

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## DEMET KAYABAŞI

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

(Morpho)syntax, Syntax-Semantics  
Interface, Multi-modal language,  
Gesture

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### EDUCATION

2020 – (2025) Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Michigan. MI, Ann Arbor  
*Committee Chair: Assist Prof. Dr. Natasha Abner*

2017 – 2020 M.A. in Linguistics, Boğaziçi University. İstanbul, Turkey  
*Thesis: [The Causative-Inchoative in Turkish Sign Language and the Age-of-Acquisition Effects on Complex Clauses](#)*  
*Thesis Advisor: Assist. Prof. Dr. Kadir Gökgöz*

2013 – 2017 B.A. in Linguistics, Dokuz Eylül University. İzmir, Turkey.

### RESEARCH

*University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics*

2023-present Graduate Student Research Assistant at Sign Language & Multi-Modal Communication Lab, University of Michigan.  
*Organizing co-chair for Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory 2024 (PI & Co-chair: Assist Prof. Dr. Natasha Abner)*

2021 Summer Graduate Student Assistant at Sign Language & Multi-Modal Communication Lab, University of Michigan. PI: Assist. Prof. Dr. Natasha Abner  
*Boğaziçi University, Department of Linguistics*

2018 – 2020 Project Assistant at the BAP Project “Supporting Sign Language Development of Deaf Children with Hearing Parents through Linguistically-informed Preschool Stories” at Boğaziçi University. (Project Code: 14458). PI: Assist. Prof. Dr. Kadir Gökgöz  
*Experimental design, creation of visual materials for experiment task, data collection, data organization, data analysis, creative writing, academic writing*

2020 Assistant at SIGN-HUB Project, Boğaziçi University, Department of Linguistics.  
PI: Prof. Dr. Meltem Keleşir  
*Data organization, video editing*

### TEACHING

*University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics*

2023 Winter Graduate Student Mentor  
*Peer support for remote teaching & class observations*

2022 Fall Graduate Student Assistant, LING315 Introduction to Syntax by Assist. Prof. Dr. Natasha Abner

2022 Winter Graduate Student Instructor, LING347 Talking Minds by Dr. Lisa Levinson

2021 Fall Graduate Student Instructor, LING347 Talking Minds by Dr. Lisa Levinson

*Boğaziçi University, Department of Linguistics*

2018 Fall Teaching Assistant, LING101 Introduction to Linguistics by Assist. Prof. Dr. Kadir Gökgöz

*Guest Lecturer*

2021 Fall Syntactic Universals and Sign Languages for LING541 – Syntactic Theory taught by Assist. Prof. Dr. Ümit Atlamaz. Boğaziçi University, İstanbul.

2020 Fall *Sign Languages* module in ANTH-L200 Language and Culture taught by Sari Alper. Indiana University-East, Richmond, Indiana.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 **Kayabaşı, D.** The Emphatic Marker in Turkish: Two Reading. In *Proceedings of the 7th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+ 7)*, LSA Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.3765/ptu.v7i1.5324>
- 2022 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Gökgöz, K. The Causative-Inchoative Alternation and Age-of-Acquisition Effects on Multi-predicate Constructions in Turkish Sign Language. *Language Learning and Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15475441.2022.2047690>
- 2022 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Abner, N. On The Reflexive KENDİ in Turkish Sign Language. *Frontiers Psychology: Language Sciences -Sign Language Research Sixty Years Later: Current and Future Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.75345>
- 2020 **Kayabaşı, D.**, Sevgi, H., Özsoy, S. Null Arguments in Turkish Sign Language. *Morphological Complexity within and across Boundaries. In honour of Aslı Göksel* (Eds. Gürer, Aslı, Dilek Uygun-Gökmen and Balkız Öztürk), John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/slcs.215.14kay>
- 2018 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Özgen, M. A Phase-Based Account of NPI Licensing in Turkish. *Poznan Studies in Contemporary Linguistics*, 54(1). De Gruyter Mouton. <https://doi.org/10.1515/psicl-2018-0003>
- 2016 Can, Ö. & **Kayabaşı, D.** The {-gA/Iç} and {-(I/A)ç} Morphemes in Turkish: A Synchronic Approach to Derivation\*. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları*, 2016/1, 17-38. Boğaziçi University Press. <https://doi.org/10.18492/dad.49646>  
\*Published in Turkish under the title “Türkçede {-gA/Iç} ve {-(I/A)ç} Biçimbirimleri:Türetkenlik Çerçevesinde Eşsüremlili Bir Çalışma”.
- 2015 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Can, Ö., Contact Linguistics. *Tehlikedeki Diller Dergisi:Türk Dilleri*, vol. 4, 2015/6-7, pp. 7-21 Ankara & Astana.

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Abner, N. The Functions of KENDİ in Turkish Sign Language. *The Seventh Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic. (TU+7)*. University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT. United States.
- 2022 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Abner, N. The Functions of KENDİ in Turkish Sign Language. (Poster presentation). *Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research (TISLR14)*. National Museum of Ethnology. Osaka, Japan.
- 2022 **Kayabaşı, D.** The Emphatic Marker in Turkish: Two Readings. (Poster presentation). *The Seventh Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic. (TU+7)*. University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT. United States.
- 2021 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Abner, N. On The Syntactic Category of the Reflexive KENDİ in Turkish Sign Language. *Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory (FEAST)*. The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong, China.
- 2021 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Gökgöz, K. Valency-alternating Verbs in Turkish Sign Language and Age-of-Acquisition Effects\*. *The 34th National Conference of Linguistics*. Middle Eastern Technical University. Ankara, Turkey.  
\*Presented in Turkish under the title “Türk İşaret Dilinde Geçişli-Geçişsiz Değişkenliği Gösteren Eylemler ve Dil Edinim Yaşı Etkileri”.
- 2020 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Gökgöz, K. The Causative-Inchoative Alternation in Turkish Sign Language and the Age of Acquisition Effects on Complex Clauses. *Chicago Linguistic Society 56 (CLS 56)*. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. United States.
- 2020 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Gökgöz, K. The Causative-Inchoative Alternation in Turkish Sign Language and the Age of Acquisition Effects on Complex Clauses. *Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign language Theory (FEAST)*. Paris, France.
- 2019 Gökgöz, K., Özsoy, S., Sevgi, H., **Kayabaşı, D.**, S., Demirtaş, S., Yiğit, Z. G. The Process of Deaf Children’s Acquiring Signed and Spoken Language\*. *The 33th National Conference of Linguistic*. Mersin University. Mersin, Turkey.  
\*Presented in Turkish under the title “Sağır Çocuklarda İşaret ve Konuşulan Dil Edinim Süreçleri”.

- 2019 Özsoy, S., Demirtaş, S., Yiğit, Z. G., Sevgi, H., **Kayabaşı, D.**, Gökgöz, K. The Importance of Sign Language Acquisition for Deaf Children\*. *The 10th National Congress of Language and Speech Disorders*. Medipol University. İstanbul, Turkey.  
\*Presented in Turkish under the title “Sağır Çocukların İşaret Dili Edinmesinin Önemi”.
- 2019 **Kayabaşı, D.** & Gökgöz, K. Causative-Inchoative Alternation in Turkish Sign Language. (Poster presentation). *Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research (TISLR13)*. University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany.
- 2018 **Kayabaşı, D.** Possessive Raising Subjects versus Partitive Quantifier Subjects in Turkish: Inclusive and Exclusive Readings on The Subject.\* *The 32nd National Linguistics Conference*. Dokuz Eylül University. İzmir, Turkey  
\*Presented in Turkish under the title “Türkçede İyelik Yükseltme ve Parçalı Niceleyici Yapıları: Kapsayıcı ve Dışlayıcı Özne Okuması”.
- 2018 **Kayabaşı, D.** Null Subjects in Turkish Sign Language (TİD): Pro-Drop or Topic Drop? *The Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics (BUSCTEL)*. Boğaziçi University. İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2017 **Kayabaşı, D.**, Özgen M. NPI-Licensing in Turkish: A Phase-Based Mechanism Account\*. *The 31st National Linguistics Conference*. Anadolu University. Eskişehir, Turkey.  
\*Presented in Turkish under the title “Türkçede Olumsuz Kutuplanma Birimlerinin Yetkilendirilmesi: Evre Tabanlı Bir Yaklaşım”.
- 2016 **Kayabaşı, D.** NPI-Licensing in Turkish: A Forgetting-Based Mechanism Account. *The 10th Student Conference of Linguistics*. Dokuz Eylül University. İzmir, Turkey.
- 2016 **Kayabaşı, D.** [The {-gA/Iç} and {-(I/A)ç} Morphemes in Turkish: A Synchronic Approach to Derivation\*. *The 10th Student Conference of Linguistics*. Dokuz Eylül University. İzmir, Turkey.  
\*Presented in Turkish under the title “Türkçede {-gA/Iç} ve {-(I/A)ç} Biçimbirimleri: Türetkenlik Çerçevesinde Eşsüremlili Bir Çalışma”.

#### PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 Gökgöz, K., **Kayabaşı, D.** & Sevgi, H. Part 5 (Syntax), Chapter 2: Clause Structure, Section 2.1: The syntactic realization of argument structure. In. (Ed. Meltem Keleşir). *A Grammar of Turkish Sign Language (TİD)*. 1st Edition. SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series.
- 2018 **Kayabaşı, D.** Generative Grammar\* in (Ed. Özge Can) *Theories of Linguistics: Two Paradigms, Five Theories*\*. İthaki: İstanbul.  
\*Published in Turkish under the title “Üretici Dilbilgisi” in “Dilbilim Kuramları: İki Düzlem, Beş Kuram”.

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Emphatic Markers & Encoding of Event Participants in the Syntax-Semantics Interface. Graduate Student Colloquium. Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2021 On the Acquisition of Complex (multi-predicative) Clauses in Turkish Sign Language: A Comparison Between Early and Late Acquisition Groups Based on Production. Invited by the National Honor Society in Psychology Psi-Chi Chapter Meeting. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2021 On The Syntactic Category of the Reflexive KENDİ in Turkish Sign Language\* Invited by The Linguistics Students’ Platform (Dilbilim Öğrenci Platformu). Ankara, Turkey.  
\*Presented in Turkish under the title Türk İşaret Dilinde Dönüşlülük Bildiren “KENDİ”nin Dilbilgisel Kategorisi Üzerine”.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 **Kayabaşı, D.** (Transl.). Németh, M., Batı Karaycasının Lehçelere Ayrılma Süreci ve Dönemselleştirilmesi. From the original title “A Historical Phonology of Western Karaim: The Process of its Diversification into Dialects”. *Tehlikedeki Türk Dilleri III*, Vol.4, p. 263-276, Ankara & Astana.

## SERVICE

### *University of Michigan*

- 2023 Fall - *present* Member of the Graduate Student Committee. Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. United States.
- 2023 Fall - *present* Member of the Organization Committee of FEAST 2024 (Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory). Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. United States.
- 2022 Fall - *present* Organizing The Syntax-Semantics Discussion Group (SynSem). Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. United States.
- 2021 Fall - 2022 Winter Organizing Language Across Modalities Discussion Group (LingAMod) at Sign Language & Multi-Modal Communication Lab. Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. United States.
- 2021, 2022 Summer Organizing ASL Chats at Sign Language & Multi-Modal Communication Lab. Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. United States.
- 2021 Fall - 2023 Winter President of Graduate Linguistics at Michigan (GLaM). Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan.  
*A committee that organizes community building activities for graduate students*
- 2020 Fall - 2021 Winter Member of The Committee for Outreach and Inclusive Practice, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan.

### *Reviewing*

- 2023 Journal of Child Language Acquisition and Development (JCLAD)
- 2022 Student Conference on Linguistics (SCOL'22) Boğaziçi University. İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2022 The Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS58). University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. United States.
- 2019, 2018, 2017 Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical *and Experimental Linguistics* (BUSCTEL). Boğaziçi University. İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2016 The Olomouc Linguistic Colloquium (Olinco). Palacky University. Olomouc, Czechia.

### *Conference Organizing*

- 2023 - *present* Steering committee member for Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory 2024. University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics.
- 2022 On-site coordinator for the Student Conference on Linguistics (SCOL'22). Boğaziçi University. İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2020 On-site coordinator for Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics (BUSCTEL). Boğaziçi University. İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2019, 2018 Member of The Student Organization Committee of Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics (BUSCTEL). Boğaziçi University. İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2018 Registration & info desk at International Conference on Sign Language Acquisition (ICSLA). Koç University. İstanbul, Turkey.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2023 Rackham Humanities Research Candidacy Fellowship, University of Michigan  
*Advancement of research post-candidacy*
- 2022 Linguistics Summer Research Partnership Funding, University of Michigan  
*A graduate-student lead group project on creating course materials with data from under-represented languages*
- 2022 Block Grant, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan  
*Fieldwork expenses*
- 2021 Rackham Pre-Candidacy Research Grant, University of Michigan  
*Open-access fees at Frontiers in Psychology*
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*Open-access fees at Frontiers in Psychology.*

- 2021 Rackham Pre-Candidacy Research Grant, University of Michigan  
*Advancement of research and fieldwork expenses*
- 2020 Michigan Fellowship, University of Michigan.  
*First year of Ph.D. at the Department of Linguistics*
- 2019 Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Student Scholarship Award  
*Waiver granted to a selected number of students who were accepted to present at TISLR13*

#### **AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2022 – *present* Sign Language Linguistics Society  
2021 – *present* Linguistic Society of America

#### **LANGUAGES**

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| Turkish                | native   |
| English                | fluent in all skills                             |
| German                 | experience reading colloquial and academic texts |
| Finnish                | beginner, colloquial dialogue                    |
| Turkish Sign Language  | fieldwork, colloquial dialogue                   |
| American Sign Language | beginner   |

***References available upon request.***