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RESEARCH

INTERESTS **Morpho-syntax** Agreement, Case, Ergativity, DOM, Ellipsis, Reciprocals
Semantics Graph Representation of Meaning, Questions
NLP Productivity, Learnability, Language Modeling

EDUCATION

Rutgers University

Ph.D., Linguistics, 2019

Dissertation: *Agreement, Case, and Nominal Licensing*

Committee: Mark C. Baker (chair), Jonathan D. Bobaljik, Jose Camacho, Ken Safir

Boğaziçi University

M.A., Linguistics, 2012

B.A., High Honors in Foreign Language Education, 2009

Minor, Linguistics, 2009

EMPLOYMENT

2021 – **Assistant Professor**
Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

2019 – 2021 **Analytical Linguist**
Google LLC, Mountain View, CA

2018 – 2019 **Linguist, Senior Linguist**
Facebook via Pro Unlimited INC, Seattle - Redmond, WA

2013 – 2018 **Teaching Assistant, Graduate Assistant, Instructor**
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

2011 – 2012 **Instructor**
Yalova University, Yalova

2010 – 2011 **Research Assistant**
Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

ADMINISTRATIVE

EXPERIENCE

2022 – **Vice Chair**
Department of Linguistics Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

2022 – 2024 **Member of the Executive Committee**
Cognitive Science Program, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

2021 – 2024 **Member of the Academic Counsel**
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

FUNDED
PROJECTS

- 2025 – **Role:** Primary Investigator
Null Arguments in Turkish. Boğaziçi University Research Fund, BAP Thesis Project ID: 20395
- 2022 – 2025 **Role:** Primary Investigator
Ellipsis in Turkish. Boğaziçi University Research Fund, BAP Start-Up Project ID: 19348
- 2019 – 2024 **Role:** Collaborator
The Syntax of Nominal Linkers (SSHRC # 435-2018-0527). Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, PI, University of Toronto.
- 2015 – 2016 **Role:** Assistant Director
The Afranaph Project: Anaphora in the African Languages. NSF. Ken Safir, PI. Rutgers University
- Sum. 2015 **Role:** Primary Researcher
Nominal Linkers. Mellon Summer Research Grant. Mark Baker, PI. Rutgers University

JOURNAL
ARTICLES

- Atlamaz, Ümit, and Furkan Dikmen. (2026). Derivational Affixes as Heads and Phrases: Evidence from Turkish Diminutives. *Morphology* vol. 36 (2).
- Kuzgun Aşlı, and Ümit Atlamaz. (2025). A puzzle in the distribution of genitive case in Turkish. *Turkic Languages* 29 222-253.
- Atlamaz, Ümit, and Metin Bağriacık. (2024). Emergence of differential object marking in Asia Minor Greek: A computational approach to language change. *Linguistic Variation*.
- Dikmen, Furkan, Ömer Demirok, and Ümit Atlamaz. (2023). Revisiting agent pseudo-incorporation in Turkish: a dependent case theoretic perspective. *The Linguistic Review* vol. 40 (4).
- Atlamaz, Ümit. (2023). A Bidimensional Semantics for Questions. *Zemin: Edebiyat dil ve kültür araştırmaları*.
- Atlamaz, Ümit, Ömer Demirok and Metin Bağriacık. (2023). Heritage Grammars as Checkpoints in Acquisition: A Dependent Case Theoretic Account. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* vol. 8 (1).
- Atlamaz, Ümit and Balkız Öztürk. (2023). Reciprocals in Turkish. *Languages* vol. 8: pp. 1-39.
- Atlamaz, Ümit. (2023). Differential Object Marking and Nominal Licensing. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi* vol. 34: pp. 27 - 56.
- Atlamaz, Ümit and Mark Baker. (2018). On Partial Agreement and Oblique Case. *Syntax* vol. 21: pp. 195-237.

PROCEEDINGS

- Lüle, Nagihan and Ümit Atlamaz. (forthcoming). Null Arguments in Turkish. In *Proceedings of the 10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic*.
- Günay, Baran, Ümit Atlamaz, and Ömer Demirok. (2025). Single conjunct and resolved agreement in Homshetsma. In *Proceedings of the 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.
- Dikmen, Furkan and Ümit Atlamaz. (forthcoming). Adjectival Diminutives in Turkish. In *Proceedings of the 16th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*, ed. Asia Pietraszko.
- Gürer, Dilara Zeynep, Ümit Atlamaz, and Şaziye Betül Özateş. (2025). Text Extraction and Script Completion in Images of Arabic Script-Based Calligraphy: A Thesis Proposal. In *Proceedings of the 2025 Conference of the Nations of the Americas Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (Volume 4: Student Research Workshop)*, pages 253–259, Albuquerque, USA. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- Halat, Mustafa, and Ümit Atlamaz. (2024). ImplicaTR: A Granular Dataset for Natural Language Inference and Pragmatic Reasoning in Turkish. In *Proceedings of the First Workshop on Natural Language Processing for Turkic Languages (SIGTURK 2024)*, pages 29–41, Bangkok, Thailand and Online. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- Kuzgun, Ash and Ümit Atlamaz. (2023). The genitive case with postpositions in Turkish. In *Proceedings of Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey (Tu+ 8)*, ed. Hande Sevgi and Daria Bikina.
- Şahin, Karahan and Ümit Atlamaz. (2022). TransMorpher: A Phonologically Informed Transformer-based Morphological Analyzer. In *Proceedings The International Conference and workshop on Agglutinative Language Technologies as a challenge of Natural Language Processing*.
- Kalin, Laura and Ümit Atlamaz. (2018). Reanalyzing Indo-Iranian “stems”: A case study of Adıyaman Kurmanji. In *Proceedings of Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey (Tu+ 1)*, ed. Faruk Akkuş, İsa Kerem Bayırlı, and Deniz Özyıldız. UMass Occasional Papers in Linguistics.
- Atlamaz, Ümit and Baker, Mark. (2016). Agreement With and Past Oblique Subjects: New Considerations from Kurmanji. In *Proceedings of the Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: Volume 1*, ed. Christopher Kimmerly and Brandon Prickett, 39-49. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
- Atlamaz, Ümit. (2016). Merging Modifiers of an NP before Its Arguments. In *Proceedings of the 33rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Kyeong-min Kim et al., 47-56. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Atlamaz, Ümit. (2013). Cyclic Agreement and Empty Slots in Pazar Laz. *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society: Special Session on Languages of the Caucasus*, ed. Chundra Cathcart, Shinae Kang, and Clare S. Sandy, 18-31. eLanguage.

TALKS

- 2025 Argumental Gaps in Turkish. ICTL 22, September 4-6, 2025. 9 Eylül University, İzmir. (With Nagihan Lüle).
- 2025 Türkçede Boş Nesne Yapıları. 38. UDK, May 22-23, 2025. Atatürk University, Erzurum. (With Nagihan Lüle).
- 2025 Türkçede Dönüştürücü Eylemler Üzerine Bir İnceleme. 38. UDK, May 22-23, 2025. Atatürk University, Erzurum. (With Zeynep Feyza Erdemir).
- 2025 Verb Stranding VP Ellipsis in Turkish. Tu+ 10, March 1-2, 2025. USC, California. (With Nagihan Lüle).
- 2024 Türkçede İşteşlik. 37. UDK, May 16-17, 2024. Kocaeli University. (With Balkız Öztürk).
- 2023 The genitive case with Postpositions in Turkish. Tu+ 8, March 4-5, 2023. Harvard University. (With Aslı Kuzgun).
- 2022 Adjectival Diminutives in Turkish. WAFL 16, September 30 - October 2, 2022. (With Furkan Dikmen).
- 2022 Adjectival Diminutives in Turkish. Dissecting Morphological Theory 3 (IMM20). Hungarian Research Center for Linguistics, Budapest, September 1-4, 2022. (With Furkan Dikmen).
- 2022 Revisiting Ergative Case in Laz. Theoretical Linguistics and Languages of the Caucasus. İstanbul Bilgi University, June 18-19, 2022. (With Ömer Demirok).
- 2022 TransMorpher: A Phonologically Informed Transformer-based Morphological Analyzer. The International Conference on Agglutinative Language Technologies as a challenge of Natural Language Processing (ALTNLP) June 7-8, 2022. (With Karahan Şahin).
- 2022 Differential Object Marking in Asia Minor Greek Revisited. Formal Approaches to Contact in/with Turkish, May 19-20, 2022. (With Metin Bağrıaçık).
- 2021 From Split-Ergativity Towards Accusativity in Heritage Kurmanji and Georgian. Heritage Language Syntax 2, December 2021. (With Ömer Demirok & Metin Bağrıaçık).
- 2020 Two types of Differential Object Marking. Boğaziçi University, November 2020.
- 2019 A Typology of Agreement and Case Interactions. LingDay, Boğaziçi University, May 2019.
- 2018 On the Interaction of Agreement and Overt Case. Kansas University, Lawrence, KS 2018.
- 2018 A Typology of Case and Agreement Interactions. NYU Brown Bag Series, New York, 2018.

TALKS

- 2018 Differential Object Marking and Nominal Licensing. LSA 2018 Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, January 2018.
- 2015 Merging Modifiers of an NP before Its Arguments. WCCFL 33. Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, March 2015.
- 2015 Reanalyzing Indo-Iranian “stems”: A case study of Adıyaman Kurmanji. Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey, UMass Amherst, November 2015. (With Laura Kalin)
- 2015 Extending Greenberg’s Universal 20: Adjectives, Arguments and the NP. Brown Bag Talk, Stony Brook University, May 2015.
- 2014 Functional Projections and Movement in DP : What ezafe teaches us. RULING IX, Rutgers University, April 2014.
- 2012 Ergativity, Case & Coordination in Adıyaman Kurmanji. Boğaziçi Linguistic Circle, Boğaziçi University, 2012.
- 2011 Cyclic Agreement and Empty Slots in Pazar Laz. The 37th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society: Special Session on Languages of the Caucasus, February 2011.
- 2011 Rubric as an Authentic Assessment Tool. Yalova University Teaching Workshop. Yalova, Turkey, 2011.

POSTERS

- On Agreement With and Past Oblique Subjects: New Considerations Based on Kurmanji. NELS 46, Concordia University, October 17, 2015. (Joint work with Mark Baker)
- A Bidimensional Semantics for Questions. Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey, UMass Amherst, November 2015.
- MI Questions in Turkish. The Fifth Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM 5). University of Delaware, October 2015.

BOOK

CHAPTERS

- Atlamaz, Ümit and Balkız Öztürk. (forthcoming). Türkçede İşteşlik.
- Atlamaz, Ümit and Ömer Demirok. (2023). Generative Grammar Approaches to Turkish, 6. Coordination. In *Encyclopedia of Turkic Languages and Linguistics Online*. General Editor: Lars Johanson.
- Atlamaz, Ümit. (2011). Adverbial Clauses in Pazar Laz. In *Pazar Laz*, ed. B. Öztürk, & M. Pöchtrager, pp. 139-144. LINCOM EUROPA.

OTHER
OUTPUT

Baker, Mark and Ümit Atlamaz. (2014). On the Relationship of Case to Agreement in Split-Ergative Kurmanji. *Manuscript*. Rutgers University.

Atlamaz, Ümit. (2014). Arguments and Modifiers in the DP. Qualifying Paper. Rutgers University.

Atlamaz, Ümit. (2012). Ergative as Accusative Case: Evidence from Adiyaman Kurmanji. Master's Thesis. Boğaziçi University.

AWARDS

Professional Development Fund, Rutgers University, 2017

Professional Development Fund, Rutgers University, 2016

Graduate School Conference Travel Fund, Rutgers University, 2015 (Twice)

Mellon Summer Research Grant, Rutgers University, 2013

Graduate School Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2012

Departmental Conference Travel Grant, Boğaziçi University, 2010

TEACHING

Boğaziçi University

- Fall 2023 Instructor, Linguistic Methodology (Ling 411)
Fall 2023 Instructor, Syntactic Theory (Ling 541)
Spring 2023 Instructor, Introduction to Computational Linguistics (Ling 360)
Spring 2023 Instructor, Syntax & Semantics of Turkish (Ling 314)
Fall 2022 Instructor, Linguistic Methodology (Ling 411)
Fall 2022 Instructor, Advanced Syntax (Ling 340)
Spring 2022 Instructor, Introduction to Computational Linguistics (Ling 360)
Spring 2022 Instructor, Syntax & Semantics of Turkish (Ling 314),
Fall 2021 Instructor, Syntactic Theory (Ling 541)
Fall 2021 Instructor, Semantics (Ling 305)
Spring 2021 Instructor, Sp. Top. Computational Methods in Linguistics (Ling 484)
Spring 2021 Instructor, Syntax & Semantics of Turkish (Ling 314),

Rutgers University

- 2016-2017 Instructor, Expository Writing,
2014 - 2017 Instructor, Introduction to Linguistic Theory (LING 201)
Fall 2014 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistic Theory (LING 201) (Instructor: Veneeta Dayal)

Yalova University

- 2011 – 2012 Instructor of English, Yalova University, Turkey

Boğaziçi University

- Fall 2010 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Language & Linguistics I, (Instructor: Sumru Özsoy)
Fall 2010 Teaching Assistant, Phonology (Instructor: Eser Erguvanlı Taylan)
Summer 2010 Instructor of Turkish, Turkish Language & Culture Program, (Instructor: Eser Erguvanlı Taylan)
Spring 2010 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Language & Linguistics I, (Instructor: Sumru Özsoy)
Spring 2010 Teaching Assistant, Structure of Modern Turkish, (Instructor: Didar Akar)
Fall 2009 Teaching Assistant, English Turkish Contrastive Analysis, (Instructor: Meltem Kelepir)
Summer 2009 Teaching Assistant, Turkish Language & Culture Program
2008 – 2009 Intern, English Teacher, Robert College, Turkey
Summer 2008 Teaching Assistant, Turkish Language & Culture Program

ADVISING

MA Theses

- In progress Nagihan Lüle
Null Arguments in Turkish
- In progress Metehan Eryılmaz (Metin Bağrıaçık, co-advisor)
Agreement Reversal in Surayt
- In progress Baran Günay (Ömer Demirok, co-advisor)
Conjunct Agreement in Hamshentsnag
- In progress Zeynep Feyza Erdemir (Ömer Demirok, co-advisor)
Reflexive Verbs in Turkish
- In progress Yağız Habib Demir (Suzan Üsküdarlı, co-advisor)
Temporal Reasoning in Large Language Models
- In progress Stenai Nuh (Tunga Güngör, co-advisor)
Impossible Languages and LLMs
- In progress Emrecaan Çelik (Albert Ali Salah, co-advisor)
McGurk Effect in Audio-Visual Language Models
- In progress Neslihan Cesur (Olca Taner Yıldız, co-advisor)
Abstract Meaning Representation for Turkish
- 2025 Kaan Bayar (Ömer Demirok, co-advisor)
Comparison of a morphological learner to child acquisition of the Turkish aorist
- 2025 Dilan Tanal (Nazik Dinçtopal Deniz, co-advisor)
Cue-based Retrieval During Online Processing of Sluicing Dependencies
- 2025 Ceren Oksal
Word Associations: A comparison of AI and Human Word Association Patterns
- 2025 Nureddin Cüneyd Ünal (Tunga Güngör, co-advisor)
A Computational Approach to Linguistic Relativity with Empirical Experimentation
- 2024 Arife Betül Yenice (Ömer Demirok, co-advisor)
Locative case in Turkish temporal adverbials
- 2024 Mustafa Kürşat Halat
Resolution of Turkish scalar implicatures by large language models
- 2023 Aslı Kuzgun
Genitive case in Turkish
- 2023 Büşra Marşan (Ömer Demirok, co-advisor)
Disambiguating De Dicto - De Re Ambiguities with Neural Language Models
- 2023 Olgun Dursun (Tunga Güngör, co-advisor)
A Novel Framework for Morphological Processing of Turkish
- 2023 Ezgi Samıyar (Metin Bağrıaçık, co-advisor)
Turkish as a heritage language: Diachronic change and synchronic variation of Turkish in the United Kingdom
- 2022 Pınar Aslan Kubilay
Semantics and Syntax of Herhangi Bir: An Alternative-Based Approach to Turkish Polarity Items

MEMBERSHIP

& SERVICE

Member, Linguistic Society of America, 2017 – 2019

Organizer, Syntax Reading Group (ST@R), Rutgers University, 2016 – 2018

Organizer, Syntax Lab, Rutgers University, 2015 – 2017

Student Representative, Job Search Committee, Rutgers University, Spring 2017

Editor, SNARL (Department Newsletter), Rutgers University, 2014 – 2017

President, Linguistics Graduate Student Assoc., Rutgers University, 2015 – 2016

Vice President, Linguistics Graduate Student Assoc., Rutgers University, 2014 – 2015

Colloquium Organizer, Rutgers University, 2013 – 2014

Secretary, Linguistics Graduate Student Assoc., Rutgers University, 2012 – 2013

Student Representative, Boğaziçi University, 2008 – 2009

REVIEWS

Article & Book

NLLT, SNLT, OUP, Linguistic Review, Syntax, TALLIP, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi

Conference

ConCALL 3, TLLC, NELS54

LANGUAGES

Native: Turkish, Kurmanji

Fluent: English

Intermediate: German

TECH

Code

Python, Go, SQL, R

Semantic Web

RDF, RDFS, OWL

Mark-up & Typesetting

HTML, CSS, Markdown, L^AT_EX

Linguistic Software

OTWorkplace, Praat