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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., Saxon, D. P., & Coleman, S. L. (2022). Doctoral students' perceptions of student-led discussion forums in online classes. *Distance Education*, 43(1), 157-170. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01587919.2022.2029351>
- Sides, M. L. C., Williams, D. E., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2022). Instructor continuity: A tool for increasing student success in First Year Composition Sequences. *Community College Enterprise*, 28(1), 41-54.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Skidmore, S. T. (2021). Online developmental education instruction: Challenges and instructional practices according to the practitioners. *Journal of College Academic Support Program*, 4(1), 12-23.
- Coleman, S. L., Skidmore, S. T., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2021). Dual credit and advanced placement students in developmental education: What happened? *Journal of College Academic Support Programs*, 3(2), 14-27. <https://doi.org/10.36896/3.2fa1>
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2020). Faculty input on the benefits and support for teaching accelerated developmental mathematics. *Journal of Academic Support Programs*, 3(1), 10-19.
- Saxon, D. P., Martirosyan, N. M., & Sides, M. L. C. (2020). NADE/NOSS Members respond: What's in a name? Part 1. *Journal of Developmental Education* 43(2), 26-28.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Bustamante, R. M., & Saxon, D. P. (2019). Academic and social support services for international students: Current practices. *Journal of International Students*, 9(1), 172-191.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Vick, N. T. (2019). Integrated reading and writing courses in higher education: Technology, support services, and class sizes as reported by faculty. *Research in Developmental Education*, 27(4), 1-4.
- Bishop, T., Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Lane, F. (2018). The effect of acceleration on subsequent course success rates based on the North Carolina developmental mathematics redesign. *Journal of College Academic Support Programs*, 1(1), 42-47.
- Vick, N. T., Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2018). Internal conflict: Community college presidents and developmental education. *Journal of College Academic Support Programs*, 1(1), 26-33.
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2017). Improving accelerated developmental mathematics courses. *Journal of Developmental Education*, 41(1), 24-27.
- 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., Saxon, D. P., & Skidmore, S. T. (2022, March 25). *Teaching developmental education online: Challenges and instructional practices* [Poster presentation]. NOSS Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Martirosyan, N. M., Van De Walker, D., & Saxon, P. (2022, February 23). The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on international students enrolled in a Public University in a Rural Community in the United States: Academic and non-academic challenges [Paper presentation]. Southwest Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Skidmore, S. T. (2021, October 19). *Online developmental education instruction: Challenges and Instructional Practices*. [Paper session]. Texas College Academic Support Programs Virtual Conference.

Martirosyan, N. M., & Saxon, D. P. (2021, February 3). *Teaching Online: Challenges and Instructional Practices* [Workshop session]. Southwest Educational Research Association Virtual Conference.

- Skidmore, S. T., Martirosyan, N. M., Wanjugu, S., & Jones, B. (2021, February 4). *Faculty women of color in higher education* [Workshop session]. Southwest Educational Research Association Virtual Conference.
- Martirosyan, N. M. (2021, March 6). *The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on international students: Unique challenges and recommendations for support* [Paper session]. SHSU Universality of Global Education Issues Virtual Conference.
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2020, October 21). *Teaching accelerated developmental mathematics: Faculty viewpoints* [Paper presentation]. Texas College Academic Support Programs Virtual Conference.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Skidmore, S. T. (2020, February 14). *Teaching developmental education online: Challenges and instructional practices* [Paper presentation]. Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, Arlington, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Saxon, D. P., & Tong, J. A. (2019, March). *Faculty input on the benefits of and support for teaching accelerated developmental mathematics*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for Developmental Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Saxon, D. P., & Martirosyan, N. M. (2019, February). *Accelerated developmental mathematics: Challenges and recommendations*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Bustamante, R. M., & Saxon, D. P. (2018, February). *Specialized support service for international students: What some U.S. universities offer*. Paper presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Martirosyan, N. M., Skidmore, S. T., & Saxon, D. P. (January, 2018). *Teaching online: Challenges and instructional strategies*. Workshop conducted at the SHSU 2018 Digital Summit, Huntsville, TX.
- Martirosyan, N. M. (2018, March). *COAF SMART campus: A novel initiative in Armenia*. Paper presented at the 5th SHSU Universality of Global Education Issues Conference, Huntsville, TX.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

- 2019 – Present, Associate Professor of Education, Sam Houston State University
- 2013 – 2019, 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**

- Finalist, SHSU COE Teaching Award. (2020).
- Recipient, Editor's Choice Award. (2019). Journal of International Students
- Recipient, SHSU COE Civic Engagement Award. (2019).
- Finalist, SHSU COE Teaching Award. (2019).
- Finalist, SHSU COE Service Award. (2018).
- 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.