

A. Hakan Özoğlu
Phone: 407 823 0512
E-mail: hakan@ucf.edu

EDUCATION

1993 to 1997 **PhD** in History
The Ohio State University

1990 to 1993 **Master's in Liberal Studies** in Comparative Studies division
The Ohio State University

1983 to 1987 **Bachelors of Art** in Social Anthropology
Istanbul University, Turkey

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014 to Present **Professor of History**
Department of History, University of Central Florida

2010 to 2014 **Associate Professor of History**
Department of History, *University of Central Florida*

2007 to 2010 **Assistant Professor of History**
Department of History, *University of Central Florida*

2001 to 2007 **The Endowed Ayasli Senior Lecturer of Turkish Studies**
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
The University of Chicago

1997 to 2001 **Lecturer in Turkish Studies:** Department of Near Eastern Languages
and Civilizations, *University of Chicago*

2004 Fall **Visiting Professor,** Department of History,
Loyola University at Chicago

1997 Winter **Adjunct Faculty:** Division of Humanities
Franklin University

1997 Winter **Adjunct Faculty:** Department of History
Ohio Wesleyan University

Summer 1993, 1996, 1997 **Lecturer/Visiting lecturer:** Eastern Consortium Intensive Second
and Third
Year Turkish Language
*The Ohio State University, University of Michigan, New York
University, University of Chicago*

1990 to 1995 **Instructor:**
The Department of International Studies, and Department of Near
Eastern
Languages and Cultures. *The Ohio State University*

OTHER RELATED EMPLOYEMENT

2011 to Present	Director of Middle Eastern Studies at <i>University of Central Florida</i> .
1995 to 1997	Academic Adviser/Instructor: The University College. <i>The Ohio State University</i>
1993 to 1998	Co-instructor: Summer Workshop on Middle Eastern Cultures <i>The Ohio State University</i> .
1995 to 1996	Co-Editor: <i>The South East Asia and Middle East Folklore Bulletin</i> . Published by the Division of Comparative Studies at The Ohio State University
1986 to 1987	Research Assistant: Department of Social Anthropology. <i>Istanbul University</i> .
1983 to 1986	Investigative Reporter and Newsroom Supervisor: <i>Günaydın & Güneş</i> . Major national Turkish newspapers in Istanbul

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS (Monographs)

Cumhuriyetin Kuruluş Savaşları: 150likler, Tahrir-i Sükun ve İzmir Suikastı (İstanbul Yapı Kredi Yayınları 2023) Updated version 2025.

Amerikalı Diplomat Amiral Bristol'ın Gözlemleri: Osmanlı'nın Çöküşü Cumhuriyet'in Kuruluşu (İstanbul Yapı Kredi Yayınları 2022).

The Decline of the Ottoman Empire and The Rise of the Turkish Republic: Observations of an American Diplomat, 1919-1927. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2021, paperback 2023).

Kesayetiye Kurdekan wa Dewleti Usmani: Nasnamekan le peresendinda w peshbirkey dilsozi w sinure bigorekan. Slemani, Iraq: Ghalnus, 2018.

Osmanlı'da Kürt Milliyetçiliği: Kimlik, Evrim, Sadakat. İstanbul: İletişim, 2017.

Cumhuriyetin Kuruluşunda İktidar Kavgası. İstanbul: Kitap Yayınevi, , 2011 and 2017.

Dewleta Osmanî û Neteweperwerên Kurd. İstanbul: Kitap Yayınevi, 2012.

From Caliphate to Secular State: Power Struggle in the Early Turkish Republic. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio/Praeger Publishers, 2011.

Osmanlı Devleti ve Kürt Milliyetçiliği. İstanbul: Kitap Yayınevi, 2005.

Kurdish Notables and the Ottoman State: Evolving Identities, Competing Loyalties and Shifting Boundaries. Albany: SUNY Press, 2004, paperback, 2007.

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS

Peer Reviewed:

«Εισαγωγή» στο Οι Κούρδοι της Τουρκίας: Ιστορία και Πολιτική τον 20ο και 21ο Αιώνα (επιμ: Μουράτ Ισσί, Νίκος Χριστοφής, Αντώνης Δεριζιώτης), τόμος 1, εκδόσεις Πανεπιστημίου Πατρών, Πάτρα 2023 [υπό έκδοση]
“Introduction” in *The Kurds of Turkey. History and Politics in the 20th and 21st Centuries* (ed. Mourat Issi, Nicos Christofis, Andonis Deriziotis) publication University of Patron, Patra, vol.I 2023.

‘Heirs of the Empire: Turkey’s Diplomatic Ties with Egypt and Saudi Arabia until the mid-20th Century,’ in *Aspiring Powers, Regional Rivals: Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the New Middle East*. Eds. Gonul Tol, David Dumke. Washington DC.: Middle East Institute, 2019.

“Bir Konstantinopol Yaratma Planları” *Toplumsal Tarih* 304 (April 2019), 74-80.

“Politics of Memory: : Kurdish Ethnic Identity and the Role of Collective Forgetting” in Gareth Stansfield and Mohammed Shareef eds., *Kurdish Question Revisited*, (London: Oxford University Press/Hurst, 2017).

“Political and Human Landscapes of Anatolia in American Diplomatic Correspondence after World War I” in M. Hakan Yavuz, Feroz Ahmad, eds., *War and Collapse: World War I and the Ottoman State*. (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2015)

“Molla Mustafa Barzani en los EE.UU. 1975-1979” in *¿Quiénes son los kurdos? Análisis de un pueblo*. (Mexico City: Editorial Senado de la República Mexicana, 2013)

“İngiltere'nin İstanbul'daki Yüksek Komiser Vekili Nevile Henderson'un Raporu Halife Abdülmecid'le Görüşme”
[A Report Prepared by Acting British High Commissioner Neville Henderson: An Interview with the Caliph Abdulmecid” *Toplumsal Tarih*. 225 (September, 2012): 78-80.

“Seyyahların Gözünden Bodrum” in *İkinci Bodrum Uluslararası Konferansı Bildirileri*. Eds. Ahmet Özgiray and Akif Erdoğan. Bodrum: Müskebi, 2012.

“CIA Raporlarında Molla Mustafa Barzani” *Kürt Tarihi*, 1 (May 2012): 36-41.

“Admiral Bristol and the Turkish Republic, 1923-1925” in *American-Turkish Encounters: Politics and Culture Between 1833-1989*. Eds. Louis Mazzari, Selçuk Esenbel et.al. New Castle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012.

“Does Kurdish Nationalism Have a Navel?” in *Symbiotic Antagonisms: Competing Nationalisms in Turkey*. Eds., Ayşe Kadioğlu and Fuat Keyman. Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press, 2011, pp. 199-222.

“Exaggerating and Exploiting the Sheikh Said Rebellion of 1925 for Political Gains” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 41 (2009): 181-210.

“The Impact of Islam on Kurdish Identity Formation in the Middle East,” in *Evolution of Kurdish Nationalism*. Ed. Michael Gunter. Costa Mesa: Mazda Publishing, 2007, pp. 18-35.

“Mustafa Kemal Atatürk’ün Amerika’ya Mektubu” [Mustafa Kemal Atatürk’s Letter to America]
Toplumsal Tarih. 150 (June, 2006): 59-61.

“Sultan Vahdettin’in ABD Başkanı Coolidge’e Gönderdiği Bir Mektup,” [A Letter by the Last Ottoman Sultan Vahdettin to Mr. Coolidge, the President of the USA] *Toplumsal Tarih*. 142 (October, 2005): 100-103.

“Nationalism and Kurdish Notables in the Late Ottoman and Early Republican Era”
International Journal of Middle East Studies. 33-3 (August, 2001): 343-409.

“State-Tribe Relations: Kurdish Tribalism in the 16th and 17th Century Ottoman Empire,”
British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies. 23-1 (Summer 1996): 5-22.

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles/Essays/Reviews

“The Kurds of the Caucasus” published in *Along the Silk Road*, internet journal on March, 2025,
<https://alongthesilkroad.com/2025/05/08/the-kurds-of-the-caucasus/>

“Creating and Independent Kurdistan: The History of a Hundred Year Long Dream” in *Maydan: An online publication of Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University*, <https://www.themaydan.com/2017/10/creating-independent-kurdistan-history-hundred-year-long-dream/#.WerW5hiDatw.facebook> (19 October 2017).

“Removing the Middle Man: Academics as Public Intellectuals” *Faculty Focus*, 14/1 (April 2015): 17-18.

“İşgal Altındaki İstanbul” in www.aljazeera.com.tr on 16 March 2015.
<http://aljazeera.com.tr/gorus/isgal-altindaki-istanbul>

“İlk Kürtler, İlk Kürdistan,” # *Tarih* 6 (November 2014): 23-26.

“Osmanlı Devletinin has Tebaası: Kürtler,” # *Tarih* 6 (November 2014): 27-32.

“Lessons From the Idea, and Rejection, of Kurdistan,” *New York Times Online*, 5 July 2014.
<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2014/07/03/where-do-borders-need-to-be-redrawn/lessons-from-the-idea-and-rejection-of-kurdistan>

“Assessing the ISIS Crisis in Iraq,” *Orlando Sentinel*, 21 June 2014, p. A14.
http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2014-06-21/news/os-ed-iraq-isis-front-and-center-20140620_1_isis-power-struggle-islamic-state

Review of *Understanding Turkey's Kurdish Question*, Fevzi Bilgin and Ali Sarihan, eds., Lanham, Boulder, New York, Toronto Plymouth, UK: Lexington Books, in *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review*.5/2 (Fall, 2014).

Review of *The Kurdish Spring: Geopolitical Changes and the Kurds*, Mohammed M. A. Ahmed and Michael Gunter, eds. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publishers, 2013 in *The Middle East Journal*, 68/3 (Summer, 2014): 479-80.

A Review of *The Making of Modern Turkey: Nation and State in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1950*, by Uğur Ümit Üngör, New York: Oxford University Press, 2011 in *The Middle East Journal* 40/3 (2012), 90-91.

“Turkish Street Demonstrations Show a New Day Has Arrived,” *Orlando Sentinel*. July 10, 2013, A13.

“Osmanlı Kürdistanı’ndan Bugüne...” [From the Ottoman Kurdistan to the Present] *Star-Açık Görüş*, April 14, 2013, 14.

Review of *The Margins of Empire: Kurdish Militias in the Ottoman Tribal Zone*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2011 in *The Middle East Journal* 66/1 (2012), 183-84.

“İngiliz Belgelerinde Halifeliğin Kaldırılması” [Abolition of the Caliphate in British Archives] *Star-Açık Görüş*, April 22, 2012, 6.

“ABD İsrail’e Kuşkuyla Bakıyor” [USA’s Suspicion of Israel] *Star-Açık Görüş*, January 8, 2012, 4.

“Erken Cumhuriyet Dönemi, Vakıflar ve Laiklik” [Early Republic and Secularism] *Star-Açık Görüş*, October 16, 2011, 5.

“Challenges of Teaching Middle Eastern History: Practical Suggestions,” *Faculty Focus* 10:2 (August, 2011), 4.

“Mustafa Kemal Amerika’ya Neden Mektup Yazdı?” [Why did Mustafa Kemal Write a letter to the US President] *Taraf*, July 18, 2011, 14.

“İki Yüzlü Türkiye!” [Two-Faced Turkey] *Star-Açık Görüş*, June 13, 2011, 1.

“The Janus Face of Turkey” in *Fair Observer* a Washington based online journal, (March 20, 2011) <http://fairobserver.com/drupal/article/janus-face-turkey> (Internet article)

“Mustafa Kemal’e Komplonun Aslı Var mı?” [Is There Any Truth to the Conspiracy against Mustafa Kemal?] *Star-Açık Görüş*, March 10, 2011, 17.

“Atatürk Halifeliği Kaldırmak İstemiyordu” [Atatürk Did not Want to Abolish the Caliphate] *Star-Açık Görüş*, January 11, 2011, 1.

“Sultan Vahdettin’in Amerika’ya Mektubu” [Last Sultan Vahdettin’s Letter to the US] *Star-Açık Görüş*, December 1, 2010, 1.

“İstanbul Devleti Kurulacaktı” [Istanbul was going to be an Autonomous State.] *Star-Açık Görüş*, October 17, 2010, 1.

“Laikler Neden Korkuyor?” [What is the Source of Fear for the Secularists?] *Star-Açık Görüş*, October 10, 2010, 5.

“Fear and Loathing in Erdogan's Turkey” in George Mason University’s Internet History News Network(9/20/2010), <http://hnn.us/node/131470> (**Internet Article**).

“Gazeteciler Davası’ndan Ergenekon’a.” [From the Case of Journalists to Ergenekon] *Star-Açık Görüş*, September 12, 2010, 6.

“Şeyh Sait Ayaklanmasında Hükümetin Rolü.” [Government’s Involvement in the Sheikh Said Revolt] *Radikal 2*, July 11, 2010, 4.

“As If It Weren't Hard Enough Keeping the Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds Together” in George Mason University’s Internet History News Network(2/6/2006) <http://hnn.us/articles/20381.html> (**Internet article**)

“Will Turkey Seize Northern Iraq” in George Mason University’s Internet History News Network (11/9/2006) <http://hnn.us/articles/32032.html> (**Internet article**)

"Kurdish National Discourse: Comparing and Contrasting the Shaikh Said and the PKK Revolts," *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin*. 18-1 (Spring 1994), pp. 90-93.

"Winds of Change: The Kurdish Workers' Party and Turkish Nationhood," *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin*. 17-2 (Fall 1993), pp. 111-122.

"Türk Basınında Can Pazarı," [Crises in the Turkish Press], *Gözlem*. 18 (Winter 1992), pp. 18-21.

AWARDS (Research)

2019	Research Incentive Award , University of Central Florida.
2019	Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC) , Koç University, Senior Faculty Fellowship.
2017-18	Fulbright Core Scholar Fellowship .
2015	Miami Florida European Center of Excellence Faculty Research Award
2011-2012	CAH Research Incentive & Development Grant ,
2011	Excellence in Research Award , College of Arts and Humanities, UCF.
2011	Turkish Coalition of America Research Grant , Funded by TCA, a Washington DC based organization
2011	LIFE at UCF Award , Funded by the Learning Institute for Elders at the University of Central Florida,
2008	In-House Research Award Funded by University of Central Florida
2008, 2010, 2014, 2015	The Pauley Endowment Research Award

2006-2007 Funded by the University of Central Florida, Department of History
Research Grant on Turkish-American Relations
 Funded by Fulbright-Turkey, U.S. State Department, C.V. Starr Institute, Turkish American Business Council, Boğaziçi University Foundation, Harran University, Koç Holding.

2000 **American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT)** funded by the NEH, US State Department and private donors

1995-1996 **Ruth Higgins Awards** at the Ohio State University

1996 **Graduate Student Alumni Research Award** at the Ohio State University

1993 **Division of Comparative Studies Summer Stipend** at the Ohio State University

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed International

“Turkey and EU: New Approach?” Presented at the Lennard Meri Conference, **Tallinn, Estonia** May 12-14, 2017.

“British Plans for the Creation of a Separate ‘State of Constantinople.’” Presented in a Workshop titled The British Empire & the Turkish Republic in the 20s & 30s, **Cambridge, England** (March 31-April 1, 2017)

“Politics of Memory: Kurdish Identity.” Presented at a workshop titled “Kurdish Question Revisited,” organized by the Chatnam House, **London, England** (January 13-14, 2015)

“Collective Remembering and Collective Forgetting: Kurdish Nationalism and Memory.” Presented at an international conference titled Remnant of the Nation. **Izmir, Turkey**, (30-31, October, 2014).

“Istanbul Through the Eyes of Two Italian Travelers.” Presented at an international conference titled The Ottoman Istanbul. **Istanbul, Turkey**, (27-29 May, 2014)

“Substituting the Empire: Views of U.S. Diplomats on the Collapse of the Ottoman Empire and Rise of the Turkish Republic” Presented at an conference titled The Collapse of Ottoman and Austria-Hungarian Empires: Patterns and Legacies. **Vienna, Austria**, (16-18 January, 2014).

“The Kurds of the Caucasus.” Presented at an International Conference titled The Caucasus at Imperial Twilight: Nationalism, Ethnicity and Nation Building 1870s-1920s. **Tbilisi, Georgia**, (5-9 June, 2013).

“Molla Mustafa Barzani in the USA 1975-79.” Presented at 2nd World Kurdish Congress in **Erbil, Iraq**, (11-15 October 2012).

“Transition of the Ultimate Islamic City Through the Eyes of Two Italian Travellers.” (Co-Presenter) Cities & Societies in Comparative Perspective, organized by European Association for Urban History 11th International Conference on Urban History. **Prague, Czech Republic**, (29 August – 1 September 2012).

“Political and Human Landscapes of Anatolia in American Diplomatic Correspondence after World War I.” Presented at a Conference on The Ottoman Empire and World War I, **Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina** (16-19 May, 2012).

“US Diplomatic Correspondance and the Kurds.” Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association’s 45th Annual Meeting in Washington DC (December 1-4, 2011).

“Intimidation as an Effective Form of Censorship.” Presented in the Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop 2011, **Istanbul, Turkey** (May 26-29, 2011).

“Seyyahların Gözünden 19. yy’da Bodrum.” Presented in the Second International Bodrum Symposium, **Bodrum, Turkey** (May 9-12, 2011).

“New Perspectives on the Shaikh Said Rebellion: Kurdish Nationalism or Turkish Manipulation?” Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association’s 43rd Annual Meeting in Boston (November 21-24, 2009).

“Establishing the Legitimacy in the Early Republican Turkey: The Case of the 150ers.” Presented at the 24th Annual History and Theory Conference. University of Chicago, IL (May 9, 2008).

“The Ottoman Administrative Policies of Kurdish Tribes Since the 16th Century.” Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association’s 42nd Annual Meeting in Washington, DC (November 22-25, 2008).

“Exaggerating and Manipulating the Sheikh Said Rebellion of 1925 for Political Gains.” Presented at the 23rd Annual History and Theory Conference. University of Chicago, IL (May 9-10, 2008).

“US Consular Reports and the Internal Affairs of Turkey.” Presented in The History of Turkish American Relations, 1833-1989. Bosphorus University, **Istanbul, Turkey** (June 4-10, 2006).

“Silencing the Political Opposition in Turkey, 1920-1925.” Presented at the 21st Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference. University of Chicago, IL (May 12-13, 2006).

“Kurdish Notables at the End of the Ottoman Empire.” Presented at the Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting in **Florence, Italy** (March 21-25, 2001).

“Evolving Identities: The Kurds of the Ottoman Empire.” Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association’s 34th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida (November 16-19, 2000).

Nationalism and Kurdish Notables.” Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association’s 33rd Annual Meeting in Washington DC (November 19-22, 1999).

“History, Theory and the Kurds.” Presented in Middle Eastern History and Theory Workshop sponsored by Center for the Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago (January 14, 1998).

“Tribal Structure of the Kurds in the Ottoman Empire.” Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association’s 29th Annual Meeting in Washington DC (December, 6-10, 1995).

"Dynamics of Kurdish Minority Discourse." Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association's 27th Annual Meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina (November 11-14, 1993).

"The Role of Kurdish National Consciousness in Turkish Policy-Making." Presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association's 26th Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon (October 28-31, 1992).

Invited International

“Diplomatic History of Turkey/Egypt/Saudi Arabia.” Workshop at American University in Cairo (December 9, 2019).

“Power Struggle in Early Turkish Republic.” Presented at American University in Cairo, Egypt (September 9, 2018).

“The Rise of Modern Turkey and the Views of an American Diplomat.” Presented at Altınbaş Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey (December 8, 2017).

"Kimlik Keşif mi İcat mı?" Presented at 22. Sosyal Psikiatri Kongresi, organized by Üsküdar University, Istanbul, Turkey (September 1-3, 2016)

"The GAP Project and the Water Issue in the Tigris-Euphrates Basin" Presented at a workshop titled The Water Energy Food Nexus: An Integrated Approach to the Middle East Water Challenge, organized by the Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Abu Dhabi, UAE (May 19-21, 2016)

“Politics of Memory: Kurdish Ethnic Identity and the Role of Collective Forgetting” Presented at a workshop titled “Kurdish Question Revisited” in Chatham House, London (January 13-14, 2015).

“Development of Kurdish Nationalism” (Keynote Address) Presented at the 1st International Conference on Kurds and Kurdistan , Erbil, Iraq. (April 16-18, 2013).

“Does Kurdish Nationalism Have a Navel?” Presented at The International Symposium on Symbiotic Antagonisms in Turkey: Sources, Discourses and Changing Nature of Turkish, Kurdish And Islamic Nationalisms, Istanbul, Turkey. (November 5-6, 2007).

“Turkey and the Power Struggle in Northern Iraq.” Presented at a conference on “Unity and Diversity in Iraq: the Nation’s Past and Future.” Organized by The American Research Institute in Iraq and Hollings Center. Istanbul, Turkey (October, 26-29, 2007).

“The Impact of Islam on Kurdish Identity Formation in the Middle East.” Presented in a conference titled Evolution of Kurdish Nationalism, organized by Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies, Dedham, MA (September 3-4, 2005).

"Dynamics of Chance: 'Kurds' and 'Kurdistan' in Historical Sources." Presented at a conference titled, *Evolving Identities in the Middle East: Armenians, Turks, Kurds and Arabs* in the University of Chicago (May 5, 2000).

"Kurds at the End of the Ottoman Empire." Presented at a conference titled *Armenians and the End of the Ottoman Empire* held in University of Chicago (March 17-19, 2000).

"Adapting an Ideology: The PKK Movement and Its Marxist-Leninist Dimension." Presented at The Third Graduate Conference in Difference and the Turkish in the Language Arts in Columbus, Ohio (March 20-21, 1994).

"The Effect of the Kurdish Worker's Party on Turkey's Nationhood." Presented at The Second Graduate Conference in Difference and the Turkish in the Language Arts in Columbus, Ohio (May 2-3, 1992).

Invited National

"Turkey's Political Landscape." Presented at UCF, August 2018.

"The Coup in Turkey." Presented at UCF September 2016.

"Water Crisis in the Middle East" Presented at a workshop titled Water and Food Nexus, organized by University of Central Florida, (October 11, 2016)

"Does Kurdish Nationalism Have a Navel?" Presented at the Pauley Speaker Series of Global Affairs, UCF (January 23, 2012).

"The Establishment of the US-Turkish Relations: Views of a US Diplomat on the Emerging Turkish Republic." Presented at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR (April 24, 2009).

"The Head Scarf Debate and the AKP." Presented at The Rollins College, Winter Park, FL (March 5, 2009).

"Secularism and Islam in Turkey." Presented as the featured speaker at North Central College, Naperville, IL (October 23, 2007).

"The KDP, PUK and PKK in Northern Iraq." Presented to Foreign Policy Analysts from different government agencies at the RAND Corporation, Washington, DC (May 24, 2007).

"Religion and Secularism in Turkey" Presented in Turkey: Past And Present A Conference Celebrating The Cultural Heritage of The Republic Of Turkey. Saint Xavier University, Chicago, (April 17, 2006).

"The Emergence of Kurdish Nationalism in Turkey." Presented at the Ohio State University (May 14, 2004).

“Facts and Fiction about the Middle East.” Presented in a panel titled “Interpretations and Misconceptions: U.S. Relations with the Middle East,” at Otterbein College, (May 15, 2003)

“Discovery or Invention: Nationalism and the Kurds.” Presented at the Ohio Wesleyan University (March 21, 1997).

"From Şeyh Said to the PKK: Kurdish Minority Discourse in the Middle East." Presented in a lecture sponsored by the Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan. (September 10, 1993).

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Native language
Ottoman: Reading knowledge
French: Reading knowledge
Persian: Elementary level

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

From the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic (ASH 5937 ST, University of Central Florida)
History of Iraq (ASH 4932 ST, University of Central Florida)
History of Modern Middle East (ASH 3223, University of Central Florida)
Islam and Islamic Empires (ASH 3222, University of Central Florida)
Introduction to Islam (University of Chicago)
Emergence of the Modern Middle East (University of Chicago, Ohio Wesleyan)
Middle East in World History (University of Chicago)
The Ottoman Empire (University of Chicago)
History of Iraq (Loyola University at Chicago)
World History I and II (Franklin University)
Kurds in the Middle East (University of Chicago)
Turkish Culture (University of Chicago)
Turkish Language: Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced (Ohio State, Univ. of Chicago, New York University, Univ. of Michigan)
Graduate Seminar in Near Eastern Studies (University of Chicago)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Turkey and Zülfü Livaneli’s Novel *Bliss*” Presented at Seminole Community College, Sanford, FL (September 25, 2008).

“Spread of the Turkic People” Presented in a workshop for college professors at the University of Chicago sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (June, 18-21, 2007)

“The Politics of Modern Turkey” Presented in a workshop for college professors at the University of Chicago sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (June, 18-21, 2007)

The Emergence of the Modern Middle East.” Presented in a workshop for college professors, titled “De-mystifying the Middle East,” at The Moraine Valley College (October 29, 2004).

World War I and the Disintegration of the Middle East.” Presented in a workshop for K-12 teachers at the University of Chicago, (April 19, 2003).

Teaching About the Middle East and the Islamic World” in Chicago Public Schools Teacher Workshop, K-12 Chicago, IL. 5-5-.2002

“What do the Maps Map in the Middle East?” Presented in a workshop for K-12 teachers at the University of Chicago, (June 22, 2001).

“Modern Turkey.” Summer Workshops on Middle Eastern Cultures for K-12 teachers, *The Ohio State University*. (1993-1998)

TEACHING AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2016	Teaching Incentive Award , UCF, College of Arts and Humanities.
2012	Faculty Curriculum Development Award , Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence.
2011	Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award , College of Arts and Humanities, UCF.
2011	Information Fluency (IF) Award for the “Veterans History Project for the History of Iraq course.
2009	Information Fluency (IF) Award for developing a teaching module, UCF
2009	Humanities and Digital Research Grant at University of Central Florida
2003	University of Chicago Teaching Grant
1994, 1996	Graduate Associates Teaching Award at the Ohio State University * Nominated twice by students in recognition of teaching excellence

STUDENTS ADVISED

Susana El Souki, “Foreign Workers in the Gulf Region”. Working title. UCF, Chair of the Honor’s College thesis Committee. 2025-2026.

Susana El Souki, “Corruption, Economic Hardships and Political Rivalries in 1930’s Turkey” UCF Global Perspective and International Initiatives Internship advisor, 2025.

Gal Shem Tov, “The Forced Removal of Iraqi Jews: Ethnic Cleansing and Its Impact on Global Perceptions of Zionism and the Israeli State.” Member of the Honor’s College Thesis Committee, UCF, 2024.

Ahmet Aliş, “The Kurdish Ethnoregional Movement in Turkey: From Class to Nation (1959-1974) and from Nation to “Revolution” (1974-1984)” Member of Dissertation committee, Bosphorus University, Istanbul Turkey (2017)

Dominic Martin. “The Arab Spring” HIM thesis in Political Science Department, committee member 2014.

Matthew Burner, “An Overview of the Medieval Iberian Peninsula Culture.” HIM in Modern Languages Department, committee member, 2014.

Payam Maddam, MA Thesis in Film Department “Birds don’t Fly.” Committee member 2013.

Gabriel Willman, Honor’s Thesis Title, “An Assessment of Endogenous Contributions to Instability in Jordan, Syria and Turkey.” Committee member, 2012.

Victor Hodges, MA thesis title: “Death and Disengagement: A Critical Analysis of the International Community’s Intervention Effort in Darfur.” 2010 (I was in his MA committee)

Ciruce Movahedi-Lankarani, (mentored) for University of Chicago for MA 2011)

Juliana Velasco, HIM Poli Sci title: “The Struggle for Regional Hegemony: How the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Continues to Influence Iraq” 2011.

Christie Schenck, MA thesis title: “Between Words: Popular Culture and Print in Seventeenth Century England” 2011 (I was a member in her MA committee)

Rachel Wein, (mentored) for the Capital Semester program at Georgetown University

Kevin Harper, (mentored and advised) for the University of Maryland, Middle Eastern Studies program.

Joshua Ellis, “Restoration of Degraded Ecosystems and the Politics of ‘Nature’: U.S. Policy in the Marshes of Iraq” (MA thesis committee member) 2006

Benjamin Gage, “EuroTurk” (BA Honor thesis supervisor) 2006

Mathew Fontaine, “The Cyprus Issue” (MA thesis committee member) 2005

James Tallon, (PhD Comprehensive exam committee) 2004

Mihalis Stephanides, “The Role of the Barzanis in the Middle East from 1920-1948” (MA thesis Supervisor) 2004

Alexander Eger (PhD. Comprehensive exam committee) 2003

Diane Rixon, “Mustafa Kemal’s Psychological Biography” (MA thesis committee member) 1998

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

ACLS Referee for Dissertation Research, (American Council of Learned Societies) 2016, 2017.

Article Referee, “New Perspectives on Writing the History of the Kurds: Historiography and Historical Questions” for *Kurdish Studies*, 2014

Book Referee, “Kurds and Kurdistan in the Islamic Era: Distinctiveness, Identity, and Nationalism,” for Routledge Books/Taylor & Francis Group. 2014

Referee for The National Humanities Center Fellowship 2013.

Member of Editorial Board, *Kurdish Studies: An International Journal of Kurdish Studies*, 2012 to present

Member of Editorial Board, *Kürt Tarihi* (Journal of Kurdish History), 2011 to present)

Entry Editor, “Iraq” *Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations* (2011)

Book Referee, “Diyarbakir: Social relations in an Ottoman Province, 1870-1915,” Brill Publishing (2011).

Member of Editorial Board *Journal of Historical Research*, an international history journal based in Turkey (2010 to present).

Book Referee, *Islam: The Straight Path* for its new edition, Oxford University Press (2010).

Session Chair and Discussant, Middle East Studies Association’s 42nd meeting at Washington DC, (November 25, 2008).

Member of Fellowship committee, American Research Institute in Turkey (2006).

Journal Referee, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES) (2006, 2009, 2010); *Nations and Nationalism* (2007); *New Perspectives on Turkey* (2010).

Conference organizer: “ 2nd Symposium on Modern Turkey,” held at the University of Chicago and sponsored by Center for Middle Eastern Studies. (May 12-13, 2006).

Conference organizer: “Lives in-Between?” The Turkish Diaspora in Germany,” held at the University of Chicago (May 1-2, 2003).

Conference organizer: “Symposium on Modern Turkish Studies,” held at the University of Chicago and sponsored by Center for Middle Eastern Studies. (May 11-12, 2001)

Workshop organizer, “Evolving Identities of the Middle East: Turks, Kurds, Arabs and Armenians” held at the University of Chicago (May 12, 2000).

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member of the Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2010 to present

Member and/or Chair of the Pauley Lecture Series Committee 2008 to present

Member of the Assessment Committee, 2007

Member of the Admission and Financial Aid Committee (at Univ. of Chicago)

Member of the East European, Russian/Eurasian Studies (at Univ. of Chicago)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member of UCF Global Perspectives and International Initiatives, Middle East Studies Program. 2014 to present.

Member of the Advisory Board of The Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies at UCF, 2013.

Member of the Advisory Board of The Kurdish Political Studies Initiative at UCF, 2013 to 2023.

Member of the Advisory Board and co-Chair, Middle Eastern Studies Program at UCF, 2011 to Present.

Member of the Advisory Board, The Al Ghazali Islamic Studies Program 2011 to Present.

Member of CAH Dean’s Advisory Committee, 2014 to present.

Member of CAH Ethics Committee, 2011 to present.

Member of CAH-RIA Committee, 2010

CAH Graduate Studies and Research Committee, 2008 to present.

Member of the CAH-TIP Committee, 2009

Member of the Religious Studies Curriculum Committee, 2008 to present

Workshop and Lecture Organizer, 2009 “Turkish Sufism and Mystical Music” by Latif Bolat

Member of the Fulbright Committee (at Univ. of Chicago)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

3-18-2025	“Where is the Middle East?” LIFE at UCF presentation.
3-11- 2025	Moderator “The Effectiveness of Foreign Aid in Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons Learned” GPII at UCF
Fall, 2024	Moderator “
9-16-2022	*Interview by PBS at WUCF, Global Perspectives, “Turkish Internal and External Affairs.
4-21-2021	*Interview by PBS at WUCF, Global Perspectives, “Book Talk on Admiral Bristol.
7-29-2013	*Interviewed by weekly Aksiyon “Kurdish Autonomy in Turkey.”
4-29-2013	* Interviewed by Turkish Daily YeniAsya “Kurds”
1-9-2012	*Interviewed by weekly Yeni Aktuel “The Lausanne Treaty”

- 12-2-2011 *Interviewed by weekly **Aksiyon** "US National archives and Turkey"
- 11-6-2011 *Interviewed by Turkish Daily **YeniAsya** "Early Republic"
- 10-15-2011 *Interviewed by **The Central Florida Future** "Militant Turkey"
- 8-23-2011 *Interviewed by **Golan Media, Erbil, Iraq** "Kurds in Turkey."
- 7-11-2011 *Interviewed by **Southeast Europe Times** "Academic Freedom in Turkey."
- 5-25-2011 * Interviewed by **Southeast Europe Times** "As Elections Approach, Kurdish Issue Heats up."
- 9-13-2010 *Radio Interview with Ian Master's "Daily Briefing" **KPFK FM-90.7** - Los Angeles on "The 2010 Referendum in Turkey."
- 6-7-2010 *Interviewed by **UOL**, a Brazilian News Agency, on the AKP government in Turkey.
- 3-27-2010 *Interviewed by **Kurdish Globe** on Kurds in Iraq and Turkey.
- 2004 *Interviewed on **Voice of America** on the subject of Islam in Turkey
- 2-17-1999 *Appeared on a live TV show as a Turkish Historian; **WTTW** (a PBS affiliate) "Chicago Tonight".
1. *Appeared on a live radio show as a **Turkish Specialist**; WNZK Detroit, MI "Educate Our Families".