

Sonya Imin

Education

PhD in Languages, Literatures and Translation Studies in progress
Université libre de Bruxelles
Brussels, Belgium

Working Dissertation Title: *"Making Art in Exile: Creative Production & Cultural Transformation in Uyghur Diaspora"*

MA in Global and International Studies 2019

University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS, USA

Thesis Title: *"Home, Belonging, and Aesthetic: Perspectives from Uyghur Women in Diaspora"*

BS in Marketing, International Business Certificate, Chinese Minor 2013

Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS, USA

Non-Degree International Programs

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey 2019-2020

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey Summer 2018

Yuan Ze University, Taoyuan, Taiwan Fall 2010

Relevant Teaching & Advising Experience

University Instruction

Introduction to Global and International Studies 2018-2019

Graduate Teaching Instructor: University of Kansas

Professional Teaching

English Language and Writing Instructor 2019-2020

INEX Exams: Ankara, Turkey

Refugee Education Assistant: AmeriCorps 2017

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas: Kansas City, KS

Student Advising & Administration

Sponsored and Visiting Student Program Assistant 2015-2017

University of Kansas Office of International Programs: Lawrence, KS

Senior Enrollment Advisor 2014-2015

University of Missouri Kansas City: Kansas City, MO

International Student and Scholar Services Student Staff 2010-2012

Kansas State University: Manhattan, KS

Non-Academic Projects

Visiting Artist Residency: Land With No Name	2021-2022
Contemporary Uyghur Anthology Co-Editor: Tarim Network	2021-2022
Visual Research Documentarian: Nikah Film	Summer 2021
“Walk” Art Performance: Bilkent Electronic Arts Festival	Spring 2020
Curatorial Contributor: Spencer Museum of Art	Fall 2017

Invited Talks

Visiting Artist Guest Speaker: Nadas Istanbul	2020, 2021
Fulbright Panel Speaker: Fulbright Turkey Education Counsel	Fall 2019
Commencement Speaker: GIST Graduation Ceremony	Spring 2019
Research Presenter: East Asian Studies Research Forum	Spring 2019
Keynote Speaker: Global Food for Thought	Fall 2018
Multi-Racial Identity Workshop: KU Asian Leadership Summit	Spring 2016

Honors & Awards

Mandat d’Impulsion Scientifique: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique Award	2022-2023
Department of Communication and Design Funding Award	2019-2020
Outstanding Master’s Thesis Nomination	2019
League for Innovation Student Art Competition	2019
Truman Good Neighbor Award	2017
U.S Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Award	2015
Kansas State University Putnam Scholar	2009-2013
Kansas State University Study Abroad Scholarship	2013

Languages

Native proficiency in English
Intermediate proficiency in Mandarin Chinese (heritage speaker)
Intermediate proficiency in Uyghur (heritage speaker)
Elementary proficiency in Turkish