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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. **University of California, Merced**, Developmental Psychology,  
2019 – Current  
Advisor: Eric Walle, PhD

B.A. **Bilkent University**, Turkey, Psychology,  
August 2017

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Emotion, Socioemotional Development, Psychological Reasoning, Development of Prosocial Behavior,  
Development of Discrete Emotion Understanding

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2016 – 2017 Computational and Biological Vision Group, Bilkent University  
PI: Huseyin Boyaci  
Project: Retinotopic Mapping with fMRI, Using Population Receptive Field Methods

**RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

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Infant use of discrete emotions for prosocial behavior  
Infant use of discrete emotions for predicting states of action readiness  
The effect of social context, face and posture on emotion recognition  
Infant emotion up-regulation as a communicative tool

**EXPERIENCE**

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Summer 2016 **Clinical Psychology Intern**,  
Yıldırım Beyazıt Training and Research Hospital, Turkey

Summer 2015 **Clinical Psychology Intern**,

Yıldırım Beyazıt Training and Research Hospital, Turkey

Summer 2014 **Clinical Psychology Intern,**  
Mental Healthcare Center, Ankara, Turkey

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2016 – 2017 Merit Scholarship, Bilkent University, Turkey

2015 – 2017 Deans Merit List, Bilkent University, Turkey

2012 – 2017 Undergraduate Study Scholarship, Bilkent University, Turkey

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Fall 2020 **Teaching Assistant,** Introduction to Psychology with Daniel Mello,  
Psychological Sciences, UC Merced

Spring 2020 **Teaching Assistant,** Developmental Psychology with Rose Scott,  
Psychological Sciences, UC Merced

Fall 2019 **Teaching Assistant,** Developmental Psychology with Eric Walle,  
Psychological Sciences, UC Merced

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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MATLAB/PsychToolbox, IBM SPSS Statistics, R, BrainVoyager

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Psychological Association (APA)

International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS)

Society of Affective Science (SAS)