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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Old World Archaeology – Southern Caucasus, Anatolia, Near East

Early Complex Societies, Prehistoric Adaptive Human Sustainability, Landscape Patterning, Spatial Archaeology, Prehistoric and Early Historic Cave Use, Lithic Technology, Obsidian Sourcing

EDUCATION

2014 C. Phil. Archaeology, University of California, Los Angeles

2012 M.A. Archaeology, University of California, Los Angeles

2009 A.A. Anthropology, Santa Barbara City College

2008 B.A. Classical Languages and Literature, University of California Santa Barbara
Russian Language and Literature, University of California Santa Barbara**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**W 2016 Armenian National Science Foundation (ANSEF) Award (#arch-4336) -
Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association: Tracing our Roots

Su 2015 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Steinmetz Summer Research Travel Grant

S 2015 R.E. Taylor Society for Archaeological Sciences Honorable Mention

S 2015 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Conference Travel Grant

S 2014 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Conference Travel Grant

F 2013 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Fellowship

Su 2013 Graduate Student Summer Mentorship, UCLA

S 2013 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Conference Travel Grant

2012 – 2013 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Fellowship

S 2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention

Su 2012 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Steinmetz Summer Research Travel Grant

2011 – 2012 Graduate Research Fellowship, UCLA

S 2011 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Research Grant: Armenia Research Fund

Su 2011 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Steinmetz Summer Research Travel Grant

2010 – 2011 UCLA IDP in Archaeology Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 Preliminary Results of the 2012 Excavations of the Late Neolithic Settlement of Masis Blur. In *Stone Age in Armenia*. Edited by Boris Gasparyan, Makoto Arimura, Sumio Fujii. Kanazava University Press. Pp. 39-53. (with Hayrapetyan, A., Gregory E. Areshian, Pavel Avetisyan).
- 2013 Masis Blur: A Late Neolithic Settlement in the Plain of Ararat, Armenia. In *Backdirt 2013: Annual Review of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA*. (with Gregory E. Areshian, Pavel S. Avetisyan, and Armine Hayrapetyan).
- 2011 Wine and Death: The 2010 Excavations Season at the Areni-1 Cave Complex, Armenia. In *Backdirt 2011: Annual Review of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA*. (with Gregory E. Areshian, Boris Gasparyan, Lyssa S. Stapleton, Dina Zardaryan).
- 2012 *The Case of Curious Charlie*. In *Backdirt 2012: Annual Review of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA*.

FIELD WORK

- 2015 - Present **Qarashamb Bronze Age Necropolis Excavations Project**
Project Lithic Specialist
Project Database Specialist
- 2012 - Present **Masis-Blur Archaeological Project, Armenia**
Field Director
Project Lithic Specialist
- 2015 **The Colossi of Memnon and Amenhotep III Temple Conservation Project**
Trench Supervisor
- 2013 **Tel Bet Yerah Research and Excavation Project, Israel**
Excavation crew member
- 2012 **Chincha Archaeological Project, Peru**
Trench Supervisor
Field School Supervisor
- 2011 **Arpa River Basin Survey, Armenia**
Co-Director (with Boris Gasparyan).
- 2010 **Areni-1 Cave Site Archaeological Excavations, Armenia**
Trench Supervisor
Fields School Supervisor
- 2010 **Areni Cave Complex Research Project, Armenia**
Field Director
- 2009 **Areni-1 Cave Site Archaeological Excavations, Armenia**
Trench Supervisor
- 2008 **Areni-1 Cave Site Archaeological Excavations, Armenia**
Crew Member
- 2008 **Dvin Archaeological Project, Armenia**
Crew Member

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 *Prehistoric Connections Between the Inhabitants of the Armenian Highlands and the Iranian Plateau*. 2nd Hamazasp and Ovsanna Chitjian Conference on Armenian Studies. Fall 2015. UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2015 *Provenance Study of Obsidian Artifacts from the Neolithic Settlement Masis Blur (Armenia) using Portable X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry*. Society of American Archaeology 80th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. April 15-April 19, 2015.
- 2014 *Masis Blur: A Neolithic Settlement in the Ararat Plain, Armenia*. Society for American Archaeology 79th Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. April 29 2014.
- 2014 *Provenance Study of Obsidian Artifacts from the Fowler Museum Collection (UCLA) using a Handheld X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer*. International Symposium on Archaeometry. Session on Stones, Plaster, and Pigments. Getty Villa, Los Angeles, CA. May 19, 2014.
- 2013 *Settlement Patterns and Social Complexity in the Arpa River Basin, Armenia: Results of a Preliminary Survey*, Society for American Archaeology 78th Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI.
- 2011 *Patterns of Cave Occupation during the Pre-Subboreal Holocene of the Caucasus and Center Near Eastern Highlands*. Symposium Session on Advances in the Prehistory of the Southern Caucasus at the Society for American Archaeology 76th Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA. March 30-April 2, 2011.

ACADEMIC and PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2016 *First Steps Towards Understanding Past Societies and Cultures on the Territory of the Armenian Highlands. An Archaeological Perspective*. Fall 2015. Guest Lecture, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA. (Armenian 106A: Armenian Society and Culture).
- 2015 *Putting People into Their Places: A Geoarchaeological Approach*. Fall 2015. Guest Lecture, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia. (CHSS 195: Introduction to Archaeology).
- 2015 *Portable X-ray Spectrometry (pXRF) in Archaeology*. Fall 2015. Institute of Physics of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia.
- 2015 *The Way We Were: Researching the Prehistoric Period in Armenia*. Spring 2015. Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Distinguished Guest Speaker Series, Irvine, CA.

- 2015 *Chiefdoms and the Armenian Neolithic, a view from Masis Blur, Armenia*. Winter 2015. Guest Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, UCLA (Anthro 114L: Archaeology of Chiefdoms.)
- 2014 *Geochemical characterization of Obsidian from Masis Blur, a Late Neolithic Settlement in Armenia*. Spring 2014 Wednesday Public Talk series. Cotsen Institute of Archaeology (UCLA). Los Angeles, CA.
- 2012 *Pots, Pans, Buckets, and Bones: What can a microscope tell us?* Girls in Ocean Sciences Teen Conference. Ocean Institute, Manhattan Beach, CA.
- 2011 *Science and Archaeology: View from a Cave*. St. Matthias High School, Downey, CA.
- 2010 *Snapshots from the Cave: New Discoveries from Areni-1, Armenia*. Fall 2008 Wednesday Public Talk series. Cotsen Institute of Archaeology (UCLA), Los Angeles, CA.

RELAVANT EMPLOYMENT

- 2015 – Assistant Direct of the Research Program for Armenian Archaeology and Ethnography, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA.
- 2015 – 2016 Graduate Student Researcher, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA.
- 2014 – 2015 Graduate Student Researcher, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA.
- Su 2014 Reader, Department of Anthropology, UCLA (Anthro 8: Introduction to Archaeology).
- W 2014 Teaching Assistant, Department of Classics, UCLA (Class 10: The Ancient Greeks).
- S 2013 Teaching Assistant, Department of Classics, UCLA (Class 10: The Ancient Greeks).
- W 2013 Teaching Assistant, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA (AN NE 15: Women and Power in the Ancient World).
- Su 2012 Teaching Assistant for Field School of the Chincha Archaeological Project.
- 2010 – 2011 Language Instructor, Department of Slavic Languages and Literature, UCLA (Beginning Russian 1-3).
- F 2010 GIS team member, “3D Saqqara,” A collaborative project attempts to recreate a 3D GIS map of the landscape of the ancient necropolis of Saqqara.
- Su 2010 Teaching Assistant for International Field School of the Areni-1 Cave Chalcolithic Cave Site Research and Excavation Project (UCLA).
- 2009 – 2010 Academic Coach. Extreme Learning. Santa Barbara High School. Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2001 – 2003 Language Instructor, Saturday Armenian School at St. Paul Armenian Apostolic Church, Fresno CA.

PROFESSIONAL AND ADVISORY ACTIVITIES

2016 – present	University of California, Los Angeles Representative to American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC) Board of Directors.
2015-2016	Student Director, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC).
W 2016	Committee Member and Panel Chair, 14 th Graduate Student Colloquium in Armenian Studies (UCLA).
W 2015	Panel Chair, 13 th Graduate Student Colloquium in Armenian Studies (UCLA).
Su 2013	Historical Consultant and Project Manager, <i>Pathways through the Past: Armenia</i> . A cultural and historical documentary on Armenia, a co-production of the CIOA (UCLA) and Joseph Rosendo's <i>Travelscope</i> .
F 2013 – present	Vice President, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Graduate Student Association (UCLA).
W 2013 – present	Advisory Council Member, Careers in Archaeology: Advisory Council for Undergraduates (Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA).
F 2012 – S 2013	Committee Member, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Graduate Student Association (UCLA).
F 2012 – W 2012	ARISC Representative in Yerevan, American Research Institute of the Southern Caucasus (ARISC), a non-profit corporation which supports and promotes scholarly study of the Southern Caucasus.
W 2012	Committee Member, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Graduate Student Conference (UCLA).
F 2011 – present	Educational Outreach Program Manager, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology (UCLA).
F 2011	Committee Co-chair, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Wednesday Pizza Talks (UCLA).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Research Institute of the Southern Caucasus (ARISC)
 American School of Oriental Research (ASOR)
 International Association for Obsidian Studies (IAOS)
 Society of American Archaeology (SAA)

LANGUAGES

Armenian – fluent (reading, writing, speaking)
 Russian – proficient (reading, writing, speaking)
 Latin – elementary reading knowledge (with Dictionary assistance)