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EDUCATION

- 2028 (expected) **PhD Anthropology**, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA
Advisor: Dr. Suzanne E. Pilaar Birch
- 2022 **BA Archaeology and History of Art**, Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye
2022 **BA History**, Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2026 “Outstanding Teaching Assistant”, the Office of the Vice President for Instruction, University of Georgia
- 2025 “Outstanding Talent Medal”, Department of Talent Acquisition and Organization, Presidential Human Resources Office, Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye
- 2022 Koç University –Dean’s Honor List
- 2020 Vehbi Koç Scholar Award, Koç University
- 2019 Vehbi Koç Scholar Award, Koç University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Academic Scholarships

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| 2026 – 2027 | Doctoral Fellowship, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye | 864.000₺ |
| 2026 | The Janis Steingruber Award, Anthropology Department, University of Georgia | \$1000 |
| 2024 | Ancient Language of Anatolia Training Program, ANAMED | \$500 |
| 2024 | SPATIAL Training Program, University of Utah | \$2500 |
| 2016–22 | 100% Success Scholarship, Koç University | |
| 2016–22 | KUDEB Scholarship, Koç University | |

Travel Grants

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| 2025 | Anthropology Dept. Conference Travel Grant, University of Georgia | \$300 |
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| 2024 | Anthropology Dept. Conference Travel Grant, University of Georgia | \$300 |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

- 2025 **Yalçın, T.**, S. Kamjan, C. Luke, “Soaring skies, seasonal migrations, and avian wonders from the wetlands of western Anatolia,” Annual Meeting, American Society of Overseas Research, Boston, Massachusetts, November.
- 2025 **Yalçın, T.**, C. Luke and C.H. Roosevelt 2025 “Pest Management in Western Anatolia in the Bronze Age: Rodent Infestations and the Role of Cats and Dogs in Protecting Food Stores.”. Society of American Archaeology, 90th Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado. April.

2024 **Yalçın, T., M. Davis, S. E. Pilaar-Birch.** 2024 “Integrating Isotopic Data across Ancient Anatolia for Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction” Society of American Archaeology, 89th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. April.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

May 2026 Instructor for hands-on zooarchaeology session, Environmental Archaeology Training Program, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, May 16-17-18, Manisa, Türkiye.

Spring 2026 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 1102).

Fall 2025 Laboratory Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Laboratory in Introduction to Biological Anthropology (ANTH 2045L).

Fall 2025 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Introduction to Biological Anthropology (ANTH 2045).

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Spring 2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 1102).

Fall 2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 1102).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025 – 2026 The Sustainable Ethical Cattle from Antiquity to the Anthropocene Project, August 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026. Zooarchaeology and the Stable Isotope expert, Koç University, Istanbul.

2023 – 2026 Quaternary Isotope Paleoecology Laboratory, University of Georgia, Research assistant
Project: “Integrating Isotopic Data across Ancient Anatolia for Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction”, with Professor S.E. Pilaar-Birch.
Conducted pre-treatment and collagen extraction of animal bones for stable isotope analysis and compiled open-access isotope data from Anatolian sites.

2022 – Present Kaymakçı Archaeological Project, June-July. Zooarchaeology expert.

2025 Aphrodisias Excavations. 13-18 July. Zooarchaeology expert.

2023-2024 Kaymakçı Archaeological Project & Aphrodisias Excavations, December – January. Zooarchaeological analysis at the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul.

2022-2023 Kaymakçı Archaeological Project, December – January. Zooarchaeological analysis at the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul.

SPECIALIZATION & CERTIFICATES

2024 Hittite and Luwian Languages (Ancient Languages of Anatolia)
Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University

2024 The SPATIAL (Spatio-Temporal Isotope Analytics Lab), University of Utah

2021 – 2022 Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, Koç University

2019 – 2022 Classical Studies, Koç University

2022 Applying Isotopic Analyses to Bioarchaeological Remains Workshop, Koç University
2019 Environmental Archaeology Training Program
Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED), Koç University

INVITED LECTURES

2026 “Integrating Faunal Analysis into Archaeological Fieldwork” ARHA 450/550 The
Environment in Archaeological and Heritage Studies, Koç University.
2025 “Unearthing the Past: A Journey into Archaeology”, The FIRST LEGO® League
(FLL) 2025, Corning Team for juniors, Newark, New York.

ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE

2024 – 2025 Faculty Representative, Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, University of
Georgia, Athens, GA.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for American Archaeology
American Society for Overseas Research

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish Native Speaker
English High Proficiency