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EDUCATION:

The University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. in Philosophy (2004)
The University of Texas at Austin, M.A. in Philosophy (1999)
Duke University, B.A. *cum laude* in Economics (1997)

POSITIONS:

Professor of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2019-
Academic Visitor, University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy, Spring 2026
Associate Professor of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2011-2019
Visiting Scholar, University of St Andrews, Spring 2017
Visiting Faculty, Boğaziçi University, Summer 2012, 2014
Visiting Research Fellow, Princeton University, Fall 2010
Assistant Professor, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2007-2011
Senior Instructor, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2004-2007
Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, 1997-2004

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Ancient Greek philosophy, ethics

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES:

“Platon’un Üç Bölümlü Ruh Teorisinde Arzuların Öznesi” (The Subject of Desires in Plato’s Theory of Tripartite Soul, in Turkish), in *Antik Yunan Düşüncesinde Özne* (The Subject in Ancient Greek Thought). Nika Yayınevi (2026), 93-118.

- “Anger and Aggression in Ancient Greek Ethics”, in *Understanding Aggression: Insights from Psychology and Related Disciplines*. New York: Nova Science Publishers (2025), 3-25.
- “Plato on Pleasures Mixed with Pains: An Asymmetrical Account”, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, LVI (Summer 2019), 73-122.
- “*Akrasia* and Conflict in the *Nicomachean Ethics*”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 24/4 (2016), 573-593.
- “Plato on the Pangs of Love” in *The Selected Papers of the Tenth Symposium Platonicum*. Sankt Augustin: Academia Verlag (2016), 231-236.
- “How Smart is the Appetitive Part of the Soul?” in *The Selected Papers of the Ninth Symposium Platonicum*. Sankt Augustin: Academia Verlag (2013), 204-208.
- “Plato on the Psychology of Pleasure and Pain”, *Phoenix* 65.3-4 (2011), 288-314.
- “Inconsistency and Ambiguity in *Republic IX*”, *The Classical Quarterly* 61.2 (2011), 493-520.
- “Relativism and Self-Refutation in the *Theaetetus*”, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* XXXVII (Winter 2009), 1-45.
- “Plato on a Mistake about Pleasure”, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 44/3 (Fall 2006), 447-468.
- “Non-Substantial Individuals in Aristotle’s *Categories*”, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* XXVI (Summer 2004), 185-212. Reprinted, with permission from Oxford University Press, in *Philosophical Inquiry* 43 (2019), *Essays in Honor of Alexander P. D. Mourelatos*, 119-146.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Review of C.D.C. Reeve’s *Blindness and Reorientation: Problems in Plato’s Republic* (Oxford University Press, 2013), in *Polis, The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 32 (2015), 240-244.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED TALKS

- “War and its Limits in Plato’s Kallipolis”, King’s College London, Department of Philosophy, June 2026.
- “Plato on the Sources of Conflict”, *Peace, War and Conflict in the Ancient World*, University of St Andrews, School of Classics, May 2026.

“Varieties of Conflict in Plato’s *Republic*”, University of Cambridge, The B Club, Faculty of Classics, May 2026.

“*Hippias Major* 297e-304e”, *Plato Dialogue Project* Workshop, Princeton Athens Center, September 2025.

“Plato and Mill on Pleasure and the Appeal to Experience”, Koç University, Department of Philosophy, April 2024.

“Plato on the Pains of Philosophy”, *International Plato Society Middle East Meeting – Theôria as Cognition in Plato*, Middle East Technical University, May 2023.

“Plato and Mill on Being Competent Judges of Pleasure”, Bilkent University, Department of Philosophy, May 2023.

Commentator at Large, Conference on Plato’s *Republic*, University of Barcelona, March 2023.

Commentator on Karen Margrethe Nielsen’s “Aristotle on *Prohairesis*: Compulsion and Decision in the *Eudemian* and *Nicomachean Ethics*”, *Ancient Philosophy of Law conference*, University of Hull (Online), January 2023.

“Plato and Mill on Pleasure and the Appeal to Experience”, *British Society for the History of Philosophy* Annual Conference, Edinburgh, April 2022.

“Plato on the Pleasures and Pains of Love”, Istanbul University, Faculty of Letters, March 2019.

“The Pleasure Arguments and Glaucon’s Challenge in the *Republic*”, *Plato’s Pleasures: New Perspectives* conference, King’s College London, August 2018.

“The Unity of Plato’s Thought on Pleasure and Pain”, University of Cambridge, The B Club, Faculty of Classics, May 2017.

“The Continuity of Plato’s Thought on Pleasure and Pain”, University of St Andrews, School of Classics, May 2017.

“The Psychology of Pleasure and Pain in Plato’s *Philebus*”, King’s College London, Department of Philosophy, April 2017.

“The Practical Syllogism in Aristotle’s Ethics and Natural Philosophy”, University of Edinburgh, Department of Philosophy, April 2017.

“Aristotle’s Practical Syllogism and the Movement of Rational Animals”, Workshop on Aristotle’s Ethics (2400th Anniversary of Aristotle’s Birth), *Philosophy in Assos*, June 2016.

- “Plato’s *Republic* VI, 500b-502c”, Reading Group on Plato’s *Republic* VI, Norwegian Institute at Athens, December 2015.
- “Theophrastus, *De Sensibus* 5-6”, *Southeast European Association for Ancient Philosophy conference*, Athens, October 2015.
- “Aristotle on Liberality: the Significance of *Ousia*”, International Workshop, Université catholique de Louvain, December 2014.
- “Weakness of Will in the *Nicomachean Ethics*: How Socratic is Aristotle?”, Boğaziçi University, Department of Philosophy, July 2014.
- “Plato on the Transformation of Love”, Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi (Middle East Technical University), Department of Philosophy, February 2014.
- “Plato on the Pangs of Love”, *The X Symposium Platonicum of the International Plato Society*, Università di Pisa, Pisa, July 2013.
- “The Capacity for Belief in Plato’s Late Works”, *From the Stoa to Hagia Sophia: Lectures on the Classical and Medieval Mediterranean*, Eastern Mediterranean University, April 2013.
- “A Socratic Account of Akrasia in the *Nicomachean Ethics*?”, *Readings of Aristotle*, University of Nicosia, February 2013.
- “Plato on Belief in the Tripartite Soul”, Boğaziçi University, Department of Philosophy, August 2012.
- “Plato on the Capacity for Beliefs”, *35th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy*, The University of Texas at Austin, March 2012.
- “How Smart is the Appetitive Part of the Soul?”, *The IX Symposium Platonicum of the International Plato Society*, Keio University, Tokyo, August 2010.
- “Plotinus on Time: Ennead III.7.11.40-62”, *Southeast European Association for Ancient Philosophy conference*, Charles University, Prague, May 2009.
- “Two Ways to Evaluate Pleasure in *Republic* IX”, University of Edinburgh, Department of Philosophy, October 2008.
- “Does Plato Change his Mind about Pleasure and Pain?”, *The VIII Symposium Platonicum of the International Plato Society*, Trinity College, Dublin, July 2007.
- “Plato on the Psychology of Pleasure and Pain”, Boğaziçi University, Department of Philosophy, March 2007.

“Protagorean Relativism in Plato’s *Theaetetus*”, 4th Boğaziçi-Athens Conference –
*Realism/Universalism vs. Relativism/Culturalism: Philosophical, Historical and Political
Perspectives*, Boğaziçi University, May 2006.

Commentator on Ravi Sharma’s “What is Aristotle’s ‘Third Man’ Argument Against the
Forms?”, 26th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Texas A&M University, March
2003.

“Pleasures in the *Republic* IX: A Consistent Account?”, 25th Annual Workshop in Ancient
Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin, March 2002.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Edited collection of essays (with Joachim Aufderheide), on Plato on pleasure (under review).
Book project on Plato on pleasure and happiness in the *Republic*

HONORS AND AWARDS:

At Eastern Mediterranean University

European Union Scholarship for academic research, February-June 2017 (4 months)

(The European Union Scholarship Programme for the Turkish Cypriot Community)

At the University of Texas at Austin

University Continuing Fellowship, 2002-2003

Tuition Fellowship, 2001-2002

Gareth Morgan Fellowship, Summer 1998

At Duke University

AMIDEAST/CASP (Cyprus America Scholarship Program) full
scholarship for undergraduate education, 1993-97

Delta Phi Alpha (German Honor Society), 1995

Dean’s List with Distinction, 1994, 1995

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

At Eastern Mediterranean University

Undergraduate courses: Introduction to Philosophy; Philosophy of Education; Moral
Philosophy; Plato and Nietzsche; Research Methods; Philosophical Issues;
Philosophy and Literature; Epistemology; Ethics in Professional Life; Applied Ethics; Ethical
Development: Theory and Empirical Evidence; Philosophy of Mind

Graduate courses: Philosophy of Education; Desire, Pleasure and Happiness: Ancient and
Modern Views

In-service training course for EMU Library staff

At Tiyatro Medresesi
Platon, Ruhun Bölümleri

At Nesin Matematik Köyü
Aristoteles, *Kategoriler*

At Boğaziçi University
History of Philosophy I

At The University of Texas at Austin
Contemporary Moral Problems; Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction
to Ethics; Knowledge and Reality; History of Ancient Philosophy; Early Modern
Philosophy – Descartes to Kant

EDITORIAL POSITIONS:

Co-editor, *Journal of Cyprus Studies* (Eastern Mediterranean University
Press), 2005-2007

SERVICE:

At Eastern Mediterranean University:
Member, EMU Press Executive Board, Fall 2021-
Member, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee, 2007, 2012, 2015, 2018,
2022
Member, Research Advisory Board, 2017-2021
Member, Department of Psychology Hiring Committee, Spring 2011-
Member, University Elective Courses Committee, Spring 2010-2017
Chair, Department of Psychology Disciplinary Committee, Fall 2010-2017
Department of Psychology University Elective Courses Coordinator, Spring 2010-2017
Department Chair, Department of English Literature and Humanities, Feb. 2007-Jan. 2010
Member, Rector Candidate Search Committee, 2009
Chair, General Education Commission, 2007

Referee for:

Cambridge University Press
Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy
Phronesis
Apeiron
Ancient Philosophy

Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie
Mnemosyne
The Southern Journal of Philosophy
Philosophia
Felsefe Tartışmaları

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION:

Plato's Pleasures: New Perspectives, international conference held at King's College London, co-organized with Joachim Aufderheide (August 2018). Financial support provided by the Department of Philosophy and Faculty of Arts and Humanities, King's College London; British Society for the History of Philosophy; The Mind Association.

From the Stoa to Hagia Sophia: Lectures on the Classical and Medieval Mediterranean, workshop held at Eastern Mediterranean University, co-organized with Luca Zavagno (April 2013).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

British Society for the History of Philosophy
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
International Plato Society
International Society for Socratic Studies
South-East European Association for Ancient Philosophy

LANGUAGES:

Turkish (native speaker), English, German, Ancient Greek.