

AYŞE PARLA

Curriculum Vitae (short)

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EDUCATION

- 2005 New York University, Ph.D. in Social Anthropology
- 1995 Harvard University, B.A. in Social Studies, *magna cum laude*
- 1991 Robert College High School, Istanbul, Highest Honors

EMPLOYMENT

- 2021- present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Boston University
Affiliate Faculty, Center on Forced Displacement, Boston University
- 2021-2024 Provost's Faculty Fellow for Graduate Academic Programs & Policies
- 2018-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Boston University
- 2012-2018 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Sabancı University, Istanbul
- 2005-2012 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Sabancı University, Istanbul

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022-2023 Center on Forced Displacement Seed Grant, Boston University. Research Project on "Capillary Livelihoods: Histories of Displacement and the Cultivation of Digital, Ecological, and Communal Lifeworlds on and off of Istiklal Street, Istanbul." With Alize Arıcan (BU Society of Fellows), Caterina Scaramelli (BU

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences), & Kendra Gimblet (M.A., Anthropology, BU).

- 2022-2023 Boston University Humanities Grant for Fact and Fabulation: Knowledge in the Era of Post-Truth (Phase 2), With Dr. Elif Babul (Mt. Holyoke College)
- 2021-2022 Wenner-Gren Workshop Grant for project on “Fact and Fabulation: Knowledge in the Era of Post-Truth (Phase 1), With Dr. Elif Babul (Mt. Holyoke College)
- 2021-2022 Nominated for the University-wide Metcalfe Cup and Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Boston University (declined to stand in nomination)
- 2020-2021 Emerging Scholars Grant for “Migration Matters: Ethnicity, Identity and Politics Across Borders.” Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University.
- 2020 Association of Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA) Book Prize in Critical Anthropology, Honorable Mention for *Precairous Hope: Migration and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey* (Stanford UP, 2019).
- 2016-2018 Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Princeton. Member (2016-2017), Visitor (2017-2018)
- 2014 International Research Visiting Fellowship, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Study, University of British Columbia.
- 2011 - 2014 TUBA (Turkish Academy of Sciences) Research Grant: “Beyond Europeanization: An Anthropological Inquiry into the regulation of the Migration Regime in Turkey.”
- 2011 Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA), Exceptional Young Scholar Award
- 2010 Teaching Award, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University
- 2009 - 2012 TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey) Three-year Career Grant: “Legalization Strategies of Labor Migrants from Bulgaria.”
- 2007 - 2008 TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey) Collaborative Research Grant, Principal Investigator: “Forms of organization among new migrants: A comparative analysis of Bulgarian Turks, Iraqi Turkmens and Moldavians in Turkey,” with Prof. Mine Eder (Political Science) and Dr. Didem Danis (Sociology).

- 2004 Sylvia Forman Prize, Association of Feminist Anthropology. Best graduate paper.
- 2003 - 2004 Marianne Lehner Rothe and Florence Edna Rowe Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation.
- 2003 - 2004 Dissertation Fellowship, International Center for Advanced Studies, Project on the "Cold War as Global Conflict," New York University.
- 2003 - 2004 Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, New York University.
- 2002 Regional Associate Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study, Sofia, NEXUS.
- 2001 - 2002 Dissertation Research Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation.
- 2001 - 2002 Dissertation Research Grant, Social Science Research Council.
- 2001 - 2002 Annette B. Weiner Research Grant, New York University
- 2000 *Feminist Studies* Journal Award for best article published by a graduate student: "The Honor of the State: Virginitiy Examinations in Turkey."
- 1999 Predissertation Grant, Institute of Turkish Studies, Georgetown University.
- 1999 Association of Political and Legal Anthropology Student Paper Prize for essay "The 'Honor' of the State: Virginitiy Examinations in Turkey."
- 1999 Ford Foundation Gender/Area Studies Summer Research Grant, NYU.
- 1998 Kay Pin Award for academic achievement, New York University
- 1996 - 2001 MacCracken Fellowship, New York University.
- 1995 Honors in Social Studies for Senior Thesis: "The Significance of the Women's Shelter in the Turkish Context." Harvard University.
- 1994 Ford Program Research Grant, Harvard University
- 1994 Dean's Summer Thesis Research Grant, Harvard University.
- 1993-1995 Harvard College Scholarship and Agassiz Certificate of Merit for academic achievement of highest distinction

1991 - 1995 Agassiz Scholarship, Radcliffe College.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (BU)

- 2021-2024 Provost's Faculty Fellow for Graduate Academic Programs and Policies. Faculty Fellow to Daniel Kleinman, Associate Provost for Graduate Affairs.
- 2024 Member, Working Group on Muslim and Arab Life, and Addressing Islamophobia, Anti-Arab, and Anti-Palestinian Harassment. Taskforce commissioned by the President, led by Dr. Muhammad Zaman.
- 2022-2024 Faculty Fellow (Inaugural Cohort), Society of Fellows, Boston University
- 2021-2023 GEC (General Education Committee) Member
- May 2022 HUB Assessment Workshop, Moderator and Presenter for Subcommittee on 'Individual in Community.'
- 2020-2022 Member of the Faculty Council
- 2020-2021 Committee on Equity and Inclusion
- Jan -June 2021 Calendar Subcommittee for the Anti Racist Working Group,
- 2019- 2021 Graduate Research Abroad Fellowships (GRAF) Committee Member
- 2019-2022 Member of the Social Science Curriculum Committee.
- 2018-2021 Chair of the Campagna-Kerven Graduate Student Fellowship Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2019 *Precarious Hope: Migration and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2019.
Association of Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA) Book Prize in Critical Anthropology, Honorable Mention

Book ms in progress: *Memoir as Survival after the Armenian Genocide*

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

- 2024 "Hope and Migration." Invited Contribution to the *Oxford Compendium on Hope*, eds. Anthony Scioli & Steven van den Heuvel. Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- 2023 "Hamlet after Genocide: The Haunting of Soghomon Tehlirian and Empirical Fabulation." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 65 (2):446 - 470
- 2020 "Revisiting 'Honor' through Migrant Vulnerabilities in Turkey." *History and Anthropology* 31(1): 84-104.
- 2019 "Critique without a Politics of Hope." In *A Time for Critique*, edited by Didier Fassin and Bernard Harcourt. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 2019 "When Migrants Claim Blood Kinship: Constructing Hierarchies of Human Worth," In *Deepening Divides: How Territorial Borders and Social Boundaries Delineate our World* edited by Didier Fassin. London: Pluto Press.
- 2016 "Property, Dispossession and Citizenship in Turkey, or, The history of the Gezi Uprising starts in the Surp Hagop Armenian Cemetery," with Ceren Özgül. *Public Culture* 28 (3): 617-653.
- 2015 "'For us, migration is ordinary': Post-1989 labour migration from Bulgaria to Turkey," in *Migration in the Southern Balkans: From Ottoman Territory to Globalized Nation States*, eds. Hans Vermeulen, Riki van Boeschoten, Martin Baldwin- Edwards (eds.). IMISCOE Book Series: Springer.
- 2011 "Labor migration, ethnic kinship, and the conundrum of citizenship in Turkey." *Citizenship Studies* 15(3-4): 457-470.
- 2011 "Undocumented Migrants and the Double Binds of Rights Claims." *Differences: Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*. 22(1): 64-89.
- 2009 "Remembering across the border: Postsocialist nostalgia among Turkish immigrants from Bulgaria." *American Ethnologist* 36 (4): 750-767.
- 2009 "Broken Lines of Il/legality and the Reproduction of State Sovereignty: The Impact of Visa Policies on Turkish Immigrants from Bulgaria," with Zeynep Kaslı. *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 34 (2): 203-227.
- 2009 "Nafile Soydaşlık: Irak ve Bulgaristan Türkleri Örneğinde Göçmen, Dernek ve Devlet," [Ethnic Kinship in Vain: Turkish Migrants from Iraq and from Bulgaria, Migrant Associations and the State],with Didem Daniş. *Toplum ve Bilim* (Science and Society) 114: 131-158.

- 2007 “Irregular Workers or Ethnic Kin? Post-1990s Labor Migration from Bulgaria to Turkey.” *International Migration* 45 (3): 157-181. (reprint in *Bulgarian Folklore* 2: 49-69, 2009)
- 2006 “Longing, Belonging and Locations of Homeland among Turkish Immigrants from Bulgaria.” *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 6(4): 543-557.
(reprint in Bulgarian in *How to think about the Balkans: Culture, Region, Identities*, ed.A. Kiossev, Next Page Publications, 2009).
- 2003 “Marking Time along the Bulgarian-Turkish Border,” *Ethnography* 4(4): 561-575.
- 2001 “The ‘Honor’ of the State: Virginty Examinations in Turkey,” *Feminist Studies* 27:1 (Spring), 65-89.

In preparation:

Invited contribution to the edited volume, *Peripheries in European Studies*, eds. Pamela Ballinger and Clemens Sedmak. Under contract with Routledge.

“In his measured steps: Walking as Survival in Hagop Mntsurı’s Istanbul Memories (1897-1940)” Article ms in preparation for Special Issue on *Im/Mobilities at the End of Empires*, ed. Theodora Dragostinova, to be reviewed by the *American Historical Review* History Lab.

Theme Special Issue: *Fact and Fabulation: Knowledge in the Era of Post-Truth*. Eds. Elif Babul and Ayse Parla. “Introduction: Proposal under review by *FOCAAL: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*.

“The Nature of Evidence: an Introduction,” with Elif Babul. Introductory Essay to theme special issue on *Fact and Fabulation: Knowledge in the Era of Post-Truth*.

“Who get to Critically Fabulate,” Essay contribution to theme special issue on *Fact and Fabulation: Knowledge in the Era of Post-Truth*.

Invited short contributions, encyclopedia entries and interviews

2020. “Precarious Hope: Migration and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey: New Texts Out Now.” Jadaliyya.
<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/40632/Ayse-Parla,-Precarious-Hope-Migration-and-the-Limits-of-Belonging-in-Turkey-New-Texts-Out-Now>jadaliyya.

2020. Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Podcast Series, Buffet Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University.
<https://keyman.buffett.northwestern.edu/events-programming/keyman-podcast-series.html>
- 2017 “The Complicity of Hope.” Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR), Series on Emergency for Turkish Democracy. Responses to the Constitutional Referendum, curated by Jennifer Curtis and Heath Cabot.
<https://politicalandlegalanthro.org/2017/05/03/the-complicity-of-hope/>
- Selected for inclusion in *Open Anthropology*: Han, Sallie and Jason Antrosio. “The Editors’ Note: Hope.” Volume 8, Issue 2. *Open Anthropology*/American Anthropological Association. July 2020.
- 2017 Molly Fee Interviews Ayse Parla. Center for the Study of International Migration, UCLA.
<https://international.ucla.edu/Institute/article/187171>
2013. "Protest and the Limits of the Body." Fieldsights - Hot Spots, *Cultural Anthropology*. Series on An Impromptu Uprising, curated by Yael Navaro-Yashin and Umut Yildirim.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/protest-and-the-limits-of-the-body>
- 2012 “Bulgaria, migration, late-19th century to present,” with Maria Stoilkova, in *The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*, ed. Immanuel Ness, Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2006 “Virginity: Turkey.” *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*. Ed. Suad Joseph. [http:// dx.doi.org/10.1163/1872-5309_ewic_EWICCOM_0209h](http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/1872-5309_ewic_EWICCOM_0209h)
- 2005 “Honor: Turkey and the Caucasus.” in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*., Ed. Suad Joseph. Leiden: E.J. Brill. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/1872->

INVITED LECTURES, KEYNOTES, and WORKSHOPS (selective)

- May 2024 “Hostage Writing: Im/mobility, Absent Presences and Surviving Genocide in Hagop Mntsurı’s *Istanbul Memories*” Workshop organized by Theodora Dragostinova and Yigit Akin on *Im/Mobilities at the End of Empires: People and Ideas in Flux*. Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University.
- Jan 2023 “Hamlet After Genocide: Haunting, Justice and Empirical Fabulation.” Center for Middle East Studies, Annual Lecture. Harvard University.

- Nov 2022 “Peripheral Vision and Hauntology.” Workshop organized by Clemens Sedmac on *Peripheries*. Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Notre Dame University
- April 2020 “Precarious Hope and the Limits of Migrant Belonging in Turkey.” Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. (postponed due to COVID)
- March 2020 “Shielding Hope, Killing Hope, and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey.” Department of Anthropology & Turkish Studies. Columbia University
- Feb 2020 “Precarious Hope and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey.” Department of Anthropology, Tufts University.
- Feb 2020 “The Ghost in the Courtroom: Genocide, Justice, and a Speculative Reading of the Trial of Soghomon Tehlirian.” Keynote lecture for the workshop on “Afterlives of Catastrophes: ‘Western Armenia’ in Comparative Perspective. Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Nov 2019 “Shielding Hope, Killing Hope: Entitlement, Precarity and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey.” Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies and the Mediterranean Studies Forum (co-organized with the Department of Anthropology), Stanford University.
- Oct 2019 “Precarious Hope and the Limits of Belonging in Turkey.” Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series (co-organized with the Watson Institute, Center for Middle East Studies), Brown University
- Jan 2018 “The Politics of Hope and its Refusals.” Keynote Lecture for Conference on the “Politics of Emotion in Turkey and its Connected Geographies.” London School of Economics
- Nov 2017 “Legal Differentiation in the “Illegal” Labor Market and Delimiting the Concept of Precarity.” Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas, Austin
- Nov 2017 “Legal Differentiation in the “Illegal” Labor Market and Delimiting the Concept of Precarity.” UCLA Center for the Study of International Migration, University of California at Los Angeles.
- April 2017 “Hope, Migrants and the Political.” Political Science Forum, Vassar College.

- Sep 2014 “Spaces of Education, States of Ruination and Survival.” Public lecture, hosted by the Department of Anthropology and Peter Wall Institute of Advanced Studies, University of British Columbia.
- Feb 2014 “Armenian Migrant Children in Turkey: Access to Education and States of Exception in a Postgenocidal Society.” Hosted by the Armenian Studies Program and the Department of History, Michigan University.
- Jan 2014 “Armenian Migrant Children in Turkey: Access to Education and States of Exception in a Postgenocidal Society.” Green College, University of British Columbia.
- Feb 2013 “Labor migration of ‘ethnic kin’ from Bulgaria to Turkey and the politics of relative privilege.” Sociocultural Anthropology Speaker Series, co-sponsored by the Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA
- Feb 2009 “Inclusive Exclusion and the Reproduction of State Sovereignty,” Center for the Critical Analysis of Social Difference, Columbia University.
- Jan 2009 “The 'Inclusive Exclusion' of Turkish Immigrants from Bulgaria. Workshop organized by Maria Stoilkova on “Migration in the Neoliberal Age.” Center for European Studies, University of Florida.

REVIEWING:

Peer-Reviewed Journals:

American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Anthropological Quarterly, Citizenship Studies, City and Society, Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Constellations, Cultural Anthropology, Current Anthropology,, differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies, European Journal of Women’s Studies, History of the Present, International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies, Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association, Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy, Meridians, New Perspectives on Turkey, Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR), Positions: Asia Critique, Signs, Slavic Studies, Women's Studies International Forum.

Book Manuscript reviews:

Stanford University Press
California University Press
Routledge