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## **EDUCATION**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. 2005-2012

Ph.D. (2012) Program in Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies (ACABS), Department of Near Eastern Studies. Chair: Gary M. Beckman Professor of Hittite and Mesopotamian Studies; Dissertation: “The Kaška and the Northern Frontier of Ḫatti.”

M.A. (2008) Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies (ACABS), Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan.

Julius Maximilians University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany. 2007-2008

Department of Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Altorientalistik). Studied Hittite history, Hittite historical linguistics, Hurrian, Luwian, and Old Assyrian with G. Wilhelm, H. Nowicki, G. Kryszat, G. Müller.

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. 2001-2005

B.A. Archaeology and History of Art, 2005.

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, September 2016-present

Part-time Faculty, Department of Archaeology

ANAMED (Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations), Koç University, Summer 2016,

Summer 2017

Coordinator/Instructor for Summer Program “Ancient Languages of Anatolia: Hittite and Akkadian”

Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey. October 2014-2016

Adjunct (Part-time) Lecturer, Department of Hittitology

Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey. September 2013-June 2014

Senior Research Fellow, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations. Research Project: “Agreements from the Early Empire Period (1450-1350 BCE): A Study of the Origins and Development of Hittite Diplomatic Documents.”

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. October 2012-September 2013

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Canon and Identity Formation.  
Research project: “Frontiers and Identity Formation in Hittite Anatolia.”

## PUBLICATIONS

- In preparation*      *The Hittite Empire and its Malcontents: A Study of the Kaška and the Northern Frontier of Hatti* (monograph accepted for publication in the series SANER, De Gruyter, scheduled for submission in 2017).
- In preparation*      Review of Shai Gordin, *Hittite Scribal Circles. Scholarly Tradition and Writing Habits* (Wiesbaden 2015), *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.
- In preparation*      Review of Gregory E. Areshian (ed.), *Empires and Diversity: On the Crossroads of Archaeology, Anthropology, and History* (Los Angeles: 2013), *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.
- In preparation*      Review of Birgit Christiansen, *Schicksalsbestimmende Kommunikation: Sprachliche, gesellschaftliche und religiöse Aspekte hethitischer Fluch-, Segens- und Eidesformeln* (Wiesbaden: 2012), *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*.
- In press*              “Frontiers and Identity in Hittite Anatolia: The Case of the Kaška of the Black Sea Region,” in the proceedings of the symposium *New Approaches to Migration in the Ancient Near East (24-25 May 2013)*, Leiden, May 24, 2013, Dercksen, J.-G. (ed.).
- In Press*              “‘A Goatherd Shall Not Enter!’: Observations on Pastoralism and Mobility in Hittite Anatolia,” *Questions, Dialogues and Approaches in Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology*, Kozal, E. et al. (eds.) (AOAT). Münster: Ugarit-Verlag.
- 2017                    “‘The Knees of the Storm-god’: Aspects of the Administration and Socio-political Dynamics of Hatti’s Frontiers,” *Places and Spaces in Hittite Anatolia: Hatti and the East*, ed. Metin Alparslan.
- 2017                    “Approaches to Hittite Imperialism: A View from the ‘Old Kingdom’ and ‘Early Empire’ Periods (c. 1650-1350 BCE),” in *Innovation vs. Persistence. What makes the difference of the Hittite Empire in 2nd Millennium BC Anatolia?*, Schachner, A., Schoop, U. and Genz, H. (eds.) (BYZAS). Istanbul: Ege Yayinlari.
- 2012                    Review of Roger Matthews and Claudia Glatz, eds., *At Empire’s Edge: Project Paphlagonia* (London: 2009), *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 132.
- 2006                    “Comparing Two Books on Mesopotamian Archaeology” co-authored with E.L. Boulter and L.A. Herring, *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 43: 275-287, (2006).

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2013 “Honorable Mention” for *The Kaška and the Northern Frontier of Hatti* (Doctoral dissertation, University of Michigan), International Association for Assyriology/De Gruyter Dissertation Award.
- 2012 Department of Near Eastern Studies Winter Dissertation Defense Fellowship, University of Michigan.
- 2011 Rackham Graduate School Conference Grant (Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, March 11), University of Michigan.
- 2010-2011 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2010 Rackham International Research Award
- 2009-2010 Barbour Scholarship
- 2009 Department of Near Eastern Studies Summer Grant
- 2008 Department of Near Eastern Studies Summer Grant
- 2007 George Cameron Award in Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies.
- 2007 German Academic Exchange (DAAD) Summer Scholarship
- 2006 International Institute Individual Fellowship
- 2006 Department of Near Eastern Studies Summer Grant, University of Michigan.
- 2005-2006 Department of Near Eastern Studies First-Year Fellowship (awarded upon admission to the Ph.D. Program), University of Michigan.
- 2001-2005 Bilkent University Full Scholarship, Bilkent University.

## PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES

- 2016 “‘Imaginary Homelands’: Hittite Geography, Ancient and Modern.” in the workshop *Hic Sunt Dracones: Creating, Defining, and Abstracting Place in the Ancient World*, October 28, 2016, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University (invited).
- 2016 “Making Language Visible: The Invention of the Cuneiform Script in Mesopotamia”, guest lecture for FA 101 Basic Design I, Department of Architecture, Bilkent University (invited).
- 2016 “Myth, Politics, and Empire: The Black Sea Region During the Hittite Period.” Bilkent University, Department of Archaeology, February 4, 2016 (invited).
- 2015 “‘The Steepest Places’: A Study of Frontiers and Political Dissent in Hittite Anatolia.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools for Oriental Research, Atlanta, November 20, 2015 (invited).
- 2015 “Identity and Ethnicity in Hittite Anatolia.” Ankara Sosyal Bilimler Üniversitesi, Çarşamba Seminerleri, May 27, 2015 (invited).
- 2015 “Rebellion and Political Dissent in Hittite Anatolia.” *Ancient Near East Seminar Series*, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge, April 26, 2015 (invited).
- 2014 “Approaches to Hittite Imperialism: A View from the ‘Old Kingdom’ and ‘Early Empire’ Periods (c. 1650-1350 BCE).” Symposium *Innovation vs.*

- Persistence. What makes the difference of the Hittite Empire in 2nd Millennium BC Anatolia?*, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, İstanbul, May 23, 2014 (invited).
- 2014 “Enemies at the Gates? Crisis and Consolidation in the Hittite Early Empire Period.” RCAC Mini Symposium *Conceptualizing Crisis in the Ancient World*, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, İstanbul, March 14, 2014.
- 2014 “Identity, Ethnicity (and the Kaška).” Seminar presentation, Bronze Age Seminars, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, February 19, 2014.
- 2013 “Kaşkalar ve Hatti Ülkesinin Kuzey Sınır Bölgesi.” Lecture, İstanbul University, Department of Hittitology, December 18, 2014 (invited).
- 2013 “The Knees of the Stormgod”: The Administration and Socio-political Dynamics of Frontiers in the Hittite State. Workshop *Places and Spaces in Hittite Anatolia: Hatti and the East*, İstanbul University, October 26, 2013 (invited).
- 2013 “Frontiers and Identity in Hittite Anatolia: The Case of the Kaška of the Black Sea Region.” Symposium *New Approaches to Migration in the Ancient Near East (24-25 May 2013)*, Leiden, May 24, 2013 (invited).
- 2013 “‘On the Border of Enemy Territory’: Frontiers and Identity in Hittite Anatolia.” Lecture, *Centre for Canon and Identity Formation*, University of Copenhagen, February 20, 2013.
- 2011 “Hittite Diplomacy and Administration in the Early Empire Period: A View from the Frontier.” Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, March 12, 2011.

## SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2017 Cuneiform Epigraphy Workshop at the Tablet Archives of the İstanbul Museums of Archaeology, August 14–17, 2017.
- 2013–2014 Co-organized with Murat Akar: Bronze Age Seminars, Research Center for Anatolian Studies, Koç University.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Bilkent University

Spring 2017 Instructor: Hittite II  
Instructor: Latin II

Fall 2016 Instructor: Hittite I  
Instructor: Latin I

### ANAMED (Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations), Koç University

August 2016 Instructor : “Introduction to the Hittite Language”  
July–August 2017 Instructor : “Introduction to the Hittite Language”

### Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey

Spring 2016            Instructor: “Hittite Legal Texts,” Department of Hittitology.  
Fall 2015              Instructor: “Hittite Laws,” Department of Hittitology.  
Spring 2015            Instructor: “Hittite Legal Texts,” Department of Hittitology.  
Fall 2014                Instructor: “Hittite Laws,” Department of Hittitology.  
Apr.-Jul. 2014        Instructor: “Introduction to Akkadian,” Department of Hittitology.

### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Winter 2009            Graduate Student Instructor: “The Bible in English (ENG 401),” Prof. Ralph Williams, Department of English.  
Winter 2008            Graduate Student Instructor: “Peoples of the Middle East (NES 100),” Professors Gary Beckman and Michael Bonner, Department of Near Eastern Studies.  
Winter 2006            Graduate Student Instructor: “Peoples of the Middle East (NES 100),” Professors Gary Beckman and Kathryn Babayan, Department of Near Eastern Studies.

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE**

2006                    Summer season, Kinet Höyük Excavation, Antakya, Turkey. Trench Assistant for the Late Bronze Age (Hittite) level. Director: Marie-Henriette Gates.

### **LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES**

#### Modern

Turkish (native), English (like native), German, Italian (read), French (read).

#### Ancient

Hittite, Akkadian, Sumerian, Latin, Hurrian, Luwian, Elamite, Hattic.

### **SOFTWARE AND OTHER TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Copy editing for publication (All versions of *Microsoft Word*)  
Tables, pivot tables, and cell-based computation (*Microsoft Excel, Numbers*)  
Database creation and manipulation (*FileMaker Pro*)  
Bibliographic database creation and manipulation (*EndNote, RefWorks, FileMaker Pro*)

### **AFFILIATIONS**

International Association for Assyriology