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AREAS OF RESEARCH:

Anthropological Archaeology
Caucasia, Southwest Asia, Eurasia
Landscapes, Objects, & Assemblages

Contemporary Social & Political Theory
Archaeological Theory & Historiography
Aesthetics & Representation

EMPLOYMENT:

2005-present: *University of Chicago*

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
Faculty Associate, Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory
Faculty Associate, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies
Faculty Associate, Committee on Central Eurasian Studies

2000-2005: *University of Chicago*

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology

1997-1999: *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Assistant Professor, Departments of Anthropology and Near Eastern Studies
Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows
Faculty Associate, Center for Russian and East European Studies

1997: *University of Arizona*

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

2010 Visiting Scholar, Archaeology Program and Department of Anthropology, Cornell University.

EDUCATION:

Ph. D. 1996: *University of Arizona*, Department of Anthropology

M.A. 1993: *University of Arizona*, Department of Anthropology

M.Phil., 1991: *University of Cambridge*, Social and Political Science Faculty

B.A. 1990: *Brown University*, Anthropology (honors) & Political Science, Magna cum laude.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- 2006-2007 Fellow, Howard Foundation
 2006-2007 Fulbright Scholarship (declined)
 2003-2004 Fellow, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago
 2003 National Endowment for the Humanities/American Councils for International Education Collaborative Research Fellow
 1997-1999 Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 1992-1995 Emil W. Haury Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona
 1991 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships (Honorable Mention)
 1990 Phi Beta Kappa
 1990 Award For Excellence in Anthropology, Brown University

PUBLICATIONS:Work In Progress:

- n.d. *The Political Machine: Affects, Objects, and Publics in Early Complex Polities.*
 Book manuscript in preparation.
- n.d. The Problem of the Political. In *Hegemonic Discourse, Selective Foci, or Fuzzy Data Resolution: Political Anthropology and the Archaeology of Political Production in the Past*, edited by A. Bauer and P. Johansen. Cambridge Scholars Press, Newcastle.
- n.d. The Caucasus and the Near East. In: *Blackwell Companion to the Archaeology of the Near East*, edited by Daniel Potts. Blackwell, Oxford.

Books and Edited Volumes:

- in review *Regimes and Revolutions: Power, Violence, and Labor in Eurasia Between the Ancient and the Modern.* Co-edited with Charles Hartley and G. Bike Yazicioğlu. Manuscript submitted to Cambridge University Press.
- 2009 *The Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies I: The Foundations of Research and Regional Survey in the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia* (with R. Badalyan and P. Avetisyan). Oriental Institute Press, Chicago.
- 2007 *Social Orders and Social Landscapes: Proceedings of the 2005 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.* Co-edited with L. Popova and C. Hartley. Cambridge Scholars Press, Newcastle.
- 2006 *Beyond the Steppe and the Sown: Proceedings of the 2002 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.* Co-edited with D. Peterson and L. Popova. Colloquia Pontica Series. Brill, Leiden.
- 2003 *The Political Landscape: Constellations of Authority in Early Complex Polities.* The University of California Press, Berkeley.

2003 *Archaeology in the Borderlands: Investigations in Caucasia and Beyond*. Co-edited with K. Rubinson. The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Publications at UCLA, Los Angeles.

- Journal Articles and Book Chapters: (* indicates a publication in a peer-reviewed journal)
- in review ‘Yerevan, My Ancient Erebuni’: Archaeological Repertoires, Public Assemblages, and the Manufacture of a (Post-)Soviet Nation. In *Regimes and Revolutions: Power, Violence, and Labor in Eurasia Between the Ancient and the Modern*. edited by C. Hartley, G. B. Yazıcioglu, and A. T. Smith.
- *in press Village, Fortress, and Town in Bronze and Iron Age Southern Caucasia: A Preliminary Report on the 2003-2006 Investigations of Project ArAGATS on the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Republic of Armenia (with R. Badalyan, I. Lindsay, L. Khatchadourian, and P. Avetisyan). *Archäologische Mitteilungen aus Iran und Turan*.
- in press The Prehistory of an Urartian Landscape. In: *Biainili-Urartu* edited by S. Kroll, P. Zimansky, U. Hellwag, C. Gruber, M. Roaf. Peeters, Leuven.
- *forthcoming Pilot Gradiometry Survey at the Late Bronze Age Fortress Lower Town of Tsaghkahovit, Northwestern Armenia (with I. Lindsay and R. Badalyan). *Archaeological Prospection*.
- *forthcoming Raboty Armyano-Amerikanskoj Ekspeditsii (Proekt ArAGATS) na pamyatnikakh Tsakhaovitskoj Ravniny—Raskopki Poseleniya Gekharot v 2008 g. (with R. Badalyan). *Kul'tura Drevnej Armenii* 15.
- forthcoming “Urartu” and “Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Southern Caucasia”. In *Dictionary of Black Sea Antiquities*. Edited by G. Tsetskhladze. Brill, Leiden.
- *2008 Poselenie Gekharot: Osnovnye Rezul'taty Raskopok 2005-2006gg. *Kul'tura Drevnej Armenii* 14: 45-68.
- 2007 The Politics of Loss: Comments on a Powerful Death. In *Performing Death: Social Analyses of Funerary Traditions in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean* edited by N. Laneri, pp. 163-166. Oriental Institute Press, Chicago.
- *2006 A History of Archaeological Practices in the Republic of Armenia (with I. Lindsay). *Journal of Field Archaeology* 31(2):165-184.
- *2006 Undisciplined Theory. *Archaeological Dialogues* 13(2): 158-163.
- 2006 Representational Aesthetics and Political Subjectivity: The Spectacular in Urartian Images of Performance. In *Spectacle, Performance, and Power in Premodern Complex Society*, edited by T. Inomata and L. Coben, pp. 103-134. Altamira Press, Walnut Creek, CA.

- 2006 Introduction (with D. Peterson and L. Popova). In *Beyond the Steppe and the Sown: Proceedings of the 2002 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*, edited by D. Peterson, L. Popova and A. T. Smith. Colloquia Pontica Series. Brill, Leiden.
- 2006 Before Arishtti: The Roots of Complex Societies in Caucasia, Notes from the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia. In *Beyond the Steppe and the Sown: Proceedings of the 2002 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*, edited by D. Peterson, L. Popova and A. T. Smith. Colloquia Pontica Series. Brill, Leiden.
- *2005 Prometheus Unbound: Southern Caucasia in Prehistory. *Journal of World Prehistory* 19(4): 229-279.
- 2005 Southern Caucasia During the Late Bronze Age: An Interim Report on the Regional Investigations of Project ArAGATS in Western Armenia (with Ruben Badalyan and Pavel Avetisyan). In *Anatolian Iron Ages V: Proceedings of the 2001 Anatolian Iron Ages Conference, Van*, edited by A. Çilingiroğlu. British Institute of Archaeology, Ankara.
- *2005 Svyatilishche Pozdnego Bronzovogo Veka Gekharota (with R. Badalyan and P. Avetisyan). *Kul'tura Drevnej Armenii* 13: 109-115.
- *2004 The End of the Essential Archaeological Subject. *Archaeological Dialogues* 11(1): 1-20.
- *2004 We, They, and I: Politics After the End of the Essential Archaeological Subject. *Archaeological Dialogues* 11(1): 27-35.
- 2004 Urartu and the Southern Caucasian Political Tradition (with T. Thompson). In *A View from the Highlands: Trans-Caucasus, Eastern Anatolia and Northwestern Iran*. *Studies in Honor of C. A. Burney*, edited by A. Sagona. Peeters, Leuven.
- *2004 Early Complex Societies in Southern Caucasia: A Preliminary Report on the 2002 Archaeological Investigations by Project ArAGATS in the Tsakahovit Plain, Republic of Armenia (with R. Badalyan, P. Avetisyan, and M. Zardaryan). *American Journal of Archaeology* 108(1): 1-41.
- 2004 Iron Age Caucasia. In *Encyclopedia of the Barbarian World*, edited by P. Bogucki and P. J. Crabtree. Charles Scribner's Sons, Farmington Hills.
- 2003 The Emergence of Socio-Political Complexity in Southern Caucasia (with R. Badalyan and P. Avetisyan). In *Archaeology in the Borderlands: Investigations in Caucasia and Beyond*, edited by A. T. Smith and K. S. Rubinson. Cotsen Institute Publications, Los Angeles.

- 2003 Introduction: Archaeology in the Borderlands (with Karen S. Rubinson). In *Archaeology in the Borderlands: Investigations in Caucasia and Beyond*, edited by A. T. Smith and K. S. Rubinson. Cotsen Institute Publications, Los Angeles.
- 2002 Endangered Specificities: A Discussion with Marshall Sahlins. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 2(3): 283-297.
- *2001 The Limitations of Doxa: Agency and Subjectivity from an Archaeological Point of View. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 1(2): 155-171.
- *2000 Preliminary Report on the 1998 Archaeological Investigations of Project ArAGATS in the Tsakahovit Plain, Armenia (with R. Badalyan and P. Avetisyan). *Studi Micenei ed Anatolici* 42(1): 19-59.
- *2000 Rendering the Political Aesthetic: Political Legitimacy in Urartian Representations of the Built Environment. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 19: 131-163.
- *1999 The Making of an Urartian Landscape in the Ararat Plain: A Study of State Architectonics. *American Journal of Archaeology* 103(1): 43-69. [Reprinted in Farsi 2001 in *Archaeon* 1/2, translated by B. Adjerloo.]
- *1998 Late Bronze/Early Iron Age Fortresses of the Ararat and Shirak Plains, Armenia: Typological Considerations. *Ancient Civilizations from Scythia to Siberia* 5(2): 73-97.
- *1996 New Plans of Early Iron Age and Urartian Fortresses in Armenia: A Preliminary Report of the Ancient Landscapes Project (with K. Kafadarian). *Iran* XXXIV: 23-37.
- 1996 Local Knowledge and World Systems: The Development of Urartian Complexity. In *Proceedings of the 26th Annual Chacmool Conference*, edited by D. A. Meyer, P. C. Dawson, and D. T. Hanna. Archaeological Association of the University of Calgary, Calgary.
- *1995 The Production of Space and the House of Xidi Sukur (with N. David). *Current Anthropology* 36(3): 441-471.
- 1995 Appendix A: Analysis of Materials from Horom, Armenia, Summer 1994, in: The 1994 Excavations of the Daghestan-American Archaeological Expedition to Velikent in Southern Daghestan, Russia: 1994. *Iran* XXXIII: 146.
- 1994 Mayan Royal Ritual: Architectonics as a Key to Political Organization. *Arizona Anthropologist* 11: 89-126.
- *1994 Fictions of Emergence: Foucault/Genealogy/Nietzsche. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. 24(1): 41-54.

Popular Press Articles:

- 1999 The Crucible of Complexity (with R. Badalyan and P. Avetisyan). *Discovering Archaeology*. 1(2): 48-55.

Reviews and Review Articles:

- forthcoming Review of M. Frachetti Pastoralist Landscapes and E. E. Kuzmina The Prehistory of the Silk Road. *Antiquity*.
- 2008 Review Article: *Under Liberty*, M. Leone's The Archaeology of Liberty in an American Capital. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 18(1): 13-15.
- 2004 Review of K. Boyle et al. Ancient Interactions: East and West in Eurasia. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 29: 496-498.
- 2004 Review of R. H. Hewson Armenia: A Historical Atlas. *Ancient East and West* 3(1): 186-188.
- 2001 Review Article: On Landscapes in the Ancient Near East. Review of Landscapes: Territories, Frontiers and Horizons in the Ancient Near East, edited by L. Milano et al. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*. 44(3): 363-371.
- 1999 Review of P. Zimansky Ancient Ararat: A Handbook of Urartian Studies. *American Journal of Archaeology* 103(2): 386-387
- 1996 Review of A. Kalantar Armenia: From the Stone Age to the Middle Ages. *American Journal of Archaeology* 100(3): 638-639.
- 1996 Review of I. Zeitlin Nietzsche: A Re-examination and G. McCarthy Dialectics and Decadence: Echoes of Antiquity in Marx and Nietzsche. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 26(1): 137-144.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

- 2008 University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Special Faculty Research Grant in support of archaeological research at Tsaghkahovit and Gegharot Fortresses, Republic of Armenia.
- 2005-07 National Science Foundation Archaeology Program Grant "Institutional Practices in Early Complex Societies: Excavations at the Late Bronze Age Fortress of Gegharot, Armenia."
- 2005-07 University of Chicago Board of Governors for Argonne National Laboratory Seed Grant "The Making of Ancient Eurasia: Objects Within and Between the Social Worlds of the Caucasus, the Steppe, and China."

- 2006 Dolores Zohrab Liebman Fund Publication Grant to support the publication of *The Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies, Vol. 1: Systematic Survey in the Tsaghkahovit Plain*.
- 2005 Dolores Zohrab Liebman Fund Independent Research Grant in support of the analytical needs of Project ArAGATS.
- 2005 National Geographic Society Committee for Research and Exploration Grant “The Origins of Socio-Political Complexity in Southern Caucasia.”
- 2004 University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Special Faculty Research Grant for research in Yerevan, Armenia in preparation for Project ArAGATS volume I.
- 2003 Wenner-Gren International Collaborative Research Grant, “Political Institutions and Social Complexity in Late Bronze Age Caucasia.”
- 2003 American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)/National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant “The Archaeology of Socio-Political Complexity in Southern Caucasia: Collaborative Investigations on the Tsakahovit Plain, Armenia.”
- 2002 National Geographic Society Committee for Research and Exploration Grant “Political Institutions in Late Bronze Age Transcaucasian States: Archaeological Excavations at Tsakahovit and Gegharot Fortresses, Republic of Armenia.”
- 2002 University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Special Faculty Research Grant for radiocarbon dating of materials from the Bronze Age Caucasus.
- 2002 University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Special Faculty Research Grant in support of paleozoological analysis of materials from Tsakahovit and Gegharot Fortresses, Republic of Armenia.
- 2002 University of Chicago, Social Sciences Division Research Grants, Provost’s Special Allocation “Development and Field Testing of the University of Chicago Archaeological Database System.”
- 2000 National Science Foundation Archaeology Program Grant “The Constitution of Authority in Archaic Transcaucasian States, ca. 1500-780 B.C.: Archaeological Investigations on the Tsakahovit Plain, Republic of Armenia.”
- 2000 Wenner-Gren International Collaborative Research Grant (Renewal). “The Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian States, Phase I: Archaeological Survey.”

- 2000 University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Special Faculty Research Grant in support of digital video data collection attendant to archaeological survey on the Tsakahovit Plain, Republic of Armenia.
- 1998 Wenner-Gren International Collaborative Research Grant “The Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian States, Phase I: Archaeological Survey.”
- 1998 Research Grant, Institute of Archaeology, Republic of Armenia. “Mapping of Late Bronze/Early Iron Age Fortresses, Tsakahovit Region.”
- 1994 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant “Spatial Organization and State Expansion in Southern Transcaucasia, 1300-600 B.C.”
- 1995 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Grant “Representations of Landscapes in Urartian Art.”
- 1995 Research Grant, Institute of Archaeology, Republic of Armenia “Digital Mapping of Urartian and Early Iron Age Sites of the Ararat and Shirak Plains.”
- 1994 Educational Fund for Archaeology Grant, University of Arizona, Department of Anthropology. Archaeological and museum research in Yerevan and Horom, Armenia.
- 1993 Educational Fund for Archaeology Grant, University of Arizona, Department of Anthropology. Museum research at the Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 1993 Educational Fund for Archaeology Grant, University of Arizona, Department of Anthropology. Archaeological research at Horom, Armenia.
- 1992 Educational Fund for Archaeology Grant, University of Arizona, Department of Anthropology. Archaeological research at Horom, Armenia.

OTHER GRANTS:

- 2008 Norman Wait Harris Fund in partial support of the third University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.
- 2008 University of Chicago Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Conference fund in partial support of the first University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.
- 2005 Norman Wait Harris Fund in partial support of the second University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.
- 2005 University of Chicago Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Conference fund in partial support of the second University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.

- 2002 University of Chicago Provost's Program for Academic Technology Innovation, "From Field to Classroom: New Technologies and Anthropological Instruction" (with A. Apter and N. Kouchoukos).
- 2000 University of Chicago Department of Anthropology Lichtstern Conference fund in partial support of the first University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.

TEACHING:

University of Chicago

Graduate:

Archaeological Approaches to Political Life
 Archaeology of Eurasia: I. Caucasus and Central Steppe
 Current Directions in Archaeological Theory: Epistemology and Disenchantment
 Landscape: Theory and Interpretation
 Political Anthropology (co-taught with John Comaroff)
 Remaking Eurasia
 The Archaeology of the Caucasus
 Theory and Method in Archaeology (graduate core seminar)
 Vision, Image, and Aesthetics (co-taught with N. Kouchoukos)

Undergraduate:

Classic Readings in Archaeological Theory
 Great Excavations
 Modern Readings in Archaeological Theory
 Politics and Governance in the Ancient World
 Power, Identity, and Resistance (Undergraduate Social Science Core)
 Intensive Study of a Culture: The Caucasus

Combined:

Material Cultures
 The Rise and Fall of Early Complex Societies

Reading Course Supervision Topics:

Advanced Readings in Eurasian Archaeology
 Archaeology of Value
 Central Asian Prehistory
 City Politics/City Planning
 Landscape, Architecture and Urbanism
 Medieval Armenia
 Politics and Aesthetics in Archaeology
 Russian Sources on Caucasian Archaeology
 Soviet and Turkish Modernization Programs
 Subjectivity

University of Michigan**Graduate:**

Society, Culture, and the Individual in Archaeological Theory
The Archaeology of Landscape

University of Arizona**Undergraduate:**

The Evolution of the Earliest States
Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Archaeology.

FIELDWORK:

- 2002, 03, 05, 06, 08 Co-Director (with R. Badalyan), Joint Armenian-American Project for the Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies (ArAGATS). Excavations at the Bronze and Iron Age fortresses of Gegharot and Tsaghkahovit, Republic of Armenia.
- 1998, 2000, 2004 Co-Director (with R. Badalyan), Joint Armenian-American Project for the Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies (ArAGATS). Systematic archaeological survey and test excavations in the Tsaghkahovit plain, Republic of Armenia.
- 1995 Project Director, Iron Age Landscape of Armenia. Mapping, Survey, and Excavations of Early Iron Age and Urartian sites in the Ararat and Shirak plains.
- 1995 Project Director, Artistic Representations of Urartian Landscapes. A study of Urartian images of fortresses and landscapes (collections research).
- 1994 Site Supervisor, Archaeological Excavations at Velikent, Daghestan, Russia. Excavation of an Early Bronze Age Site on the Caspian coast.
- 1994 Project Supervisor, Horom Materials Research Project, Armenia. Supervised Analysis of Early and Middle Bronze Age, Early Iron Age, and Urartian materials excavated at Horom.
- 1993 Site Supervisor, Archaeological Excavations at Horom, Armenia. Excavation of Urartian, Early Iron Age, Middle and Early Bronze Age site in western Armenia.
- 1992 Site Supervisor, Archaeological Excavations at Horom, Armenia. Excavation of Urartian, Early Iron Age, Middle and Early Bronze Age site in western Armenia.
- 1991 Staff Member, Homo'lovi Research Project, Arizona. Excavation of pueblo site.
- 1990 Staff Member, Underwater Archaeological Project, Fort Jefferson Nat. Mon., Florida. Exploration and mapping of 19th century shipwreck sites in the Gulf of Mexico.

- 1989 Project Director, Archaeological Investigations at Fort Adams and Fort Wetherill, Rhode Island. Investigation of 19th century American seacoast fortifications.
- 1989 Crew Member, Public Archaeology Laboratory Inc., Rhode Island. Excavation of historic and prehistoric sites in New England.
- 1988 Student, Archaeological Excavations at Lambert Farm, Rhode Island. Excavation of prehistoric shell midden site.
- 1987 Student, Excavations at Kwigiumpainakamiut, Alaska. Excavation of proto-historic village.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH:

- 2005-present Director, *The Making of Ancient Eurasia: Objects within and between the social worlds of the Caucasus, the Steppe and China*. Collaborative investigations with Argonne National Laboratory (<http://acc.spc.uchicago.edu/mae/>). Ongoing projects using digital radiography, synchrotron (XRF & SAXS-WAXS), and SEM instrumentation to provide multi-modal analyses of ceramic and metal assemblages.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL, CONSULTING, AND ADVISORY POSITIONS:

- 2009 Reviewer, Social Science Research Council IDRF Program.
- 2007-present Wenner-Gren Foundation Grant Review Committee.
- 2007-present Treasurer, The American Research Institute of the South Caucasus, Inc. (ARISC), a non-profit developing overseas research center.
- 2007-present Editorial Board Member, *Aramazd: The Armenian Journal of Near Eastern Studies*.
- 2004-2008 Advisory Board Member and Grant Review Committee Chair, Project Discovery!, a non-profit organization supporting the archaeological heritage of the Republic of Armenia.
- 2001-2002 Program Committee, Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SCHOLARLY LECTURES:

- 2009 The Political Machine: Sense, Sensibility, and Sentiment in the Late Bronze Age South Caucasus. Paper presented at the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World.
- 2008 ‘Yerevan, My Ancient Erebuni’: Archaeological Repertoires, Public Assemblages, and the Manufacture of a (Post-)Soviet Nation. Paper presented at the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory Conference Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of *Imagined Communities*.
- 2008 A Conspiracy of Objects: Archaeological Repertoires, (Post)Socialist Publics, and the Making of Modern Yerevantsi. Paper presented at the Stanford University Archaeology Center.

- 2008 Archaeological Rhetorics, Public Assemblages, and the Making of *Yerevantsi*. Paper presented at the 3rd University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.
- 2008 Prometheus Unbound: Geographies of Transgression and Archaeologies of Authority in the South Caucasus. Lecture Presented to the University of Illinois, Chicago Anthropology Department.
- 2008 Object Orders and Public Culture: Archaeological Rhetorics and the Production of *Yerevantsi*. Lecture presented to the Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- 2007 Prometheus Unbound: Geographies of Transgression and Archaeologies of Authority in the South Caucasus. Lecture presented in the Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.
- 2007 Prometheus Unbound: Geographies of Transgression and Archaeologies of Authority in the South Caucasus. Stigler endowed lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.
- 2007 The Making of Ancient Eurasia: Nondestructive Characterization of Ancient Metalworking and Ceramic Technology by Synchrotron XRD and XRF. (with A. Greene, C. Hartley, D. Peterson, L. Khatchadourian, D. Cookson, J. Almer, M. Young, S. Mini, E. Fiedman, and C. Segre). Poster presented at the 2007 Advanced Photon Source Users Meeting, Argonne National Laboratory, IL.
- 2006 The Making of Ancient Eurasia: Preliminary Notes on Incorporating Archaeometry and Anthropology in the Integrated Study of Ceramic and Metal Technologies. Poster presented (with C. M. Deemer, W. A. Ellingson, A. Greene, C. Hartley, D. Peterson, L. Khatchadourian) at the 36th Annual International Symposium on Archaeometry.
- 2006 Fortifications and the Naissance of Political Dynamism in Southern Caucasia (2nd - 1st Millennium B.C.) (with I. Lindsay and A. Greene). Paper presented at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology.
- 2006 New Light on the Achaemenid Era in the South Caucasus: Recent Investigations of Project ArAGATS (with L. Khatchadourian). Paper presented at the 107th Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America.
- 2006 Prometheus Unbound: Geographies of Transgression and Archaeologies of Authority in the South Caucasus. Lecture presented in the Boas Seminar in the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University.

- 2005 Early Social Complexity in the South Caucasus: Recent Investigations of Project ArAGATS in the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia. Paper Presented at the Second University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology, Chicago.
- 2004 The Gift of Semiramis? Complex Societies in the Armenian Highlands as viewed from one Trench at Gegharot Fortress. Lecture presented at the University of Wisconsin conference “Armenia: Custom, Culture, and Identity,” Milwaukee.
- 2004 The Poverty of Statism: Conceptual Locations for an Archaeology of Political Life. Paper Presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Canada.
- 2003 The Ceramics of the Middle to Late Bronze Transition in Southern Caucasia (with P. Avetisyan and R. Badalyan). Paper presented at the international workshop on Bronze Age Ceramics in Caucasia and its Neighbors, New York.
- 2003 Landscape and Constellation: Method Beyond Scale. Paper presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago
- 2003 Caucasia and Complexity: New Traditions of Centralization and Inequality (with P. Avetisyan and R. Badalyan). Paper presented at the 2003 European Archaeological Association Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 2003 Ancient Aragats: New Archaeological Investigations into the Roots of Complex Societies in Armenia. Paper presented in the Lecture Series in Armenian Studies, University of Chicago.
- 2003 The Southern Caucasian Political Tradition: Authority and Polity in the 2nd Millennium BC. Paper Presented to the Columbia University Seminar on the Ancient Near East.
- 2002 Drevneishe Gosudartsva Kavkaza: Pozdneii Bronzovyi Vek Tsakhkaovitskii Dolini, Armeniya (Ancient Polities of the Caucasus: The Late Bronze Age of the Tsakahovit Plain, Republic of Armenia) (with R. Badalyan). Paper presented at the Conference on Archaeology in the Caucasus, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.
- 2002 Before Argishti: The Roots of Complex Societies in Caucasia, Notes from the Tsakahovit Plain, Armenia. Paper presented at the University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology.
- 2002 Urartian Spectacle: Authority, Subjectivity, and Aesthetic Politics. Paper Presented at the Workshop on Spectacle, Performance, and Power in Premodern Complex Society. 67th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology Meetings, Denver.

- 2001 The Rise of Complex Societies in the Southern Caucasus. Lecture, University of Illinois, Chicago, Department of Anthropology lecture series.
- 2001 The Gift of Semiramis? Rethinking Complexity in the Southern Caucasus. Lecture, University of Arizona, Department of Anthropology Colloquium.
- 2001 New Technologies and Archaic States. Lecture given to the University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Select Trustees.
- 2001 Southern Transcaucasia During the Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages: A Report on Regional Investigations in Western Armenia. Paper Presented at the 5th Anatolian Iron Ages Conference, Van, Turkey.
- 2001 Recent Investigations in Southern Caucasia: The Rise of Complex Societies in the 2nd Millennium B.C. (with P. Avetisyan and R. Badalyan). Lecture, University of Chicago Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop.
- 2000 The Rise of Early Complex Societies in Southern Caucasia: Results of Recent Investigations. Lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison Archaeology Colloquium.
- 2000 Adam, Eve, and Other Turbulent Characters: Studying the Rise of Early Complex Societies in Southern Transcaucasia. Lecture, Northwestern University Anthropology Colloquium.
- 2000 An Agenda for Archaeology (with M. Smith). Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Philadelphia.
- 2000 Representation. Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Philadelphia.
- 1999 The Practical Dimensions of Agency. Paper presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 1999 Early Complex Societies in Transcaucasia: A Report on Recent Research. Lecture, University of Michigan, Museum of Anthropology.
- 1998 World Without System: Culture, Politics, and Economy in Early Iron Age Transcaucasia. Paper presented at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 1998 Aesthetic Legitimacy: Blessing and Conquest in Urartian Representations of the Built Environment. Invited lecture, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology Colloquium series.

- 1995 The Making of Political Authority: Landscapes and Ancient States. Paper presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 1996 Iron Age Architecture of Southern Transcaucasia: State Formation and Landscape. Paper presented at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Minneapolis.
- 1995 Archaeological Excavations at Horom, Armenia (with K. Codella). Invited lecture, Institute of Archaeology, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 1994 Coercion and Consent in the Rise of the Urartian State (with P. Kohl). Paper presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta.
- 1995 The Power of Space: The House of Xidi Sukur (with N. David). Paper presented at the Society of Africanist Archaeologists 12th Biennial Meeting, Bloomington.
- 1994 Communicative Spaces. Paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Anaheim.
- 1993 Local Knowledge and World Systems: The Development of Urartian Complexity. Paper presented at the Chacmool Conference, Calgary.
- 1992 Archaeology's Contribution to Critical Theory. Paper presented at the University of Arizona Conference on Critical Theory, Tucson.

OTHER PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCES:

- 2008 Faculty Organizer, Third University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology: Regimes and Revolutions. May 1-3, 2008.
- 2008 Discussant for the session Hegemonic Discourse, Selective Foci, or Fuzzy Data: Political Anthropology and the Archaeology of Political Production in the Past, 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2008 Discussant for the session Negotiating Landscapes: New Light from Eastern Europe and Eurasia at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Chicago.
- 2006 Discussant for the forum Does Archaeological Theory Exist?, 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005 Faculty Organizer, Second University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology: Social Landscapes and Social Orders. April 15-16, 2005.

- 2004 Discussant for the symposium Material and Symbolic Manifestations of Elite Status Groups, 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Canada.
- 2003 Co-organizer (with D. Peterson and L. Popova), The Complications of Complexity: The Roots of Social Complexity in the Eurasian Steppes and the Caucasus in the 2nd Millennium BC. Session organized for the 2003 European Archaeological Association Meetings, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 2003 Moderator, Identity and Conflict: Caucasia in Our Time. Symposium sponsored by the University of Chicago Center for East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies.
- 2002 Faculty Organizer, University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology: Beyond the Steppe and the Sown, Integrating Local and Global Visions. Department of Anthropology, May 3-4, 2002.
- 2000 Co-organizer, Relational Concepts in Archaeology: An Agenda for Theory session at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Philadelphia (with Monica Smith)
- 1998 Organizer, Prehistoric Caucasia: Questioning Center and Periphery session at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 1996 Co-organizer, The Politics of Landscape symposium at the 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco (with Ruth Van Dyke).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2009 Prometheus Unbound: Early Complex Societies in the South Caucasus. Lecture presented to the Chicago Archaeological Society.
- 2007 Prometheus Unbound: Early Complex Societies in the South Caucasus. Lecture presented to the South Suburban Archaeological Society.
- 2006 Archaeologies of Authority in the Bronze Age South Caucasus. Lecture delivered to the Milwaukee Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.
- 2006 Prometheus Unbound: Geographies of Transgression and Archaeologies of Authority in the South Caucasus. The Frederick R. and Margaret B. Matson Lecture in Near Eastern Archaeology and World Archaeological Technology. Delivered to the Pittsburgh and University Park, PA Societies of the Archaeological Institute of America.
- 2006 Representational Aesthetics and Political Subjectivity: The Spectacular in Urartian Images of Performance. The Ludlow Hopkins Baldwin Memorial Lecture. Delivered to the Baltimore Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

- 2005 From Nomads to Empire: Traditions and Transitions on the Armenian Highland (with L. Khatchadourian). Community lecture presented for Project Discovery!, Fairlawn NJ.
- 2004-05 Complex Societies in the Armenian Highlands as viewed from one Trench at Gegharot Fortress. Community lecture presented for Project Discovery! in Chicago (11/04), Boston (1/05), Detroit (4/05), Los Angeles (9/05).
- 2004 Archaeology in the Shadow of Mt. Aragats. Community lecture presented for Project Discovery! in Bloomfield Hills, MI.
- 1997 Imperial Archipelago: The Making of an Urartian Landscape on the Ararat Plain. Invited lecture for the Archaeological Institute of America, Ann Arbor Society.

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES:

ArAGATS survey database: an online query-able regional gazetteer.

ArAGATS excavation database. A MySQL based web application for archaeological data entry, analysis, and sharing.

University of Chicago Archaeological Database System (UCADS), version 1.0. A PocketPC based archaeological data collection system.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Russian (speaking and reading); Armenian (beginner); French (reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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