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## EDUCATION

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- 2017-** Johns Hopkins University, MD  
**2023.** Ph.D. Program in Anthropology  
Dissertation Title: “Silicosis Trails: Law, Medicine, and the Corrosion of the Laboring Body in Turkey”
- 2015-** Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey  
**2017.** Ph.D. Program in Sociology (Completed Coursework)
- 2011-** Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey  
**2015.** Master of Arts Program in Sociology  
Thesis Title: “Shifting Geographies of Subversive Politics in Istanbul”

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2019-** Program Coordinator  
**2020** Johns Hopkins University Islamic Studies
- 2018-** Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University  
**2020** (For the Classes Taught by: Clara Han, Veena Das, Alessandro Angelini)
- 2011-** Research Assistant,  
**2015.** Sociology Department, Boğaziçi University, Turkey.

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

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Environmental and Occupational Health, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, 2021

## RESEARCH AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2021** Social Sciences Research Council COVID-19 Rapid Research Grant (with Dr. Basak Can)
- 2021** Reproductive Health Working Group Covid-19 Research Grant (with Dr. Basak Can)
- 2020** Wenner Gren Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant
- 2019** Johns Hopkins University, Anthropology Department Sidney Mintz Student Fellowship
- 2018** Johns Hopkins University Islamic Studies Summer Research Fellowship
- 2017-** Johns Hopkins University Krieger School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship,

2022  
2015-  
2017

Koç University GSSSH Outstanding Ph.D. Student Fellowship

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### (Book Chapters)

2015. “Soma Saha Çalışması Raporu [Soma Mine Disaster Fieldwork Report]” in *Geliyorum Diyen Facia* [A Disaster Foretold], edited by Nuri Ersoy and Fikret Adaman, 77-100. Istanbul: Boğaziçi University Press. [co-authored]
2015. “Türkiye’de Büyüme ve Kalkınma Sorunsalı Üzerine Bazı Gözlemler [Some Observations on the Problems of Growth and Development in Turkey]” in *Geliyorum Diyen Facia* [A Disaster Foretold], edited by Nuri Ersoy and Fikret Adaman, 105-129. Istanbul: Boğaziçi University Press. [co-authored]
2014. “Gezi’de Mekan, Siyaset ve İmkanlar [Space, Politics and Potentialities in Gezi Park Resistance]” in *Bizim Bir Haziranımız*. Edited by Engin Abat, Erdem Bulduruc and Firat Korkmaz, 36-49. Istanbul: Patika.

### (Articles)

- Invited R&R** “Interactive Uncertainty: Experts, Diagnostic Ecologies, and Occupational Diseases in Turkey”, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.

### (Short Essays)

2022. “Vulnerable Bodies, Enduring lives: Occupational Lung Diseases in the Context of the Covid-19 Pandemic”. *SSRC Items*. [with Başak Can and Arda Yalçın]
2022. “Emek ve Ekoloji Bağlarını Yeniden Düşünmek: Yavaş Sıddet, Çevresel ve Mesleki Hastalıklar” [Rethinking the Relation Between Labor and Ecology: Slow Violence, Occupational and Environmental Diseases]. *Polen Ekoloji* 7: 36-49.
2021. “İlliyet ve Haysiyet Arasında: Covid-19 Meslek Hastalığı mıdır?” [Between Causation and Dignity: Is Covid-19 an Occupational Disease?], *Gazete Duvar*.
2014. “Soma’nın Ölülere Neden Sayılamaz” [Why the Dead of Soma are Uncountable], *Bianet*

### (Articles Under Preparation)

“Learning a Disease: Risk, Laboring Bodies and the Bureaucracy in Turkey”, to be submitted to *American Ethnologist*

“Crisis and Endurance: How Workers with Chronic Occupational Disease Deal with the Pandemic in Turkey” (with Basak Can), to be submitted to *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*

“Maddening Scales: Reason and Indeterminacy in the Measures of Worker Disabilities in Turkey”, to be submitted to *Cultural Anthropology*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2021.** Social Sciences Research Council Covid-19 Research: Occupational Diseases in the Context of the Pandemic in Turkey
- 2015.** Ethnographic Research on ‘Conservation Law on Olive Groves’, Soma, Akhisar, Ayvalık (With Prof. Fikret Adaman, Prof Bengi Akbulut and others)
- 2014-2015.** Ethnographic Research on Soma Mine Accident (with Prof. Fikret Adaman and Prof. Yahya Madra)
- 2013.** Ethnographic Research on Local Governments and Social Exclusion in Istanbul. Organized by Assist. Prof Nazan Üstündağ.

## CONFERENCES

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### (Co-Organizer)

- 2022.** “Living Biomedical Uncertainties: Patient’s Networks of Care and Obligation Beyond Expertise”, (Panel accepted and scheduled for) American Anthropological Association 2022 Meeting.
- 2019.** “Solidarities” Johns Hopkins University Anthropology Graduate Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 2015.** Soma’yı Hatırlamak: Adalet, Hakikat ve Mücadele Konferansı [Conference on Remembering Soma: Justice Truth and Struggle] Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.

### (Presentations)

- 2021.** “Sensing the Translation: Language and Medico-legal Enactments of Expertise in Turkey”, Allegra Lab, Webinar Serious in the honor of Sally Engel Merry
- 2019.** “Translating Medical (un)certainities: Law, Expert Knowledge and the Laboring body in Turkey”, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC
- 2018.** “*Geçmiş olsun*”: Achieving the Fragile Everyday in Soma’s Mines, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, San Jose, CA.
- 2017.** “Between the Body and the Document: Archiving Occupational Diseases in Turkey”, 2017 Biennial Conference of the EASA Medical Anthropology Network -- Bodies in Transition: Power, Knowledge and Medical Anthropology, Lisbon, Portugal

2016. “Mapping the political: Spaces of Collective Action After the retreat of Emancipatory Projects in Turkey”, The Critical Legal Conference, University of Kent, U.K.

## **WORKSHOP & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

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### **(Co-Organizer)**

2018. “The Work of Diagnosis: Medical Concepts in Social Life” Johns Hopkins Department of Anthropology and Center for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine. Baltimore, MD.

### **(Presentations)**

2022. “Uncertain Injuries of Laboring: Expertise and Worker Debility in Turkey”, Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy Workshop, “Governing Safety: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Injuries and the State”
2020. “When a Worker’s Suffering is Tolerable?” Online Anthropological Writing Workshop: Inside Out, organized by Prof. Harris Solomon.
2018. “On the Thresholds of Perceptible Wounds: Law, Suffering and the Laboring Body in Turkey”, “The Work of Diagnosis: Medical Concepts in Social Life” Johns Hopkins Department of Anthropology and Center for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine. Baltimore, MD.
2014. “Rethinking Work-related Fatalities after Soma Disaster” Helsinki Citizens Assembly, Workshop on Human Safety in Workplace and Working Life, Istanbul

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Lectureship Positions**

Dean’s Teaching Fellow, Johns Hopkins University, Spring Semester, 2023  
 Awarded a competitive fellowship to teach an undergraduate course of my design.  
 “Life and Labor in Toxic Environments: Anthropological Perspectives”

### **Teaching Assistant:**

Medical Anthropology, Spring 2018  
 Conflict and Security in a Global World, Fall 2018  
 Invitation to Anthropology, Fall 2019

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### **Editorial Work**

Tendon Medical Humanities Magazine 2019-2020

### **Peer Review Invitations (accepted):**

Medicine Anthropology Theory

## **AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIP**

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American Anthropological Association, 2017-  
Society for Medical Anthropology, 2021-

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Turkish: Native  
English: Advanced  
Spanish: Beginner/Intermediate

## **RESEARCH INTEREST**

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Medical Anthropology, Science and Technology Studies, Anthropology of Law, Occupational and Environmental Health, Injury, Labor, Documents, Toxicity, Workplace Accidents, Turkey, Europe, Middle East

## **REFERENCES**

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Veena Das, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Anthropology, [veenadas@jhu.edu](mailto:veenadas@jhu.edu)  
Clara Han, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Anthropology, [clarahan@jhu.edu](mailto:clarahan@jhu.edu)  
Tom Özden-Schilling, National University of Singapore, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, [tos@nus.edu.sg](mailto:tos@nus.edu.sg)