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EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Fellowship **Northwestern University, Evanston, IL** **2011-2013**

Postdoctoral Fellow affiliated with The Sexualities Project, Program in Gender Studies and Department of Sociology.

Ph.D., Sociology **University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA** **August 2011**

Dissertation: Queer in Translation: Paradoxes of Westernization and Sexual Others in the Turkish Nation

Committee: Mike Messner (chair), Macarena Gomez-Barris (chair), Judith Halberstam

Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies, Program in Gender Studies, USC.

M.A., Sociology **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA** **May 2004**

Master's Thesis: "Mapping Out Gender, Or Why Is the Turkish Westernization Project Doomed to Fail?"

Committee: Sharon Hays (chair), Sarah M. Corse

B.A. **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA** **May 2002**

B.A. in Sociology with High Distinction, minor in Studies in Women and Gender.

Distinguished Majors Honors Thesis: "Virginity Exams, Honor Crimes, and Other Tales from the Father-State of Turkey: A Cultural Look at the Turkish Women's Movement."

Committee: Sharon Hays (chair), Sarah M. Corse

AREAS OF INTELLECTUAL INTEREST

Sexualities
Queer Studies
Gender
Global Inequalities Subaltern Studies

Culture and Globalization
Social Theory
Epistemology
Postcolonial Studies

HONORS AND AWARDS

ASA Martine P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, May 2010.
Phi Beta Kappa International Graduate Student Award, April 2010.
USC College International Field Research Award, April 2010.
USC Sociology Department Travel Award, February 2010 & August 2010.
University of Southern California, Summer Dissertation Award, May 2008.
University of Southern California Department of Sociology, Distinguished Entering Graduate Student Award, February 2005.
Commonwealth Award for Best Undergraduate Paper, UVA Sociology, (For Honors Thesis), May 2002.
Golden Key International Honor Society.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

Biblarz, Timothy and Evren Savci. 2010. "LGBT Families Research in the Last Decade," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, vol.72(3): 480-497.

Papers in Progress

Evren Savci, "Who Speaks the Language of Queer Politics? Western Knowledge, Politico-Cultural Capital, and Belonging Among Queers in Turkey," Manuscript in Progress for submission to *Gender & Society*.

Evren Savci, "Queer Negativity, the "Anti-Social" Turn in Queer Studies, and Social Sciences," Manuscript in Progress for submission to *GLQ*.

Non-Refereed publications

Savci, Evren. 2012. "Kuir Dil Meselesi: Apolitika ve Kulturel Kapital" (The Issue of Queer Language: Apolitics and Cultural Capital) in *Turkiye Uzerine Queer Okumalar* (Queer Readings of Turkey), edited by Cuneyt Cakirlar and Serkan Delice. Metis Yayinlari.

Sharon Hays and Barbara Risman, with research by Evren Savci and Carey Sargent 2004. "Report Card on Gender- and Women-Friendly Sociology Departments," *SWS NetworkNews*, Winter 2004 (also featured in *ASA Footnotes*, Fall, 2004; and presented to ASA Council, August 2004).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Instructor, University of Virginia

Summer 2005

Planning and leading *Introduction to Social Statistics* course of 20 undergraduates for summer school. This is a mandatory course for all sociology majors and minors, teaches them basic social statistics and prepares them for their social research course. Responsible for the construction of the syllabus, delivering all lectures, leading discussions and constructing and grading all homework and exams.

Instructor for the *University Internship Program*. Responsible for 15-20 students who were at Internship programs outside of Virginia. Responsible for responding to their “issue of the week” and weekly short papers, as well as grading their final paper.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia, and University of Southern California

2002-2005

Leading and planning 2-4 discussion sections for 50-80 undergraduate students or 2 labs for 24 undergraduate students, responsible for grading and evaluating students.

Courses:

Sociology of the Family, Fall 2002

Law and Society, Spring 2003

Sociology Research Workshop, Fall 2003 & Spring 2005

Intermediate Statistics (graduate level), Spring 2004

Introduction to Social Theory, Fall 2004

Changing Family Forms, Spring 2006 & Spring 2007

Social Issues in Gender and Sexuality, Fall 2006 & Spring 2008

Race and Ethnic Relations, Summers 2008 & 2009, Fall 2009

The Holocaust and The History of Sexuality, Fall 2010

Gender Conflict in Cross-Cultural Context, Spring 2011

Research Assistant, Tim Biblarz, University of Southern California

Spring 2009

Working on a Review of the literature on “LGBT Families” for the past decade for Journal of Marriage and the Family.

**Research Assistant, Sharon Hays, University of Virginia
and University of Southern California** **2002-2006**

Researching the status of women's diversity and scholarship in sociology departments across the United States to create a list of 'gender-friendly departments.' Collecting and analyzing data using SPSS, researching relevant literature, writing a report on findings for Sociologists for Women in Society.

Responsible for grading midterm and final papers of SWAG 381 Feminist Theory. Researching and helping put together syllabus for course in "Gender, Sexuality, and Power".

Helping out with preparing the "Graduate Showcase" issue of the Sex and Gender Newsletter of American Sociological Association.

Research Assistant, Elizabeth Gorman, University of Virginia **2003-2005**

Working on research that analyzes gender differences in promotion in law firms. Operationalizing and entering data from the Martindale-Hubbell directory of law firms, as well as from the Sullivan & Cromwell Alumni Directory. The article coming out of this research was published in American Sociological Review. Full Citation: Gorman, Elizabeth. 2005. "Gender Stereotypes, Same-Gender Preference, and Organizational Variation in the Hiring of Women: Evidence from Law Firms" in *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 40: 4.

Research Assistant, Edith Lawrence, University of Virginia **2001-2002**

Evaluation of Young Women Leaders Program at UVA, sponsored by the Curry School of Education. Collecting and analyzing data regarding effectiveness of mentoring program of middle school girls; researching changes in scholastic achievement, relationships with parents and friends and body image.

Project Assistant, Center for Survey Research, University of Virginia **2002-2003**

Assistant to Ryan Hubbard. Worked with SPSS and Microsoft Access, doing data entry and data analysis.

**Academic Tutor and Instructional Assistant in Sociology,
Athletics Department, University of Virginia** **2003-2005**

Tutoring and mentoring student-athletes in Introductory Sociology, Sociology of the Family, American Society and Popular Culture, Introduction to Social Theory and other sociology courses. Holding office hours to mentor students in all course offered by the department.

Co-organized a symposium on gender and sexuality inviting international participants from Muslim countries. Participated in a campaign against virginity exams in medical high schools in Turkey. Distributed publication, "Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies."

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

"What Marks the 'Apolitical?' Western Knowledge and Politico-Cultural Capital among Queer Subcultures in Istanbul," American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV.

"Keeping the Secrets of the Nation: Transsexual Sex-Workers and Citizenship in the Turkish Republic," Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, WA, March 2012.

"Seeking Justice in Turkey: Unexpected Convergences in the Realm of Jurisdiction and Acknowledgment," Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA, November 2010.

"This is Not 'Community': An Alternative Belonging in a Women-Only Bar in Istanbul" Doing Queer Studies Now Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2010.

"What Marks the 'Apolitical?' Western Knowledge and Politico-Cultural Capital among Queer Subcultures in Istanbul," UCLA Queer Studies Conference, Los Angeles, October 2010.

"Ahmet is My Family: Family, State and Sexuality in Contemporary Turkey," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.

"Who Killed Ahmet Yildiz? Turkish State, Kurdish Family, and Globalizing Islamophobia," Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Oakland, CA, April 2010.

"Forging the Tools for Literary Content: Reflection Theory vs. Cultural Logic" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 2006.

"Mapping Out Gender, or Why is the Turkish Westernization Project Doomed to Fail?" Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March 2005.

"Virginity Exams, Honor Crimes, and Other Tales from the Father-State of Turkey: A Cultural Look at the Turkish Women's Movement." ASA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August 2003.

“Body Image and the Media” for Feminist Majority and Leadership Alliance, USC, Fall 2006.

Participant at Panel with Anna Deavere Smith, “*Narrative Ethics*,” Fall 2006.

INVITED LECTURES

Guest Lecture, "Marxist Theory and Marxist Feminism" for SWMS210 Social Issues in Gender and Sexuality, Spring 2008.

Guest Lecture, “*Marx & Marxist Theory*” for SWMS210 Social Issues in Gender and Sexuality, Fall 2006.

Guest Lecture, “*Lesbian' as Sexuality and Identity*” for SWAG 210 Women’s Lives in Myth and Reality, with Carey L. Sargent, Fall 2004.

Guest Lecture, “*Queer Theory*” for SWAG 210 Women’s Lives in Myth and Reality, with Carey L. Sargent, Fall 2004.

Guest Lecture, “*Postmodern Feminism*” for SWAG 381 Feminist Theory, Fall 2004.

Guest Lecture, “*The Porn Formula*” for SOC 247 American Society and Popular Culture, Fall 2004.

Guest Lecture, “*Civil Litigation and Civil Rights*” for SOC 255 Law and Society, Spring 2003.

ACTIVITIES/SERVICE

Co-organizer for "Transnational Sexualities in Local, National and Global Perspective" Session at Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, March 2011.

Organizer for the “Graduate Student Showcase” Issue of the Sex and Gender Section Newsletter of the American Sociological Association (April 2006 Issue).

Session organizer for Sex and Gender Section roundtables of the American Sociological Association, August 2006 Annual Meeting.

Abstract committee member for “Thinking Gender” –graduate student conference for scholarship in gender co-organized by USC and UCLA (2006 Annual Meeting).

Co-President, Graduate Student Association of Sociologists, UVA, 2004-2005.

Graduate Student Member of the Faculty Search Committee, UVA Sociology, 2003-2004.

Sociology Department Development Committee for Graduate Student Association of Sociologists, UVA. 2002-2004.

Speaker's Bureau representative for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transexual/Transgendered Resource Center, UVA 2004-2005.

Founder of QUICK – Queer Studies Intellectual Collective Klatch. Graduate Student organization aimed at bringing students with an intellectual interest in Queer Studies, Fall 2005.

USC Graduate and Professional Student Senate LGBT Concerns Committee, Chair, fall 2007.

Mentoring to undergraduate questioning women for LGBT Resource Center, USC, Spring 2006 -.

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA), Culture Section and Sex and Gender Section, 2002-present; Sexualities Section 2004-present.

Member, ASA Caucus on Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality, 2010.

Member, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), 2005-present.

Member, NOW, UVA Chapter, 2000-present.

Member, Queer Student Union and Lambda Grads, UVA, 2003-2005.

Member, International Women Organization at UVA, 2001-2002.

LANGUAGES & COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in English, German, French and Turkish (native tongue).

Computer Skills: Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS. Some programming knowledge in Microsoft Access.