

Jadi Sevan Darawi

Education

Master of Arts in Communication and Culture, Toronto Metropolitan University

SEPTEMBER 2025 - PRESENT

- Research focus on textile history and West Asian cultures
- Maintained consistently high marks with a 4.0 GPA
- Took specialized courses in Research Methodologies, Digital Publication, and Visual Culture

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance Production, Toronto Metropolitan University

SEPTEMBER 2021 - JUNE 2025

- Maintained consistently high marks with a 3.8 GPA
- Took specialized courses in Academic Research Methods, Creative Writing, and Zone Learning

Professional Experience

Production Manager, Freelance

JUNE 2024 - PRESENT

- Effectively organized and led teams of people to accomplish company goals
- Facilitated inter-departmental communication and led company-wide meetings
- Creation and distribution of company progress reports
- Creation and implementation of short- and long-term schedules
- Budget management and reconciliation

Academic Assistant, Faculty of Arts, Toronto Metropolitan University

SEPTEMBER 2026 - PRESENT

- Marked student's papers and projects
- Led in-person classes for students
- Prepared and gave several lectures to students

Education Assistant, Textile Museum of Canada

APRIL 2026 - AUGUST 2026

- Activated the Learning Hub by engaging audiences of all ages, backgrounds and abilities through educational workshops and activities
- Supported the Textile Reuse Program with fabric donation intake, sorting, and pricing
- Facilitated school and group tours of the Museum

Research Assistant, Centre for Drama, Theatre, and Performance, University of Toronto

JANUARY 2026 - APRIL 2026

- Conducted archival research individually and with a small team
- Completed editorial work and prepared material for publication

Academic Assistant, School of Performance, Toronto Metropolitan University

SEPTEMBER 2025 - APRIL 2026

- Marked student's papers and projects
- Led in-person classes for students
- Prepared and gave several lectures to students

Publications

Bourgault, J.-C., Cote, V., Coulson, D., **Darawi, J.**, Dorafshanian, Z., Kopanarov, M., Monasar, A., Tabra, J., Tschofen, M., Vidal Valdespino, P., & Wilson, R. (2026, May 05). *Visual Culture: How to See (Version 1)*. Toronto Metropolitan University. <https://doi.org/10.32920/28620311.v1>

Darawi, J. (2026, April 22). *This Is Not Art: Learnings from my participation in The Name Of residency for trans* artists*. Toronto Metropolitan University. <https://www.torontomu.ca/graduate/programs/comcult/news-events/2026/04/this-is-not-art/>

Darawi, J. (2026, April 15). *Taraz traditions: Armenian heritage from Toronto to New York*. Armenian Weekly. <https://armenianweekly.com/2026/04/15/taraz-traditions-armenian-heritage-from-toronto-to-new-york/>

Aguero, S., Arakelyan, S., **Darawi, J. S.**, Khachadour, M., Paroyan, J. (2026, Jan). *First Fruits: An Anthology of Armenian Folklore and Spirituality*. Odar Press. <https://tr.ee/xTwhsGkaqp>

Aguero, S., Alexanian, L., Barile, S., Chahine, B. D., **Darawi, J. S.**, Haytayan, T., Matevosyan, A., Snowber, C. N., Tadevosyan, N. D., Vartanian, L., Youssoufian, E., Zadoorian, R. (2025, Dec). *Issue 14: Freedom*. Hyebred Magazine. <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5896c16dcd0f689b98520558/t/6953cf8ae7e4a916b31f4c2f/1767100351713/HyeBred+Issue+14>

Conference Presentations

History Embodied, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, MA
OCTOBER 2026

- Individual presentation “Scout Tufankjian: The Armenian Diaspora and the Power of a Photograph”

Harbours of Hope, Canadian Sociological Association, Halifax, NS
JUNE 2026

- Individual presentation “Arts and Activism in Canadian Diaspora Communities”

Intersections | Cross-sections, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, ON
MARCH 2026

- Individual presentation “Arts and Activism in Canadian Diaspora Communities”

Artist Residencies and Artist Development Programs

My Body My Story, Sick Stories

SEPTEMBER 2026 - OCTOBER 2026

- Multi-week artist development program for disabled and neurodivergent artists
- Personal focus on embroidery and textile art

The Name Of, Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts

MARCH 2026

- Week-long residency for trans artists
- Personal focus on embroidery and textile art

Selected Exhibitions

The Name Of, Orchid Contemporary, Hamilton, ON

SEPTEMBER 2026

- Contributed 1 piece to the group exhibition
- Svaz style Armenian Embroidery

Gender Mend, Textile Arts Center, Brooklyn, NY

APRIL 2026

- Contributed 1 piece to the group exhibition
- Embroidery, beading, millinery

Untitled, Danu Social House, Toronto, ON

APRIL 2026

- Solo exhibition of 5 pieces
- Cross-stitch embroidery

Collective/Memory, Sur Gallery, Toronto, ON

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025

- Contributed 1 piece to the group exhibition
- Cross-stitch embroidery

Building Home, Cahoots Theatre, Toronto, ON

MAY 2025

- Solo exhibition of 17 pieces
- Variety of textile art and carpentry

Graduate and Professional Awards

Fund for Armenian Studies, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research

NOVEMBER 2026

Graduate Student Travel Fund, Toronto Metropolitan University

NOVEMBER 2026

History Embodied Conference Fund, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research

OCTOBER 2026

Communication and Culture Entrance Scholarship, Toronto Metropolitan University

SEPTEMBER 2026

Unit 3 General Assistance Fund, CUPE Local 3904

JUNE 2026

Conference Student Travel and Accommodation Grant, Canadian Sociological Association

JUNE 2026

Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Travel Grant, Toronto Metropolitan University

MARCH 2026

Graduate Student Travel Fund, Toronto Metropolitan University

MARCH 2026

Communication and Culture Entrance Scholarship, Toronto Metropolitan University
SEPTEMBER 2025

Undergraduate Awards

Jahmil and Jodi French Award, Toronto Metropolitan University
NOVEMBER 2024

Nona Macdonald Heaslip Award, Toronto Metropolitan University
NOVEMBER 2023

Imperial Public Library Theatre Award, Toronto Metropolitan University
NOVEMBER 2022