

## *Curriculum Vitae*



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## **EDUCATION**

- PhD, English Language and Teaching, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2000-dismissed while waiting for publication in 2016.
- M.A., Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 1999.
- B.A., English Language and Literature, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 1995.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Courses, Workshops and Seminars Attended**

- “Multicultural Classrooms” by Steve Darn, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 26 January, 2015.
- “Curriculum Renewal, Purpose, Coherence, and Student Learning” by Tony Gurr, Pearson, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.
- “Empowerment and Lifelong Learning – Yes, We Can”, offered by Macmillan Education and Deniz Plaza, given by Teresa Doğuelli, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2012.
- A Workshop on “Developing and testing Productive Skills” by Gareth Davies, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 29 September, 2012.
- A Workshop on “IELTS” by Sam McCarter, Macmillan, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 23 March, 2011.

- Certificate of Participation on “Classroom-Based Skills Development Methodology” by City and Guilds, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, January, 2010.
- Certificate of Participation on “City and Guilds International Spoken ESOL Interlocutors’ Training” by City and Guilds, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, January, 2010.
- Certificate of Two-day Workshop on “Testing” by Pilgrims English Language Courses, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 26-27 October, 2009.
- A workshop on “Listening”, by Kristina Smith, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 16 April, 2009.
- Certificate of Two-day Workshop on “Testing” by Pilgrims English Language Courses, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 18-19 February, 2009.
- A workshop on “EAP Now Preliminary Unit 4” by Kristina Smith, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 3 December, 2008.
- Leadership and Management Workshop, by George Pickering, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 25-27 October, 2008.
- A Workshop on “EAP Teaching” by Kristina Smith, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, September, 2008.
- Certificate of Two-day Workshop on “Testing” by Pilgrims English Language Courses, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 25-26 September, 2008.
- Certificate of Teacher Training Course on “Total Quality Management in Education”, Bodrum, Turkey, 21-26 July, 2008.
- Certificate of Attendance, for trainings on “CLIL –Content and Language Integrated Learning and Extensive Reading Programmes” by Oxford University Press, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 17 April, 2008.
- Moodle Workshop by Çiğdem Tuncergil, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 23 November, 2007.
- Moodle Workshop by Özkan Özçınar, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 5 July, 2007.
- Certificate of Participation in the Seventh Framework Program (FP7) “Proposal Preparation Workshop” by TÜBİTAK at the EMU Coordination Office, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 8 June, 2007.
- Moodle Workshop by John Eldridge, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 30 March, 2007.

- Wiki Workshop by Elmaziye Özgür Zaim, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 16 March, 2007.
- Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages Workshop on the European Language Portfolio by Yesim B. Oktay, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 28 September 2006.
- A Workshop on the SWOT Analysis by Mehmet Altınay, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 17 October, 2006.
- Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages Seminar on “Bare Naked Lexis Project” by Steven Neufeld, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 22 September, 2006.
- Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages Seminar “Can Management and Staff Needs Meet in Appraisal?” by Nilgun Hancioglu and Elmaziye Ozgur Kufi, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 18 March 2005.
- A Seminar on the Management of Change in Education organized by the British Council and Department of English Literature and Humanities, “Are you in the zone? An exploration of the management of change in education.”, by John McGovern, Activity Hall, Faculty of Education, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 5 May 2004.
- Longman Seminar 2004 “Bridging the Test-Teach Divide” by Kristina Smith Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, April, 2004.
- Certificate of Participation in the Training Programme “Project Cycle Management” by Bill Crooks, Trainer, The Management Centre, Nicosia, TRNC, 12-13 March 2004.
- A Workshop on “Test Moderation” by the Testing and Moderation Unit, School of Foreign Languages, EMU, Famagusta, TRNC, 6 February 2004.
- A Training Programme on “Training the Trainers” The Management Centre, Nicosia, TRNC, 29-30 January, 2004.
- A Workshop on “Facilitation of Group Communication and Problem Solving Skills” by Benjamin Broome, Arizona State University, USA, The Management Centre, Nicosia, TRNC, 26-27 September 2003.
- Certificate of Participation in the Training Programme “Managing the Volunteers” by Charles Philip Jordan, University of Sussex, The Management Centre, Nicosia, TRNC, 26-27 September 2003.
- CEELT II Certificate (Cambridge English for English Language Teachers), Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 2000-2001.
- Oxford University Press and M. Kemal Deniz and Co. Ltd, “Traditional tales and Dramatisation: Creating Magical Worlds for all ages” by Tom Godfrey, Ataturk Cultural Centre, Nicosia, TRNC, 10 May 2001

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on Self-Study Centres and Learner Independence by Susan Sheerin Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 13-15 February 2001.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Self-Study Centres and Learner Independence by Susan Sheerin, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 29 May-2 June 2000.
- Oxford University Press and M. Kemal Deniz and Co. Ltd, “The Power of Stories in Language Teaching: for all ages and all levels” by Andrew Wright. Ataturk Cultural Centre, Nicosia, TRNC, 3 May 2000.
- Certificate in Computers and Teachers Development (CCTD), Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 1999-2000.
- Certificate of Attendance on German Language, Cyprus Turkish German Cultural Association, Nicosia, TRNC, 1999-2000.
- TelePress Conference with Elliot Judd, USIS, Ankara, Turkey, 2 December 1998.
- Certificate on “Video, Audio and New Technologies in Teaching of English”, British Council International Summer School, The University of Brighton, Brighton, England, 6-24 July, 1998.
- Certificate of Attendance on German Language, Cyprus Turkish German Cultural Association, Nicosia, TRNC, 1997-1998.
- Certificate for Overseas Teachers of English (COTE), Awarded jointly by the University of Cambridge and The Royal Society of Arts, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 1995-1996.
- New Graduates Course, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, Spring Semester 1995.
- Certificate of Training in English Language Teaching, Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, TRNC, 1991-1995.

### **Research Grants, Training Grants and Scholarships**

- A Joint Scholarship by Fulbright, Bilkent University and Eastern Mediterranean University for Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Foreign Language Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 1998-1999.
- Half Scholarship from AS Hornby Institution for a course on “Video, Audio and New Technologies in Teaching of English” British Council International Summer School, The University of Brighton, Brighton, England 6-24 July 1998.

## **ACADEMIC /TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Senior Instructor, English Teacher of General English, Academic English and Medical English at Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, (2000- present).
- Instructor, English Teacher of General English at Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, (1995 -2000).

## **COURSES TAUGHT** *(in the last three years)*

- ENGL 131, Medical English, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2015-2016 Academic Year.
- ENGL 513, Academic English for Postgraduate Students, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2013-2016 Academic Year.
- ENGL 114, Academic Speech, University Elective, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2013-2016 Academic Year.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Coordinator of the Testing Team, General Education Programme/Foreign Languages Division, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2008-2012.
- Coordinator of the Complementary English Programme, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages Division, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2009-2012.
- Assistant Director, General Education Programme/Foreign Languages Division, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2008-2009.
- Team Coordinator for English courses -ENGL 191 and 192- offered at the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School 2005-2008.
- Member of the Quality Assurance Working Group, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2003-2005.

- Member of the Learner Training Working Group (Related to the Academic Support Team), Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Spring 2003.
- Course Organizer for Academic English Courses -ENGL 191 and ENGL 192, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2002-2005.
- Test Designer and Exam Moderator for various EFL/ENGL courses taught at Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2001-now.
- E-Teacher, at Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages Division, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, 2001-2005.
- Material Designer for various EFL/ENGL courses taught at the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2001-2005.
- Member of the Eagle Working Group, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2001-2003.
- Voluntary Learning Adviser of the Academic Support Team, Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 1999-2001.
- Support Member of the Flexible Learning Working Group, Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 1999-2000.
- Member of the Autonomy Working Group –Students’ Self Study Centre Team, Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 1999-2000.
- Assistant Resource Leader of the SSSC at Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, 1999-2000.
- Colleague Mentor at Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, 1997-1998.
- Assistant Coordinator of Core English at Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, 1995-1997.

## CONFERENCES, CONGRESSES AND SYMPOSIUMS ATTENDED

- Certificate of Attendance to the “4<sup>th</sup> Workshop Festival” by Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 4 July, 2014.
- Certificate of Contribution to the 3<sup>rd</sup> International ELT Conference “Telling ELT Tales out of School” by Faculty of Education, ELT Department, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 5-7 May, 2010.
- Certificate of Attendance to the IATEFL Testing and Evaluation and Assessment Special Interest Group event “Recent Approaches to Teaching and Assessing Speaking” Famagusta, TRNC, 23-24 October, 2009.
- MA TEFL 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Conference by Graduate School of Education, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 26-28 June, 2008.
- Certificate of Attendance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> EPS ELT Seminar “New Trends in ELT” by English Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.
- Certificate of Attendance to the European University of Lefke ELT Symposium “Learner Autonomy in Action” by Cambridge University Press, the English Language Teaching Department and English Preparatory School, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.
- 5<sup>th</sup> METU Postgraduate Conference in ELT and Linguistics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey 20-21 September 2007.
- 11<sup>th</sup> International INGED ELT Conference, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey, 6-8 September 2007.
- SFL Language Teaching Seminar by Longman and Oxford University Press, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 11 February 2005.
- 8<sup>th</sup> METU International ELT Convention Reexamining Needs, Targets and Tools: From Curriculum to Materials Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 3-15 May 2004. The First International Education Conference, “Changing Times Changing Needs”, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 8-10 May 2002.
- International Education Conference by Cyprus International University Near East University, Nicosia, TRNC, 12 September 2001.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> International ELT Conference “Bringing the Textbook to Life” Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 12-13 February 2001.
- CYBERTOOLS 2000: Using Audio, Video & Computers in Language Teaching, Koc University, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey, 17-18 November 2000.
- 6<sup>th</sup> METU International ELT Convention "Expanding Our Horizons" Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 25-27 May 2000.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> International ELT Conference "Practical Issues for Practising Teachers" Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 9-11 February 2000.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> International Bilkent University ELT Conference, "Achieving a Coherent Curriculum: Key Elements, Methods and Principles", Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 18-20 February 1999.
- International İNGED-Gazi ELT Conference, "Teachers as Learners" Gazi University, Ankara, Turkey, 2-3 October 1999.
- 5<sup>th</sup> METU International ELT Convention, "To Establish and Promote Interaction Among Teachers" Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 28-30 May 1998.
- The Second İNGED-Gazi International ELT Conference, "Meeting the Challenges of Skills Teaching: Classroom Applications" Gazi University, Ankara, Turkey, 2-4 October 1998.

### **PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES, CONGRESSES AND SYMPOSIUMS**

- 5<sup>th</sup> METU Postgraduate Conference in ELT and Linguistics, "Adventures with Low-Level Freshmen in Designing a Syllabus for Teaching English" (Paper), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey 20-21 September 2007.
- 11<sup>th</sup> International İNGED ELT Conference, "Benefiting from the Internet both Inside and Outside the Classroom." (Paper), Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey 6-8 September 2007.
- 8<sup>th</sup> METU International ELT Convention, "WebQuests: In Pursuit of Alternatives in ELT Methodology" (Paper), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 13-15 May 2004.
- The First International Education Conference "Challenge the Change" (A Joint Paper presented by Javanshir Shibliyev, Nazan Doğruer, Ayfer Şen, Gülsün Korun and Afet Reşatoğlu) Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 8-10 May 2002.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International ELT Conference "Self Access Poster Presentation" (Poster), Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 9-11 February 2000.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International ELT Conference, "Video Activities for the Language Classroom" (Workshop) Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 9-11 February 2000.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International ELT Conference "The Return of the Laminator-The Sequel", (A Joint Workshop held with SSSC Assistant Resource Leaders), Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC, 9-11 February 2000.
- CYBERTOOLS 2000: Using Audio, Video & Computers in Language Teaching, "Techniques for Teaching with Video" (E-poster), Koc University, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey, 17-18 November 2000.



- CYBERTOOLS 2000: Using Audio, Video & Computers in Language Teaching, "The Video Camera in the Language Classroom" (Paper), Koc University, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey, 17-18 November 2000.
- International INGED-Gazi ELT Conference "Training Teachers on the Successful Use of the Self-Access Centres" (Paper), Gazi University, Ankara, Turkey, 2-3 October 1999.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Şen, A., & Neufeld, S. (2006). In Pursuit of Alternatives in ELT Methodology: Webquests. *The Turkish Online Journal of Educational Technology*, 5(1), 49-67.

## **RESEARCH/PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

- Course Evaluation and Course Design
- EAP/ESP Teaching
- Learner Autonomy and Student Centered Teaching
- Testing
- Technology

## **SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY**

- Course Organizer for Academic English Course, ENGL 513, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School 2008-till now.
- Course Organizer for Academic English Courses, ENGL 114, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School 2006-till now.
- Organizing Workshops and training events for teachers at Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2008-2009.
- Taking part in the administration of tests and assigning invigilation duties to teachers at Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2008-2009.
- Designing a course titled as GEED 142/ENGL 114 Academic Speech, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Spring 2006-now.
- Contributing to ENGL 191 Course Pack (Unit 1: Interview with Delina), Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Summer 2005.

- Preparing units for the EFL/ENGL courses taught for students studying at the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Spring 2003-2005
- Coordinating the Eagle Team -a group of students from the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies who tried to contribute to the improvement of the website designed for students, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2003-2005.
- A Training Session on WebQuests for the Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages Teachers at the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2003.
- An Excel Workshop for Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages Teachers Teaching at FCMS, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2003.
- Summer Tasks on Academic Word Lists, Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2002-2003.
- Setting up a Writing Lab on the Eagle Site (on-line), Modern Languages Division/Foreign Languages, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Summer 2002.
- Designing a Treasure Hunt Activity to Promote the Eagle Site, Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Fall 2001.
- Evening Courses, Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2000-2002.
- A Workshop for the COTE Course on "Video Activities for the Language Classroom", IED/EPS, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2000.
- A Training Course for CCTD on "E-mail Projects", Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2000.
- Preparing an SSSC Newsletter for Teachers at Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 2000.
- Initiation of Academic Support Team, Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 1999.
- Designing an Orientation Program for the Students' Self Study Centre, Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Fall 1999.
- Taking part in Internship Programme, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 1997-2003.
- Taking part in substitutions, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 1997-2003.

- Taking part in summer courses to prepare Intensive English Division/English Preparatory School students for the Summer Proficiency Test, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, 1997-1998.

### **SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY**

- Participating into the Organization of a Workshop on: “Education: Bridging the Gap” with the initiation of The Management Centre, Fulbright Centre, Buffer Zone, TRNC, 3 April 2004.
- Charter Member of Sarayönü Lions Club, Nicosia, TRNC 2000-2005.