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## EMPLOYMENT

- 6/14-Present Post-Doctoral Research Associate and Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 8/09- 05/14 Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 8/07 – 7/09 Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul

## EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Rural Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA  
Dissertation Title: *Following the Maize: Regulation and Production in the Agricultural Landscape in Turkey in the 2000s*
- 2009 M.A., Comparative Studies in History and Society, Koç University, Istanbul  
M.A. Thesis Title: *Losing the Native Sweet: Declining Sugar Beet Cultivation in Turkey in the 2000s*
- 2007 B.A. Department of Political Science and International Relations, Marmara University, Istanbul

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| Critical Political Economy | Rural Sociology          | Mixed Research Methods       |
| Development Sociology      | Sociology of Agriculture | Spatial Statistical Analysis |

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Borlu, Yetkin, and Leland Glenna. "Fostering Consent in a Post-Fordist Regime: The Case of Industrial Maize Farming in Turkey." Forthcoming. *Current Perspectives in Social Theory, Special Volume on Globalization, Critique, and Social Theory: 13th Annual Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium.*

- 2015 Borlu, Yetkin. "A Story of Post-Fordist Exploitation: Financialization and Small-Scale Maize Farmers in Turkey." *Rural Sociology*, 80(2): 173-97.
- 2014 Schafft, Kai, Leland Glenna, Brandn Green, and Yetkin Borlu. "Local Impacts of Unconventional Gas Development within Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale Region: Gauging Boomtown Development through the Perspectives of Educational Administrators." *Society and Natural Resources*. 27 (4): 389-404.
- 2013 Schafft, Kai, Yetkin Borlu, and Leland Glenna. "The Relationship between Marcellus Shale Gas Development in Pennsylvania and Local Perceptions of Risk and Opportunity." *Rural Sociology*, 78: 143-166.
- 2013 Dixon, Jeffrey C., Yetkin Borlu, and Duygu Kasdogan. "Moving 'East' or 'West'? Examining Liberal-Democratic Values in Turkey, 2000-2008." *European Societies* 15 (3): 753-79.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

Borlu, Yetkin, and Stephen Matthews. "Industrial Maize as a Commodity System: Spatial Scale and Labor Relations after Economic Restructuring in Turkey." *Journal of Rural Studies*.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Borlu, Yetkin. "Persistence under a Corporate Food Regime: Expansion of Industrial Maize and Simple Commodity Production in Turkey." Target Journal: *World Development*.

#### **NEWS AND REPORTS**

- 2015 Borlu, Yetkin. "Türkiye Tarımında Finansallaşma ve Kredi Bağımlılığı [Financialization and Credit Dependency in Turkey's Agriculture]." Opinion Piece in *BirGün Fikir*, April 19.
- 2014 Borlu, Yetkin, and Vincent Ricciardi. "Perceptions and Attitudes towards Sweet Potato in Northern Ghana." USAID Horticulture CRSPs funded STOPS Project Factsheet.
- 2014 Ricciardi, Vincent, Yetkin Borlu, and Tom Gill. "Sweet Potato Seed System in Northern Ghana." USAID Horticulture CRSPs funded STOPS Project Factsheet.
- 2013 Stanfield, Doug. "Industrialized Agriculture Brings Change in Turkey." Interview with Yetkin Borlu. *Penn State News*, October 13.
- 2012 Kelsey, Timothy W., William Hartman, Kai A. Schafft, Yetkin Borlu, and Charles Costanzo. "Marcellus Shale Gas Development and Pennsylvania School Districts: What Are the Implications for School Expenditures and Tax Revenues?" Penn State Cooperative Extension Marcellus Education Fact Sheet.

- 2011 Schafft, Kai A., Leland L. Glenna, Yetkin Borlu, and Brandn Green. "Marcellus Shale Gas Development: What Does It Mean for Pennsylvania Schools?" University Park, PA: Penn State Extension.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2014 Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, Feldman Best Paper Award  
Paper Title: *Local Impacts of Unconventional Gas Development within Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale Region: Gauging Boomtown Development through the Perspectives of Educational Administrators*, co-authoring with Kai A. Schafft, Leland Glenna, and Brandn Green (\$1,000)
- 2014 The Rural Sociological Society Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award  
Paper Title: *Financialization and Small-Scale Maize Farmers in Turkey: A Story of Post-Fordist Exploitation* (\$300)
- 2013 Graduate Exhibition Poster Competition, 2nd place, The Pennsylvania State University (\$250)
- 2012 Dissertation Research Award, The Rural Sociological Society (\$1,500)
- 2011 Research Award, The Office of International Programs, the College of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania State University (\$1,000)
- 2011 Travel Support, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University (\$1,000)
- 2009 Graham Endowed Fellowship, The Graduate School, The Pennsylvania State University (\$4,000)

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 2014 "Financialization and Small-Scale Maize Farmers in Turkey: A Story of Post-Fordist Exploitation," paper presentation at the 77th Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, July 31 - August 3.
- 2014 "Local Impacts of Unconventional Gas Development within Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale Region: Gauging Boomtown Development Through the Perspectives of Educational Administrators," paper presentation with Kai A. Schafft and Leland Glenna, and Brandn Green at the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, University Park, PA, June 26-29.
- 2014 "Creation of Consent under a Post-Fordist Regime: The Case of Industrial Maize Farming in Turkey," paper presentation at the 12th Annual International Social Theory Consortium Conference, Knoxville, TN, April 10-12.
- 2013 "A Longitudinal Study of the Socioeconomic Transformation in Agriculture: Industrial Maize Production in Turkey," paper presentation at the 108th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, August 10-13.

- 2013 "Entrepreneurial Exploitation: The Expansion of Industrial Maize Cultivation in Turkey and the Structural Exploitation of Smallholder Farmers," paper presentation at the 76th Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York City, August 6-10.
- 2013 "Following the Maize: Regulation and Production in the Agricultural Landscape in Turkey in the 2000s," poster presentation at the Pennsylvania State University Graduate Exhibition, University Park, PA, March 24.
- 2012 "Neoliberalization of the Landscape of Maize in Turkey: Evidence from the 2000s," paper presentation at the American Sociological Association, Sociology of Development Conference, Charlottesville, VA, November 1-3.
- 2012 "Will Work for Maize: The Geography and Political Economy of Industrial Maize Production in Turkey in the 2000s", paper presentation at the XIII World Congress of Rural Sociology, Lisbon, July 29- August 4.
- 2012 "Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Development: Perception of Risk and Opportunity amongst School Administrators in Pennsylvania", paper presentation with Kai A. Schafft and Leland Glenna, and Brandn Green, at the 75th Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, July 26-29.
- 2012 "The National Regulation of Industrial Maize Production in Turkey in the 2000s" paper presentation at the Joint 2012 Annual Meetings & Conference of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS), Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), & Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN), New York City, June 20-24.
- 2012 "The Geography and Political Economy of Industrial Maize Production in Turkey in the 2000s", poster presentation at the Pennsylvania State University Graduate Exhibition, University Park, PA, March 25.
- 2011 "Educational and Community Stakeholders Perspectives Regarding Marcellus Shale Gas Development Impacts: Paradoxes of Prosperity and Uncertainty", poster presentation with Kai A. Schafft, Leland Glenna, and Brandn Green, at the Marcellus Summit 2011: Real Issues, Balanced Perspectives, University Park, PA, November 16-18.
- 2010 "Losing the Native Sweet: Declining Sugar Beet Cultivation in Turkey in the 2000s", paper presentation at the 73rd Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta , August 12-15.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 Spring Co-Instructor, Global Seminar (Community and Economic Development 410), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- Instructor, Research Methods in Sociology (Sociology 207), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- Instructor, Population and Policy Issues (Sociology 023), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

- 2014 Fall Co-Instructor, Development Issues in the Global Context (Community and Economic Development 230), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2013 Fall Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Agriculture (International Agriculture 100), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2013 Spring Completion Certificate, the Schreyer Institute Course for College Teaching, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2013 Spring-2011 Fall Teaching Assistant, Population, Land Use and Municipal Finance (Community and Economic Development 509), The Pennsylvania State University, World Campus (online program).
- 2013 Spring-2012 Spring Teaching Assistant, Society and Natural Resources (Community, Environment, and Development 427), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2009 Spring Teaching Assistant, Social Stratification (Sociology 403), Koç University, Istanbul.
- 2008 Fall-2008 Spring Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology (Sociology 100), Koç University, Istanbul.

#### **INVITED LECTURES/TALKS**

- 2013 Guest Lecturer, "Models of Economic Development, Global Land Grabbing" and "Agriculture and Environment," in International Agriculture 100, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, September 10, 12, and 26.
- 2013 Guest Lecturer, "Democratic Pragmatism and Environmental Policies," in Community, Environment, and Development 427, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, February 26 & 28.
- 2012 Group Talk, "Past and Contemporary Policies in Turkish Agriculture ," in International Agriculture 100, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, December 4.
- 2012 Guest Lecturer, "Economic Rationalism and Environmental Policies," in Community, Environment, and Development 427, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, March 13.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- 2013-Present American Sociological Association  
Marxist Sociology Section Student Paper Award Committee (2014-2015)
- 2009-Present Rural Sociological Association  
Development Committee Graduate Student Representative (2013-14)  
Development Committee Member (2014-2017)  
SAFRIG Student Paper Award Committee (2013-2014)

**LANGUAGES**

Turkish- Native  
English- Fluent  
German- Advanced

**RESEARCH SOFTWARE SKILLS**

SPSS, Stata, ArcGIS, GeoDa, NVIVO.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

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| 2015-present   | Research Institute on Turkey (NYC), Co-Op Member.  |
| 2008 – present | The Initiative of Fraternity with Farmers, supporting group for the Confederation of Farmers' Unions (Ciftci-Sen) in Turkey, member of La Via Campesina. |
| 2005           | History Foundation of Turkey; volunteer in communication department<br>volunteer support in various conferences and workshops.                           |

**INTERNSHIPS**

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| 2006-2007 | Birikim Publications, Istanbul, November 2006 – January 2007  |
| 2006      | The Center for Strategic Research of the Foreign Ministry of Republic of Turkey<br>July 3 – August 15 |