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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2024 Ph.D. Linguistics
Concentration in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA
Dissertation: “How flexible are grammars past puberty? Evidence from Turkish-American returnees”
- 2020 M.A. Linguistics
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA
- 2018 M.A. Foreign Language Education
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 B.A. Foreign Language Education (*magna cum laude*)
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025– Alexander-von-Humboldt Fellow
University of Konstanz, Germany

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (under review). Is early age of exposure crucial for successful ultimate attainment? Evidence from Turkish-American returnees and second language learners of Turkish residing in Turkey. *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*.
2. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (in press). Reactivating inflectional morphology in Turkish-American returnees. *Journal of the Linguistic Society of Germany*.
3. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2025). The other side of the coin matters too: What changes in the former heritage language in returnees may teach us about the dynamics of bilingual language acquisition. *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*. <https://doi.org/10.1075/lab.25065.cos>
4. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025). How Flexible Are Grammars Past Puberty?: The Case of Relative Clauses in Turkish-American Returnees. *Language Learning*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lang.70003>
5. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025). Input factors in the acquisition of evidentiality by Turkish heritage language children and adults in the United States. *Language Acquisition*, 32(2), 130–152. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10489223.2023.2266413>
6. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2024). Relative clauses in child heritage speakers of Turkish in the United States. *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*, 14(2), 218–254. <https://doi.org/10.1075/lab.21027.cos>
7. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2022). Heritage Language Acquisition and Maintenance of Turkish in the United States: Challenges to Teaching Turkish as a Heritage Language. *The Journal of Linguistics*, 0(38), 41–60. <https://doi.org/10.26650/jol.2022.1129254>
8. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2022). Sources of variability in the acquisition of Differential Object Marking by Turkish heritage language children in the United States. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 25(4), 603–616. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1366728921001000>

Refereed Conference Proceedings

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2021). The L1 Acquisition of Evidentiality in Turkish: The Case of Older Children. In Ö. Özçelik, & A. K. Kent (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 4th Conference on Central Asian Language and Linguistics (ConCALL-4)* (pp. 259–272).
2. Coşkun, A., & Gürel, A. (2018). Türkçenin yabancı dil olarak öğreniminde durum eklerinin kullanımı [The use of case morphemes in Turkish as a second language]. In Turan, Ü. D., Kopkallı, Y., & Balcı, A. (Eds). *Dilbilimde güncel tartışmalar* (pp. 85–95). Ankara: Dilbilim Derneği Yayınları.

Refereed Chapters in Scholarly Books

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (under review). Turkish as a heritage language. In T. Leal, S. Montrul, & M. Polinsky (Eds.), *Handbook of Heritage Languages and Linguistics (2nd ed.)* Cambridge University Press.

Edited Volumes

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (Ed.) (in preparation). Language Development in Returnee Children and Adults [Special issue]. *Second Language Research*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	Graduate Student Travel Grant. Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies (CEAPS), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	\$600
2023	SLCL Dissertation Completion Fellowship. School of Literatures, Cultures & Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (*declined due to fellowship conflict)	\$25,000
2023	Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Graduate College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	\$25,000
2023	National Science Foundation, Linguistics Program (BCS 22-34698). PI: Silvina Montrul, co-PI: Aylin Coşkun Kunduz, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant: <i>How flexible are grammars past puberty? Evidence from heritage language returnees</i> , (March 2023 – 2025)	\$19,000
2022	Dissertation Travel Grant. Graduate College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	\$1,500
2018	Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Humanities & Arts. Graduate College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	\$75,000

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Invited Lectures

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2026, October 17). *Bidirectional language change in Turkish-German returnees*. Turkic Linguistic Network. Berlin, Germany.
2. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2026, October 2). *Maintenance of English under repeated input alterations: The case of Turkish-American returnees*. Department of Translation and Language Sciences at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain.
3. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2026, January 15). *Heritage language reversal of Turkish: Comparing Turkish-American and Turkish-German returnees*. Turkology and Oriental Studies Colloquium. Institute of Slavic Studies, Turkology and Zirconical Studies. Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. Mainz, Germany.
4. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2025, December 17). *The role of extralinguistic variables in bidirectional language change: Comparing Turkish-American and Turkish-German returnees*. Language & Learning Network, Department of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University. Uppsala, Sweden.
5. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2025, December 16). *Heritage language acquisition, maintenance and reactivation of Turkish in America and Europe*. Turkic Languages, Department of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University. Uppsala, Sweden.

6. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2025, November 19). *What can returnee bilinguals teach us about the flexibility of linguistic competence?* Department of English Linguistics, University of Siegen. Siegen, Germany.
7. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2024, February 5). *Ultimate attainment of complex morphosyntax in Turkish-American returnees.* Turkic Linguistic Network. Berlin, Germany.
8. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2022, August 22). *Exploring individual variation in child and adult Turkish heritage speakers in the United States.* The Psycholinguistics of Language Representation (PoLaR) Lab, UiT the Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway.

Departmental Talks

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2026, April 30). *The role of context in language reactivation: Evidence from Turkish-American and Turkish-German returnees.* Linguistics Department Colloquium. Konstanz University, Germany.
2. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2022, October 24). *The role of input in the acquisition of evidentiality by Turkish heritage language children in the United States.* Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, USA.

Conferences Organized

1. Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA) 17 (2024, May 2–4). Organizing Committee Member, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, USA.
2. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Mohamed, M. (2022, March 3–4). 15th Annual Meeting of Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS15), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, USA.

Plenary speakers: Drs. Lydia White, Barbara Bullock, Viorica Marian and Johanne Paradis

Oral Presentations

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2026, April 16–18). *Reactivation of Turkish morphosyntax in Turkish-American and Turkish-German returnees.* 18th Meeting of Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA-18), Cambridge, UK.
2. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025, November 6–7). *Age and input effects in ultimate attainment of morphosyntax: The case of Turkish-American returnees and L2 learners residing in Turkey.* Heritage Language Syntax 6. Istanbul, Turkey.
3. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025, June 25–28). *The interplay between age and input in the acquisition of evidentiality: The case of Turkish-American returnees and L2 learners of Turkish residing in Turkey.* The 34th Annual Meeting of the European Second Language Association (EuroSLA 34), Tromsø, Norway.
4. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025, June 6). *Complex syntax in Turkish-American returnees and L2 learners of Turkish residing in Turkey.* Workshop on Heritage Languages and Third Factors. Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INaLCO), Paris, France.
5. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025, March 5–7). *Turkish-American returnees' judgements and production of inflectional morphology in Turkish.* The 47th Annual Meeting of the German Linguistics Society (DGfS 2025), Mainz, Germany.
6. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2024, May 2–4). *Heritage language acquisition of evidentiality under maximal input conditions: The case of Turkish-American returnees.* 17th Meeting of Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA-17), Urbana, IL, USA.
7. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2024, March 16–17). *Relative clauses in Turkish-American returnees.* The 48th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC-48), Philadelphia, PA, USA.
8. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2023, Nov 2–5). *How flexible are grammars past puberty? Evidence from Turkish-American returnees.* The 48th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD-48), Boston, MA, USA.

9. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2023, May 29–30). *Toward understanding the variability in Turkish heritage language children's acquisition of evidentiality*. Heritage Languages at the Crossroads (HL@Cross), Istanbul, Turkey.
10. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2022, Nov 3–6). *Sources of variability in the acquisition of evidentiality by Turkish heritage language children in the United States*. The 47th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD-47), Boston, MA, USA.
11. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2022, Oct 27–28). *The role of input in the acquisition of evidentiality by Turkish heritage language children in the United States*. University of Illinois at Chicago Bilingualism Forum 2022, Chicago, IL, USA.
12. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2022, June 16–17). *Relative clauses in child heritage speakers of Turkish in the United States*. Fourth International Conference on Heritage/Community Languages, UCLA, CA, USA.
13. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2021, May 7–9). *The L1 Acquisition of Evidentiality in Turkish: The case of older children*. Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA-9), Reykjavik, Iceland.
14. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2021, April 9–11). *The L1 Acquisition of Evidentiality in Turkish: The case of older children*. 4th Conference on Central Asian Languages and Linguistics (ConCALL-4), Bloomington, IN, USA.
15. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2021, Feb 21–23). *The role of input in the acquisition of Differential Object Marking by Turkish heritage language children in the United States*. Research Unit “Emerging Grammars in Language Contact Situations” (RUEG21) Conference – Dynamics of Language Contact, Berlin, Germany.
16. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Gürel, A. (2018, Oct 26–28). *The acquisition of morphology in a highly inflected second language: The case of Turkish*. The 37th Second Language Research Forum (SLRF). Montreal, Canada.
17. Coşkun, A., & Gürel, A. (2018, May 12–13). *The L2 use of Case morphemes in Turkish* [Oral presentation]. The 31st National Linguistics Convention, Eskişehir, Turkey.

Poster Presentations

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2026, June 24–27). Re-activation of evidentiality in Turkish-American and Turkish-German returnees. The 35th Annual Meeting of the European Second Language Association (EuroSLA 35), Lisbon, Portugal.
2. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2026, June 18–19). 6th International Symposium on Bilingual and L2 Processing in Adults and Children (ISBPAC 2026), Reading, UK.
3. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025, Nov 6–9). *Is early age of exposure crucial for successful ultimate attainment of morphosyntax? Comparing Turkish-American returnees and L2 learners residing in Turkey*. The 50th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD-50), Boston, MA, USA.
4. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2025, June 25–28). *The interplay between age and input in the acquisition of relative clauses: The case of Turkish-American returnees and L2 learners of Turkish residing in Turkey*. The 15th International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB15), Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain.
5. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2024, Nov 7–10). *Inflectional morphology in Turkish heritage speakers and Turkish-American returnees*. The 49th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD-49), Boston, MA, USA.
6. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2024, June 10–13). *Flexibility of complex syntax after puberty: The case of Turkish-American returnees*. Fifteenth Heritage Language Research Institute, UCLA, CA, USA.
7. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Montrul, S. (2022, May 12–14). *Relative clauses in child heritage speakers of Turkish in the United States*. Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA-16), Trondheim, Norway.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Konstanz | Konstanz, Germany

As instructor of record:

Experimental Methods in Multilingualism Research (FA 2026)

Language Contact and Language Attrition (FA 2025)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | Urbana, IL, USA

As guest lecturer:

American Voices: Linguistic Diversity in the US (SP 2024)

Introduction to Psycholinguistics (FA 2023; FA 2024)

As teaching assistant:

Elements of Syntax (SP 2024)

Introduction to Language Science (FA 2023)

Beginner Turkish (FA 2019 – 2021; SP 2020 – 2022)

Intermediate Turkish (FA 2019 – 2021; SP 2020 – 2022)

Advanced Turkish (FA 2019 – 2021; SP 2020 – 2021)

Introduction to Business Writing in English (SP 2020)

Introduction to Academic Writing in English (FA 2019)

Eskişehir Osmangazi University | Eskişehir, Turkey

Beginner/Intermediate Academic English (FA 2016 – SP 2018)

Istanbul Commerce University | Istanbul, Turkey

Beginner/Intermediate Academic English (FA 2015 – SP 2016)

AWARDS

- 2024 Professional Development Award. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 Linguistics Leadership Award. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 D.A. Kibbee Prize for SLCL Dissertation Completion Fellowship recipient judged as ‘most outstanding’. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (*declined due to fellowship conflict)
- 2022 The Paula Menyuk Travel Award for the 47th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD-47). Boston University
- 2022 C. W. Kim Research Award. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2021 Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE) Doctoral Research Award, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2021 H. R. Kahane Award for outstanding teaching assistant in non-western languages. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2020 Graduate College Travel Award. Graduate College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2020 Center for Languages of the Central Asian Region (CeLCAR) Student Travel Stipend Award. Indiana University Bloomington
- 2020 SLATE Conference Travel Award, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

HONORS

- 2024 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their students: 4 out of 4 semesters of instruction, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2026– Understanding accentedness in Turkish-American and Turkish-German bilinguals in immigration settings. Collaborators: Ethan Kutlu, Tanja Kupisch, and İlkin Koç
- 2024– Turkish at fast forward: The use of *bir* in heritage speakers. Collaborators: Tanja Kupisch and Ilaria Venagli
- 2024– L2 German attrition in returnees from Japan, Portugal, and Turkey: A cross-linguistic investigation of real-time grammatical processing. Collaborators: Maki Kubota, Cristina Flores and Holger Hopp
- 2024– Prosody and head directionality. Collaborators: Juana M. Liceras, Marco Llamazares and Yoriko Aizu
- 2021– Nominal coordinated constructions in Korean and Turkish. Collaborators: James Yoon and Chae Eun Lee
- 2021– Inner aspect and the syntax-semantics interface. Collaborators: Jonathan MacDonald and Mien-Jen Wu
- 2018– Morphological processing in a foreign language: The cases of Turkish and English. PI: Ayşe Gürel, Student assistant: Aylin Coşkun. Boğaziçi University, Turkey. Responsibilities: Data coding, data sorting, and statistical analyses

SERVICE

Workshops

1. Coşkun Kunduz, A., & Bowie, D. (2025, March 18). *How to Publish Academic Articles*. Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Virtual workshop.
2. Ionin, T., Coşkun Kunduz, A., Chuang, P., & Moore, B. (2024, February 19). *External funding opportunities for linguistics*. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, USA.
3. Coşkun Kunduz, A. (2023, November 27). *How to prepare and publish your first journal article*. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, USA.

Manuscript reviewer

- 2021– Bilingualism: Language and Cognition
Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism
International Journal of Multilingualism
Heritage Language Journal
Frontiers in Psychology
- Language Acquisition
Second Language Research
Applied Psycholinguistics
Languages

Abstract reviewer

- 2025– Konstanz Linguistics Conference 2025 (KLC25)
- 2024– Annual Meeting of Cognitive Science Society (COGSCI)
- 2020– Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Committee member

- 2023– [First Gen Access and Equity Subcommittee](#) | Linguistic Society of America

Volunteerism

- 2024– Volunteer chair of the ‘Bilingualism’ session at [the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America](#), New York City, NY, USA.
- 2023– Volunteer mentor at the Pop-Up Mentoring Program (PUMP) organized by the [LSA Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics \(COGEL\)](#) at the 48th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD-48), Boston, MA, USA.
- 2013– Volunteer English teaching & coordination of educational activities for young children at [The Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey \(TEGV\)](#), Turkey.

Site administrator

- 2022 Co-Designer and Administrator, "[Illinois Language and Linguistics Society](#)" website
2021 Designer and Administrator, "[Summer Institute for the Languages of the Muslim world \(SILMW\)](#)" website

STUDENT MENTORING

Master Students:

- 2026 Asena Deniz, University of Konstanz
Project: What Determines Language Dominance? Evidence from Language Choice Behavior in German–Turkish Bilinguals

Graduate Research Assistants:

- 2025 Yağmur Ağacıkoğlu, University of Konstanz
Project: A cross-linguistic study of heritage language reversal: The case of Turkish returnees from the United States and Germany

Undergraduate Research Assistants:

- 2023 Sid Bhushan, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Salih Yatkın, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Project: How flexible are grammars past puberty? Evidence from Turkish-American returnees

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2025– The German Linguistic Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Sprachwissenschaft; DGfS)
2025– European Second Language Association
2024– Heritage Language Syntax
2023– Linguistic Society of America

SKILLS

Languages

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), German (intermediate), French (limited coursework of 2 semesters), Portuguese (limited coursework of 2 semesters)

Technical

R, R Studio, Python (data analysis), Canvas, ILIAS, Moodle (LMS)