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LANGUAGES: English - Native | French - Fluent | Armenian - Novice proficiency | Russian - Elementary proficiency

EDUCATION

Boston University: September 2023 - PRESENT

Current **Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science**; specialization in conflict resolution, political violence and atrocity crime, authoritarianism, geopolitics of Eurasia (Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia). Concentration in International Relations, Comparative Politics; additional coursework completed at Harvard University, Mass. Institute of Technology (MIT), and Northeastern University.

University of Massachusetts, Boston: September 2017 - May 2022

BA/MA in **International Relations** earned from the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies; affiliated prior with the College of Liberal Arts & the Honors College. Certified alumnus of UMass Boston's **Graduate Teaching Program**.

PUBLICATIONS

- Hackett, D. (2024). "Sieves of Responsibility" — Connecting Failures of Genocide Prevention and Geopolitical Interests to Atrocity in Nagorno-Karabakh. *International Journal of Armenian Genocide Studies*, 9(1). Retrieved from <http://agmipublications.am/index.php/ijags/article/view/92>
- Joeden-Forgey, E.V., Massimo, I. V., Hackett, D. R., & Périllat, L., et. al. (2023). (rep.). *Risk Factors and Indicators of the Crime of Genocide in the Republic of Artsakh: Applying the UN Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes to the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict*. Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention. Retrieved from https://www.lemkininstitute.com/files/ugd/9bc553_2e3babd9d7834d7fbcf262f88c9fa74.pdf

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **[UPCOMING] FALL 2026 (BU):** CASPO 151: Intro to Comparative Politics (TF), Political Science
- **[UPCOMING] SUMMER 2026 (BU Summer Challenge):** Seminar in International Relations (INST. OF RECORD), BU Pre-College Programs
- **SPRING 2026 (BU):** CASPO 313: Public Policy of "The Wire" (TF), Political Science
- **FALL 2025 (BU):** CASPO 307: US Public Opinion (TF), Political Science
- **FALL 2025 (BU):** CASPO 321: US Public Policy (TF), Political Science
- **SUMMER 2025 (BU):** CASPO 171: Intro. to International Relations, (INST. OF RECORD), Political Science
- **SPRING 2025 (BU)** CASPO 141: Introduction to Public Policy (TF), Political Science
- **FALL 2024 (BU):** CASPO 321: US Public Policy (TF), Political Science
- **SUMMER 2024 (UMB):** Intro to Political Science, (INST. OF RECORD), Directions for Student Potential
- **SUMMER 2023 (UMB):** Intro to Political Science, (INST. OF RECORD), Directions for Student Potential
- **FALL 2022 (UMB):** Critical Reading & Writing (INST. OF RECORD), Pathways & Multilingual Programs
- **FALL 2022 (UMB/OLLI Workshop):** "Who's Charlie? The Past, Present, and Future of Transportation in Boston"
- **SUMMER 2022 (UMB):** Grammar & Syntax (INST. OF RECORD), Pathways & Multilingual Programs
- **SPRING 2022 (UMB):** Critical Reading & Writing (INST. OF RECORD), Pathways & Multilingual Programs
- **FALL 2021 (UMB):** Elective Course: "Social Sciences" (INST. OF RECORD), Pathways & Multilingual Programs

AWARDS

- **SPRING 2026: Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award for Political Science (2025-2026), Boston University** - Financial endowment and recognition for “outstanding contributions” as teaching fellow in PO courses; duties acknowledged include student tutoring in office hours, grading work, student advising and academic support.
- **WINTER 2025: Lemkin Scholarship, Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute (AGMI)** - Award to fund on-site research work for publication on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflicts in the Int’l Journal of Armenian Genocide Studies (January 2025).
- **SPRING 2023: “Ambassador of Memory” Award, AGMI** - Award bestowed in honor of volunteer work completed to contribute materials to the AGMI and facilitate incorporation of new testimonies into the archives (May 2023).
- **SPRING 2022: Chancellor’s Scholarship, UMass Boston** - Merit scholarship received for academic achievement throughout undergraduate education (awarded consecutively from Fall 2017-Spring 2021).
- **SPRING 2022: Outstanding IR Research Capstone/Thesis Award, UMass Boston** - Graduate award received for outstanding quality of research and writing in IR Capstone (awarded Spring 2022)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- **2023-PRESENT: Graduate Community Organizer** - Continuing to spearhead community-building events for graduate student body under Director of Graduate Studies; allocated semester budget to plan morale-building events and social gatherings across Greater Boston and Eastern Massachusetts.
- **2024-PRESENT: Incoming Student Mentor** - Volunteered to assist with advising new Ph.D Students in the Political Science Department in navigating the curriculum and logistics of the program. Assigned *Y. Kuoti* in Fall 2024 and *D. Banketa* in Fall 2026.
- **SPRING 2026: Academic Program Review** - Participated in decennial external review process of Political Science as representative of graduate student body, offering detailed feedback on department logistics and academic service.
- **2024-2026: GSO Representative** - Working to ensure funding access for Political Science student body via representation at the Graduate Student Organization; assisting in organizing events and workshops across departments.
- **2025-2026: GSSS/TIPS Coordinator** - Working to promote student-led workshops in Political Science that advance dissertation work, publishable articles, and novel concepts in collegial, yet rigorous feedback sessions.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- **[UPCOMING: SUMMER 2026] Graduate Fellow, Summer Program on Migration and Borders (CFD)** - Funded travel and research fellowship awarded to attend the Center for Forced Displacement’s (CFD) annual graduate workshop series in Belgrade, Serbia during its June 2026 iteration.
- **[UPCOMING: SUMMER 2026] Ph.D Fellowship, Saperstein Symposium (Wayne State Univ.)** - Funded fellowship awarded for monthlong residence period at Wayne State University for development of doctoral prospectus at Center for Peace and Conflict Studies in Summer 2026.
- **WINTER 2025: “Teaching the Holodomor: Inclusive Literacy and Learning” (Davis Center, Harvard Univ.)** - Seminar dedicated to inclusive pedagogy practices surrounding practice of teaching undergraduate/secondary students about historic context of the Holodomor—linked to discourse and violence within the Russo-Ukrainian War.
- **SUMMER 2023: Genocide & Human Rights University Program, Zoryan Institute (Univ. of Toronto)** - Funded travel to Toronto and participation in two-week period of collaborative workshops surrounding the academic study of genocide, atrocity crime, human rights, and the protection of international law.

NOTABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, Yerevan, Armenia - *Research Assistant & Copy Editor*

JANUARY 2023 — PRESENT

- Continuing to contribute to the AGMI (following internship period from January through May of 2023) in dual remote/on-site capacity, editing research on the impact of the Armenian Genocide on int’l politics today.
- Additional responsibilities include editing academic research papers destined for publication in the International Journal of Armenian Genocide Studies, providing Anglophone oversight on museum texts in exhibitions.

Foreign Ministry of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, Yerevan Office, Armenia - *Research Assistant*

MARCH 2023 — AUGUST 2023

- Assisted in the publication of reports for the Foreign Minister of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh Republic), Sergey Ghazarian, while stationed at the NKR Representative Office in Yerevan.
- Specific responsibilities involved copy-editing reports and materials for Anglophone audiences, coordinating outreach strategy for the Representative Office with the Foreign Minister and facilitating its execution.

Undergraduate English Language Program, UMass Boston - *Associate Lecturer & Instructor of Record*

AUGUST 2021 — PRESENT

- Instructed a “**Introduction to Political Science**” course to pre-collegiate students in the Directions for Student Potential Program in Summer 2024, repeat iterations in following summer sessions..
- Instructed English courses on “Critical Reading and Writing” in academic spaces during the Fall 2022 semester following Fall 2021 elective course. Continued to teach course for two student cohorts in Summer 2024.
- Co-instructed courses within the **SI Model** as a Supplemental Instructor and course tutor through multiple semesters.
- Managed workshops and individual lectures for program’s student body on topics of salience to the department (e.g. “Public Speaking,” “Global Conflict,” “Understanding the War in Ukraine [March 2022])

Mass. House of Representatives — Office of Daniel J. Hunt, Office of Carole A. Fiola - *Research Assistant*

JUNE 2022 — DECEMBER 2022

- Worked as researcher in Rep. Fiola’s office (Sept-Dec. 2022) to organize and analyze data within the **Joint Committee on the Arts, Tourism, and Cultural Development (JCATCD)** surrounding green-energy initiatives and reimbursement policies across utility providers within Massachusetts.
- Worked as researcher in Rep. Hunt’s office (June-Sept. 2022) in the analysis and organization of data within the **House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight** surrounding the distribution of federal stimulus to all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts during the COVID-19 pandemic for legislator and public review.