

# UMUT DEMİRGÜÇ THURMAN

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## EDUCATION

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- 2005 Master of Fine Arts, *magna cum laude* - Metalsmithing & Jewelry  
University of North Texas, Denton, TX
- 1997 Bachelor of Fine Arts - Textile and Fashion Design  
Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey

## SOLO and TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

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- 2022 "Tales From the Bench", Solo Exhibition: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX
- 2020 "Pas de deux", A Couples Exhibition: Gough Gallery, Patterson-Appleton Arts Center,  
Denton, TX
- 2014 "Synergies", Two-person Exhibition with James Thurman: Radford University Covington  
Center Art Museum, Radford, VA
- 2011 "Metal ve Kağıt İşler", Two-person Exhibition with Berna Erkün: R.D. Art Gallery,  
Ankara, Turkey
- 2009 "Metal ve Renk", Solo Exhibition: R.D. Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey  
"Metal İşler", Two-person Exhibition with Tadashi Koizumi: Mutlu Sanat Odası, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 "Mineli Objeler", Solo Exhibition: Ayşe Takı Galerisi Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 "Metal Objeler", Solo Exhibition: Mutlu Sanat Odası, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005 "Transparent Metals", MFA Exhibition: Cora Stafford Gallery, Denton, TX

## COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITIONS

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- 2017 "Collaborate 4", with Collaborate4, Curated by Herbert Holl: UNT on the Square Gallery,  
Denton, TX
- 2016 "Maddenin Halleri-II", with Collaborate4: Atelier Maya, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 "Lands and Lines-II", with Collaborate4, Curated by Halil Altın: Galeri Tasarım, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 "Land and Lines-I", with Collaborate4: Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey  
"Trunk Show", with Collaborate4, curated by Pınar Dölarıslan: ProDS, Istanbul, Turkey  
"Takı + Resim = Sergi", with Collaborate4: Atelier Maya, Istanbul, Turkey  
"Maddenin Halleri-I", with Collaborate4, Curated by Şanel Şan: Armaggan Art Gallery, Istanbul,  
Turkey

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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- 2023 "Paper Alchemy", Traveling Group Exhibition: Floyd Center For the Arts, Floyd, VA
- 2022 "Uyum ve Denge: Cam Işıkla Yaşar", Invitational Group Exhibition: AKM, Istanbul, Turkey  
"Paper Alchemy", Traveling Group Exhibition: Covington Center Art Museum, Radford  
University, VA  
"Paper Alchemy", Traveling Group Exhibition: Lighthouse ArtCenter, Tequesta, FL  
"Paper Alchemy", Traveling Group Exhibition: Hecho A Mano Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
"Paper Alchemy", Traveling Group Exhibition: Reavley Gallery, Stephen Austin State University,  
Nacogdoches, TX

- "PLAN B", Traveling Group Exhibition: Adorned Spaces SNAG Conference, Providence RI  
Ombre Gallery, Cincinnati, OH - Pistachios Gallery, Chicago, IL - NYC Jewelry Week, NY
- 2021 "Paper Alchemy", Traveling Group Exhibition: Atelier Maya, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2020 Romanian Jewelry Week, Group Exhibition: Bucharest, Romania
- 2019 "Hidden Treasures-Enveloped Metalwork", Juried Exhibition: Craft Alliance Center of Art and Design's Delmar Loop Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
"Wearable Pewter", Group Exhibition: Alliances Gallery, Lille, France  
"Wearable Pewter", Group Exhibition: SNAG Conference City Soles, Chicago, Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey  
"Red", Group Exhibition: Mobilia Gallery, Cambridge, MA  
"5th Annual World Championship Belt Buckle Competition", Juried Exhibition: Form and Concept Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 2018 "Contemporary Enamel", Curated International Traveling Exhibition: Ayşe Takı Galerisi Istanbul, Turkey, Officine Nora Florence, Italy, Pocosin Arts South Carolina, USA
- 2017 UNT Faculty Exhibition: University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
"Chaos", Group Exhibition: Ro2 Art Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2016 "Gerçek ve Sanal Zincir", Group Exhibition: Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey  
"2016 World Championship Belt Buckle Competition", Juried Online Exhibition: <http://worldchampionbuckle.com/>
- 2015 "Adorned Spaces", Group Exhibition: Society of North American Goldsmiths conference, Boston, MA
- 2014 "41 Kere", Group Exhibition: Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey  
UNT Faculty Exhibition: University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
Instructor Exhibition: Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN  
"Cold Connections", Group Exhibition: UNT On the Square Gallery, Denton, TX  
"Craft Texas", Juried Exhibition: Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
Mothers Day Exhibition, Invitational Exhibition: Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 "Cam Ocağı Ege'de", Invitational Group Exhibition: Ege University, İzmir, Turkey  
"Food for Thought", Invitational Group Exhibition: Thomas Mann Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2010 "Sokağa Açılan Sanat Pencereleri", Invitational Group Exhibition: Mutlu Sanat Odası, Istanbul, Turkey  
"Aşk", Invitational Exhibition: Galeri Binyıl, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 "Decorative Resurgence", Juried Exhibition: Rowan University Art Gallery, NJ
- 2006 "Polished: Three Decades of Metal at the UNT", Invitational Group Exhibition: Artspace Fort Worth Gallery, TX  
"Golden Opportunity", Juried Exhibition: Society of North American Goldsmiths Conference, Marx-Saunders Gallery, Chicago, IL and Association for Contemporary Jewelry conference, London, England
- 2005 "Water Week Group Exhibition", Invitational Exhibition: University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
"On the Verge", Student Juried Exhibition: Society of North American Goldsmiths Conference, Crowne Plaza, Cleveland, OH  
Voertman Annual Student Art Competition: Denton, TX  
Union Student Art Competition: Denton, TX

- International Student Art Competition: UNT, Denton, TX
- 2004 "Kinne's Jewelers Exhibition", Invitational Exhibition: Kinne's Jewelry, Gainesville, TX  
"Betty Crocker & Beyond Domestic Accessories Exhibition", Juried Exhibition: UNT, Denton, TX  
Union Student Art Competition: UNT, Denton, TX  
International Student Art Competition: UNT, Denton, TX
- 2003 Voertman Annual Student Art Competition: UNT, Denton, TX

## CURATORIAL WORK

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- 2018 "UNT Metalsmithing and Jewelry, Lineages" by UNT Faculty and students: UNT on the Square Gallery, Denton, TX  
"Contemporary Enamel" by 25 enamel artists, International Touring Exhibition: Ayşe Taki Galerisi Istanbul-Turkey, Officine NoraFlorence-Italy, and Pocosin Arts South Carolina, USA
- 2013 "I am Iron Man" by Dauvit Alexander: Ayşe Taki Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 "New Works" by James Thurman: Ayşe Taki Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey

## AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2022 Book: "Mine Sanatı ve Teknikleri" (Enameling and Techniques), Myrina Publishing, Ankara, Turkey
- 2013 Article: "Traditional Turkish Metalwork: Kazazlık", SNAG News
- 2008 Article: "Mine Sanatı ve Teknikleri" (The Art of Enameling), Artist Modern Magazine, May issue.  
Article: "Metal ve Mine Sanatçısı Harlan W. Butt" (Metalsmith and Enamelist Harlan W. Butt), Artist Modern Magazine, June issue.

## PUBLICITY

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- 2018 Interview: Voyage Dallas Magazine, Dallas, TX  
<http://voyagedallas.com/interview/check-umut-demirguc-thurmans-artwork/>
- 2016 Article: Ornament Magazine, by Glen R. Brown, 39:1, pps. 40-45  
Book: Art Jewelry Today 4. Korinchak, Sandra. Pennsylvania: Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.
- 2015 Article: FormSante Magazine, by Ayşegül Uyanık Örnekal, July issue, Turkey  
Article: Pozitif Magazine, August issue, Turkey
- 2013 Interview: Bast Home Magazine, January issue, Turkey
- 2012 Interview: İsmek Haber Bülteni Magazine, March issue, Turkey
- 2010 Article: Maison Française Magazine, September issue, Turkey  
Interview: Fokus Magazine, January issue, Turkey
- 2009 Interview: Kariyer Magazine, January issue, Turkey  
Book: "Bangles and Bracelets" by Amanda Doughty, page 83  
Article: Maison Française Magazine, December issue, Turkey  
Article: Istanbul Life Magazine, December issue, Turkey  
Article: Istanbul Kültür ve Sanat Haritası Magazine, December issue, Turkey  
Article: Istanbul Kültür ve Sanat Haritası Magazine, March issue, Turkey  
Article: Ankara More Magazine, March issue, Turkey

- 2008 DVD-Rom: "Virtual Gallery of Contemporary Fine Metalwork", University of Central England, Birmingham, England  
 Article: Maison Française Magazine, Turkey  
 Article: Istanbul Life Magazine, Turkey  
 Article: Istanbul Kültür ve Sanat Haritası, Turkey  
 Article: Radikal Newspaper, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Turkey  
 Article: Milliyet Newspaper, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Turkey  
 Article: Taraf Newspaper, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Turkey
- 2007 TV Interview: "Hayat", Turkmax Channel, Turkey  
 TV Interview: "Gece-Gündüz", NTV Channel, Turkey  
 TV Interview: "Günde sanat", TRT 2 Channel, Turkey  
 Article: Güneş Işığı Magazine, Turkey  
 Article: Artist Modern Magazine, Turkey  
 Article: Cosmopolitan Magazine, Turkey  
 Article: Harper's Bazaar Magazine, Turkey  
 Article: Hülya Magazine, Turkey  
 Article: House Beautiful Magazine, Turkey
- 2005 Interview: UNT Daily News, Denton, TX
- 2004 Article: Gainesville Daily News, Gainesville, TX
- 2003 Article: March, Crart Monthly Art Magazine, Vol.3, No.19, South Korea

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2014 to present | Adjunct Faculty: University of North Texas, Denton, TX   |
| 2019-2006       | Coordinator and Instructor: Enameling and Metals department at Cam Ocağı Vakfı (The Glass Furnace), Istanbul, Turkey |
| 2013 - 2010     | Instructor: Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey   |
| 2005– 2002      | Teaching Assistant/Fellow: University of North Texas, Denton, TX   |
| 1998-1996       | Arts Instructor: Barış Elementary School, Istanbul, Turkey   |

## WORKSHOPS

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- 2023 Enameling: Anadolu University, Fine Arts Faculty, Eskişehir, Turkey  
 Enameling: Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2022 Enameling: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Needle Felting: Art Room, Denton, TX  
 Mini Blacksmithing: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Turkish Filigree: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Torch Fired Enameling: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Needle Felting: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Advanced Enameling: Plique-a-Jour, The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
 Advanced Enameling: Champleve, The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
 Advanced Enameling: Cloisonne, The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021 Turkish Filigree: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Needle Felting: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Machine Stitched Baskets: Denton Workbench, Denton, TX  
 Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey

- 2020 Turkish Filigree: A Creative Arts Studio, Denton, TX
- 2019 Needle Felting: A Creative Arts Studio, Denton, TX  
Wet Felting: A Creative Arts Studio, Denton, TX  
Felted Hat Making: A Creative Arts Studio, Denton, TX
- 2018 Enameling: University of Louisiana, Metalsmithing and Jewelry Program, Lafayette, LA  
Needle Felting: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX  
Machine Stitched Baskets: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX  
Wet Felting: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX  
Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
Basic Metalsmithing: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 Machine Stitched Baskets: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX  
Needle Felting: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX  
Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 Beginner Enameling: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX  
Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 Beginner and Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
Machine Stitched Baskets: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX
- 2014 Beginner and Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
Enameling, Radford University Metalsmithing Program: Radford, VA  
Beginner and Advanced Enameling: İşlik Kadıköy, Istanbul, Turkey  
Needle Felting: Oil & Cotton, Dallas, TX  
Needle Felting: University of North Texas Metals Club, Denton, TX  
Enameling: Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2013 Beginner and Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
Beginner and Advanced Enameling: İşlik Kadıköy, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 Beginner and Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
Basic Metalsmithing, Mahrec Sanatevi: Istanbul, Turkey  
Beginner and Advanced Enameling: İşlik Kadıköy, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 Beginner and Advanced Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey  
Basic Metalsmithing: Mahrec Sanatevi, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 Beginner Enameling: Mersin University, Mersin, Turkey
- 2006 Beginner Enameling: The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey

## GUEST LECTURES

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- 2023 Anadolu University, Fine Arts Faculty, Eskişehir, Turkey
- 2019 University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
Visual Arts Society of Texas, Denton, TX
- 2018 University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA  
Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX
- 2016 University of North Texas, Denton, TX
- 2014 Radford University, Radford, Virginia
- 2011 University of North Texas, Denton, TX
- 2010 Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 Mersin University, Mersin, Turkey
- 2006 Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
- 2006 The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey

## **AWARDS**

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- 2012 Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Association (GAP) & PAYDA,  
\$1000: "Design Consultation for Turkish Women's work cooperative", Turkey  
Crafthaus Project Grant Award (\$400), total of 15 projects, received 3307/6943 votes:  
"Design Consultation for Turkish Women's work cooperative", USA
- 2005 UNT President's Honor Roll, Denton, TX  
Thomas Byrne Student Scholarship, Denton, TX

## **GALLERY REPRESENTATION**

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Atelier Maya, Istanbul/Urla, Turkey  
Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey  
Mutlu Sanat Odası, Istanbul, Turkey

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Society of North American Goldsmiths  
The Enamelist Society