

# GARINE PALANDJIAN

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## EDUCATION

**PhD Candidate, Educational Policy and Evaluation Doctoral Program**  
Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, AZ

August 2017- May 2021

**Master of Arts in Comparative and International Education**  
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA  
Concentration in International Relations and Political Science

September 2010 – May 2012

**Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education**  
Rhode Island College, Providence, RI

September 2002 – May 2007

**Armenia Study Abroad Summer Program**

June – August 2005

A three-week intensive summer Armenia study abroad program conducted in collaboration of the Glendale Community College (California) and Yerevan State University (Armenia). The program consisted of three intensive courses: Armenian History, Armenian Language, and Armenian Art, Architecture, Cultural History and Contemporary Society of Armenia.

**Research Coding and Focus:** Qualitative Researcher

**Foreign Language Proficiency:** Armenian (Native) and English (Native), French (Beginner)

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

**ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College**

Tempe, Arizona

Research Assistant to Dr. Iveta Silova and Center for Advanced Studies in Global Education

2017-present

- Co-design and implement research projects related to (post)Soviet and (post) Socialist education with faculty and colleagues
- Analyze qualitative data collected from textbooks, scholarly literature, memories, and group discussions
- Draft conference proposals and manuscripts based on theoretical assumptions and findings
- Provide support with social media
- Assist in planning a regional conference (Global Learning Metrics 2018) and international conference (Comparative and International Education Society 2020)

**ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College**

Tempe, Arizona

Research and Teacher Assistant to Dr. David Lee Carlson

2020-2021

- Assist in literature review process and preparing a co-authored qualitative study
- Co-teach and coordinate Writing & Qualitative Inquiry course for doctoral students

**ASU School of Transborder Studies**

Tempe, Arizona

Research Assistant to Dr. Brendan O'Connor and College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

2017-2018

- Developed inventory of data collection and resources
- Created surveys and research protocols to interview students CAMP participants
- Assisted with interview transcriptions and coordination of data analysis
- Supported CAMP participants to prepare for academic conference presentations

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**American University of Armenia**

Yerevan, Armenia

Manager, Center for Student Success

2013 – 2017

- Developed and maintained reports to track and communicated status of multiple projects undertaken by the Center for Student Success servicing over 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students.
- Prepared, monitored, and managed the yearly office budget.
- Selected, trained, and supervised 10 student support staff.
- Created and implemented marketing and outreach strategy, to ensure the Center's mission and accomplishments are consistently present in a strong, positive image to relevant stakeholders.
- Established additional support programs based on students' needs, including but not limited to, peer mentoring and

counseling.

- Provided customized academic support for students.
- Reported to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- Prepared and provided strategic direction and achieve university mission and Center's objectives.

#### Coordinator of Student Services

- Provided a wide range of activities aimed at supporting students including Advising Support and Disability Support.
- Developed policies and procedures related to student services such as the Code of Conduct.
- Conducted/organized workshops and seminars for 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students on topics such as how to read for understanding and College 101.
- Supervised and supported 13 newly established student organizations.
- Performed program coordination including tutoring, advising, and assessment of student needs.
- Managed international databases and confidential student records.

#### United Nations Department of Public Information & NGO Relations

Manhattan, New York

Volunteer Intern

December 2010 – July 2011

- Served as the primary point of contact and maintained regular communication with UN staff members, agencies, and the international NGO.
- Conducted research on topics of concern in the international community, developed informational materials, and assisted in determining relevant speakers for weekly briefings.

#### Vahan & Anoush Chamlian Armenian School

Glendale, California

Lead Teacher – Language Arts and Social Studies

September 2007 – June 2010

- Provided class instruction for two fifth grade inclusive language arts classes based on California State Standards.
- Crafted engaging lesson plans and evaluated student learning using formal and informal assessment methods.
- Served as an after-school instructor for the reading enrichment program and guided twelve students in grades 3 & 4.

#### Rose & Alex Pilibos Armenian School

Hollywood, California

Teacher – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts and Social Studies, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

January 2007 – June 2007

- Instructed lesson plans according to the California Department of Education Standards and evaluated student learning.

## PUBLICATIONS

Wakefield, W., Amrein-Beardsley, A., Collins, C., do Lago e Pretti, E., Glassmeyer, K., **Palandjian, G.**, Parra-Gaete, I., Roberts, T., & Terada, T. (under review). Examining an alternative teacher education undergraduate program: Possibilities for teaching and extending what it means to be an educator outside of the classroom. *Journal of Teacher Education*.

Silova, I., Millei, Z., Chachkhiani, K., **Palandjian, G.** and Vitrukh, M. (forthcoming). Revisiting Post-Socialist Education Transformations: Monuments, Movements, and Metamorphoses. *Bloomsbury Handbook of Theory in Comparative and International Education*.

Served as a Copyeditor for the following publication: Turan, O., Sahakyan, E. N. Mkrtychyan, L., Gulu, F. Gasparyan, K. Erdinc, Y., and Caykent, O. (2019). *Alternative history education modules for Armenia and Turkey*. History Foundation (Tarih Vakfi) and Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation, Istanbul and Yerevan.

Chachkhiani, K., Goebel, J., Gong, B., **Palandjian, G.**, Pretti, E., Silova, I., Vitrukh, M. (2019). Education and Storytelling for Earthly Survival: 'Becoming-With' Donna Haraway. (A Sympoietic Movie Review). *Comparative Education Review*, 63(3), 457-459.

**Palandjian, G.**, Silova, I., Mun, O., & Zholdoshalieva, R. (2018). Nation and gender in postsocialist education transformations: comparing early literacy textbooks in Armenia Kazakhstan, Krgyzstan, and Latvia. In M. Chankseliani, & I. Silova. (Eds.) *Comparing post Socialist transformations: purposes, policies, and practices in education*. (pp. 167-192). Oxford Studies in Comparative Education.

Silova, I. & **Palandjian, G.** (2018). Soviet Empire, childhood, and education. *Revista Española de Educación Comparada*. (31), 147-171.

Akpinar, A., Avetisyan, S., Balasanyan, H., Gullu, F., Kandolu, I., Karapetyan, M., Manasian, N., Mkrtchyan, L., Aköz Özkaya, E. Tahsin Özkaya, H., **Palandjian, G.**, Şekeryan, A., & Turan, Ö. (2017). History education in schools in Turkey and Armenia: A critique and alternatives. In Bilmez, B., Çayır, K., Çaykent, Ö, Gamaghelyan, P., Karapetyan, M., & Sayan P. (Eds.), Retrieved from: <https://caucasusedition.net/old/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Tarih-Vakfi-and-Imagine-Final-Papers-June-20.pdf>

Silova, I., Mead, M., & **Palandjian, G.** (2014). Pedagogies of space: (re)mapping national territories, borders, and identities in post-soviet textbooks. In J.H. Williams (Ed.), *Re-(Imagining) the Nation*. (pp. 103-128). Sense Publishers.

**Palandjian, G.** (2014). The ABCs of being Armenian: (Re)turning to the Armenian national identity. In J.H. Williams (Ed.), *Re-(Imagining) the Nation*. (pp. 247-257). Sense Publishers.

## UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

**Palandjian, G.** (2020). Final Report on Rethinking borders and identities in Armenian education: Findings, Policy Implications and Recommendations. Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII) Funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS.

**Palandjian, G.** (2013). A Case Study of Peace Education Curricula in Armenia: Findings and Policy Recommendations. IREX Research Brief was funded by a grant from the United States Department of State.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Palandjian, G. (September 30, 2020). [Crossing borders through teachers' memories and identities](#). Harvard Graduate School of Education REACH.

Brown, K. & **Palandjian, G.** Co-presentation and discussion of Akram Aylisli's "Stone Dreams". ASU Melikian Center Reading Group, Arizona. (September 24, 2020).

*Data collection and fieldwork experiences from a critical educational ethnography*. American University of Armenia, Graduate Students Research Methods Course. Yerevan, Armenia. (November 19, 2019).

*Exploring the Armenian national identity through education: the role of maps and histories*. [Letters for Peace](#) Summer 2019 Program, Yerevan, Armenia. (July 5, 2019).

*Rethinking education policy: A Case Study of Peace Education Curricula in Armenia and Karabakh*. Analysis & Research Planning for Armenia Program, Los Angeles, California, USA. (March 1, 2014).

*Interactive Teaching Methods for International Ed Week*. IREX Yerevan Annual International Education Week. School Number 120, Yerevan Armenia.

*Envisioning Seminar: envisioning possibilities for a constructive role for history education in the Nagorno-Karabakh peace process*. George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia, USA. (May 14, 2012).

## PRESENTATIONS

Palandjian, G. (2020, Oct. 16-17). [Borders, Identity, and Pedagogy \[Virtual Exhibition\]](#). Artful Inquiry Research Group 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium, virtual edition.

Palandjian, G. (2020, Sept. 28- Oct. 9) [Borders, Identity, and Pedagogy](#): an exhibition featuring some of the stories, original photography, music, and sounds from my dissertation research on teachers' memories and experiences of coexistence and crossing borders in Armenia, Turkey, and Azerbaijan. Arizona State University Galleries, Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, Arizona, USA

Palandjian, G. (2020, Mar. 22-27) *Border thinking: a theoretical framework*. Comparative & International Education Society Education Beyond the Human. Miami, Florida. (Proposal accepted)

Wakefield, W., Roberts, T., Parra-Gaete, I., Glassmeyer, K., Amrein-Beardsley, A., Collins, C., do Lago e Pretti, E., Palandjian,

G. & Terada, T. (2020, Apr 17 - 21) *Students and Stakeholders Collaborating for the Public Good: Evaluating a Large-Scale, Alternative Teacher Education Program* [Paper Session]. AERA Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA <http://tinyurl.com/umr3bxh> (Conference Canceled)

*Nation and Gender in Postsocialist Education Transformations: Comparing Early Literacy Textbooks in Armenia Kazakhstan, Krgyzstan, and Latvia*. Comparative & International Education Society Re-Mapping Global Education South-North Dialogue, Mexico City, Mexico. (March 28, 2018)

*Aybenarans and the Construction of Armenian Childhood. Armenian Childhood(s): Histories and Theories of Childhood and Youth in Armenian Studies*, University of Michigan Armenian Studies Program Ninth Annual International Graduate Student Workshop. Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. (April 21-22, 2018)

*Pedagogies of Space: (Re)Mapping National Territories, Borders, and Identities in Post-Soviet Textbooks*. 56th Annual Regional Conference of Comparative and International Education Society, Puerto Rico, (April 22-27, 2012)

*Rewriting empire(s): Post-Soviet revisions of history, identity, and nationhood in textbooks*. 55th Annual Regional Conference of Comparative and International Education Society Regional. McGill University, Montreal, Canada. (May 1-5, 2011)

## CONSULTANT PROJECTS

**Armenia National Inclusive Education Community Awareness Campaign, Yerevan, Armenia** June-August 2019

- Utilized qualitative research methods to examine cultural perceptions of inclusive education
- Co-designed culturally appropriate messages and visual images for national campaign

**Program Reviewer – 2016 NASPA Closing the Achievement Gap: Student Success in Higher Education Conference.**

- Evaluated 6 programs and provided recommendations of successful applicants for the conference.

**Institutional Research Office – American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia** October – January 2013

- Evaluated and provided recommendations for the new undergraduate freshmen seminar course.
- Updated electronic database of resources for the Institutional Research Office's website.

**UGRAD Fellowship Program Application Reader – IREX Global** March 2013

- A program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

*ASU Melikian Center Research Fund, April 2020*

The ASU Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies offers financial support for research and teaching initiatives by faculty affiliates and graduate students. Funding awarded to offset upcoming data exhibition event at ASU Harry Wood Art Gallery, in Tempe, Arizona. \$1,020USD

*ASU Melikian Center Research Fund, February 2020*

The ASU Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies offers financial support for research and teaching initiatives by faculty affiliates and graduate students. Funding awarded to offset fieldwork expenses in Istanbul, Turkey. \$1,665USD

*University of Southern California Institute of Armenian Studies Research Grant, February 2020*

Armenian studies grant awarded to academic and policy research addressing Armenia's post Velvet revolution political transformation. \$2,260USD

*Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Armenian Communities, Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies, February 2020*

Armenian Studies grants awarded to researchers to conduct fieldwork or other related activities for a maximum of three months. \$1,800€

*Society of Armenian Studies (SAS) Graduate Research and Conference Grant, February 2020*

SAS supports graduate students with financial support for research and conference expenses. \$500USD

*American Councils Title VIII Research Scholar Program, Armenia 2019-2020*

An eight-month research fellowship funded through the United States Department of State's Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. Title VIII Research aims to support U.S. policy makers and contribute to scholarly literature. \$18,000USD

*ASU Global Development Research Fellow, Armenia, June-August 2019*

A three-month research fellowship sponsored by the ASU in partnership with Global Development Lab of the U.S. Agency for International Development. GDR Fellows aim to foster global collaboration and innovative research. \$3,680USD

*Agnes Missirian Scholarship, Armenian International Women's Association, 2018*

The Agnes Missirian Scholarship is awarded to advancing the status of Armenian women. In memory of Professor Agnes K. Missirian (Bentley College, Massachusetts), Dr. Missirian was a strong advocate for women's rights and member of the AIWA. \$2,000USD

*Noel Chadwin Gray Fellowship, ASU, 2017-2018*

The Noel Chadwin Gray Fellowship is awarded to graduate students passionate about education and pursuing a degree in the field. This fellowship was established in memory of Noel Gray a 1925 ASU College of Education graduate. \$8,723USD

*International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) Individual Advanced Research Opportunity (IARO), Armenia 2012*

A four-month research fellowship funded through the United States Department of State's Title VIII research study of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The IARO aims to support U.S. policy-relevant research. \$11,274.30USD

*Lehigh University Graduate Student Life Champion Award, 2012*

The Graduate Student Life Champion is awarded to graduate students who served and contributed to the graduate student community. The award aims to publicly recognize graduate students who supported the well-being of graduate students.

*College of Education Scholarship, Lehigh University, 2011-2012*

The College of Education scholarship at Lehigh University is awarded to a graduate student who has maintained good academic progress.

*Dr. Carolann S. Najarian Scholarship, Armenian International Women's Association, 2011*

AIWA awards full-time female students of Armenian descent attending accredited US universities based on merit and financial need.

*Rhode Island College Ridgeway F. Shinn, Jr. Study Abroad Scholar, 2005*

The Ridgeway F. Shinn, Jr. Study Abroad program provides income to undergraduate students conducting study outside of the U.S. The scholarship program was established in honor of Dr. Shinn in honor of his service to Rhode Island College.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE****Social Media Director**

September 2019 - May 2020

**Annual Comparative & International Education Society (CIES) Conference**

- Posted daily to the CIES social media account (Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CIES2020> and Twitter: @cies\_us) about general information related to the conference and the theme, "Education Beyond the Human".
- Prepared infographics and social media
- Engaged with over four thousand followers on both social media accounts by retweeting or reposting and providing further information when necessary.

**CIES 2020 Conference**

October 2019

- Reviewed 14 individual paper and panel proposal submissions for the CIES 2020 Education Beyond the Human Conference in Miami, USA.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Council on Anthropology and Education (AAA)

ASU Melikian Center Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies (Affiliate)

Association for Borderland Studies

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (Student Member)  
Association for Women in Slavic Studies  
Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)  
Education, Conflict, and Emergencies Special Interest Group in CIES  
Eurasia Special Interest Group in CIES  
Higher Education Special Interest Group in CIES  
National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR)  
Society for Armenian Studies (Member)  
ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Doctoral Council (President 2018-2019)  
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