

CV | Bahar Aktuna

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EDUCATION

- 2014-2019 **Ph.D. in Design, Construction, and Planning**, School of Architecture, University of Florida, USA.
Dissertation Title: Ruins, Remains and Ruptures in Postwar Cyprus: Unearthing the Deserted Villages of the Turkish-Cypriot Community, Supervisor: Charlie Hailey
- 2008-2010 **Master of Architecture (M.Arch)**, University of Florida, USA
- 2006-2006 **Non-degree Summer School**, Boston University, USA
- 2002-2006 **Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch)**, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus
- 1999-2002 **High School Diploma**, Türk Maarif College, Cyprus

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic

- 2021-present **Assistant Professor**, Faculty of Architecture, Yeditepe University, Turkey
Teaching: Architecture Design II, Construction
- 2020-2020 **Lecturer**, Faculty of Architecture, Near East University, Cyprus
Taught: Basic Design II, Architectural Design II
- 2016-2018 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, School of Architecture, University of Florida, USA
Assisted: Architectural Theory II & Design/Build Studio , With Charlie Hailey.
Environmental Technology I, With Kris Nelson.
- 2014-2018 **Graduate Research Assistant**, School of Architecture, University of Florida, USA
Assisted: Hailey, Charlie, and Donovan Wylie. *Slab City: Dispatches from the Last Free Place*. MA: The MIT Press, 2018.
Hailey, Charlie. *Design/Build with Jersey Devil: a handbook of education and practice*. New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2016.
- 2011-2013 **Lecturer**, Department of Architecture, Girne American University, Cyprus
Taught: Design Studio, Digital Design, Landscape Design, Graphic Communication
- 2004-2005 **Student Assistant**, Department of Architecture, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus
Assisted: Statics, Strength of Materials
- ### Professional
- 2006-2008 **Architect**, Ziya Necati Ozkan Architectural & Engineering Office, Cyprus
- 2005 **Student Intern**, Ekrem Bodamyalızade Architectural Office, Cyprus
- ### Service
- 2018 **Co-organizer**, "Poetic|Ethical Measures of Place and Placemaking Symposium" at the School of Architecture at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, April 30, 2018.
- 2016 **Co-organizer**, "Ethics and the Built Environment Symposium" at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, November 15-16, 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2019 Doctoral Dissertation Award, Graduate School, University of Florida (\$15,000)
- 2014-2018 Graduate Student Fellowship, College of Design, Construction & Planning, University of Florida
- 2014-2018 Doctoral Studies Scholarship, Ministry of Education and Culture, Northern Cyprus
- 2018

- 2018 Arthur Blenn Anderson Scholarship, School of Architecture, University of Florida (\$300)
- 2018 Travel Funding, Office of Research, University of Florida (\$400)
- 2018 Travel Funding, College of Design, Construction & Planning, University of Florida (\$200)
- 2017 Collaborative Grant for co-organized "Poetic|Ethical Measures of Place and Placemaking Symposium, April 30, 2018", Office of Research, University of Florida (\$2800)
- 2016 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Center for European Studies, University of Florida (\$1800)
- 2015 Collaborative Grant for co-organized "Ethics and the Built Environment Symposium, November 15-16, 2016", Center for Humanities and Public Sphere, University of Florida (\$2000)
- 2008-2010 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Center for European Studies, University of Florida (\$2500)
- 2008-2010 Fulbright Scholarship Grantee for Masters Studies, Cyprus Fulbright Commission (\$50,000)
- 2006 Masters Studies Scholarship, Ministry of Education and Culture, Northern Cyprus Cyprus-America Scholarship Program Grantee for Summer Studies at Boston University, Cyprus Fulbright Commission
- 2004 Undergraduate Student Assistantship, Department of Architecture, Eastern Mediterranean University, Northern Cyprus
- 2003-2006 Undergraduate Studies Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Northern Cyprus

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Winner (with Erum Ahmed) of De-urbanised Epidemic Competition, organized by De-urban Design Studio, London
- 2018 King Student Medal for Excellence in Architectural + Environmental Design Research Awardee, The Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC), Nominated by School of Architecture, University of Florida
- 2017 UFIC Outstanding International Student Award, University of Florida International Center
- 2017 Graduate Award for Excellence in Teaching, School of Architecture, University of Florida
- 2017 Poster Award, DCP Research Symposium 2017, University of Florida

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Articles

- Aktuna, Bahar. "'I am Wood': On the Hermeneutic Process of Making." (submitted to *Environment, Space, Place Journal* on October 22, 2020)
- Ahmed, Erum, and Bahar Aktuna. "Graduate Student Symposium Review: Poetic|Ethical Measures of Place and Placemaking, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, April 30, 2018." *Vorkurs* 3 (2019).

Book Chapters

- Aktuna, Bahar, and Carla Brisotto. "Agripoetic Resistance in Urban Architecture and Planning in the European World." In *Neo-liberalism and the Architecture of the Post Professional Era*, edited by Hossein Sadri. SpringerNature, April 2018.
- Aktuna, Bahar, and Charlie Hailey. "Suspended in mid-air: Casting nets and making places between earth and sky at Meteora." In *Hermeneutics, Place and Space*, edited by Bruce Janz, 61-82. 1st ed. Contributions to Hermeneutics. Springer, April 2017.

Paper Presentations

- Aktuna, Bahar. "Ruins, Remains, and Ruptures of Dwelling in Postwar Cyprus." Paper presentation at the 16th Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments (IASTE), Coimbra, Portugal, October 4-7, 2018.

Aktuna, Bahar. "Standing by the Ruins of Turkish Cypriot Villages in Postwar Cyprus." Paper presentation at the School of Architecture Graduate Student Symposium, Gainesville, Florida, April 30, 2018.

Aktuna, Bahar. "Mood and Meaning in Ruins: Revisiting Deserted Settlements of Turkish Cypriot Community in Southern Cyprus." Paper presentation at the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) 71st Annual International Conference, Saint Paul, Minnesota, April 18–22, 2018.

Aktuna, Bahar. "World Decay and Place Ruinance in Louroujina Village in Cyprus." Paper presentation at the 43rd Social Science History Association (SSHA) Conference: Changing Social Connections in Time and Space, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2-5, 2017.

Aktuna, Bahar. "Re-Appropriation of Public Space as Queer: a Case of Northern Part of Cyprus." In *[Re] appropriation of the city: Architecture as a tool for the re-appropriation of the contemporary city*, 59-65. Proceedings of Tirana Architecture Week-Scientific Conference 2012, POLIS University.

Poster Presentations

Aktuna, Bahar. "Mood as a Method of Inquiry into Place Ruination." Poster presentation at DCP Research Symposium, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, January 24-25, 2018.

Aktuna, Bahar. "World-decay and Place Ruinance: Unearthing Vernacular Ruins of Turkish Cypriot Villages in Post-War Divided Cyprus." Poster presentation at DCP Research Symposium, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, January 25-26, 2017.

Aktuna, Bahar. "Turkish Cypriot Poetry as Existential Criticism of the Built Environment." Poster presentation at DCP Research Symposium, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, January 28-29, 2015.

Invited Lectures

Aktuna, Bahar. "From *Techne* to *Tahta*." School of Architecture at the University of Florida, USA, November 11, 2020.

Aktuna, Bahar. "Poetic-Tectonic Encounters: On the Method and Process of a Work." Presented at the Department of Architecture at Yeditepe University, İstanbul, Turkey, June 30, 2020.

Aktuna, Bahar. "Being in Ruin: A Research Design." Presented at the Department of Architecture at Yeditepe University, İstanbul, Turkey, February 24, 2020.

Published Projects

Ahmed, Erum, and Bahar Aktuna. "Ecopoetic Polis." In *De-Urbanised Epidemics: Planetary Coopetition for Re-Design of the Concept of Health in Relation to the Built Environment*, edited by Hossein Sadri and Marzia Sangio, 12-15, Commons Books, Ecodemia, 2021. (forthcoming)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Registered Architect, Chamber of Turkish Cypriot Architects and Engineers (since 2006)
Member, The International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments (2018-2019)
Member, Society of Architectural Historians (2018-2019)
Member, Social Science History Association (2017-2018)

LANGUAGES & TECHNICAL SKILLS

Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (basic reading knowledge), Greek (basic reading knowledge).
MICROSOFT, ADOBE, AUTOCAD, RHINO