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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Assistant Professor
Sociology Department,
Yeditepe University

Sept. 2026 -

Research Affiliate,
Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
University of Mississippi

May 2026 -

Visiting Assistant Professor,
Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
University of Mississippi

Jan. 2025 - May 2026

EDUCATION

Syracuse University,
Ph.D. in Sociology
Advisor: Edwin Ackerman
Dissertation: Race, Space and Taste in Post-War America

2018 - 2025

Istanbul Sehir University
M.A. in Sociology

2016 - 2018

Bogazici University
B.A. in Sociology (with Honors),
Minor in Economics,
Study Abroad: Trinity College Dublin

2011 - 2016

AREAS OF INTEREST

Race and Ethnicity; Place and Space; Local Politics; Culture and Consumption; Migration and Immigrant Incorporation; Social Policy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Suleyman Kiroglu & Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. "Rural notables, professionals, and ideologues: the social bases of AKP local power". European Politics and Society. doi: 10.1080/23745118.2026.2620579. 2026.

Huzeyfe Ayaz, Muhammed Hasan Celik, **Huseyin Zeyd Koytak**, & Ibrahim Emre Yanik. “Exploring Vaccine Hesitancy in Digital Public Discourse: From tribal polarization to socio-economic disparities”. PLOS ONE 19(11): e0308122. 2024.

- *Co-first and co-corresponding author.*

Suleyman Kiroglu & **Huseyin Zeyd Koytak**. “Mapping Solidarity: Organizational Density of Hometown Associations of Istanbul”. Turkish Studies. 2024

- *Co-first and corresponding author.*

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. “Ethnicity on the Table: A Content Analysis of Online Reviews for Syracuse's Cuisines”. Sociology Compass, e13195. 2024.

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak & Muhammed Hasan Celik. “A Text Mining Approach to Determinants of Attitude Towards Syrian Immigration in the Turkish Twittersphere”. Social Science Computer Review. August 2022.

- *Co-first and corresponding author.*

Jennifer Karas Montez, Jason Beckfield, Julene Cooney, Mark D. Hayward, Jacob M. Grumbach, **Huseyin Zeyd Koytak**, Steven Woolf, & Anna Zajacova. “Policies, Politics, and U.S. Life Expectancy. The Milbank Quarterly 98(3):668-699. 2020.

- *Honorable Mention Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population, American Sociological Association, 2021*

BOOKS

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. *The Order of Taste: Whiteness, Space, and Cosmopolitan America*. Book manuscript under contract with the University of Georgia Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. “The Cosmopolitan Paradox: Whitespaces and Taste in Post-War America.” In Whitespaces, edited by David L. Brunsmma, Joong Won Kim, Letisha Engracia Cardoso Brown, and Elizabeth Roberts. Edited volume under contract with Lexington Books.

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. *Making Do, Making Power: Everyday Survival, Migration, and the Architecture of Turkish Mass Politics*. (Book manuscript in preparation).

COMMENTARIES & MEDIA

BioNews Health, “Eight themes of vaccine hesitancy that could surprise people,” June 2025. <https://bio.news/health/eight-themes-of-vaccine-hesitancy-that-could-surprise-people/>

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. “Vaccine hesitancy is about much more than misinformation”. STAT News: First Opinion, March 14, 2025. <https://www.statnews.com/2025/03/14/vaccine-hesitancy-misinformation-research-study-reasons-trust/>

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. Interview with Futuro da Saúde on vaccine hesitancy and the social dimensions of public trust in health policy. March 25, 2025. <https://futurodasaude.com.br/hesitacao-vacinal-estudo/>

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak. “What Factors Influenced COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy? Evidence from Social Media.” Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion, *Population Health Research Brief Series*, No. 125, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.14305/rt.lerner.2025.1>.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak “The Cosmopolitan Paradox: Whitespaces and Taste in Post-War America”. 2026. Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Conference at Jacksonville, FL.

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak “Flavors and Fences: White Habitus and the Making of Urban Foodscapes”. 2024. Presented at the American Sociological Association Conference at Montreal.

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak & Suleyman Kiroglu. 2022. “Classification, Organization, Distribution and Density of Hometown Associations in Istanbul”. Presented at the Migration Studies Graduate Student Conference at Istanbul Bilgi Universitesi.

Huseyin Zeyd Koytak & Muhammed Hasan Celik. 2021. “Discursive Framing of Syrian Immigration in the Turkish Twittersphere”. Presented virtually at the Population Association of America Conference and European Sociological Association Conference.

Jennifer Karas Montez, Julene Cooney, & **Huseyin Zeyd Koytak.** 2019. “Political Economy and Death in the American States” Presented at the American Sociological Association Conference and the Society for Life Course and Longitudinal Studies Conference.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Twittersphere.net,

2020-2023

Co-founder and Research Team Leader

- Established and refined the overarching research focus, aligning with emergent topics and academic relevance in the field.
- Built and led a cross-disciplinary team of scholars, fostering a collaborative environment and promoting rigorous academic inquiry.
- Directed the preparation, submission, and revision processes for research articles in

esteemed journals, promoting the circle's contribution to knowledge.

Syracuse University,
Policy, Place, and Population Health Lab,
Aging Studies Institute,
Research Assistant

2018-2020

- Spearheaded the data cleaning processes, ensuring accuracy and consistency for subsequent analysis.
- Employed advanced statistical methodologies to interpret and derive insights from the collected data.
- Designed and produced insightful data visualizations, facilitating comprehension of complex datasets.
- Conducted comprehensive literature reviews, integrating key findings into the lab's research context.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Mississippi

Introduction to Sociology (Online)

Spring 2026

Methods of Social Research (Online)

Spring 2026

Quantitative Anthropology (Graduate Level)

Fall 2025

International Migration

Fall 2025

Methods of Social Research

Fall 2025, Spring 2025

Applied Demography

Spring 2025

Instructor of Record, Syracuse University

Racial and Ethnic Inequalities

Winter 2024

Introduction to Sociology

Winter 2023

Social Problems

Summer 2023,
Summer 2024

Critical Issues for the United States

Fall 2022,
Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University

Introduction to Sociology

Spring 2024

Social Problems

Spring 2022

Social Problems

Fall 2021

Introduction to Research

Spring 2021

Introduction to Research

Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant, Istanbul Sehir University

Understanding Politics and Economy

Spring 2018

Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2017

World Civilizations and Global Encounters

Spring 2017

World Civilizations and Global Encounters

Fall 2016

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Excellence Doctoral Funding, \$28,000
Syracuse University

2024

Roscoe Martin Fund for Graduate Research, \$1,000
Syracuse University

2022

Center for European Studies Graduate Student Grant, \$1,500
Syracuse University

2022

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, \$4,000
Syracuse University

2022

Goekjian/Middle East Research Grant, \$1,500
Syracuse University

2021

TRAINING

- Future Professoriate Program, Syracuse University

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Python, STATA, SPSS, ArcGIS, ATLAS.ti

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English, Turkish, Russian, Arabic

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATION

Member,

- American Sociological Association (Sections: Culture, Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
- The Population Association of America
- European Sociological Association

Editorial Board Member,

- Journal of Language, Media and Society

Ad hoc reviewer,

- Rowman & Littlefield Publishers
- Social Science Computer Review
- BMC Public Health
- Frontiers in Political Science
- Information Technology and People
- European Politics and Society
- Turkish Studies
- European Societies

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Edwin Ackerman,
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