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EDUCATION

PhD Student in Mathematics Science and Learning Technologies, 2015-Present
UMass Amherst – Amherst, MA

Master of Arts in Primary Education, 2010-2013
Bogazici University - Istanbul, Turkey

BS in Computer Education and Educational Technology, 2005-2010
Bogazici University – Istanbul, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Assistantship, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Computational Thinking in Robotics Environment. 2017-2018

Research Assistantship, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Computational Thinking in Robotics Environment. 2016-2017

Teaching Assistantship, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, EDUC 325 Introduction to Special Education. 2016 - 2017

Research Assistantship, Project RAISE, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. 2015- 2016

Project Specialist, Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV), Istanbul. 2011 - 2015

Instructional Designer, Infinity Technology, Istanbul. 2010 – 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Özbek, G., Aslan, N., & Söken, A. (2015). A collaborative study on social transformation: Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey and Oluşum Drama Institute. *Applied Theatre Research*, 3(1), 37-52.

Söken, A. 18th Annual BEM/R&W/LLC Conference Next Generation Innovations for Social Justice Conference, “Comparing the effects of dynamic and static visualizations on eight grade students’ understanding of plate tectonics and earthquake concepts”, November 2015

Söken, A. “The Role of Visual Materials in Students’ Understanding of Geology”, Paper accepted at The New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO). (April 2017).

Söken, A. “The Story of Unrest: Turkish People Emotional Responses to PISA 2015 Results on Twitter”, Northeastern Educational Research Organization (NERA). (October 2017).

Söken, A. “The Ways of Presenting PISA 2015 Results in Turkish Media”, Northeastern Educational Research Organization (NERA). (October 2017).

Söken, A. EDUC 693K Digital Storytelling Tools for Teachers
(<http://storytellingtools.wix.com/home>)

CURRICULUM AND DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

2015 – 2016. Research Assistant. Developing Materials for Teacher Professional Development for Inquiry-based Science, Project RAISE.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

2015 – Present. REVIEWER. ANTHROPOLOGY AND EDUCATION QUARTERLY

SCHOLARSHIPS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Bogazici University Graduation Degree | 2nd Ranked and Honor Degree (June 2010)

Hüsni M. Özyeğin Foundation Scholarship (5 years)

Extracurricular Activities

Board Membership of Bogazici University Education and Research Association (2008- 2012)

Volunteer in ILKYAR (Education for Elementary School <http://www.ilkyar.org.tr/>) for 6 years

Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies (TECS) Graduate Student Organization – Membership (2016-2017)