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CURRENT POSITION

Charles K. and Elisabeth M. Kenosian Chair in Modern Armenian History and Literature
(2007 - pres.)

ACADEMIC TRAINING

History (Ph.D., 2003); Political Science (Ph.D., 1992)

Ph.D., History. 2003. Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.

Ph.D. Dissertation: "United States Policy toward the Armenian Question and the Armenian Genocide."

Areas of Concentration: Armenian History (Armenian Genocide, Republic of Armenia, diaspora), U.S. Diplomatic History, British Empire, Middle East.

Ph.D., Political Science. 1992. Department of Political Science, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

Ph.D. Dissertation: "Human Rights and U.S. Distribution of Foreign Economic and Military Assistance."

Areas of Concentration: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Public Policy, American Government.

M.A., Political Science. 1988. Department of Political Science, Wayne State University.

M.A. Thesis: "The Marshall Mission to China, 1946-1947."

B.A., Political Science and English Literature. 1984. with *High Distinction*, Wayne State University.

A.A., Liberal Arts. 1982. Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI.

PREVIOUS TEACHING POSITIONS

Clark University. 2002-2007. Kaloosdian/Mugar Chair in Armenian Genocide Studies and Modern Armenian History.

Teaching Fellow. 1998-2002. UCLA.

Instructor. Winter 1999-Spring 2002. California State University-Los Angeles.

Instructor. 1991-96. Department of Social Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI.

Instructor. 1992-95. Center for Peace and Conflict Studies & Department of Political Science, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

Instructor. 1995-96. Department of Political Science, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Instructor. 1993-95. Center for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI.

Instructor. 1992-94. Department of Political Science, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Graduate Teaching Assistant. 1985-92. Department of Political Science, Wayne State Univ.

OTHER TEACHING POSITIONS

SIE summer program (invited), Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, taught two courses, World History and Comparative Politics, July 1-Aug. 9, 2013.

COURSES TAUGHT, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 2007-PRES.***Primary Areas of Teaching***

Armenia from Antiquity to the Middle Ages

Byzantine Empire

History of Genocide

Modern Armenian History and Literature

Modern History & Geopolitics of the Caucasus

World History II, 1500s-Pres.

Armenian Genocide

Diaspora and Identity (seminar)

History of Nationalism (seminar)

Political & Cultural Revolutions

Prevention of Genocide

PUBLICATIONS

The Political Economy of Human Rights in Armenia: Authoritarianism and Democracy in a Former Soviet Republic. I.B.Tauris, 2011.

Armenian Constantinople. Co-edited with Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2010.

Armenian Cilicia. Co-edited with Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2008.

The History of Armenia: From the Origins to the Present. Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

United States Policy toward the Armenian Question and the Armenian Genocide. Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.

The Armenian Genocide, 1915-1923: A Handbook for Students and Teachers. Armenian Cultural Foundation, 2001. Published as instructional material for teachers and students on the subject of the Armenian Genocide for California's updated standardized tests, as required by the California Board of Education under the "History and Social Science Content Standards for Grades K-12," adopted in 1999.

International Political Economy: Conflict and Cooperation in the Global System (with Frederic S. Pearson). McGraw-Hill, 1999; Chinese translation, Peking University Press, 2006.

U.S. Foreign Economic and Military Aid: The Reagan and Bush Administrations. University Press of America, 1996.

Edited. *Occasional Papers: The Future of Sovereignty* 5:1 (Fall 1991). The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Wayne State University.

Instructor's Manual to Accompany International Relations: The Global Condition in the Late Twentieth Century. 3rd ed. Frederic S. Pearson and J. Martin Rochester. McGraw-Hill, 1992.

Book Chapters

"The Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo (Mid-1920s–Late 20th Century)." In *The Armenian Community in Syria*. Ed. Antranig Dakessian. Haigazian University Press, 2018. (Pp. 335–59)

"The Legacy of the Armenian Community in Syria: A Century of Diasporic Existence, 1915–2015." Keynote speech at the conference on the Armenian Community in Syria. In *The Armenian Community in Syria*. Ed. Antranig Dakessian. Haigazian University Press, 2018. (Pp. 21–45)

- “The End of the Armenian Communities of Asia Minor.” In *Armenian Communities of Asia Minor*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2014. (Pp. 271-310)
- “The Fateful Years: Kesaria during the Genocide.” In *Armenian Kesaria/Kayseri and Cappadocia*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2013. (Pp. 283-311)
- “Imagining Armenia.” In *The Call of the Homeland: Diaspora Nationalisms, Past and Present*. Ed. Allon Gal, Athena S. Leoussi, and Anthony D. Smith. Brill, 2010. (Pp. 105-138)
- “The Fate of the Armenians in Trebizond, 1915.” In *Armenian Pontus: The Trebizond-Black Sea Communities*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2009. (Pp. 271-292)
- “The Institutionalization of the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia in Antelias.” In *Armenian Cilicia*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian and Simon Payaslian. Mazda Publishers, 2008. (Pp. 557-592)
- “Anatomy of Post-Genocide Reconciliation.” In *The Armenian Genocide: Cultural and Ethical Legacies*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Transaction, 2007. (Pp. 409-428)
- “The Armenian Genocide in Diarbekir, 1915.” In *Armenian Tigranakert/Diarbekir*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2006. (Pp. 285-307)
- “The Armenian Resistance at Shabin-Karahisar.” In *Sebastia/Sivas and Lesser Armenia*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2004. (Pp. 399-426)
- “The Death of Armenian Karin/Erzerum.” In *Armenian Karin/Erzerum*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Mazda Publishers, 2003. (Pp. 339-364)
- “The United States Response to the Armenian Genocide.” In *Looking Backward, Moving Forward: Confronting the Armenian Genocide*. Ed. Richard G. Hovannisian. Transaction Publishers, 2003. (Pp. 51-80)
- “Human Rights and U.S. Bilateral Assistance to Developing Countries: the Bush Administration, 1989-1990.” In *Human Rights and Developing Countries*. Ed. David L. Cingranelli. JAI Press, 1996. (Pp. 163-181)
- “Peace as Pedagogy.” (with Frederic S. Pearson). In *Teaching World Politics: Contending Pedagogies for a New World Order*. Ed. Lev S. Gonick and Edward Weisband. Westview Press, 1992. (Pp. 127-136)

Articles in Scholarly Journals

- “Diasporan Subalternities: The Armenian Community in Syria.” *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies* 16:1/2 (2007 [2012]): 92-132.
- “Hovhannes Shiraz, Paruyr Sevak, and the Memory of the Armenian Genocide.” *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 16 (2007): 89-112.
- “The Destruction of the Armenian Church during the Genocide.” *Genocide Studies and Prevention* 1:2 (2006): 149-71.
- “After Recognition.” *Armenian Forum: Journal of Contemporary Affairs* 2:3 (2001): 33-56, 75-76.
- “Introduction,” for a collection of selected student papers from an undergraduate honors course on Comparative Genocide, Fall 1998, UCLA. *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 11 (2000): 127-28.
- “The Kurdish Question into the Twenty-First Century: Fractured Ethnonationalism, Geopolitics, and Self-Determination.” *Armenian Forum: Journal of Contemporary Affairs* 1:3 (Autumn 1998): 21-45.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Modern Armenia.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*. Ed. David Ludden. New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- “20th Century Genocides.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*. Ed. Patrick James. New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming); Updated edition of “20th Century Genocides.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*. Editor-in-Chief, David Armstrong. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012. [online]
- “Diaspora.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*. Editor-in-Chief, David Armstrong. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. [online]
- “Diaspora.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*. Ed. Bonnie G. Smith. Vol. 2. Oxford University Press, 2008. (Pp. 43-54)
- “Genocide.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*. Ed. Bonnie G. Smith. Vol. 2. Oxford University Press, 2008. (Pp. 364-371)

Book Reviews

- Review (invited). David N. Yaghoubian. *Ethnicity, Identity, and the Development of Nationalism in Iran*. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2014. In *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 48.2 (May 2016): 416-18.
- Review (invited). Fuat Dündar. *Crime of Numbers: The Role of Statistics in the Armenian Question (1878-1918)*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2010. In *American Historical Review* 116:3 (June 2011): 906-07.
- Review (invited). Rubina Perroomian. *And Those who Continued Living in Turkey after 1915: The Metamorphosis of the Post-Genocide Armenian Identity as Reflected in Artistic Literature*. Yerevan: Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, 2008. In *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 19 (2010): 132-34.
- Review (invited). Nicola Migliorino. *(Re)constructing Armenia in Lebanon and Syria: Ethno-Cultural Diversity and the State in the Aftermath of a Refugee Crisis*. New York; Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2008. In *Review of Middle East Studies (MESA)*, 43:2 (Winter 2009): 276-78.
- Review (invited). George Mouradian, *Never to Die: A Historical Novel about Armenia and the Quest for Noah's Ark*. MAG and Associates, 2005. In *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 17 (2007): 225-27.
- Review (invited). David Gaunt, *Massacres, Resistance, Protectors: Muslim-Christian Relations in Eastern Anatolia during World War I*. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2006. In *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 16 (2007): 191-93.
- Review (invited). Colin Tatz, Peter Arnold, Sandra Tatz, eds., *Genocide Perspectives II: Essays on Holocaust and Genocide*, Sydney: Brandl & Schlesinger with the Australian Institute for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, 2003. In *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 15 (2006): 243-45.
- Review (invited). Elizabeth Borgwardt, *A New Deal for the World: America's Vision for Human Rights*, Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 2005. In *Journal of American History* 93:2 (September 2006): 583-84.
- Review Essay. (invited). “The US and the Armenian Genocide.” In *Middle East Journal* 59:1 (Winter 2005): 132-40. Review of three books: Peter Balakian, *The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response*, HarperCollins Publishers, 2003; Jay Winter,

ed., *America and the Armenian Genocide of 1915*, Cambridge University Press, 2003; and Merrill D. Peterson, *“Starving Armenians”: America and the Armenian Genocide, 1915-1930 and After*, University of Virginia Press, 2004.

Review (invited). “*Ambassador Morgenthau’s Story*, 2003 Edition.” In *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 14 (2005): 222-24.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE, Fall 2007-pres.

Principal Advisor, Graduate Student, Dickran Khodanian, AY 2016-17.

Undergraduate International Relations Major, senior thesis advisor: Nour Nazem Fawwaz Nazem Al Kudsi, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Served as a Judge. Graduate Student Symposium 2015. Boston University, March 31, 2015.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE, Fall 2007-pres. (continued)

Served as Advisor. Ph.D. student, SED. Graduate Research Symposium 2015.

Ph.D. dissertation committee member, First Reader. University of Trento, Italy, Department of Sociology, 2013-2014

Ph.D. dissertation committee member, Third Reader. BU Department of Musicology and Ethnomusicology, 2013-2015

MA thesis committee chair. BU Department of International Relations, 2012-2013

Undergraduate History Major, senior thesis advisor. BU Department of History, 2010-2011

Undergraduate History Major, senior thesis defense committee. BU Department of International Relations, April 23, 2008

Tenure committee, Department of History, BU, 2017-2018.

Co-Director, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Minor, Spring 2015-pres.

Steering Committee, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Minor, Spring 2015-pres.

Chair, College of Art and Sciences, Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, Academic Year 2015-2016

College of Art and Sciences, Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Committee on History and Law joint program, Spring 2010

Committee on the Future of the History Department, Fall 2009

International History Institute, Boston University, Senior Fellow, 2007-pres.

BU, Public Events Organized (Lectures, Conferences, Receptions), Fall 2007-pres.

Public lecture by Hon. Christopher Young (Retired Crown Court Judge), England, “What Attracted H.F.B. Lynch to Armenia? Origins and Influences,” Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering (CILSE), October 1, 2018. Video posted on BUiverse.

Public lecture by Professor David Cingranelli (Binghamton University, SUNY), “Human Rights and Violent Internal Conflict,” GSU Conference Auditorium, September 26, 2017. Video posted on BUiverse. Event co-sponsored by the Department of History, Department of Political Science, Elie Wiesel Center For Jewish Studies, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Holocaust & Genocide Studies, International History Institute, and International Law Society.

Co-Director of the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Minor, with Professor Nancy Harrowitz, Director of Holocaust and Genocide Studies Minor. Organized the screening of the

movie “Denial” and the public talk by Professor Deborah Lipstadt for the Boston community. Both events took place on October 19, 2016.

Public lecture: “Kenosian Chair Current Issues Series: The United Nations, Armenia, and the Sovereignty of Nagorno Karabagh.” Guest speakers, former Ambassadors of the Republic of Armenia, Rouben Shougarian (Lecturer, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University) and Armen Baibourtian (Lecturer, University of Massachusetts, Amherst). March 26, 2014, The Castle, BU. Event co-sponsored by the History Department, Department of International Relations, and the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, MA.

Public lecture by Armine K. Hovannisian, J.D., Executive Director of Junior Achievement of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia, “Poverty and the Rights of Children in Armenia.” November 11, 2012. Event held at the Castle, BU. Co-sponsored by the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, MA, and the Zoryan Institute, Toronto, Canada.

Reception for the Armenian Student Associations in the Boston area. September 30, 2012. Event held at the Castle, BU. Discussed the Armenian program at BU.

Public lecture by Professor James Russell, Harvard University, “Calm before the Storm: The Armenian Poet Misak Medzarents on the Threshold of the Genocide.” October 13, 2010. Event held at the Castle, BU. Video posted on BUiverse. Co-sponsored by the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, MA.

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Manuscripts Reviewed

Democratization

Historical Journal

International Journal of Middle East Studies

Genocide Studies and Prevention

Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Journal of American Ethnic History

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES / PANELS

“An Outline of the Conceptualization of the Independence of the Fatherland as Presented in the American-Armenian Press (Late Nineteenth-Early Twentieth Century).” Paper presented at the international conference dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of the first Republic of Armenia, 1918-1921, organized by the Division of Armenology and Social Sciences of the Armenian National Academy of Sciences, the Armenian Historical Institute, and Yerevan State University, Yerevan, May 25-26, 2018.

“*Free Armenia* (newspaper)—Herald of the Anti-Bolshevik Rebellion, February-April 1921.” Paper presented at the international conference commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the first Republic of Armenia, 1918-1921. The conference was organized by the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Antelias, Lebanon, March 21-23, 2018.

“U.S. Foreign Policy and an Ethnic Community: The Case of the American-Armenian Community during the Cold War.” Paper presented at the 12th BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group annual conference, September 21-22, 2017, University of Edinburgh, UK.

Invited talk. Black Lives Matter Panel. Boston University, December 5, 2016.

- “The Origins of the Armenian Community in the U.S. and the Construction of Armenian-American ‘Cultural Congruence’.” Workshop. “Jewish, Armenian, and African Diasporic Identities: Constructed and in Formation—The U.S. and Beyond.” Organized by the African-American Studies/History. Boston University. September 24, 2015.
- Keynote address. “The Legacy of the Armenian Community in Syria: A Century of Diasporic Existence, 1915-2015.” Opening ceremony of the Conference on the Armenian Community in Syria. Haigazian University, Beirut, Lebanon. May 24, 2015.
- “The Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo, WWI-Present.” Paper presented at the conference on the Armenian community in Syria. Haigazian University, Beirut, Lebanon. May 25-27, 2015.
- “Perilous Sovereignty: Human Rights in Armenia.” Symposium on the Contemporary Caucasus. Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University. March 2, 2012.
- “Genocide Recognition and the Political Economy of US Foreign Policy.” Conference on “America’s Response to the Armenian Genocide: From Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama.” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March 13, 2010.
- “Hovannes Shiraz, Paruyr Sevak, and the Memory of the Armenian Genocide.” The 37th Annual Comparative Literature Symposium, Texas Tech University. “Memory and History: Cultural Representations of Displacement and Genocide.” March 2004.
- “The Institutionalization of the Cilician Catholicosate at Antelias, Lebanon, 1921-1956.” International Conference on Historic Armenian Provinces and Cities. UCLA. October 2000.

Guest Speaker and Other Community / Professional Activities

- Guest Speaker.* “Ultranationalism and the Construction of Belongingness in Homeland Epistemic Communities: The Case of Post-Soviet Armenia.” Sponsored by the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and the Mashtots Chair in Armenian Studies. Harvard University, November 9, 2015.
- Guest Speaker.* “Was the Armenian Genocide a Model for the Holocaust?” International History Institute, Boston University. February 24, 2015.
- Guest Speaker.* “The Origins of the Armenian Community in New England and the Construction of Armenian-American ‘Cultural Congruence’.” Armenian Studies Program. California State University, Fresno. September 12, 2014.
- Guest Speaker.* “The Origins of the Armenian Community in New England and the Construction of Armenian-American ‘Cultural Congruence’.” Swissnex (Swiss Consulate) Boston. Cambridge, MA, June 13, 2014.
- Guest Speaker.* “The Armenian Community in Syria under the Asad Regimes, 1970-pres.” Armenian Community Center, Toronto, May 12, 2013.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association
 American Political Science Association
 Middle East Studies Association
 Society for Armenian Studies