

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Personal Information:

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Objective: To contribute to scientific knowledge and encourage development and utilization of evidence-based tools/methods/analyses in practice to facilitate patient-centered policy, intervention and practice development; and to continue to listen, observe, learn and change.

Education:

UNIVERSITY OF READING, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND CLINICAL LANGUAGE SCIENCES, READING, UK
2011-2007

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree on a studentship from European Huntington's Disease Network (EHDN) for developing and psychometric testing of the first disease specific quality of life instrument/measure for people living with Huntington's disease and their carers/family members to be used in clinical trials with 10000 HD patients enrolled in EHDN Registry.

- ⇒ Expertise in theories of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies and their application in clinical, public health and health services research to collect, store, analyze and publish data.
- ⇒ Advanced level knowledge of general and medical statistics and their application in clinical research on cross-sectional and longitudinal data analysis.
- ⇒ Competence in utilization of specialist software for managing and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data sets (NVivo 7, RUMM2020 and SPSS). Knowledge of advanced level statistics and its applications to social and medical interventional and evaluative research.
- ⇒ Experience in the production of structured reviews and publication of medical/clinical articles in peer reviewed journals.
- ⇒ Skill and experience in communicating with colleagues, team members, stakeholders, vulnerable populations and their families/carers.
- ⇒ Expertise in coordinating/collaborating a multi-national project involving 12 countries and more than 20 patient groups/ clinics/ hospitals around Europe and managing timely collection of multi-country data.
- ⇒ Experience in working at clinic settings with HD patients and their families in Cambridge Brain Sciences Unit, North Staffordshire NHS Trust and Royal Berkshire Hospital as well as two collaborating nursing homes (Rapkyns Nursing Home) in the UK caring for HD patients.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OXFORD, UK
2006-2005

Master of Science (MSc) degree in Global Health Science (International Public Health). The thesis project was titled '*Epidemiology of HIV and response to concentrated epidemic of HIV in Estonia*' and utilized qualitative methodology to collect data through structured interviews and focus groups.

- ⇒ Competence in topics and theories of Health Promotion, Epidemiology, Health Policy, Challenges in Global Health and Medical Statistics.
- ⇒ Experience in communicating with vulnerable populations such as injecting drug users and their families, persons living with HIV, different actors such as policy makers, politicians, civil-society activists connected to HIV during a 3 month fieldwork in Estonia.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, VIRGINIA, USA
1996-1991

Bachelor of Science and Arts (BA and BSc) with honors (3.09 QPA), double major in Biology and Anthropology. Specific emphasis on endocrinology and genetics in biology and primate behavior and ethnography in anthropology. Experience in running an independent lab project and being a team-member in excavation site assisting an ethno-archeological project run by College of William and Mary and University of Pennsylvania archeologists in Gordion, Turkey.

Work Experience:

-2015 Assistant Professor, Dr. Küçük Faculty of Medicine, Eastern Mediterranean University, CYPRUS.

Coordinator of Year 1 and Introduction to Clinical Skills Research module as well as assistant director of joint project between the Faculty of Medicine and Ministry of Health called 'Cancer Registry and Screening in TRNC', teaching Problem Based Learning and Biostatistics. Member of Examination and Evaluation Committee, Journal Club, EMU Disciplinary Committee

2015-2014 Post-doctoral Research Assistant, Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care, Policy and Rehabilitation, King's College London, UK.

Contributed to Workstreams 2 and 3 of five year NIHR funded C-CHANGE project (RP-PG-1210-12015) on the development of a case-mix classification for palliative care in England. A case-mix classification groups people by complexity. This would lead to improved matching of resources to needs at individual patient-level and will better enable the NHS to deliver high quality, patient-centred palliative care in last year of life. Specifically worked on conceptualization of Palliative Care.

2014-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Eastern Mediterranean University, CYPRUS.

Taught courses on Social Statistics, Mental Health Research and Policy and Public Health (Teaching Evaluation mean 3.6/4.) Responsibilities include supervision of 77 undergraduate international and Cypriot students. In the steering committee of Cancer Surveillance and Registry Working Group, Internship Committee and Behavioral Research Committee.

2012-2011 Teacher of Science and Biology, 19 Mayıs Turk Maarif Koleji, Kyrenia, Cyprus.

A-level Biology.

2010-2007 Research Assistant/Huntington's Disease Lab leader, University of Reading, UK.

Responsibilities included supervising graduate and undergraduate lab members and providing them with research support.

2008-2007 Teaching assistant in Statistics for Psychology (Undergraduate Course) University of Reading, UK.

2008-2007 Trainer in Qualitative Research Methods (Postgraduate Course). School of Social Services and Healthcare, University of Reading, UK.

2005-1998 Teacher of Science and Biology, 19 Mayıs Turk Maarif Koleji, Kyrenia, Cyprus.

2003-2000 Founder and Co-director of Prologue Consulting Ltd., Nicosia, Cyprus.

1998-1996 Teacher of Science and Biology, International American College, Kyrenia, Cyprus.

Research Articles in SCI Journals:

1. Hocaoglu, M. B., Gaffan, E. A. and Ho, A. K. (2012) Health-related quality of life in Huntington's Disease patients: a comparison of proxy assessment and patient self-rating using the disease-specific Huntington's Disease health-related quality of life questionnaire (HDQoL). *Journal of Neurology*, 259(9):1793-800. ISSN 1432-1459 doi: 10.1007/s00415-011-6405-2.
2. Hocaoglu, M. B., Gaffan, E. A. and Ho, A. K. (2012) The Huntington's Disease health-related Quality of Life questionnaire (HDQoL): a disease-specific measure of health-related quality of life. *Clinical Genetics*, 81 (2):117-122. ISSN 1399-0004 doi: 10.1111/j.1399-0004.2011.01823.x
3. Ho AK, Hocaoglu MB (2011) European Huntington's Disease Network Quality of Life Working Group. Impact of Huntington's across the entire disease spectrum: the phases and stages of disease from the patient perspective. *Clinical Genetics*, 80(3): pp. 235-9.

Research Articles in expanded SCI Journals:

1. Taneri B, Hocaoglu MB, Brand, A and van Os, J (2014). Genotype-based prevention of psychosis onset and schizophrenia: a personalized approach in a target population . *Personalized Medicine*, 11(2):167-172. doi:10.2217/pme.13.103.

Abstracts:

1. Ping G, Hocaoglu MB, Firth AM, Davies J, Dzingina M, Higginson I and Murtagh FEM (2016). Towards a Clear Definition and Conceptualisation of Models of Palliative Care. To be published in Palliative Medicine (Recently been accepted for 9th World Research Congress of European Association of Palliative Care that will take place in June 2016)
2. Hocaoglu MB and Ho AK (2008). Impact of Huntington's disease on quality of life: A qualitative study. Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry, 79 (Supplement 1):A26-A28 (abstract)

Forthcoming Publications/Book Proposals:

1. Hocaoglu MB and Ho AK. The Impact of Huntington's Disease on Health Related Quality of Life: Hearing what patients say. (forthcoming article).
2. Hocaoglu, MB. Working with vulnerable, hard-to-reach patient populations. (book proposal)

Awards and Fellowships:

2007	Granted PhD studentship by the European Huntington's Disease Network for PhD degree at University of Reading
2004	Granted Chevening scholarship by British High Commission for MSc degree at the University of Oxford.
2003	Granted full graduate scholarship by Cyprus Fulbright Commission, for graduate studies in the USA.
1991	Granted CASP Scholarship (4 year full grant) by the Fulbright Commission for BSc degree at the College of William and Mary, Virginia.

Research projects / Seminars / Conferences / Trainings:

- ⇒ **Participant/C-CHANGE representative:** European Association of Palliative Care 2015. Copenhagen, Denmark.
- ⇒ **Trainee:** CanReg training. October 2015, İzmir Turkey.
- ⇒ **Vice Director/Author/Expert:** Project titled 'Cancer Surveillance and Registry in Cyprus' with the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, Eastern Mediterranean University, funded by Turkish Embassy Aid for Cyprus
- ⇒ **Project Manager/Author/Expert:** Project titled 'Prevention of Substance Abuse through Education', funded by Red Cross north Cyprus, 2014
- ⇒ **Trainee:** IARC Cancer Registry Course, Turkey, October 2013
- ⇒ **Presenter:** Huntington's disease World Congress poster presentation titled 'The impact of Huntington's on Quality of Life: a survey across the disease stages using the HDQ-D1.' September 2009.
- ⇒ **Presenter:** UNFICYP (United Nations Forces In Cyprus) HIV AIDS Focal Point World AIDS Day event presentation on HIV/AIDS in TCC, December 2008.
- ⇒ **Attendee/Presenter:** High-level public forum on HIV/AIDS for World AIDS Day supported by European Parliament on HIV in Turkish Cypriot Community. December 2008
- ⇒ **Presenter:** European Huntington's Disease Network Conference, presented paper titled 'Impact of Huntington's disease on health-related quality of life.' September 2008.
- ⇒ **Presenter:** European Huntington's Disease Network Conference, poster Presentation titled 'Quality of life in Huntington's disease.' September 2008.
- ⇒ **Presenter:** University of Nicosia Conference on HIV/AIDS in Cyprus: Platform presentation titled 'Hearing what the People with HIV/AIDS say: Findings from a Health-care Needs Assessment Study on HIV/AIDS in Turkish-Cypriot Community.' July 2008.
- ⇒ **Author/Coordinator/Expert:** HIV consultant and coordinator for 'Health-care needs assessment in Turkish Cypriot Community on HIV: Towards prevention of HIV' funded by UNDP, September 2007-2008.
- ⇒ **Co-coordinator/Expert:** HIV consultant for 'Prevention of HIV through education' a bi-communal partnership project funded by UNDP, 2006-2007.
- ⇒ **Presenter:** European Huntington's Disease Network World Congress, platform presentation titled 'Hearing what the patients say: A qualitative study on quality of life in Huntington's Disease.' September 2007.
- ⇒ **Organizer/Trainer:** Organizer and trainer for workshop on "Identifying Challenges of Social Welfare Department," organized by Ministry of Health, summer of 2005.
- ⇒ **Expert:** Consultant for UNDP on wastewater sector, September-December 2004
- ⇒ **Organizer/ Trainer** in gender awareness building for Management Center attended gender awareness building workshops in four villages as part of the training group, 2004.
- ⇒ **Coordinator:** 'Cyprus Intercultural Training Initiative Project' which involved organizing a series of workshops aimed at developing inter-cultural communication among communities of Cyprus from October 2003-July 2004. The workshops were based on a handbook on intercultural communication by Prof. Benjamin Broome.

- ⇒ **Coordinator:** Environmental project titled “Learning in the Landscape” and prepared a series of handbooks on environment to be used in elementary and secondary schools (in press). The project involved organization of a summer camp for hundred and forty youngsters, June 2003-January 2004.
- ⇒ **Author/Coordinator:** of “World AIDS Day 2003” project funded by UNOPS.
- ⇒ **Project Officer:** Turkish Cypriot Association for the Protection of Consumer Rights’ project on “Raising Awareness”, funded by EU, 2003.
- ⇒ **Organizer:** National Conference on Sexually Transmitted Diseases, September-October 2003.
- ⇒ **Researcher:** Types, frequencies, risk groups of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in north Cyprus, May-September 2003.
- ⇒ **Participant:** International Conference on Cultures of Violence, August 2002.
- ⇒ **Participant:** Seminar on Peace and Gender, Uppsala University and the Swedish Institute for International Affairs, March 2002.
- ⇒ **Coordinator:** Project on Flora and Fauna of Kanlıdere funded by UNDP, May-July 2001 (The book on flora was published in May 2003)
- ⇒ **Researcher:** Project on primates titled “Dominance: A behavioral study” with Dr. Barbara King for “Cognitive Behaviors and Communication of Primates” class at College of William and Mary, April-June 1996
- ⇒ **Field Assistant:** Ethno-archeological research of Prof. Carol Kramer of University of Arizona on villagers of Yassıhöyük, Polatlı, Gordion, Ankara, May-July 1996
- ⇒ **Research assistant:** Extraction of DNA and RNA from mammalian brain tissues project with Dr. Eric Bradley and Dr. Margaret Saha at College of William and Mary, September-December 1994

Research and Teaching Interests:

- ⇒ Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods in Biological and Medical Sciences and in Clinical Research
- ⇒ Clinical Genetics
- ⇒ Challenges in Global Health
- ⇒ Principles of Epidemiology
- ⇒ Statistical Concepts in Global Health
- ⇒ Biostatistics
- ⇒ Quality of Life Research/Measurement/Psychometrics
- ⇒ Medical statistics
- ⇒ Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care
- ⇒ Epigenetics
- ⇒ Health Services Research
- ⇒ Models of Care and Genomics Models of Diseases

Social interests and activities: Have extensive interest in literature, produced a series of poems, fascinated about primates and biological anthropology, enjoy cycling, snowboarding, hiking, animal rights and being active in civil society organizations.

Memberships / Affiliations: Member of European Association of Palliative Care since 2014. Member of the American Psychological Association since 2012; member of European Huntington’s Disease Network Quality of Life Working Group since 2007. Founder and member of Cultural and Scientific Research Society, Turkish Cypriot Association for the Protection of Consumer Rights and Cyprus Biological Research Association (2003). Founder of Cyprus Cultural and Scientific Research Institute (2010).

Referees:

- 1) *Dr. Fliss Murtagh*
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