

# UĞURCAN VURGUN

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Psycholinguistics, language and event cognition; semantics and pragmatics of aspect

## EDUCATION

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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 Salzmann

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

**Vurgun, U.**, Ji, Y., & Papafragou, A. (2023) *Aspectual framing of events shifts online event apprehension*. 98th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Denver.

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

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

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

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

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Unilever, Turkey** January 2008 - April 2018  
*Latest position: Customer and Channel Development Manager*

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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Student Parent Advisory Board Member, Penn Family Resource Center