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**EMPLOYMENT:**

<b>University of Michigan</b>	<b>Aug 2023 -</b>
<b>Lecturer (Department of History)</b>	<b>2023 -- Current</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing seminars and lectures on the regions of the Ottoman Empire and the modern history of political violence, terrorism, and military affairs.</li><li>• Teaching the survey lecture of "The World Before 1492"</li></ul>	
<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation</b>	<b>2002 – 2022</b>
<b>Special Agent (Detroit Division)</b>	<b>2020 – 2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Operations Group tasked with identifying and disrupting politically motivated threats related to the January 6 attack on the Capitol and the plot to kidnap the governor of Michigan.</li></ul>	
<b>Assistant Special Agent in Charge (Las Vegas Division)</b>	<b>2017 – 2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directed crisis management and continuity of operations as on-scene commander for such incidents as mass casualty shootings, Hostage Rescue Team operations, and Indian Country investigations.</li><li>• Led federal Cyber and Counterintelligence programs throughout the State of Nevada to address emerging cyber and insider threat risks to such institutions as the University of Nevada Reno, Nevada National Test Site, and many tech companies relocating to the Tesla Gigafactory complex.</li><li>• Established first relations with Black Rock City Corporation to provide security oversight and crisis training for annual Burning Man event involving over 100,000 participants in austere environment.</li><li>• Built &amp; maintained relations with State executives and C-Suite leaders to facilitate information sharing and joint planning.</li></ul>	
<b>Legal Attaché (Ankara – Turkey)</b>	<b>2015 – 2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior FBI and Department of Justice representative to Turkish government responsible for criminal and national security liaison work, and core member of Embassy Emergency Action Committee.</li><li>• Created partnership with Special Operations Command Counter - ISIS Task Force and Turkish National Police Special Operations for joint training and operations which led directly to locating and arresting the planner for the 2013 American Embassy bombing in Ankara.</li><li>• Track record of success in building, developing, and managing senior partnerships in Turkey to include multi-million-dollar train &amp; equip programs.</li><li>• Led crisis response efforts during 2016 attempted coup to locate and secure Americans while providing situational awareness to American corporations to assist in their response operations.</li></ul>	
<b>Squad Supervisor (Detroit Division)</b>	<b>2012 – 2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Led Joint Terrorism Task Force with focus on Iran, Hizballah, and Syria to include several successful interagency operations and prosecutions.</li></ul>	

- Provided corporate partners in FBI's Domestic Security Alliance Council with situational awareness of threat mitigation measures for operating in Eastern Mediterranean region.

**Assistant Legal Attaché (Istanbul - Turkey)**

**2009 – 2012**

- FBI and DoJ representative for all criminal and national security issues in Istanbul to include all legal liaison work with foreign government entities and international businesses in Istanbul
- Established first formal foreign law enforcement liaison working group to support Department of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council
- Awarded by Department of State in 2011 for leading the three-man evacuation team which flew under fire into Mitiga Air Force Base in Libya during the civil war to evacuate Embassy personnel

**Special Agent and WMD/Special Event Coordinator (Buffalo Division)**

**2002 – 2009**

- Case agent for multiple complex criminal and national security investigation and did advance work international trips for FBI Director to include Turkey and Indonesia
- Organized and led federal security planning for multiple nationally designated Special Events in the Western New York region
- Led responses to WMD threats in regional to include being on-scene commander for actual National Hazardous Material Response team deployment

<b>US Air War College</b>	<b>1996 – 2002</b>
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**Associate Professor of Turkish & Central Asian Studies**

**1996 – 2002**

- Prepared and led high-level delegations to former Soviet Union and Middle Eastern countries as part of the regional studies program
- Taught strategic and operational planning for future threat environments
- Special assignment to advise J5 policy planning staffs at European and Central Command in Theatre Engagement Planning for regional programs in the Aegean and Former Soviet Union

<b>Council on Foreign Relations</b>	<b>1999 – 2000</b>
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**International Affairs Fellow at Institute of Energy Economics (Tokyo, Japan)**

- Consulted on the reorganization of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's New Independent States Division
- Presented risk analysis to C-suite executives at Japanese holding companies like Itochu and Mitsui on long-range planning and threat mitigation for direct investment in unstable regions

<b>Bilkent University, (Ankara, Turkey)</b>	<b>1997 – 1998</b>
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**Visiting Research Professor**

- Served as advisor to Office of Defense Cooperation in Turkey on Peace Onyx F-16 Program
- Conducted research in military archives and interviews with Turkish high technology businesses to analyze development of Turkish aerospace industry

<b>Central Intelligence Agency January</b>	<b>1995 – 1997</b>
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**Intelligence Officer**

## **EDUCATION:**

- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Ph.D. (Middle Eastern/Balkan History)
- Boğaziçi University, Istanbul Certificate in Advanced Turkish Language
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor B.A. (Near Eastern & North African Studies)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Current TS/SCI clearance with polygraph
- Carnegie Mellon, Software Engineering Institute - Cybersecurity Oversight for Directors
- Global Information Assurance Certifications
- Security Planning, Policy and Leadership (GSTRT)
- Security Leadership (GSLC)
- Introduction to Cyber Security (GISF)
- Critical Security Controls: Planning, Implementing and Auditing

## **MAJOR AWARDS and DECORATIONS:**

- Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award (2nd highest DoJ award): for securing American interests and relations in Turkey during the 2016 attempted coup
- Department of State, Superior Honors Award: for personally leading the extraction team for the evacuation of American embassy in Libya
- FBI Director's Excellence in International Operations Award: for liaison work with Turkey
- Council on Foreign Relations: International Affairs Fellow
- Fulbright-Hays Fellowship

## **LANGUAGES:**

English (native), Turkish & French (functional fluency), Arabic & Serbo-Croatian (conversational and reading)

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Book & Book Chapters:**

- "Homicide Investigations in Ottoman Bosnia," in Ottoman Balkans. 1750-1830, Fredrick F. Anscombe (ed.) Markus Press, 2006.
- "Suspended Reality: Historical Perspectives on the Political Economy of Northern Iraq," in Shadow Wars: The Political Economy of Intra-State Wars, Dietrich Jung (ed.) Routledge Press, 2003
- "Peace Onyx: A Story of U.S.-Turkish F-16 Co-production," in Defense Cooperation: The Politics of the International Military Aerospace Industry, Christina Wood and David Sorenson (eds.), Ashgate Press 2000
- Ottoman Military Administration in 18th Century Bosnia, Brill Press, 1996

### **Articles and Reviews:**

- Review of M. Şükrü Hanioglu, Preparation for a Revolution: The Young Turks, 1902-1908 in International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Vol. 35, No.1, February 2003
- "U.S. Allies in Central Asia are Human-Rights Risks," Long Island Newsday, 30 January 2002, P. A43
- Review of Aleksandar Fotić, Sveto Gora I Hilandar u Osmanskom carstvu XV-XVII vek [Mount Athos

and Hilandar in the Ottoman Empire 15th-17th Centuries] in Middle Eastern Studies Association Bulletin, Vo. 35, 2001, P. 235

- "NATO Repeats Mistakes in Balkans," Long Island Newsday, 20 August 2001, P. A42
- "Mideast Violence Cycles On, Long Island Newsday, 10 August 2001, P. A41
- Review of Robert D. Kaplan, Eastward to Tartary: Travels in the Balkans, the Middle East and the Caucasus in Aerospace Power Journal, Vol. 15, No. 2 (Summer) 2001
- "Military is Treading Where Only Civilians Should," Long Island Newsday, 9 May 2001, P. A41
- "Israel and U.S. Fight Wrong Middle East Wars," Long Island Newsday, 3 March 2001, P. A41
- Reprint of "Hegemon Rising: The Gap Between Turkish Strategy and Military Modernization" in The Eurasian Politician, No.3, February 2001
- "Armenian Resolution-A Study in Foreign-policy Cowardice," Long Island Newsday, 21 December 2000, P. A48
- "Yükselen Hegemon: Türk Stratejisi Askeri Modernizasyonu Arasındaki Uçurum," Stratejik Analiz, No. 5, September 2000
- "Çin'in Avrasya Strateji [China's Eurasia Strategy]," Ulusal Strateji, No. 14, Sept-Oct, 2000
- "Evolutions in Central Asian Security Planning," Insight Turkey, Vol. 2, No. 3, July-September, 2000
- "Turkey's Power is a Worry for the U.S.," Long Island Newsday, 24 August 2000, P. A43
- "Commentary & Reply," Parameters, Vo. 30, No. 3 (Autumn) 2000
- "Orta Asya'nın Güvenliği [Central Asian Security]," Ulusal Strateji, No 12, May-June 2000
- Review of A.L. Macfie's The End of the Ottoman Empire, 1908-1923, in International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Vo. 32, No. 2, 2000
- "Kafkaslar'daki ikilem [The Caucasus Dilemma]," Ulusal Strateji, No. 12, May-June 2000
- "The Other End of the Silk Road: Japan's Eurasian Initiative," Central Asian Survey, Vol. 19, No. 1, 2000
- "Hegemon Rising: The Gap between Turkish Strategy and Military Modernization," Parameters, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Summer) 2000
- "ABD ortağı ya da AB üyesi [American Partner or European Member: Turkey's Future Security Role]," Ulusal Strateji, No. 11, March-April 2000
- "Japan's Gambit," Problems in Post-Communism, Vol. 47, No. 3, 2000
- "Nishi o miyo: Ka Su Pi Kai oyobi chuou ajia sho koku heno ajia no kanshin [Looking West: Asian Interests in the Caspian and Central Asia], Enelugi Keizai, Vol. 26, No. 3, March 2000 (Tokyo)
- "Ka Su Pi Kai Hatsu Seisaku No Nichi Bei Hikau [Comparative Attitudes Toward Development in the Caspian]," Enelugi Keizai, Vol. 25, No. 11, November 1999 (Tokyo)
- "The Imia/Kardak Affair: A Case Study in Inadvertent Conflict," European Security, Vol. 7, No. 4, 1998
- Review article of "Recent Publications of Ottoman History in Bosnia," Turkish Studies Association Bulletin, Vol. 21, No. 1, 1997
- Review of Justin McCarthy's Death and Exile in Middle Eastern Studies Association Bulletin, Vol. 30, 1996

### **Major Public Talks, Academic Presentations and Papers**

- "Strategic Distraction in Cybersecurity: How technical capabilities fail to transfer into strategic actions in business and government planning, " University of Nevada Cybersecurity Center, November 2019, Reno
- "Hegemon Risen: Turkey's Emergence as an Independent Authoritarian State," Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, October 2019, Ann Arbor
- "Legal and Interdisciplinary Aspects in Cybersecurity, " First Annual Cybersecurity Conference,

University of Nevada, April 2019

- "Keynote Speaker for Law Enforcement and the Energy Sector," GRIDSECCON, 2018, Las Vegas
- "The Tension Between Legality and Stability in Bosnia," Ottoman Bosnia -- Texts, Materials Interpretations, The Bosnia Institute, 8-9 June 2001, Sarajevo
- "East of the Silk Road," International Affairs Symposium, Council of Foreign Relations, 26-28 October, 2000, New York
- "Historical Perspectives on the Political Economy in Northern Iraq," Symposium on the Political Economies of Intra-State Wars, Copenhagen Peace Research Institute, 29 September-2 October 2000, Copenhagen
- "Keynote Speaker on Evolutions in Central Asian Security Planning," Building a Secure Eurasia for the 21st Century U.N. sponsored International Conference, 8-9 June 2000, Istanbul
- "Putting the Security Back into Energy Security," M.I.T.'s Center for International Studies, 14 February 2000, Cambridge
- "Educating Senior Leaders in Long Range Planning," Council on Foreign Relations-Hitachi Symposium, 17 November 1999, Tokyo
- [Keynote] "Japan's Eurasian Policies," 2nd Eurasian Economic Summit, 5-7 October 1999, Istanbul
- "Competing Investment Strategies in Central Asia and the Caucasus," Executive Seminar for the Japan National Oil Corporation, 17 September 1999, Tokyo
- "Search for Mutual Gain in the Caucasus," Marshall Center Conference on Building Bosnia-Herzegovina: The Economic and Institutional Foundations of Prosperity, 26 November-1 December 1998, Garmisch
- "Turkish Military Attitudes On Political Islam," Hoffman Memorial Seminar, George Washington University, 31 March-1 April 1998, Washington, D.C.