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INSTITUTION	DEGREE	DATE
New York University	Ph. D	2010
New York University	M.A.	2004
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul	B.A.	2002

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2011-	McMillan-Stewart Career Development Assistant Professor of History, M.I.T.
2010-11	(Post-doc) Instructor in History, University of Michigan
2004-10	Teaching assistant at NYU, Departments of History, Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies, Religious Studies, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality,

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 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*, vol.55, no. 3, July 2013, 522-553.
- 2013 “The Chameleon that was the Armenian – Review Essay of *Crows of the Desert, The Memoirs of Levon Yotnakhparian* (California: Parian Photographic Design, 2012),” *Armenian Review*, Vol. 54, no.1-2, July 2013, n.p.
- 2012 “The Armenian National Delegation at the Paris Peace Conference and ‘The Role of the Armenian Woman during the War’ (Nov. 2012). Web project posted on the ‘World War I in the Middle East’ (NEH Summer seminar 2012)
- 2007 “Türk Kadını Savaş Yılları Boyunca Ne Yaptı? ve ‘Fokstrot Yarım ması,’ Kohar Mazlımyan,” *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar 2*, February 2007.
- 2004 “*Ardı mis*: An Armenian Women’s Journal Published in Egypt, 1902-1904,” *Journal of Armenian Studies*, vol. 8, no. 1, pp. 11-28.
- 2001 “Feminizm: Bir Adalet Feryadı,’ Hayganuş Mark’ın Hayatı, Dünyaları ve Etkinlikleri (1885-1966)” [‘Feminism: A Cry For Justice,’ The Life, Work and Activism of Hayganush Mark’ (1885-1966)], co-authored with Melissa Bilal and Belinda Mumcu, in *Toplumsal Tarih* [Social History], vol. 87, p.48-57. [This article won third prize in the academic competition of the journal *Toplumsal Tarih* among university students in Turkey].

Books

- 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, Aras Publishing House, Istanbul.

Book Chapters

- 2006 “Sonsöz - Osmanlı ve Türkiye Kadın Hareketi Hakkındaki Tarihyazımında Türk ve/veya Müslüman Olmayan Kadınlar, Bir Yokluğun Anatomisi” [Epilogue - Anatomy of an Absence: Non-Turkish and/or non-Muslim Women in the Historiography of Ottoman and Turkish Women’s Movements] in *Bir Adalet Feryadı*, pp. 242-264.

In Preparation

- *Surviving the New Turkey: Armenians in Post-Ottoman Istanbul*, book manuscript invited by Stanford University Press.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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

INVITED TALKS

- Sep. 2013 Talk: “A Gendered Genocide and a Gendered Aftermath: Armenians during and after World War I,” Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University.
- May 2013 Talk: “Agop Hacıyan’s *My Ethnic Quest* and What it Tells Us about the Turkish Armenian Experience in the 20th Century,” Armenian General Benevolent Union, Montreal, Canada.
- Dec. 2012 Talk: “Wishful Thinking or Insidious Camouflage? Armenians Responding to the New Turkey,” National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, MA.
- Oct. 2012 Talk: “Improvising Turkishness: Armenian Responses to Exclusion in the New Turkey,” Seminar on Turkey in the Modern World, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University.
- March 2012 Talk: “A Climate for Abduction, A Climate for Redemption: Armenian Women and Their Children during and Immediately after the Genocide,” Middle East Institute, Columbia University.
- March 2012 Panelist: “When Does the ‘Periphery’ Matter? Minors and Female Bodies after the Great War,” at workshop titled “Patterns of Innovation and Change in the Ottoman Empire: Views from the Peripheries,” Department of History, McGill University, Canada.
- Dec. 2011 Panelist: “Armenians in Occupied Constantinople,” 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 Presenter: “Gendered Ways of Adopting to the New Turkish Republic,” at the second working seminar of the international research group called “Gender and Inter-confessional Relationships in South Eastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (19th -21st centuries),” École Française d’Athènes (EFA), Athens, Greece.
- Oct. 2011 Panelist: “The Failed Belonging: Turkish Armenians Remembering their Ottoman Past,” at the Workshop of Armenian Turkish Scholarship’s eight meeting entitled “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.

- March 2011 Panelist: “Tensions of Difference: Understanding Interethnic Violence and its Absence in the Ottoman Empire,” at workshop entitled “Violence in Anatolia,” Program in Ottoman Studies, NYU.
- Dec. 2010 Talk: “And then a Hero Comes Along: Istanbul Armenians Re-fashioning Turkishness, 1918-1933,” Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan.
- Oct. 2010 Panelist: “Armenia – “Independent,” “Greater,” and “Soviet”: The Evolving Attitudes of the periodical *Hay Kin* (*Armenian Woman*, Istanbul), 1918-1922,” at conference entitled “Armenia and Its Diaspora: Institutional Linkages and Cross-Border Movements,” Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan, Dearborn.
- June 2010 Panelist: “Ottoman Armenians, Turkish Armenians: Refashioning of Self and Identification,” at the panel “Revisiting the Ottoman Legacy through Art and Scholarship,” (part of Blind Dates curatorial project), Pratt Institute, NYC.
- Dec. 2010 Presenter: “Armenian, Greek, and Turkish Women: How do We Foster Inclusive/Entangled Scholarship?” at the first working seminar of the international research group called “Gender and Inter-confessional Relationships in South Eastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (19th -21st centuries),” École Française d’Athènes (EFA), Athens, Greece.
- April 2008 Panelist: “Making Peace at Times of Post-war: Armenians in Istanbul (1918-1923)” at workshop entitled “From Empire to Nation State: the Ottoman Great War and Post-war Politics,” University of Richmond, Virginia.
- February 2008 Book talk: *Bir Adalet Feryadı, Osmanlı’dan Cumhuriyet’e Beğ Ermeni Feminist Yazar (1862-1933)* [A Cry for Justice: Five Armenian Feminist Writers from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic (1862-1933)], at panel entitled “Armenian Women Writing across Translation,” CUNY Graduate Center.
- March 2007 Talk: “Recruiting Wombs: Pronatalism and the Construction of Armenian Motherhood in Late Ottoman Istanbul (1919-1923),” Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania.
- April 2007 Talk: “Can Feminists Survive a Nation? Armenian Women Intellectuals and their Discourses in 1920s Istanbul,” Armenian International Women’s Association, Massachusetts.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- June 2013 Organizer of the panel titled “Interwar Turkey: (A) Modern? Authoritarian? Secular? Nation?” and presenter of the paper “Politics of Exclusion in the Early Turkish Republic: The Case of Non-Muslim Citizens,” Council for European Studies Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 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.
- March 2012 “To Collect is to Recollect: Sexualized Violence in the First Survivor Testimonies after the 1915 Armenian Genocide,” at conference titled “Beyond Testimony and Trauma: Oral History in the Aftermath of Mass Violence,” at the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, Concordia University, Canada.
- Nov. 2009 “Management of Difference: Armenian Discourses on Turkishness, 1918-1938,” panel organizer (“Turkish Armenians after 1915,” co-sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies and Turkish Studies Association), at Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston.

- March 2009 “Approaching the Unfortunate Sister and her Child: Sexual Violence as a Boundary Maker during and after the Armenian Genocide” at Society for Armenian Studies, 35th Anniversary Conference, UCLA.
- Nov. 2008 “Armenian Children as Reservoirs of Memory, Pain, and Hope” at Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- June 2008 “Sharing a Feminist Space: Armenian Woman Looking at ‘Other Women’ in Istanbul, 1919-1933,” panel co-organizer at the Fourteenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Minnesota.
- March 2008 “The *Bolsobay* Effect: The ‘Authentic Armenian’ Among Turks,” at a forum entitled “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), 1919-1923” at Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston.
- April 2006 “Armenian Women’s Activism and a New Look into the ‘Old’ Historiography on the Ottoman/Turkish Women’s Movement (1919-1920)” at conference entitled “Women in the Arts and Writing: Negotiating the Ottoman Public Sphere in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries,” Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Sept. 2004 “Non-Turkish Women: Absences and Silences in the Histories of the ‘Ottoman Women’s Movement’” at the conference entitled “Nationalism, Historiography and the (Re)construction of the Past,” Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham, UK.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association
 Middle Eastern Studies Association
 National Association for Armenian Studies and Research

LANGUAGES

Turkish, Armenian, Greek (intermediary)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Minorities in the Middle East and Europe (focus: interwar era)
 Post-genocide societies
 History of feminism
 Politics of historiography

TEACHING at MIT

Spring 2012

WGS.220: Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa (WGS)
 21H.365: Cultural Pluralism in the Middle East (History)

Fall 2012

21H.001: How to Stage a Revolution (Co-taught with Craig Wilder and Jeff Ravel)
 21H.381: Women and War (History, cross-listed with WGS)