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## **EDUCATION**

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University of Connecticut	Storrs, CT
Ph.D., Anthropology	May, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research Interests: pastoralism, human-environment interactions, migration, highland ecosystems, complex societies, origins of agriculture, behavioral ecology, zooarchaeology, stable isotopes, Neolithic, Chalcolithic, Bronze Age, Antiquity, Caucasus, Iran, Eastern Mediterranean</li><li>• Dissertation: <i>Herding in the Highlands: Pastoralism and the Making of the Kura-Araxes Cultural Tradition</i></li></ul>	
M.A., Anthropology	December, 2012
University of Georgia	Athens, GA
B.A. <i>magna cum laude</i> , Anthropology	May, 2008

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

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2020–	Visiting Assistant Professor; Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The College of Wooster; Wooster, OH.
2019–2020	Postdoctoral Fellow; Humanities Institute; University of Connecticut; Storrs, CT.
2010–2019	Graduate Assistant; University of Connecticut, Department of Anthropology; Storrs, CT.
2017	Adjunct Professor of Anthropology; Southern Connecticut State University, Department of Anthropology and Sociology; New Haven, CT.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING**

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2017	University of Connecticut, Anthropology Department, Dissertation Fellowship; \$16,000
2016	University of Connecticut, Graduate School, Dissertation Writing Fellowship; \$1000
2015	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant; \$17,060
2014	American Research Institute of the South Caucasus, Junior Research Fellowship; * alternate
2014	Norian Foundation, funds for field research; \$3290
2012	University of Connecticut, Summer Research Fellowship; \$3400
2011	University of Connecticut, Summer Research Fellowship; \$4480

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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2014	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Award, University of Connecticut; \$850
2009	Center for Arabic Study Abroad, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University; Summer Fellow at the American University in Cairo. * Unable to attend, because Egyptian entry visa was denied.
2008	Most Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award, Joint Meeting of the Georgia and Florida Academies of Science; Jacksonville, FL; \$110

2007 Eugene Freeman Jr. Memorial Scholarship, University of Georgia, Athens, GA; \$1200  
2005–2008 Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally (HOPE) Scholarship; \$4,750 per year

## PUBLICATIONS

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- In press **Samei, S.**, and D. Olszewski. Zooarchaeological investigation of Late Pleistocene subsistence adaptations in the Zagros highlands. In *Pleistocene Archaeology of the Iranian Plateau, Iraq and the Caucasus*, eds. Biglari, F., S. Shidrang, and M. Mashkour. National Museum of Iran Paleolithic Studies Series No. 2, pp. 261–275.
- 2020 **Samei, S.**, and K. Alizadeh. The spatial organization of craft production at the Kura-Araxes settlement of Köhne Shahar in northwestern Iran: a zooarchaeological approach. *PLOS ONE*.
- 2019 **Samei, S.**, Alizadeh, K., and N. Munro. Herd management and provisioning strategies at the Kura-Araxes settlement of Köhne Shahar, northwestern Iran. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 55: 1–24.
- 2018 Alizadeh, K., **Samei, S.**, Mohammadkhani, K., and R. Tykot. Craft production and political power at Köhne Shahar, a Kura-Araxes settlement in the Iranian Azerbaijan. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 51: 127–143.
- 2016 **Samei, S.**, Munro, N., al-Nahar, M., and D. Olszewski. Differential bone preservation and human foraging at the Early Epipaleolithic site of Tor at-Tareeq (WHS1065) in the western highlands of Jordan. *Quaternary International* 396: 52–61.
- 2016 Munro, N.D., Kennerty, M., Meier, J.S., **Samei, S.**, al-Nahar, M., and D.I. Olszewski. Human hunting and site occupation intensity in the Early Epipaleolithic of the Jordanian western highlands. *Quaternary International* 396: 31–39.
- 2014 Alizadeh, K., Eghbal, H., and **S. Samei**. Approaches to social complexity in Kura-Araxes Culture: a view from Köhne Shahar (Ravaz) in Chaldran, Iranian Azerbaijan. *Paléorient* 41(1): 37–54.

## MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED

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- **Samei, S.**, Hovhannisyann, N., and B. Gasparyan. Economic and symbolic role of animals during the Late Chalcolithic period of Areni-1 Cave, Armenia. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

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- **Samei, S.** *Our Pastoral Past: Modeling Diversity in Prehistoric Animal Economies in the Near Eastern Highlands*. (Book Manuscript).
- **Samei, S.**, and A. Gyonjyan. Prehistoric human-environment interactions in the southern Caucasus. *Quaternary Science Review*.
- **Samei, S.**, Alizadeh K., Munro, N., and G. Hartman. Stable oxygen ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) and carbon ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) isotope analysis of herd management strategies at the Kura-Araxes settlement of Köhne Shahar, nonwestern Iran. Targeted journal: *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*.
- Sanders, A., and **S. Samei**. Kura-Araxes migration and pastoralism: a new assessment based on faunal data and settlement patterns. Targeted journal: *Current Anthropology*.
- Batiuk, S., Alizadeh, K., Badalyan, R., Rafael Greenberg, R., Hovsepian, R., Lyonnet, B., Palumbi, G., Paz, S., Philip, G., Rothman, M., and **S. Samei**. New perspectives on the Kura-Araxes: results of the 2017 Toronto workshop. Targeted journal: *PLOS ONE*.

## SESSIONS & COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED

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- 2020 Co-organizer – Annual Meeting of the South Caucasus Colloquium. Columbia University.
- 2018 Organizer – *In the Service of the Greater Good: Broader Applications of Zooarchaeology in the Era of Interdisciplinary Research*. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, DC. Sponsor: the Zooarchaeology Interest Group.

## INVITED WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION

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- 2017 *People of the Hills: Special Symposium on the Prehistoric Kura-Araxes Cultural Tradition*. The Archaeology Centre, University of Toronto, March 6–12, ON, Canada. Sponsor: the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; organizers: Stephen Batiuk, Mitchell Rothman.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 **Samei, S.**, Kandel, A., and B. Gasparyan. “Zooarchaeological Investigations of the Hellenistic Occupation of Aghitu-3 Cave, Armenia.” \* Paper to be presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Society for Oriental Research*, Boston, MA.
- 2019 **Samei, S.**, and A. Gyonjyan. “Animal Economies of the South Caucasus from the Neolithic period to the end of the Early Bronze Age.” \* Paper to be presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Society for Oriental Research*, San Diego, CA.
- 2019 **Samei, S.**, Munro, N., and G. Hartman. “Zooarchaeological and Stable Oxygen ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) Isotope Analyses of Herd Management Strategies at the Early Bronze Age Kura-Araxes Settlement of Köhne Shahar in Northwestern Iran.” \* Paper to be presented at the *International Meeting of the Archaeozoology of Southwest Asia and Adjacent Areas*, Barcelona.
- 2017 **Samei, S.**, Olszewski, D., and N. Munro. “Zooarchaeological Investigation of Late Pleistocene Subsistence Adaptations in Iran.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 **Samei, S.**, and K. Alizadeh. “Three Seasons of Excavations at the Kura-Araxes Early Bronze Age Site.” Tehran, Iran. Paper presented at the *Annual National Symposium on Iranian Archaeology*, Tehran, Iran, 2016. \* Paper delivered in Persian.
- 2015 K. Alizadeh., and **S. Samei**. “Craft Production and Specialization in the Transcaucasian Early Bronze Age: A View from Köhne Shahar, NW Iran.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 **Samei, S.**, Alizadeh, K., and H. Eqbal. “A Quantitative Zooarchaeological Approach to Exploring Craft Specialization at the Early Bronze Age Site of Köhne Shahar in Northwestern Iran.” Paper presented at the *Meeting of the International Council of Archaeozoology*, San Rafael, Argentina.
- 2014 Munro, N., Kennerty, M., Meier, J., and **S. Samei**. “Human Hunting and Landscape Use in the Jordanian Eastern Highlands during the Epipaleolithic.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*, Austin, TX.
- 2014 **Samei, S.**, Munro, N., Kennerty, M., al-Nahar, Maysoon, and D. Olszewski. “Taphonomic and Zooarchaeological Analysis of the Early Epipaleolithic Site of Tor at Tareeq (WHS-1065), Jordan.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology* Austin, TX.
- 2013 **Samei, S.**, Alizadeh, K., and H. Eqbal. “Zooarchaeological Analyses from the Kura- Araxes Site of Köhne Shahar (Ravaz) in Northwestern Iran: A Preliminary Assessment of Social Complexity.” Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Society for Oriental Research*, Baltimore, MD.

## UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

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*Armenia; Aghitu-3 Cave, Upper Paleolithic, Iron Age, Hellenistic (projected start date: summer 2020)*

Tasks: faunal specialist; recording and analysis of the Hellenistic faunal remains from tombs, pits, and domestic contexts. Site directors: Boris Gasparyan (National Academy of Sciences, Armenia); Andrew Kandel (University of Tübingen, Germany).

*Iran; Tepe Hasanlu, Neolithic–Late Bronze Age (projected start date: 2021)*

Tasks: co-faunal specialist; recording and of faunal remains from the Neolithic period (Level X) to the Late Bronze Age (Level V); the collection is being curated at the Penn Museum, Philadelphia. Collaborator: Pam Crabtree (Institute for the Study of the Ancient Worlds; New York University).

## PREVIOUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

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*Iran; Köbne Shabar, Early Bronze Age fortification (2011–2018)*

Tasks: excavation supervisor and faunal specialist; recording and analysis of faunal remains from all occupations; collection and processing of tooth and bone specimens for stable carbon and isotope analyses; modern environmental sampling to establish isotopic baseline. Site director: Karim Alizadeh (Grand Valley State University, USA).

*Armenia; Areni-1, Neolithic–Medieval cave (2013–2018)*

Tasks: faunal specialist; recording and analysis of faunal remains from all occupations. Site directors: Boris Gasparyan (National Academy of Sciences, Armenia); Gregory Areshian (American University of Armenia); Ron Pinhasi (University College Dublin, Ireland).

*Jordan; Western Highlands Early Epipaleolithic Project (2011–2016)*

Tasks: excavation supervisor and junior faunal specialist; data collection from three Epipaleolithic and Upper Paleolithic sites in Petra and Wadi Hasa; analysis of fauna from Epipaleolithic WHS-1065. Site directors: Deborah Olszewski (University of Pennsylvania, USA); Maysoun al-Nahar (University of Jordan, Amman).

*United States, South Carolina; Stono Rice Plantation, Antebellum Period (2007–2009)*

Task: junior faunal specialist; recording and analysis of faunal remains from slave habitation quarters; comparison of data with other rice, cotton, and tobacco plantations in the South. Site directors: Martha Zierden (Charleston Museum, USA); Ron Anthony (College of Charleston, USA).

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

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- Teaching Assistant (2010–2014, 2018)  
ANTH 1006, *Introduction to Anthropology* (including Honors); University of Connecticut  
ANTH 1500, *Great Discoveries in Archaeology*; University of Connecticut  
ANTH 3002, *Culture, Language, and Thought*; University of Connecticut
- Primary Instructor (2013–2019)  
ANTH 1000W, *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology* (writing intensive); University of Connecticut  
Former course title: *Other People's Worlds*  
ANTH 1000, *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*; University of Connecticut  
ANT 102, *Introduction to Biological Anthropology*; Southern Connecticut State University
- Student Evaluations of Teaching as Primary Instructor at the University of Connecticut (2013–2019):  
Instructor Median: 4.9/5.0; Anthropology Department: Median 4.4/5.0; University Median: 4.2/5.0
- Recognition of Excellence; Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, University of Connecticut (2016)
- Trained two undergraduate students at the University of Connecticut as research assistants in the collection and processing of bone and tooth samples for stable isotope analysis:  
Alexander Lozano (2016–2017)  
Preston Senderoff (2019)

- Invited lecturer; undergraduate *Introduction to Zooarchaeology* course, University of Connecticut (Fall 2017)
- Invited lecturer; undergraduate *Introduction to Archaeology* course, University of Connecticut (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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- Co-Chair, Zooarchaeology Interest Group, Society for American Archaeology (2017–2018)
- Student Association for Archaeological Sciences; University of Georgia, Athens, GA (2006–2007)
- Student member, Center for Archaeological Sciences Executive Board; University of Georgia, Athens, GA (2006–2007)

### **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES**

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- *University of Connecticut, Anthropology*  
Anthropology Department website administrator (2017–2018)  
Annual Experimental Archaeology Animal Roast, founder and organizer (2012–2016)

### **SKILLS**

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- Proficient in: ArcGIS, Adobe Creative Cloud, HTML, Microsoft Office
- Languages: Persian (native), English (fluent), French and Arabic (conversation and reading)

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

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American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC), American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR), International Council of Archaeozoology (ICAZ), Society for American Archaeology (SAA), Society for Iranian Archaeology (SIA)

### **SELECTED GRADUATE COURSE WORK**

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Advanced GIS for Remote Sensing and Geoscience Applications, Behavioral Ecology, Paleoclimate Reconstruction, Analytical Methods in Archaeology, Archaeobotany, Archaeological Theory, Human Evolutionary Theory, Human Osteology, Lithics, Site Formation Processes, Stable Isotopes