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Postdoctoral Training in Early Development and Learning Laboratory, Center for Brain, Biology, and Behavior, and Department of Child Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln (August 2016 –June 2017) (Advisor: Dr. Victoria Molfese)

Ph.D. in Human Sciences with specialization in Child, Youth, and Family Studies (August 2016), University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dissertation: Examining the Roles of Child Temperament, Home, and Classroom Environments on Low Income Preschool Children’s Self-Regulation) (Advisor: Dr. Julia C. Torquati)

Minor in Quantitative, Qualitative and Psychometric Methods at Department of Educational Psychology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Certificate in Mixed Methods Research, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (December, 2014)

M.S. in Child, Youth, and Family Studies (May, 2013) - *Fulbright Scholar* University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Thesis: Predictors of Preschool Children’s Peer Interactions: Temperament and Prosocial Behavior (Advisor: Dr. Julia C. Torquati)

B.A., in Elementary Teaching (July, 2010) Trakya University, Edirne, Turkey

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020- Present: Associate Professor – Department of Psychology, Özyeğin University

2018 –2020: Assistant Professor – Department of Psychology, Özyeğin University

2017-2018: Assistant Professor – Department of Early Childhood Education, Istanbul Medipol University

2016-2017: Postdoctoral Researcher, Early Development and Learning Laboratory, Center for Brain, Biology, and Behavior, and Department of Child Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

PUBLICATIONS

Published Work

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- Güler Yıldız, T., Gönen, M., Ülker Erdem, A., Garcia, A., Raikes, H., **Acar, I.**, Burçak, F., Turan, F., Can Gül, S., & Davis, D. (2019). Examining the associations between children's receptive language skills and developmental domains in the United States and Turkey, *Journal of Child Language*, 46(3), 480-500. doi:10.1017/S0305000918000570
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Submitted Work

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- Acar, I. H. & Veziroglu-Celik, M., Moritz Rudasill, K., & Sealy, M. (Submitted). Preschool Children's Self-Regulation and Learning Behaviors: The Moderating Role of Teacher-Child Relationship.

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Acar, I. H.** & Veziroglu Celik, M. (November, 2020). *Children's Temperament and Learning Behaviors: The Moderating Roles of Parent-Child and Teacher-Child Relationships*. Poster presented at the Occasional Temperament Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia. (Virtual Conference)
- Hamamcı, B., **Acar, I. H.**, Uyanık, G. (September, 2020). *Çocukluk Dönemi Yürütücü İşlevler Envanteri Ebeveyn Formu'nun Okul Öncesi Dönem Çocuklar İçin Geçerlik Güvenirlilik Çalışması*. VII International Eurasian Educational Research Congress, Eskişehir (Online)
- Acar, I.H.** & Veziroglu Celik, M. (October, 2019). *Do Preschool Children's Self-Regulation and Teacher-Child Relationships Matter for Their Learning Behaviors?* Paper presentation presented at the International Early Childhood Education Congress, Kars, Turkey
- Ahmetoglu, E., Aksin-Yavuz, E., **Acar, I.H.** Gıcı Vatanserver, A., Shpendi Sirin, T., Burak, Y., Asık Ozturk, M., & Sonmez, I. (October, 2019). “*Children in Action: The Effects of Motor Development Program*” in *Preschool Years On Motor Development*. Paper presentation presented at the International Early Childhood Education Congress, Kars, Turkey
- Kumru, A., **Acar, I.**, & Veziroglu-Celik, M., (August, 2019). *Mediational role of emotion regulation between the quality of parenting and social competence in preschool children from Turkey*. Paper symposia presented at the 19th Conference on Developmental Psychology (ECDP), Athens, Greece.
- Veziroglu-Celik & **Acar, I.H.** (August, 2019). *The contributions of preschool children's temperament and parent-teacher relationships to their teacher-child relationships*. Paper presented at the 29th European Early Childhood Education Research Association Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Acar, I. H. (2018, August). *The Contributions of Child Temperament to Children's Relationships with Parents: The Moderating Role of Child Gender*. Paper presented at the 28th European Early Childhood Education Research Association Conference, Budapest, Hungary.
- Acar, I.H.** Ucus, S. (2018, August). *Turkish Children's Temperament and the Qualities of Teacher-Child Relationships*. Paper presented at the 28th European Early Childhood Education Research Association Conference, Budapest, Hungary.
- Desmarais, E. E., French, B. F., Youatt, E., Allard, T., **Acar, I.**, Ahmetoglu, E., Casalin, S., Linhares, B., Lecannelier, F., Wang, Z., Tuovinen, S., Heinonen, K., Montiroso, R., Han, S., Huitron, B., Garcia, V., Beijers, R., Majdandžić, M., Benga, O., Slobodskaya, H., Kozlova, E., Gonzalez-Salinas, C., Putnam, S., Gartstein, M. A. (2018, July). *Temperament and the “developmental niche”: Contributions of bedtime routine*

- across 14 cultures. Poster presented at the 2018 International Congress on Infant Studies in Philadelphia, PA.
- Acar, I.H.** (2018, April). *Early Elementary School Children's Peer Relations: Temperament and Parent-Child Relationships*. Paper presented at the 1st International Congresses on New Horizons in Education and Social Science, Istanbul, Turkey
- Acar, I.H.** & Ucus, S. (2018, May). *Teachers' Temperament and Creativity as Predictors of Their Mastery Goals*. Vth International Eurasian Educational Research Congress, Antalya, Turkey
- Ucus, S. & **Acar, I. H.** (2018, May). *Predictors of Teachers' Social Expression: Innovation and Temperament*. Vth International Eurasian Educational Research Congress, Antalya, Turkey
- Sonmez, I. Ahmetoglu, E., **Acar, I. H.** (2018, May). *Okul Öncesi Dönem Çocuklarının Erken Öğrenme Becerilerinin İncelenmesi*. Paper presented at the 8th International Conference of Strategic Research on Scientific Studies and Education. Vienna, Austria.
- Ahmetoglu, E. Sonmez, K., **Acar, I.H.** (2018, May). *Çocukların Mizaçları ile Oyun Davranışları Arasındaki İlişkinin İncelenmesi*, Paper presented at the 8th International Conference of Strategic Research on Scientific Studies and Education. Vienna, Austria.
- Ahmetoglu, E., Burak, Y., & **Acar, I. H.** (2018, March). *Otizm Spektrum Bozukluğu Olan Kaynaştırma/Bütünleştirme Öğrencisine Yönelik His, Tutum ve Görüşler Ölçeği'nin Geçerlik ve Güvenilirlik Çalışması*. Paper presented at the International Congress on Science and Education, Afyon, Turkey
- Ahmetoglu, E., Burak, Y., & **Acar, I. H.** (2018, March). *Öğretmenlerin Otizm Spektrum Bozukluğu Olan Öğrencilerin Katıldıkları Kaynaştırma/Bütünleştirme Yoluyla Eğitim Uygulamalarına İlişkin Algıları*, Paper presented at the International Congress on Science and Education, Afyon, Turkey
- Aşık-Öztürk, M., Ahmetoglu, E., **Acar, I. H.** (2018, April). *The Contributions of Children's Social Competence, Aggression, and Anxiety to Their Play Behaviors with Peers*. Paper presented at the International Balkan and Near Eastern Social Sciences Congress Series. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- Ahmetoğlu, E., **Acar, I. H.**, Aşık-Öztürk, M. (2018, April). *Family Involvement and Young Children's Peer Interactions*. Paper presented at the International Balkan and Near Eastern Social Sciences Congress Series. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- Aşık-Öztürk, M., Ahmetoglu, E., **Acar, I. H.** (2018, April). *Normal Gelişim Gösteren ve Özel Eğitim Gereksinimi Olan Çocukların Grup Ortamlarındaki Oyun Davranışlarının İncelenmesi*. Paper presented at the International Balkan and Near Eastern Social Sciences Congress Series. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- Rudasill, K. M., **Acar, I.**, Molfese, V. J., & Prokasky, A. (April, 2017). *Teacher-child dependency and temperament: Predicting preschool language skills*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Austin, TX.
- Ucus, S. & **Acar, I. H.** (December, 2017). *The contributions of parent-teacher relationship and teacher-child relationship to preschool children's academic behavior*. Paper presented at the Oxford Education Research Symposium, Oxford, UK.
- Ahmetoglu, **Acar, I. H.**, & Aksin Yavuz, E. (2017, September). *Okul Öncesi Öğretmen Adaylarının İletişim Becerilerinin İncelenmesi: Trakya Üniversitesi Örneği*. Paper presented at the International Balkan and Near Eastern Social Sciences Congress Series, Kırklareli, Turkey.

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- Nord, J. **Acar, I.**, Perez-Gonzalez, S., Molfese, V. J., & Rudasill, K. M. (August, 2016). *A mixed methods study of behavioral differences of toddlers during an inhibitory control task.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. Denver, CO
- Frohn, S., **Acar, I.**, Rudasill, K. M., Buhs, E. S., & Perez-Gonzalez, S. (August, 2016). *Temperament and teacher sensitivity predict social adjustment in first grade.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. Denver, CO.
- Tu, X., Prokasky, A., Rudasill, K. M., Molfese, V., & **Acar, I.** (April, 2013). *Parent and teacher ratings of temperament predict preschoolers' vocabulary skills.* Poster presented at the biennial meeting of The Society for Research in Child Development. Seattle, WA.
- Acar, I. H.**, Veziroglu-Celik, M., Garcia, A., Raikes, H. H., Gonen, M., Kutaka, T., Encinger, A., & Colgrove, A. (2017, April). *The Qualities of Teacher-Child Relationship and Low-Income Children's Self-Regulation in the U.S. and Turkey.* Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference, Austin, TX.
- Guler-Yildiz, T., Gonen, M., Ulker-Erdem, A., Ucus, S., Garcia, A., Raikes, H. H., **Acar, I. H.**, Davis, D., Ozbay, I., Ozkan, F., & Dereli, F. (2017, April). *Relations between of Development and Executive Functions in Low Income Children: Turkey and U.S. Preschoolers.* Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference, Austin, TX.
- Escalante, E., Encinger, A., Garcia, A., Raikes, H. H., **Acar, I. H.**, Bilgic, P., Veziroglu-Celik, M., Gonen, M., Yazici, D., & Yilmaz, D. (2017, April). *Relations among Self-Regulation, Nutrition Factors, Parent-Child Conflict and BMI in a Cross-Cultural Context.* Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference, Austin, TX.
- Veziroglu-Celik, M., Garcia, A., **Acar, I. H.**, Gonen, M., Raikes, H. H., Korkmaz, A., Esterach, J., Ucus, S., & Colgrove, A. (2017, April). *Family Context of Low-Income Young Children and Their Self-Regulation Skills in the U.S. and Turkey.* Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference, Austin, TX.
- USA: Raikes, H., Davis, D., **Acar, I.**, Encinger, A., Esterach, J., Escalante, E., Ren, L., Garcia, A., Ucus, S., & Kutaka, T., TURKEY: Gonen, M., Veziroglu Celik, M., Korkmaz, A., Ozbay, I., & Burcak, F. (2016, April). *Studies of Self-Regulation and Social Emotional Development in US and Turkey,* Paper presented at the 4th Biennial Early Childhood Summit, Lincoln, NE
- Esterach, J., Raikes, H., Gonen, M., Veziroglu- Celik, M., Ren, L., **Acar, I.**, Ucus, S. (2016 April). *Effects of mobile technology use on preschoolers' self-regulation: A comparative study from the U.S. and Turkey with qualitative follow-up,* Paper presented at the 4th Biennial Early Childhood Summit, Lincoln, NE
- Acar, I. H.** (2016, April). *The Interactive Effects of Parent-Child and Teacher-Child Relationships on Low Income Children's Self-Regulation Skills.* Paper presented at the 4th Biennial Early Childhood Summit, Lincoln, NE

- Molfese, V., Rudasill, K. M., & Prokasky, A., & **Acar, I. H.** (2016, April). *Cool as A Cucumber, Hot as A Pepper - Classroom Self- Regulation*. Paper presented at the 4th Biennial Early Childhood Summit, Lincoln, NE
- Acar, I. H.** & Ucus, S. (2017, October). *Children's Temperament and Their Hyperactivity: The Moderating Role of Child Gender*. Paper presented at the 5th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Ahmetoglu, E., Asik Ozturk, M. & **Acar, I.** (2017, October). *Validity and Reliability Study of The Play Assessment for Group Settings (PAGS)*. Paper presented at the 5th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Ucus, S., & **Acar, I. H.** (2017, October). *Validation and Reliability Study the Parent-Teacher Relationship Scale in Early Childhood*. Paper presented at the 5th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Ahmetoglu, E., **Acar, I. H.**, & Sonmez, I. (2017, October). *Erken Öğrenme Gözlem ve Derecelendirme Ölçeği (EÖGDÖ)'nin Geçerlik ve Güvenirlik Çalışması*. Paper presented at the 5th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Ahmetoglu, E., & **Acar, I.**, Asik Ozturk, M. (2017, October). *Early Childhood Educators' Perceptions of Child Development and Education in Early Years*. Paper presented at the 5th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Ahmetoglu, E., Aksin Yavuz, E., & **Acar, I. H.** (2017, October). *Okul Öncesi Dönemde Çocukların Bilim ve Mühendislik Bilgilerini Ölçme Aracı'nın Türkçe'ye Uyarlanması*. Paper presented at the 5th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Ilhan Ildiz, G., Ahmetoglu, E., & **Acar, I. H.** (2017, October). *Ebeveyn Duygu Sosyalleştirme ve Çocuk Mizacının Çocuklarda Duygu Düzenleme Stratejileri Üzerindeki Yordayıcı Etkisi*. Paper presented at the 5th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- González-Salinas, C.; Sánchez-Pérez, N.; Fuentes, L.J.; Majdandzic, M.; Montiroso, R.; Lecannelier, F.; Huitron, B.; Tuovinen, S.; Putnam, S. P.; Slobodskaya, H.; Wang, Z.; Casalin, S.; **Acar, I.**; Benga, O.; Beijers, R.; Gartstein, M. A.; Han, S-Y., & Linhares, B. (2017, September). *Temperamento y problemas de comportamiento en la niñez temprana: un estudio transcultural*. Poster presented to the Asociación Iberoamericana para el Estudio de las Diferencias Individuales (AIIDI). Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
- Ahmetoglu, E., Aksin, E. & **Acar, I.** (2017, October). *The Investigation of Communication Skills of Pre-School Teacher Candidates*. Paper presented at the International Balkan and Near Eastern Social Sciences Congress Series – Kırklareli, Turkey.
- Ildiz, G., Ahmetoglu, E., **Acar, I. H.**, & Encinger, E. (2017, April). *Emotion Regulation and Attachment in Children: Parental Role in Emotion Socialization*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Scientific Researches Congress on Humanities and Social Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Uçuş, Ş. & **Acar, I.H.** (2016). *Exploring Perceptions and Reflections of Student Teachers about "Creative School" in Early Childhood Education*. Symposium of Creativity in Education- Council of Creative Education, 7th-11th, November, Finland.
- Frohn, S., **Acar, I. H.**, Moritz Rudasill, K., Buhs, E., & Perez, S. (2016, August). *Temperament and Teacher Sensitivity Predict Social Adjustment in First Grade*. Poster presented at American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- Nord, J., **Acar, I. H.**, Adams, N., Gallagher, J., Molfese, V., Moritz Rudasill, K., & Malcolm, H. (2016, August). *A Mixed Methods Study of Behavioral Differences of Toddlers during an Inhibitory Control Task*. Poster presented at American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

- Acar, I.**, Prokasky, A., Casalin, S.,Slobodskaya, H. (2016, May). *Toddlers in their Developmental Niche: The Association between Toddler's Temperament and Behavior Problems across Cultures*. Poster presented at Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- Majdandzic, M., Benga, O., Putnam, S., Tuovinen, S., Kozlova, E., Wang, Z., **Acar, I.** Linhares, B. (2016, May). *The Relation between Parents' Socialization Goals and their Reactions to their Children's Temperament Displays in 13 Countries*. Poster presented at Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- Putnam, S. Garstein, M., **Acar, I.** Wang, Z. (2016, May). *Toddler Temperament around the Globe: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Children from 13 Cultures*. Poster presented at Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- Molfese, V., Frohn, S., **Acar, I.**, Prokasky, A., & Moritz Rudasill, K., (2016, April). *Don't Make Me Wait When I'm Tired*. Poster presented at the 64th Annual Nebraska Symposium on Motivation, Lincoln, NE.
- Nord, J., **Acar, I.**, Adams, N., Molfese, V.J., Rudasill, K.M., Molfese, D., Malcolm, H. (2016, April). *Examining behavioral differences in toddler inhibitory control*. Poster Presented at 4th Biennial Early Childhood Summit, Lincoln, NE
- Acar, I.H.**, Iverson, T., Prokasky, A., Rudasill, K. M., & Molfese, V. (2015, October). *Electronic Media Use before Bedtime and Sleep Quality in Toddlers*. Poster Presented at Educational Neuroscience Conference, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- Acar, I. H.**, Hong, S-Y., & Wu, C. (2015, October). *Teacher Presence, Teacher Scaffolding, and Preschool Children's Peer Interactions*, Poster presented at Division for Early Childhood Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- Torquati, J. & **Acar, I. H.** (2015, October). *Nature and Friends: Children's Sociomoral and Environmental Moral Reasoning*, Poster presented at North American Association of Environmental Education, San Diego, California.
- Acar, I. H.**, & Raikes, H. (2015, September). *Low income preschool children's temperament and self-regulation: the moderating role of teacher-child relationship quality*. Paper presented at the 4th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Ahmetoglu, E., **Acar, I. H.**, Aral, N. (2015, September). *Penn Etkileşimli Akran Oyun Ölçeği Ebeveyn Formunun (PIPPS-P) Geçerlik ve Güvenirlik Çalışması*, Paper presented at the 4th International Preschool Education Conference, Ankara, Turkey.
- Gonen, M. Veziroğlu, M. Raikes, H. & **Acar, I. H.** (2015, May). *Home and classroom characteristics affecting low-income young children's self-regulation and language in Turkey and United States of America*. Paper Presented at the International Congress on Education for the Future: Issues and Challenges, Ankara, Turkey.
- Acar, I.** Rudasill, K., & Torquati, J., & Kutaka, T. (2015, March). *Turkish early elementary children's social competence and anti-social behavior: Teacher-child relationship and temperament*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Colgrove, A., Kutaka, T., Encinger, A., Chernyavskiy, P., **Acar, I.**, Raikes, H. (2015, March). *The relationship between teacher turnover and young children's receptive language*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Acar, I. H.**, Torquati, J., & Escalante, E. (2014, November). *Development of environmental and socio-moral reasoning in early childhood: A research in progress*. Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Evanston, IL

- Escalante, E. & **Acar, I.** (2013, November). *Beyond the Reductionist Concept of Children's Play: An Analysis of the Early Childhood Education Guidelines in Colombia and Turkey*. Paper Presented at College of Education and Human Sciences Student Research Conference, Lincoln, NE.
- Ahmetoglu, E., **Acar, I.**, Escalante, E. (2013, November). *Individual and Educational Correlates of Turkish Preschool Pre-service Teachers' Social Competence, Empathy, and Communication Skills*. Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Evanston, IL
- Escalante, E., Navarro, J., Romero, V., & **Acar, I.** (2013, August). *Perceptions of Experts and Teachers on Music as an Expressive Language of the Children in Colombia*. Paper presented at 23rd European Early Childhood Education Research Association Conference, Tallinn, Estonia
- Acar, I.H. (2013, June). *Early Childhood Development and Education through Nature-Child Interactions: A Conceptual Paper*. Paper presented at International Congress of Educational Research, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Canakkale, Turkey
- Acar, I.H.**, Yildiz, S., & Karan, S. (2013, June). *Learner Teachers: Collaborative Learning of Elementary Teachers*. Paper presented at International Congress of Educational Research, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Canakkale, Turkey
- Tu, X., Prokasky, A., Rudasill, K.M., Molfese, V., & **Acar, I.** (2013, April). *Parent and teacher ratings of temperament predict preschoolers' vocabulary skills*. Poster presented at the SRCD Biennial Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Acar, I. H.** & Torquati, J. (2012, November). *Prosocial behavior exhibited in preschool-aged children through nature-based activities*. Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Evanston, IL

Invited Presentations and Talks

- Acar, I. H. (2018, April). *Teacher-Child Relationships in Early Childhood*(Talk). Trakya University, Edirne, Turkey.
- Acar, I. H. (2018, November). *The Roles of Child Temperament and Teacher-Child Relationships on Children's Self-Regulation* (Talk). Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Putnam, S., Gartstein, M., **Acar, I. H.**, Prokasky, A., Linhares, B., Lecannelier, F... and Leerkes, E. (2018, May). *New developments in the study of relations between cultural orientation and temperament*. Paper presented at the Occasional Temperament Conference, Murcia, Spain.
- Acar, I. H.**, Torquati, J., & Raikes, H. (2018, May). *The pathways to low income preschool children's self-regulation: Child temperament and the qualities of teacher-child relationships*. Paper presented at the Occasional Temperament Conference, Murcia, Spain.
- Acar, I.**, Prokasky, A., Han, S-Y., & Huitron, B. Gonzales-Salinas, C., Putnam, S. P., Linhares, B., Majdandzic, M., Montiroso, R., Heinonen, K., Putnam, S. P., Kozlova, E., Wang, Z., Casalin, S., Ahmetoglu, E., Benga, O., Beijers, R., & Gartstein, M. (2016, October). *Cross-cultural Differences in Parents Reactions to Temperament Displays*, Paper presented at the Occasional Temperament Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Benga, O., Huitron, B., Garcia-Olguin, V., Gonzales-Salinas, C., Putnam, S. P., Linhares, B., Majdandzic, M., Montiroso, R., Tuovinen, S., Putnam, S. P., Slobodskaya, H., Wang, Z., Casalin, S., **Acar, I.**, Beijers, R., Gartstein, M. A., & Han, S-Y. (2016, October). *Cross-cultural differences in Toddlers' Daily Activities and their relation to Temperament*, Paper presented at the Occasional Temperament Conference, Seattle, WA.

Acar, I., Rudasill, K. M., Molfese, V., Torquati, J., & Prokasky, A. (2014, November). *Preschool children's Temperament and peer interactions*. Paper presented at the Occasional Temperament Conference, Lincoln, NE

Editorial and Reviewing Experience

Consulting Editor for Educational Psychology: An International Journal of Experimental Educational Psychology (SSCI)- 2018-2022

Advisory Editor for Asia Pacific Education Review (SSCI)- 2019 – present

Advisory Editor for the Journal of Childhood, Education and Society- 2019 - present

Reviewer for

PLOS ONE (SSCI)

Parenting: Science and Practice (SSCI)

School Psychology (SSCI)

Social Development (SSCI)

Journal of Family Psychology (SSCI)

Infant and Child Development (SSCI)

Learning and Individual Differences (SSCI)

Scandinavian Journal of Psychology (SSCI)

Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities (SSCI)

Current Psychology (SSCI)

Infant Behavior and Development (SSCI)

Educational Psychology: An International Journal of Experimental Educational Psychology (SSCI)

Early Education and Development (SSCI)

School Psychology International (SSCI)

Psychological Reports (SSCI)

European Early Childhood Education Research Journal (SSCI)

Early Childhood Education Journal (SSCI)

Asia Pacific Education Review (SSCI)

Journal of Asia-Pacific Education Researcher (SSCI)

The Journal of International Medical Research (SSCI)

Educational Sciences: Theory & Practice (SSCI)

HONORS & AWARDS

Publons Peer Review Award, for placing in the top 1% of reviewers in psychiatry and psychology, **Publons, 2019**

Excellent Reviewer in 2018, Asia Pacific Education Review Journal

Publons Peer Review Award, for placing in the top 1% of reviewers in social sciences, **Publons, 2018**

Nominated for Folsom Distinguished Dissertation Award. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2015-2016

Diamond Anniversary Fellowship, Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society, May 2016

Cultural Ambassador Fellowship, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, September 2015

Diamond Anniversary Fellowship, Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society, May 2015

David H. & Anne E. Larrick Memorial Travel Fund (SRCD), Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, March 2015

Kappa Omicron Nu-Zeta Alumni Fellowship, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2014- 2015

Jean Dearth Dickerscheid Doctoral Fellowship, Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society, September 2015

Nominated for Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2013- 2014
Graduate Student Fellowship, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2014- 2015

President's Fellowship, Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society, October 2012

Newkirk Funding Travel Award (SRCD), Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, October 2012

Fulbright Scholarship for Master's Degree, August 2011-May 2013

Fulbright Scholarship for Intensive English/American Culture Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, March-August 2011.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Statistical Training and Workshops

May 23, 2018: **Conceptual and methodological issues in the development of questionnaires** with Drs. Samuel P. Putnam & Scott Frohn (Bowdoin College and University of Nebraska, USA), Occasional Temperament Conference, University of Murcia, Murcia, Spain.

May 23, 2018: **Multilevel modeling** with Dr. Brian French (Washington State University, USA), Occasional Temperament Conference, University of Murcia, Murcia, Spain.

May 23, 2018: **Systematic reviews and meta-analysis** with Dr. Jose A. López-López (University of Bristol, U.K.), Occasional Temperament Conference, University of Murcia, Murcia, Spain.

January 19-20, 2017: **Generalized Linear Models: All in the Family** with Dr. Stefany Coxe, Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics & Psychometrics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE.

October 19, 2016: **Latent Profile Analysis** with Dr. Roy Martin, Occasional Temperament Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

October 19, 2016: **Longitudinal Modeling** with Dr. Kevin King, Occasional Temperament Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

September 30, 2016: **Introduction to Modern Mediation Analysis** with Dr. David MacKinnon, Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics & Psychometrics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE.

December 3-4, 2015: **Statistical Power for Main Effect of Treatment Using Optimal Design** with Dr. Jessica Spybrook, Nebraska Academy for Methodology, & Psychometrics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE.

April 9-10, 2015: **Introduction to Latent Class and Profile Analysis: A Statistics Tutorial in Two Parts** with Dr. Bethany Bray, Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics & Psychometrics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE.

October 26, 2015: **Dealing with Missing Data** with Dr. Craig Enders, Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics & Psychometrics, University of Nebraska- Lincoln, Lincoln NE.

November 10, 2014: **New Developments in Structural Equation Modeling** with Dr. Rex Kline, Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics & Psychometrics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE.

Other Training, Workshops, and Seminars

- August 12-14, 2014: Training “**Pre-K CLASS: The Classroom Assessment Scoring System**”
Teachstone, Chicago, IL
- May 21-22, 2012: Training “**CLASS: The Classroom Assessment Scoring System**” Teachstone.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE
- May 24-25, 2012: Training “**inCLASS: The Individualized Classroom Assessment Scoring System**” Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) University of Virginia, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE
- November 5, 2011: Workshop by Dr. Susan Swearer “**Practical ways to deal with bullying inside and outside the classroom**” University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Service Activities

- September 2019-Present, **Advisor** for PsycOz (Psychology Students’ Club), Özyeğin University.
- November 2018-Present, **Member**, Commission on Disability, Özyeğin University.
- June 2016- May 2017 **Co-Advisor** for Phi U Honor Society Xi Chapter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- May 26-28, 2016- **On-site Volunteering** at ICIS Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA
- Fall 2015-Spring 2016: **Search Committee Member**, Assistant Professor for Mentoring and Coaching in Early Childhood Search for Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE
- Spring 2015: **Search Committee Member**, Assistant Professor for Mobile Society Search for Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE
- Fall 2014- Spring 2015: **Search Committee Member**, Master Teacher Search for Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln NE
- Academic Contributor for NetQ6, June 2012- 2014** European Commission Funded Comenius Project “Network for the Quality in Early Childhood Education from 0-6 years (NetQ6)”: The project aims to create a network among European Countries to increase quality education in early childhood, especially for children at risk, encourages their motivation, confidence and cognitive and linguistic development.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- Principal Investigator** TÜBİTAK-1001-COVID SUPPORT “*Examining the Effects of Parents’ Individual, Familial, and Environmental Stressors on Children’s Psychological Health in the Context of Covid-19 Pandemic*”
- Principal Investigator** “*Self-Regulation in Turkish Preschool Children*”, Özyeğin University, Turkey, October 2018- Present.
- Researcher**, “*Global Temperament Project*” PI: Sam Putnam, Ph.D., Bowdoin College. June 2018- Present
- Postdoctoral Research Associate**, “*Developmental Implications of Early Childhood Sleep*” Co-PIs: Drs. Victoria Molfese and Kathleen Moritz Rudasill. Early Development and Learning Laboratory at Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. August 2016-May 2017.
- Co-PI for Turkey**: “The Influence of Temperament and Culture: Growing-up Healthy or Facing Mental Health Problems by, *Joint Effort Toddler Temperament Consortium (JETTC)*” Co-PIs: Sam Putnam, PhD, Bowdoin College, Masha Gartstein, PhD, Washington State University, Amanda Prokasky, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dr. Emine Ahmetoglu, Trakya University. November 2014- 2018

- Research Associate**, “Children in Action: Motor Program for Preschoolers (CHAMPPS)” PI: Dr. Emine Ahmetoglu, Department of Preschool Education, Trakya University July 2017-Present
- Co-Principal Investigator**, “Parental Involvement and Preschool Children’s Peer Play Interactions” Co-PI: Dr. Emine Ahmetoglu at Department of Preschool Education, Trakya University, Turkey
- Research Assistant**, “*Self-Regulation Development of Low Income Children in the U.S. and Turkey*” PI: Dr. Helen Raikes. Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. June 2014-June 2015.
- Principal Investigator**, “*Cultural Differences of Preschool Children’s Behaviors through Teachers’ Eyes*” SI: Dr. Julia C. Torquati. Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. June 2013-August 2014
- Secondary Investigator**, “*Children’s Reasoning about Nature and Friends*” SI: Dr. Julia C. Torquati, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. August 2013-Present
- Principal Investigator**, “Social Skills of Low Income Children” SI: Suleyman Yıldız at Yildiz Technical University. October 2013-June 2014.
- Research Assistant**, “*Child Characteristics and Classroom Processes: Promoting Learning in Preschool*” PI: Kathleen Moritz Rudasill, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Nebraska Lincoln

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

College Teaching

- Instructor:** Advanced Statistics in Psychology (Graduate Course), Özyeğin University, Department of Psychology, Spring 2020
- Instructor:** Applied Developmental Psychology (Graduate Course), Özyeğin University, Department of Psychology, Spring 2019, Spring 2020
- Instructor:** Statistics in Psychology II, Özyeğin University, Department of Psychology, Spring 2019
- Instructor:** Psychology in Early Childhood Education, Özyeğin University, Department of Psychology, Fall 2018, 2019
- Instructor:** Statistics in Psychology I, Özyeğin University, Department of Psychology, Fall 2018, 2019
- Instructor:** Theories and Approaches in Early Childhood Education, Istanbul Medipol University, Spring 2018
- Instructor:** Assessment in Early Childhood, Istanbul Medipol University, Spring 2018
- Instructor:** Introduction to Early Childhood Education, Istanbul Medipol University, Fall 2017
- Co-Instructor:** CYAF 495/ 895: Special Topics in Family & Cultural Diversity: Families in the Global Context, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Spring 2014
- Guest Lecturer:** CYAF 383 (Dr. Victoria Molfese): Emergent Literacy Methods for Young Children. Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Spring 2014
- Guest Lecturer:** CYAF 270 (Dr. Soo-Young Hong): Development of the Preschool Child. Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Spring 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016
- Early Childhood Teaching**
- Graduate Assistant:** Ruth Staples Child Development Lab, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; August 2013-May 2014.

Student Practicum: Ruth Staples Child Development Lab, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Fall 2011, Spring 2012.

MENTORING

Doctoral Committees

Co-Advisor, Hande Arslan Çiftçi (Marmara University, 2020)

Chair, Masters' Degree Committees

Bengi Saral (Psychology, Özyeğin University, 2020)

Şevval Çelebi (Psychology, Özyeğin University)

Şevval Nur Yağlı (Psychology, Özyeğin University)

Özge Barata (Psychology, Özyeğin University)

Büşra Acar (Co-Advisor, Clinical Psychology, Şehir University, 2020)

Beyza Hamamcı (Co-Advisor, Early Childhood Education, Marmara University, 2020)

Ana Joselina Alvarado Chambassis (Co-ADvisor, Early Childhood Education, Universidad del Norte, Colombia, 2020)

Member, Masters' Degree Committees

Manolya Aşık Öztürk (Early Childhood Education, Trakya University, 2018)

Sezin Benli (Psychology, Bilgi University, 2019)

Deniz Hazal Karabulut (Psychology, Özyeğin University, 2019)

Gökçe Platin (Early Childhood Education, Trakya University, 2019)

Kübra Sönmez (Early Childhood Education, Trakya University, 2019)

Beyza Hananlı (Early Childhood Education, Trakya University, 2019)

Cansu Gökbalkan (Psychology, Özyeğin University, 2019)

Afra Selcen Taşdelen (Psychology, Özyeğin University, 2019)

İlknur Zeynep Taşel (Psychology, Özyeğin University, 2019)

Duygu Meriç (Early Childhood Education, Boğaziçi University, 2020)

Cansu Ece (Psychology, Özyeğin University, 2020)

Pelda Çoko (Psychology, Özyeğin University, 2020)

Sena Kuzgun (Psychology, Özyeğin University, active in the program)

Whitney Drahota (Reader for Undergraduate Honor Thesis, The Environmental Studies Program at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Research in Child Development (2012- Present)

Association for the Development of Early Childhood Education in Turkey (2018- Present)

International Congress of Infant Studies (2016-Present)

The Temperament Consortium (2014-Present)

Turkish-American Scientists and Scholars Association (2013- Present)

Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society (2012- Present)

Golden Key International Honour Society (2012-Present)

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