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EDUCATION

2005 Master of Fine Arts, *with honors* - Metalsmithing & Jewelry
University of North Texas, Denton, TX

1997 Bachelor of Fine Arts - Textile and Fashion Design
Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014 to present Adjunct Faculty
University of North Texas, Denton, TX

2019-2006 Coordinator and Instructor: Enameling and Metals department
The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 - 2010 Instructor: Jewelry Design
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

EXHIBITIONS

2022 "Tales From the Bench", Solo Exhibition, Denton Workbench, Denton, TX
"Paper Alchemy", Group Exhibition, Lighthouse ArtCenter, Tequesta, FL
"Paper Alchemy", Group Exhibition, Covington Center Art Museum, Radford University,
Radford, VA
PLAN B, Traveling Group Exhibition, June 1-3 Adorned Spaces SNAG Conference Providence RI,
June 19-July 30 Ombre Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, Aug 11- Oct 1 Pistachios Gallery, Chicago, IL,
Nov 14-20 NYC Jewelry Week, NY

2021 "Paper Alchemy", group exhibition, Atelier Maya, Istanbul, Turkey

2020 Romanian Jewelry Week, Bucharest, Romania
"Pas de deux/Step of two: A Couples Exhibition", Gough Gallery, Patterson-Appleton Arts
Center, Denton, TX

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, Alliages Gallery, Lille, France
- “Wearable Pewter”, 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 Touring Exhibition, Ayşe Takı Galerisi Istanbul-Turkey, Officine NoraFlorence-Italy, Pocosin Arts South Carolina, USA
- 2017 UNT Faculty Exhibition: University of North Texas, Denton, TX
- “Collaborate 4”, curated exhibition, UNT on the Square Gallery, Denton, TX
- “Chaos”, group exhibition, Ro2 Art Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2016 “Gerçek ve Sanal Zincir”, group exhibition, Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey
- “Maddenin Halleri II”, group exhibition, Atelier Maya, Istanbul, Turkey
- “2016 World Championship Belt Buckle Competition,” Finalist.
<http://worldchampionbuckle.com/>
- 2015 “Adorned Spaces”, group exhibition, Society of North American Goldsmiths conference, Boston, MA
- 2014 “Synergies”, two-person exhibition with James Thurman, Radford University Covington Center Art Museum, Radford, VA
- “Lands and Lines-II”, with Collaborate4, curated exhibition, Galeri Tasarım Jewelry Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- “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
- 2013 “Maddenin Halleri-I”, group exhibition, Armaggan Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- Trunk Show, invitational, ProDS, Istanbul, Turkey
- “Land and Lines-I”, with Collaborate4, curated exhibition, Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey
- Mothers’ Day Exhibition, invitational exhibition, Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 “Metal ve Kağıt İşler”, two-person exhibition with Berna Erkün, R.D. Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
- “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 “Metal ve Renk”, solo exhibition, R.D. Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
 “Metal İşler”, curated two-person exhibition with Tadashi Koizumi, Mutlu Sanat Odası, Istanbul, Turkey
 "Decorative Resurgence", juried exhibition, Rowan University Art Gallery, NJ
- 2008 “Mineli Objeler”, solo exhibition, Ayşe Takı Galerisi Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 “Metal Objeler”, solo exhibition, Mutlu Sanat Odası, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 “Polished: Three Decades of Metal at the UNT”, invitational 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 “Transparent Metals”, MFA Exhibition, Cora Stafford Gallery, Denton, TX
 “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 City Centre, 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

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

- 2011 "New Works" by James Thurman
Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey

AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS

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

PUBLICITY

- 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, 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 14th, Turkey
Article: Milliyet newspaper, December 19th, Turkey
Article: Taraf newspaper, December 24th, 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

WORKSHOPS

- 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: Champeve, The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey
 Advanced Enameling: Cloisonne, The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey
 2021 Turkish Filigree, 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

- 2019 University of North 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 Middleast Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
- 2006 The Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey

AWARDS

- 2012 Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Association (GAP) & PAYDA,
 \$1000: "Design Consultation for Turkish Women's work cooperative", Turkey
 Crafhhaus 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

Ayşe Takı Galerisi, Istanbul, Turkey

Mutlu Sanat Odası, Istanbul, Turkey

Atelier Maya, Istanbul, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of North American Goldsmiths

The Enamelist Society