

EDUCATION

- 2015 – to present **University of California, Los Angeles**
Ph.D. program in Armenian Studies
Dissertation topic: “Jehovah’s Witnesses in Post-Soviet Armenia”
- 2011 – 2012 **European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia**
Ph.D. program in Cultural Anthropology (coursework completed)
- Fall 2011 **Yerevan State University, Armenia**
Eastern Armenian Language Course
- 2009-2011 **European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia**
M.A. in Cultural Anthropology
Thesis: “The Armenian Diaspora in Saint Petersburg, Russia: Perceptions of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church”
- 2004-2009 **Siberian Federal University, Krasnoyarsk, Russia**
B.A. in Russian History, *Honors*
Thesis: “Armenians as a National Minority within the Host Society of the Yenisei-River Region, Russia”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- June-August 2018 **Teaching Fellow** at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA
Course: Jerusalem: The Holy City
- January-May 2018 **Adjunct Lecturer** at the American University of Armenia, Armenia
Course: Religion in America (15 weeks)
- January-May 2018 **Consultant of the Math&Writing Center** at the American University of Armenia, Armenia
Responsibilities: teaching writing to undergraduate and graduate students
- Sept 2016-June 2017 **Teaching Assistant** at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA
Course: Jerusalem: The Holy City
- March-June 2016 **Teaching Assistant** at the Department of Sociology
Course: Race and Ethnicity in American Life
- January-March 2016 **Teaching Assistant** at the Department of Germanic Language
Course: Holocaust in Films and Literature
- March-June 2015 **Teaching Assistant at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures**
Course: Intro to Eurasia

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- July 2015 till present **Fieldwork**: participant observation in the community of Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Republic of Armenia and Glendale, CA
- August 2011- June 2012 **Fieldwork**: participant observation and interviewing in the parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in Yerevan and Dimitrov, Armenia

CONFERENCES

- April 2017 **Presentation “Politics of Difference and Anti-Jehovah’s Witnesses Policies in Independent Armenia”** at the workshop “The Contemporary Construction of Armenian Identity” at UCLA, Los Angeles, California
- November 2016 **Presentation “Armenian Jehovah’s Witnesses in the U.S.: Nationalism in a Strictly Non-Nationalist Sect”** at the conference “Armenians in America” by the Society for Armenian Studies, Boston, Massachusetts
- October 2016 **Presentation “Jehovah’s Witnesses in Armenia: Nationalism in a Strictly Non-Religious Sect”** at the conference “critical Approaches to Armenian Identity in the

21st Century: Vulnerability, Resilience, and Transformation” by the Hrant Dink Foundation, Turkey

- September 2016 **Presentation “Armenians in St. Petersburg, Russia”** at the conference “Armenian Diaspora and Russo-Armenian Relations: Past and Present” at the Moscow State University, Russia
- March 2016 **Presentation “Jehovah's Witnesses in Armenia: nationalism in a strictly non-nationalist sect”** at the Graduate Student Workshop at the American University of Armenia, Yerevan
- May 2015 **Presentation “Armenians in St. Petersburg, Russia, in post-Soviet Period”** at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA
- October 2013 **Presentation “Assyrians in Armenia: Maintaining Ethnic Identity through Religious Choice”** at the conference “Religious Nationalism as Concept and Practice,” sponsored by European University at Saint Petersburg and Higher School of Economics, Russia
- February 2013 **Presentation “Between Nation and Faith: Armenians in the Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church in Yerevan, Armenia”** at the conference “Post-Atheism: Religion, Society and Culture in Post-Communist Eastern Europe and Eurasia,” Arizona State University, USA
- April 2011 **Presentation “‘Real’ and ‘Broken’ Armenians: Affiliation with the Armenian Apostolic Church as a Marker of Assimilation among Armenians in Saint Petersburg, Russia”** at the conference “Armenia in the Dialogue of Civilizations,” Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia

PUBLICATIONS

In English:

“Armenians in Saint Petersburg: Church Belonging as a Key Marker of Ethnic Identity,” in *Armenian Christianity Today: Identity Politics and Popular Practices*, Farnham: Ashgate, 2014

In Russian:

“‘Real’ and ‘Broken’ Armenians: Affiliation with the Armenian Apostolic Church as a Marker of Assimilation among Armenians in Saint Petersburg, Russia” in *Armenia in the Dialogue of Civilizations*, Proceedings of the International Symposium in Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia, 2011

“The Armenian Apostolic Church in Krasnoyarsk, Russia, and its Role in the Maintenance of Ethnicity Among Armenians in the Krasnoyarsk Region” in the 75th Anniversary Compendium, *Krasnoyarsk Region: The Past, Present and Future*, Vol. 2, Krasnoyarsk, Russia, 2009

HONORS AND GRANTS

- 2017 **Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA**
- 2017 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA**
- 2016 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA**
- 2015 **Summer Research Grant, UCLA**
- 2015 **Avedis and Arsen Sanjian Armenian Studies Fellowship Fund, UCLA**
- 2014-2017 **Armenian Studies Grant, Galoust Gulbenkian Foundation**
- 2013 **Opportunity Grant, EducationUSA, U.S. Department of State**

LANGUAGES

Russian (native)

English (fluent, written and spoken)

Eastern Armenian (advanced spoken, advanced written)

Classical Armenian (intermediate)

French (elementary spoken, intermediate reading)

References are available upon request.