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EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D., Sociology, Mississippi State University (MSU)
2013 M.A., Sociology, Istanbul University (IU)
2009 B.A., Philosophy, Bursa Uludag University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2021 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, Tennessee State University
2021 - 2021 Assistant Professor / Data Services Coordinator, MSU Libraries
2020 - 2021 Data Analyst Post-Doctoral Associate, SSRC, MSU
2018 – 2020 Research Associate III, SSRC, MSU
2016 – 2018 Graduate Research Assistant, SSRC, MSU
2013 – 2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sociology, MSU
2011 – 2013 Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant, Sociology, Istanbul University

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS

Methods Training

2021 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) - Joining the Data Revolution: Big Data in Education and Social Science Research. Selected to participate competitively (June 21 – July 1, 2021). <https://iris.isr.umich.edu/training/>
2021 Georgia State University Libraries RDS Data Certificate for the Spring 2021 (STATA I, II, III, and Tableau I and II).
2021 Oregon University, “Intro to Python - Online”, attended on April 23, 2021.
2021 Tableau Fundamentals: Organizing, analyzing, creating presentations-ready visualizations, building insightful dashboards, and applying analytics to worksheets.

DataCamp Certificated on March 26, 2021. <https://www.datacamp.com/statement-of-accomplishment/track/4bb85bbbff26be9e7fac4795e66f2d79dec463d9>

- 2020 *Data Analyst with Python*: Importing, cleaning, manipulating, and visualization of data through Python libraries, including NumPy, Seaborn, Matplotlib, Pandas, and SQL. DataCamp Certificated on September 25, 2020. <https://www.datacamp.com/statement-of-accomplishment/track/22a0ee51c7555af0fa5304c3e9e0ef6a078fec49>
- 2016 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) *University of Massachusetts, Amherst. June 19 – June 25, 2016 (Hierarchical Linear Modeling with HLM7 Training).
- 2016 *ArcGIS*: Mississippi State University, Mitchell Memorial Library. Digital Media Center, Mississippi State University, September 29, 2016.
- 2015 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) *University of Michigan, Amherst. June 19 – June 25, 2016 (Regression Analyzing and STATA training).

Pedagogical Training

- 2018 Certificate in Distance Education, “Best Practices in Online Education.” A four-week online course from The Center for Teaching and Learning, Mississippi State University.
- 2014 Sociology 8900: Fields of Sociology, three-hour credit course that focused on teaching in the field of sociology. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant Training, one-week training course by The Graduate School and International Student School. Mississippi State University.

Other Trainings

- 2019 Atlanta Regional Census Center Early Childhood Leaders’ Partner Summit. United States Census Bureau. Destin, Florida – June 13-14, 2019.
- 2016 Building Opportunity for All Children: A Race for Results. The Annie E. Casey Foundation. San Antonio / Texas – October 25-28, 2016.
- 2016 A Roadmap for Developing a State Race for Results Index. The Annie E. Casey Foundation and Population Reference Bureau. By Alicia VanOrman. December 15, 2016.
- 2008 German Language Certificate (B2), Cologne University, Germany.
- 2004 English as a Second Language Institute, Uludag University.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Inequalities; Race and Ethnicity; Research Methods; Political Sociology; Health Disparities; Sociological Theory; Cross-National Studies; Migration and Diaspora; Data Analytics; Data Visualization.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Yigit, Ismail Hakki.**, Dustin C. Brown, Benjamin H. Walker, Sarah E. Pellegrine, Connie Baird-Thomas, Heather Hanna, Susan Buttross. 2021. "Perceived Barriers to Developmental Screening among Children Ages 0-5: Results from a Statewide Survey of Health Care providers in Mississippi." *Journal of the Mississippi State Medical Association* 62(4):1 - 7. <https://digital.cenveomobile.com/publication/?m=63060&i=705391&p=6>
- Tatch, Andrew, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, Dustin Brown, and Angela Robertson. 2019. "Examining the Role of Race and Gender as Moderators of the Relationship Between Depressive Symptoms and Hazardous Alcohol Consumption among DUI Offenders." *Sociological Spectrum* 39(2):131–45.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02732173.2019.1608342>
- Yigit, Ismail Hakki**, and Andrew Tatch. 2017. "Syrian Refugees and Americans: Perceptions, Attitudes and Insights." *American Journal of Qualitative Research* 1(1):13–31.
<http://www.ejecs.org/index.php/AJQR/article/view/172>
- Abbas, Tahir, and **Ismail Hakki Yigit**. 2016. "Perspectives on Ethno-National Conflict Among Kurdish Families with Members in the PKK." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 28(2):297–315. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09546553.2014.908774>
- Abbas, Tahir, and **Ismail Hakki Yigit**. 2015. "Scenes from Gezi Park: Localization, Nationalism and Globalization in Turkey." *City* 19(1):61–76.
<https://rsa.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13604813.2014.969070>
- Yigit, Ismail Hakki**. 2015. "Survival Tactics of Waste-Paper Pickers in Istanbul." *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies* 2(1):1–14.
<http://www.ejecs.org/index.php/JECS/article/view/20>
- Scarboro, Allen, and **Ismail Hakki Yigit**. 2014. "Social Distance in Istanbul: Politics and Exceptionalism." *Journal of Research in Humanities and Social Science*. 2(6): 1-13.
<http://www.questjournals.org/jrhss/v2-i6.html>
- Citamak, Yasemin, and **Ismail Hakki Yigit**. 2012. "From Student's Table to Teacher's Desk" *International Journal of New Trends in Arts, Sports & Science Education*. 1(7): 1-7.

PEER REVIEWED – BOOK REVIEW

- Ismail Hakki Yigit**. 2018. Review of *the Mass Religious Ritual and Intergroup Tolerance: The Muslim Pilgrims' Paradox*, by Mikhail A. Alexseev and Sufia N. Zhemukhov. *Journal of*

Ethnic and Cultural Studies. 5(2): 196 – 200.
<http://www.ejecs.org/index.php/JECS/article/view/141/pdf>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Mississippi State University
2017 Society and the Individual
2016 Racial Minorities
2016 Introduction to Sociology
Istanbul University
2012 Contemporary Sociological Theory
2012 Classical Sociological Theory

Teaching Assistant

Mississippi State University
2015 Social Research Practices
2015 Marriage and Family
2013 Racial Minorities
Istanbul University
2012 Contemporary Sociological Theory
2011 Classical Sociological Theory

POLICY BRIEFS AND RESEARCH REPORTS – selected

1. Benjamin Walker, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, John McCown and Lauren Ingram. 2021. [Mississippi County Fact Sheets-2021](#). [County Fact Sheets sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]
2. Benjamin Walker, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, John McCown, Callie Poole, Bradley Long, and Laure Bell. 2021. Mississippi KIDSCOUNT -[2021 Risk and Reach Report](#). [Annual Fact book sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]
3. Mississippi Thrive Research Team. (July 27, 2020). Should health assessment records be a childcare licensure requirement? Lessons learned from states around the nation. Mississippi State University. <https://mississippithrive.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MS-Thrive-Health-Records-Brief-1-1.pdf>
4. **Yigit, Ismail Hakki** and Lauren Ingram. 2020. U.S. Household Pulse Survey (Phase I – 2020): Mississippi Results. Mississippi Thrive: Child Health Development Project [Project funded by the HRSA]. <https://mississippithrive.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MS-Thrive-2020-Household-Pulse-Survey-Results.pdf>
5. Walker, B., **Ismail Hakki Yigit** and Callie Pollie. 2020. Evaluation of Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi's School Health Council Technical Assistance Work: Year Five. January 29, 2020.

6. Hanna, H., Linda Southward, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, Callie Poole, Benjamin Walker, John McCown, and Laure Bell. 2020. Mississippi KIDS COUNT -2020 Data Book. [Annual Fact book sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]
<https://childrensfoundationms.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-MS-KC-Factbook-Print-Ready-1.pdf>
7. Walker, Benjamin. John McCown, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, and Lauren Ingram. 2019 *Philanthropic Giving in Mississippi*. [Sponsored by the Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy (The Alliance)], November 14, 2019.
<https://alliancems.org/publications/>
8. Pellegrine, Izzy. Benjamin Walker, Bradley Long, Holly Holladay, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, Rachel Booth, Alex Valentine, Lauren Ingram. 2019. *Evaluation of Woodward Hines Education Foundation's Get 2 College Pilot School Program*. July 2019.
9. Hanna, H., Linda Southward, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, Callie Poole, Benjamin Walker, John McCown, Laure Bell, and Colleen Stouffer. 2019. *Mississippi KIDS COUNT -2019 Data Book*. [Annual Fact book sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]
10. Hanna, H., Linda Southward, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, and John McCown. 2019. *Mississippi County Fact Sheets-2019*. [County Fact Sheets sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]
11. Walker, B., **Ismail Hakki Yigit** and Callie Pollie. 2018. Evaluation of Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi's School Health Council Technical Assistance Work: Year Four. December 15, 2018.
12. Southward, L. H., Benjamin Walker, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, John McCown, and Lauren Ingram. October 2018. Starting Early: Developmental Screenings Can Increase a Child's Potential. [Policy Brief Sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]
https://kidscount.ssrc.msstate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/KC-IDS-policy-brief_9.28.18.pdf
13. Buffington, Anne and **Ismail Hakki Yigit**. 2018. Evaluation of Empowering Mentors to Promote Women's Retention (EMPOWR)-Year Four. February 28, 2018.
14. Hanna, H., Linda Southward, Benjamin Walker, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, John McCown, Laure Bell, Colleen Harris, and Anne Buffington 2018. *Mississippi KIDS COUNT -2018 Data Book*. [Annual Fact book sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]
15. Walker, Benjamin and **Ismail Hakki Yigit**. 2017. Evaluation of Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi's School Health Council Technical Assistance Work: Year Three. December 15, 2017.
16. Buffington, A., Benjamin Walker, John McCown, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, Barr, S., Zollicoffer, A., and Linda Southward. 2017. Empty Seats: Mississippi School Attendance Officers' Perspectives on Chronic Absence. April 2017 [Issue Brief Sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation] <https://kidscount.ssrc.msstate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Empty-Seats.reduced-size.pdf>
17. Southward, Linda., Benjamin Walker, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, John McCown, Laure Bell, Colleen Harris, and Anne Buffington 2017. *Mississippi KIDS COUNT -2017 Data Book*. [Annual Fact book sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation]

IN PROGRESS

Gardner, Sheena., Courtney Walker, **Ismail Hakki Yigit**, Dustin C. Brown, Connie Baird-Thomas, Heather Hanna, Susan Buttross, Sujana Anreddy, Bradley Long. “Adherence to Developmental Screening and Health Promotion Best Practices among Nurse Practitioners in Mississippi” submitted to *Southern Medical Journal* [Under Review]

Mississippi Thrive Research Team. Data Collected on the Mississippi Early Childhood Developmental Health System by the Mississippi Thrive Project [State of the State Report] – In Progress

Mississippi Thrive Research Team. (2021). Adverse childhood experiences in Mississippi: Recommendations for a brighter future. Mississippi State University. – In Progress

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2020 Outstanding Doctoral Student award – received from Department of Sociology of the Mississippi State University.

2019 Nominee for Dr. Harold Grier Doctoral Scholar’s Program - Institutional SREB Fellowships by the Sociology Department of the Mississippi State University.

2019 Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) of the Year Award – Doctoral Level – received from Graduate Student Association and The Graduate School of Mississippi State University.

2018 Marion T. Loftin Fund – Dissertation Data Collection Award – STATA/IC.

2016 Marion T. Loftin Fund – Training Award – ICPSR Quantitative Summer Program.

2016 Conference Honorable Mention for Best Research Paper, Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association 47th Annual Meeting, Jackson, Mississippi.

2015 Marion T. Loftin Fund – Training Award – ICPSR Quantitative Summer Program.

2013 Outstanding Master Student award – received from Sociology Department of the Istanbul University.

2008 Erasmus / European Exchange Program Scholarship Award – Cologne University, Cologne, Germany.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

2021 Benjamin Walker (PI), Ismail Hakki Yigit (Co-PI). Mississippi KIDS COUNT Data Partnership, 2021. Amount: \$67,034 [Funded].

2021 Gina Rico Mendez, Daniel Petrolia, Terezie Tolar-Peterson, Sheena Gardner, Ismail Hakki Yigit. “Complexity-Aware Research and Learning of the McGovern Dole School Meals Program in Africa” [Research Scientists], Submitted to USDA-FAS grant. Amount: \$618,954. [Funded]

- 2020 Ismail Hakki Yigit (PI) and Benjamin Walker. The Impact of COVID-19 on Immigrants in Deep South: Mississippi. Russell Sage Foundation. Amount: \$74,212 [Not funded]
- 2020 Ismail Hakki Yigit (PI) and Benjamin Walker. Impacts of COVID-19 on Early Childhood Developmental Health. Russell Sage Foundation. Amount: \$58,873 [Not funded]
- 2020 Ismail Hakki Yigit (PI) and Callie Poole. A Complete and Accurate Count in the 2020 Census: Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. National League of Cities. Amount: \$20,490 [Not funded]

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Ismail Hakki Yigit, “Comparative-Historical Analysis of Reporting Social Tolerance in the United States, Turkey, and South Africa.” Paper will be presented at the Southern Sociological Society 2020 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2019a Ismail Hakki Yigit, “Does Social Tolerance matter for Well-being?” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) 2019 Annual Meeting, New York City, NY.
- 2019b Ismail Hakki Yigit, “Emotional Burden of Social Intolerance” Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society (SSS) 2019 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018a Ismail Hakki Yigit, “Does Intolerance have health consequences? Health and Intolerance in the US.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) 2018 Annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018b Walker, Benjamin. John McCown, and Ismail Hakki Yigit. “Predicting Childhood Obesity in Mississippi: Racial Disparities across Age and Income.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) 2018 Annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018c Ismail Hakki Yigit “Health and Prejudice in the US” Paper presented at the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association (AMSA) 2018 Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL.
- 2017 Ismail Hakki Yigit, and Dustin Brown “Self-Rated Health and Intolerance in the US” paper presented at the Southern Sociological Association (SSS) 2017 Annual Meeting.
- 2016a Ismail Hakki Yigit, “Ethnic Diversity and Tolerance in Turkey.” paper presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) 2016 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2016b Ismail Hakki Yigit, “A Cross-National Study Investigating the Effect of Ethnic Homogeneity and Level of Tolerance” paper presented at the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association (AMSA) 2016 Annual Meeting, Jackson, MS.
- 2015 Ismail Hakki Yigit, “Won’t you be my neighbor? Tolerance Level among people in Turkey” Paper presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association 42nd Annual Meeting, Lafayette, LA.

- 2014 Ismail Hakki Yigit and Allen Scarboro, “Map of Intolerance and Prejudice in Istanbul” Paper presented at Yildiz International Conference on Educational Research and Social Studies, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2013 Ismail Hakki Yigit. “Understanding the ‘Kurdish Question’: an ethnographic case study in Yuksekova”, paper presented at International Conference ‘The PKK, Kurdish Nationalism and the Future of Turkey,’ Organized and Sponsored by School of Public & International Affairs, Virginia Tech, National Capital Region, Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chair (Indiana University) and Centre for Turkish Studies (Portland State University), November 7, 2013.
- 2012 Ismail Hakki Yigit, “Residues of migration, the ‘Other’ of the City: Wastepaper Pickers”, paper presented at ‘Between Old and New City Conference’, Istanbul University, Istanbul.
- 2011 Ismail Hakki Yigit and Allen Scarboro, “From Student's Table to Teacher's Desk”, paper presented at Global International Education Conference 2011, Cyprus.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Mary Ann Jones and Ismail Hakki Yigit. “Open Data and Library Research Data Services” hosted by Social Science Research Center of Mississippi State University Brown Bag talks. May 27, 2021.
- 2021 Ismail Hakki Yigit “Mississippi State University Tableau Day – New Library Research Data Services” hosted by Tableau, sponsored by the MSU Libraries, MSU Athletics, and the Office of Research and Economic Development. Recording: <https://tableau.webex.com/tableau/lsr.php?RCID=038357ebd09a42ba956436d2be44d06e>
- 2021 Ismail Hakki Yigit “Impact of COVID-19 on Children in Mississippi: Household Pulse Survey Results” presented at Mississippi Forum for the Future: Communicating About the Early Years. January 12, 2021.
- 2020 Ismail Hakki Yigit, Benjamin Walker, and Linda Southward. “Mississippi KIDS COUNT and The Children’s Foundation” presented at the Mississippi Alliance of Non-Profits and Philanthropy’ Quarterly virtual meeting, October 9, 2020.
- 2018 Ismail Hakki Yigit and Benjamin Walker. “Mississippi Kids Count: Program overview and key findings from the 2018 Fact Book” presented at the Sociology Colloquium – Brown Bag Talk Series at Spring-2018.
- 2013 Ismail Hakki Yigit, “The Gezi Park Protests and Turkish Awakening”, presented to the Leiden University Religion Department student summer school program, hosted by The Nederland Institute Istanbul, 5 July.
- 2013 Ismail Hakki Yigit and Tahir Abbas, “The effect of ethno-national conflict on Kurdish families in south-east Turkey”, presented to the Society, Politics, and Economy in

Modern Turkey summer school program, convened by Portland State University and California State University.

SERVICE

Editorial Board Membership

Editorial Advisory Board - Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies, 2015 – Present.

Book Review Editor - American Journal of Qualitative Research, 2017 – Present.

Reviewer

Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space

Journal of Contemporary Ethnography

Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies

European Journal of Education Research

International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics

Social Sciences & Humanities Open

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA), 2015 – Present.

Southern Sociological Association, 2016 – Present.

Mid-South Sociological Association, 2015 – Present.

Mississippi-Alabama Sociological Association (AM-SA), 2016 – Present.

Organizer

Mid-South Sociological Association – 44th Annual Conference

Section Organizer -Food Research Directions: Stratification and Cultural Mobility

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) – 2019 Annual Meeting

Section Presider - Directions in Mental Health and Wellness

2020 Census

Mississippi Complete Count Committee Member, 2019 – Present.

ADDITIONAL PROFICIENCIES

Language Ability

Kurdish, Native.

Turkish, Native.

English, Fluent.

German (A2 certificated / Beginner Level Speaking).

Statistical Software Proficiency

Stata, SPSS, Python, ArcGIS, Maxqda, Tableau, SQL.