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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022- Director of Women's and Gender Studies Program, MIT  
2011- McMillan-Stewart Associate Professor of History, MIT (with tenure)  
2010–11 Manoogian post-doctoral fellow, Armenian Studies Program, Department of History, University of Michigan  
2004–10 Teaching assistant, Departments of History, Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies, New York University

### EDUCATION

- 2010 PhD, joint program of History and Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies, NYU  
2002 B.A., Sociology Department, Bogazici University, Istanbul

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books in English

- Submitted *Feminism in Armenian: An Interpretive Anthology* (co-authored with Melissa Bilal, submitted to Indiana University Press, *Ottomanica* series, expected publication in 2025)  
2016 *Recovering Armenia: The Limits of Belonging in Post-Genocide Turkey* (Stanford University Press), winner of Der Mugrdechian Society for Armenian Studies Outstanding Book Award

#### Books in Armenian

- 2022 *Vartouhie Calantar, Getronagan Pandi Gineru Pazhine, 1920* [Vartouhie Calantar, The Women's Seciton of the Central Prison], Istanbul: Aras Publishing House. [compiled Calantar's 1920 prison memoir into a book form and wrote an extended introduction]

#### Books in Turkish

- 2021 *Bir Milleti Diriltmek: Toplumsal Cinsiyet Ekseninde Türkiye'de Ermeniliğin Yeniden İnşası*. Istanbul: Aras Publishing House. [Turkish translation of *Recovering Armenia*]  
2006 *Bir Adalet Feryadı: Osmanlı'dan Cumhuriyet'e Beş Ermeni Feminist Yazar (1862–1933)* [A Cry for Justice: Five Armenian Feminist Writers from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic (1862–1933)], co-edited with Melissa Bilal. Istanbul: Aras Publishing House.

#### Digital Humanities Project

- 2016- present *Feminism in Armenian: A Digital Archive*, the documentary digital archive and online exhibition of the works of the twelve feminists focused in the current book project, *Feminism in Armenian: An Interpretive Anthology*  
<https://arts.mit.edu/projects/twelve-faces-of-armenian-feminism/>

### Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2023 “Communist Armenian Women’s History: *Hai Guine* of Postwar France and the Feminist Repatriation to Soviet Armenia (1947-1949),” *Études arméniennes contemporaines*, vol.15.
- 2022 “Mourning Bliss: Remaining Armenian(s) in Occupied Constantinople,” *Yıllık: Annual of Istanbul Studies* 4 (2022).
- 2021 “Of Dark Pasts and Pipe Dreams: The Turkish University,” *Yıllık: Annual of Istanbul Studies* 3(2021). [part of the special issue on “BLM in Academia”]
- 2014 “Republic of Paradox: The League of Nations’ Minority Protection Regime and the New Turkey’s Step-Citizens.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (Special Issue: World War I in the Middle East and North Africa) 46, no. 3 (2014).
- [Turkish translation] “Paradoks Cumhuriyeti: Milletler Cemiyeti’nin Azınlıkları Koruma Rejimi ve Yeni Türkiye’nin Üvey Vatandaşları”. *Toplum ve Bilim*, no. 132 (2014).
- 2013 “A Climate for Abduction, A Climate for Redemption: The Politics of Inclusion during and after the Armenian Genocide.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 55, no. 3 (2013).
- [Turkish translation] “Kız Kaçırma ve Kız Kurtarma: Birinci Dünya Savaşı Sırasında ve Mütareke Yıllarında İstanbul’da Ermenilik ve Müslümanlık”. *Toplum ve Bilim*, no. 129 (2014).
  - [Armenian translation] “Arevankumi yev Azadakrumi Mtnolord: Gineru yev Manugneru Nerkravman Kaghakaganutyune Hayots Tseghasbanutyane Entatskin U Ange Yedk”. *Haigazian Armenological Review*, no. 35 (2015).
  - [shortened version] “Biopolitics of ‘Rescue’: Women and the Politics of Inclusion after the Armenian Genocide”. In *Genocide and Gender in the Twentieth Century: A Comparative Survey*, edited by Amy E. Randall. London: Bloomsbury, 2015.
- 2004 “*Ardēmis*: An Armenian Women’s Journal Published in Egypt, 1902–1904.” *Journal of Armenian Studies* 8, no. 1 (2004).
- 2001 “‘Feminizm: Bir Adalet Feryadı,’ Hayganuş Mark’ın Hayatı, Düşünceleri ve Etkinlikleri (1885–1966).” Co-authored with Melissa Bilal and Belinda Mumcu. *Toplumsal Tarih* 87 (2001). [Recipient of third prize in the academic history-writing competition of *Toplumsal Tarih* among university students in Turkey.]

### Book Chapters

- 2024 Cohabiting in Captivity: Vartouhie Calantar Nalbandian (Zarevand) at the Women’s Section of Istanbul’s Central Prison (1915-1918). *Documenting the Armenian Genocide: Essays in Honor of Taner Akçam*, edited by Thomas Kühne, Mary Jane Rein, Marc Mamigonian, Springer International Publishing: 2024.
- 2023 “Debates over an Armenian National Home at the Lausanne Conference and the Limits of Post-Genocide Co-existence”. *They All Made Peace – What Is Peace? The 1923 Lausanne Treaty and the New Imperial Order*, edited by Jonathan Conlin and Ozan Ozavci. London: Ginko, 2023.
- 2022 “Majority Feminism and Mass Violence: How to Situate Armenians in Ottoman/Turkish Feminist Historiography,” in *Mapping Gender: What’s New and What’s Ahead in Ottoman and Turkish Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*, eds. Hülya Adak and Richard Wittmann, Orient-Institute Istanbul.

- 2017 “Introducing the ‘Ottoman Armenian History’ Issue of the Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association,” *JOTSA* 4, no. 2 (2017). [served as guest editor of this issue]
- 2015 “Scholarship on the Armenian Genocide as a Gendered Event and Process,” (part of the roundtable on “Histories of Armenians in the Late Ottoman Empire and Beyond”) *New Perspectives on Turkey* 53 (2015)/
- 2015 “The Remainers: The Istanbul Armenian Community during and immediately after the Great War” (in Turkish) in *1915: Öncesi ve Sonrasıyla Ermeni Siyaseti, Tehcir ve Soykırım*, ed.s. Fikret Adanır and Oktay Özel (Istanbul: TESEV, 2015)
- 2015 “Turkish Armenians,” modern Turkish transliteration of 1922 Ottoman Turkish brochure and an introductory piece, “Obligated” in *1915: Öncesi ve Sonrasıyla Ermeni Siyaseti, Tehcir ve Soykırım*, ed.s. Fikret Adanır and Oktay Özel (Istanbul: TESEV, 2015)

### **Book Reviews**

- 2016 Book review, Yeşim Bayar’s *Formation of the Turkish Nation-State, 1920–1938* for *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 48, no. 1 (2016).
- 2015 Review of Jaffa L. Panken’s dissertation “‘Lest They Perish’: The Armenian Genocide and the Making of Modern Humanitarian Media in the U.S., 1915-1925,” <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/12428>
- 2013 “The Chameleon that was Armenian: Review Essay of *Crows of the Desert: The Memoirs of Levon Yotnakhparian* (California: Parian Photographic Design, 2012).” *Armenian Review* 54, no.1-2 (2013).

## **PUBLIC HISTORY**

### **Publications**

- 2023 “Zaruhi Bahrii Hedkeru Yedeven” in *Hay Gin*. Getronagan High School Publications.
- 2019 “Armenian Genocide Descendants Face Another Turkish Onslaught, One Century Later,” (with Amy Austin Holmes) Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center, online op-ed (Nov. 25, 2019)
- 2018 “Hay Gin/Hayuhiner” (with Melissa Bilal) in *Kadınlar Vardır! 1923-2018 Kadın Kurumları ve Örgütlenmeleri—Ajanda*, (Kadın Eserleri Kütüphanesi ve Bilgi Merkez Vakfı)
- 2018 “Armenian Genocide” (interviewed by Seda Altug) in *Authoritarianism and Resistance in Turkey: Conversations on Democratic and Social Challenges*, ed.s Esra Özyürek, Emrah Altındış, Gaye Özpınar (Springer International, 2018)
- 2018 “A View from the Bosphorus: Zaruhi Bahri’s Take on the First Republic and its Sovietization,” *Armenian Weekly* (special issue dedicated to the centennial of the First Republic of Armenia), ed. by Roupen Jambazian and Varak Ketsemanian, May 2018.
- 2015 “Armenian Feminism in Postgenocide Turkey, Stanford University Blog, April 2015. Chosen by Stanford University Press as one of their top ten blog posts of the year 2015 (the 5<sup>th</sup>): <http://stanfordpress.typepad.com/blog/2015/12/our-top-5-blog-posts-from-2015.html>
- 2015 “Türkiye’nin Ay(na)daki Canavarı” *Birgün*, July 9. [Review of the Turkish translation of the play “The Beast on the Moon”]
- 2014 “Facing “Muslims Kill Christians” and other Challenges of Teaching the Middle East in Post-9/11 North America.” *Perspectives on History*, December.

- 2014 “Hay Gin: Türkiye’nin Son Ermeni Kadın Dergisi,” *Feminist Politika* 23, July 2014
- 2012 “The Armenian National Delegation at the Paris Peace Conference and ‘The Role of the Armenian Woman during the War.’” Web project posted on the *World War I in the Middle East*, National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar 2012. <https://blogs.commonsgorgetown.edu/world-war-i-in-the-middle-east/>
- 2007 “‘Türk Kadını Savaş Yılları Boyunca Ne Yaptı?’ ve ‘Fokstrot Yarışması,’ Kohar Mazlımıyan,” *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar* 2 (2007).

### **Talks:**

- June 2019 “1860lardan 1960lara Ermeni Kadın Yazarlar ve Davaları,” Dadyan School, part of the activities commemorating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Dadyan School, Istanbul
- April 2019 “A Century of Armenian Women in Leadership, 1860s-1960s,” Armenian Relief Society regional seminar, Watertown, MA (April 6)
- June 2017 Book talk on *Recovering Armenia*, Khachaturian Armenian Community Center, San Francisco (June 7)
- April 2017 “Armenians in Turkey,” Hamazkayin Club, Aanjar, Lebanon (April 28)

### **Collaborations:**

- “Historical Background to the Turkish-Armenian Conflict,” in *Neighbors in Memory: Entangled Legacies of the Armenian Genocide*, Mandel Center for the Humanities, Brandeis University
- “Hay Gin,” video recording participation to Getronagan High School performance, 3 June 2023, Istanbul
- Consultant at Istanbul Research Institute’s exhibition titled “[Occupied City: Politics and Daily Life in Istanbul, 1918-1923](#),” 2023
- Help with the installment of Zabel Yesayan billboards in Yerevan, 2021
- “[Armenian Feminists: Hayganush Mark and Hay Gin](#),” AGBU WebTalks, March 2020
- “[Daring Armenian Women](#)” video project, 2019
- “[Armenian Feminism in Post-Genocide Turkey](#),” AGBU WebTalks, March 2019

### **Podcasts:**

- “[The Three Faces of Atatürk](#),” NPR Throughline interview, 26 October 2023
- “[The Other ‘National Home’](#),” Tel Aviv Review, 12 June 2023
- “[Women and Genocide: Insights from the Armenian Genocide](#),” Women and War: A Feminist Podcast, University of Oxford, Refugee Studies Center, 1 July 2022
- “[The Epitome of Loss](#),” The Lausanne Project, 3 June 2022
- “[Feminism in Armenian: An Interpretive Anthology](#),” Society for Armenian Studies Podcast, together with Melissa Bilal, 7 June 2019
- “[Secular Dhimmi of the Republic](#),” Ottoman History Podcast, 7 August 2016
- “[Reconstituting the Stuff of the Nation](#),” Ottoman History Podcast, 27 June 2014

### **INVITED TALKS, PANELS, and WORKSHOPS**

- Oct. 2023 keynote: “Your Turkey, My Lausanne: What to the Armenian is the 29<sup>th</sup> of October,” lecture delivered at the conference “The Ottoman Legacy: Christianity, Islam, and Politics in Southeast Europe,” Oct. 30.
- June 2023 invited talk: “Survivors into Minorities: Armenians in Turkey during the Interwar Years,” The Annual Nechemia Levtzion Memorial Lecture, The Nechemia

- Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 11.
- May 2023 keynote: “Your Turkey, My Lausanne: What to the Armenian is the 29<sup>th</sup> of October,” Keynote lecture delivered at the conference “The Afterlives of Lausanne: Society, Politics, and Belonging after Empire,” Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Conference, Northwestern University, May 26.
- April 2023 Discussant of Marc Mamigonian’s talk titled “‘Facts are Stubborn Things’: How Denial Turns Facts into Opinions and Erodes Truth,” NYU Department of Philosophy, April 24.
- Dec. 2022 invited talk: “A History of Armenian Feminism in the Ottoman Empire and Post-Genocide Turkey,” Department of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies, University of Athens, Greece (in person), Dec. 7.
- May 2022 invited talk: “Gendered Aspects of the Armenian Genocide and its Immediate Aftermath: Abduction and Forcible Conversion,” Department of Armenian Studies at Pázmány Péter Catholic U. in Budapest (online), May 25.
- April 2022 invited talk: “Can we Understand Genocide without Gender? Insights from the Armenian Genocide,” Martin-Springer Institute, Northern Arizona University (in person), April 21.
- April 2022 panelist: “Genocide Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Empowering the Next Generation to Lead from Boston to Burundi,” Armenian Cultural and Educational Center, Watertown, MA (in person), April 10.
- Feb. 2022 panelist: National Association of Armenian Studies and Research (Belmont) roundtable on “Genocide Education in Massachusetts: A New Mandate, a New Era, and New Challenges,” NAASR (online), Feb. 3.
- Sept. 2021 invited talk: “The Political Mademoiselle of the Women’s Ward: Vartouhie Calantar-Nalbandian at Istanbul’s Central Prison (1915-18),” National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (webinar), Sept. 22.
- June 2021 panelist: “Re-Mix? Debates over Armenian Autonomy in Lausanne,” at the workshop “The Forgotten Peace? The Lausanne Conference and the Near Middle East, 1922-23,” The Lausanne Project (online), June 24.
- April 2021 panelist: “Paging through Photos and Songs: Hayganush Mark and Koharig Ghazarosian’s Friendship in Post-Genocide Istanbul” (with Melissa Bilal). The Promise Institute for Human Rights, UCLA (webinar), April 4.
- April 2021 discussant: Marc D. Baer on his book *Sultanlic Saviors and Tolerant Turks*, Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program, Northwestern University, (webinar) April 22.
- March 2021 Launch of *Bir Milleti Diriltmek* by Aras Press in Istanbul, “Feminizm, Ermeni Kadınlar ve Hayganuş Mark,” (webinar) March 11
- March 2021 invited talk: “Use Consoling Words for our Butchered Nation”: Armenian Feminists’ Post-Genocide Expectations form their Turkish Counterparts, Schaeffer Center at the American University of Paris (webinar), March 9
- Dec. 2020 panelists at “Mapping the Field,” at digital conference “What’s New and What’s ahead in Ottoman and Turkish Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies,” Orient-Institut Istanbul and Sabanci University, Istanbul
- July 2020 panelist: “Armenian Socialist Feminists in post-WWII Europe,” at digital conference ““borderless”: a feminist coming-together,” FemLibrary (Yerevan)
- April 2020 panelist: “Kadınlar, 1915, Bugün,” [Women, 1915, Today] at digital conference “1915 ve Bugün” to commemorate the Armenian Genocide, Nor Zartonk (Istanbul)

- Nov 2019 panelist: “Socialist Feminist Armenian Women’s History: Hai Guine of Postwar France,” at the workshop titled “Study Day on French Armenian Press,” Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris (Nov. 7)
- May 2019 “Post-Genocide Mobilization of Armenian Women for their Rights,” at 2<sup>nd</sup> “FemArc Workshop: Gendering and Resistance,” UC Irvine
- April 2019 “What can Genocide and its Denial do to Feminism? The Existential Paradoxes of Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey,” Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies, Appalachian State University (April 15)
- April 2019 Keynote: “What can Genocide and its Denial do to Feminism? The Existential Paradoxes of Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey,” at the conference titled “Denial: The Final Stage of Genocide,” Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies, UNC Charlotte (April 13)
- April 2019 invited talk: “Survivors into Minorities: Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey,” Campagna-Karven lecture, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University (April 4)
- Feb. 2019 invited talk: “Writing the History of an Armenian Feminist Century,” Harvard Divinity School, Science, Religion, and Culture colloquium (Feb. 7)
- Sept. 2018 panelist: “Family Separation as a Tool for Genocide: A Look at the 1915 Ottoman Armenian Case,” at panel “Family Separation: Lesson’s from Europe’s Past, Cornell Institute for European Studies (CIES) Migration Series, Cornell University (Sept. 28)
- May 2018 Panelist at “Armenia: From Genocide to Republic” organized by MIT Armenian Society (May 15)
- May 2018 Panelist at “The Task of History,” MIT and the Legacy of Slavery Dialogue Series (May 3)
- April 2018 invited talk: “The Gendered Aftermath of the Armenian Genocide,” Holocaust and Genocide Studies Center, Salem State University (April 26)
- April 2018 Discussant of Anna Agathangelou’s paper “A Sort of Homecoming: Forensic Humanitarian Innovations in Post-Conflict Cyprus,” MIT STS Colloquium (April 9)
- March 2018 panelist: “Being Different in the Middle East: Minority-Majority Relations in Historical Perspective,” Southern Methodist University Tower Center for Political Studies (March 22)
- Nov. 2017 invited talk: “Gendered Survival: Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey,” Florida International University, Middle East Studies Program and Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Nov. 8)
- Oct. 2017 invited talk: “Genocide Survivors into Religious Minorities: Armenians in the Turkish Republic,” Bard College, Middle Easter Studies Lecture Series (Oct. 2)
- Sept. 2017 invited talk: “Staging Our Revolution: Feminism in Armenian,” (presentation together with Melissa Bilal), *Innovate Armenia*, University of Southern California (Sept. 23)
- July 2018 Participant to the two-week workshop titled “Istanbul under Occupation, 1918-22,” convened by Prof. Christine Philiou (UC Berkeley), Crete, Greece (July 2-14)
- June 2017 invited talk: “Assimilating the Victims of Genocide: Forced Islamicization and Turkification of Armenian Women and Children during the Great War,” San Francisco State University (June 8)
- June 2017 invited talk: *Recovering Armenia*, The Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies & The Mediterranean Studies Forum, Stanford University, Stanford University (June 6)
- May 2017 Book panel on *Recovering Armenia* convened at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, Columbia University. The book

- was invited for a panel as one of the best books in Turkish Studies. Convener: Ceren Belge, Participants: Howard Eissenstat, Ceren Ozgul, Yesim Bayar, Sinead Walsh (May 6)
- April 2017 panelist: "Armenian Women in Turkey," at panel titled "Armenian Women: from Role Player to Empowerment," Haigazian University (April 29)
- April 2017 invited talk: "Challenges facing Armenians in Turkey in the aftermath of the Genocide," Haigazian University, Beirut (April 28)
- April 2017 invited talk: "After the Storm: Armenians in Turkey in the Immediate aftermath of the Genocide," American University of Beirut, annual genocide commemoration lecture (April 26)
- April 2017 Book talk on *Recovering Armenia*, Council on Middle East Studies, Yale University (April 19)
- April 2017 Book talk on *Recovering Armenia*, Bergen Community College, NJ (April 17)
- March 2017 "Feminism in Armenian: Producing a Past, Creating a Present," American University of Armenia (March 28)
- Sept. 2016 keynote: "Progressive Conservatism of Armenian Feminism in the Aftermath of the Genocide," keynote lecture delivered at international conference titled "After Genocide: From Trauma to Rebirth: A Gendered Perspective," Yerevan, (Sept. 19)
- Sept. 2016 invited talk: "Minorities in the early Turkish Republic: the Case of Armenians," Yerevan State University, Department of Turkology (Sept. 19)
- Sept. 2016 invited talk: "A History of Armenian Feminism in Turkey," Center for Gender and Leadership Studies, Yerevan State University (Sept. 16)
- Sept. 2016 "Genocide and its aftermath in Turkey," Democracy Today NGO, Yerevan (Sept. 15)
- 2015-2016 "Survivors into Minorities: Armenians in Post-genocide Turkey" / "Recovering Armenia: The Limits of Belonging in Post-Genocide Turkey" (BOOK TALK)
- *University of Chicago* (May 25, 2016)
  - *Northwestern University* (May 23, 2016)
  - *University of California Santa Barbara* (April 20, 2016)
  - *UCLA* (April 19, 2016)
  - *Abril Bookstore, Glendale, CA* (April 19, 2016)
  - *Fresno State University* (April 18, 2016)
  - *University of California Berkeley* (April 15, 2016)
  - *Middlebury College* (April 13, 2016)
  - *City University of New York* (March 24, 2016)
  - *Ashdown House, M.I.T.* (Jan. 27, 2016)
  - *University of North Carolina Chapel Hill* Feb 21, 2016
  - *New York University* (Nov.5, 2015)
  - *University of Washington* (Nov. 3, 2015)
- May 2016 "Can Feminists Revive a Nation? Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey," Armenian Museum and Library of America (sponsored by AIWA and NAASR), May 5
- March 2016 "Armenians at the End of Empire," at panel titled "Sykes-Picot: 100 Years of Consequences," Boston University, March 22
- Feb. 2016 "Armenians from Empire to Republic," at panel titled "Rethinking Ottoman Modernity: Culture, Politics and Religion," Duke University Middle East Studies Center, Feb 19.

- Nov. 2015 “When History Became Destiny: Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey,” at the panel titled “The Impact of the Armenian Genocide,” organized by the Society for Armenian Studies, Denver, Colorado.
- Aug. 2015 “Written on Women’s Bodies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Gender and Genocide,” panel at American University of Armenia, Yerevan (Aug.12)
- May 2015 “What Happened to Armenians after 1915?”Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Russia and Eurasia Program, Washington D.C.,
- May 2015 “Unmaking a People by Making them Up: Abduction during the Armenian Genocide,” at conference titled “Armenians and the Legacies of War,” Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.
- April 2015 “A Long-Term Approach to the Armenian Genocide,” Stonehill College, Department of Political Science and International Studies
- April 2015 “Speaking Feminist while Armenian in Post-Genocide Turkey: Hayganush Mark (1885-1966)” at panel titled “Three Apples Fell From Heaven: Exploring Armenian Identities in the Ottoman and Post-Ottoman World,” Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- April 2015 NYU, “Minority Rights as Cursed Blessing: Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey” at symposium titled “Armenians a Century after the Genocide: What Now?,” New York University, Global Institute for Advanced Study
- April 2015 “A Gendered Rereading of the Armenian Genocide and its Immediate Aftermath,” at panel titled “Gender and Genocide in the Ottoman Empire,” SciencesPo (Paris), Centre d’histoire
- April 2015 Panelist, and discussant at International Graduate Student Conference for Holocaust and Genocide Studies titled “100 Years after the Armenian Genocide” Clark University, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- April 2015 “Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey,” at panel titled “The Aftermath of the Armenian Genocide: Armenian Communities in Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon after 1915,” University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- April 2015 “Step-Citizens of Post-Genocide Turkey” at workshop titled: “From the Armenian Genocide to the Holocaust: The Foundations of Modern Human Rights,” University of Michigan, Armenian Studies Program
- March 2015 “Survivors into Minorities: Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey,”
- University of Virginia, Department of History
  - Columbia University, Ottoman history seminar, History Department
  - University of Pennsylvania, Middle East Center,
  - SUNY Binghamton, Classical and Near Eastern Studies
- Dec. 2014 “Minority Protection in Post-World War I Europe: The Case of Turkey and its Armenians,” talk at the Center for European Studies, New Directions in European History lecture series, Harvard University
- Nov. 2014 “Staying Home after Forced Migration: Armenians in Post-genocide Turkey,” talk at Department of Diversity and Social Conflict, Research Colloquium on Memory, Discourse, and Diversity, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Oct. 2014 “A Gendered Re-reading of the Armenian Genocide,” Harvard University, Center for Middle East Studies, *Sohbet-i Osmani* series
- Oct. 2014 “The Sex of the Genocide: Armenian Women and their Children during and Immediately after World War I,” talk at the Department of History, Ottoman and Turkish Studies Initiative, Cornell University
- Sept. 2014 Participant at “Women’s Participation in Violent Political Organizations,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University



- July 2014 “Sexual Trauma and the Armenian Genocide” and “Historical Discourses of Muslim Rape of Christian Woman,” Faculty, NEH Summer Institute for College and University Faculty on “World War I and the Arts: Sound, Vision, Psyche,” University of Cincinnati
- Apr. 2014 “Birinci Dünya Savaşı ve Mütareke Yıllarında Ermeni ve Kadın Olmak,” talk at Atatürk İlkeleri ve İnkılap Tarihi Enstitüsü, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, İstanbul
- Sept. 2013 “A Gendered Aftermath: The Armenian Genocide and its Women,” talk at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University
- May 2013 “Agop Hacıyan’s *My Ethnic Quest* and What It Tells Us about the Turkish Armenian Experience in the 20th Century,” talk at Armenian General Benevolent Union, Montreal
- Dec. 2012 “Wishful Thinking or Insidious Camouflage? Armenians Responding to the New Turkey,” talk at the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, MA
- Oct. 2012 “Improvising Turkishness: Armenian Responses to Exclusion in the New Turkey,” talk at a seminar on Turkey in the Modern World, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
- Mar. 2012 “A Climate for Abduction, A Climate for Redemption: Armenian Women and Their Children during and immediately after the Genocide,” talk at the Middle East Institute, Columbia University
- Mar. 2012 “When Does the ‘Periphery’ Matter? Minors and Female Bodies after the Great War,” workshop panelist, “Patterns of Innovation and Change in the Ottoman Empire: Views from the Peripheries,” Department of History, McGill University
- Dec. 2011 “Armenians in Occupied Constantinople,” panelist at the conference “The Challenge of Gender in the Ottoman, Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies: Attempting an Interdisciplinary Approach,” Department of Turkish and Modern Asian Studies, University of Athens
- Nov. 2011 “Gendered Ways of Adapting to the New Turkish Republic,” presenter at the second working seminar of the international research group Gender and Inter-confessional Relationships in South Eastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (19th–21st centuries), École Française d’Athènes (EFA), Athens
- Oct. 2011 “The Failed Belonging: Turkish Armenians Remembering Their Ottoman Past,” panelist at Workshop of Armenian Turkish Scholarship (WATS) titled “Ethnic Tensions and Violence at the End of the Ottoman Empire,” International Institute of Social History and NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam
- Mar. 2011 “Tensions of Difference: Understanding Interethnic Violence and its Absence in the Ottoman Empire,” workshop panelist, “Violence in Anatolia,” Program in Ottoman Studies, New York University
- Dec. 2010 “And Then a Hero Comes Along: Istanbul Armenians Re-fashioning Turkishness, 1918–1933,” talk at the Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan
- Oct. 2010 “Armenia: ‘Independent,’ ‘Greater,’ and ‘Soviet’: The Evolving Attitudes of the Periodical *Hay Kin* (*Armenian Woman*, İstanbul), 1918–1922,” panelist at the conference “Armenia and Its Diaspora: Institutional Linkages and Cross-Border Movements,” Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan
- June 2010 “Ottoman Armenians, Turkish Armenians: Refashioning of Self and Identification,” panelist, “Revisiting the Ottoman Legacy through Art and Scholarship” (part of Blind Dates curatorial project), Pratt Institute, New York
- Dec. 2010 “Armenian, Greek, and Turkish Women: How Do We Foster Inclusive/Entangled Scholarship?” presenter at the first working seminar of the international research

- group Gender and Inter-confessional Relationships in South Eastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (19th–21st centuries), École Française d’Athènes (EFA), Athens
- Apr. 2008 “Making Peace at Times of Post-War: Armenians in Istanbul (1918–1923),” workshop panelist, “From Empire to Nation State: the Ottoman Great War and Post-War Politics,” University of Richmond
- Feb. 2008 *Bir Adalet Feryadı, Osmanlı’dan Cumhuriyet’e Beş Ermeni Feminist Yazar (1862–1933)* [A cry for justice: Five Armenian feminist writers from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic (1862–1933)], book talk at the panel “Armenian Women Writing across Translation,” Graduate Center, City University of New York
- Mar. 2007 “Recruiting Wombs: Pronatalism and the Construction of Armenian Motherhood in Late Ottoman Istanbul (1919–1923),” talk at the Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania

### **Conference Papers**

- June 2023 “A Case of Post-Genocide Partition Denied: Armenian Demands for a ‘National Home,’ at the Lausanne Conference,” at conference “The Lausanne Model, 100 Year After: The Practice of Uprooting Populations in Comparative Perspective,” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 8.
- Dec. 2022 “Un-mixing as Survival: Armenian Activism for a National Home at the Lausanne Conference,” at the conference “The Age of Catastrophe and the Destruction of Coexistence: Expulsions, Deportations, and Genocides, 1912-1924,” Kalamata, Greece (Dec. 1-4)
- Dec. 2021 “History becomes Destiny: Armenians in Istanbul Experiencing the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne,” Middle East Studies Association (online, Dec. 2)
- Nov. 2018 “War and the Ottoman Armenians,” at the conference “The Decline and Fall of Empires: Habsburg and Ottoman,” Remarque Center at NYU (Nov. 10)
- Nov. 2018 “The Career of ‘Minority Status’ from the Ottoman Empire to the Lausanne Treaty and its aftermath in the Turkish Republic,” at the conference “The Minority Question at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference: Origins of Enduring Conflict in Eastern Europe and the Middle East,” American University (Nov. 2)
- Oct. 2018 “Why is it Important to Look at the Hamidian Era through a Gendered Lens? Perspectives from the Capital,” at the conference “The Abdul Hamid II Era and Beyond: Massacres and Reform, Rupture, and Continuity,” Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University (Oct. 26)
- Apr. 2014 “The Politics of Abduction and the Politics of Rescue: Armenian Women and Their Children during and after the War,” at the conference “Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914–18,” Bilgi University, Istanbul
- Jan. 2014 “The Post-Ottoman, Neo-*Dhimmi* Citizens of the Early Turkish Republic,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Washington DC
- June 2013 “Politics of Exclusion in the Early Turkish Republic: The Case of Non-Muslim Citizens,” (panelist and organizer) at the conference “Interwar Turkey: (A) Modern? Authoritarian? Secular? Nation?”, Council for European Studies Conference, Amsterdam
- Oct. 2012 “In the Land of the Oppressor, Still: Armenians in the New Turkey,” MIT Women and Gender Studies Workshop on Borders, Gender, and Citizenship
- Mar. 2012 “To Collect Is to Recollect: Sexualized Violence in the First Survivor Testimonies after the 1915 Armenian Genocide,” at the conference “Beyond

- Testimony and Trauma: Oral History in the Aftermath of Mass Violence,” Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, Concordia University
- Nov. 2009 “Management of Difference: Armenian Discourses on Turkishness, 1918–1938,” (panelist and organizer) for the panel “Turkish Armenians after 1915,” cosponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies and Turkish Studies Association), Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston
- Mar. 2009 “Approaching the Unfortunate Sister and Her Child: Sexual Violence as a Boundary Maker during and after the Armenian Genocide,” Society for Armenian Studies, 35th Anniversary Conference, UCLA
- Nov. 2008 “Armenian Children as Reservoirs of Memory, Pain, and Hope,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington DC
- June 2008 “Sharing a Feminist Space: Armenian Woman Looking at ‘Other Women’ in Istanbul, 1919–1933,” (panelist and co-organizer) at the Fourteenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Minnesota
- Mar. 2008 “The *Bolsahay* Effect: The ‘Authentic Armenian’ among Turks,” forum “Speaking beyond Living Room Walls: The Armenian Diaspora and Its Discontents,” Columbia University
- Nov. 2006 “How to Mother a Nation: Perspectives from the Armenian Women’s Journal *Hay Gin* (*Armenian Woman*, Istanbul), 1919–1923,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston
- Apr. 2006 “Armenian Women’s Activism and a New Look into the ‘Old’ Historiography on the Ottoman/Turkish Women’s Movement (1919–1920),” at the conference “Women in the Arts and Writing: Negotiating the Ottoman Public Sphere in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries,” Boğaziçi University
- Sept. 2004 “Non-Turkish Women: Absences and Silences in the Histories of the ‘Ottoman Women’s Movement,’” at the conference “Nationalism, Historiography and the (Re)construction of the Past,” Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, GRANTS

- 2019 International Policy Lab grant, MIT
- 2018 Mellon Faculty Grant of the Center for Art, Science and Technology at MIT
- 2018 MIT Office of Digital Learning Express Exploration Grant
- 2018 Armenian International Women’s Association grant in support of the workshop “Feminist Interventions in Armenian Studies; Armenian Interventions in Feminist Studies,” co-organized with Melissa Bilal (April 7-9, 2018, MIT)
- 2018 National Association for Armenian Studies and Research grant in support of the workshop “Feminist Interventions in Armenian Studies; Armenian Interventions in Feminist Studies,” co-organized with Melissa Bilal (April 7-9, 2018, MIT)
- 2018 Mirak Family Foundation grant in support of “Feminist Interventions in Armenian Studies; Armenian Interventions in Feminist Studies” co-organized with Melissa Bilal (April 7-9, 2018, MIT)
- 2017 Gulbenkian Foundation Armenian Communities Department grant in support of the ongoing book project “Feminism in Armenian: A History” (together with Melissa Bilal)
- 2016 Ruth Levitan Award for Excellence in Teaching in the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, M.I.T
- Spring 2016 Ara and Edna Dumanian Visiting Professor in Armenian Studies in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago

2012	NEH Summer Seminar “World War I in the Middle East,” American University, participant
2010–11	Alex and Marie Manoogian Post-Doctoral Fellowship (Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan)
2008–09	New York University Humanities Initiative Fellowship (one year of full funding)
2007–08	American Association of University Women International Fellowship
2002–07	Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship (New York University doctoral funding)

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

Co-founded FemArc (Feminist Armenian Research Collective) which organizes annual workshops on a theme pertaining to Feminist Armenian Studies.

1<sup>st</sup> FemArc Conf.: “Feminist Interventions in Armenian Studies; Armenian Interventions in Feminist Studies,” co-organized with Melissa Bilal (April 7-9, 2018, MIT)

2<sup>nd</sup> FemArc Conf: “Gendering Resistance and Revolution,” co-organized with Melissa Bilal and Houri Berberian (UCI), University of California Irving (May 4-5, 2019)

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Historical Association
- Middle Eastern Studies Association
- Middle East Women’s Studies Association
- Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association
- National Association for Armenian Studies and Research
- Society for Armenian Studies