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Degrees Earned

Ed.D. in Developmental Education, Grambling State University, 2013

M.S. in Developmental Education, Grambling State University, 2007

B.A. in Philology/Armenian Language and Literature, Tatev University, 1999

Selected Publications

- Martirosyan, N. M., Kennon, J., L., Saxon, D. P., Edmonson, S. L., & Skidmore, S. T. (2017). Instructional technology practices in developmental education in Texas. *Journal of College Reading and Learning*, 47(1), 3-25.
- Bishop, T., Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Lane, F. (2017). Delivery method: Does it matter? A study of North Carolina developmental mathematics redesign. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*. doi:10.1080/10668926.2017.1355281
- Coleman, S. L., Skidmore, S. T., Martirosyan, N. M. (2017). A review of literature of online developmental mathematics: Research-Based recommendations for practice. *Community College Enterprise*, 23(2), 9-26.
- Martirosyan, N. M. (2016). International student handbook. [Review of the book 2016 *International student handbook*, by The College Board]. *Journal of International Students*, 6(3), 825-827.
- Hwang, E., Martirosyan, N. M., & Moore, W. G. (2016). A review of literature on adjustment issues of international students: Recommendations for future practices and research. In K. Bista & C. Foster (Eds.), *Global perspectives and local challenges surrounding international student mobility* (pp. 223-242). Hershey, PA: IGI Global. doi:10.4018/978-1-4666-9746-1
- Saxon, D. P., Martirosyan, N. M., & Vick, N. T. (2016). Best practices and challenges in integrated reading and writing, part II. *Journal of Developmental Education*, 39(3), 34-35.
- Saxon, D. P., Martirosyan, N. M., & Vick, N. T. (2016). Best practices and challenges in integrated reading and writing, part I. *Journal of Developmental Education*, 39(2), 32-34.
- Martirosyan, N. M. (2015). An examination of factors contributing to student satisfaction in Armenian higher education. *International Journal of Educational Management*, 29(2), 177-191.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Hwang, E., & Wanjohi, R. (2015). Impact of language proficiency on academic performance of international students. *Journal of International Students*, 5(1), 72-86.
- Saxon, D. P., Martirosyan, N. M., Wentworth, R. A., & Boylan, H. R. (2015). The developmental education research agenda as set by field professionals, part II. *Journal of Developmental Education*, 38(3).
- Saxon, D. P., Martirosyan, N. M., Wentworth, R. A., & Boylan, H. R. (2015). The developmental education research agenda as set by field professionals, part I. *Journal of Developmental Education*, 38(2), 32-34.

- Vick, N., Robles-Pina, R., Martirosyan, N. M., & Kite, V. (2015). The effectiveness of tutoring on Developmental English grades. *Community College Enterprise*, 21(1), 11-26.
- Datray, J. L., Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2014). Adjunct faculty in developmental education: Best practices, challenges, and recommendations. *Community College Enterprise*, 20 (1), 36-49.
- Martirosyan, N. M. (2014). A culturally proficient response to LGBT Communities: A guide for educators. [Review of the book *A culturally proficient response to LGBT communities: A guide for educators*, by B. R. Lindsey, M. R. Diaz, D. R. Terrel, & B. D., Lindsey]. *Journal of International Students*, 4(4), 397-398.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Wanjohi, R. (2014). Student satisfaction and academic performance in Armenian higher education. *American International Journal of Contemporary Research*, 4(2), 1-5.
- White, W., Martirosyan, N. M., & Wanjohi, R. (2014). Preparatory programs in nineteenth Century Midwest Land Grant Colleges – Part I. In H. R. Boylan & B.S. Bonham (Eds.), *Developmental education: Readings on its past, present, and future* (pp. 18-27). Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martin's.
- White, W., Martirosyan, N. & Wanjohi, R. (2010). Preparatory Programs in Nineteenth Century Midwest Land Grant Colleges – Part III, *Research in Developmental Education*, 23(3).
- White, W., Martirosyan, N. & Wanjohi, R. (2010). Preparatory Programs in Nineteenth Century Midwest Land Grant Colleges – Part II, *Research in Developmental Education*, 23(2).
- White, W., Martirosyan, N. & Wanjohi, R. (2009). Preparatory Programs in Nineteenth Century Midwest Land Grant Colleges – Part I, *Research in Developmental Education*, 23(1).
- Martirosyan, N., Khachatryan, H., & Ghazaryan, T. (2004). *Interactive Classrooms: How to Form Them – Methodological guide for secondary school teachers*. Yerevan, Armenia. Zangak Publishing House.

Funded External Grants

- Martirosyan, N. (2011). *English Access Microscholarship Program*. Grant funded by the US Embassy in Armenia. Amount: \$50,000.
- Martirosyan, N. (2010). *Establishing a Human Resources Network for Peace in South Caucasus*. Grant funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. Amount: €46,027.
- Martirosyan, N. with Syunik NGO. (2005). *Development Programme in South Armenia*. Grant funded by the Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst/EED, Germany. Amount: €789,000.
- Martirosyan, N. with Goris Teachers Union NGO. (2004). *Collaboration for the Sake of the Future: Democratic Schools*. Grant funded by World Learning, USA. Amount: \$25,000.
- Martirosyan, N. (2003). *Interactive Classroom Project*. Grant funded by ACTR/ACCELS International Exchange, USA. Amount: \$5,000.
- Martirosyan, N. with Goris Teachers Union NGO. (2002). *School Democracy*. Grant funded by World Learning, USA.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Martirosyan, N. M. (2017, July). *Study opportunities in the United States: SHSU's graduate programs in education*. Invited presentation at Syunik NGO's International Summer Academy on Peace, Hermon, Armenia.
- Fuller, M. B., Skidmore, S. T., Bustamante, R. M., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2017, April). *An empirically derived faculty model of assessment culture in higher education*. Round table discussion conducted at the American Educational Research Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Skidmore, S. T., & Saxon, D. P. (2017, March). *Facilitating developmental students' engagement and learning in online courses: Challenges and Practical Tips*. Workshop conducted at the National Association for Developmental Education Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2017, March). *Teaching integrated reading and writing: Challenges and instructional practices reported by field practitioners*. Paper presented at the National Association for Developmental Education Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Skidmore, S. T., Martirosyan, N. M., & Saxon, D. P. (2017, March). *Are researchers and practitioners focused on the same issues?* Paper presented at the National Association for Developmental Education Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2017, February). *Integrated reading and writing courses: Technology and support applications used by faculty*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Skidmore, S. T., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2017, February). *Dissertation 101: Some practical tips for students*. Workshop conducted the Southwest Educational Research Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., & Saxon, D. P. (2017, March). *Technology and support applications in integrated reading and writing courses*. Paper presented at the College Academic Support Program Conference, Galveston, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Bustamante, R. M. (2017, February). *Academic and social support services for international students: Current practices*. Paper presented at the 4th SHSU Universality of Global Education Issues Conference, The Woodlands, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M. (2016, November). *Academic adjustment issues among international students in American higher education*. Paper presented (virtually) at the Mid-South Educational Research Association Conference, Mobile, AL.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Skidmore, S. T., & Saxon, D. P. (2016, October). *Technology integration in developmental education in Texas: A statewide study*. Paper presented at the College Academic Support Program Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2016, October). *Best practices and challenges in Integrated Reading and Writing: A survey of field professionals*. Paper presented at the College Academic Support Program Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Skidmore, S. T., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2016, October). *Do researchers' questions align with practitioners' research agenda?* Paper presented at the College Academic Support Program Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Skidmore, S. T., Martirosyan, N. M., & Lane, F. (2016, October). *Research considerations for developmental education*. Pre-conference Institute conducted at the College Academic Support Program Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Polnick, B. (2016, March). *An exploration of institutional factors affecting student satisfaction in higher education: An international*

- study*. Paper presented at the 3rd SHSU Universality of Global Education Issues Conference, The Woodlands.
- Martirosyan, N. M., & Skidmore, S. T. (2016, March). *A framework for promoting meaningful interactions in an online environment*. Paper presented at the 5th SHSU Online Teaching and Learning Conference, Huntsville, TX.
- Hwang, E., Martirosyan, N. M., & Moore, W. G. (2016, February). *University roles for multifaceted adjustment of international students: Suggestions emerged from literature review*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Hwang, E., Moore, W. G., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2016, February). *Cross-cultural experiences of Asian international students: From an ecological perspective*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2016, March). *Ideas for research in developmental education as suggested by field professionals*. Paper presented at the National Association for Developmental Education Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- Saxon, D. P., Martirosyan, N. M., & Vick, N. (2016, February). *Challenges and instructional practices in teaching integrated reading and writing*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Skidmore, S. T., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2016, February). *Dissertation 101: Some practical tips for students*. Workshop conducted at the Southwest Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Martirosyan, N. M., & Hwang, E. (2015, March). *Current studies on international student adjustment in the United States: Challenges and recommendations*. Paper presented for the SHSU Universality of Global Education Issues Conference, The Woodlands, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Hwang, E., & Wanjohi, R. (2015, February). *Language proficiency and academic performance among international students in American higher education*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Kennon, J. L., Saxon, D. P., Edmonson, S. L., & Skidmore, S. T. (2015, February). *Instructional technology practices in developmental education in Texas*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Skidmore, S. T., Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., Young, K., Covert, S., Hill, N., Mannino, G., & Selman, M. L. (2015, February). *Facilitating student learning in a fully online environment: Best practices*. Panel discussion conducted at the meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Hwang, E., & Akwar, D. C. (2014, February). *The impact of limited language proficiency on academic performance of international students*. Paper presented at the SHSU Universality of Global Education Issues Conference, The Woodlands.
- Martirosyan, N. M., & Saxon, D. P. (2014, February). *Factors influencing student satisfaction in Armenian higher education*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

- Martirosyan, N. M., & Wanjohi, R. (2014, March). *Portfolio: A non-traditional approach to assessment in developmental education*. Paper presented at the National Association for Developmental Education Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Saxon, D. P., Martirosyan, N. M. (2014, November). *Developmental education: Setting the research agenda*. Paper presented at the College Reading and Learning Association Conference, St. Paul, MN.
- Weller, C. T., Robles-Pina, R., Martirosyan, N., & Saxon, D. P. (2014, September). *Persistence and graduation rates of developmental students in Texas two-year institutions*. Paper presented at the College Academic Support Program Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Wanjohi, R. & Martirosyan, N. (2009). *Developing Underprepared Students with the Help of Technology Usage*. Paper presented at the Louisiana Association for Developmental Education Conference, October 29, Lafayette, LA.
- Wanjohi, R. & Martirosyan, N. (2009). *Improving Education in Rural Areas Through Technology Usage*. Paper presented at the GSU College of Education Research Symposium, March 27, Grambling, LA.
- Wanjohi, R. & Martirosyan, N. (2008). *Enhancing Developmental Students' Learning Through Portfolio Assessment and Usage*. Paper presented at the Louisiana Association for Developmental Education Conference, October 16, Alexandria, LA.
- Wanjohi, R. & Martirosyan, N. (2008). *Using Portfolio Assessment & Evaluation in the Age of Accountability: Meeting NCATE and SACS Requirements*. Paper presented at the GSU College of Education Research Symposium, April 18, Grambling, LA.

Work or Professional Experiences

- 2013 – Present, Assistant Professor of Education, Sam Houston State University
- 2012-2013, Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, Grambling State University
- 2011-2012, Education Program Manager, Children of Armenia Fund
- 2010-2012, Head, Office of International and Public Affairs, Syunik NGO/Gitelik University
- 2008-2009, FYE Instructor, Grambling State University
- 2007-2010, NCATE Assistant, Grambling State University
- 2005-2007, Graduate Research Assistant, Grambling State University
- 2003-2005, Director, Social Training Center, Syunik NGO
- 2000-2003, Teacher Training Program Manager, National Institute for Education
- 1999-2002, Lecturer, Tatev University

Honors and Awards

- Academic Integrity Award: Honorable Mention. (2016). Global Innovation Awards 2016, Higher Education Category, North America Region, TurnItIn LLC.
- Certificate of Appreciation. (2016). Journal of International Students.
- Certificate of Achievement, Louisiana Association for Developmental Education, 2009
- Armenian Student Association Scholarship, 2008 & 2009

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship, 2008 & 2009

Armenian International Women Association Scholarship, 2008

Certificate for Achievement, Grambling State University, 2008

Travel Grant for Graduate Students, SACS/ COC, 2007

Collegiate All-American Scholar Award, United States Achievement Academy, 2007

Educational Award, AmeriCorps, 2006

Edmund Muskie Fellowship, International Research and Exchange Program & US
Department of State, 2005-2007

Certificate of Recognition, IREX (International Research & Exchanges Board), 2002.