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Academic Employment:

Assistant Professor, Bogazici University, February 2006-present.
Lecturer, Bogazici University, September 2004-2006
Adj. Professor, Bogazici University, September, 2001-04
Visiting Professor, SUNY/Oswego, August 1999-August 2001
Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University, 1990-1997

Education:

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Syracuse University;
Dissertation: Hume's Theory of Causation
Dissertation Advisor: Jonathan Bennett

Thesis: Aristotle conception of Substance in Metaphysics and Categories
Advisor: Jonathan Bennett
BA in Philosophy, Bogazici University

Areas of Specializations: Metaphysics, Ontology, Logic, Metaphysics in general, British Empiricism, History of Modern Philosophy,

Areas of Teaching Competence: Modal Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Ethics, and Political Philosophy

Publication:

"Indiscernibility and Bundles in a Structure", *Philosophical Studies* 151(1), 2010

"Causal Relations in Hume", *Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science* 244, 2006

Work in Progress:

"Hume's Response to Mind-Body Problem", 6(1), 2019

Invited Papers and Conference Presentations:

"Combinatorial Resemblance Nominalism", 24th World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing 2018

Particularist and Realistic Systems, 5th Analytical Ontology Conference, Padova Italy 2016

"An Application of Plural Logic to Metaphysical Issues", 4th World Congress and School on Universal Logic (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) 2013

"Issues in Plural Logic", *Logique en Question* (Paris, France) 2013

"Quine's Philosophy and the Bundle Theory", Swedish Congress of Philosophy (Stockholm, Sweden) 2013

"Should Leibniz, like Spinoza, Have Admitted One Single Substance?", given at Bilkent University (Ankara) 2009

"Normative and Naturalistic Strands in Hume's Philosophy", given at Istanbul Technical University.

"Realism: Is it a Bug or a Feature?", given at Galatasaray University.

"Structuralism and Priority of Relations over Objects", Structuralism workshop in the University of Bristol (2010)

"Two Leibnizian Theses", given at Kansas State University 2010

"The Structural Approach to Individuation", given at Universite de Geneve (Switzerland), Sopha Conference 2009

"The Collapse Problem", given at LaTrobe University (Melbourne): Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 2008

"Does Lewis's Account of Chance Bear on Scientific Ontology?", given at Complutense University (Madrid): European Philosophy of Science Association Conference 2007

"Bundles in a Structure", given at the University of New England (Armidale): Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 2007; and at the National "The Bundle Theory and The Diversity of Discernibles", given at the University of Southampton: Aristotelian Society and Mind Association Joint Session 2006

"The Notion of Comprehension", given at the University of Lisbon: European Conference of Analytical Philosophy

"Different Senses of Individuation", 4th Athens-Bogazici University Philosophy Conference

"Bundle theory", given at Bilkent University: Bilkent Kant Symposium

"Three conceptions of objects in Hume", given at the Bogazici University

"Two Objections Against Origin Essentialism", given to the Syracuse University Philosophy Department.

"People and their Careers: Against the Distinction between Persons and their Lives", given to the Syracuse University Philosophy Department.

"Utilitarian Theory of Rights: Authoritarian State vs. Political Liberalism", given to the Syracuse University Philosophy Department.

"Leibniz' Problem of God's Foreknowledge", given to the Syracuse University Philosophy Department.

Courses and Seminars Taught:

Special Topics in Metaphysics: Metaphysics of events and causation:

This is a seminar in the metaphysics of events and causation

Philosophy of Language, This is a seminar in central topics in the philosophy of language.

Special Topics in Metaphysics: Metaphysics of Modality.

This is a seminar on reductive theories of modality. The topics discussed are: David Lewis' modal realism, Armstrong-Forrest combinatorial view of modality, Gideon Rosen's fictionalism, and Alan Sidelle's version of conventionalism.

Special Topics in Philosophy: Metaphysics of Properties.

This is a seminar where recent theories in the metaphysics of properties are discussed. The readings for the course include articles by David Armstrong, Alex Oliver, David Lewis, John Hawthorne and Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra.

Special Topics in Philosophy: Laws of Nature and Dispositional Essentialism:

This is a seminar on the three different views of laws of nature: the anti-realist view, developed by Ramsey-Lewis; the nomological realism defended by Dretske-Tooley-Armstrong; and the dispositional essentialist view, proposed by Stephen Mumford and Alexander Bird. The main focus is on Mumford and Bird's recent books on the topic.

Special Topics in Philosophy: Counterfactual Conditional:

The course focuses on indicative and subjunctive conditionals. While tackling various problems concerning conditionals, one gets into contact with areas in philosophy such as the metaphysics of possible worlds, probability and belief change, determinism, ambiguity, vagueness, facts vs.

events, causation and time's arrow. The main text used in this course is Jonathan Bennett's *A Philosophical Guide to Conditionals*.

Special Topics in Metaphysics: Material Objects.

This is a seminar on the ontology of material objects. Topics discussed are: questions concerning material composition, certain topics in the philosophy of time such as four dimensionalist view of space and time, presentism and growing salami view of time, the problem of change and persistence.

Seminar on the philosophy of David Hume.

This is an advance course in various topics in David Hume philosophy works.

Seminar on British Empiricists.

This seminar is an advanced course in the philosophy of John Locke, George Berkeley and David Hume.

Seminar on Rationalists.

This is an advanced course in the philosophy of Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz.

History of Modern Philosophy.

This is an advanced introduction to the 17th and 18th Century Philosophy for philosophy undergraduates.

History of Modern Philosophy.

This is a service course given to non-philosophy undergraduates.

Ontology.

This is a survey course on various topics in metaphysics: the concept of object, event and existence; the identity, spatiotemporal continuity and change; space and time; the problem of universals; and essentialism.

Epistemology.

This is a survey course on various topics in epistemology: methodological skepticism; internalism vs externalism issue; doxastic vs. non-doxastic theories; evidentialism; reliabilism; and direct realism.

Introduction to Logic.

This two-semester course concentrates on propositional calculus, quantifier calculus with identity and some semantic issues. The textbook for this course is Kalish and Montague's *Logic: Techniques of Formal Reasoning*.

Informal Logic.

This is an introductory course in the topics of informal logic, including topics like showing validity using Venn diagrams, inductive arguments, chance and choice theory, relevance logic and fallacies.

Modal Logic.

This course covers propositional and quantified modal logic. The main emphasis is on presenting proofs in various modal systems. The textbook used for this course is Hughes and Creswell's *A New Introduction to Modal Logic*.

Ethics:

This is a survey on various ethical theories.

Professional Ethics:

This is a survey course on various topics of applied ethics like Medical Ethics, Journalism, Business Ethics, Ethics of Nursing and Ethics for Lawyers and for Law enforcement professionals.

Awards:

Teaching excellence award, Bogazici University, 2006

Academic and Administrative Duties:

2004-2010; 2017-present: Philosophy Department Colloquium Coordinator

MA Thesis and PhD Supervisor for several students:

Theses supervised.

Advisor for Nurbay Irmak's MA Thesis 2011 (Composition Problem in Metaphysics)

Advisor for Huseyin Gungor's MA Thesis 2017 (Indicative and Counterfactual Conditionals)

current theses:

Advisor for Ozer Turker's MA Thesis (Laws of Nature: Mumford's dispositional account vs Cartwright's capacities account)

Advisor for Zahra Karandish's MA Thesis Occasionalism in Malebranche and Gazzali)

Advisor for Idil Barlas's MA Thesis (Counterfactuals)

Advisor for Berk Polat's PhD Thesis (Ontology)

