

## RESUME

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### **JOB EXPERIENCE**

10/1992 - present	<p><b>American University of Armenia (AUA)</b> 40 Marshal Bagramian St., Yerevan, Armenia Position: Lecturer</p> <p>Courses taught currently MA TEFL: Classroom Assessment, Introduction to Language, Practicum, Teaching Internship, Capstone Advisor of MA thesis and design papers;</p> <p>Gen. Ed. Foundation courses: Freshman Seminar 101 and Freshman Seminar 102;</p> <p>Administrative duties: Head of the EEC after school English program, (since 2009), an AUA CRAL (Center for Research in Applied Linguistics) project founded in 2005 and now cooperating with OE since 2020;</p> <p>Service in committees: Instructor evaluation ad hoc committee (2012-2013); BA admissions committee (2013); Graduate admissions Committee (GAC) (2015-2016); Teaching Excellence Award and Research Award Committee (2016 – 2017); Open Education Committee (2018-present)</p>
01/1996 - 04/1999	<p><b>Soft &amp; Safe English language courses (currently: International House)</b> Position: Teacher of English</p>
02/1995 - 03/1998	<p><b>Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), Medical English Program</b> Position: Teacher of English</p>
10/1982 - 09/2001	<p><b>High School #67</b> 9 Amirian St., Yerevan, Armenia Position: Teacher of English, English Literature, and Technical Translation</p>

## **CONSULTING AND PRO-BONO WORK**

2019 - present	<b>European school</b> Pro-bono consultant for extra-curricular activities related to English language learning
2015, 2016, 2017	Instructor of Classroom Assessment workshops for Peace Corps volunteers, Armenia
03/2017–05/2017	Team member of the working group developing a Concept Note on teaching foreign languages in educational institutions in RA
08/2012 – 09/2013	<b>RA Centre for Testing and Assessment</b> Member of the Editorial group working on a set of manuals for the school leaving and university entrance unified tests of English
09/2007 – 09/2011	<b>RA Centre for Testing and Assessment</b> Head of the committee working on the guidelines of school leaving and university entrance unified tests of English
05/2005 – present	<b>Anania Shirakatsy Lyceum</b> (Round Square member) Pro-bono consultant for curriculum and assessment related issues
03/2003	<b>American Councils for International Education</b> Interviewer, TEA Program
12/2002	<b>Council of Europe, Education Policy and Minorities</b> Joint working group member Strasbourg
07/1997 - 08/1997	<b>Ministry of Education and Science</b> Member of the centralised entrance examinations committee (The work included developing tests for the English language entrance examinations to higher educational institutions of Armenia).

## **EDUCATION**

01/2000 - 10/2001	<b>American University of Armenia, MA TEFL</b>
01/2000 - 08/2000	<b>Monterey Institute of International Studies</b> California, USA Completed Graduate studies (a joint AUA-MIIS program) at MIIS (currently Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey) towards MA TEFL, AUA
03/1992 – 05/1992	<b>American University of Armenia</b> TEFL Certificate course
09/1977 – 06/1982	<b>Yerevan State Teacher Training Institute of Russian and Foreign Languages (named after V. Brusov)</b>

	Department of English and a Second Foreign Language <b>Diploma with Honors</b>
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### **TRAINING COURSES**

06/1998 - 07/1998	<b>International Refresher Teacher Training Course</b> British Council Training Course Mietne, Poland
03/1998	<b>Teaching English through Drama Techniques</b> British Council Training Course Yerevan, Armenia

### **HONORS**

1982	Red Diploma from the Yerevan State Teacher Training Institute of Russian and Foreign Languages (named after V. Brusov)
1977	Gold Medal from High School # 67

### **PRESENTATIONS and PARTICIPATION in PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS**

<u>04/29 2022</u>	Level up with AUA: A workshop day organized by CRAL and OE for teachers in Gyumri Gyumri Technology Center Organizer and presenter
<u>04/28-30/2021</u>	ALTE 1 <sup>st</sup> online International Symposium Participant
<u>04/2020/2021</u>	Abstract admitted for presentation at ALTE International 7 <sup>th</sup> conference in Madrid, Spain. However, the conference was cancelled due to COVID-19. Paper submitted instead.
<u>10/2019</u>	<i>The truth about formative assessment: fun but not a joke</i> Presentation at Teaching for Success, the 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual English Teacher and Educator Development Conference in Armenia British Council, Yerevan
09/2019	Cambridge Assessment Summit of Education: Anticipating the Future of Learning Cambridge Assessment, Cambridge, Summit delegate
03/2019	<i>The truth about formative assessment</i> Presentation at the Workshop day organized by EEC CRAL for school teachers and university professors in Vanadzor Vanadzor Technology Center

	Organizer and presenter
12/2017	Enriching EFL teachers' activity folder Workshops organized by CRAL for school teachers in Vagharshapat Vagharshapat, Armenia Organizer
11/2017	<i>Using rubrics to promote autonomous learning</i> AELTA (Armenian English Language Teachers' Association) 14 <sup>th</sup> annual conference Aghveran, Armenia Presenter
06/2016	<i>How to create a rubric for writing tasks</i> Teaching towards Excellence: Workshops organized by CRAL for school teachers and university professors in Vanadzor School nb 2, Vanadzor Organizer and presenter
11/19/2014 – 11/21/2014	Innovation in Language Testing 45 <sup>th</sup> ALTE Meeting and Conference Hosted by Trinity College London, Participant
06/2014	<i>Writing rubrics: how to use them</i> Workshops conducted at AUA for school teachers of RA as part of the in-service Training courses offered by the National Institute of Education of Armenia Yerevan, Armenia Presenter and organiser
05/2011	Challenges and Opportunities for EFL Testing and Assessment in Armenia Conference organized by the DEP, AUA Yerevan, Armenia Organizer and participant
06/2010	<i>New Trends in Language Teaching and Testing Language Assessment: Theory and Practice</i> Workshops conducted at AUA for university and school teachers of RA Yerevan, Armenia Co-presenter with Dr. Hossein Farhady
05/2010	A TEFL virtual conference held under the auspices of British Council and IREX Moderator for the session <i>Socialising Students' Motivation and Autonomy in the English Language Classroom</i> by Ema Ushioda Yerevan, Armenia
07/2009	International Language Assessment Conference in Armenia (ILACA) Yerevan, Armenia Participant
05/2008	<i>Bridging the past and the future in the field of testing in Armenia</i> AELTA (Association of English Language Teachers of Armenia) Annual Conference Yerevan, Armenia Presenter

04/2008	<i>Bridging the past and the future in the field of testing in Armenia</i> ALTE (Association of Language Testers of Europe) 3 <sup>rd</sup> International Conference Cambridge, UK Presenter
05/2004	<i>Armenian Baseline ELT Study</i> AELTA Annual Conference Yerevan, Armenia Presenter
05/2004	<i>The Role of Alternative Assessment in Student Evaluation</i> AELTA Annual Conference Yerevan, Armenia Presenter
03/2003	<i>A Self-assessment Component of Student Evaluation</i> TESOL Arabia, Dubai Presenter
04/1999	<i>Creative Writing</i> AELTA Annual Conference (held under the auspices of the US Embassy) Yerevan, Armenia Presenter
05/1995	<i>Grammar Games</i> AELTA Annual Conference (held under the auspices of the US Embassy) Yerevan, Armenia Presenter

## **RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS**

<u>15/09/2021</u>	Madaryov, I., Movsisyan, V., Madoyan, H., Galikyan, I., Gasparyan, R. (2021). <i>New Validity Evidence on the TOEFL Junior® Standard Test as a Measure of Progress</i> . (TOEFL Research Report No. RR-95. ETS Research Report No. RR-21-19). Princeton, NJ: Educational Testing Service. <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ets2.12334">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ets2.12334</a>
<u>04/2021</u>	Gasparyan, R (2021). <i>Making formative assessment learner friendly</i> . In Collated papers for the ALTE 7 <sup>th</sup> International Conference, Madrid (pp. 162-165). Cambridge: ALTE Secretariat. URL: <a href="https://www.alte.org/resources/Documents/Collated%20Papers%20ALTE%207th%20International%20Conference%20Madrid.pdf">https://www.alte.org/resources/Documents/Collated%20Papers%20ALTE%207th%20International%20Conference%20Madrid.pdf</a>
2020	Dodigovic, M., Gasparyan, R., Torosyan, S., & Karamanoukian, M. A. <i>Vocabulary size and strategies of English learners in Armenia: What the research says</i> . In Dodigovic, M. & Augustin Llach, MP. (Eds.) <i>Vocabulary in Curriculum Planning: Needs, Strategies and Tools</i> . London: Palgrave/Macmillan. <a href="https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-030-48663-1_5">https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-030-48663-1_5</a>

2019	Galikyan, I., Madyarov, I., & Gasparyan, R. (2019). <i>Student test takers' and teachers' perceptions of the TOEFL Junior® Standard test</i> (TOEFL Research Report No. RR-88). Princeton, NJ: Educational Testing Service. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1002/ets2.12264">https://doi.org/10.1002/ets2.12264</a>
2018	An A to Z of Second Language Assessment: How Language Teachers Understand Assessment Concepts (2018) edited by Coombe, C. (Gasparyan, R. as a contributor) London, UK: British Council. Available online at <a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/research/assessment-literacy">www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/research/assessment-literacy</a>
2017-2019	Vocabulary Learning Strategies and Additional Language Lexis of English Learners in Armenia Research conducted by <i>Dodigovic, M., Gasparyan, R., Torosyan, S., Karamanoukian, M. A.</i>
2014-2016	An Evaluation of the TOEFL Junior Standard Test as a Tool in an EFL Context Research conducted in 2014 -2016 together with principal investigator Irshat Madyarov and co-investigator Irena Galikyan
2014	Gasparyan, R., & Halajyan, M. (2014) <i>Assessing Armenian</i> . In The Companion to Language Assessment, First Edition. Volume IV, Assessment around the world Edited by Antony John Kunnan. John Wiley and Sons, Inc. <a href="http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118411360.wbcla028">onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118411360.wbcla028</a> (online publication: 11 November, 2013)
2013, 2014	Shtemaran: School Leaving and University Entrance Tests (in three volumes). Rabuni 2013 (first edition), and 2014 (second edition) Yerevan Co-author.
2012	Atoyan, L. School Leaving and University Entrance Tests (editor: Gasparyan, R.) Krunk 2012, Yerevan
2010	Gaspaaryan, R. Harutyunyan, N., Atoyan, L (2010) Ten tests: English, Zangak, Yerevan
2007, 2008, 2009	Gasparyan, R., Atoyan, L., & Harutyunyan, N. A Guide to the English Language School Leaving and University Entrance Examination, (First published: Center for Testing and Assessment of Knowledge, 2007. Revised in 2008 and 2009, Yerevan) Editor and co-author
2009	Gasparyan, R., Atoyan, L., & Harutyunyan, Five Tests: English, Center for Testing and Assessment of Knowledge (2009), Yerevan

2007, 2008	Muradyan, K., Gasparyan, R., Atoyan, L., & Harutyunyan, N. From School to University: Preparatory Manual (First published: Macmillan-Armenia 2007. Revised in 2008) Macmillan-Armenia, Yerevan
09/2004 – 05/2005	Armenian Baseline ELT Study Project (Part Two) What Really Happens in the Armenian Secondary School Classroom? (Research conducted and report prepared by the AELTA Baseline Team, sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia, commissioned and managed on behalf of the Ministry by British Council Armenia) British Council Armenian Team member and Report writer
2004	Gasparyan, R. and Harutyunyan, N. <i>A Self-Assessment Component of Student Evaluation</i> in Davidson, P., Al-Hamly, M., Khan, M.A., Aydelott, J., Bird, K. & Coombe, C. (Eds). (2004). Proceedings of the 9 <sup>th</sup> TESOL Arabia Conference: English Language Teaching in the IT Age, Vol. 8. Dubai: TESOL Arabia.
11/2001 – 03/2003	Armenian Baseline ELT Study Project (Part One) English Language Teaching at Secondary Level in Armenia, 2003: An English Language Baseline Study (Educational year 2001 - 2002) (Research conducted and report prepared by AELTA TESOL Armenia Baseline Team, sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia, commissioned and managed on behalf of the Ministry by British Council Armenia) British Council Armenian Team member and Report writer
1997	Grammar Games, <i>English Teachers Newsletter</i> , issue 4, 1997
1997	Thirty Tests, Yerevan State University, 1997 Co-author

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

11/2014 – present	ALTE (Association of Language testers of Europe) individual affiliate
07/2009 – 2014	Member of ILTA (International Language Testing Association)
10/1995 – present	Member of AELTA (Association of English Language Teachers of Armenia)
01/2003 – 01/2004	Member of TESOL, Arabia

## **LANGUAGES**

Armenian	fluent
English	fluent
Russian	fluent
French	fair

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

WordPerfect
Word for Windows
PowerPoint
Moodle

## **References**

Available upon request