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# Math

## A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

All That Is Solid Melts into Air. A lesson I learnt when, one beautiful morning in July, I woke up to see that my country and my life was just about to fundamentally change. On the eve of that morning, I was fully assured that the rest of my life would be spent as a professor within a dusty room full of books. 3 months later, I was in Denver starting a whole new life from the scratch. I had to learn to just let go of the things slipping through my fingers and into air. I had to learn to look ahead and stop being haunted for a loss that cannot be recovered. In this life, one finds the address as one walks--on a road which one wrongly perceives to be leading to a final and irreversible destination. Try not to attach your self-worth to those things that are solid, but only for now. Otherwise we are no more than how life treats us.

## My Favorite Book:

Apology by Socrates

## My Hobbies and Interests:

Crafting, reading and exercising. Pretty boring here

## Prior Experience in Education:

I majored in Politics in Ankara University, Turkey. Then I moved to the UK in order to study the exact same topic, this time around as an MPhil and then as a Doctoral student. Why Politics? Because it is all about showing that only few problems actually have a solution and solutions themselves are problems--unless and until we change THE problem. Math? I love it because it tells me that every problem has a solution, which secures a modicum of peace in mind.

## Something Super-Unique About Me:

I scratch my left ear with my right hand...

## Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

One happy day, Mr. Kalil reached out to me with an email to invite me to become part of the Byers's teaching staff. I accepted the offer for a single most important reason--that is, he said that the founding principle that directs the school is about furthering the teaching powers of its crew. A teacher is no better than the degree to which s/he receives guidance, support and respect from her/his school.