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EDUCATION

(2004 - 2009) *Bilkent University,* B.Sc., Molecular Biology and Genetics
(2010 - 2014) *Bosphorus University,* M.A., Western Languages
(2014 - 2019) *University of Southern California,* Ph.D., English Literature

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Turkish (native)
Ancient Greek (six semesters at Bosphorus University)
Russian (diploma from TOMER, Ankara University)
Latin (two semesters at Bosphorus University)
French (two semesters at Bilkent University)
German (classes at Goethe-Institut)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bilkent University: Comprehensive (100%) Scholarship for the Molecular Biology & Genetics Department, awarded to students who achieve exceptional success (1006th out of 1.8 million applicants in Quantitative, 421st in Verbal).
Bosphorus University: Selcuk Altun Scholarship for Creative Writing (2010-2014).
University of Southern California: Provost's Fellowship (the most exclusive on campus, granted once per annum for each cohort, 2014-ongoing).
Olive Tree Initiative: Student Diplomat Scholarship (2017, Summer).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Translator/Interpreter (since 2005). Worked as a translator for various companies, Turkish-English. Areas of specialization include: biomedicine, literature, law. 20+ years of experience.
European Molecular Biology Lab (2007, summer). Primordium development In *D. rerio.*
University of Southern California (2015-2018). Assistant Lecturer at the University of Southern California (Writing and Critical Thinking).
Doruk Anonim Insaat (2020-current). Vice President. Real estate company.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Spiro Pantazatos, Associate Professor of Neurobiology at Columbia University (2011-2019)
James Moore II, former Vice Dean and Professor Emeritus of Systems Engineering at the University of Southern California
Janice Fiamengo, Professor Emeritus at English at the University of Ottawa
Ozlen Konu, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology & Genetics at Bilkent University
Kenneth Jolivet, former director of NATO forces at Bulgaria and former lieutenant at USAF (United States Air Force)
Hans Bader, CEO & former Deputy General Counsel at the United States Department of Education

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY

Secularism, Women's Rights, Minority Rights (Turkey)

The Republic Protests (2007).[1]
Protests against compulsory Islamic classes (2010).[2]
Advocacy against electoral fraud by Islamists (2015).[3]
Yearly protests to commemorate the Sivas Massacre.[4]
Taught English *pro bono* for CYDD, which seeks to eliminate illiteracy among young women in Turkey (2009-2010).
Gezi Protests, as bodyguard for a volunteering doctor (2013).

Men's Rights (United States)

#09-16-2128b, a precedential complaint which established that men can band together via class-action theory under Title IX (University of Southern California),

#09-17-2446, a precedential complaint which established that men can allege retaliation under Title IX (University of Southern California),

#09-18-2031, a precedential complaint that challenged female-only scholarships amounting to $27 million at that time under Title IX (University of Southern California),

#01-18-2079, the first Title IX complaint to challenge discrimination against men at an Ivy League institution (Yale University),

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[1] http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/6604643.stm
[2] https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-zorunlu-din-egitimine-protesto-2246481/
[3] http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/opinion/ozgur-korkmaz/oy-ve-otesi-aims-for-fair-election-results-and-beyond-82369
[4] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRKg-9yN930. (I was the one who supplied the English subtitles for this documentary back in 2009).

#06-18-2230, a Title IX complaint that transformed the all-women Newcombe College into a coeducational facility (Tulane University).

#11-19-2003, a precedential complaint which established that employment preferences for women violate Title IX (Georgetown University).

Opposition to Nepotism & Affirmative Action (United States)

#01-20-2160, a precedential complaint which argued that Brandeis University violated Title VI by offering preferential treatment for Jewish and Polish-Jewish students, including scholarships. The complaint also alleged that American universities offer affirmative action preferences for Jews, Blacks, Latinos – while penalizing Whites and East Asians (which preference is now eliminated, as per *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* (2023)). This ruling established that scholarships for Jewish students violate Title VI.

The resignation of Kenneth Marcus. After an extensive signature campaign, I was instrumental in compelling the resignation of Kenneth Marcus – a Jewish sectarian who was engaging in invidious discrimination against Christians and Muslims (confirmed to this position at the United States Senate).

PRESS COVERAGE

1. Toni Airaksinen, *Ed Department Investigating Anti-Male Discrimination at Yale.* Campus Reform, 14 May 2018.[5]
2. Caleb Parke, *Yale Being Probed by DOE, Accused of 'Toxic Environment Against Men.'* Fox News, 18 May 2018.[6]
3. Melissa Korn, *Do Pro-Women Groups on Campus Discriminate Against Men?* Wall Street Journal, 23 May 2018.[7]
4. Maria Danilova, *Education Department Investigates Men's Group's Claims Against Women's Programs.* Associated Press, 18 Nov 2018.[8]
5. Katie Engelhart, *Men's Rights Activists Use Title IX to Claim Discrimination.* NBC News, 14 December 2018.[9]
6. Glenn Reynolds, *Higher Education Discriminates Against Men, But Title IX Complaints May Change That.* USA Today, 12 Feb 2019.[10]
7. Ashe Schow, *FOIA Request Reveals Boston Title IX Office Has Never Accepted a Complaint from a Male Alleging Sexual Harassment,* Daily Wire, 26 April 2019.[11]
8. Tyler O'Neil, *Ph.D. Student Files Federal Complaint, Says USC Retaliated Against His Pro-Men Title IX Activism.* PJ Media, 20 June 2019.[12]
9. Barbara Kay, *One Brave Young Man Takes On Gender Inequality at USC.* Post Millennial, 20 Sept 2019.[13]
10. Kim Elsesser, *Stanford University under Investigation for Sex Bias – Against*

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[5] https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=10899

[6] https://www.foxnews.com/us/yale-being-probed-by-doe-accused-of-toxic-environment-against-men

[7] https://www.wsj.com/articles/do-pro-women-groups-on-campus-discriminate-against-men-1527067800

[8] https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/ed-department-investigates-claims-against-womens-programs/

[9] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-6SMXclrLU

[10] https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/02/12/colleges-universities-discriminate-men-title-ix-complaints-toxic-masculinity-column/2831834002/

[11] https://www.dailywire.com/news/foia-request-reveals-boston-title-ix-office-has-ashe-schow

[12] https://pjmedia.com/tyler-o-neil/2019/06/20/ph-d-student-files-federal-complaint-says-usc-retaliated-against-his-pro-men-title-ix-activism-n66503

[13] https://thepostmillennial.com/one-brave-young-man-takes-on-gender-inequality-at-usc/

Men. Forbes, 30 Nov 2022.[14]

11. Terrance Kible, *Stanford Denies Ethics Probe into Female Law Professor Accused of Extreme Anti-Male Bias.* The College Fix, 15 Feb 2023.[15]
12. Jubilee Media, Middle Ground: *Men's Rights vs. Feminism: Is Toxic Masculinity Real?* (13 million views).[16] Humorous commentary by Aba & Preach.[17]

PUBLICATIONS/ACADEMIC

1. *The Lotus of Eden, or Tennyson Divided*. Anamesa, Spring 2012 issue.
2. *A More Poetical Character Than Satan*. Luvah, Journal of the Creative Imagination, Volume II.
3. *The Pageant of Signs: Dantesque Allegory*. Luvah, Journal of the Creative Imagination, Volume V.
4. *The (A)thematic Lovecraft* in the "Aliens Come Home" Conference, University of Tampere, Finland, 2012.
5. *Witch ex Machina: Filicide and Dissimulation in Euripides' Medea* in the "Female Fury and the Masculine Spirit of Vengeance: Revenge and Gender from Classical to Early Modern Literature" Conference, University of Bristol, UK, 2012.
6. *The Three Conceptions of Mercy in Shakespeare's Jew of Venice* in the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Conference of British Studies, Huntington Library, US, April 2016.

PUBLICATIONS/POLITICS

7. James Martin Center, *Identity Politics versus Basic Logic: Should Colleges Offer Affirmative Action for the Female Majority?* 24 May 2019.[18]

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[14] https://www.forbes.com/sites/kimelsesser/2022/11/30/stanford-university-under-investigation-for-sex-bias-against-men/

[15] https://www.thecollegefix.com/stanford-denies-ethics-probe-into-female-law-professor-accused-of-extreme-anti-male-bias/

[16] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOUGNGWmN0k

[17] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1As69PPaVo

[18] https://www.jamesgmartin.center/2019/05/identity-politics-versus-basic-logic-should-colleges-offer-affirmative-action-for-the-female-majority/

8. James Martin Center, *The Ministry of Love: Ongoing Gender Partisanship in the Department of Education* (co-author: James E. Moore II). 11 Oct 2019.[19]
9. The Federalist, *United States Department of Education To Investigate Georgetown for Giving Women Privileges It Does Not Give Men*. 26 Nov 2019.[20]
10. Medium, *No Justice Without Proportion: Why the Tyndall Settlement for $215 Million is Unjust, Irrational, Exorbitant*. 6 Sep 2020.[21]
11. James Martin Center, *The Empress Wears No Clothes* (co-authors: James E. Moore II and Spiro Pantazatos). 11 Jan 2023.[22]
12. North East Bylines, *Keir Starmer's Deafening Silence on the Failures of Brexit.* 28 Oct 2022.[23]
13. Newsweek, *The Biden Administration Is Unwilling to Oppose Discrimination Against Men* (co-authors: James Moore II and Spiro Pantazatos). 19 Nov 2022.[24]

HOBBIES

(1) Endurance swimmer. Personal record: 7000 meters, cold water at 17 °C.
(2) Crew team, University of Southern California (2016-17). 7:20 for 2000 meters.
(3) Trekking record: 8,000 meters (Balcova Memorial Forest).
(4) Can flex 400 dumbbell curls (12 kg each), 15 minutes.[25]
(5) UFO tracking, as evident in this video.[26]
(6) Absolute pitch (95-99%), as evident in this video.[27]

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[19] https://www.jamesgmartin.center/2019/10/the-ministry-of-love-ongoing-gender-partisanship-in-the-department-of-education/
[20] https://thefederalist.com/2019/11/26/u-s-department-of-education-to-investigate-georgetown-for-giving-women-privileges-it-doesnt-give-men/
[21] https://medium.com/@whirlflux/no-justice-without-proportion-why-the-tyndall-settlement-for-215-million-is-unjust-irrational-6ec59d519a86
[22] https://www.jamesgmartin.center/2023/01/the-empress-wears-no-clothes/
[23] https://northeastbylines.co.uk/keir-starmers-deafening-silence-on-the-failures-of-brexit/
[24] https://www.newsweek.com/biden-administration-unwilling-oppose-discrimination-against-men-opinion-1762731
[25] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4Kq0awIvAo
[26] https://www.youtube.com/shorts/FRmlWnXrGyk
[27] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhmkd6w93Qs

(7) Can memorize complex orchestral passages, including entire symphonies, as evident in these videos.[28,29,30]



Photo

[28] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtMeTDqcXSY
[29] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UfqNHy-CZE
[30] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIlNbk4IR7I