

# UĞURCAN VURGUN

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**General:** psycholinguistics, the language-cognition interface

*Specific:* event cognition, aspect computation

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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**University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia**

*August 2019 - Present*

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics

Advisor: Anna Papafragou

**Boğaziçi University, Istanbul**

*September 2015 - June 2019*

Master of Arts (MA) in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics

Thesis Title: The Syntax of Focus Particles in Turkish

Thesis Supervisors: Mine Nakipoğlu, A. Sumru Özsoy

**Koç University, Istanbul**

*September 2002 - September 2007*

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Business Administration

College of Administrative Sciences and Economics

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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**Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania**

2019-2024

- Full tuition and a stipend for the Ph.D. program in Linguistics.

**Vehbi Koc Fellowship, Koc University**

2002 - 2007

- Full tuition, accommodation, and a stipend for the BA program in Business Administration.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**LING 0001 Introduction to Linguistics**

*Fall 2022*

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant for two sections

Professor: Mark Liberman

**LING 001 Introduction to Linguistics**

*Fall 2021*

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant for two sections

Professor: Gareth Roberts

## LING 001 Introduction to Linguistics

University of Pennsylvania  
Teaching Assistant for two sections  
Professor: Martin Salzmänn

Spring 2021

## LING 101 Introduction to Linguistics

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul  
Teaching Assistant  
Professor: Mine Nakipoğlu

Fall 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

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## PRESENTATIONS

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### The mapping between language and event cognition

Working with Dr. Anna Papafragou on a project focusing on the impact of boundedness on how people process events.

**Vurgun, U.**, Ji, Y., & Papafragou, A. (2023) *Aspectual Processing and Event Perception*. 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP), University of Pittsburgh.

**Vurgun, U.**, Ji, Y., & Papafragou, A. (2023) *Aspectual framing of events shifts online event apprehension*. Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

**Vurgun, U.**, Ji, Y., & Papafragou, A. (2022) *Lexical Aspect Maps Onto Event Apprehension*. Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM) 2, University of Pennsylvania.

**Vurgun, U.**, Ji, Y., & Papafragou, A. (2022) *Linguistic aspect constrains event apprehension*. 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci), Toronto, Canada.

### Locative Alternation in Turkish

Worked on an analysis in which both locative alternation variants in Turkish can be accounted for with a uniform change-of-state structure. Both direct objects in the variants are claimed to be the subjects of the small clauses and the resulting state is shown to originate from the denominal root of the verbs.

**Vurgun, U.** (2020) *Both locative alternation variants in Turkish are change-of-state predicates with ResultPs*. The 4th Conference of Central Asian Language and Linguistics, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

**Vurgun, U.** (2019) *A lexical-typological approach explaining the limited existence of locative alternation in Turkish*. The 4th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+4), NYU, New York, NY.

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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**Analysis** R, Python  
**Software & Tools**

## EMPLOYMENT

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### Unilever, Turkey

*Latest position: Customer and Channel Development Manager*

January 2008 - April 2018

- The key leader for the Profit & Loss and the trade marketing operations of the Knorr brand.

**ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

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Student Parent Advisory Board Member, Penn Family Resource Center