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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, Department of Middle Eastern, Asian, and African Studies, M.A., 2003; M.Phil., 2004 (with distinction); Ph.D., 2008.

Dissertation: "Ethnic Politics in Post-Revolutionary Ottoman Empire: Armenians, Arabs, and Jews during the Second Constitutional Period (1908-1909)"

Committee: Rashid Khalidi (Advisor), Nader Sohrabi (Chair), Karen Barkey, Brinkley Messick and Christine Philliou

Examination Fields: Modern Middle East, Late Ottoman History, and Historical Sociology

Committee: Rashid Khalidi, Nader Sohrabi, and Karen Barkey

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

B.A. in Political Science and Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, 1999

POST DOC

Has been awarded *Middle East Studies Post Doctoral Fellowship* at Syracuse University 2008-2009 (Declined).

LANGUAGES

Language Competencies: Native speaker of Arabic, Armenian, Turkish, and Hebrew.

Translation Competence in Azeri, Ottoman, French, Ladino (Judeo-Spanish), Classical Armenian, and German.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethnic politics in the Middle East, inter-ethnic violence in the Ottoman Empire, social and economic History of the Middle East 19th and 20th century, History of Modern Palestine, and Comparative Genocide Studies.

BOOKS

Bedross Der Matossian, *Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire* (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2014)

Bedross Der Matossian, *Hüsrana Uğrayan Devrim: Geç Dönem Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nda Hürriyet ve Şiddet* (Istanbul: İletişim Publications, 2016) (Turkish translation of the book) [Forthcoming]

Bedross Der Matossian, Sulaiman Mourad, and Naomi Koltun-Fromm (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Jerusalem* (Under contract- to be published by Routledge in 2017) [The book is divided into three major periods: ancient, medieval, and modern. I am responsible for editing the modern period]

SECOND BOOK IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscript, *Revolution and Violence: The Adana Massacres of 1909*. Book proposal to be submitted in Fall 2015 to Stanford University Press.

FUTURE RESEARCH

The Development of Political Thought in the Middle East in the Modern Era

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Revolutionary Fallout: How the Young Turks went from Carnegie Hall to the collapse of the Ottoman Empire," Stanford University Press Blog Series on *Remembering the Armenian Genocide*, May 20, 2015 (<http://stanfordpress.typepad.com/blog/2015/04/revolutionary-fallout-.html>).

"Ottoman Armenian Kesaria in the Nineteenth Century," in Richard G. Hovannisian, ed. *The Armenian Communities of Ceasarea* (California: Mazda Publishers, 2014).

"Arman Filastin 1918-1948," in *Majallat al-Dirasat Al-Filastinniya*, Vol. 23, Issue. 92, Autumn, 2012, pp. 79-99.

"The Development of Public Spheres among Armenians, Arabs, and Jews after the Young Turk Revolution of 1908," in François Georgeon (dir.), *L'Ivresse de la liberté : la révolution de 1908 dans l'Empire ottoman*, Louvain, Peeters, 2012.

"A Review Article: The "Definitiveness" of Genocide and A Question of Genocide," *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies*. (2011): Vol. 20:2.

"The Genocide Archives of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem," in the *Armenian Review*, Vol. 52, No. 3-4, (Fall-Winter) 2011.

"The Taboo within the Taboo: The Fate of 'Armenian Capital' at the End of the Ottoman Empire," *European Journal of Turkish Studies* [Online], Complete List, 2011, Online since 06 October 2011., 2011. URL: <http://ejts.revues.org/index4411.html>.

"The Armenians of Palestine 1918-1948," *Journal of Palestine Studies* Vol. XLI, No. 1 (Autumn 2011), 24-44.

"From Bloodless Revolution to a Bloody Counter-revolution: The Adana Massacres of 1909," *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*, Volume 6, Issue 2, 2011, 152-173.

"Administrating the Non-Muslims and "The Question of Jerusalem" after the Young Turk Revolution," in Eyal Ginio and Yuval Ben-Bassat (eds.), *Late Ottoman Palestine: The Period of Young Turk Rule* (London: I. B. Tauris, 2011).

"The Young Turk Revolution: Its Impact on Religious Politics of Jerusalem (1908-1912)," *Jerusalem Quarterly*, Issue # 40, Spring 2010.

FORTHCOMING PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Contending Trends in the Armenian Historiography of the Late Ottoman Empire: Inclusion vs. Exclusion," in Round Table Discussion entitled "Histories of Armenians in the Late Ottoman Empire and Beyond" in *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Volume 53, Fall 2015.

"The Ambiguities of Ottomanism(s) in the Second Constitutional Period," *Die Welt des Islams*, Fall 2016 (In progress)

"Armenians of Palestine in the Interwar Period," in Bedross Der Matossian, Sulaiman Mourad, and Naomi Koltun-Fromm (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Jerusalem* (Routledge in 2017) (In progress)

INTERVIEWS

"An Interview with NKR [Nagorno-Karabagh] President Arkady Ghoukasian," *Ararat Quarterly*, Vol. XLV-187, Summer, 2006.

DIGITAL PROJECTS

Curator of *Stanley E. Kerr Archives* for the Zoryan Institute. Kerr was an American Relief Officer positioned in South Eastern Turkey (1919-1920). The project involved digitization and an in-depth analysis of the archival material by preparing a detailed catalogue of the collection. See <http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/ARH/StanelyKerr.html>

BOOK REVIEWS

Robert Curzon, *Armenia: A Year at Erzerum, and the Frontiers of Russia, Turkey, and Persia*. In *Journal Society of Armenian Studies*, Volume 14, 2005

Dikran Mesrob Kaligian, *Armenian Organization and Ideology under Ottoman Rule 1908-1914*. In the *Armenian Review* Volume 51, Number 1-4 (Fall-Winter 2009).

Murat Birdal, *The Political Economy of Ottoman Public Debt: Insolvency and European Financial Control in the late Nineteenth Century* (I.B. Tauris Publishers, London, New York, 2010; 256pp.; 978-1848852983, £ 56.00 (hbk) in *European History Quarterly*, Winter 2012.

Nazan Çiçek, *The Young Ottomans: Turkish Critics of the Eastern Question in the Late Nineteenth Century* (I.B. Tauris Publishers, London, New York, 2010); 320 pp.; 9781848853331, £ 59.50 (hbk) in *European History Quarterly*, Spring 2013.

Ronald Grigor Suny, Fatma Müge Göçek, Norman M. Naimark, eds. *A Question of Genocide: Armenians and Turks at the End of the Ottoman Empire* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011. xxii + 434 pp. \$34.95 (cloth), ISBN 978-0-19-539374-3 in *Review of Middle East Studies*, Fall 2013.

Nader Sohrabi, *Revolution and Constitutionalism in the Ottoman Empire and Iran* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.Pp.vii, 447. \$95.) in *The Review of Politics*, Spring 2013.

Taner Akçam, *The Young Turks' Crime Against Humanity: The Armenian Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012) in *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Spring 2013.

Uğur Ümit Üngör and Mehmet Polatel, *Confiscation and Destruction: The Young Turk Seizure of Armenian Property* (London: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2011) in *H-Soz-u-Kult* (Humanities. Sozial und Kultugeschichte), Fall 2013.

Vahakn N. Dadrian and Taner Akçam, *Judgment at Istanbul: The Armenian Genocide Trials* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2011) in *The Cyprus Review*, Fall 2013

Wolfgang Gust ed., *The Armenian Genocide: Evidence from the German Office Archives, 1915-16* (New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2014) in *War in History*, Spring 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Conducted extensive research between (2001-2015) in the following libraries and archives:

Office of the Prime Minister Ottoman Archives/Istanbul
The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People/Jerusalem
Hoover Institute Archives/Stanford
Minnesota Historical Society Archives/St. Paul
Islamic Heritage Institute Archives/Jerusalem
Central Zionist Archives/Jerusalem
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Archives, 1810-1961 in
Houghton Library, Harvard College Library
Ataturk Library/Istanbul
Beyazıt State Library/Istanbul
Gulbenkian Library/Jerusalem
Khalidiye Library/Jerusalem
Al-Aqsa Library/Jerusalem
Jewish National Library/Jerusalem
Mount Scopus Library/Jerusalem
Weidner Library/Harvard University
Firestone Library/Princeton
Green Library/Stanford University
New York Public Library/New York
Butler Library/Columbia University
Archives of the Armenian Patriarchate/Jerusalem

LECTURES

"The Armenian Communities of the Black Sea in the 19th Century," in the **10th International Conference of Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces. The Armenian Communities of the Black Sea-Pontus Region**, May 4-5, 2002 at UCLA.

"The Impact of the Tanzimat Reforms on the Armenian Constitutional Movement in the Ottoman Empire," paper presented at the **First International Graduate Colloquium in Armenian Studies**, UCLA, Feb 21, 2003.

"The Reaction of the Minorities to the Project of Ottomanism in the Ottoman Empire," paper presented at the **First Graduate Colloquium of the Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, April 2003.**

"Caesarea/Kesaria in the 19th Century," paper presented in the **12th International Conference of Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces. The Armenian Communities of Capadocia and Caesarea.** May 17, 2003 at UCLA.

"The Armenians of Palestine 1918-1948," paper presented in the **15th International Conference of Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces. "Armenian Jerusalem and Armenians in the Holy Land"**. November 6-7, 2005, UCLA.

"Turkish Liberal Historiography and Genocide," paper delivered at the **UCLA International Conference Series in Armenian Studies entitled: After Nine Decades: The Enduring Legacy of the Armenian Genocide**" April 1-3, 2005, University of California, Los Angeles.

"The Phenomenon of the *Hayadar Terkeren* (Armeno-Turkish Literature) in the 19th century Ottoman Empire: Historical and Theoretical Analysis," Lecture delivered at **St. Nesses Seminary in New York. New Rochelle, Sept. 21 2005.**

"Constitutional Impediments and the Freedom of Expression in Turkey," lecture delivered in **Orhan Pamuk is free, what's next? "Freedom" of speech in Turkey** organized by the Armenian National Committee of New Jersey, with Mr. Ragip Zarakolu, Publisher and Author, Belge Publishing House and Dr. Dikran Kaligian from Westfield State College.

"Ottoman Empire: State and Society" A lecture delivered in Mr. Hamid Rezaei's course entitled **History and Civilization of Islam** taught at Queens College, CUNY, NY, Spring 2006.

"The Armenian Merchants Network in the Ottoman Empire in the 19th century," paper delivered at the international conference **Competing Networks: Greek and Other Commercial Houses in the Mediterranean during the Long Nineteenth Century.**" organized by the Modern Hellenic Studies of Haifa University, June 6-7, 2006.

"Opening Remarks," in a symposium in Honor of Prof. Marc Nichanian entitled **Marc Nichanian's Contribution to the Field of Armenian Literature**, Sponsored by Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Center for Comparative Literature and Society, and The Harriman Institute, Columbia University; Thursday, April 5, 2007, 7:00 pm, 417 IAB, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, 420 W. 118th Street, New York, NY.

"The Taboo within the Taboo: The Fate of the 'Armenian Capital' in the Ottoman Empire," paper delivered at the **Historical Continuities, Political Responsibilities: Unsettling**

Conceptual Blind-Spots in Ottoman and Turkish Studies, International Graduate Student Conference, May 4-5, 2007, New York University and The Graduate Center, CUNY.

"The End of the Ottoman Empire: Transitions and Legacies," a talk delivered in **The Eva Samo Lecture Series: Empires**, The South Oragne Mapelwood Adult School, NJ, October 15, 2007.

"Political Discourse among the Ethnic Groups in the Post-Revolutionary Period in the Ottoman Empire," paper delivered in MESA Panel entitled **Ethnic Politics in Post Revolutionary Ottoman Empire: 1908-1918**. November 17-20, 2007 Palais des Congrès de Montréal Hyatt Regency Montréal Hotel Intercontinental.

"When Software meets Parliamentary Debates: Envivo and the Ottoman Parliamentary debates of 1908-1909," talk delivered at Butler Library, sponsored by the **Electronic Text Division of Butler Library**, May 29, 2008, Columbia University.

"Formation of Public Sphere(s) in the Aftermath of the 1908 Revolution among Armenians, Arabs and Jews," paper delivered at the international conference marking the centennial of the Young Turk Revolution entitled **La Révolution de 1908 Dans L'Empire Ottoman** EHESS and Princeton University, Paris, 5-7 June, 2008.

"Ecclesiastical Politics and "The Question of Jerusalem," after the Young Turk Revolution: The case of Jews, Armenians, and Greeks," paper delivered in **Hundred Years of the Young Turk Revolution and its Impact on Eretz Israel/Palestine**, an international conference in honor of Prof. Haim Gerber, Organized by the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Forum of Turkish Studies, Hebrew University, The Department of Middle East History, Haifa University, and Yad Itzhak Ben Zvi Institute Jerusalem, 2-3 July, 2008.

"Continuity and Change in the Political Culture of the Old City of Jerusalem in the turn of the 20th century," talk delivered in **Continuity and Change in the Culture and Society of Jerusalem/ Jerusalem Seminar Series** organized by MIT's Center for International Studies, September 15, 2008 4:30pm - 6:30pm, 37-212, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Armenians of Palestine under the British Mandate (1918-1948)," paper delivered in MESA Panel entitled **Armenians in the Arab World**, November 17-20, 2007, Washington Mariott Wardman Park.

"From Verbal to Physical Violence: Ihsan Fikri's *Itidal* and the Massacres of Adana in 1909," paper delivered in **Armenian Studies at a Threshold; Society for Armenian Studies 35th Anniversary Conference** held on March 26-28, 2009 on the UCLA campus in Los Angeles.

"Revisiting the Massacres of Adana of 1909: Revolution, Power, and Violence,," talk delivered in **The Adana Massacres of 1909: Legacy and Perspectives**, on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m., at

the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR) Center, 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA.

"The Birth of Jamanak Newspaper," paper delivered in **Jamanak Newspaper's 100th Anniversary** sponsored by the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), together with AGBU, C.A.R.S., Tekeyan Cultural Association, Inc., Esayan-Getronagan Alumni, Inc., Armenian American Support and Educational Center, Inc., Tibrevank Alumni, Inc., and Forest Hills Armenian Cultural Center invite you to attend a day of investigation and insight into the history and present of the Armenian community of Istanbul on Saturday, May 16 2009.

"Theory, Methodology, and Technology in reconstructing modern Armenian History," in **Integrating Armenian Studies into Middle Eastern Studies**, a Roundtable Discussion organized by Prof. Elyse Semerdjian, at MESA, Coopley Center, Boston, MA, Nov. 22, 2009

"From Bloodless Revolution to a Bloody Counter-Revolution: The Adana Massacres of 1909" a lecture organized by the **Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center (MEMEAC)** Thursday October 15, 2009, at the Graduate Center CUNY.

"The Armenian Genocide through the Prism of the Adana Massacres," a lecture organized by **The Zoryan Institute**, Toronto French School, Friday, January 29, 2010.

Chair of **"Diaspora and Cultural Development"** in **International Conference and Student Workshop on the Armenian Diaspora**, Boston University, February 12-14, 2010.

"Opening Remarks" in America's Response to the Armenian Genocide: From Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama a one day conference sponsored by the Faculty of History, the Center for International Studies (CIS), the Office of the Religious Affairs, and the Program on Human Rights & Justice (PHRJ), held on March 13, 2010, Building 10, Room 250 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Armenian Archives and the Armenian Genocide: The Case of the Armenian Genocide Archives of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem," paper presented in **The State of the Art of Armenian Genocide Research: Historiography, Sources, and Future Directions**, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, 8-10 April 2010.

"The Taboo within the Taboo: The Fate of the 'Armenian Capital' in the End of the Ottoman Empire," a lecture at Fresno State University, CA organized by the **Armenian Studies Program** at on April 16, 2010, at the University Business Center.

"The Armenian Genocide and the Archives of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem" in **Lessons and Legacies XI**, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida November 4-7, 2010.

"Economic Policies of Genocide: The Ramifications of the Armenian Genocide," in a Panel entitled "The Armenian Genocide" the Third International Conference on Genocide: Negationism, Revisionism, Survivors' Testimonies, Eyewitness Accounts, Justice and Memory which took place on November 2-4, 2011 at California State University, Sacramento.

"The Armenian Community of Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future," a lecture organized by the Armenian Relief Society Youth Connect Program. Took place in March 17, 2012, DePaul University, Lincoln Park Campus, Illinois.

"The Impact of the Arab Spring on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict," paper presented at a workshop at University of Nebraska/Omaha (UNO) organized by Prof. Moshe Gershovich entitled *The Arab Spring One Year Later: Assessments and Projections* Sunday, April 15, 2012, CPACS Building (Room 101), University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Discussant on a Book Panel on Uğur Ümit Üngör's *The Making of Modern Turkey: Nation and State in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1950* (Oxford, 2011) with Profs. Ron Suny, Howard Eissenstat, and Uğur Ümit Üngör. The Association for the Study of Nationalities/ 2012 World Convention to take place at the International Affairs Building, Columbia University in New York, April 21st Session XVII.

Discussant of "Race and Space: The Armenian Genocide in the Context of Population and Territory, by Prof. Uğur Ümit Üngör, Department of History of Utrecht University and the Institute for War and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam," University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 27, 2012.

"Modernity and Genocide: The Armenian, Rwandan, and the Darfur Cases," a talk delivered at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor on Nov. 7, 2012. The talk was organized by the Armenian Studies Program at the University.

Discussant of "Ottoman Inter-Confessional Dialectics in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries," a Panel organized by Scott Ryan in Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, November 18, 2012.

"Jerusalem in a Critical Period: Challenges Facing the New Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem," in *Armenian Jerusalem: Past and Present* a symposium organized by the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State, in cooperation with Save the ArQ, was held on February 8, 2013.

"Revisiting the debate about the Concentration Camps during the Armenian Genocide" a talk delivered in *Forgotten Genocides: New Perspectives on a Less Known History* a conference organized by the Harris Center for Judaic Studies at UNL, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 10, 2013.

"The Christian Minority in Israel-Palestine and the Arab Spring" paper delivered in **Minorities, Media, and Democratization in the Contemporary Middle East**. Middle East Project Fund at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Second Annual Scholarly Workshop, April 13-14, 2013, UNO.

"Between Religious and Secular: The Impact of the Revolution on Religious Politics in the Ottoman Empire," paper delivered in "What's in a Revolution?: Ideology, Practice and Social Change in the Second Constitutional Era," panel organized by Ceyda Karamursel in *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting* in October 10-13, Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Between Religious and Secular: The Impact of the Revolution on Religious Politics in the Ottoman Empire," a talk delivered at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor on Dec 17, 2013. The talk was organized by the **Armenian Studies Program** at the University.

"Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire," Book Talk given at the **National Association for Armenian Studies and Research**, Belmont, MA on Nov. 7, 2014, at 8:00pm.

"Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire," Book Talk given at the University of California-Berkeley sponsored by the **Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES)**, Armenian Studies Program. November 14, 2014, 6-7:30 p.m. 155 Kroeber Hall.

"Debating the Limits of Freedom in the Ethnic Press after the Young Turk Revolution of 1908," paper delivered in panel organized by Ami Ayalon and entitled **The Manifold Quest for Freedom at the Close of Ottoman Rule** in *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting* in November 22-25, 2014 in Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, D.C.

Chairing a panel entitled, "**Syrian Armenians in the Crossfire: The Syrian Uprising and the Future of a Shrinking Minority**," organized by Elyse Semerdjian in *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting* in November 22-25, 2014 in Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, D.C.

"Opening Remarks" of the conference "**Armenians in the Ottoman Empire in the 19th-20th Centuries**" marking the 40th Anniversary for the founding of the Society for Armenian Studies (SAS) November 21-22, 2014, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Washington, DC.

"Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire," Book Talk given at the University of California-Los Angeles, February 10, 2015, organized by the **Hovannisian Chair of Modern Armenian History and the Center for Near Eastern Studies**.

"Opening Remarks" for the International Conference entitled **Corssing the Centennial: The Historiography of the Armenian Genocide Re-Visited** took place at UNL on March 19-20. The

Conference is co-sponsored by Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Society for Armenian Studies, Department of History, The Faculty Senate Convocation Committee, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Women's and Gender Studies and Institute of Ethnic Studies.

"The Armenian Genocide Historiography on the Eve of the Centennial: From Continuity to Contingency," paper delivered at an International Conference entitled **Genocide and Global History: A Conference on the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide**, at University of California-Los Angeles organized by the Richard Hovannisian Chair in Modern Armenian History and co-sponsored by the UCLA Department of History, UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA Gustave von Grunbaum Center for Near East Studies, April 10-11, 2015.

"The Armenian Genocide Historiography on the Eve of the Centennial: From Continuity to Contingency," Keynote speech delivered at Emory University on the 15th of April. The event was organized by the Department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures.

"The Armenian Genocide Historiography on the Eve of the Centennial: From Continuity to Contingency," Keynote speech delivered as the **Arsham and Charlotte Ohanessian Lecture** at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, on April 23, 2015. The Ohannesian lecture is delivered annually by a prominent scholar who has worked on issues pertaining to the Armenian Genocide.

"The Armenian Genocide," lecture delivered in **WWI and the Armenian Genocide Teacher Workshop**, April 25. The Workshop was organized by Center of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, on April 25, 2015

"Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire" Book Talk organized by the **Middle Eastern and the Middle Eastern American Center** at the **Graduate Center City University of New York** and co-sponsored by the **Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies** at New York University took place on May 7, 2015. The Discussant was Prof. Nader Sohrabi from the Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton, NJ.

FORTCOMING LECTURES

"Political Culture of the Young Turk Revolution of 1908: Symbolism, Space, and Language " Book Talk to be given at the **World History Seminar Series**, organized by the Faculty of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, September 25, 2015.

"Political Culture of the Young Turk Revolution of 1908" Book Talk to be given at the California State University-Fresno, organized by the **Armenian Studies Program**, October 30, 2015.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, NE, Assistant Professor of History, 2010-Present
TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, IL, Dumanian Visiting Professor in the Department
of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Spring- Quarter, 2014

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MA, Lecturer in Middle
East History, 2008-2010

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MA, Research Affiliate in
the Faculty of History, Summer 2009

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY, Teaching Assistant and Instructor in the
Department of Middle Eastern, Asian, and African Studies, 2001-2008

COURSES TAUGHT

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

Undergraduate

Capstone Seminar: Crimes Against Humanity
The World Since 1500
The History of Modern Middle East
Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
Honors Seminar: Race, Nation, and Genocides in the Modern World

Graduate

Reading in Comparative World History: Settler
Colonialism

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Graduate

Seminar: Armenians, Arabs, and Jews in Late Ottoman State and Society

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Undergraduate

The World Since 1492
Islam, the Middle East, and the West
The Middle East in the 20th Century
Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate

Language Instructor: Beginning Armenian and Intermediary Armenian (2006-2007)

Teaching Fellow (2002-2005; 2007-2008) Composed exams and term paper assignments; led weekly discussion sessions graded all written work and determined final grades for

Contemporary Islamic Civilization
Topics in Asian and Indian Civilization
Contemporary Islamic Civilization
Introduction to Islamic Civilization
Palestinian and Israeli Politics and Societies

DIRECTED READING AND INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES

Molly Haas, Independent Study "Reading of documents from the American Missionary Archives on the Armenians of Adana" (Fall 2013-Spring 2014), Department of History, UNL

Alex Rudolph, Independent Study "Reading Archival Sources on the Armenian Genocide" (Fall 2013), Department of History, UNL

Sophia Loveless, UCARE Program, Digitizing and Cataloguing archival material pertaining to the Hamidian massacres of 1894-96, Department of History, UNL

GRADUATE ADVISING

Supervisor (Completed):

Sam Taylor, (MA Thesis entitled "Imagining Palestine: The Press, Public Sphere, and Nationalism in the Second Constitutional Period, 1908-1914," University of Chicago, Awarded Spring Quarter 2014.

Supervisor (In Progress):

Michael Schuster (M.A. Student)

Committee Member (In Progress):

Beligh Ben Taleb (Ph.D.), Comprehensive Exam Committee (Fall 2015)

FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS

LAYMAN GRANT, University of Nebraska Foundation (2015-2016)

ALBIN T. AND PAULINE ANDERSON AWARD, Department of History, University of Nebraska- Lincoln (2015-2016)

GULBENKIAN POST-DOCTORAL SHORT-TERM RESEARCH GRANT, Lisbon, Portugal (2013)

CHARLES HENRY OLDFATHER RESEARCH GRANT, Department of History, University of Nebraska- Lincoln (2012-2013)

SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT, Faculty of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (2009)

CLARA AND KRIKOR ZOHRAB FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY (2007-2008)

CLARA AND KRIKOR ZOHRAB FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY (2006-2007)

MIDDLE EAST AND ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY (2006)

MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY (2006),

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DISSERTATION WRITING FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY, (2005-2006)

MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY, (2005)

The ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION AND THE JOHN W. KLUG ENDOWMENT FOR A NEW CREATION OF FACULTY EXCELLENT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY (2005)

GORVETZIAN FELLOWSHIP IN MIDDLE EASTERN AND ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, Columbia University, NY (2003-2004)

MIDDLE EAST LANG FELLOWSHIP, Columbia University, NY (2002)

THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE GRANT, Washington, DC. (2001)

ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION FELLOWSHIP, NY, (2001)

MARASH PATRIOTIC UNION SCHOLARSHIP, NY, (2001-2002)

GULBENKIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL, (2000)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Referee of Manuscripts and Articles for:

Oxford University Press
Stanford University Press
Bloomsbury Press
Comparative Studies in History and Society
Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal
Revolutionary Russia
Journal of Levantine Studies
Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient
Journal Society for Armenian Studies
Hackett Publishing Co., Inc

Review of Online Courses for:

Saylor Academy
<http://www.saylor.org/>

University

Organizer of "Race and Space: The Armenian Genocide in the Context of Population and Territory, by Prof. Ugur Ümit Üngör, Department of History of Utrecht University and the Institute for War and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam," University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 27, 2012.

Panelist, "The Impact of the Arab Spring on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict," presented in a panel on **The Arab Spring** at University of Nebraska-Lincoln took place on April 12, 2012 at 117 Bessey Hall with the participation of Dr. Nejib Ayachi from the Mahgreb Institute in Washington DC, who has advised the new Tunisian government and Simon Wood from the Department of Religious Studies.

Search Committee member for the Digital Humanities cluster hire at UNL (2013-2014)

Co-Organizer with Gerald Steinacher of *Forgotten Genocides: New Perspectives on a Less Known History*. A one day conference organized by the Harris Center for Judaic Studies at UNL, April 10, 2013.

Organizer of the International Conference entitled "Corssing the Centennial: The Historiography of the Armenian Genocide" to take place at UNL on March 19-20 at the Wick Alumni Center, Great Hall, 1520 R St in Lincoln. With the participation of 17 scholars from seven countries, the conference will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide (1915-2015). The Conference is co-sponsored by Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Society for Armenian Studies, Department of History, The Faculty Senate Convocation Committee, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Women's and Gender Studies and Institute of Ethnic Studies.

Departmental

Member of the Pauley Symposium Organizing Committee (2012)

Member of the Graduate Committee in the Department of History, UNL, (2013-)

Co-Organizer of *History, Truth, and Reconciliation: A Carroll R. Pauley Memorial Symposium* to take place at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, October 17-18, 2012. The symposium starts with the keynote address by Charles Villa-Vicencio from Georgetown University, a leading authority in the area of transitional justice and reconciliation. The title of his talk is "Violence, Religion, Financial Muscle, and Liberation: Can Africa Heal Itself?" (Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lied Center). On October 18 the symposium continues with Elazar Barkan, Alexander Byrd, Jim Miller and Christina Schwenkel, who are the leading scholars in the field from the United States and Canada (Thursday, October 18 from 8.30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Auditorium, 1400 R St.)

Community

Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of *Save the ArQ* a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that aims to create awareness of the significant religious, cultural, and historical presence of Armenians in Jerusalem and to encourage the revitalization of the Armenian Quarter in the Old City. www.savethearq.org

Panelist "The Message of Islam," Doane College (Lincoln campus), December 5, 2012

ORGANIZING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

Organizer of a symposium in Honor of Prof. Marc Nichanian entitled *Marc Nichanian's Contribution to the Field of Armenian Literature*, Sponsored by Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Center for Comparative Literature and Society, and The Harriman Institute, Columbia University; Thursday, April 5, 2007, 7:00 pm, 417 IAB, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, 420 W. 118th Street, New York, NY.

Co-organizer of "Historical Continuities, Political Responsibilities: Unsettling Conceptual Blind-Spots in Ottoman and Turkish Studies," Graduate Student Conference, May 4-5, 2007, New York University and The Graduate Center, CUNY.

Organizer of a Panel in MESA, 2007 entitled *Ethnic Politics in Post Revolutionary Ottoman Empire: 1908-1918*. November 17-20 Palais des congrès de Montréal Hyatt Regency Montréal Hotel Inter-Continental.

Organizer of *Iran through the Lens of History*, Lecture and movie series at MIT dealing with contemporary issues pertaining to Iranian politics, cinema, society and culture. The movie series that depict the multi-faceted aspect of Iranian cinema present the works of the most important Iranian directors. The event was sponsored by the Faculty of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 6-20, 2009.

Co-Organizer of *Armenian Studies at a Threshold* International Conference for the 35th Anniversary of the Society for Armenian Studies, March 26-28, 2009, University of California, Los Angeles. Over 40 papers were given at the conference dealing with different aspects of Armenian studies.

Co-Organizer of *America's Response to the Armenian Genocide: From Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama*. A one day conference sponsored by the Faculty of History, the Center for International Studies (CIS), the Office of the Religious Affairs, and the Program on Human Rights & Justice (PHRJ), held on March 13, 2010, Building 10, Room 250 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at MIT.

Organizer of a roundtable discussion at MESA, 2010 entitled *The Armenian Genocide after 95 Years: Recent Developments and Future Prospects for Research*. November 18-21 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego. The Panel was sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies.

Co-Organizer of *Armenian Jerusalem: Past and Present* a symposium organized by the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State, in cooperation with Save the ArQ, was held on February 8, 2013.

Co-Organizer of "The Making of Jerusalem: Sacred Spaces and Historic Communities," an International Conference that took place in the Gulbenkian Library in Jerusalem in July, 2014.

Organizer of “Armenians in the Ottoman Empire in the 19th-20th Centuries” marking the 40th Anniversary for the founding of the Society for Armenian Studies (SAS) November 21-22, 2014, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant Univeristy of Nebraska-Lincoln Peer Review Teaching Project 2014-2015
<http://courseportfolio.org/peer/pages/index.jsp?what=portfolioObjectD&portfolioObjectId=515>

INTERVIEWS

Interview with Ari Ariel from *New Books in Middle Eastern Studies* about *Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire* (Podcast- February 24, 2015) [54:32].<http://newbooksinmiddleeasternstudies.com/2015/02/24/bedross-der-matossian-shattered-dreams-of-revolution-from-liberty-to-violence-in-the-late-ottoman-empire-stanford-up-2014/>

Interview with *Jadaliyya* academic portal: New Texts Out: Bedross Der Matossian, *Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire*.
<http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/21670/new-texts-out-now-bedross-der-matossian-shattered->

Interview about the Armenian Genocide on the *Irish NewsTalk* “Talking History” hosted by Patrick Geoghegan (Trinity College Dublin). Along with John Paul Newman (National University of Ireland), John Horne (Trinity College Dublin), Michael Bobelian (US Journalist based in NY) and Margaret Ajemian Ahnert (Writer from NYC).

MEMBERSHIP

Middle East Studies Association
Society of Armenian Studies

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Vice-President of the Society of Armenian Studies (SAS) (re-elected Jan. 2015-)
Member at The Harris Center for Judaic Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2011-)
Member of the Advisory Board of *the Journal for the Society of Armenian Studies* (2013-)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

IAP (Independent Activities Period) coordinator of the **Faculty of History** at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2009)

Consultant in the **Electronic Text Service Department** in Butler Library, Columbia University, 2007-2008. The ETS is a research and instructional facility of the Columbia University Libraries which is designed to help Columbia faculty and students incorporate computer-based textual and bibliographic information into their research, study and teaching.

Library Consultant for the **National Association of Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR)** in Belmont, MA, (2008). Has worked on a large project of evaluating more than 5,000 books from NAASR's collection

Library Consultant for the **Research Center for Anatolian Studies Center (RCAC)** library, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey (2015)