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*Curriculum vitae*

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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
- Thesis: “Voices from Inside the Wall: Representations of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict in 21st Century Armenian Literature”
- 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.
- 2016 Han, Chanshuai, Reem Alkhatir, Tawfiq Froukh, **Arakel G. Minassian**, Melissa Galati, Rui Han Liu, Maryam Fotouhi, et al. “Epileptic Encephalopathy Caused by Mutations in the Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor *DENND5A*.” *American Journal of Human Genetics* 99, no. 6 (December 2016): 1359-1467.

### Translations from Armenian (Multiple Dialects)

- 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).
- In Progress Zabel Esayan. *The Agony of a People*.  
*Submitted to I.B. Taurus for review*

## Armenian-Language Publications

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

## Translations Edited

- Forthcoming Editor of English language translations, *Ten Short Stories on the Nagorno-Karabakh War* (from modern Eastern Armenian). Erevan, Armenia: Eurasia Partnership Foundation (forthcoming).

## Publications in Armenian News Media

- 2018 “2018 Aurora Dialogues: Stephen Kurkjian on the International Response to the 1988 Spitak Earthquake.” *Hetq*, June 7, 2018. <https://hetq.am/en/article/89898>.
- 2018 “Jirayr Sefilyan’s Trial and Revolutionary Armenia.” *Hetq*, June 3, 2018. <https://hetq.am/en/article/89698>.
- 2018 Ghazaryan, Diana, Ani Hovhannisyan, Saro Baghdasaryan, and **Arakel Minasyan**. “Busabanakan ayguts‘ 600k‘m hatkats‘vel ē mijots‘arumneri srahin” [“600 Square Metres of the Yerevan Botanical Garden Leased as an Outdoor Events Space”]. *Hetq*, May 24, 2018. <https://hetq.am/hy/article/89315>.

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Excellence in Russian Language Award, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, UM
- 2021 Projects Grant, Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. *For publication of a booklet in Armenian by myself and Anahit Ghazaryan.*
- Summer 2020 Haiganoosh Mengushian/Ajemian Memorial Student Travel Award, Center for Armenian Studies (CAS), University of Michigan (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  
2017 The Human Rights Award, McMaster University  
2016 Exceptional Student Neighbour Award, McMaster University

## 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>.

## CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

### Papers Presented

- 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, University of Michigan, Ann  
Arbor.
- 2016 Minassian, Arakel G., Chanshuai Han, Reem Alkhater, Tawfiq Froukh, Melissa Galati,  
Rui Han Liu, Maryam Fotouhi, et al. “A New Form of Epileptic Encephalopathy Caused  
by Mutations of the Arf4 Guanine-Nucleotide Exchange Factor *DENND5A*.” *American*  
*Society of Human Genetics Meeting*, October 18-22. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Winter 2022 Introductory Western Armenian I  
University of Michigan
- 2020 – 2021 Western Armenian Teacher  
St. Sarkis Armenian Saturday School  
Dallas, TX
- 2020 – 2021 Private Western Armenian Tutor
- 2017 – 2018 Teaching Assistant (weekly discussion section leader and grader), *Practices of*  
*Knowledge* (undergraduate course)

McMaster University

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Present Research Assistant (Professor Ronald G. Suny)  
University of Michigan
- 2021 Research Assistant (Professor William Stroebe)  
University of Michigan
- Summer 2015, 2016 Summer Research Student, The Centre for Applied Genomics, The  
Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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

## INTERVIEWS

- 2022 “«Մահմանախաղ(իտ) 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  
SacINivUjE5fAwAS8QFYZ14-I8dvLq7PMjca](https://www.aztagdaily.com/archives/548308?fbclid=IwAR0QzDX_OCtFmnKgwrI_CM SacINivUjE5fAwAS8QFYZ14-I8dvLq7PMjca)
- 2022 “Արեւելահայերենի ու արեւմտահայերենի «անհաշտ մտերմութիւնը»՝ մեկ  
գրքում” [“Eastern and Western Armenians ‘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](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>.

## PUBLIC-FACING EVENTS

- 2022 Book Launch, *Մահմանախաղ(իտ) – Հայերենն ու հայերէնը*  
With Anahit Ghazaryan

Keerk & Co., Erevan, Armenia  
April 29, 2022

- 2018 Panel participant, presenting “Applying Theories of Participatory Democracy to Post-Revolution Armenia.” *Participatory Democracy: Upcoming Parliamentary Elections and the Quest for a More Democratic Armenia*.  
Public panel on December 1, 2018 organized by *Canada’s Move*, Toronto, ON.

## **LANGUAGES**

Modern Armenian – Western Armenian (fluent), Eastern Armenian (advanced)  
Russian – Advanced (three years of study)  
French – Intermediate

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Society for Armenian Studies