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Graduate Program:

- First-year student in the Sociology PhD program, concentrating on sociolinguistics and sociology of law, at North Carolina State University. Expected graduation date May 2021.
- Language Diversity Ambassadors leadership, involved in making linguistic work freely available and engaging with the general public.
- Through LDA, winner of NCSU Common Reading Mini-Grant to organize documentary screening of *Talking Black in America* and panel discussion on the repercussions of prejudice towards Black English in the criminal justice system.

Work Experience:

- The Language Nerd at the League of Nerds (asktheleagueofnerds.com), 2012-present
Answering questions about linguistics in a friendly, accessible way. Visited Ethiopia in 2015 to interview the linguists at Addis Ababa University and share their research.
- Nodar Editing, 2009-present
Improving English translations of theses, dissertations, academic articles, and most recently Yonca Eldener's novel *The Guardian of Gobeklitepe*. I have worked on texts originally written in Turkish, Chinese, German, and Amharic.
- Teacher of English as a Second Language, 2011-2015
Ran an English tutorial for university students for two months in Ethiopia. Taught kindergarten to high school for one year in South Korea. In Istanbul, taught skills to middle-schoolers for two years using International Baccalaureate standards, and directed the end-of-the-year musical.
- Paralegal at Legal Services Alabama, 2016
Assisted in preparation of a civil forfeiture case and organized 2010 BP oil spill medical claims.

Undergraduate Program:

- Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, *summa cum laude*, with minors in German, Japanese, and Mathematics. Awarded by the University of Mississippi, May 2011.
- Sally McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College graduate, with thesis *And Justice for All: Non-Native English Speakers in the American Legal System*.
- Thesis presented at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Georgia, USA, April 2011 and the International Association of Forensic Linguists, Portugal, October 2012. Article based on the latter published in IAFL Conference Proceedings, 2015.
- Recipient of the Taylor Medal (the University of Mississippi's highest academic honor) and the T.J. Ray Award in Linguistics

Other:

- Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA), awarded by Cambridge English, February 2013.