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EDUCATION

- In Progress Ph.D. Comparative Literature
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2020 M.A. Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2018 Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 “I Feel Distant, Shattered, in Two Halves’: The Complexity of Returning to Western Armenia in Anna Davt‘yan’s ‘Diarbek‘ir: k‘ur’.” In “Home(land)s: Place, Loss, and Return in Contemporary Turkey,” edited by Yaşar Tolga Cora and Laurent Dissard. Special issue, *Études arméniennes contemporaines* 13 (2021): 131-156.

Translations from Armenian (Multiple Dialects)

Book-Length

- 2025 Zabel Yesayan. *The Agony of a People: Haig Toroyan’s Eyewitness Testimony of the Armenian Genocide*. London: I.B. Tauris.

Poems and Other Short Genre

- 2025 Yeghishe Charents. “Vision of Death.” *Turkoslavia*, Issue 4. Forthcoming March 2025
- 2021 Tlgadintsi. “From the Other World: Scene 6.” In *On Celestial Bodies*, edited by Kevser Güler and Süreyya Evren, 72-75. Istanbul: Arter Publications, 2021. (From Kharpert Armenian Dialect).

Armenian-Language Publications

- 2022 *Սահմանախաղ(իստ) – Հայերենն ու հայերէնը (Sahmanakhagh[kht] – Hayerenn u hayerēnē) [Border-play: The Armenian and the Armenian]*. Written jointly with Anahit Ghazaryan. Erevan, Armenia: Self-published with a grant from the Gulbenkian Foundation.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Excellence in Russian Language Award, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan (UM)
- 2022 – 2023 Pre-Candidate Fellowship, Center for Armenian Studies (CAS), UM
- 2021 Projects Grant, Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. *For publication of a book in Armenian.*
- Summer 2020 Haiganoosh Mengushian/Ajemian Memorial Student Travel Award, CAS, UM. *To participate in the 2020 Zarmanazan Western Armenian immersive camp. Declined as the camp was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.*
- 2019 – 2020 Haiganoosh Mengushian/Ajemian Memorial Scholarship, CAS, UM
- 2019 – 2020 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Intermediate Russian, US Department of Education (US/ED), Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREES), UM
- Summer 2019 Haiganoosh Mengushian/Ajemian Memorial Student Travel Award, Armenian Studies Program (ASP), UM. *For field research on contemporary Armenian literary production in Erevan, Armenia, Beirut, Lebanon, and Istanbul, Turkey.*
- Summer 2019 Graduate Summer Funding, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED), UM. *For field research in Erevan, Beirut, and Istanbul.*
- 2018 – 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Intermediate Armenian, US/ED, CREES, UM
- 2018 – 2019 Graduate Student Fellowship, WCED, UM
- 2018 – 2019 Manoogian Simone Fellowship, ASP, UM

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “Հայերենն ու հայերէն [Hayerenn u hayerēnē (The Armenian and the Armenian)]: Dialogue on Armenian,” March 30
University of Southern California Dornsife Institute of Armenian Studies
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRIGqOI-DBY>
- 2021 “Voices from Inside the Wall: Two Contemporary Armenian Texts on the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict,” March 22
Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center, New York, NY. *Delivered virtually*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QNX5W0GiPI>

WORKSHOPS

Workshops Organized

- 2024 “Language Revitalization and Resurgence: The Case of Modern Armenian.” *13th Annual International Graduate Student Workshop in Armenian Studies.* Center for Armenian Studies, University of Michigan (UM). Co-organized with Emma Portugal (Linguistics).

Papers Presented

- 2023 “‘Is This a Military Base?’ Trauma and Violence in Zaven Biberian’s *Mrchiwnneru verchaloyš.*” *Multidisciplinary Workshop for Armenian Studies*. Center for Armenian Studies, UM.
- 2023 “Memory, Mourning, and Solidarity in Vasily Grossman’s *Dobro vam [Good to you]*.” *Multidisciplinary Workshop for Armenian Studies*. Center for Armenian Studies, UM.
- 2020 “The Complexity of Returning to Western Armenia in Anna Davt’yan’s ‘Diarbek‘ir: k‘ur’.” *Afterlives of Catastrophes: “Western Armenia” in Comparative Perspective* Workshop, February 13-14. Center for Armenian Studies, UM.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan

- 2024 – 2025 COMPLIT 122: Writing World Literatures
Writing and Reading Exile
- 2023 – 2024 ENGLISH 125: Writing and Academic Inquiry
- Winter 2022 ARMENIAN 102: Western Armenian II

Other Teaching Experience

University-level

- 2017 – 2018 Teaching Assistant, *Practices of Knowledge*
McMaster University

Outside the University

- 2020 – 2021 Western Armenian Teacher
St. Sarkis Armenian Saturday School
Dallas, TX
- 2020 – 2021 Private Western Armenian Tutor

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – 2023 Research Assistant (Professor Ronald G. Suny)
University of Michigan
- 2021 Research Assistant (Professor Will Stroebe)
University of Michigan

Summer 2015, 2016 Summer Research Student, The Centre for Applied Genomics, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON

SERVICE

2023 – 2024 Co-organizer, Multidisciplinary Workshop for Armenian Studies, a Rackham Graduate School Interdisciplinary Workshop
University of Michigan

2019 – 2020 Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Executive Committee
Graduate Student Representative
University of Michigan

INTERVIEWS/MEDIA COVERAGE

2022 “«Սահմանախաղ(իստ) Հայերենն ու Հայերէնը» Գիրքին Առիթով Հարցազրոյց Համահեղինակ Առաքել Մինասեանին Հետ” [“A Conversation with Co-author Arakel Minassian on his new book, *Border-play: The Armenian and the Armenian*”]. Conducted by Nora Parseghian. *Aztag Newspaper*, Beirut, Lebanon, June 7, 2022
https://www.aztagdaily.com/archives/548308?fbclid=IwAR0QzDX_OctFmnKgwrI_CM SacI NivUjE5fAwAS8QFYZ14-l8dvLq7PMjca

2022 “Արեւելահայերենի ու արեւմտահայերենի «անհաշտ մտերմությունը»՝ մեկ գրքում” [“Eastern and Western Armenian’s ‘Irreconcilable Proximity’ in One Book”]. With Anahit Ghazaryan, conducted by Nazeli Ohanyan. “Vernadun” program, *Public Radio of Armenia*, Yerevan, Armenia, April 27, 2022
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxppNctyX_M

2022 “Armenische Sprachen: 107 Jahre nach dem Völkermord.”
With Anahit Ghazaryan, conducted by Erman Ohanian. *AKEBİ Berlin*, April 24, 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsVE9F4NAd0>

2021 “Contemporary Armenian Literature & the Karabakh Conflict.”
Conducted by Samira Alakbarli. *CaucasusTalks*, May 7, 2021
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sg0bSPkx2DA>.

LANGUAGES

Armenian – Modern Western (fluent) and Eastern (advanced); Classical (beginner)
Russian – Advanced (three years of study)
French – Intermediate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for Armenian Studies