

## *Curriculum Vitae*



### **HİCRAN BAYRAKTAROĞLU FIRAT**

*5,Orkide Sokak. Kocatepe. Yarköy, İskele-Boğazi, Kuzey Kıbrıs, PO:5731*

*Phone: +905338566203*

*Office: +90392 6302560*

*Email: hicran.firat@emu.edu.tr*

#### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., Educational Sciences, Faculty of Education, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2014).
- Certificate of the Art of Teaching Young Adults, Pilgrims & Pearson-Longman, Bodrum, Turkey (2004).
- Certificate in Computers and Teacher Development, School of Foreign Languages, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2002).
- Üniversitelerarası Kurul Yabancı Dil Sınavı (ÜDS), ÖSYM, (2001).
- Lisansüstü Eğitimi Giriş Sınavı (LES), ÖSYM, (1998).
- M.A., ELH / English Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (1997).
- RSA Cambridge Certificate for IELTS, British Council, Nicosia, North Cyprus, (1997).
- RSA Cambridge Certificate for Overseas Teachers of English (COTE), offered by Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 1993.
- Teaching Certificate, offered by Ege University, Izmir, Turkey, 1987.
- B.A., English Language and Literature, Department of Western Languages and Literature, Faculty of Literature, Ege University, Izmir, Turkey, 1987.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

##### **Courses and Workshops Attended**

- “Mcmillan Education’s Blended Solution for University prep classes”, given by Semih Irfaner, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus (2016).
- “Global Scale of English”, given by Grant Kempton, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2016).

- Workshop on Testing offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Christine Canning-Wilson, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2014).
- “Teacher Empowerment”, offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Bill Bowler, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2013).
- “Writing Techniques to Improve Students’ Scores in Tasks 1 and 2 in the Academic version of IELTS”, offered by British Council and Macmillan Education, given by Sam McCarter, Nicosia, North Cyprus, (2013).
- “Workshop for Teachers of IELTS”, offered by British Council, Nicosia, North Cyprus, (2013).
- “Critical Thinking in Action”, offered by Macmillan Education and Deniz Plaza, given by Lindsay Clandfield, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2012).
- “Empowerment and Lifelong Learning – Yes, We Can”, offered by Macmillan Education and Deniz Plaza, given by Teresa Doguelli, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2012)
- “Qualitative Data Analysis in Educational Research”, offered by Eastern Mediterranean University, given by Prof. Dr. Ali Yıldırım, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2011).
- “Developing and Testing Productive Skills”, offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Garath Davies, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2011).
- “The IELTS Exam”, offered by Deniz Plaza and Macmillan, given by Sam MacCarter, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2011).
- “Learner-Centred Teaching”, offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Steve Darn, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2011).
- “Teaching Real Four Skills”, offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Garath Davies, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2011).
- “Given Written Feedback in Writing”, offered by Cambridge University Press, given by Devrim Özdemir, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2011).
- “Teaching English in the 21st Century”, offered by British Council and CTEFLA, given by Olha Madylus, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2011).
- “Content and Language Integrated Learning, offered by British Council”, given by Mike Scholey, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2009).
- ‘Oxford Teachers’ Academy Principles and Practices in Teaching English to Young Learners’ Training – offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2008).
- ‘Testing’ Workshop III – Pilgrims offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Susan Davies, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2009).
- ‘Testing’ Workshop II – Pilgrims offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Susan Davies, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2009).
- ‘Testing’ Workshop – Pilgrims offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Jim Wright, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2009).
- ‘Oxford Teachers’ Academy Principles and Practices in Teaching English to Adults’ Training – offered by Oxford University Press, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2009).
- ‘Testing’ Workshop I- Pilgrims offered by Deniz Plaza and Oxford University Press, given by Susan Davies, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2008).

- “Process Writing”, offered by Longman, given by Mario Rinvoluceri, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2002).
- The Art of Teaching Young Adults, given by Hania Kryszewska, Paul Davis, Pilgrims & Pearson-Longman, Bodrum, Turkey
- Certificate of Educational Management , offered by Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2001). “Bringing Textbook to Life” given by W. Amos Paran, Sue Shsheerin, Peter Maingay, Teresa Doguelli and John Clegg, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2001.
- “Creative Writing “offered by Eastern Mediterranean University, given by by Mario Rinvoluceri, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2000.
- “Humanizing Language Teaching” offered by Longman, by Mario Rinvoluceri, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2000.

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

- Teaching Advanced Students of English, Pilgrims, Canterbury, UK. (2013)
- Making the most of a Course-book, Pilgrims, Canterbury, UK. (2012).
- Teaching English for Academic Purposes, Pilgrims, Canterbury, UK (2011).
- Teaching Young Adults, Pilgrims & Pearson-Longman, Bodrum, Turkey, (2002)
- Test Development, British Council, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, November, (2000).
- Educational Technologies, Manchester University, UK, (2000)
- Curriculum Design, Manchester University, UK, (2000)

### **ACADEMIC /TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Assist. Prof. Dr., FLEPS, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2016-present).
- Senior Instructor, Lecturer, Educational Sciences Department, Faculty of Education, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2008– 2009).
- Senior Instructor, English Teacher of General English, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS), Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (1993 – present).
- Instructor, English Teacher of General English, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS), Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (1989 – 1993).
- English Teacher, Bekirpaşa Lycee, Iskele, North Cyprus, (1988-1989)
- English Teacher, Namık Kemal Lycee, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (1987-1988)
- English Teacher, School of Nursing, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (1987-1988)

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

- ENGL 515, Advanced Academic English for Postgraduate Students, (2011 – 2016 Fall & Spring)
- ENGL 201, Technical Report Writing, (2010 – 2011 Fall & Spring)
- ENGL 192, Communication in English II (2010-2011 Fall & Spring)

- ENGL 191, Communication in English I (2010-2011 Fall & Spring)
- EGIT 106, Philosophy of Education, (2008-2009 Fall)
- EDUC 102, Learning and Development, (2002-2003 Spring)

## **CONFERENCES, CONGRESSES AND SYMPOSIUMS ATTENDED**

- International Conference on New Horizons in Education (INTE) 2013, Rome, Italy, (2013).
- 3rd International Conference on Interdisciplinary Research Education (ICOINE) 2013, Kyrenia, North Cyprus, (2013)
- 3rd FLEPS Workshop Festival, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2013).
- 2nd FLEPS Workshop Festival, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2012).
- 2nd World Conference on Educational Technology Researches, Nicosia, North Cyprus, (2012).
- 3rd Annual ELT Conference – Theoretical and Practical Applications of Emergent Technology in ELT Classroom, Girne American University, Kyrenia, North Cyprus, (2011).
- International Conference on Educational Sciences, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2008).
- 2nd EPS ELT Seminar: New Trends in ELT, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, (2008).
- 6th International Educational Technology Conference, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2006.
- Conference on Education and Philosophy, Kyrenia, North Cyprus, 2004.
- ELH Conference, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2002.
- 4th ELT Conference, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2002.
- Longman/Pilgrims ELT Seminar, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2002.
- 1st International Education Conference: Challenge the Change, Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2002.
- 3rd International ELT Conference: Practical Issues for Practicing Teachers, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2001.
- ELT Conference, Isik University, İstanbul, Turkey, (2000).
- 2nd International ELT Conference: Bringing Textbook to Life, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 2000.
- 1st International ELT Conference, Famagusta, North Cyprus, 1999.
- Pearson-Longman Press Seminar, Nicosia, North Cyprus, 1999.
- Oxford University Press Seminar, Nicosia, North Cyprus, 1998.

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

- Firat, H & Yaratana, H. (2013). Impact of external examination on high school curricula: Perceptions of science teachers and students. *Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 106, 2838-2843.
- Firat, H., & Yaratana, H. (2013). Impact of external examination on high school curricula: Document analysis. *Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 106, 1428-1434

- Firat, H., & Yaratana, H. (2013). Impact of external examination on high school curricula: Perceptions of teachers and students. *Euroasian Journal of Educational Research*, 53A, 1-18

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles indexed by SSCI**

- Firat, H., & Yaratana, H. (2013). Impact of external examination on high school curricula: Perceptions of teachers and students. *Euroasian Journal of Educational Research*, 53A, 1-18

### **Books/Book Chapters Published**

### **Articles indexed by CPCI**

- Yaratana, H & Firat, H. (2013). Impact of external examination on high school curricula: Perceptions of science teachers and students. *Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 106, 2838-2843.
- Firat, H., & Yaratana, H. (2013). Impact of external examination on high school curricula: Document analysis. *Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 106, 1428-1434

### **Articles indexed by others**

### **Research Interests**

- Curriculum Development
- Curriculum Evaluation
- Instructional Design
- Educational Technology
- Testing and Assessment
- 

## **SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL AND TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **Editorial Activities**

- Editor, Brochures, Prospectus, & Promotion Materials, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (2011-2015).

### **Contributions to External Professional Discussions e.g. Journals/Listserve**

- Manchester University Distance Education web discussions and Listserve
- TESL-EJ Teaching English as a Second or Foreign languages e-journal
- online Teacher Planet newsletter
- Weekly Teacher Tip Newsletter listserve and discussion groups

### **Contributions to Courses/Textbooks/course-packs**

- Formation of Postgraduate Support English Programme at EMU
- Designing ELT207 and 301 courses for SFLMLD at EMU
- Alignment of ENGL191 &192 courses to CEFR.
- Standardization of ENGL 191 &192 exams
- Creating Specifications for ENGL 191&192 exams

### **Memberships to Professional Affiliations**

- Member of People's Party, (February 2016-present)
- Member of Kocatepe Environmental Development and Organization Society, (2012-present)
- Member of Diabetics Society, (2011-present)
- Member of Ethics Committee, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (2012-2015)
- Member of Faculty Board, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1992-1998)

### **Other Services**

- Coordinator, Curriculum Development & Research, FLEPS, Eastern Mediterranean University (Spring 2016-present).
- Coordinator, Research and Data Analysis, FLEPS, Eastern Mediterranean University (Spring 2014-2016).
- Chair, Coordinator, Curriculum Development Committee, FLEPS, Eastern Mediterranean University (Spring 2014-2016).
- Head of Promotion, Marketing and Web, FLEPS, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2012-2015).
- Member of EMU Ethics Committee, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2012-2015).
- Member of EMU Promotion Committee, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2011-2014).
- Promotion Working group organizer, FLEPS, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2011-2015).
- Exam Coordinator, MLD, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2010-2012)
- Teacher Representative on FLEPS Council, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2008-2011)
- Committee of EMU Campus Services Counselling, Eastern Mediterranean University (2003-2004)
- Organizer, ENGL 191, General Education, MLD, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2001-2008)
- Organizer, ENGL 192, General Education, MLD, Eastern Mediterranean University (2001-2008)
- Member of Testing Unit for the production and administration of ENGL 191 or 192 Midterm, Final and Make-up exams, General Education, MLD, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2001-2008).
- Proofreader of ENGL 191/192 midterm, Final and Make-up exams, General Education, MLD, Eastern Mediterranean University, (2001-2008).
- Organiser, EAGLE website, SFLMLU, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (2001-2002).
- Member of EDCOMPS, SFLMLD, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (2000-2001).
- Coordinator of EFL 101, 102, 103, 104, 301, 207, 107, 108, and 311, MLD, Eastern Mediterranean University, (1993-2001)
- Coordinator of EVA (statistical program for marks and grades), SFLMLU, Eastern Mediterranean University, (1999-2000)
- Coordinator of Web pages/EAGLE of MLD, SFLMLU, Eastern Mediterranean University, (1999-2000)
- Organiser, ELT 201, Technical Report Writing, ELT, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1999-2000).

- Co-ordinator, ELT 301 Communication Skills, ELT, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1997-1998).
- Coordinator, English I, II, III for School of Computing and Technology, ELT, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1995-1996).
- Representative of Senior Instructors, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1992-1998)
- Skill Leader, Language Features and Functions, Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1992-1993)
- Assistant Coordinator, Testing Unit, Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1992-1993)
- Coordinator of Elective Courses, Preparatory School, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, (1992-1993)