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I. EXPERIENCE

- **Director, American Language and Culture Institute, Clark University (11/2022 - Present)**
 - Oversees English for Academic Studies and Pathway programs.
 - Hires, supervises and supports faculty for ALCI and for the Clark University-Hefei University of Technology Joint Program in International Economics and Trade.
 - Develops new curricular and co-curricular programs for current and prospective students.
- **Assistant Director, American Language and Culture Institute, Clark University (02/2022 - 11/2022)**
 - Planned and oversaw instruction at two partner institutions in China.
 - Created summer programs, introduced the Language Exchange Partners Program and restarted the Community English for Academic Success Program.
- **Lead Lecturer, American Language and Culture Institute, Clark University (08/2019 - 07/2022)**
 - Taught and coordinated English Language and Culture programs at two partner institutions in China: SDUST and HFUT.
 - Taught Academic and Professional Writing, Academic Texts and Presentation Skills courses.
- **Turkish Lecturer, World Languages and Literatures, Boston University (09/2019 - 06/2022)**
 - Taught first, second, and third-year Turkish classes.
- **Senior Lecturer, Center for Language Studies, Brown University (01/2015 - 06/2019)**
 - Supervised FLTAs and taught Turkish at all levels.
 - Taught the Seminar in Language Pedagogy and Second Language Acquisition class to Graduate TAs in Language and Literature Departments across campus.
 - Designed course materials, including syllabi, writing assignments, and exams.
- **Director of the Center for Language Studies, Brown University (01/2015 - 06/2018)**
 - Directly supervised the English for International Teaching Assistants Program and other Less Commonly Taught Language Programs under CLS.
 - Coordinated with affiliates and the Dean's office to handle promotion cases.
 - Managed budgeting, planning, and distribution of funds to support teaching and research.
- **Director and Language Coordinator of Turkish and Uzbek, and Senior Lecturer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (01/2013 - 12/2014)**

- Promoted the Turkish program on campus and beyond.
 - Collaborated with regional support centers.
- **Director of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL) Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (01/2013 - 12/2014)**
 - Oversaw instruction in nine Less Commonly Taught Languages.
 - Conducted regular class observations and oversaw curricular innovation.
 - Advised and mentored students, TAs, and early career lecturers.
- **Director of Summer Language Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (01/2013 - 12/2014)**
 - Implemented marketing strategies that resulted in increased enrollment.
- **Associate Director of the Summer Language Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (01/2012 - 12/2012)**
 - Directed financial operations, including budget development and administration.
 - Created and implemented K-12 after-school activities in multiple languages.
- **Lecturer and Language Coordinator of Turkish, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (09/2006 - 01/2012)**
 - Created a curriculum and established a robust Turkish program.
 - Created a Global Studies course titled “Diversity in Modern Turkey”, and led nine study abroad trips to Istanbul for the on-site portion of this course.
- **Language Coordinator, Işık University - Istanbul, Turkey (08/2004 - 06/2006)**
 - Supervised around 15 English instructors to ensure quality and success.
- **English Instructor, Işık University - Istanbul, Turkey (09/2000 - 08/2004)**
 - Developed and taught proficiency-oriented intensive English courses.
 - Provided institution-wide English courses for K-12 instructors.
- **Teaching and Research Assistant at Language Center and Turkish Instructor, Boğaziçi University - Istanbul, Turkey (09/1998 - 08/2000)**
 - Created course materials for the Intensive Summer Institute.
 - Taught Turkish to international students in an immersive setting.

II. EDUCATION

- **PhD in Linguistics (09/2000 - 07/2006)**
 - Boğaziçi University - Istanbul, Turkey
 - Dissertation: A Government Phonology Analysis of Turkish Consonants
- **Master of Arts in Linguistics (09/1998 - 07/2000)**
 - Boğaziçi University - Istanbul, Turkey
 - Thesis: The Role of L1 Parameters in Second Language Acquisition: Turkish as a Second Language
- **Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Language Education (09/1994 - 07/1998)**
 - Boğaziçi University - Istanbul, Turkey
 - Received a Minor in Linguistics.

III. PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Book Authored

Balci, E. (2008). *Turkish consonants: A government phonology analysis*. VDM Publishing.

B. Articles in Journals

Balci, E. (2016). Aspectual status of –*Iyor* in Turkish. *Dilbilim (Linguistics) Journal*.

C. Bulletins, Reports, or Conference Proceedings

Balci, E. (2008). *Advanced Turkish curriculum for foreigners at university level*. International Turkish Instruction Symposium Proceedings, Eastern Mediterranean University Publications, Fagamusta, Cyprus.

D. Book Reviews

Balci, E. (2013). How to use Senel Symons' The Routledge Intermediate Turkish Reader: Political and Cultural Articles (Routledge Modern Language Readers), 2012. *AATT January 2013 Newsletter*.

E. Refereed Presentations

Balci, E., & Balcourt, J. (2023, March 22-24). *Online English instruction for Chinese students: Synchronous & asynchronous approaches*. TESOL 2023 International Convention & English Language Expo. Portland, Oregon.

Balci, E., & Sevinc, N. (2015, October 9-10). *Designing a Turkish textbook: Principles and perspectives*. 2nd International Congress on Turkish Culture. Bloomington, IN.

Balci, E. (2015, June 23-24). *Aspectual status of –Iyor in Turkish*. LILA, 2nd Linguistics and Languages Conference. Istanbul, Turkey.

Balci, E. (2015, April 24-26). *Textbook writing for LCTLs in the 21st century: A case study for a Turkish textbook*. 17th NCOLCTL Conference. Chicago, IL.

Aygen, G., & Balci, E. (2015, April 24-26). *Incomplete bilingualism: Loss of formality in heritage language learners' emails*. 17th NCOLCTL Conference. Chicago, IL.

Aygen, G., & Balci, E. (2014, April 25-27). *Incomplete bilingualism: Loss of formality in heritage language learners' speech*. 16th NCOLCTL Conference. Chicago, IL.

Balci, E., & Katsikas, S. (2014, April 25-27). *Activities, outreach and program development*. 16th NCOLCTL Conference. Chicago, IL.

Balci, E. (2013, October 11-13). *Advanced level curriculum design*. MESA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Balci, E. (2012, November 17-20). *Turkic languages and assessment*. MESA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

Aygen, G., & Balci, E. (2011, April 8-10). *A comparison of heritage and non-heritage speakers of Turkish: Complementary strengths and overlapping weaknesses in reading comprehension*. 14th NCOLCTL Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.

Balci, E. (2010, April 22–25). *What do Turkish heritage speakers need after college graduation?* 13th National Less Commonly Taught Languages Conference, Madison, WI.

Aygen, G., & Balci, E. (2010, April 22–25). *Heritage/non-heritage speakers of Turkish: Complementary strengths and overlapping weaknesses*. 13th NCOLCTL Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.

Balci, E. (2010, January 14–15). *"Word" In Government Phonology*. CUNY Phonology Forum Conference on the Word, New York City, NY.

Balci, E. (2009, November 20–23). *Methodology in Turkish course books*. MESA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Balci, E., & Aygen, G. (2009, April 23–26). *How do Turkish heritage speakers write?* 12th NCOLCTL Conference, University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI.

Balci, E. (2008, November 22–25). *Advanced Turkish: What to do about grammar?* MESA (Middle Eastern Studies Association) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Balci, E. (2008, April 24–27). *Needs-based Advanced Curriculum in LCTLs*. 11th National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL) Conference, University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI.

Balci, E. (2008, March 27–28). *Advanced Turkish Curriculum for foreigners at the university level*. International Turkish Instruction Symposium, Fagamusta, Cyprus.

F. Invited Lectures

Balci, E. (2025, February 3). *The key to success in Higher Education*. Star College of Cape Town, South Africa.

Balci, E. (2025, January 29). *Info session: Study and scholarship opportunities in the US*.

Education USA. The American Corner Cape Town, South Africa.

Balci, E. (2023, September 23). *Teaching Critical Thinking in the American Classroom*. Hefei, China.

Balci, E. (2017, October 23–27). *New approaches in language teaching for our diverse world*. II International Congress of Language Studies and IX Cycle of Language Studies Conference, The State University of Ponta Grossa, Brazil.

Balci, E. (2016, July 12). *Establishing national academic associations: The case of AATT*. Sorbonne University, Paris, France.

Balci, E. (2015, December 24–25). *Teaching Turkish in the US*. 2nd Congress of Academics Abroad, TUBITAK (Turkish Academic Network and Information Center). Istanbul, Turkey.

Balci, E. (2015, October 9–10). *The role of American Association of Teachers of Turkic and Turkish Flagship*. 2nd International Congress on Turkish Culture. Munich, Germany.

Balci, E., & Mishra, M. (2013, March 29). *Teaching and coordinating Less Commonly Taught Languages: Challenges and opportunities*. Language Program Direction Workshop: 5 Good Ideas X 4, Champaign, IL.

Balci, E. (2013, March 2). *History of Modern Turkey*. Turkey Workshop, Institute of International Studies, Peoria Area World Affairs Council, Peoria, IL.

Balci, E. (2013, February 11). *Turkey and its role in the Middle East*. OLLI Arab Spring Lecture Series, Champaign, IL.

Balci, E. (2012, May 21). *Cultural Diversity of Istanbul*. OLLI (The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) Study Tour to Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey.

Balci, E. (2011, July 15). *Curriculum development for teachers of Turkish*. Boston University Turkish STARTALK Workshop, Boston, MA.

Balci, E. (2011, February 23). *Similarities and differences between Heritage and Non-heritage Speakers in learning Turkish Morpho-phonology*. Indiana University, Bloomington, IL.

Balci, E. (2008, October 3–4). *Islam in Turkey and Europe: Moderate vs. radical*. UI-UC Islam, Modernity and Eurasia Workshop, Chicago, IL.

Balci, E. (2007, November 16). *Word-initial consonant clusters in Turkish: Palatalization and Harmony in Government Phonology*. University of Illinois Department of Linguistics Seminar Series, Urbana, IL.

Balci, E. (2006, May 8). *Government Phonology account of consonants in Turkish*. Boğaziçi University, Linguistics Seminar, Istanbul, Turkey.

IV. SERVICE

A. Offices Held in Professional Societies

2015–2020 Executive Secretary, AATT (American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages).

2015–2020 Executive Board Member, CLTL (Consortium of Language Teaching and Learning).

2010–2013 Executive Board Member, AATT.

B. Service to Disciplinary and Professional Societies or Associations

2017–2020 Chair of a committee on "Curricular Framework for Teaching Turkish at College Level." AATT.

2016–2020 ACTFL (American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages) / BYU (Brigham Young University), Reading and Listening Assessment team member preparing tests for Turkish.

2016–2020 Founding Chair and Organizer of four American Association of Teachers of Turkic conferences.

2012–2014 AATT Revised Proficiency Guidelines Committee member.

2008–2012 NMELRC (National Middle Eastern Languages Research Center) Listening Assessment, BYU, Provo, Utah. National Listening Assessment of Turkish committee member preparing ILR levels 1 and 2 tests.

2007–2012 NMELRC Reading Assessment, BYU, Provo, Utah. National Reading Assessment of Turkish committee member preparing ILR levels 1 and 2 tests for Turkish.

2011 Curriculum Development for Teachers of Turkish. Boston University Turkish STARTALK Workshop, Boston, MA.

2011 BOLCA (Business Online Language and Culture Application) Technology Workshop. Creating Online Learning Materials and Lessons for Turkish Language Instruction. UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.

2002-2003 Organizing Committee Chair. International ELT (English Language Teaching) Conference. Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey.