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Education

PhD, History University of Texas at Austin (2012)
Women, Education, and Modernization: Female Schoolteachers in the Late Ottoman Empire (1871-1922)

MA, History University of Texas at Austin (2005)
Articulating Legitimacy in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire: Innovation and Eclecticism in the Eighteenth-Century Fountain Architecture

BA, History Bogazici University (1998-2001)

Research Interests

Digital Humanities; Text Recognition and Textual Analysis for Humanities; History of the Modern Middle East; Modernization and Gender in the Ottoman Middle East; British Colonialism in the Gulf Region

Professional Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, NYU Abu Dhabi Arts&Humanities Division,
Fall 2021-current

Project Leader, "[Digital Ottoman Corpora: A Digital Infrastructure Creation Project](#)"

Project Leader, "[Ottoman Turkish Crowdsourcing Project](#)", NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities 2021-22

Adjunct Lecturer, NYU Abu Dhabi, Arab Crossroads Studies, Spring 2021

Visiting Scholar, NYU Abu Dhabi, History Program, Fall 2019-Fall 2000

Lecturer, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Summer 2012-Spring 2013

Lecturer, Austin Community College, Fall 2008

Publications

-Kirmizialtin Suphan*, Derincan Elif, Aladag Fatma. "Crowdsourcing Ottoman Cultural Heritage: *OTurC* and Participatory Digital Corpora Creation". In *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies*. Accepted for publication, forthcoming in Summer 2023.

-Kapan, Almazhan, Kirmizialtin, Suphan, Kukreja, Rhythm and Wrisley, David Joseph. "[Fine Tuning NER with spaCy for Transliterated Entities Found in Digital Collections From the Multilingual Arabian/Persian Gulf](#)". In *DHNB 2022 Conference Book of Abstracts* (Uppsala, 15-18 March 2022). 69-70.

-Kirmizialtin Suphan*, Wrisley David. "[Automated Transcription of Historical Periodicals with HTR: Challenges and Futures](#)". In *Digital Humanities Quarterly*. Volume 16:2, 2022.

-Kirmizialtin, Suphan. "Turkey". In *Women's Lives Around the World: Europe*, edited by Nancy Barbour: M.E. Sharpe, 2018.

-Kirmizialtin, Suphan. "Primary Schools". In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science, and Technology in Islam*, edited by Ibrahim Kalin; Oxford University Press (2014).

-Kirmizialtin, Suphan. "Afghanistan". In *Encyclopedia of American Women at War: From Home Front to the Battlefields*, edited by Lisa Tendrich: ABC-CLIO Publication, 2012.

-Kirmizialtin, Suphan. "Conversion in Ottoman Balkans: A Historiographical Survey". In *History Compass* 5, no. 2 (2007): 646-657.

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Invited Talks, Conference Presentations, Workshops

-Workshop taught at the [Digital Humanities Academy](#), Summer 2023, “Automated Text Recognition with Transkribus”

- “Decolonizing Digital Sources for the Middle Eastern History Classroom”, *Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference*, December 2022

- “Crowdsourcing for Digital Corpora Creation in Ottoman Turkish”, *Digital Ottoman Studies Conference*, University of Vienna, July 2022

-“Crowdsourcing for Digital Text Creation in non-Latin Scripts, A Case Study in Ottoman Turkish with OTurC”, *Digital Humanities Unbound*, May 2022

- “Digital Humanities Workshop: Handwritten Text Recognition for Archival Transcription” *Winter Institute Digital Humanities @International Council on Archives*, November 2021

- “Digital Approaches to Gulf Studies: Introducing OpeGulf” *Humanities Research Fellowship for the Study of the Arab World*, NYU Abu Dhabi, November 2021

-“Automated Transcription of Ottoman Turkish,” *Digital Humanities Summer Institute, RTL Workshop*, June 2020.

-“Handwritten-Text-Recognition for Arabic Script, ” *Islamicate Digital Humanities Network, 3rd Annual Conference*, April 2020.

- “Opening up the Ottoman Archive: Transkribus Applications for Ottoman Turkish, ” *Transkribus User Conference*, University of Innsbruck, Austria, February 2020.

-“ ‘Shrewd Daughters of Cooks, Butlers, Nurse Maids, and Servants’: Women School Teachers of the Late Ottoman Empire,” *NYUAD, History Program*, Abu Dhabi, April 2019.

-“Extra Ordinary Lives of Ordinary Teachers: Five Women Portraits from the Early Twentieth Century Turkey,” *Middle Eastern Studies Annual Conference*, San Diego, 2010.

-“A Pre-Modern Model of Co-Existence: the Ottoman Empire and Its Non-Muslim Subjects,” *Living Together through the Legacy of Abraham Conference*, St. Edward’s University-Austin, February 2006.

-“Decline or Transformation?: Nuruosmaniye Mosque in the Eighteenth Century Sources,” *Humanities Graduate Conference Liminality in the Humanities, An Interdisciplinary Exchange*, University of Utah, September 2004.

Professional Service and Membership

Editorial Board Member of [Journal of Digital Islamicate Research](#)

Advisory Board Member of Digital Ottoman Studies
<https://www.digitalottomanstudies.com/>

Member of the *Middle Eastern Studies Association*

Languages

Fluent in English and Turkish

Reading competency in French, German, and Ottoman Turkish