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EDUCATION

2009-Present	Ph.D. Candidate, University of Iowa
2007-2009	M.A., Sociology, University of Iowa
2001-2006 (January)	B.A., Sociology, Koc University Istanbul, Turkey

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Psychology	Social Stratification
Sociology of Emotions	Morality

FELLOWSHIPS

2007-Present	Full fellowship for Graduate Studies in Sociology in the US by the Ministry of National Education, Turkey
2001-2006	Full Fellowship by the Koc University, Istanbul-Turkey

HONORS

2002 -2005	Dean's Honor List (Koc University)
2002 Fall Semester	Vehbi Koc High Honor List (Koc University)

PUBLICATIONS

Firat, Rengin, Chad McPherson, and Steven Hitlin. "The Significance of Emotion and Cognition for Understanding the Moral Self." In Hitlin, Steven and Stephen Vaisey (Eds.), *Handbook of the Sociology of Morality, Springer. Forthcoming.*

Firat, Rengin. "The Declining Social Capital Thesis: A Social Psychological Approach." *In preparation.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- March 2009 Rengin Firat. "Human Values and Social Capital" Paper presented at the Annual James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference, Iowa City, IA.
- April 2009 Nicole H.W. Civettini, stef shuster, Rengin Firat. "Effects of Same-Sex Unions on Mental Well-Being" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Des Moines, IA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- September 2005- February 2006 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Fatos Goksen, Department of Sociology, Koc University, Istanbul/Turkey
- June 2005- September 2005 Part-time Research Assistant, S.A.M. Arastirma-Danismanlik A. S. (Social Research Center)
- September 2004- June 2005 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Fatos Goksen, Department of Sociology, Koc University, Istanbul/Turkey
- September 2003- June 2004 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Gabriel Ignatow, Department of Sociology, Koc University, Istanbul/Turkey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2009 Teaching Assistant, Dr. Steven Hitlin, *Principles of Social Psychology* (Undergraduate Course)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2006 – July 2007 PricewaterhouseCoopers
Assistant, Human Resources Department
- March 2006 – June 2006 PricewaterhouseCoopers
Assistant, Human Resources Department

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2009-Present Committee Member, Graduate Studies

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2007-2008 Vice President, Turkish Student Association at the University of Iowa

2008 - 2009

President, Turkish Student Association at the University of Iowa

2008 - Present

Active member, Turkish Student Association at the University of Iowa

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Midwest Sociological Society