia as a Social Force
- 2019 ASA Mini Conference, States of Exception, New York
Populist Rallies in United States and Turkey
- 2018 European Sociological Association Emotions Network Midterm
Conference, Edinburgh
Paper Presentation and PhD Workshop
- 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
The Conquest of Hearts: The Central Role of Ottoman Nostalgia within
Contemporary Turkish Populism
- 2018 Midwestern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis
The Conquest of Hearts: Neo-Ottomanist Nostalgia and Affect as Banal
Nationalism
- 2017 European Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Athens
FaceTiming the Nation: Art of Mobilizing Citizens in the Age of Fiber-
optics through emotions
- 2017 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal
FaceTiming the Nation: Art of Mobilizing Citizens in the Age of Fiber-
optics through collective memory (roundtable)

- 2017 Turkey at Critical Crossroads Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
FaceTiming the Nation: Mobilizing Citizens at the age of Fiber optics
- 2017 National Council of Public History, Indianapolis
Panel Co-organizer: “Touring Sites of Nostalgia and Violence”
- 2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle
“Nostalgia as an Analytical Tool applied to Turkey’s Relationship with its past”
- 2015 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
“Remembering to Forget: Holocaust Memory Politics in Turkey and Spain” (with Alejandro Baer, Yagmur Karakaya primary presenter)
- 2015 Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kansas City
“Exit Strategies- Contingencies and Dynamics of IT Boomers Retirement” (with Erik Kojola& Phyllis Moen)
- 2014 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York
“Allah Talk: Grammars of Religiosity in Turkish and U.S Politics (with Evan Stewart, Yagmur Karakaya primary presenter)
- 2014 Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago
“Cultivating Memories in the Minnesota History Center: History Education and Emotions”
- 2013 Sociologists of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN
“Minnesota History Center and Production of History, Entry to the Field”
- 2013 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York
“Ottomania: Rewriting of History in Contemporary Turkey in Popular Culture”
- 2013 European Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Torino
“Consuming the Ottoman Past”

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Doctoral Research Showcase, Poster Session
- 2017 Interdisciplinary Doctoral Seminar Speaker Series
- 2017 The Center for Early Modern History Workshop
- 2016 The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Workshop

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Spring 2016 **University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities
Research Assistant, Human Rights Awareness Campaigns Research, funded by USAID, Faculty PIs: Liz Boyle, Cosette Creamer

2013-2018 **University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities
Research Assistant
Flexible Work and Well-Being Study, Phyllis Moen and Erin Kelly

2014-2015 **University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities
Research Assistant, Alejandro Baer, Cosmopolitan Memories

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Sociological Association, Collective Memory Panel Presider (2020)
American Sociological Association, Culture Section Roundtables Organizer (2020)
Reviewer for Law and Society Review
Reviewer for Community Work & Family
Reviewer for International Journal of Comparative Sociology
Reviewer for British Journal of Sociology
Reviewer for Sociological Forum
Reviewer for American Journal of Cultural Sociology
Graduate Student Mentor, Mentorship Program in UMN Sociology
Graduate Student Representative at Faculty Meetings (2015-2016 UMN Sociology)

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
European Sociological Society
Midwestern Sociological Society

LANGUAGES

English-Fluent, Turkish-Native, German-Fluent, French-Elementary

REFERENCES

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