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Academic Appointments

- 2023-present** **Assistant Professor of Games & Interactive Media**, Games & Interactive Media, Nicholson School of Communication, University of Central Florida
- 2019-2023** **Assistant Professor of Creative Technologies–Game Design**, Creative Technologies, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts, Illinois State University
- 2022-2023** **Area Head (Game Design)**, Creative Technologies Program
- 2022-2023** **Area Co-Coordinator**, Graphic Design, WK School of Art
- 2022-2024** **Researcher**, Antiracism, Games, and Immersive Media Group, Initiative on Combatting Systemic Racism Project, MIT IDSS (Institute for Data, Systems, and Society)
- 2022-present** **Member**, Istanbul Bilgi University Graduate Programs Institute Advisory Board
- 2021-present** **Research Affiliate**, MIT Center for Advanced Virtuality, MIT
- Projects:** Roleplaying for Perspective Taking – *funded by* DSTA
Project VISIBLE – *funded by* NCSofT
- 2018-2019** **Visiting Assistant Professor of Game Design**, College of Arts, Media and Design, Game Design Program, Northeastern University
- 2014-2019** **Lecturer**, Faculty of Communication, Digital Game Design Program, Istanbul Bahcesehir University
- 2016-2018** **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, MIT Imagination, Computation, and Expression Laboratory (ICE Lab) & MIT CSAIL (Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory), Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- PI: D. Fox Harrell (MIT CSAIL & CMS).
- 2017-2018** **Visiting Researcher**, QCRI (Qatar Computing Research Institute, Social Computing Group), Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- December 2017 – June 2018
 - PIs: Haewoon Kwak (HBKU), D. Fox Harrell (MIT CSAIL & CMS).
- 2016-2017** **Visiting Researcher**, QCRI (Qatar Computing Research Institute, Social Computing Group), Hamad Bin Khalifa University

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 - PIs: Haewoon Kwak (HBKU), D. Fox Harrell (MIT CSAIL & CMS).
- 2015-2016** **Lecturer**, Faculty of Communication, Digital Game Design Program, İstanbul Bilgi University

Industry Appointments

- 2022-2023** Born Immersive UK
- 2011-2014** kreatiFabrika Communication Agency
- 2005-2011** Nintendo of Europe (Local Office)
- 2003-2005** Avaturk Gaming Services
- 1999-2003** Arti Interaktif New Media Agency

Education

- Ph.D.** **Communication**, İstanbul Bilgi University, 2016
Thesis: Narra Ludens: Explaining Videogame Narrative Engagement Through Player Types (*Advisor*: Selcen Ozturkcan, Ph.D., Linnaeus University, Sweden)
- M.A.** **Media (Film and Television) Studies**, İstanbul Bilgi University, 2013
Thesis: Six Degrees of Video Game Narrative: A Classification for Narrative in Video Games; *Published as a book chapter in Games and Narrative: Theory and Practice, Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-81538-7_1*
- B.A.** **Visual Communication Design**, İstanbul Bilgi University, 2004
Graduation Project: Best Practices in Culturally Grounded Ways of Visual Storytelling; *Published as a part of the book “Bize Kuşdili Öğretildi” in 2010 by Can Press, İstanbul. ISBN: 9789750712371.*

Grants, Fellowships, Awards and Honors

- 2024** UCF College of Sciences Recognition for Outstanding Instruction
- 2024** UCF Center for Distributed Learning Quality Blended Course Designation for DIG3480
- 2024** UCF Center for Distributed Learning Quality Online Course Designation for DIG3175
- 2022** Illinois State University Service Initiative Award, \$500/1 year.
- 2022** Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts Service Initiative Award, \$500/1 year.
- 2022** Ken Holder Endowed Professor of Art, “Bridging Games with Arts, Education, Social Sciences, and Humanities,” \$35,182/2 years, Awarded 5/12/2022.

- 2022** Co-PI with Michele Shropshire (Menonite College of Nursing), FY23 University Research Grant, “Gerontological Nursing Care Gamification in Nursing,” \$3,879/1 year, Awarded 7/1/2022.
- 2021** FY22 University Research Grant, “Validating the DECKS Framework: A Large-scale Crowd-sourced Survey Study,” \$2,450/1 year, Awarded 7/1/2021.
- 2021** Illinois State University, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts, Dean Faculty Development Grant, \$250/1 semester.
- 2020** Illinois State University Research Initiative Award, \$500/1 year.
- 2020** Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts Research Initiative Award, \$500/1 year.
- 2020** ISU Office of the Cross Chair in The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Exploration of SoTL Grant, \$1,000/7 months, Awarded October 2020.
- 2020** Honorable Mention Award for CHI 2020 Conference, submission 8604.
- 2020** FY21 University Research Grant, “Gamespective: A Nuanced and Collaborative Online Game Database Through the Lens of Humanities,” \$2,830/1 year, Awarded 5/20/2019.
- 2020** Illinois State University, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts, Dean Travel Grant, \$250/1 semester.
- 2020** Illinois State University, Wonsook Kim School of Art Faculty Development Grant, \$700/1 semester.
- 2020** Illinois State University, Creative Technologies Faculty Development Grant, \$1000/1 semester.
- 2019** Northeastern University R&D Grant #S4823-PO340824, “A Social Platform that Models User Identity Via Interactive Stories,” \$23,785/1 month, Awarded 5/2019.
- 2018** National Science Foundation (NSF) #1850937, I-Corps Grant (2018 Fall, EL), \$50,000/1 year, Awarded 9/2018.
- 2018** Massachusetts Institute of Technology Node Innovation Corps Grant #347267, \$2,500/2 months, Awarded 1/2018.
- 2013** Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Doctoral Fellowship, (TL/USD approx.) \$49,500/3 years, Awarded 9/2013.
- 2013** Istanbul Bilgi University School of Communication Merit Scholarship 3/4 tuition.
- 2011** Istanbul Bilgi University the Dean’s Graduate Fellowship.
- 2011** Istanbul Bilgi University School of Communication Merit Scholarship full tuition.
- 2000** The Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Education OSYM Undergraduate Scholarship full tuition.

Teaching & Advising

University of Central Florida Courses:

- DIG 2000 – Introduction to Digital Media

- DIG 3175 – Design for Access and Engagement (*CDL Quality Online Course Designation*)
- DIG 3840 – Computer as a Medium (*CDL Quality Blended Course Designation*)
- DIG 4630 – Creative Industries
- DIG 4714 – Intermediate Game Development
- DIG 4778 – Game Design Tools & Plugins
- DIG 4941 – Internship

Shanghai Normal University Courses:

- ART 18 / 19 – Introduction to Game Design

Illinois State University Courses:

- ART 444A13 – Problems in Studio Work
- ART 451A87 – Special Projects in Art: Video
- CTK 351 – Game Design I
- CTK 352 – Game Design II
- CTK 353 – Game Development
- CTK 355A01 – Game Studio Capstone I
- CTK 355A02 – Game Studio Capstone II
- CTK 380.3 / 380.4 – Introduction to Game Design
- CTK 380.5 / 380.6 – Introduction to Game Development
- CTK 380.8 – Games and Society
- CTK 460.1* – Computer Arts Studio: Play and Society
- CTK 460.1* – Computer Arts Studio: Experimental Technologies for Games
- CTK 480.2* – Digital Game Concept Dev. and Production
- CTK 490* / 390 – Directed Projects in Art Technology
- CTK 499* – Independent Research for the Master's Thesis
- HON 202A78 – Diversity in Digital Platforms and Equitable Virtual Environments

Northeastern University Courses:

- GAME 1110 – Games and Society
- GAME 2500 – Foundations of Game Design
- GAME 3800 – Game Concept Development & Production
- GSND 5110* – Game Design and Analysis
- GSND 5111* – Game Seminar
- GSND 5130* – Mixed Research Methods for Games
- GSND 6320* – Psychology of Play

Istanbul Bahcesehir University Courses:

- GAD 5101* – Games & Culture
- GAD 5103* – Game Art & Aesthetics
- GAD 5888-1* – Thesis I
- GAD 5888-2* – Thesis II

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Courses:

- CMS.628 / 828* – Advanced Identity Representation
- CMS 950* – Multimedia Workshop

Istanbul Bilgi University Courses:

- GAME103 – Introduction to Design and Creative Thinking

* Graduate-level courses

Directed Studies:

- Ian C. “*Occentatia: A playful & safe community for LGBTQ+ players through virtual worldbuilding*” (ISU, WK School of Art Graduate Program, MFA), 2022-2023.
- Royce A. “*Virtual DJing environments for VRChat*” (ISU, Creative Technologies Program), 2022-2023.
- Mojde K. “*The bitter truth: A VR game about women’s experiences of growing up in Iran*” (ISU, Creative Technologies Graduate Program), 2021-2023.
- Sargylana C. “*sulustar kxestybetter: A non-game on indigenous futurism for Sakha Yakut culture*” (ISU, WK School of Art Graduate Program, MFA), 2021-2022.
- Ethan C. “*Self-representation in virtual environments*” (ISU, Creative Technologies Graduate Program), 2020-2021.
- Mason B. “*Transitioning of game design students into game design careers*” (ISU, Creative Technologies Graduate Program), 2020-2021.

Thesis Advisor and Committee Chair:

- Ufuk Ç., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “*An Analysis of the Visual Aesthetics and Referentiality of Mortal Kombat 1,*” Defended 2020.
- Orçun A., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “*A framework for quest generation based on NPC motivations,*” Defended 2019.
- Özge M., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “*An analysis of religious imagery in Assassin’s Creed Origins,*” Defended 2019.
- Yeliz K., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “*Social behaviour learning with digital games: An experimental study,*” Defended 2019.
- Selim Ö., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “*From monetization to creating an in-game economy: Roles of a game designer,*” Defended 2019.
- Ali Han Ş., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “*Streamlining of games and its effect on casual and hardcore players,*” Defended 2019.
- Sezin E., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “*The impact of machine learning on gaming industry,*” Defended 2018.

- Doruk K., (Istanbul Bahcesehir University, Game Design Graduate), “Comparing players’ self-perceived and actual gaming dedication levels,” Defended 2017.

Internships

- Lillian A., UCF DM W&SP, Spring 2024 (black dog designs, llc)
- Ariel Y., UCF DM GD, Spring 2024 (Jamf.com)
- Rochelle G., UCF DM W&SP, Summer 2024 (UCF Athletics)

Publications

Journal Articles:

- 2023** B. Bostan, **S. Sengun**. “Forging connections: The social dynamics of ‘Death Stranding’ as a paradigm shift in gaming,” *New Trends in Computer Sciences*, 1(2), 97–112. <https://doi.org/10.3846/ntcs.2023.19412>
- 2023** **S. Şengün**, J. Santos, J. Salminen, M. Milenkovic, B. Jansen. “Is death only the beginning? How people mourn artificial characters in social media,” *Games and Culture*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/15554120231190195>
- 2022** J. Salminen, S. Jung, L. Nielsen, **S. Şengün**, B. Jansen. “How does varying the number of personas affect user perceptions and behavior? Challenging the ‘small personas’ hypothesis!” *International Journal of Human - Computer Studies*, 168 (102915) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhcs.2022.102915>
- 2022** **S. Şengün**, P. Mawhorter, J. Bowie-Wilson, Y. Audeh, H. Kwak, F. Harrell. “Contours of virtual enfreakment in fighting game characters,” *Technological Forecasting and Social Change* 180 (121797) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techfore.2022.121707>
- 2022** J. Salminen, **S. Şengün**, J. Santos, S. Jung, and B. Jansen. “Can unhappy pictures enhance the effect of personas? A user experiment,” *ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction*, 29(2), pp. 1-59. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3485872>
- 2022** **S. Şengün**, J. Santos, J. Salminen, S. Jung, and B. Jansen, “Do players communicate differently depending on the champion played? Exploring the Proteus effect in League of Legends,” *Technological Forecasting and Social Change* 177(121556). <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.techfore.2022.121556>
- 2020** **S. Şengün** and S. Ozturkcan, “Re-shaped by mobile technologies’ disruption: The videogame industry in Turkey,” *Studies on Marketing Insights*, 4(1), pp. 44-56. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/somi/issue/56246/755664>
- 2020** J. Salminen, **S. Şengün**, S. Jung, and B. Jansen, “Exploring the relationship of online toxicity and news topics: An analysis of 63,886 YouTube videos,” *Plos One*, 15(2). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0228723>
- 2019** P. Mawhorter, **S. Şengün**, H. Kwak, and F. Harrell, “Identifying regional trends in avatar customization,” *IEEE Transactions on Games*, 11 (4), pp. 405-415. <http://doi.org/10.1109/TG.2018.2835776>

- 2018 J. Salminen, S. Şengün, H. Kwak, J. An, B. Jansen, S. Jung, F. Harrell, and S. Vieweg, (2018), "From 2,772 segments to 5 personas: Summarizing a diverse online audience by generating culturally adapted personas," *First Monday*, 23 (6). <https://doi.org/10.5210/fm.v23i6.8415>
- 2018 S. Şengün and F. Harrell, "Virtual identity systems should better support gulf nationals," *The Oxford Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Forum*, Spring 2018, University of Oxford, pp. 4-8.
- 2017 S. Şengün, "Ludic voyeurism and passive spectatorship in Gone Home and other 'walking simulators,'" *Video Game Art Reader*, 1 (1).
- 2015 S. Şengün, "Why do I fall for the Elf, when I am no Orc myself? The implications of virtual avatars in digital communication," *Journal of Communication and Society*, 27, pp.181-193, [http://dx.doi.org/10.17231/comsoc.27\(2015\).2096](http://dx.doi.org/10.17231/comsoc.27(2015).2096)
- 2015 S. Şengün, "A semiotic reading of digital avatars and their role of uncertainty reduction in digital communication," *Journal of Media Critiques [JMC] Digital Communication Impact Special Issue*, <https://doi.org/10.17349/jmc114311>
- 2014 S. Şengün, "Videogames as living science fiction and fantasy worlds in the age of virtual storytelling," *Varlık*, #1278, pp. 16-21, Varlık Press, Istanbul
- 2013 S. Şengün, "Silent Hill 2 and the curious case of invisible agency," *Lecture Notes on Computer Science*, #8230, pp. 180-185, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-02756-2_22

Conference Papers:

- 2023 C. Yildirim, S. Şengün, M. Akhoroz, E. Kucuk, and F. Harrell. "Through the looking glass: The role of virtual mirrors in shaping empathy in virtual reality perspective taking," *MUM2023 (22nd International Conference on Mobile and Ubiquitous Multimedia)*, pp. 495–498, December 3-6, Vienna, Austria. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3626705.3631789>
- 2023 J. Salminen, S. Şengün, J. Santos, S. Jung, L. Nielsen, B. Jansen. "The choice of a persona: An analysis of why stakeholders choose a given persona for a design task," *HCII 2023 25TH International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction (23-28 July, Copenhagen, Denmark)* https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-48038-6_18
- 2023 C. Yildirim, S. Sengun, P. Amer, JJ Hawke, F. Harrell. "Toward computationally-supported roleplaying for perspective-taking," *HCI in Games: 5th International Conference, HCI-Games 2023, Held as Part of the 25th HCI International Conference (23-28 July, Copenhagen, Denmark)*, pp. 154-171 https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-35930-9_11
- 2022 S. Şengün and B. Bostan. "Passive collaboration and connections in a 'strand game': changing the way we play," *GAME-ON'2022 (14-16 September, Lisbon, Portugal)*
- 2022 J. Salminen, S. Şengün, J. Santos, S. Jung, and B. Jansen. "Can unhappy pictures enhance the effect of personas? A user experiment," *CHI 2022: The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. (30 April-5 May, New Orleans, LA) <https://programs.sigchi.org/chi/2022/program/content/70511>

- 2021 J. Salminen, M. Milenkovic, **S. Şengün**, S. Jung, and B. Jansen. “Weaponizing words: Analyzing fake news accusations against two online news channels,” *BESC 2021: The 8th International Conference on Behavioural and Social Computing*. (29-31 October, Doha, Qatar) (**best paper award nominee**) <https://doi.org/10.1109/BESC53957.2021.9635377>
- 2021 J. Salminen, **S. Şengün**, S. Jung, and B. Jansen. “Comparing persona analytics and social media analytics for a user-centric task using eye-tracking and think-aloud,” *CHIItaly 2021: Proceedings of the 2021 CHIItaly Conference*. (11-13 July, Bozen-Bolzano, Italy) <https://doi.org/10.1145/3464385.3464734>
- 2020 J. Salminen, S. Chowdhury, **S. Şengün**, S. Jung, and B. Jansen. “Personas and analytics: A comparative user study of efficiency and effectiveness for a user identification task,” *CHI '20: Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, pp. 1-13. (24-30 April, Honolulu, Hawaii) <https://doi.org/10.1145/3313831.3376770> (**honorable mention for best paper award**)
- 2020 J. Salminen, L. Ying-Hsang, J. Santos, **S. Şengün**, and B. Jansen, “The effect of numerical and textual information on visual engagement and perceptions of AI-driven persona interfaces,” *IUI '20: Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces* (17-20 March, Cagliari, Italy), pp. 357-368. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3377325.3377492>
- 2019 **S. Sengun**, J. Salminen, P. Mawhorter, S. Jung, and B. Jansen. “Exploring the relationship between game content and culture-based toxicity: A case study of League of Legends and MENA players.” *HT '19 Proceedings of the 30th ACM Conference on Hypertext and Social Media*, pp. 87-95. (17-20 September, Hof, Germany.) <https://doi.org/10.1145/3342220.3343652>
- 2019 **S. Sengun**, J. Salminen, S. Jung, P. Mawhorter, and B. Jansen. “Analyzing hate speech toward players from the MENA in League of Legends.” *CHI EA '19: Extended Abstracts of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. (4-9 May, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.), pp. 1–6. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3290607.3312924>
- 2019 J. Salminen, **S. Sengun**, S. Jung, and B. Jansen. “Design issues in automatically generated persona profiles: A qualitative analysis from 38 think-aloud transcripts.” *CHIIR '19: Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval*. (10-14 March, Glasgow, Scotland, UK), pp. 225–229. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3295750.3298942>
- 2018 A. Jahanian, **S. Şengün**, P. Mawhorter, H. Kwak, and F. Harrell. “Grounding AI-driven cross-cultural analysis with community insights,” *CHI 2018 Workshop: ArabHCI Working with Arab Communities* (21-26 April, Montreal, Canada)
- 2017 J. Salminen, **S. Şengün**, H. Kwak, B. Jansen, J. An, S. Jung, S. Vieweg, and F. Harrell. “Generating cultural personas from social data: A perspective of Middle Eastern users,” *IEEE International Conference on Future Internet of Things and Cloud, FiCloud-2017*. (21-23 August, Prague, Czech Republic), <http://doi.org/10.1109/FiCloudW.2017.97>

- 2017 F. Harrell, S. Vieweg, H. Kwak, C. Lim, **S. Sengun**, A. Jahanian, and P. Ortiz. "Culturally-grounded analysis of everyday creativity in social media: A case study in Qatari context," *C&C '17: Proceedings of the 2017 ACM SIGCHI Conference on Creativity and Cognition*. (June 27-30, Singapore), pp. 209-221. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3059454.3059456>
- 2013 **S. Şengün**, "Cybertexts, hypertexts and interactive fiction: Why shan't the prodigal children overthrow their forefathers," *Innovation, Difference, Irregularity, Lit Fiction '13*, pp. 58-66, Mimar Sinan University Press, Istanbul
- 2012 **S. Şengün**, "Engagement model as the basis for video game design," *Proceedings of ECREA 2012 Pre-Conference: Experiencing Digital Games: Use, Effects & Culture of Gaming*.
- Book (Multiple Authors/Editors):**
- 2023 N. Lee et al., *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games*, 1st ed. Dec 14, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9> ISBN-10: 3031231597; ISBN-13: 978-3031231599.
- Book Chapters:**
- 2023 **S. Şengün**, "Tabula rasa identities and passive spectatorship in video games: A case study on walking simulators," In: E. Süngü and B. Bostan (eds.) *Digital Games 2.0 Identity*. Istanbul: Nobel Academic Press. ISBN: 978-625-427-497-8
- 2023 **S. Şengün**, "Who owns virtual game worlds? Ownership tensions between developers and players," In: E. Süngü and B. Bostan (eds.) *Digital Games 2.0 Identity*. Istanbul: Nobel Academic Press. ISBN: 978-625-427-497-8
- 2022 **S. Şengün**, J. Price, L. Schlink, K. Walker, "Azeroth has a workplace gender inequality problem: Gendered professions bias in virtual worlds," In: B. Bostan (eds.) *Games and Narrative: Theory and Practice, International Series on Computer Entertainment and Media Technology*. Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-81538-7_7
- 2022 Ö. Mirza, **S. Şengün**, "An analysis of the use of religious elements in Assassin's Creed Origins," In: B. Bostan (eds.) *Games and Narrative: Theory and Practice, International Series on Computer Entertainment and Media Technology*. Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-81538-7_16
- 2022 **S. Şengün**, "Six degrees of videogame narrative," In: B. Bostan (eds.) *Games and Narrative: Theory and Practice, International Series on Computer Entertainment and Media Technology*. Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-81538-7_1
- 2021 **S. Şengün**, "Play and society (CTK 359/460.1)," In: R. Ferdig, E. Baumgartner, & E. Gandolfi (eds.) *Teaching the Game: A Collection of Syllabi for Game Design, Development, and Implementation*, pp. 3-19, Pittsburgh, PA: Carnegie Mellon University ETC Press. <https://doi.org/10.1184/R1/14866866>
- 2021 F. Harrell, **S. Şengün**, and D. Olson. "Africa and the avatar dream: Mapping the impacts of videogame representations of Africa," *The Digital Black Atlantic* (eds. K. Josephs and R. Risam), Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, pp. 183-206.

- 2020** S. Şengün, G. Çatak, and M. Sonbudak, “‘It is so good, it cannot be Turkish’: A case study of local video game producers versus local gamer communities,” in *Creative Industries in Turkey* (eds. T. Hepdinçler and J. Süher), pp. 55-72, Berlin: Peter Lang Publishing.
<https://www.peterlang.com/view/9783631823903/html/ch12.xhtml>
- 2020** Y. Coutu, Y. Chang, W. Zhang, S. Sengun, and Ray LC. “Immersiveness and usability in VR: A comparative study of Monstrum and Fruit Ninja,” *Game User Experience and Player-Centered Design* (ed. B. Bostan), pp. 349-360, Berlin: Springer. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-37643-7_20
- 2020** S. Fan, J. Kim, S. McCree, and S. Sengun. “Integrate: A digital game for testing conformity in decision making,” *Game User Experience and Player-Centered Design* (ed. B. Bostan), pp. 21-42, Berlin: Springer.
https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-37643-7_2
- 2020** Y. Coutu, Y. Chang, W. Zhang, and S. Sengun. “The relationship between cohesive game design and player immersion: A case study of original versus reboot Thief,” *Game User Experience and Player-Centered Design* (ed. B. Bostan), pp. 437-448, Berlin: Springer.
https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-37643-7_15
- 2019** S. Şengün, Ş. Tüfekçi, “How Turkish literature permeated to hypertext and e-publishing: The intertwined cases of altZine and altKitap,” *New Media Studies V: History of the Turkish Internet* (ed. E. Saka), Alternative Informatics Association Press, Istanbul, pp. 449-490.
- 2018** S. Şengün, “A survey of marketing management for videogames industry in Turkey,” *Marketing Management in Turkey* (eds. S. Ozturkcan, E. Okan), Emerald Publishing, Bradford, UK, pp. 353-388.
- 2016** S. Öztürkcan and S. Şengün, “Pleasure in pain: How accumulation in gaming systems produce grief,” *Gamer Psychology and Behaviour* (eds. B. Bostan and C. Clark), Springer Publishing, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-29904-4>
- 2016** S. Şengün, “A classification proposal to understanding the potential of videogames in social and political change,” *New Media Studies II. National Congress – Congress Book*, pp. 459-471, ISBN: 978-605-62169-5-4.
- 2015** S. Öztürkcan and S. Şengün, “Gaining reward vs avoiding loss: When does gamification stop being fun?” *Handbook of Research on Trends in Gamification*, (eds. D. Davis and H. Gangadharbatla), pp.48-72, IGI-Global, ISBN: 978-1-4666-8651-9.
- 2015** S. Şengün, “Gaze of the local vs the other: Images of Istanbul in video games,” *IMAGES (IV) – Images of the Other*, (ed. V. Bernard), pp. 95-104, Lit Verlag: Zürich.
- 2015** S. Şengün, “Videogames as living science fiction and fantasy worlds in the age of virtual storytelling,” *In Search of Literature: Fantasy and Science Fiction*, (eds. S. Şahin, B. Öztürk, and D. Büyükarmak), pp. 211-220, Bağlam Press, Istanbul.

2014 S. Şengün, “A semiotic reading of digital avatars and their role of uncertainty reduction in digital communication,” *Digital Communication Impact*, pp. 33-44, Iskenderiye Press, Istanbul.

Encyclopedia Entries:

2022 E. Ridgely, S. Şengün, “New Super Mario Bros. Wii, An analysis,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_432-1

2022 R. Gonzales, S. Şengün, “Hades: An analysis,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_433-1

2021 R. Kelly, S. Şengün, “Video games and accessibility: A case study of The Last of Us II,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_429-1

2021 T. Simmons, S. Şengün, “Animal Crossing: New Horizons and its popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_435-1

2021 M. Bates, S. Şengün, “Itch.io, History of,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_430-1

2021 L. Bump, S. Şengün, “Among Us and its popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_431-1

2021 S. Godby, S. Şengün, “Resident Evil 2, History of,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_434-1

2021 L. Stipp, S. Şengün, “The Sims Franchise, a retrospective of racial representation and skin tones,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_436-1

2018 S. Şengün, “Video game engagement: Psychological frameworks,” *Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games* (eds. N. Lee, et al.), Living Reference Work, Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-08234-9_158-1

White Papers & Reports:

2024 S. Şengün, “VR Eye Tracking Case Study: Learnings & best practices for design, art, and technical approaches,” *Born*. <https://www.born.net/eye-tracking-in-vr>

2023 S. Şengün, “The Aviation Industry & Spatial Computing,” *Active Matter*. <https://www.activematter.tech/the-aviation-industry-and-spatial-computing>

Services & Professional Development

University of Central Florida Committee Memberships

- 2024-present** Member, NSCM, Instructor/Lecturer Promotion Committee
- 2023-2024** Member, Games and Interactive Media, Instructor Hire Search Committee
- 2023-present** Member, Games and Interactive Media, Digital Media MA Graduate Subcommittee
- 2023-present** Member, Games and Interactive Media, Awards and Recognition Subcommittee
- 2023-present** Faculty Member, College of Graduate Studies
- 2023-present** Commencement Ceremony – Attended and participated in commencement ceremonies in regalia (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

University of Central Florida Professional Development

- 2024** Attended UCF Division of Digital Learning's Open Ed Live: The Future of Learning for All through Open Education International Event (2/27-29)
- 2023** Completed Center for Distributed Learning's (CDL) IDL 6543
- 2023** Attended UCF Faculty Excellence's Mentoring Panel (10/19)
- 2023-present** Attended Doctoral Strategic Communications Program faculty meetings for **2** hours (9/1; 9/29)
- 2023-present** Attended FCTL Faculty Learning Community for New UCF Faculty meetings for **5** hours (9/12; 9/26; 10/17; 11/7; 12/5)
- 2023-present** Attended COS and NSCM New Faculty Mentorship Community meetings for **15** hours (9/15; 10/4; 10/18; 10/27; 11/15; 1/26; 2/16; 3/1; 3/15; 4/5)
- 2023** Various UCF professional seminars and workshops for **14** hours:
- UCF Simple Syllabus Information Session (4/12, 1 hour)
 - UCF CoS Topic Research Seminar "New developments in the areas of Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality and Artificial Intelligence" (12/6, 1 hour)
 - UCF HR Respectful Dialogue Discussions: Managing Up (11/16, 1 hour)
 - UCF HR Learning's Leveraging Design Thinking at Work (11/14, 2 hours)
 - NSCM Navigating the Future: Generative AI in Education- Possibilities, Boundaries, and Ethics (11/3, 1 hour)
 - UCF Office of Research, Introduction to SciENcv Workshop (9/13, 1 hour)
 - UCF Office of Research, New Faculty Series: Understanding the Proposal Process (10/16, 1.5 hours)
 - FMC and iLab's AVID (AR VR Innovation Discovery) Event (10/10, 2 hours)
 - FCTL Teaching and Learning Days Workshops (10/11; 11/20, 5 hours)
 - UCF Office of Research, Department of Defense Summer Fellowship Programs Workshop (10/30, 1 hour)
- 2023** New faculty & HR orientations

University of Central Florida Certificates

- 2023** Accessibility by Design: From Social Justice to Classroom Access SAS Webcourse Completion Certificate (11/13/2023)

- 2023** Essentials of Webcourses@UCF Certification of Completion (9/8/2023)
- 2023** Kognito At-Risk for University and College Faculty and Staff Certification of Completion (8/8/2023)

Academic Peer-review & Conferences

- 2024** Scientific Committee Member, 2nd Interdisciplinary Art, Design and Social Sciences International Symposium of Beykoz University Faculty of Art and Design, Istanbul-Turkey, Hybrid, May 21-22, 2024
- 2023-present** Reviewer, *Journals*: Games and Culture, Digital international journal of Architecture Art Heritage, Bodrum Journal of Art and Design
- 2021-2022** Program Committee Member, Special Track in Esports and Online Gaming at the ACM Web Conference 2022, Lyon-France, April 25-29, 2022.
- 2021** Reviewer, *Conferences*: ACM CHI 2022 Conference on Human Factors in Comp. Systems
- 2021** Editorial Advisory Board Member for the book "Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Narrative Aesthetics in Video Games" published by Peter Lang Publishing, Berlin, July 2021, ISBN 978-3-631-83805-1.
- 2021** Scientific Committee Member, IPCC 2021 – Interdisciplinary PhD Communication Conference, Istanbul-Turkey, Virtual, May 7-8, 2021
- 2021-present** Reviewer, *Journals*: Digital Humanities Quarterly
- 2021-present** Reviewer, *Books & Chapters*: (1) Morgan & Claypool Publishers
- 2020-present** Editorial Board Member, Encyclopedia of Computer Graphics and Games (ECGG), an academic MRW from Springer
- 2020-present** Reviewer, *Journals*: (1) Galatasaray University Journal of Communication; (2) IEEE Transaction in Games; (3) Journal of National Cultural Studies
- 2020-present** Reviewer, *Books & Chapters*: IGI Global, Peter Lang Publishing
- 2020** Scientific Committee Member, Game + Design Education PUDCAD Universal Design Education Practice Conference, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul-Turkey, June 24-26, 2020
- 2020** Invited participant at the Champions in Higher Education of XR (CHEX) Kickoff Meeting within the iLRN 2020: 6th International Conference of the Immersive Learning Research Network, June 21-25.
- 2019-present** Reviewer, *Journals*: (1) SAGE Convergence; (2) IEEE Transaction in Games; (3) SAGE New Media & Society; (4) MDPI Education Sciences; (5) MDPI Heritage; (7) MDPI Arts
- 2019-present** Reviewer, *Books & Chapters*: (1) Springer Publishing; (2) IGI Global
- 2019** Organizing Committee: Technical Program Member, TIE 2019, 3rd EAI International Conference on Technology, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Education
- 2018** Technical Program Committee Member, ArtsIT 2018 - 7th EAI Int. Conf. Interactivity & Game Creation

- 2018** Reviewer, *Conferences*: ACM CHI 2018 Conference on Human Factors in Comp. Systems
- 2018** Reviewer, *Journals*: (1) MDPI Arts; (2) MDPI Heritage
- 2017** Reviewer, *Conferences*: Eurasia Graphics 2017 Conference on Virtual and Interactive Worlds
- 2016** Reviewer, *Conferences*: ACM CHI 2016 Conference on Human Factors in Comp. Systems
- 2015** Committee Chair, Ministry of Education “Videogames and Kids,” Seminar
- 2014** Organizing Committee Member, The Philosophy of Computer Games Conference 2014
- 2014** Member of Advisory Board, Bogazici University, Nazim Hikmet Culture & Arts Center

Illinois State University Committee Memberships

- 2023-2023** Member, WKCFA Strategic Plan 2024-2029 Steering Committee
- 2022-2023** Member, Graphic Design Faculty Search Committee
- 2022-2023** Member, Milner Library Game Collection Working Group
- 2022** Member, Curriculum Software RFP Evaluation Working Group
- 2021-2023** Member, University Technology Advisory Committee
- 2021-2022** Committee Chair, Game Design and Game Design/ART Faculty Search Committee
- 2021-2023** Committee Chair, College Curriculum Committee, Representing WK School of Art
- 2020-2021** Member, College Curriculum Committee, Representing WK School of Art
- 2020-2023** Member, School Scholarship and Recruiting Committee
- 2021-2023** Full faculty member, ISU Graduate School
- 2019-2021** Faculty member, ISU Graduate School
- 2020-2023** Member, School Scholarship and Recruiting Committee
- 2020-2021** Member, Ad Hoc School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- 2019** Ad Hoc Program Curriculum Committee: created and reviewed syllabi and participated in curricula building meetings for the upcoming *Game Design Sequence* under the Creative Technologies Program
- 2019** Ad Hoc Program Curriculum Committee: participated in curricula building and program/name-change meetings for the revised *Interdisciplinary Technologies Sequence* under the Creative Technologies Program
- 2018** Faculty Member, NULab for texts, maps and networks, Northeastern University

Illinois State University Professional Development

- 2022** Participated in WKSoA Fall 2022 Belonging & Equity Retreat (10/3)
- 2022** Completed CTLT 2022 Fall institutes and workshops for **10** hours:
 - Safe Zone

- Equitable and Inclusive Syllabus
 - Equitable and Inclusive Classroom Culture
 - Neurodiversity in Higher Education)
- 2022** Completed CTLT 2022 Spring and Summer institutes and workshops for **55** hours:
- Effective Research Mentoring for Student Success
 - Anti-Ableist Access and Universal Accommodations
 - Gender as a Landscape: Meeting Your Students Beyond the Binary
 - Making Course Materials More Affordable for Students
 - Teaching Civic Skills through Deliberative Dialogues
- 2022** Participated in CTLT's 2022 University-Wide Teaching & Learning Symposium on Jan 5
- 2021** Participated in UMFN 2021 Fall Sessions:
- Increasing Your Visibility as a Scholar
 - Building your Network of Support to Prepare you for Tenure and Promotion
 - University Funding and Resources to Support Your Scholarship
- 2021** Attended College-Wide Zoom Lecture: Establishing a Framework for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion with Dr. Dakesa Piña
- 2021** Completed the Kognito At-risk for University and College Faculty and Staff online certificate training sponsored by ISU Growth Change team (08/11/2021)
- 2021** Completed CTLT 2021 Fall, Summer, and Spring institutes and workshops for a total of **97,5** hours:
- Asynchronous Communication to Enhance Student Engagement and Problem-Solving Workshop
 - Exploring Curiosity as a Tool to Engage Students with Course Content
 - Creative Student Protest
 - Help Students Develop a Professional Persona in the Classroom
 - Build Confidence in Creating Inclusive Course Materials
 - Increase Synchronous and Asynchronous Engagement with Nearpod, Padlet, Flipgrid, and EdPuzzle
 - CTLT Teaching and Learning Symposium
 - The Safe Zone Project for Instructors
 - Teaching with Text Analysis
 - Using Visual Literacy to Enhance Teaching, Learning, and Critical Engagement
 - Teaching with Digital Mapping
- 2021** Participated in professional development (PD) programming sponsored by the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts GROWTH Change Team (GCT):
- Trauma Informed Teaching with Dr. Jimmy Chrismon
 - Equity Toolkit-Self Paced Resources
 - Reinvent Your Course for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- 2020** Completed CTLT 2020 Fall workshops for a total of **14** hours:
- Teaching into the Void
 - Early Faculty Development Circle: Overview of Scholarly Teaching Practices

- 2021 ISU CTLT Teaching and Learning Symposium
- 2020** Accepted into and completed the 2020 Summer *CTLT SI20 Design Your Course* devoting 3-5 hours per week for 8 weeks
- 2020** Participated in the SoTL workshops:
- 10/7/2020 Engaging in Professional Networks Using Social Media
 - 10/14/2020 Using Social Media as a Culturally Responsive Teaching Tool
 - Earned DIY Certificate of: Class Climate and Culture in Online Environments
- 2020** Participated in professional development (PD) programming sponsored by the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts GROWTH Change Team (GCT)
- 2020** Completed the QM (Quality Matters) Independent Improving Your Online Course workshop (10/27/2020)
- 2020** Completed CTLC 2020 Summer Institute Workshops for a total of **18** hours:
- Hybrid Teaching for Fall 2020
 - Online Course Design
 - Welcoming Students and Course Introduction
 - Establishing Clear Expectations
 - Facilitating Discussion
 - Creating Micro-lectures
 - Equity and Diversity
 - Engaging Students
 - Accessibility and Accommodations
 - Teaching Large Online Courses
 - Using Data to Inform a Metacognitive Approach to Instruction
 - Mental Health First Aid
- 2020** Completed CTLT 2020 Spring workshops:
- Introduction to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
 - Seeing White Series: Creation of Whiteness
 - Seeing White Series: Historical Context of Whiteness
- 2019** Devoted **15** hours to professional development by attending and participating in the activities of ISU CTLT in 2019 Fall:
- ReggieNet: Create Basic Assignments & Tests and Quizzes
 - International Students at ISU
 - Early Career Faculty Circle and Luncheon
 - Foundations of Diversity: Microaggressions
 - Foundations of Diversity: Privilege and Power
 - Formstack for Beginners
 - Foundations of Diversity: Implicit Bias

Illinois State University RSO Advising

- 2021-2023** RSO Advisor for ISU Game Dev Club
- 2020-2023** RSO Advisor for ISU Gen Games Club
- 2020-2023** RSO Advisor for ISU Redbird Rocket League
- 2019-2023** RSO Advisor for ISU Super Smash Bros. Clubs

Other ISU-related

- 2023** Organized the *Games Showcase 2023* event that took place on April 27 in Circus Room, Bone Student Center, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usc6MbgIrpQ>
- 2022** Curator, CTK Visions, an exhibition of work created by students of the Creative Technologies Program, September 13-27, 2022, Student Gallery
- 2022** Organized the *Games Showcase 2022* event that took place on May 6 in CVA 110, see: <https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2022/05/choose-your-own-adventure-students-demonstrate-creations-at-games-showcase/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZHM3a4-Qng>
- 2021** Panelist, Insights from “Reinvent Your Course for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” Program, WK College of Fine Arts
- 2021** Organized the production of a virtual *Games Showcase 2021* event in the form of a video games exhibition that can be watched here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9r-7goWnNoQ>
- 2021** Organized the booth and participated in *Sixty-Six Game Expo* in Redbird Arena (October 8-10) representing the Creative Technologies program Game Design Sequence
- 2020** Organized the production of a virtual *Games Showcase 2020* event in the form of a video games exhibition that can be watched here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIzxA_Fz6zY
- 2020** Organized the booth and participated in *Sixty-Six Game Expo and Game Jam* in Bloomington, IL (January 17-19) representing the Creative Technologies program Game Design Sequence
- 2020** Acted as the judge for the *Sixty-Six Game Jam* student game design competition along with Tony Reimer (School of Theatre and Dance) and Dr. Mary E. Califf (School of IT)
- 2019-2023** Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts Commencement Ceremony – Attended and participated in commencement ceremonies in regalia both physically and virtually
- 2019** Attended and participated in focus groups for the redesigns of ISU Faculty Portal Project and ISU Research Website
- 2019** Attended and participated in CTK Family Breakfast
- 2019** Attended and participated in portfolio reviews for CTK Graduate Students
- 2019** ISU Marketing and Communication: Designed a 3-fold brochure for Creative Technologies Program’s *Game Design Sequence* to be distributed at Sixty-Six Games Expo 2020, Bloomington, IL

Other Professional/Creative Endeavors

Exhibitions & Installations:

- 2022 “CTK Visions” Game Design, 2022 @Student Gallery
- 2022 “Your Identity, Should You Choose to Accept It” Game Design & Graphic Design Installation, 2022 Faculty Biennial @University Galleries
- 2020 “No Poets, No Lovers” Algorithmic Art Installation, 2020 Faculty Biennial @University Galleries

Recent News & Coverage:

- 2024 “UCF professor creates new VR game,” *UCF Knightly News* (Giles, April 17) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51YKzq6KdYg&t=178s>
- 2024 “GaIM Professor and Team Develop Immersive VR Thriller with Mental Health Message,” *Nicholson News* (Hamed, April 4) <https://communication.ucf.edu/gaim-professor-and-team-develop-immersive-vr-thriller-with-mental-health-message/>
- 2024 “Defining Experts with Sercan Sengun,” *Nicholson News* (Hamed, April 4) <https://communication.ucf.edu/defining-experts-with-sercan-sengun/>
- 2024 “De « Street Fighter II » à « Tekken 8 » : l'étranger dans les jeux de combat japonais, de la caricature à l'arme de seduction,” *Le Monde* (Benoit-Gonin, January 24) https://www.lemonde.fr/pixels/article/2024/01/26/de-street-fighter-ii-a-tekken-8-l-etranger-dans-les-jeux-de-combat-japonais-de-la-caricature-a-l-arme-de-seduction_6213250_4408996.html
- 2023 “Creative Technologies professor creates gaming database for educators” *ISU News* (Twork, September 6) <https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2023/09/games-that-make-the-grade/>
- 2023 “Graduate student’s passion fuels development of video game Occentatia,” *Redbird Scholar* (Dean, April 13) <https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2023/04/graduate-students-passion-fuels-development-of-video-game-occentatia/>
- 2023 “Video games shape who we are: Studies reveal subliminal influence and control” *Sampan* (Cavazos, March 29) <https://sampan.org/2023/leisure/video-games-shape-who-we-are-studies-reveal-subliminal-influence-and-control/>
- 2023 “Design of video game characters has physical-world repercussions” *MIT Open Learning Medium* (Jan 20) <https://medium.com/open-learning/design-of-video-game-characters-has-physical-world-repercussions-9fd8a4059cf5>
- 2023 “Students work to create social impact at Game Jam” *Iowa State Daily* (McClellan, January 29) <https://iowastatedaily.com/271898/news/students-work-to-create-social-impact-at-game-jam/>
- 2023 “Simulating discrimination in virtual reality” *MIT News* (Shippis, January 5) <https://news.mit.edu/2023/simulating-discrimination-virtual-reality-0105>
- 2022 “Choose your own adventure: Students demonstrate creations at Games Showcase” *ISU News* (Twork, May 9) <https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2022/05/choose-your-own-adventure-students-demonstrate-creations-at-games-showcase/>

- 2020 “Illinois State game design course uses online tools to build community, awareness” *ISU News* (Emken, November 20)
<https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2020/11/illinois-state-game-design-course-uses-online-tools-to-build-community-awareness/>
- 2020 “Illinois State's Creative Technologies Program Is Leveling Up” *WGLT* (September 23) <https://www.wgl.t.org/show/wglts-sound-ideas/2020-09-23/illinois-states-creative-technologies-program-is-leveling-up#stream/0>
- 2020 “Creative Technologies Program plans to bring video game design sequence to campus” *The Vidette* (Plummer, July 8)
https://www.videtteonline.com/news/creative-technologies-program-plans-to-bring-video-game-design-sequence-to-campus/article_3ef0296e-c0a5-11ea-9a11-1fb235162e08.html

Computation & Expression:

- 2021 “[Who goes there?](#)” Expressive Computing Project, online, Itch.io
- 2019 “[Ademâbâd](#)” Expressive Computing Project, online
- 2016 “[Neverwhere](#)” Expressive Computing Project, online
- 2016 “[Why do they fight?](#)” Data Visualization Project, online
- 2016 “[Neosavbot](#)” Expressive Computing Project & Twitter Bot, online
- 2016 “[Where2Begin](#)” Expressive Computing Project, online
- 2004-2012 [Altkitap.com](#), Art Director, *The first online Turkish e-publishing house.*
- 1996-2008 [Alzine.net](#), Webmaster/Editor, *the longest running online Turkish hypertext magazine for literature, arts, and culture*

Other:

- 2021-2022 Selection Committee, Next in Game Startup Comp., nextgamestartup.com
- 2016 Selection Committee, Startup Bootcamp Istanbul, Gamegarage Accelerator
- 2014 Selection Committee, Turkcell “Coding Future Games” Series 1 & 2
- 2012-2014 Volunteer Media Consultancy to TransXTurkey: A Multiplatform about Transgender in Turkey, SPoD LGBT, and Istanbul LBGT Associations

Panels and Workshops:

- 2024 VR for Education, Training, & Perspective-Change Workshop, 2/21, Maker Space, CMB, UCF Downtown
- 2021 YSO Corp Hyper Lab, “DECKS Framework,” Workshop Instructor
- 2021 ISU BE 354 - Educational Technology Information System, “Game Design and Gamification,” Guest Lecture
- 2021 BAU Research Methodologies Studio, “Virtual Identities,” Guest Lecture
- 2020 Bilgi University Communication Doctorate Program Talks, “Virtual Identities, Avatars, and Other Digital Human Proxies,” Guest Lecture
- 2020 Teen Art Group @University Galleries
- 2020 ISU Music Composition Studio, “Creating Music for Games,” Guest Lecture

- 2018 NULab, “Nuanced Archives for Video Games,” Invited Presentation
- 2016 Startup Bootcamp Istanbul, “Creativity in Game Design,” Workshop Instructor
- 2015 Amberfest, “Games for Change,” Panelist
- 2015 Mobile Day 2015, “Videogame Industry in MENA,” Panelist
- 2015 Oyunder @GameX 2015, “Games and Narrative,” Workshop Instructor
- 2015 Oyunder /G Industry Talks, “Unity in Istanbul,” Panel Chair
- 2015 Oyunder /G Industry Talks, “Disney Interactive, Blizzard Entertainment, and Riot Games in Istanbul,” Panel Chair
- 2014 II. Istanbul Design Biennial, “Future of Fashion, Ads, and Game Design,” Panelist
- 2014 Istanbul Aydin University, “Digital Game Production in Turkey,” Panelist
- 2014 Istanbul Ticaret University, “Highlights of Mobile Gaming Industry,” Panelist
- 2014 Oyunder @GameX 2014, “Digital Game Industry in Turkey,” Panel Chair
- 2014 Oyunder /G Industry Talks, “Game Audio Day,” Panel Chair
- 2014 GILT Academy ’14, “Mobile Gaming Industry in Turkey Lecture Series,” Panelist

Conference Presentations

- 2022 Lauren Stipp and Sercan Sengun, “The Sims Franchise: A Retrospective of Racial Representation and Skin Tones,” ISU University Research Symposium 2022
- 2022 Mojde Kalantari, Ellie Parvin, and Sercan Sengun, “Who Governs the Virtual Worlds: Tensions Between Developers and Players as Forms of Cultural Governance in MMO Videogames,” ISU University Research Symposium 2022
- 2017 Design 4 Diversity: An IMLS National Forum Project, Northeastern University, Boston
- 2017 ACM Creativity & Cognition 2017, Singapore National Gallery, Singapore
- 2016 New Media II. National Congress, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
- 2015 IMAGES (IV) – Images of the Other, Austrian Embassy, Istanbul
- 2015 Edebiyatın İzinde 2015 Fantastik ve Bilimkurgu Konferansı, Yıldız University, Istanbul
- 2014 Digital Communication Impact 2014, Istanbul Ticaret University, Istanbul
- 2013 LIT FICTION ’13, Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul
- 2012 ECREA 2012 Pre-Conference: Experiencing Digital Games, Istanbul

Game Design, Publishing & Localization:

2022-present Commercial VR:

- [Missing](#) (March 2024, Meta Quest Store)
- Impulse Dynamics (2023, Corporate Health Training App)

2021-present Research VR:

- On the Plane (2023, MIT Center for Advanced Virtuality)

2015-present Analog Game Design:

- [You Are on Mute](#) (2022, The Game Crafter)
- [Cavern Crawlers](#) (2022, The Game Crafter)
- [The Next Best President](#) (2021, The Game Crafter)
- [Hidden Pandemic](#) (2021, The Game Crafter)
- [Your Quest, Should You Choose to Accept It](#) (2020, The Game Crafter)
- [A Murder Most Fowl: Bloody Plumage](#) (2020, The Game Crafter)
- [Tomb of the Fallen King](#) (2020, Itch.io)
- [Foundational Voices](#) (2018, Itch.io)
- A Murder Most Fowl (2015, The Game Crafter)

2013-present Digital Game Design:

- [Geriatric Jamboree](#) (2022, Itch.io)
- [Beat Bound](#) (2021, Itch.io)
- *Inspector Turing* (2018, iOS, Android), Educational
- *Painting Gallery with Niru Niru & Friends* (2015, iOS), Educational
- *Save Christmas with Niru Niru & Friends* (2016, iOS), Kids Entertainment
- *Pathika* (2014, iOS, Android), Puzzle
- *Quiz Apps: World Football* (2013, iOS, Android), Puzzle
- *Quiz Apps: Hollywood* (2013, iOS, Android), Puzzle

2009-2011 Nintendocu Magazine, Editor-in-Chief, *Official seasonal (tri-monthly) magazine about Nintendo. ISSN: 1309-0062 (Discontinued)*

2003 Zindanlar & Ejderhalar Oyuncunun El Kitabı (Dungeons & Dragons Player's Handbook) was translated into Turkish by Sercan Sengun and printed by Arka Bahçe Yayıncılık with ISBN #9789758518241

2003 Magic: The Gathering Portal 2-Player Starter Set was translated into Turkish by Sercan Sengun and printed by Wizards of the Coast with ISBN #1575302594

Current Memberships

ACM (Association for Computing Machinery), *Member since 2017*

CHEX (Champions in Higher Education of XR Consortium), *Member since 2020*

DIGRA (Digital Games Research Association), *Member since 2013*

EAI (European Alliance for Innovation), *Member since 2020*

ECREA (European Comm. Research and Education Association), *Member since 2012*

IGDA (International Game Developers Association), *Member since 2013*

MIT Alumni Association, *Member since 2016*

OYUNDER (Turkish Game Developers, Designers, & Publishers Association), *Member since 2015*