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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015- McMillan-Stewart Associate Professor of History, MIT  
(affiliated with Women and Gender Studies Program and the Center for International Studies)
- 2011– 2015 McMillan-Stewart Assistant Professor of History, MIT
- 2010–2011 Manoogian post-doctoral fellow, Armenian Studies Program, Department of History, University of Michigan
- 2004–2010 Teaching assistant, Departments of History, Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies, Religious Studies, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, New York University

### EDUCATION

DATE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION
2010 (joint program of History and Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies)	Ph.D.	New York University
2004 (joint program of History and Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies)	M.A.	New York University
2002 Department of Sociology	B.A.	Bogazici University, Istanbul
1999-2000 Department of Political Science	exchange student	University of Athens, Greece

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

- In progress:* “Feminism in Armenian: A History” (co-authored with Melissa Bilal, invited for consideration by Stanford University Press)
- 2016 *Recovering Armenia: The Limits of Belonging in Post-Genocide Turkey* (Stanford University Press)
- Turkish translation: *Ermeniliğin Yeniden İnşası: Soykırım Sonrası Türkiye’de Aidiyetin Sınırları* (Istanbul, Aras Yayıncılık, expected date: 2018)
  - Armenian translation: [REDACTED] (being translated by Chaghik Azrouni, AUA)
- 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.

## Ongoing Digital Humanities Project

*Feminism in Armenian: A History*, digital archive of the twelve feminists that the current book project, “Feminism in Armenian: A History” (co-authored with Melissa Bilal)

### Articles in Refereed Journals

- 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): 657-79.
- [Turkish translation] “Paradoks Cumhuriyeti: Milletler Cemiyeti’nin Azınlıkları Koruma Rejimi ve Yeni Türkiye’nin Üvey Vatandaşları”. *Toplum ve Bilim*, no. 132 (2014): 50–77.
- 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): 522–53.
- [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): 223–56.
  - [Armenian translation] “Arevankumi yev Azadakrumi Mtnolord: Gineru yev Manugneru Nerkravman Kaghakaganutyune Hayots Tseghasbanutyane Entatskin U Ange Yedk”. *Haigazian Armenological Review*, no. 35 (2015): 327-374.
  - [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.

### Other Publications

- 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): 176-8.
- 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): 643-648.
- 2015 “Kalanlar: Savaş Sonrasında ve Tek Parti Döneminde İstanbul Ermeni Cemmati” [The Remainers: The Istanbul Armenian Community during and immediately after the Great War] in *1915: Öncesi ve Sonrasıyla Ermeni Siyaseti, Tehcir ve Soykırım* [1915: Armenian Politics, Deportations, and Genocide before, during, and after 1915], ed.s. Fikret Adanır and Oktay Özel (Istanbul: TESEV, 2015)
- 2015 “Türkiye Ermenileri” [Turkish Armenians], transliteration of 1922 Ottoman Turkish brochure and an introductory piece, “Mecbur” [Obligated] in *1915: Öncesi ve Sonrasıyla Ermeni Siyaseti, Tehcir ve Soykırım* [1915: Armenian Politics, Deportations, and Genocide before, during, and after 1915], ed.s. Fikret Adanır and Oktay Özel (Istanbul: TESEV, 2015)
- 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 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> (Sept.)
- 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
- 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): 102–9.
- 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.commonsworld.org/georgetown.edu/world-war-i-in-the-middle-east/>
- 2007 “‘Türk Kadını Savaş Yılları Boyunca Ne Yaptı?’ ve ‘Fokstrot Yarışması,’ Kohar Mazlımyan,” *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar* 2 (2007): 169-174.
- 2004 “*Ardēmis*: An Armenian Women’s Journal Published in Egypt, 1902–1904.” *Journal of Armenian Studies* 8, no. 1 (2004): 11–28.
- 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): 48–57. [Recipient of third prize in the academic history-writing competition of *Toplumsal Tarih* among university students in Turkey.]

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 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)

## INVITED TALKS, PANELS, and WORKSHOPS

- June 2017 “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 Book talk on *Recovering Armenia*, Khachaturian Armenian Community Center, San Francisco (June 7)
- June 2017 Book talk on *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 “Armenian Women in Turkey,” at panel titled “Armenian Women: from Role Player to Empowerment,” Haigazian University (April 29)
- April 2017 “Armenians in Turkey,” Hamazkayin Club, Aanjar, Lebanon (April 28)
- April 2017 “Challenges facing Armenians in Turkey in the aftermath of the Genocide,” Haigazian University, Beirut (April 28)
- April 2017 “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 2016 “Feminism in Armenian: Producing a Past, Creating a Present,” American University of Armenia (March 28)
- Sept. 2016 “Progressive Conservatism of Armenian Feminism in the Aftermath of the Genocide,” keynote speech delivered at international conference titled “After Genocide: From Trauma to Rebirth: A Gendered Perspective,” Yerevan, (Sept. 19)
- Sept. 2016 “Minorities in the early Turkish Republic: the Case of Armenians,” Yerevan State University, Department of Turkology (Sept. 19)
- Sept. 2016 “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, Istanbul
- 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 Hacikyan’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)*, 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**

- 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

#### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Historical Association  
 Middle Eastern Studies Association  
 Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (board member)  
 National Association for Armenian Studies and Research