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OVERVIEW

- Emre is a PhD student in Linguistics with a diverse background in Applied Linguistics. His primary area of research is psycho/neurolinguistics, mainly on real-time syntactic processing. He is also interested in theoretical syntax and quantitative/computational methods in linguistic research.

EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Athens, GA *(Expected)* May 2029
PhD in Linguistics

- **Research Areas:** Psycholinguistics, Syntax, Second Language Acquisition

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL May 2024
MA in Applied Linguistics

- **Research Areas:** Corpus Linguistics, Artificial Intelligence
- **Thesis Title:** *The Promise and Peril of AI Technology for Writing Instruction*

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, TR July 2022
BA in Foreign Language Education

- **Interests:** Syntax, Computer-Assisted Language Learning, Second Language Acquisition

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-Researcher Athens, GA
UGA Department of Communication Sciences and Special Education Spring 2025-Present
Aphasia and Related Conditions (ARC) Lab
Building Rehabilitation Advances in Neurosciences (BRAIN) Lab

- Collaborated with fellow researchers to conduct experimental studies to assess and treat language disorders.
- Developed proficiency in clinical research methods, equipment, and procedures.
- Developed ways to integrate new technology in neurolinguistics research.

Lead Researcher Athens, GA
UGA Department of Linguistics Fall 2024-Spring 2025
Second Language Acquisition and Cognition (SLAC) Lab

- Designed, implemented and advised research projects with fellow researchers.
- Taught and mentored undergraduate and master's level students using computational and quantitative methods in language research.
- Offered mini workshops on Python, R, and corpus-linguistics methods for analyzing and visualizing linguistic data.

Graduate Research Assistant Tuscaloosa, AL
UA Department of English Fall 2023

- Assisted the data collection, coding, and analysis process of a large-scale research project on social media influencer-teachers.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Athens, GA
UGA Department of Linguistics Summer 2025

- LING 2100E-Study of Language (Online-Summer 2025)

Instructor of Record   Athens, GA
UGA Department of English   Fall 2024-Present
  - ENGL 1101-English Composition I (Fall 2025)
  - ENGL 1102-English Composition II (Spring 2025)
  - ENGL 1101-English Composition I (Fall 2024)

Instructor of Record   Tuscaloosa, AL
UA Department of English   Fall 2022-Spring 2024
  - EN 102-English Composition II (Spring 2024)
  - EN 101-English Composition I (Spring 2023)
  - EN 120-Second Language Writing I (Fall 2022)

SUPPORT & APPRENTICESHIP

Intl. Teaching Assistant-Test of English Proficiency Scorer   Athens, GA
UGA Marry Francis Early College of Education   Spring 2025-Present
  - Conducted English proficiency exams (ITA-TEP) and scored the test results of prospective international graduate teaching assistants at the UGA.

Main Office IT Assistant   Tuscaloosa, AL
UA Department of English   Spring 2024
  - Designed the department website using WordPress.

Apprentice ESL Tutor   Tuscaloosa, AL
UA English Language Institute   Spring 2024
  - Offered tutoring service for international students.

Editorial Assistant   Tuscaloosa, AL
UA Academic Writing Center   Fall 2022-Spring 2023
  - Offered editorial support for technical essays, theses, and dissertations.
  - Developed proficiency in AMA, APA, MLA, and Chicago formatting styles.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

  - **Keser, A. E.** (2025). *The Role of Working Memory and Syntactic Complexity in Real-Time Sentence Processing: An Eye-Tracking Study on People with Aphasia.* UGA Aphasia and Related Conditions (ARC) Lab, Athens, GA [In progress].

  - Anjum, J., Niharika, M. K., **Keser, A. E.**, & Scoggins, K. (2025). *A systematic review of Semantic-Feature Based Treatments (SBTs) in bilingual aphasia* [Poster presentation]. Nordic Aphasia Conference, Uppsala, Sweden in June 2025.

  - **Keser, A. E.** & Kucuk, E. B. (2024). *Linguistic Relativity and L2 Performance: The Impact of Language Family Proximity on TOEFL iBT Scores.* Linguistics Society of UGA in Athens, GA in March 2025.

  - **Keser, A. E.**, Kucuk, E. B., & Selvi, A. F. (2024). *Double-tapping language ideologies in the marketplace: an Instagrammatic exploration of ELT micro-celebrities/Influencers.* TESOL International Convention in Long Beach, CA in March 2025.

  - **Keser, A. E.** (2023). *Stakeholder Attitudes toward the use of AI Tools in Academia.* TESOL International Association Graduate Student Forum in Tampa, FL in March 2024.

  - **Keser, A. E.**, & Kucuk, E. B. (2023). *Bridging the gap between linguistic diversity and standardized testing: addressing global Englishes in language teaching and assessment.* Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) XCI and Language Variety in South (LAVIS) V Joint Conference in Athens, GA in April 2024.

  - **Keser, A. E.** (2023). *Generative AI, a friend or foe?* Alabama Mississippi TESOL Conference in Tupelo, MS in January 2024.

- **Keser, A. E.**, & Kucuk, E. B. (2021, December). *The effects of personal space on Turkish EFL learners.* Erasmus+ VALIANT Project, Language Technology and Teaching Conference, Ankara, Turkey in December 2021.

- **Keser, A. E.**, & Kucuk, E. B. (2021). *Have the brain studies entered our classrooms in this digital age? A literature review study in Turkey.* Eurasian Journal of Educational Sciences Congress Proceedings, Aksaray, Turkey, *8* (1), (pp. 1203-1215).

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

- **Keser, A. E.** (2025). *Reflexivity, agreement, and binding domains in Turkish: rethinking the analysis of pronominal structures.* Gilbert Hall, Advanced Syntax Seminar Squib, Athens, GA

- **Keser, A. E.** (2025). *Segmental features of Turkish-accented English: A study of vowel and voiceless stop production across proficiency levels.* Caldwell Hall, Phonetics & Phonology Squib, Athens, GA

- **Keser, A. E.** (2025). *Cross-Linguistic Influence and Proficiency Effects in Bilingual Lexical Access: An Offline Lexical Decision Study.* Psychology Building, Psycholinguistics Squib, Athens, GA

- **Keser, A. E.** (2024). *Does Turkish have an impact on the existence of Romeyka infinitive? An exploratory study the contact between Turkish and Anatolian Greek varieties.* Caldwell Hall, Morphology Squib, Athens, GA

- **Keser, A. E.** (2024). *Generative Grammar and its Implications for Second Language Pedagogy.* Aderhold Hall, Second Language Acquisition Squib, Athens, GA

LANGUAGES & TECHNOLOGY

- **Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), German (Reading Knowledge)

- **Programming:** R (Proficient), Python (Proficient), JavaScript (Intermediate), MATLAB (Basic)

- **Data Analysis & Visualization:** R Studio, SPSS, JASP, MS Excel

- **Software & Tools:** Praat, Eye-Gaze, NYAN, E-Prime, AntConc, TagAnt, PCIBex, PsychoPy

- **Typesetting, Presentation, & Document/Data Management:** LaTeX, Office 365 Suite, Box, GitHub

GRANTS & FUNDING

- UGA Graduate School Graduate Assistantship Grant-$50.000/year (Fall 2024-present)

- UA College of Arts & Sciences Conference Travel Fund-$500 (Spring 2024)

- UA Department of English Research & Travel Fund-$1000 (Fall 2023)

- UA Writing Center Handbook Project Fund-$1000 (Summer 2023)

- UA Graduate School Graduate Assistantship Grant-$48.000/year (Fall 2022-Spring 2024)

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

- Linguistic Society of UGA (Fall 2024-Present)

- Linguistic Society of America (Spring 2023-Present)

- TESOL International Association (Fall 2022-Present)

- Turkish Linguistics Association (Fall 2021-Present)

REFERENCES

At least three references are available upon request.