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TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, IOS21@TXSTATE.EDU

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
Texas State University, San Marcos, TX | 2024 – Present

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS | August 2022 – June 2024

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK | February 2021 – August 2022

Director
Denizce Kindergarten, Izmir, Turkey | September 2010 – October 2011

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Work, The University of Alabama, 2020
Dissertation: *Unheard Stories from Middle Eastern Female Survivors: A Qualitative Study*

Master of Social Work (MSW), Temple University, 2015

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), Aydin Adnan Menderes University, 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas State University

-SOWK 1350-Intro Social Work
- SOWK 3305 – Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (HBSE I)
- SOWK 3312 – Alcohol & Chemical Dependency
- SOWK 3420 – Social Work Practice I
- SOWK 3425 – Social Work Practice II

Wichita State University
- SCWK 610 – Forensic Interviewing
- SCWK 810 – Cultural Competency for Advanced Generalist Practice
- SCWK 833 – Advanced General Practice: Families and Groups

- SCWK 351 – Introduction to Social Work Research
- SCWK 521 – Forensic Social Work
- SCWK 700 – Foundations of Generalist Practice
- SCWK 751 – Foundation Social Work Research
- SCWK 851 – Applied Social Work Research

University of Oklahoma
- SWK 5433 – Lifespan Human Development

University of Alabama
- SW 419 – International Social Work
- Turkish 101 – Elementary Turkish
- Turkish 201 – Intermediate Turkish

STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Dissertation Committee Member, *Understanding Women of Color's Experience of Disclosing IPV on Social Media Platforms*, Department of Psychology, Wichita State University (2023–2024)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Barut-Bektaş, B**., Ozturk, B.,** Çay, M., & Yalim, A. C. (2024). Perspectives on Survivors of Violence Against Women Among Staff in Women's Shelters. Journal of Social Service Research, 1–14. https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2024.2383267

Ozturk, B., Goodwin, B., McLeod, D., & Hawkins, K. (2024). Understanding the Characteristics and Motivations of Female Sexual Offenders: A Systematic Review. Journal of Forensic Social Work, 8(1), 48–57. https://doi.org/10.15763/issn.1936-9298.2024.8.1.48-57

Ozturk, B., Sualp, K., Barut-Bektas, B., & McLeod, D. A. (2024). Hope, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Resilience in the Criminal Justice System: Reevaluation of Relationships in the Turkish Context. Social Sciences, 13(10), 553. https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13100553

Ozturk, B., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (2024). From lived experience: Listening to stories of healing from Middle Eastern immigrant IPV survivors. Violence Against Women, 30(6–7), 1708–1725. https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012231155166

McLeod, D. A., **Ozturk, B**., Butler-King, R. L., & Peek, H. (2024). Male survivors of domestic violence, challenges in cultural response, and impact

on identity and help-seeking behaviors: A systematic review. Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 25(2), 1397–1410. https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380231177318

Ozturk, B., Miller, C. R., McLeod, D. A., & Dickerson, D. (2023). Who Will They Turn to? The Perspectives of Middle School Girls Regarding Trustworthy Traits in Adults. Middle Grades Review,9(1).

Zonp, Z., **Ozturk, B**., Guler, A., Saint Arnault, D. (2022). Coping strategies among Turkish women exposed to gender-based violence in Turkey. Journal of Advanced Nursing, 78(12), 4236–4245. https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.15448

Ozturk, B., Pharris, A., Munoz, R., McLeod, D.A. (2022). The importance of hope to resilience in criminal justice diversion programs. Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society, 23(2). https://doi.org/10.54555/ccjls.4577.37337

Ozturk, B., Bell, A., McLeod, D.A., & Gentzler, R. (2022). Criminal Justice Diversion and the Importance of Program Retention. Journal of Forensic Social Work, 6(1), 43–56. https://doi.org/10.15763/issn.1936-9298.2022.6.1.43-56

Erukcu, G., **Ozturk, B**. (2022). Foster Care System in America and Turkey: Opportunities and Challenges. The Journal Turkish Social Research, 6(1), 83–99. https://doi.org/10.55109/tushad.1084697

Gungordu, N., **Ozturk, B**., & Hernandez-Reif, M. (2021). Empathy and sibling relationship dynamics of women in emerging adulthood: Survey method with follow-up phenomenological interview. Family Relations. https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12618

Sutton, A., Beech, H., **Ozturk, B**., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (2021). Preparing mental health professionals to work with survivors of intimate partner violence: A comprehensive systematic review of the literature. Affilia, 36(3), 426–440. https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109920960827

Ellis, T., Li, Q., Bertram, J. M., Meadows, J. T., **Ozturk, B**., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (2020). Poetry authored by vulnerable populations as secondary data: methodological approach and considerations. Journal of Poetry Therapy, 33(4), 213–225. https://doi.org/10.1080/08893675.2020.1803614

Ozturk, B., Li, Q., & Albright, D. L. (2019). Coping strategies among immigrant women who have experienced intimate partner violence in North America: A narrative review. Aggression and Violent Behavior, 48, 17–23. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2019.06.001

Book Chapters

McLeod, D.A., Ozturk, B. (2024). Domestic & Relational Violence: Understanding conceptualization to inform service delivery. In McLeod, D.A.,

Natale, A.P., & Whitehill-Bolton, K (Eds.), The Handbook of Forensic Social Work. Oxford University Press.

McLeod, D.A., Ozturk, B., Dunnells, Z. (2024). Ethics in forensic settings. In McLeod, D.A., Natale, A.P., & Whitehill-Bolton, K (Eds.), The Handbook of Forensic Social Work. Oxford University Press.

McLeod, D.A., Dunnells, Z., Ozturk, B. (2024). Women in forensic settings. In McLeod, D.A., Natale, A.P., & Whitehill-Bolton, K (Eds.), The Handbook of Forensic Social Work. Oxford University Press.

McLeod, D., D.O. Dunnells, Z., & Ozturk, B. (2022). Female Offenders in Child Sexual Abuse. In Sexual Abuse - An Interdisciplinary Approach. IntechOpen. https://doi.org/10.5772/intechopen.98499

Ozturk, B., Yalim A. (2023). Group Level Assessment. In Toraman (Ed.), Qualitative and Action Research in Social, Behavioral, and Health Sciences: Approaches, Trends, and Applications. Pegem Academy.

Ozturk, B., Yalim, A., Toraman, S. (2021). Crossing borders: Challenges of refugee women. In Immigrant Women's Voices and Integrating Feminism into Migration Theory. IGI Global. (pp. 195–213).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Ozturk, B., Terpstra, L., Goodman, T., Ogunwa, T., McLeod, D. (2025). Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence Use in Social Work Education and Practice. ***Journal of Social Service Research*** (Manuscript under review).

Saldırdak, G. A., **Ozturk, B.**, & Ertürk, S. (2025) *Stratified maternity: An intersectional analysis of immigrant women's healthcare experiences in Turkey.* ***Women's Studies International Forum***. (Manuscript under review).

Zonp, Z., Inan-Budak, M., Ozer, B., Uysal-Yalcin, S. **Ozturk, B**., Saint-Arnault, D. (2025). Cognitive Interviewing for the Turkish Adaptation of the Self-Assessment for Trauma Recovery Tool. ***Qualitative Health Research***

REPORTS & PROGRAM EVALUATION

- Ozturk, B., McLeod, D., Bell, A., & Gentzler, R. (2022). Diversion Hub Justice Navigation Impact on Recidivism in Oklahoma County: The Need for Program Completion Oklahoma Female Diversion Program Evaluation
- Ozturk, B., & McLeod, D. A. (2022). Oklahoma Female Diversion Program: Incorporating Swift, Certain, and Fair Sanctions for Supervision Effectiveness (2017).

- Ozturk, B., McLeod, D., Smith, A., & Ezratty, B. (2021). Recidivism, Brief-Recidivism, & Re-Booking: The National Landscape, Oklahoma, & Diversion Hub Impact on Clients and Oklahoma County in the First Year.
- Ozturk, B., McLeod, D., Smith, A., & Ezratty, B. (2021).The Importance of Hope Among Diversion Hub Clients

GRANTS

Funded

- Experiences of Living in the U.S. Among Middle Eastern IPV Survivors – Wichita State University, $4,500 (2023)

Submitted/ Not Funded

- Reducing Educational and Economic Inequality During the Transition to Adulthood: Insurance Coverage Stability and Immigrant-Origin Youth (Letter of Intent), Willian T. Grant Foundation (Submitted 2026).
- Transactional Intimacy and Gendered Violence: Investigating Gender-Based Violence in Blesser Relationships Among Malawian Women in Higher Education – SVRI Research Grant, $99,000 (Submitted, 2025, under review)
- Dating Violence on Campus: Understanding the Experience of International Students– Internal Grant, Texas State University, $12,000 (Submitted, 2025-Not Funded)
- Health outcomes disparities of immigrant families – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, $120,000 (2024-Not Funded)
- Trauma-informed disaster recovery for earthquake survivors in Turkey – U.S. Mission Türkiye, $50,000 (Not-Funded).

HONORS & AWARDS

- Scholarship of the Ministry of National Education for Graduate Education in the USA (2011–2020)
- Leslie J. Shellhase Endowed Scholarship (2018, 2019)
- 3-Minute Thesis Competition Finalist (2019)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Chair, CSWE (2026-2028). Bachelor Programs Track
- Editorial Board Member, Bookarion Journal of Social Sciences
- Reviewer, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*

- Reviewer, *Journal of Family Violence*
- Reviewer, *Journal of Social Service Research*
- Reviewer, Medicina
- Reviewer, Child and Adolescent Social Work

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- Member, BSW Committee, Texas State University (2024–Present)
- Co-Chair, Program Evaluation Committee, Wichita State University (2024)
- Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Wichita State University (2023–2024)
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Wichita State University (2022–2024)
- Undergraduate Advisor, BSW Program, Wichita State University (2022–2024)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Volunteer Research Supervisor, International Research Team on Domestic Violence (2023–Present)
- Volunteer, International Rescue Committee, Wichita, KS (2022–Present)
- Chair, Turkish Student Association, University of Alabama (2016–2019)

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Yang, Fan., Ozturk, B., Huang, Siyuan (January 2026). Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Intimate Partner Violence Research: A Bibliometric Review and Systematic Analysis. **Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting**, Washington. DC.

Ozturk, B., Sualp, K., Barut-Bektas, B. (January 2025). *Hope, Resilience, and Adverse Childhood Experiences Among Justice-Involved Individuals in Turkey: A Cross-Sectional Study.* **Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting**, Seattle, Washington

Ozturk, B., Yalim, A., & Wysocki, A. (October 2023). *Unheard lived experiences from Middle Eastern immigrant women IPV survivors in the United States.* Paper presented at the **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting**, Atlanta, GA.

Ozturk, B., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (May 2023). *Experiences of living in the United States among Middle Eastern intimate partner survivors: A systematic*

review. Paper presented at the **19th Annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry**, Urbana–Champaign, IL.

Ozturk, B., McLeod, D. A., Bell, A., & Gentzler, R. (January 2023). *The effects of diversion programming on recidivism.* Poster presented at the **Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting**, Phoenix, AZ.

Ozturk, B., Pharris, A., Munoz, R., & McLeod, D. A. (November 2022). *Hope to resilience for adults in criminal justice diversion programs.* Paper presented at the **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting**, Anaheim, CA.

Ozturk, B., Yalim, A., & Toraman, S. (November 2021). *Mental health challenges: Gender-based violence among refugee women on the road.* Poster presented at the **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting**, Orlando, FL.

Ozturk, B., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (May 2021). *Coping strategies of Middle Eastern immigrant intimate partner violence survivors.* Paper presented at the **16th Annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry**, Urbana–Champaign, IL.

Gungordu, N., Ozturk, B., & Hernandez-Reif, M. (August 2020). *Sibling relationship quality and empathy among women in emerging adulthood: Survey method with follow-up interview.* Poster presented at the **American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention** (Virtual).

Li, Q., Luo, Y., Ozturk, B., & Smith, B. (October 2019). *A cross-sectional study of cyberbullying perpetration risk factors among children: International perspectives.* Poster presented at the **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting**, Denver, CO.

Ozturk, B., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (May 2019). *Unheard stories from Middle Eastern immigrant female IPV survivors: A qualitative study.* Paper presented at the **15th Annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry**, Urbana–Champaign, IL.

Ozturk, B. (November 2019). *Coping strategies among immigrant women who have experienced IPV in the U.S. and Canada.* Paper presented at the **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting**, Orlando, FL.

Ozturk, B., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (May 2018). *Intersectionality: A theoretical lens to better understand domestic violence among immigrants.* Paper presented at the **14th Annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI)**, Urbana–Champaign, IL.

Ozturk, B. (January 2018). *Predictors of receiving medical attention among rape and assault victims using a national sample.* Poster presented at the

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Ellis, T., Li, Q., Bertram, J., Meadows, J., Ozturk, B., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (May 2017). *Challenging tradition: A phenomenological study of poetry written by youth with problematic sexual behaviors.* Paper presented at the **13th Annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry**, Urbana–Champaign, IL.

Ozturk, B., & Aksu-Dunya, B. (November 2016). *Perceptions of Turkish women toward domestic violence against women.* Paper presented at the **42nd Annual Research on Women and Education (AERA SIG)**, Burlington, VT.

Invited Speaker & Panel Presentations

Ozturk, B (October, 2026). Forensic Social Work. Social Work Research Class,

Ozturk, B. (November 2022). *Hope and resilience.* Invited lecture, **Hacettepe University**, Department of Psychology, Ankara, Turkey.

Ozturk, B. (May 2021). *Ethics in American social work education.* Invited guest lecture, **Bartin University**, Department of Sociology, Bartin, Turkey.

Ozturk, B., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (May 2021). *Ph.D. student and mentor experiences in social work.* Invited presentation for **Social Work Day**, **16th Annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry**, Urbana–Champaign, IL.

Nelson-Gardell, D., Ozturk, B., & Chai, W. (October 2017). *International social work panel.* Panel presentation at the **National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Georgia Chapter Annual Conference**, Atlanta, GA.

Bertram, J., Ozturk, B., & Albright, D. (February 2016). *Linking global social work to regional and local practice: Revisiting the NASW International Committee's Global Agenda.* Paper presented at the **National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Alabama Chapter Annual State Conference**, Montgomery, AL.

MEDIA

- Podcast: *Social Work Ph.D. & Violence Against Women* (2020)
- Podcast: *MEB Scholarship Explained* (2020)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), 2024–Present
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), 2025–Present