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EDUCATION

- 2025** **Yale University**, Religious Studies/Islamic Studies, Ph.D.
- Title: *Ottoman Epistemology: Taşköprüzade's (d. 968/1561) Miftāh al-sa'āda and the Perspectival Turn in the Classifications of the Sciences*
 - Advisors: Travis Zadeh, Frank Griffel, Shawkat Toorawa
- 2021** **Yale University**, Religious Studies/Islamic Studies, M.A.; M. Phil.
- 2015** **Boğaziçi University**, History, M.A. (Advisor: Derin Terzioğlu)
- 2013** **Boğaziçi University**, Political Science and International Relations, and History, B.A. (Double Major with Honors)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Yale University

HUMS 411: Life Worth Living, Spring 2024 | Spring 2023 | Spring 2021 (three different iterations)

Teaching Fellow, Yale University

REL 713: History of Medieval Christianity (Volker Leppin), Spring 2025

HSHM 451: Introduction to the Occult Sciences (Travis Zadeh), Fall 2024

RLST 165/625: The Qur'an (Travis Zadeh), Fall 2023

RLST 155/535: Golden Age of Islam (Gerhard Bowering), Spring 2020

RLST 290: Islam Today, Jihad and Fundamentalism (Frank Griffel), Fall 2019

RLST 287/717: Islamic Theology and Philosophy (Frank Griffel), Fall 2018

OTTM 561 & TKSH 110: Ottoman & Modern Turkish, Fall 2018

Lead Instructor for Academic Programs, Yale University

E3544: Introduction to Islam, Yale Sprout, Spring 2019

H3422 and H3453: Introduction to Islam, Yale Splash, Fall 2018

LPC: Literature, Philosophy and Culture, Yale Young Global Scholars, Summer 2019

FST: Frontiers of Science and Technology, Yale Young Global Scholars, Summer 2018

Instructor, Istanbul Sahn Seman Center for Education and Research

Qur'anic Arabic, 2020-2023

Teaching Fellow, Istanbul Şehir University

UNI 222: World Civilizations and Global Encounters, Spring 2016

UNI 118: Understanding Politics and Economy, Fall 2015

BOOKS AND BOOK TRANSLATIONS

- 2025** (transl.) *The Rise of an Ottoman Scholarly Family: Taşköprülüzadeler and Ahmed Efendi* (translation from Turkish, *Taşradan Merkezde bir Osmanlı Ailesi: Taşköprülüzadeler ve Ahmed Efendi*, Mustakim Arıcı and Mehmet Arıkan), Leiden: Brill Islamic Thought in History Series (forthcoming).
- 2024** *Salgın Hastalıklara Kalkan: İlyas b. İbrahim ve Micennetü't-tâ'ün ve'l-vebâ (The Shield Against Epidemic Diseases: Ilyas ibn Ibrahim's Mijannat al-tâ'ün wa-l-wabâ)*. Istanbul: Ibn Khaldun University Press. ISBN: 9786256055667. [Web Link](#)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

(in progress)

- “Curing the Plague is Possible: Ilyas ibn Ibrahim, His Plague Treatise, and Transmission of Medical Knowledge in the Early Modern World”
- “A Case for Ottoman Polymathy: Taşköprizade (d. 1561) as a Multidimensional Scholar”
- “Tracing the Trajectory of Ibn Sīnā’s Classification of the Sciences across Islamicate Cultures”
- 2025** “Texts on Mu‘tazilite Theology” (transl.) in *Philosophy of Religion in Islam: A Reader of Classical Sources*, (eds.) Rahim Acar and Cüneyt Kaya, Bloomsbury Academic Publishing.
- 2025** “İlyas b. İbrahim’s (d. after 1509) *Shield from Plagues and Epidemics*”, [translation and analysis] in the textbook on the Black Death, (eds.) Monica Green and Nükhet Varlık (forthcoming).
- 2025** “Batı’da İslam Siyaset Düşüncesi Çalışmaları [Western Studies on Islamic Political Thought]”, in *İslam Siyaset Düşüncesi: Temel Kavramlar, Meseleler ve Yaklaşımlar [Islamic Political Thought: Key Themes, Issues and Approaches]*, (ed.) Özgür Kavak, Istanbul: İlem Yayınları (in print).
- 2025** “Taşköprizade’nin İlimler Tasnifi: Entelektüel Perspektiflerin Birlikteliği [Tashkoprizade’s Classification of the Sciences: Coexistence of Intellectual Perspectives]”, in *İlimleri Sınıflamak:*

İslam Düşüncesi'nde İlimler Tasnifi [Dividing the Disciplines: Classification of the Sciences in Islamic Thought], (ed.) Mustakim Arıcı, İstanbul: Klasik Yayınları, 2nd edition (in print).

- 2020** “Taşköprülüzade’de Siyaset Kavramı ve Kaynakları Üzerine Bazı Gözlemler [Some Observations on Tashkoprizada’s Concept of Politics and its Sources]”, in *Taşköprülüzade’de Dil, Ahlak ve Siyaset [Language, Ethics and Politics in Tashkoprizada]*, (eds.) İhsan Fazlıoğlu and İbrahim Halil Üçer, İstanbul: İlem Yayınları.

PEER-REVIEWED ESSAYS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES, AND BOOK REVIEWS

Essays

- 2021** “Navigating the Territory of Knowledge: Inside an Ottoman Arabic Encyclopedia” Yale Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, *Order of Multitudes: Atlas, Encyclopedia and Museum*.
- 2014** “Kitabeleriyle Üsküdar’da bir Celveti Tekkesi: Şeyh Mustafa Devati Efendi Cami-Tevhidhanesi [A Jalwati Sufi Lodge in Üsküdar and Its Calligraphy: The Mosque-Tawhidhane Complex of Shaykh Mustafa Devati Efendi]”, *Toplumsal Tarih Dergisi/ Social History Journal*.

Book Reviews

- 2025** Kameliya N. Atanasova. *Sufism and Power in the Ottoman Empire: The Writings of Ismail Hakki Bursevi (1653–1725)*. Edinburgh University Press, 2025. *The Review of Middle East Studies (RoMES)* [forthcoming].
- 2019** Mustakim Arıcı, *İnsan ve Toplum: Taşköprizade’nin Ahlak ve Siyaset Düşüncesi [Humanity and Society: Tashkoprizada’s Ethical and Political Thought]*, Ankara: Nobel Yayıncılık, 2016. *Nazariyat Journal for the History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences* 5/1.
- 2011** Arif Halil Ebu İd, *al-‘Alāqāt al-dawliyya fī l-fiqh al-İslāmī [International Relations in Islamic Jurisprudence]*, Amman: Dār al-Nafā’is, 2007. *Divan Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*.
- 2009** Roy P. Mottahedeh, *Loyalty and Leadership in an Early Islamic Society*, New York: I. B. Tauris, 2001. *Divan Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2025** “Tāşköprizāde (d. 968/1561)” *Philosophy in the Islamic World: Post-Classical Philosophy*, Handbook of Oriental Studies. Editors: Ulrich Rudolph and M. Cüneyt Kaya;
- “Abdürreşid İbrahim” *İslam Siyaset Düşüncesi Ansiklopedisi*, ISAM: Centre for Islamic Studies.

“Taşköprülüzade Ahmed Efendi (d. 968/1561)” *İslam Siyaset Düşüncesi Ansiklopedisi*, ISAM: Centre for Islamic Studies.

“Risale fi Beyâni Esrârî'l-Hilâfeti'l-İnsâniyye ve's-Saltanati'l-Ma'neviyye” *İslam Siyaset Düşüncesi Ansiklopedisi*, ISAM: Centre for Islamic Studies.

“İlyās ibn İbrāhīm” *Klasik İslam Bilim Tarihi Ansiklopedisi*, ISAM: Centre for Islamic Studies.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025** “The Spanish Jewish Physician at the Ottoman Court: Curing the Plague is Possible!”, AOS Annual Meeting, Boston, USA.
- 2024** “Ottoman Occult Interconnectedness: The View from Taşköprüzade’s Encyclopedia”, Spellbound: Arabic and Persian Handbooks of Practical Magic Conference, Yale University.
- 2024** “Reading Avicenna in the Ottoman Madrasa: The Case of Tashkoprizade”, AOS Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA.
- 2023** “Avicenna’s “Subtle Epistle” on the Classification of the Sciences: A Success Story”, MESA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada (paper accepted).
- 2023** “İlyas b. Ibrahim’s (d. after 1509) *Shield from Plagues and Epidemics* [*Mijannat al-ṭā’ūn wa-l-wabā’*]”, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK.
- 2023** “Divine Visions, Human Divisions: Navigating the Territory of Knowledge in Tashkoprizade's (d. 968/1561) Encyclopedia of the Sciences”, European Academy of Religion, St. Andrews, UK.
- 2023** “Engaging al-Ghazali, Countering Ibn Taymiyya: Ibn al-Akfani and Tashkoprizade on True Knowledge”, Mamluk Studies Conference, Brown University.
- 2023** “Ahmed Tashkoprizade and the Reception of Ibn Sina and al-Ghazali in the Ottoman Empire”, 30 Years after Richard M. Frank: Al-Ghazali and Avicenna in Post-Classical Islam Conference, Yale University.
- 2023** “Understanding the Ottoman Gaze at al-Ghazali: The Case of Tashkoprizade Ahmed Efendi”, Arabic Philosophy Working Group Colloquium, Yale University.

- 2021** “Divine Visions, Human Divisions: Intellectual Perspectives in *Key to Happiness*”, MESA Annual Meeting (Online).
- 2021** “Parallel Paths, Plural Perspectives: Sources, Methods and Seekers of Knowledge in Tashkoprizade’s (d. 968/1561) *Miftāḥ al-sa‘āda*”, AOS Annual Meeting (Online).
- 2019** “Mapping the Territory of Knowledge in *Miftāḥ al-Sa‘āda*”, Graduate Colloquium in Ottoman Studies, Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2018** “An Ottoman Tradition of Knowledge: Tashkoprizade’s (d. 968/1561) *Miftāḥ al-sa‘āda*” Yale University Graduate Student Colloquium in Middle Eastern Studies.
- 2017** “Knowledge, Virtue and Perfection: Understanding Tashkoprizade Ahmed Efendi (1495-1561)”, Colloquium on Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, George Mason University Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies & Diyanet Center of America, Maryland, USA.
- 2016** “Taşköprizade’nin Siyaset Düşüncesine Giriş: Tasvirler ve Temalar [Introduction to Tashkoprizadah’s Political Thought: Concepts and Themes]”, International Tashkoprizade Symposium, Istanbul Medeniyet University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2016** “Arabic as the Language of an Ottoman Rumi Scholar: The Use of Arabic in Tashkoprizade Ahmed ibn Mustafa’s Works”, Arabic in the Ottoman Empire Workshop, Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK.

INVITED TALKS

- 2024** “A Mediterranean Physician: Ilyas b. Ibrahim”, Ibn Khaldun University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2023** Speaker at the Roundtable “Disease in the Medieval Islamic World: The State of Our Questions”, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK.
- 2022** “A Jewish Physician at Work across the Mediterranean: Ilyas b. Ibrahim and His Plague Treatise”, History of Infectious Diseases in the Islamic World (HIDIW) Working Group, Consortium for the History of Science Technology and Medicine (CHSTIM).
- 2022** “Translation and Organization of Knowledge from Aristotle to Tashkoprizade”, Talk Delivered to Outstanding Senior Students at Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, USA.
- 2020** “Navigating the Worlds of Learning from the Medieval to the Modern Times”, Pedagogy Workshop at the Diyanet Center of America, Maryland, USA.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025-2026	European Research Council Synergy Project MOSAIC Postdoctoral Fellowship
2024-2025	Princeton University Firestone Library Research Grant
2023-2024	Yale Divinity School Life Worth Living Graduate Student Fellowship
2023-2024	Yale European Studies Council Fellowship
2023-2024	Yale University Macmillan International Dissertation Fellowship
2022-2023	Yale University Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library Fellowship
2021-2022	Yale University Dissertation Fellowship
2020-2022	Andrew Mellon Sawyer Seminar <i>The Order of Multitudes</i> Seed Grant
2013-2015	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) Dissertation Writing Fellowship
2011-2012	European Commission Erasmus Scholarship

PROGRAMS AND CERTIFICATES

2024	Yale University Certificate of College Teaching Preparation (CCTP)
2023	Growing the Network of Life Worth Living in Higher Education Iceland Workshop
2022	Greek Studies on Site Summer School, Athens, Greece
2022-2023	Yale Divinity School Anti-Racist Pedagogy Workshop Series
2020—	Istanbul Sahn Seman Research Center Advanced Teaching Workshops
2017-2018	Yale University (YUSRIA) Workshop on Judeo-Arabic
2016—	Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning Advanced Teaching Workshops
2016—	Yale University Pierson College Graduate Affiliate Program
2012-2013	Oral History Project on Women Qur'an Reciters, Foundation for Sciences and Arts
2011-2012	Erasmus Student Exchange Program, Erfurt University, Germany
2004, 2010	Arabic Summer School, Amman, Jordan

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023—	Cataloger, Beinecke Library Project in Cataloging Ottoman Manuscripts
2022—	Associate Editor, Nazariyat Journal for the History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences
2017—	Vice-President, Turkish Society of Yale Graduate Students and Scholars

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- 2022—** Coordinator, Arabic Philosophy Working Group, Yale University
- 2022-2023** Originator and Coordinator, Luncheon with Lahmacun Talks, Yale University
- 2019-2020** Coordinator, Yale Council on Middle East Studies Graduate Student Colloquium
- 2019** Guest, “Reckoning With New Haven Mosque Arson”, Connecticut Public Radio
- 2017-2018** Originator and Coordinator, Soup and Talk Series, Yale University
- 2016—** Tutoring and Teaching Underserved Students, New Haven Community Center
- 2013-2016** Instructor and Coordinator, Sefer Academic Program, İstanbul Şehir University

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Modern and Ottoman Turkish (native) | Arabic (fluent) | English (fluent) | Persian (advanced)
German (advanced) | French (intermediate) | Hebrew (elementary) | Greek (elementary)

REFEREE SERVICE

The Muslim World Journal | St. Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology

MEMBERSHIPS IN ORGANIZATIONS

History of Science Society | Middle East Studies Association | American Philosophical Association
American Historical Association | Association of Iranian Studies | American Academy of Religion
European Academy of Religion | International Medieval Congress

REFERENCES

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