

Nelli Marutyan

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 08/2021–08/2026 **PhD in Linguistics**,
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Thesis: *Movement and Information Structure in Eastern Armenian*
Committee: Travis Major (chair), Deniz Rudin, Andrew Simpson, Andrew Murphy, Barry Schein
- 08/2021–08/2023 **MA Linguistics**,
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 08/2015–08/2017 **MA Linguistics**,
California State University, Northridge, CA
- 08/2015–05/2018 **Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)**,
California State University, Northridge, CA
- 09/2001–06/2006 **BA English and Spanish**,
Armenian State Pedagogical University, Yerevan, Armenia

Employment

- 08/2026–ongoing **Lecturer**,
University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, CA
- 08/2018–08/2021 **Adjunct Faculty (ESL Department)**,
Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA
- 08/2016–08/2019 **Administrative Assistant**,
Office of Research and Graduate Studies,
California State University, Northridge, CA

Teaching

- Lecturer/GE Fellow at the University of Southern California*
- Fall 2026 **GESM 160: LLMs and Human Language**
- Teaching Assistant at the University of Southern California*
- Fall 2022 **LING 285: Human Language and Technology**
- Spring 2023 **LING 115: Language and Society**
- Fall 2023 **LING 285: Human Language and Technology**
- Spring 2024 **LING 115: Language and Society**
- Fall 2024 **LING 115: Language and Society**
- Fall 2025 **LING 115: Language and Society**
- Teaching Assistant at California State University, Northridge*

Fall 2017 **Introduction to Phonetics/Phonology**
Spring 2018 **Introduction to Phonetics/Phonology**

Presentations

Guest Lectures

- May 2024 **Raising and Control**, *Guest lecturer for Introduction to Syntax*, California State University, Northridge
May 2023 **Raising and Control**, *Guest lecture for Introduction to Syntax*, California State University, Northridge

Conference Presentations

- April 2026 **The Syntax of Nuclear Stress in Eastern Armenian**, *Poster presentation at GLOW 48, Siena, Italy*, University of Siena
April 2025 **Functional Heads as Binders: The Case of Eastern Armenian**, *Talk at PLC 49*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
March 2025 **The Multifunctionality of the Armenian Complementizer *te***, *Lightning talk with poster (with Ariela Ye) at GLOW 47*, Frankfurt, Germany
March 2025 **Binding as Agree: the Case of Bashkir**, *Poster presentation at Tu+ 10: Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic*, University of Southern California
January 2025 **Phase Edges as Binders (Eastern Armenian)**, *Talk at ConSOLE 33*, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany

Publications

- 2026 **The Multifunctionality of the Armenian Complementizer *te***, *with Ariela Ye, Proceedings of GLOW 47*
2026 **Functional Heads as Binders**, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of PLC 49*
2025 **Functional Heads as Binders: The Case of Eastern Armenian**, *Proceedings of ConSOLE 33*
In Revision **Wh-Movement, Focus, and Scope in Eastern Armenian**, *with Andrew Simpson, Natural Language & Linguistic Theory (short article)*
In Revision **Stress, focus and argument movement in Eastern Armenian**, *Syntactic Theory and Research*

Grants & Fellowships

Awards

- 2024 **CCLS Seed Funding**, *Project: Enriching Vector Embeddings with Structural Information Using Graph Architecture*, Center for Computational Language Science (CCLS), University of Southern California
2021 **Doctoral Incentive Program Fellowship**, *California State University Chancellor's Office*, California State University System