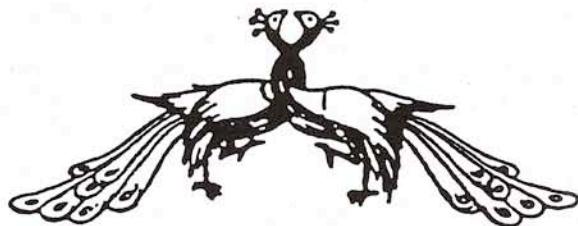


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### MESA '99

**Middle East Studies Association**  
**33rd Annual Meeting**  
November 19-22  
Washington, D.C.  
Marriot Wardman Park Hotel

• Friday, November 19

**Society for Armenian Studies (SAS)**  
8:00-9:00 PM Executive Board Meeting  
Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Linai 156 Room

9:00-11:00 PM Annual Meeting  
Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Harding Room

**16th Annual Film Fest**  
*Enemy of the People*  
*Wall of Silence*

**Panels and activities during the  
MESA Conference**  
**November 19-22, 1999**

Friday, November 19

#### 11 AM Tour of Library of Congress.

If you are unable to make this, please e-mail Dr. Levon Avdoyan (lavd@loc.gov) for alternate tour information or assistance if you would like to use the collection during the conference.

**2-4 PM Working Seminar on Armenian-Kurdish historic and contemporary relations at the Library of Congress.** Those who are involved in Armenian Studies are invited to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Levon Avdoyan (lavd@loc.gov)

• Saturday, November 20

**1:30-3:30 PM**

**Saudi Arabia: History, Identity and Foreign Policy**  
Chair: Joseph A. Kechichian, Kechichian and Associates, LLC  
R. Hrair Dekmejian, University of Southern California  
*Determinants of Saudi Foreign Policy*

**5:30 PM Dinner** at St. Mary's Armenian Church with the local community, followed by a panel on Karabakh. To RSVP, e-mail gottenbr@umich.edu

• Sunday, November 21

**8:00-10:00 AM**

#### **Revolutionary Thought and Policy in 20th Century Iran**

Houri Berberian, California State University, Long Beach  
*From Sweets to Arms: Collaboration and Contention between Armenian and Iranian Constitutionalists*

**10:30-12:30 AM**

#### **The Construction of Ethnic Identity in Modern Armenian Literature**

Chair: Dickran Kouymjian, California State University, Fresno

##### **Victoria Rowe, University of Toronto**

*Female Gender Identity in the First Generation of Armenian-American Women Writers*

Barlow Der Mugrdechian, California State University, Fresno

*Peter Balakian's Black Dog of Fate: Armenian Identity in America*

##### **S. Peter Cowe, UCLA**

*Weaving Identity in the Poetic Web: Armenian Literature of Istanbul*

##### **Rubina Peroomian, UCLA**

*Expressions of Nationalism in Dissident and Post-Soviet Armenian Literature*

Discussant: Kevork B. Bardakjian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

*Sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies*

1:30-3:30 PM

### Armenia in the Eighteenth Century: The Last "Dark Age"

Chair: S. Peter Cowe, UCLA

**Robert H. Hewsen**, Rowan University

*Armenia in the Eighteenth Century: The Parameters of the Investigation*

**Sevana Bagdasarian Panosian**, UCLA

*Baghdasar Tbir as Humanist and Social Reformer*

**Thomas A. Sinclair**, University of Cyprus

*Ottomans, Armenians and Yezidis in the Province of Van: The Evidence of the Minor Chronicles*

**George A. Bournoutian**, Iona College

*Newly Available Sources for Armenian History in the 18th Century*

• **Monday, November 22**

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM**

### Diaspora and Memory

Chair: **Anahid Kassabian**, Fordham University

**David Kazanjian**, City University of New York and **Anahid Kassabian**, Fordham University

*Filmic Conventions and Innovations: Representing the Armenian Diaspora in North America*

**Vartan Matiossian**, University of Salvador, Argentina  
*The Refusal of the Diaspora in the Life and Work of Constant Zarian*

**Marc Nichanian**, Columbia University

*Memory and Catastrophe*

**M. Lena Takvorian**, Columbia University

*Memory and Learning in the Diasporic Novel: An Incommensurability?*

*Sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies*

**1 PM**

### Reception at the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia

To RSVP, e-mail [gottenbr@umich.edu](mailto:gottenbr@umich.edu)

### SAS Dues Notices

Please read your dues notice carefully. There will be a linedown two-thirds of the page which will clearly state your dues status: fully paid, that you need to pay for this year, or that you need to pay for this year and all or parts of previous years. If you owe dues for this year, last year, and the preceeding year, you will be dropped from membership at the end of the year. The return envelopes of those individuals will also have a florescent yellow line on them.

### SAS Seeks Editor for JSAS Call for a Successor

Dennis R. Papazian, President of SAS and editor of the *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* (JSAS) is currently taking applications for the editorship of JSAS. "We are currently working on volume 10," reports Papazian, "and we have a guest editor for volume 11. After that, we need to find a successor."

"We prepare the *Journal* by "desktop publishing" and the Armenian Research Center, which I head, subsidizes the publication. We share the cost with the Society on a 50/50 basis. The Journal, as most academic journals, is not self-supporting. It receives help both from the Society and from the Armenian Research Center. The *Journal* is now indexed by MLA," continued Papazian, "and so all articles will be indexed by the major indexing agency of the world, and all articles will be available to scholars, students, and to the general public. It is a worthy undertaking."

Papazian stated that a prospective editor should apply to the Executive Council and should be prepared to begin collecting articles and book reviews for volume 12. "In that way," continued Papazian, "there will be no lapse between issues as there was between volume 5 and volume 6."

Interested persons should write to Prof. Dennis R. Papazian, President, Society for Armenian Studies, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI, 48128-1491.

### Prize for Best Student Paper Submitted to JSAS

The SAS Executive Council will award an annual \$250.00 prize to the graduate student member of SAS who submits the best article that calendar year to the *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* (JSAS) for publication.

Articles should be submitted to the Editor, Dr. Dennis R. Papazian, Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan, Dearborn; 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI 48128-1491. The student should specify that he/she would like to be considered for the JSAS prize. The paper should be suitable for publication and will be published under the Prize rubric. All papers should be sent in hard copy and on diskette. The Editorial Board members will make the final decision.

### Prize for Best Student Conference Paper

The SAS Executive Council will award an annual \$250.00 prize to the graduate student member of SAS who presents the best conference paper in any calendar year. Once the paper is delivered at a conference, a hard copy should be sent to Mr. Gerald Ottenbreit, Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan, Dearborn; 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI 48128-1491

The paper will be judged by those SAS Executive Council members who hold the Ph.D. with the assistance of other colleagues as necessary, according to their areas of competence.

## Upcoming Conferences

### First Announcement

#### International Symposium on Armenian Spirituality

25 June-1 July, 2001

On the occasion of the 17th Centenary of the Proclamation of Christianity in Armenia, the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia, with the collaboration of the University of Geneva and the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland, will organize an International Symposium on Armenian Spirituality.

The theme of the Symposium will be Armenian Spirituality in different contexts and perspectives: exegetical and homiletic literature, liturgy, music, art and religious poetry.

Date and venue will be 25 June - 1 July, 2001 at the Ecumenical Institute, Chateau de Bossey, 1298 Caligny, Switzerland.

All those who wish to take part in this International Symposium as a lecturer or participant are kindly asked to contact Very Rev. Nareg Alemezian at: The Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia, Antelias, Lebanon; Tel.: +961.4 410001/3; Fax +961.4 410002; Cellular: +961.3 964218; E-Mail: nareg@inco.com.lb.

\*Transport, food and lodging subsidies will be provided to participants reading papers.

\*The proceedings of the conference will be published.

\*Those wishing to present a paper should send a tentative title by October 1, 1999, to Father Alemezian.

More detailed information will follow in the near future.

#### Committee-17th Centenary of the Proclamation of Christianity in Armenia

#### Armenian Cilicia and the Catholicosate of Cilicia

From October 18 to 20, 2000, an international conference on Armenian Cilicia and the Catholicosate of Cilicia will be held at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). The conference will be organized within the UCLA Armenian Studies Program series on "Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces," initiated three years ago and continuing with semi-annual meetings. This expanded conference will be held under the honorary presidency and patronage of His Holiness Aram I of the Great House of Cilicia, with the co-sponsorship of the Armenian Studies Program of California State University, Fresno (Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, Director) and with the support of the Western United States Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church (Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelate).

I am circulating this call for papers with the goal of having a complete program in place by December 1999. The conference will examine history, society, culture, and religion in Armenian Cilicia from antiquity to the twentieth century. Individual papers or pre-arranged panels with three or four participants may focus, for example, on one of the following themes.

This list is not exclusive or comprehensive and can be altered according to the abstracts submitted. If you are able to arrange an entire panel with colleagues in your own field that would be helpful.

1. Cilicia in antiquity and as a marchland
2. The Armenian principality and kingdom of Cilicia, including the Crusades and Cilicia
3. The Armenians of Cilicia under Mamluk and Ottoman rule
4. Cilicia in the 1890s, 1909, and World War I
5. Return, Self-Defense, and Final Exodus, 1918-1922
6. History of the Catholicosate in Cilicia from the eleventh through the nineteenth centuries
7. Ecclesiastical history, inter-church relations, and cultural-religious figures
8. Armenian literature, art, and architecture of Cilicia
9. Disruption, relocation, and revival of the Catholicosate in the twentieth century

We welcome diverse disciplines and perspective on the political, military, social, ecclesiastical, and economic history, literature and art, and religion, including missionary movements, of Armenian Cilicia. Please submit a one-page proposal and abstract with the suggested title for the presentation by December 1, 1999. The proceedings of the conference will be published and all participants will be required to submit a written text by September 15, 2000, for inclusion within the program. The suggested length of the article is between 18,000 and 25,000 words, including notes.

We would appreciate your distributing this call for papers to scholars in related fields (Religious Studies; Classics; Ancient Near East; Byzantine Studies; Near and Middle East Studies, etc.) who may wish to participate in the conference.

The conference organizers will arrange for accommodations, meals, and hospitality in Los Angeles, and, in case of need, can help to defray the cost of travel.

Please submit your proposal by e-mail to:

Hovannis@history.ucla.edu; by FAX, c/o Richard Hovannian (310) 206-9630; or by mail: Richard Hovannian, Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90095-1473.

We look forward to a rich and fruitful conference and to a valuable volume of its proceedings.

#### Richard Hovannian

AEF Chair in Armenian History  
UCLA

## Conferences

### International Conference in Honor of the Eightieth Anniversary of the Founding of Yerevan State University

Yerevan State University, Republic of Armenia  
4-9 October 1999

### University Education and Science in the Third Millennium

#### Conference Committee Members:

**Radick Martirossian**, Rector of Yerevan State University, academician-conference committee chair

**Eduard Khazarian**, Vice Rector of Yerevan State University, academician

**Eduard Chubarian**, Vice Rector of Yerevan State University, academician

**Semion Hachumian**, Vice Rector of Yerevan State University, professor

**Rafael Matevossian**, Vice Rector of Yerevan State University, docent

**Hayk Avetissian**, Scientific Secretary of Yerevan State University, docent-secretary of conference committee

**Aida Avetissian**, Dean of the Department of Chemistry of Yerevan State University, academician

**Babken Harutinian**, Dean of the Department of History of Yerevan State University, professor

#### The Basic Issues Under Discussion

1. The university as a scientific, educational and cultural center
  - The role of universities in forming a civic society
  - The means and methods of developing unified educational and scientific processes
  - Humanization and humanitarianization of university education
  - Contemporary issues of teaching social sciences
  - Contemporary educational technologies, implementation of new techniques and methods of teaching (distance teaching and post-graduate education)
  - The changing role and function of the teacher in an competent society

2. The management and financing of the university
  - Autonomy and academic liberalization of the university
  - Internal management and structural changes
  - Fund-raising and creating an endowment
  - Integration of the university with international projects

#### Schedule

##### 5 October, Tuesday

0930-1030 Registration of conference participants (third floor lobby of Yerevan State University Main Hall)  
1030-1230 Plenary session for the scientific conference:

opening address, participants' opening speeches  
(Main Hall of Yerevan State University)

1400-1600 Continuation of plenary session: the main reports  
**6 October, Wednesday**

0930-1230 Continuation of the scientific conference in independent sessions (Center of Education and Science)

##### 7 October, Thursday

0930-1230 Continuation of the scientific conference (Center of Education and Science)

### 6th UCLA Series Features Tigranakert/Diarbekir and Edessa/Urfa

The sixth in the UCLA international conference series on historic Armenian cities and provinces will feature Tigranakert/Diarbekir and Edessa/Urfa.

The two-day conference to be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14, 1999, is organized by Richard Hovannisian, Armenian Educational Foundation Chair in Modern Armenian History, in cooperation with the Grigor Narekatsi Chair in Armenian Studies at UCLA. There is no charge for admission.

#### Saturday, November 13

9:30 AM-1:00 PM

*Introduction-Armenian Tigranakert/Dikranagerd/Diarbekir*  
**Richard Hovannisian**, UCLA

*Tigranakert/Diarbekir: Armenia on the Tigris*

**Robert Hewsen**, (Rowan University of New Jersey)

*Tigranocerta/Tigranakert: Where, When, Why?*

**Levon Avdoyan**, (Library of Congress)

*The Epic of Tigran the Great*

**James R. Russell**, (Harvard University)

#### Discussion • Intermission

*The Muslim Conquest of Amida/Diarbekir and Edessa*

**Walter Kaegi**, (University of Chicago)

*The Armenian Art and Architecture of Amida/Diarbekir*

**Christina Maranci**, (Suffolk University)

*Diarbekir, 1895: Gustave Meyrier and the View from the French*

**Claire Mouradian**, (Centre national de la Consulaté Recherché Scientifique, Paris)

#### Discussion • Lunch

2:30-6:00 PM

*The Armenians of Diarbekir, Demographic Changes, 1895-1914 (in Armenian)*

**Raymond Kevorkian**, (Bibliothèque Nubarian and Université Paris III, Sorbonne nouvelle)

*The Armenian Villages of Palu: History and Demography*  
**George Aghjayan**, (Fellow, American Society of Actuaries, Worcester)

*Diarbekir, 1915: The View from Constantinople*  
**Hilmar Kaiser**, (European University Institute, Florence)

#### Discussion • Intermission

*"Es Kisher..."—How Did the Song Survive?*  
**Hasmig Injejikian**, (Université de Montréal)

*The Tigranakert (Dikranagerdtsi) Armenian Dialect*  
**Bert Vaux**, (Harvard University)

*The Stone-Walled City: Diarbekir in Najarian, Balakian, Arlen*  
**David Calonne**, (Wayne State University)

#### Discussion and Summary

**Sunday, November 14, 1999**  
**1:30-6:00 P M**

*Armenian Edessa/Urha/Urfa*  
**Richard Hovannisian**, UCLA

*Early Armenian Christianity in Edessa*  
**Robert W. Thomson**, (Oxford University)

*The Armenian Presence in Edessa after the Muslim Conquest*  
**Tim Greenwood**, (Oxford University)

*The Chronicle of Matthew of Edessa (Matteos Urhayetsi)*  
**Ara Dostourian**, (West Georgia State University)

*Medieval Edessa: Crusaders, Kings, Manuscripts, and Politics*  
**Lucy Der Manuelian**, (Tufts University)

#### Discussion and Intermission

*Urfa's Last Stand, 1915*  
**Carlos Bedrossian**, (Northwestern University)

*Expulsion of the Armenian Survivors of Diarbekir and Urfa, 1923-1930*  
**Vahé Tachjian**, (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris)

*The Armenian Dialect of Urfa*  
**Bert Vaux**, (Harvard University)

*Oral Traditions and Songs of Tigranakert and Urfa*  
**Bedros Alahaidyan**, Musicologist

Photographic Exhibit, Richard and Anne Elizabeth Elbrecht of Davis, California  
Additional information may be obtained from Professor Hovannisian through e-mail at [Hovanis@history.ucla.edu](mailto:Hovanis@history.ucla.edu), or by telephone at (310) 825-3375.

#### The Armenian Massacres of Adana (1909-1999): Ninety Years Later

In response to the tremendous interest and excitement generated by Hilmar Kaiser's spring 1999 lecture on "The Adana Massacres of 1909," the Armenian Studies Program has decided to organize an entire conference on the subject.

On Saturday, October 9, 1999, the California State University, Fresno Armenian Studies Program, in conjunction with the Armenian National Committee of Central California and the C.S.U.F. Armenian Students Organization, will host a conference from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. titled, "The Armenian Massacres of Adana (1909-1999)."

A rare photographic exhibition featuring never before seen archival scenes from Adana will be held in conjunction with the Conference. The photo exhibit is part of the Gomidas Institute Outreach Program and the photographs are reproduced with permission from the Ernst Jackh Papers, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

#### SUMMARY: The 1909 Cilician Massacres: An Overview

The period of Young Turk rule from 1908 until the onset of World War I was full of contradictory elements for the Ottoman Armenians. It began with great enthusiasm and hope that the old restrictions and persecutions of Ottoman Armenians would be eliminated. Massacres in April and May of 1909 in Cilicia, and their aftermath, coinciding with a coup attempt in Constantinople, soured this enthusiasm. Some twenty thousand Armenians were killed, and many more made homeless. The vacillating attitude of the Ottoman government after the massacres, and failed attempts to bring the perpetrators of crimes to justice served to weaken Armenian confidence in the Young Turks and the Ottoman constitution. The developments leading up to the massacres, during the so-called "honeymoon period" of Ottoman-Armenian relations, will be presented in this talk. The extent of the massacres and their causes will be discussed, as well as the attempts to cast blame on the Armenian victims after the event.

Professor Dickran Kouymjian, Chair of the Conference, will introduce the four speakers at 9:45 a.m. The Conference has been organized by Professor Kouymjian and Hilmar Kaiser.

The speakers and their respective topics are as follows:  
**Aram Arkun (New York), "The 1909 Cilician Massacres: An Overview."**

Aram Arkun is a specialist in modern Armenian history who serves as the Assistant Director of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center. He has published articles and annotated translations on Ottoman and Iranian Armenian topics, as well as contemporary Armenian events, in scholarly journals, encyclopedias, and books. He is the chairman of the editorial board of the periodical *Ararat*, chairman of the Armenian Student Association Arthur H. Dadian Arme-

nian Heritage Award committee, and member of the board of directors of the Armenian Center at Columbia University. Mr. Arkun is a Princeton University graduate (B.A.), with a master's degree in international relations (University of Pennsylvania), and a doctoral candidate in Armenian history (C.Phil.) at UCLA, for which he is completing his dissertation on the Armenians of northern Cilicia after World War I. He has taught at UCLA and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and lectured in various parts of the U.S. and Europe.

**Vahram Shemmassian (Los Angeles), "The 1909 Armenian Massacres in Northwest Syria."**

Dr. Shemmassian received his Ph.D. in History from UCLA. He has taught Armenian and Middle Eastern History, as well as Western Civilization at the Pasadena City College, UCLA, and National University (Fresno). He has also served as Chairman of the Armenian Studies Department at the American Armenian International College in La Verne, CA. He is currently the principal of the C. & E. Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School in Sherman Oaks, CA.

**Hilmar Kaiser (Florence), "The Politics of Relief in Adana and Cilicia."**

Hilmar Kaiser studied history with special reference to the Ottoman Empire at the Ruhr-University Bochum, in Germany, where he received his M.A. in 1992. The same year he received the university award for extraordinary academic achievements. Since 1991 he has conducted research in more than 40 archives in the Middle East (Turkey, Israel), Europe (Germany, Italy, France, Britain, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, and Switzerland), and the U.S. In 1996 he was banned from the Turkish archives for his work on the Armenian Genocide. After having lived in Turkey from 1991 to 1992, he joined the European University Institute, in Florence, Italy, in 1993; there he will defend his dissertation on the "Socio-economic Transformation of the Cukurova, 1890-1915" next year. His publications include *Imperialism, Racism, and Development Theories: The Construction of a Dominant Paradigm on Ottoman Armenians* (1997) and most recently *Marsovan, 1915: The Diary of Bertha B. Morley* (1999).

**Gregory Goekjian from Portland, Oregon, "Adana 1909: The Turkish Argument and Genocidal Denial."**

Dr. Goekjian is a professor of English at Portland State University. He has been a visiting professor at Yerevan State University and the West Sussex Institute of Higher Education in England. He has written articles on Milton, Derrida, and genocide.

The conference will be held in the Alice Peters Auditorium, located in the University Business Center, on the Fresno State campus. Admission is free. For further details contact the Armenian Studies Program office at (559) 278-2669.

**Education Abroad Program in Armenia**

The University of California Education Abroad Program

(UCEAP) and the American University of Armenia is jointly sponsoring a new study abroad program in Armenia for Summer 2000. It is a six-week program based in Yerevan to study general history and current issues of the Transcaucasus region.

Applicants must have a junior standing by the time of departure, and both US and non-UC students may apply. The program also requires a relevant background in the social sciences or the humanities and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Flyers for the program should be available at the Education Abroad Program offices at each UC campus. Details on the program may also be found on the EAP Web site at [www.ueap.ucsb.edu](http://www.ueap.ucsb.edu). Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2000.

**Membership in AIEA**

The General Conference of AIEA in Vienna rapidly approaches. Over 40 lecturers have been scheduled to talk on a wider range of topics in Armenian Studies, from ancient times down to the 20th century. This makes it one of the largest Armenian Studies gatherings held outside the Republic of Armenia.

If you wish to have details about the Program and activities, please write to the Conference Organizer, Dr. Jasmine Dum-Tragut, [dum-tragut@salzburg.co.at](mailto:dum-tragut@salzburg.co.at)

The process of admission to membership of AIEA is complex and, under normal conditions, takes a year. A candidate must apply to the Secretary (Dr. Valentina Calzolari [[valentina.calzolari@lettres.unige.ch](mailto:valentina.calzolari@lettres.unige.ch), [valentina.calzolari@bluewin.ch](mailto:valentina.calzolari@bluewin.ch)]); the candidacy must then be approved by the Committee of AIEA and voted upon by the Full Members.

At Vienna there will be a committee meeting and a General Meeting of the membership, so it will be possible to process admission of members rapidly. Persons who wish to become members are encouraged to contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

There is a special category of Student Members (with a reduced membership fee) and all students of Armenian Studies are most warmly invited to join. The number of student members has doubled in the last two years.

**Michael E. Stone**  
President, AIEA

**New Books**

**Abraham of Erevan: History of the Wars (1721-1738)**

George Bournoutian has just published a new book en-

titled: *Abraham of Erevan: History of the Wars (1721-1738)*.

The work is an annotated translation from the original eighteenth-century text prepared by the Mekhitarists in Venice. It contains introductory notes, maps, illustrations, bibliography, and index (Armenian Studies Series, Number 3). Mazda Academic Publishers, 1999, viii+112 pp., paper.

The *History of the Wars*, published for the first time in English, is one of the few non-Persian primary sources on the history of Persia and Transcaucasia in the first half of the eighteenth century. It details the Afghan and Ottoman invasion and occupation of Persia and Transcaucasia, the efforts of Shah Tahmasp II to restore the Safavid dynasty, the rise of Nader Khan Afshar, Nader's campaigns against the Afghans and the Ottomans, the restoration of the territorial integrity of the Persian State, the coronation of Nader Shah and the establishment of a new dynasty in Persia.

Unlike other contemporary sources, which concentrate on the political and socioeconomic conditions of the region, Abraham's history is an uninterrupted account of the wars between the Persians and the Afghans, the Ottomans and the Afghans, and the Persians and the Ottomans. Abraham was an eyewitness to the Ottoman invasion of eastern Armenia and their siege of Erevan. His account mentions individuals, events, and geographical locations not detailed anywhere else.

The work's greatest value, however, is its information on the Armenians. Abraham's detailed account of the Turkish invasion of eastern Armenia is the sole source on the events that occurred in the region from March through September 1724. He provides a vivid physical description of Erevan, its various districts and neighborhoods, its churches and its citizens. Abraham's depiction of the resistance of the outnumbered Armenian volunteers in fighting the larger and better equipped Ottoman army demonstrates that after centuries of Islamic domination, the Armenians had gained enough confidence to take up arms against the Muslims and to begin the Armenian political revival of the eighteenth century.

To order contact Mazda Press: 3100 Airway Ave., Suite 137, Costa Mesa, Ca. 92626

### *Studies in Comparative Genocide*

Many of the world's leading authorities in history, sociology, political science and psychology shed new light on the major genocides of the 20th-century in a new book from Macmillan Press of London. Titled *Studies in Comparative Genocide*, the volume covers the genocides of the Armenians, Bosnians, Gypsies, Jews, Rwandans, and Ukrainians, and also topics of genocide denial and prevention. "There is a particular emphasis on analyzing the comparative aspects of genocide," says co-editor Levon Chorbajian, both in the bringing together of these excellent studies and in their actual content."

Chorbajian is Professor of Sociology at the University

of Massachusetts, Lowell and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Zoryan Institute.

"These fourteen papers originated in a conference held in Yerevan in April 1995, which the Zoryan Institute co-sponsored with the Republic of Armenia's National Commission on the 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. The authors have had a chance to revise and update their papers and now present them to the scholarly world."

"Genocide has been called the crime of the 20th century, and the Armenian Genocide is being increasingly recognized as not only the first genocide of this century, but also an archetype for other genocides," comments fellow editor George Shirinian. "The perspective of this book is so encompassing that it could very well be used as a textbook for the study of genocide," he said.

The book is divided into three broad sections, "Approaches to Genocide," "The Armenian Genocide," "Comparative Genocide, Genocide Denial and Genocide Prevention." The contents are listed below.

Roger W. Smith, "State Power and Genocidal Intent: On the Uses of Genocide in the Twentieth Century."

Irving L. Horowitz, "Science, Modernity and Authorized Terror: Reconsidering the Genocidal State."

Yehuda Bauer, "Comparison of Genocides."

Rouben P. Adalian, "A Conceptual Method for Examining the Consequences of the Armenian Genocide."

James J. Reid, "Philosophy of State-Subject Relations, Ottoman Concepts of Tyranny, and the Demonization of Subjects: Conservative Ottomanism as a Source of Genocidal Behavior, 1821-1918."

Vahagn N. Dadrian, "The Convergent Roles of the State and a Governmental Party in the Armenian Genocide."

Taner Akçam, "The Genocide of the Armenians and the Silence of the Turks."

Anush Hovannisian, "Turkey: A Cultural Genocide."

Helen Fein, "Testing Theories Brutally: Armenia (1915), Bosnia (1992), and Rwanda (1994)."

Ben Kiernan, "Enver Pasha and Pol Pot: A Comparison of the Armenian and Cambodian Genocides."

Frank Sysyn, "The Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33: The Role of the Ukrainian Diaspora in Research and Public Discussion."

Henry R. Huttenbach, "The Psychology and Politics of Genocide Denial: A Comparison of Four Case Studies."

Franklin H. Littell, "Breaking the Succession of Evil."

Ervin Staub, "Preventing Genocide: Activating Bystanders, Helping Victims Heal, Helping Groups Overcome Hostility."

Levon Chorbajian and George Shirinian, eds., *Studies in Comparative Genocide*. London: Macmillan Press, 1999, xxxv + 270p. ISBN 0-333-69302-7. Distributed in the US by New York: St. Martin's Press, Scholarly & Reference Division. ISBN 0-312-21933-4

## Fresno State Awarded Grant to Assist Armenia

Mr. Thomas McClanahan, Associate Vice-President for Grants and Research, announced that Fresno State University was awarded a grant of \$104,440 for the purpose of conducting a Faculty Development Program in Business and Economics with Yerevan State University under the Newly Independent States (NIS) College and University Partnership Program.

Fresno State professors will collaborate with Yerevan State University Professors to develop curricula in the area of business and economics.

Project director for Fresno State is Barlow Der Mugrdechian of the Armenian Studies Program, who applied for the grant, and Associate Project Director is Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, Director of the Armenian Studies Program. Project co-directors from Yerevan State University (YSU) are Rafael Matevossian, Pro-Rector (Vice President) for International Relations and Grigor Gharibian, Dean of the School of Business. The idea of the project arose out of discussions between Der Mugrdechian and YSU officials in Yerevan.

The goal of the project is to contribute to the economic and political stability in Armenia by fostering educational reform in the area of business/economics at Yerevan State University. The program will enhance the expertise of educators and business practitioners in the basic business and economic principles that underlie all modern market economies. The program has been designed to facilitate Armenia's development as a technologically advanced, democratic, and free-enterprise society.

Modern business practices will be applied to real world problems by inviting local business practitioners to the Yerevan State University campus for seminars, workshops, and demonstration projects. By first observing and later participating in these seminars for local businesses, the YSU faculty will gain insight into the nature of business consulting.

As part of the Program, selected faculty from YSU will travel to Fresno State to engage in a series of workshops and seminars on business practices used in modern consulting. The advantages of establishing a business center at YSU modeled on the University Business Center at Fresno State will be discussed.

Fresno State faculty, from the Sid Craig School of Business, will travel to Yerevan to provide a series of short, intensive courses in core areas of instruction at Yerevan State University.

The uses of internet and distance learning techniques will be encouraged with students at both campuses becoming actively involved in distance learning courses.

The duration of the grant is from August 15, 1999 to August 15, 2000.

The project was assisted financially by the Bureau of

Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Information Agency under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as amended.

## The Academy for Educational Development announces the National Security Education Program Graduate International Fellowships Competition 2000

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**To Apply:** Guidelines and application forms for NSEP Graduate International Fellowships may be obtained from our Web page at <http://www.aed.org/nsep>. They also may be obtained by contacting AED at 800-498-9360 or 202-884-8285, or by e-mail at [nsep@aed.org](mailto:nsep@aed.org).

**Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2000. No faxed submissions accepted; late applications will not be reviewed.

## News From Members

**JOSEPH M. ALEXANIAN** (Olympia, Washington) will be attending the AIEA Conference in Vienna, Austria, September 29-October 1, 1999. Then he will be in Armenia for three weeks, teaching in the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Armenia and doing research at the Matenadaran on the manuscripts of the Gospels and Acts.

**CLAUDE COX** (McMaster Divinity College) gave a paper on "The Psalms of Zion in Armenian" at the conference celebrating 30 years of the teaching of Armenian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 24-26, 1999.

**LEVON CHORBAJIAN** (University of Massachusetts, Lowell) has published Levon Chorbajian and George Shirinian, eds. *Studies in Comparative Genocide*. 1999 available from the Scholarly and Reference Division of St. Martin's.

**R. HRAIR DEKMEJIAN** (USC) is editor and chapter author of a book entitled *Multicultural Societies in Conflict and Coexistence* (1999) which brings together five authors focusing on a comparative analysis of politics in multicultural countries.

A Persian translation of the 2nd edition of Dr. Dekmejian's *Islam in Revolution* (1995), was published by Keyhan Publishers as *Islam Dar Inqilab* (1999).

**JOHN A. C. GREPPIN** (Cleveland State University) has published an article, "Greek Verbs" *Acta Orientalia* 50, 1997: 107-110. He has reviewed John Soper, ed., by András Bodrogligeti *Loan Syntax in Turkic and Iranian* appearing in *Language* 74.4:887-8 and by Camille Verleuw, *Trafics et crimes en Asie centrale et en caucase* appearing in *Times (London) Literary Supplement*. July 30, 1998: 28.

**HAIG KHATCHADOURIAN** (Emeritus Professor, University of Wis-

consin-Milwaukee) has finished preparing a book length manuscript, "The Quest for Peace between Israel and the Palestinians," which will form the third in the trilogy of his books published by Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., New York, in the same series—Conflict And Consciousness: Studies In War, Peace, And Social Thought—as the former two.

**LUCY DER MANUELIAN** (Tufts University) introduced the Chicago premiere of her television film on Armenian history and art titled *Lost Treasures of Christianity: The Ancient Monuments of Armenia* followed by a slide lecture by her on Armenian architecture. The event was sponsored by the A.G.B.U./Chicago and Sisag Varjabedian Armenian School in February.

The third telecast of her film by NJN Public Television on its PBS network stations in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware, and also cable stations in New Jersey, registered on the Nielsen Ratings.

The Voice of America-Armenian Section broadcast an interview with her about experiences making the film during the Soviet period and later, while Armenia was under blockade.

In March, Der Manuelian lectured on Armenian Art and Architecture in Washington D.C. at the all-day Symposium on Armenian history and culture organized by the Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center of the Armenian Diocese.

At the Conference on *Armenians of New England: Celebrating a Culture and Preserving a Heritage* held at Bentley College, she presented a paper titled "Moses Gulesian and Saving the USS Constitution" and also chaired the session titled "Architecture and Visual Arts."

As part of the Armenian International Women's Association celebration of Women's History Month, Professor Der Manuelian presented a slide lecture titled "Puzzles, Power and Patronage:

The Role of Armenian Queens and Empresses," at the Armenian Cultural Foundation in Arlington, MA.

The Museum of Fine Arts of Boston presented the Boston premiere of "Lost Treasures of Christianity: The Ancient Monuments of Armenia," on May 1st as part of its Film Program followed by a question and answer period by Der Manuelian about the making of the documentary, filmed partly during the Soviet period and partly while Armenia was under blockade.

The Armenian Library and Museum of America in Watertown, MA. showed the film on May 16 with a commentary by Der Manuelian.

In June, she presented two slide lectures in Armenia, one on medieval Armenian architecture and the other on "Ani: The Fabled Capital of Armenia" at the American University of Armenia in Yerevan. She also photographed archaeological sites, some recently discovered, and medieval churches in the regions of Vayk, Yeghegnadzor, Sisian, Goris, Ijevan, Martuni and Sevan.

In England, she presented her film at the London School of Economics on June 25, followed by a brief talk and discussion.

During the month of July, she presented a slide lecture on Armenian art and architecture to students in the AGBU Internship Program in New York, three lectures at Bradford College for the A.R.S. Summer Studies Program, and three lectures sponsored by the Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center of the Armenian Diocese

In September, San Francisco PBS Television broadcast her film followed by Philadelphia's PBS Station WYBE's broadcast on September 8. In the coming months, 58 PBS television stations in major cities across the country will broadcast the film including one of PBS's premier stations, Boston's WGBH-Channel 2

Professor Der Manuelian has also been involved in the project sponsored by the Armenian Library and Museum of America to publish introductory catalogues of the collections of museums in Armenia in collaboration with those

museums. The first publication was titled *The State History Museum of Armenia*, and the most recent one is *The Armenian Genocide* prepared jointly by the Genocide Museum of Armenia and ALMA.

**BARLOW DER MUGRDECHIAN** (California State University, Fresno) successfully applied for a grant from the United States Information Agency to fund a \$104,000 Faculty and Business Development Program with the School of Business at Yerevan State University. He was elected on September 11 as a delegate from the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America to participate in the election of the new Catholicos of All Armenians.

**ARMEN GAKAVIAN** (Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia) was a member of the Australian-Armenian delegation to the first Diaspora-Homeland Conference, September 22-23 1999, Yerevan.

He is also to deliver public lectures for the American University of Armenia Extension Program, Yerevan, in the Armenian language. The full texts will be published on the AUA's website: Nov 8-Social Change and Nation-Building in Armenia; Nov. 9-The Armenian Genocide as a Lesson in the Human Condition; and Nov 10-Diaspora-Homeland Relations Towards the Twenty-First Century.

**RICHARD HOVANNISIAN** (UCLA) participated in the following conferences and meetings in April-May, 1999: Library of Congress Annual Armenian lecture, "The Republic of Armenia, 1918-20 and "Since 1991: Does History Repeat Itself?"; "Henry Morgenthau and the Armenian Question after the Genocide," Erevan; U.S.-Armenia Conference on "Henry Morgenthau, the Armenian Genocide, and the U.S. Response," Armenian Academy of Sciences; "The Use and Misuse of Propaganda," Wellesley College; "The Armenian Genocide at the Turn of the New Century," Northeastern University, Boston; "Transition

and Recovery from Genocide," Yale University; in June-August, 1999 "How and What to Teach about the Armenian Genocide," at Facing History and Ourselves summer teacher institutes in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Jose, Boston, and New York; lectures on the various aspects of the Armenian Genocide at Y.M.C.A. of Armenia; CSUF, Fresno; Worcester State College; Providence Public Library; Glendale Public Library; Armenian Cultural and Educational Center, Watertown; Hamazkayine Cultural Association of New York; St. Thomas Church, New Jersey; Armenian Professional Society of Orange County; Armenian Business Council, Detroit. He organized the 5th in the series of Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces at UCLA: Lesser Armenia—Sebastia/Sivas May 14 with more than 500 in audience.

He coordinated, moderated, and made a presentation in the UCLA extension program on October 9: "Genocide in the Twentieth Century: Confronting the Face of Evil."

He was appointed member, editorial board, *Human Rights Review*, edited by Professor Thomas Cushman of Wellesley College.

**ANAHID KASSABIAN** (Fordham University) published an article with David Kazanjian, "Melancholic Memories and Manic Politics: Feminism, Documentary, and the Armenian Diaspora," in *Feminism and Documentary*, Walker and Waldman, eds., Minnesota UP, 1999.

She was recently elected chair of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music, and David is currently a fellow at the John Carter Brown Library of Brown University.

**VARTAN ZOHRAB MATIOSSIAN** (Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires) has published "The First Years of Kostan Zarian: From Caucasus to European Cities" (in Armenian), *Handes Amsorya*, 1-12, 1997, 429-459; "Armenia en Colombia: como y por que?", *Ararat* (Buenos Aires), 24 de

abril de 1999, 9; and "Kostan Zarian and His Unfinished 'Bancoop'", *Horizon - Literary Supplement*, August 1999, 1-4. He has published the following book reviews: *Alberto Douredjian y Daniel Karamanoukian, La inmigración armenia en el Uruguay, Armenian Forum*, Autumn 1998, 71-73 and *A Catalan Novel on the Genocide, Ararat* (New York), Autumn, 1998, 72.

He has written the following essays: "Los armenios del 'Titanic'", "Ararat" (Buenos Aires), 15 de mayo de 1999, 9 and "Cleopatra, reina de Egipto,... y los armenios", "Ararat" (Buenos Aires), 25 de junio de 1999, 12.

He has translated Hovhannes Krikorian, *Bad News from Paris*, New Year - 95, 96, 97... etc., *Raft*, vol. 11, 1997, 42-43.

**WILLIAM S. MESROBIAN**, who was welcomed to membership in August 1998, died on December 10, 1998 in Framingham, Massachusetts. After graduating from Syracuse University, he received a master's degree in astronomy from Wesleyan University. He continued his studies at the University of Pittsburgh. While in graduate school he also studied at the Byurakan Observatory in Armenia.

He taught astronomy at Wesleyan University, after which he was employed as a computer engineer. He was interested in Armenian prehistory as studied through ancient sites with scientific significance and had hoped to apply his particular expertise to this area of study.

**DENNIS R. PAPAZIAN** (University of Michigan, Dearborn) participated as speaker and panel chair at the conference entitled "The Armenians in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, 30 years of Armenian Studies" at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 24-26 May, 1999. The title of his paper was "Armenians of Jerusalem and Their Contribution to the Diaspora."

He was also an invited as an individual participant in the Armenia-Diaspora Conference held in Yerevan, Armenia, September 22-24, 1999. He was selected by the U.S. East Coast Delegation to chair one of the four sessions and

was also selected by the delegation to supervise the preparation and to deliver the statement of the American East Coast delegation.

He was also elected at the Special Diocesan Assembly, held in New York on September 25, 1999, to be a delegate-elector at the Pan-Armenian Ecclesiastical Assembly to be held in Etchmiadzin, Armenian, October 26-27, 1999, to elect a successor to Karekin I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

**RUBINA PEROOMIAN** (UCLA) participated in the Conference "Armenians of New England," April 9-10, New England Heritage Center, Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts with a paper: "Hairenik and the Ever-Changing Concept of Armenian-American Identity." The paper was read by Dr. Barbara Merguerian.

She delivered a series of lectures at Yerevan State University in Armenia, on the Armenian Genocide, history and literature, April-May, 1999.

She was a guest speaker at the vigil organized by the youth and student organizations, April 24, 1999, Tsitsernakabert, Yerevan.

She participated at the Conference on "The Future of Genocide," organized by the Association of Genocide Scholars, June 13-15, Madison, Wisconsin and presented a paper: "Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation."

She gave a public lecture "The Participation of the Armenian Church in the Ecumenical Movement and in World Council of Churches," organized by the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Glendale, July 14, 1999.

She attended the World Council of Churches' Central Committee meeting August 26-September 3, 1999, in Geneva, Switzerland.

**LORNE SHIRINIAN** (Royal Military College of Canada) was appointed Head of the Department of English at the Royal Military College of Canada. He has a new book coming out: *Survivor Memoirs of the Armenian Genocide*

(Reading, England: Taderon Press, 1999).

A new book of poetry is forthcoming for Christmas 1999—*Rough Landing* (Kingston: Blue Heron Press, 1999) and a scholarly study—*Quest for Closure: The 1915 Genocide, the Armenian Community in Canada and the Federal Government* (Kingston: Blue Heron Press, 1999)

He has an essay in the next issue of JSAS on Armenian Diaspora Film—as well as a book review of Peter Balakian's translations of Siamanto's poems *Bloody News from a Friend*.

**ROBERT F. TAFT, S. J.** (Pontificio Istituto Orientale) gave Lenten conferences to the Byzantine Catholic monastic community of the Badia Greca di Grottaferrata, founded before the East-West Schism, and to the students of the Russian College; participated in various colloquia and symposia at the Oriental Institute, at the Embassy of Egypt to the Vatican (on relations between the Catholic Church and Islam), at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington DC (on Byzantine Eschatology); organized the visit to the Oriental Institute of the Permanent Interprovincial Commission for the Society of Jesus' International Roman Institutions, and of the authorities and students of the newly-founded Collegium Orientale at the Catholic University of Eichstaett, Germany, and addressed both groups on the work of the Oriental Institute.

On Feb. 28 Rev. Dr. Borys Gudziak, Vice Rector of the Lviv Theological Academy of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, presented Fr. Taft with a medal, in the name of the authorities of the academy, in recognition of his successful efforts in gaining accreditation for the academy, which was granted by the Holy See on Oct. 30, 1998.

On March 26, as part of the series of events entitled "Maestri dell'Oriente cristiano (Masters of the Christian East)" organized by the Centro di Studi Ezio Aletti, a filial institute of the Orientale, there took place in the Aula Magna of the Orientale the presentation of Fr. Taft's new book, *Oltre l'oriente e*

*l'occidente. Per una tradizione liturgica viva*, published by Lipa, the publishing house of the Centro Aletti. Msgr. Claudio Guggerotti, Subsecretary of the Vatican Oriental Congregation, and Prof. Stefano Parenti of the Pontifical Liturgical Institute S. Anselmo, spoke on various aspects of Taft's work and thought.

Then Marko Ivan Rupnik, SJ, Director of Centro Aletti, held for the audience a wide-ranging interview eliciting from Fr. Taft his views on various topics. Vatican Radio and French Television were also present to interview Taft and record the event for later transmission. In a letter of April 15, Prof. Edward L. Keenan of Harvard, Director of the Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies in Washington DC, appointed Fr. Taft chairman of the Board of Senior Fellows of Dumbarton Oaks.

He has published "Ekumenicheskaja nauka i katolichesko-pravoslavnyj spor ob epiklesise," *II Stranicy* 4:1 (1999) 69-81; *Oltre l'oriente e l'occidente. Per una tradizione liturgica viva* (Publicazione del Centro Aletti 21, Rome: Lipa 1999); "One Bread, One Body: Ritual Symbols of Ecclesial Communion in the Patristic Period," in *Nova Doctrina Vetusque: Essays in Early Christianity in Honor of Fredric W. Schlatter, S.J.* Edited by Douglas Kries and Catherine Brown Tkacz (American University Studies, Series VII, Theology and Religion vol. 207, New York: Peter Lang 1999) 23-50; *Storia sintetica del rito bizantino* (Collana di pastorale liturgica 20, Citta del Vaticano: Libreria Editrice Vaticana 1999); "Reflections on 'Uniatism' in the Light of Some Recent Books," *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 65 (1999) 153-184; "Women at Church in Byzantium: Where, When - and Why," *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 52 (1998) 27-87 (published summer 1999); "The Missionary Effort of the Eastern Churches as an Example of Inculturation," *ContaCOR* (Bulletin of the Collegium Orientale, Eichstaett, Germany), 1 (1999) 25-42 and several book reviews.

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