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**Associate Professor**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. 2005 Purdue University

M.A. 2000 Purdue University

B.A. 1998 Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Türkiye

**DISSERTATION**

*The Globalization of Digital Technologies and Lgbt Identities: The Turkish Collegiate Lesbigay Population’s Access to the Internet and the Formation of Lesbigay Identities and Communities in Turkey*

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

2014- Associate Professor, University of Connecticut, Stamford

2007-2014 Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, Stamford

2005-2007 Lecturer & Writing Tutor, Program in Writing & Rhetoric, Stanford University

1998-2005 Graduate Instructor & Writing Tutor, Department of English, Purdue University

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Creative writing (prose), LGBTQ+ literature, rhetoric and composition

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

*Sweet Tooth and Other Stories*. University Press of Kentucky, May 2024.

*Grassroots Literacies: Lesbian and Gay Activism and the Internet in Turkey*. SUNY Press, 2014.

**Fiction**

“Pride.” *Ploughshares*, vol. 48, no. 4, 2023, pp. 71-85.

“Runway.” *The Iowa Review*, vol. 51/52, no. 3/1, 2022, pp. 57-71.

“Outing.” *X-R-A-Y Literary Magazine*, 4 Mar. 2022, xraylitmag.com/outing-by-serkan-gorkemli.

“Sweet Tooth.” *Joyland Magazine*, 31 Jul. 2020, joylandmagazine.com/fiction/sweet-tooth.

“Kastro.” *Epiphany, A Literary Journal*, Spring/Summer Issue on the Theme of Borders, 16 Jun.

2020, pp. 41-51.

“LoverZ.” *Foglifter*,vol. 4, no. 1, 20 Apr. 2019, pp. 55-61.

“Big Sister.” *Ploughshares*,vol. 45, no.1, 16 Apr. 2019, pp. 115-123.

“Webbed.” *Emerge: 2018 Lambda Fellows Anthology*, edited by JD Scott, Independently

Published, 2019, pp. 357-362. (Reprint)

“Webbed.” *Chelsea Station*, 24 Jul. 2018, chelseastationmagazine.com/2018/07/webbed.html.

**Book Chapter & Journal Articles**

“Designing and Teaching ‘Introduction to LGBT Literature’ in the U.S. and Turkey from a

Transnational Perspective.” *Approaches to Teaching LGBT Literature*, edited by William P. Banks and John Pruitt, Peter Lang, 2018, pp. 49-69.

“’Coming Out of the Internet’: Lesbian and Gay Activism and the Internet as a ‘Digital Closet’

in Turkey.” *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, vol. 8, no. 3, 2012, pp. 63-88.

“Gender Benders, Gay Icons, and Media: Lesbian and Gay Visual Rhetoric in Turkey.”

*Enculturation, A Journal of Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture*, no. 10, 2011, enculturation.net/gender-benders. 8,632 words.

“Legato and the Practices of ‘Sexual Literacy’ in Turkey.” *Reflections, A Journal of Writing,*

*Service-Learning, and Community Literacy*, vol. 9, no. 2, 2010, pp. 21-43.

Co-authored withTammy Conard-Salvo. “Professionalization, Tutor Training, and Service

Learning in the Writing Center.” *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal*, vol.4, no. 2, 2007, repositories.lib.utexas.edu/server/api/core/bitstreams/e91be38b-eac6-4292-92a5-c9f35bed859d/content.

“Contending Cartographies of Rhetoric: Mapping Legato (Project) and the Turkish

Queer College Students’ ‘Coming to Rhetoric’ Through the Internet.” *Computers and Composition Online, Special Issue—Sexualities, Technologies, and Literacies: Metonymy and Material Online*, Fall2004, cconlinejournal.org/gorkemli/intro.html. 8,849 words.

**Book Reviews, Interviews, and Other Work**

“’Queerness Exists, Even If It’s Not Verbalized’: Talking Allyship in Language with Serkan

Gӧrkemli, Author of *Sweet Tooth and Other Stories*.” Q&A by Matt Sutherland. *Foreword Magazine*, 25 Jun. 2024, forewordreviews.com/articles/article/queerness-exists-even-if-its-not-verbalized-talking-allyship-in-language-w-serkan-gorkemli-author-of-sweet-tooth-and-other-stories.

“Serkan Gӧrkemli on Turkey’s Queer Past and Present.” Interview by Roohi Choudhry. *Electric*

*Literature*, 31 May 2024, electricliterature.com/serkan-gorkemli-sweet-tooth-short-story-collection-book-interview.

“Serkan Gӧrkemli’s Playlist for His Short Story Collection *Sweet Tooth and Other Stories*.”

*Large-Hearted Boy Books & Music*, 15 May 2024, largeheartedboy.com/2024/05/15/serkan-gorkemlis-playlist-for-his-story-collection-sweet-tooth-and-other-stories.

“Stories that Resonate Beyond the Page: A Review of Ricco Villanueva Siasoco’s *The Foley*

*Artist*.” *PRISM international*, 2 Jul. 2020, prismmagazine.ca/2020/07/02/a-review-of-ricco-villanueva-siasocos-the-foley-artist.

Review of *Desiring Arabs* by Joseph A. Massad. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*,

vol. 42, no. 2, 2010, pp. 328-330.

“’This is a Redneck Argument!’: The Politics of Tutoring Paragraphing.” The Writing

Lab Newsletter, vol. 28, no. 8, 2004, pp. 9-10.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS, PARTICIPATION & READINGS (LAST TEN YEARS)**

Reading and Q&A, “Fall 24 Visiting Authors Series.” UConn Creative Writing Program, Barnes & Noble, Storrs, CT. 19 Sept. 2024.

Reading, “All Pride, No Prejudice! A Literary LGBTQ+ Celebration.” The Center for Fiction, Brooklyn, NY, 13 Jun. 2024.

Reading, Interview, and Q&A, “Serkan Gӧrkemli’s *Sweet Tooth and Other Stories* in Conversation with Author Javier Fuentes.” The Bureau of General Services—Queer Division, the LGBT Community Center, New York, NY, 25 May 2024.

Organizer & Panelist for “Ten Years of a Literary Series: Stories from the UPK New Poetry & Prose Series.” The Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference, 7 Feb. 2024.

“Naming Queerness in Writing Fiction Set in Türkiye” as part of the panel “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Names and Naming in Literature,” The Modern Language Association Conference, 5 Jan. 2024.

Organizer, Chair & Panelist for “Lambda Literary Fellows on Transnational and Intersectional Queer Fiction.” The Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference, 7 Mar. 2020.

General Contributor in Fiction, the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, 14-24 Aug. 2019.

Fiction Fellow, Lambda Literary Writers Retreat for Emerging LGBTQ Voices, 5-12 Aug. 2018.

Panelist for “’Nothing Can Happen Nowhere’: The Craft of Setting in LGBTQ-Themed Fiction." The Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference, 9 Mar. 2018.

“Transgender Performativity in the Turkish Cinema of Yeşilçam” as part of “Cinemas of Resistance” (co-chaired seminar). Northeast Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, 23 Mar. 2017.

“Repressed Sexuality in the Turkish Cinema of Yeşilçam” as part of “Transnational Identities in World Cinema” (co-chaired seminar). Northeast Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, 17 Mar. 2016.

“Locating ‘Queer’ in Turkish Cinema” as part of “Queer Middle Eastern Cinema” (chaired seminar). Northeast Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, 3 May 2015.

“Literacy on Film: Risks and Rewards of Parental LGBT Activism in Turkey.” Conference on College Composition and Communication, 21 Mar. 2015.

“Crossing Borders: Turkey in Transnational Queer Cinema.” Northeast Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, Apr. 2014.

**SERVICE**

Member, PTR Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2024-26

Member, UConn Humanities Institute Advisory Board, 2024-226

Chair, DEI Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2020-21, 2022-23 & 2024-25

Member, DEI Advisory Committee, CLAS, UConn, 2024-25

Member, Aetna Prize for Creative Nonfiction Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2024-25

Member, Aetna Writing Advisory Board, Department of English, UConn, 2009-present

Member, Scholarship Committee, UConn Stamford, 2017-present

Member, Executive Committee, Department of English, UConn, 2022-23

Member, LRR Grad Writing Award Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2013-21 & 2022-23

Chair, Long River Grad Writing Award Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2021-22

Chair, Aetna Graduate Creative Nonfiction Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2021-22

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2021-22

Member, Search Committee for the Director Academic Affairs, UConn Stamford, Spring 2021

Member, Search Committee for VAP in First-Year Writing, UConn Stamford, Summer 2021

Member, Aetna Graduate Critical Essay Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, 2018-2021

Member, Committee for Undergraduate Writing and Instruction, UConn, 2007-2021

Member, WGSS Program Committee, UConn Stamford, 2007-2020

Coordinator of First-Year Writing & the Writing Center, UConn Stamford, 2007-2020

Member, Search Committee for VAP in First-Year Writing, UConn Storrs, Summer 2020

Member, Academic Affairs Team, UConn Stamford, Spring 2020

Member, Faculty Advisory Council, UConn Stamford, 2017-2019

Member, Search Committee for the Director Academic Affairs, UConn Stamford, Fall 2019

Member, Search Committee for TT Asst. Prof.s in Film/Video Production in DMD, Spring 19

Member, Search Committee for APiRs in Second Language Writing, May Term 18

Member, Search Committee for CSD Regional Campus Coordinator of Services, Spring 18

Member, Search Committees for Aetna Chair in Writing & Academic Advisor, Fall 15-Spring 16

Member, Graduate Executive Committee, Dept. of English, UConn, Fall 15-Spring 16

Member, Ratcliffe Hicks / Aetna Freshman Prize Committee, UConn, 2008-2009

Member, Technology in Teaching Committee, Program in Writing and Rhetoric, 2006-2007 Board Member, the Stanford Film Lab, a Student Workshop in Documentary, 2006-2007 Member, Curriculum Committee, Program in Writing and Rhetoric, 2005-2006

Assistant Director, Purdue Writing Lab, Summer 2001 & Maymester 2005

Business Writing Coordinator, Purdue Writing Lab, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

Fiction Reader, Sycamore Review, Purdue University, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

ESL Coordinator, Purdue Writing Lab, Fall 2002-Spring 2003

**MEMBERSHIPS AT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP)

Modern Language Association (MLA)

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

Scholarship Facilitation Fund, UConn Office of VP for Research, Fall 2024

Felberbaum Award, UConn Humanities Institute, 2024

Faculty Fellowship, UConn Humanities Institute, 2023-24

Faculty Recognition Award, **UConn** Stamford, 2020

CCCC Lavender Rhetorics Award for Excellence in Queer Scholarship's Book Award, 2015

Faculty Small Grant, UConn Research Foundation, 2013

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, UConn Research Foundation, 2009

**Distinguished Faculty Research Award, Rainbow Center, University of Connecticut, 2008**

Outstanding Leader of the Year Award, East Central Writing Centers Association, 2004

Peer Tutor Scholarship, Watson Conference in Rhetoric and Composition, 2004

Summer Research Grant, Purdue Research Foundation, 2003 & 2004

**LANGUAGES**

Turkish (native)