

ROBIN TURNER: CV

1 Personal Details

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2 Qualifications

- Leeds University, 1982: *BA Hons (2(i)), English and Music*. Chinese as subsidiary subject in first year.
- Godmer House, Oxford, 1986: *RSA CTEFLA*.
- Surrey University, 1998: *MA Linguistics (TESOL)*.

3 Teaching Experience

September – December 1989

One-to-one Business English teaching at *Interlingua*, Leeds.

January – August 1990

International Language Institute, a private language school in Leeds. Students were mainly young adults from EC countries, Latin America and the Middle East, ranging from elementary to First Certificate level.

September 1991 – August 1993

Kent English, a private language school in Ankara, Turkey. Students ranged in age from 12 upwards, with the majority being young professionals and university or high school students. Duties included teaching courses from elementary level upwards, material and test design, and extra conversation and video lessons.

September 1993 – present

I am currently teaching at *Bilkent University*, an English-medium university in Ankara.

From 1993 to 1995 I worked in the Preparatory School, teaching at all levels from beginners to First Certificate/TOEFL standard.

Since 1995, I have been with the Faculty Academic English programme, which provides English language and academic skills support to students in their faculties. First-year students receive content-based instruction in general academic skills and language; second-years and some MA students receive a support course involving reading of canonical texts in philosophy. In addition to teaching these courses, my duties include:

- syllabus, materials and test design;
- course evaluation;
- website design and programming;
- giving seminars and workshops for staff.

I am also a member of the Bilkent Educational Technology Support team, which was set up in 2007 to promote the use of technology in teaching and in particular to provide courseware throughout the university using Moodle.

Summer schools

Nord-Anglia (1988, 1989); *OISE* (1991); *Bell School* (1995); *Turkish Ministry of Education* retraining course for teachers of other foreign languages (1996).

4 Publications

Print

(1997) “Combining Cognitive and Language Skills: a critical thinking course for social science students.” In Jerry Spring and Bryan Gilroy (eds.) *English Medium Higher Education: the challenge of content, skills and language*. Ankara: Bilkent University.

(2000, 2009) *From Brainstorm to Bibliography: writing a term paper in the social sciences and humanities*. Bilkent University internal publication, also available at <http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/~busel/fae/resources/term.pdf>

(2004) “‘Male Logic’ and ‘Women’s Intuition’.” In Patsy Callaghan and Ann Dobyns (eds.) *Meeting Minds: a brief rhetoric for writers and readers*. New York: Longman.

(2004) “Guns, Lots of Guns: The role of violence in *The Matrix*.” *Molly: A Pop Culture Zine* 1.1.

(2005) “First Steps to the Virtual Classroom.” In Justin Alam (ed.) *F AE: Proceedings of the sixth annual symposium*. Ankara: Bilkent University.

(2006) “Easing Students into Academia: popular culture in the CBI curriculum.” In *Challenge in Learning: helping learners realise their full potential*. Ankara: Bilkent University.

(2006) “How do you know she’s a woman? Features, prototypes and category stress in Turkish *kadın* and *kız*.” In June Luchjenbroers (ed.) *Cognitive Linguistics: investigations across Languages, Fields, and Philosophical Boundaries*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

“Customising a Word Processor for Electronic Feedback on Students’ Work.” Submitted to *Modern English Teacher*.

Online

My online papers on philosophy and linguistics are available at <http://www.sensiblemarks.info>. Some papers are also available at <http://bilkent.academia.edu/RobinTurner>.

Software

Perlconc, an online Perl/CGI program for corpus analysis. Source code available from <http://sourceforge.net/projects/perlconc>.

Awlcheck, a Perl/CGI program for checking a text against the Academic Word List. Source code available from <http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/~robin/awlcheck.tar.gz>.

5 Other experience, skills and interests

Other work experience

I have worked in various freelance and temporary jobs, including music (performing and studio work), television (voiceovers and acting in educational programmes), translation and proof-reading.

Languages

I speak fluent Turkish and have in the past studied German and Chinese.

Computer skills

Systems, languages and applications with which I am reasonably familiar include:

- Operating systems: Linux, OSX, Windows
- Office applications (OpenOffice, MS Office)
- Typesetting with L_X / T_E X
- Graphics (The GIMP)
- Basic sound and video editing
- Web design (HTML, XHTML, CSS)
- Perl, PHP, MySQL
- Virtual environments (Second Life)
- Courseware (Moodle).

Interests

My main interests are linguistics (especially cognitive linguistics), philosophy, computer and technology issues, and Turkish language, politics and culture. I also practice martial arts (mainly t'ai chi and capoeira) and enjoy horse-riding.

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