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Education

- PhD in English, Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA (February 2023)
- MA in British Cultural Studies, University of Warwick, UK (Jan. 2002, with Distinction)
- BA in Western Languages and Literatures, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (June 2000, with High Honors, Top of the Class of 2000)

Awards

- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2019)
<https://www.acls.org/fellow-grantees/kemal-onur-toker/>
- Brandeis GSAS Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award (2019)
- Brandeis GSAS Andrew Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship (2019; declined)
- Frankel Foundation Fellowship (2017)
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Lectureship (2017)
- British Council Millennium Scholarship (2000-2001)

Publications

- “‘An Antony that Grew the More by Reaping’: The Immeasurable Bounty of the Sharing Economy in Cleopatra’s Egypt.” In *Money and Magic in Early Modern Drama*, edited by David Hawkes, 161-185. London & New York: The Arden Shakespeare, Bloomsbury, 2023. <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/money-and-magic-in-early-modern-drama-9781350247086/>
- *The Poetics of the Sharing Economy: Shakespeare and Milton in the Age of the Leviathan*. Brandeis University. 2023. <https://doi.org/10.48617/etd.595>
- “‘How to Contemplate the Inevitable Destruction of the Majority of Humanity with Total Equanimity’: John Gray and the Poetics of Ecological Anti-Humanism.” In *Visions of the Future Now and Then in Literatures in English*, 51-67. Istanbul: Dilita Dil Hizmetleri, 2010.

- "Prophecy and Tongues: St Paul, Interpreting and Building the House." In *Translation and Religion: Holy Untranslatable*, edited by Lynne Long, 33-40. Clevedon, Buffalo, Toronto: Multilingual Matters, 2005.

Citations in International Publications

- Toker, K. Onur. "Prophecy and tongues: St. Paul, interpreting, and building the house." *Translation and Religion: Holy Untranslatable* (2005): 33-40.. Cited in:
 - Washbourne, Kelly. "Nonlinear narratives: Paths of indirect and relay translation." *Meta* 58.3 (2013): 607-625.
 - Al-Husain, Bariq. *The Translation of Mutashaabih, Ambiguous and Muhkam Quranic Verses: A Contrastive Study*. Diss. Western Sydney University (Australia), 2018.
 - Sesanti, Andiswa Theodora. *Translating the Arabic Qur'an into isiXhosa*. Diss. Stellenbosch: Stellenbosch University, 2013.

Presentations

- “‘An Antony that Grew the More by Reaping’: The Bounties of Money and Language in Cleopatra’s Egypt”. Shakespeare Association of America, Annual Convention. Denver, Colorado. April 2020. (Due to the ongoing pandemic, this SAA seminar was held online via Zoom)
- “The Platonic Liberals of the English Commonwealth: Milton and Hobbes.” NeMLA, Annual Convention. Boston, Massachusetts. March 2020.
- “The Politics of Identity and the Poetics of Liberalism in the Age of Milton.” NeMLA, Annual Convention. Boston, Massachusetts. March 2020. Panel Co-Chair.
- “‘The More I Give to Thee, the More I Have’: The Unthinkable Economy of Infinity in Hobbes and Shakespeare.” Shakespeare Association of America, Annual Convention. Washington, D.C., April 2019.
- “Reimagining the Space of World Literature: The View from the Periphery.” NeMLA, Annual Convention. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. April 2018. Panel Co-Chair.
- “Intranslatable [*sic*] Words of Divers Languages': Locke on Translation and Conceptual World-making.” NeMLA, Annual Convention. Baltimore, Maryland. March 2017.
- “The Thirst for Principality and the Histrionics of Machiavellian Statecraft in *The Jew of Malta*.” Second Year Symposium, Brandeis University. November 2015.

Teaching Experience

- Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: (2017-present)

Courses Taught:

LIT10-10: Shakespeare and Infinity

SOC4-10 Infinite Growth on a Finite Planet: a Renaissance Dream in the Digital Age

SOC6-10 The Politics of the Common Good: from Confucius and Plato to OpenAI

SOC1-10 Infinite Growth on a Finite Planet: Money and AI in the Age of Ecological Crisis

H&G17-10 Realism vs. Idealism: Justice and Power in Global Politics

- Brandeis University, English Department (2015-2020)

Courses Taught:

UWS 31A/B The West and the Rest: Why Can't We All Just Get Along? (taught 6 times)

Teaching Assistant for:

COML/ENG 149A Hell: The Poetry

ENG 10B Poetry: A Basic Course

ENG 152a Arthurian Literature

ENG 30a Intro to Graphic Novels

ENG 32a 21st-Century Global Fiction: A Basic Course

- Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey (2008 – 2014)

Courses Taught:

IR 149 Politics, Culture & Society I (taught 12 times)

IR 150 Politics, Culture & Society II (taught 12 times)

Professional Memberships

- American Council of Learned Societies
- Shakespeare Association of America
- Northeast Modern Language Association

Languages

- Turkish (Native)
- English (Native Level Proficiency)
- Latin (Reading Proficiency)
- French (Reading Proficiency)
- Greek (Reading Proficiency)
- German (Reading Proficiency)

Academic Service

- Chair, Panel on Teaching International Students, Brandeis University Writing Program, 2017-2018
- Instructor for Writing Program Orientation, Brandeis University, 2017-2018.
- Organizer, Annual First-Year Graduate Student Symposium, English Department, Brandeis University, 2016.
- Mentor for first year undergraduates, Istanbul Bilgi University, 2008-2014.