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PERSONAL

Date of Birth	1978
Place of Birth	Ankara

EDUCATION

2001 – 2009	Rice University, Civil Engineering, Ph.D.	
1999 – 2001	Vanderbilt University, Civil Engineering, M.S.	
1995 – 1999	Middle East Technical University, Civil Engineering, B.S.	

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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April 2017 –	Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering,	
Present	Atılım University, Turkey	
August 2001 – December 2006	Research/Teaching Assistant, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rice University, Houston, TX, USA	
August 1999 –	Teaching Assistant, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering,	
December 2000	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA	

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

December 2018 -	Vice Chair, Department of Civil Engineering,	
Present	Atılım University, Ankara, Turkey	
October 2018 -	Faculty of Engineering Internship Coordinator,	
Present	Atılım University, Ankara, Turkey	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

1	Structural Dynamics
2	Structural Health Monitoring
3	Soil-Structure Interaction
4	Steel Structures
5	Offshore and Subsea Structures

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1	Senior Associate Consultant, RiserTec, Inc., Houston, TX, USA (2013 – 2015)
2	Senior Structural Analyst, Arup Texas, Inc., Houston, TX, USA (2012 – 2013)
3	Engineer / Senior Engineer, McDermott Engineering, LLC, Houston, TX, USA (2007 – 2012)

PUBLICATIONS

1	Sonmez, E., Nagarajaiah, S., Sun, C., Basu, B., "A study on semi-active tuned liquid column dampers (STLCDs) for structural response reduction under
	random excitations," Journal of Sound and Vibration, 362, 1-15, 2016.
	Nagarajaiah, S., Sonmez, E., "Structures with semiactive variable stiffness
2	single/multiple tuned mass dampers," Journal of Structural Engineering,
	ASCE, 133(1), 67-77, 2007.

PROJECTS

1	TÜBİTAK-KAMAG-1007, Project No: 115G023, Yerli Modüler 350 Ton Kapasiteli Sondaj Kulesi Tasarımı ve İmalatı, Researcher, 2017 – 2019.
2	TÜBİTAK-2232, Project No: 117C046, Ortam Titreşiminden Yapıların Sistem Tanımlaması ve Hasar Tespiti için Kablosuz Algılayıcı Ağ Sistemi,
	Researcher, 2017 – 2019.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1	Nagarajaiah, S., Sonmez, E., "Semiactive variable stiffness single/multiple
	tuned mass dampers," Fourth World Conference on Structural Control and
	Monitoring (4WCSCM), San Diego, California, USA, July, 2006.
2	Nagarajaiah, S., Agrawal, A., Sonmez, E., "Response of SDOF systems with
	variable stiffness and damping systems to pulse type of excitations," Third
	International Conference of Earthquake Engineering, Nanjing, China, October
	2004.

CITATIONS

Sum of times cited without self-citations (ISI Web of Science):	99
H-index (ISI Web of Science):	2

COURSES GIVEN

1	CE 204 Mechanics of Materials
2	CE 210 Civil Engineering Materials
3	CE 440 Earthquake Engineering
4	CE 490 Civil Engineering Design Project
5	CE 510 Advanced Structural Steel Design