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EDUCATION

- PhD** **American University** (Washington, DC)
Communication
Graduation: May 2020
Dissertation: Networking Authoritarian Neoliberalism: Realigned Strategies of Information Control and Resistance in the Case of Turkey
Committee: Laura DeNardis (chair/adviser), Katherine Montgomery, Erica Menchen-Trevino, Mark Andrejevic
- M.A.** **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**
Media Studies
Graduation: December 2014
Thesis: Redefining News in the Face of Economic Crises: The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's* Transition to a Watchdog Journal.
Committee: David S. Allen (chair/adviser), Richard K. Popp, Thomas M. Malaby
- B.A.** **Dokuz Eylül University** (Izmir, Turkey)
Political Science and Public Administration
Graduation: June 2007
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PUBLICATIONS

"Outsourcing censorship and surveillance: The Privatization of Governance as an Information Control Strategy in the Case of Turkey." In *The Routledge Handbook of Developments in Digital Journalism Studies*, edited by Bob Franklin and Scott A. Eldridge II, 2019.

"Emegin Uberizasyonu" (Uberization of Labor), *Yeni E*, May 2018.

"Book review: Bilge Yesil, Media in new Turkey: The Origins of an Authoritarian Neoliberal State," *Journalism*, February 2017.

"Privatization of Governance, Delegated Censorship, and Hegemony in the Digital Era: The Case of Turkey," *Journalism Studies*, June 2016.

"The Boundaries of Watchdog Journalism at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel," *Field Notes*, June 2015.

“Dijital Demokrasi'nin Ekonomi Politigi” (“The Political Economy of ‘Digital Democracy’”), *Evensel Kultur*, August 2013.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Rent is Too Damn High”: Housing Security and Homelessness Portrayals in U.S. Print News Coverage,” co-authored with Caty Borum Chattoo, David Conrad, and Lori Young. Won the Top Poster Paper of ICA’s Journalism Studies Division, May 2020 at 70th Annual ICA Conference.

“Self-censorship and the Privatization of Censorship: Challenges to Ethical Journalistic Practice in Turkey,” co-authored with David Allen, November 2019, Symposium on Digital Ethics at Loyola University in Chicago.

“Networking Authoritarian Neoliberalism and Decentralized Protest: Information Control Strategies and the Gezi protests in Turkey,” May 2019, ICA preconference “Organizing Resistance beyond the Boundaries of Neoliberal Capitalism,” in Washington, DC.

“The Privatization of Internet Governance as an Information Control Strategy in Turkey,” May 2019, May 2019, ICA preconference “Internet Governance and Communication beyond Borders,” in Washington, DC.

“Networking Control and Protest: The Turkish Experience within Global Trends,” presented in November 2017 at the NCA 103rd Annual Convention, “Our Legacy, Our Relevance,” in Dallas, Texas.

“Networked Control and Networked Resistance in Turkey’s Authoritarian Neoliberal Turn,” presented in July 2017 at the IAMCR conference, “Transforming Culture, Politics & Communication: New Media, New Discourses,” in Cartagena, Colombia.

“The Struggle to Control the Flow of Information in the Digital Era: Privatization of Governance and Hegemony in the Case of Turkey,” presented in November 2016 at the NCA preconference, “Media and Class in the 21st Century,” in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Redefining News in the Face of Economic Crises: The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*’s Transition to a Watchdog Journal,” presented in April 2015 at the University of Oregon’s “What is Journalism? Exploring the Past, Present, and Future” conference in Portland, Oregon.

“Liberalism without Democracy: The Turkish Media’s Political Economy,” presented in November 2013 at the Union for Democratic Communications (UDC) Conference in San Francisco, California.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-present **Adjunct Instructor**
American University

Courses taught:
Understanding Media (Comm 100)
Writing for Communication (Comm 200)
Digital Media and Culture (Comm 365)
Foreign News and the Press (Comm 443/643)

**Teaching Assistant
American University**

Courses taught:
Myths of the Media (Comm 360)
Understanding Media (Comm 100)

2020-present **Adjunct Instructor
Catholic University of America**
Courses taught:
MDIA 424: The Rhetoric of Advertising

2012-2014 **Teaching Assistant
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**
Courses taught:
Media Writing (JAMS 201)
Internet Culture (JAMS 113)

GUEST LECTURES

American University, Digital Media & Culture (COMM 365), April 2017
Topic: Networked individual

American University, Understanding Media (COMM 100-002), February 2016
Topic: Surveillance in film and news

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School Colloquium, October 2013
Topic: Press freedom and the Turkish media's political economy

FELLOWSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2018-present **Center for Media & Social Impact (CMSI) Researcher**
Washington, DC

2015-present **AU Internet Governance Lab Fellow**
Washington, DC

2017 **NCA Doctoral Honors Seminar Participant**
Bowling Green, OH

2016 **Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute Fellow**
Oxford, England

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Turkish – Native
English – Fluent

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Communication Association (NCA)

International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Top Poster Paper Award, ICA Annual Conference, Journalism Studies Division (2020)

Doctoral Student Research Award, American University (2017, 2018)

Travel Grants, American University (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

Travel Grants, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2013, 2014).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009-2011 **Foreign news and diplomacy editor**
Hurriyet Daily News (Istanbul, Turkey)
Assigned and edited stories for the international and diplomacy section of the English-language daily newspaper. Wrote analyses of the day's top news.

REFERENCES

Dr. Laura DeNardis
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