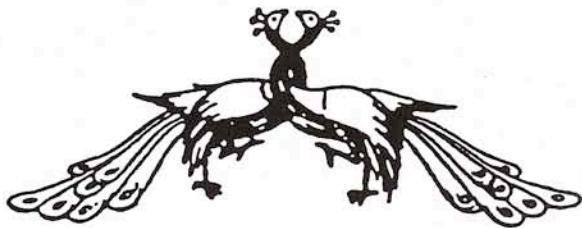


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Minutes of the Executive and Annual Business Meetings of the Society for Armenian Studies

Chicago, Illinois
December 3, 1998

The meeting was called to order by president Dennis Papazian.

Minutes of the 1997 meetings were approved.

The membership report was submitted by Dr. Papazian. Three additional members were reported for 1998 for a total of 224.

Assignments were made to have members contact those who have not paid their dues.

The financial report was submitted by Dr. Papazian. There was \$9,098.22 cash on hand on 11/20/97, and \$13,873.32 cash on hand as of 12/02/98. Bills for the *Newsletter* and the forthcoming *Journal* must be paid.

Volume 9 of the JSAS is being laid out and should be at the printer by March 1999.

There is sufficient material for vol. 10 (September 1999) and a great deal of material for vol. 11 (January 2000).

Dr. Papazian asked the Society to look for a new editor to take over prior to the publication of vol. 10, so that there would be no interruption in producing vols. 11 & 12. It was also decided to advertise for a new editor in the *Newsletter*.

Peter Cowe and Dickran Kouymjian were elected to the Executive Council. The election was very close. It was agreed that the Society would make every effort to send the ballots earlier next time.

Barlow Der Mugrdechian was congratulated on his excellent job as the editor of the *Newsletter*. His report on the *Newsletter* was submitted to the president (copy available). It was decided that Dr. Papazian would write to Dr. Kouymjian requesting that he continue the financial assistance of the Armenian Studies Program at CSU Fresno, in the production of the *Newsletter* for another year.

It was decided that Dr. Bournoutian would contact Rita Balian to arrange a cocktail and fund-raising party for the SAS at the 1999 meeting in Washington, D.C. Dr. Papazian would contact the ANC and the Armenian church in D.C. regarding panel discussions and other activities.

The following were elected to the nominations committee: Joseph Kechichian, Aram Arkun, and Barlow Der Mugrdechian. They will contact individual members to seek

those who are willing to be nominated and serve.

Mazda Press requested the SAS to permit them to use the SAS for donations earmarked for the Armenian Studies series. Thus the donations would be tax-deductible. The membership approved and asked that Mazda send an official letter to the SAS president detailing the conditions.

Bournoutian suggested that a committee from the SAS approach the Lincy Foundation for funds for the publication of the JSAS. Plans were made to contact individuals connected with the foundation who would make this task feasible.

It has become apparent that MESA has treated the SAS as a junior member when it comes to panels and the time of presentations. Dr. Papazian will bring this to the attention of the MESA board.

The membership decided that panels that include other disciplines be combined with Armenian panels to attract a larger audience as well as having a better chance of approval from MESA.

The following topics were suggested for 1999 panels: Foreign Policy of Armenia, Teaching Armenian Language Panel on Transcaucasia, and Panel on Literature.

Members were encouraged to contact their colleagues by e-mail regarding the above topics and to do it well before the deadline.

It was also suggested that SAS members (if invited) attend teaching conferences on Armenian history and literature.

The meetings began at 8 pm and ended at 11 pm.

Submitted by
George Bournoutian, Secretary

A Letter from the President

As my two-year term as president of the SAS comes to a close, it seems proper to reflect on the state of the Society and its future potential.

As always, finances determine a lot of what we can do. Fundamentally, we depend on membership dues and the generosity of friends for our support. It is important, accordingly, for all members to be up-to-date with their dues and, perhaps, to give a little more for the support of the Society. Unfortunately, we must also depend on an annual fund raising in the community, an effort which distracts us from our purely scholarly activity.

From my vantage point, we are doing well, but perhaps we can do better to face the challenges before us. In the realm of publications, our members and others in the field are producing a great deal, more perhaps than at any other time since the Society was founded. Yet much is left to be done in all areas, including the study of the Armenian Genocide.

Much investigation remains to be done on the theoretical level and the documentation level. All theory must be consonant with the facts, and much basic work needs to be done to establish those facts. There is great danger in constructing theories without fundamental documentation to support those theories.

It is in this spirit, the need for documentation, that the Armenian Research Center is working on the publication of a series of official German documents. We hope to make them available soon.

The *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* continues to be published, and the next issue, volume 9, should be with the printer by March 1999. That will make it four issues that have been published since the untimely passing of Avedis Sanjian. The *Journal* now has wide distribution overseas and is sent to most major libraries in North America, Europe, and the Caucasus. We are also currently preparing volume 10, since it takes several months to collect and edit the articles and to put out books to the reviewed and to receive the reviews for inclusion in the *Journal*.

As I have said at the last two annual meetings, we will need to appoint an editor who will take up the torch beginning with volume 11. That individual should be appointed as soon as possible so that there is not a break in the publication schedule. We are currently accepting nominations for the next editor. The Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, continues to subvent the cost of the *Journal* and will do so through volume 10.

We must also be grateful to Prof. Dickran Kouymjian and the Advisory Board of the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State University for their kindness in agreeing to subvent the publishing of our *Newsletter*.

Our *Newsletter*, published out of Fresno by Barlow Der Mugrdechian, has appeared on a regular basis, on the average of three times a year. It has become indispensable for keeping up with activities of our colleagues and being made aware of much that is going on in our profession. Mr. Der Mugrdechian is to be highly commended.

As you will see in our report elsewhere in this issue, our membership has held steady at around 225. We have eleven members in Canada and thirty-four overseas. Our mailing list of scholars and libraries, which goes beyond our membership, is well over 300 individuals and institutions.

Financially, we have never been in better shape since the days when Mr. Alex Manoogian was donating \$10,000 a year. Our balance sheet, published elsewhere in this issue, looks moderately good. It shows that we are solvent, having

enough funds to maintain our modest program and perhaps to expand it a bit. At the recent impromptu fund raising in Chicago, we received donations totaling a bit over \$4,000.

It is a pity that only three of our members attended the MESA membership meeting which, to tell the truth, was sparsely attended by anyone at all except the officers and various committee members.

Instructed by the SAS annual meeting, I brought up the issue of how few panels were allotted to Armenian studies relative to the total number of panels at MESA. I said that the members of our organization were forced by circumstances to hold conferences, meetings, and programs separate from MESA inasmuch as we had topics to discuss which might not appeal to the broad MESA membership but which were of great interest to us. Accordingly, our attendance at MESA seemed to be dropping each year.

I explained how we would much prefer to have our panels at MESA since some members of MESA might also find them of interest, and that by attracting more of our members to MESA, they could take advantage of attending the other panels which might be of interest to them. Philip Khoury replied that my argument made good sense. "I liked the way you put it," he said.

He went on to say that the idea was not a new one, but one hard to implement in the face of space considerations. He said he would bring it up at the next Board meeting and that the Board might consider having each member organization being assigned one panel under their full control. We must wait and see how this plays out.

Finally, we can see that many good things are happening in our professions. There are new cadres in the wings, and we can only hope that they earn the Ph.D. and are able to find positions in the universities. This is one issue that deserves our thoughtful attention. Furthermore, the independence of Armenia and the renewed international interest in the Armenian Genocide has, unfortunately for scholarship, brought the study of the Armenian Genocide into the political arena. We are all aware that in all eras of history there are scholars who serve the state rather than science. We must all be sensitive to this issue and do our best not to have the study of the Armenian Genocide politicized.

**Dennis R. Papazian,
President**

New Executive Council Officers Elected

New Executive Council Officers were elected at the Feb. 2, 1999 meeting of the Executive Council. The results of the election were: President-Dennis Papazian; Vice-President-George Bournoutian; Secretary-Peter Cowe; Treasurer-Stephan Astourian Advisors-Levon Avdoyan, Dickran Kouymjian, James Russell

Society for Armenian Studies
Financial Report
11/21/97 through 12/02/98

JSAS Beginning Balance**-4,001.94****JSAS Income:**

Journal Sales #2	20.00
Journal Sales #3	20.00
Journal Sales #4	40.00
Journal Sales #5	40.00
Journal Sales #6	70.00
Journal Sales #7	215.00
Journal Sales #8	657.00
Sale of JSAS Index	10.00
Uncover Royalties	6.00
Total JSAS Income	1,078.00

JSAS Expenses:

Postage (half)	451.64 (1)
Staff Support (half)	410.00 (2)
Total JSAS Expenses	\$861.64

JSAS Ending Balance**-3,785.58****SAS Beginning Balance****13,100.16****SAS Income:**

Edward Alexander	60.00
Joseph Alexanian	10.00
Artin Arslanian	20.00
Anny Bakalian	10.00
Carlos Bedrossian	60.00
Marco Brambilla	60.00
Ara Arthur Gelenian	10.00
Sarkis Karayan	20.00
Joseph Kechichian	10.00
Jerry Keshian	10.00
Dickran Kouymjian	20.00
Ann Lousin	20.00
Jack Mardoian	20.00
Robert Mirak	10.00
Jirair Moughamian	120.00
Dennis R. Papazian	15.00
Helen Parnagian-Corrigan	95.00
Ralph Setian	20.00
Levon Topouzian	35.00
Jonathan Varjabedian	20.00

Total Donations:**645.00****Dues:****5,560.00****Interest Income:****90.22****Newsletter Sales:****5.00****Occasional Papers Sales:****61.50****Reprint Series:****3.00****Roster Sales:****12.50****Total SAS Income****6,377.22****SAS Expenses:**

Folding	6.00
MESA Room Charge 1998	150.00
Postage	508.48
Staff Support	140.00
Roster Printing:	444.00
Travel Expenses:	
George Bournoutian	200.00
David Calonne	200.00
Lorne Shirinian	170.00
Total Travel Expense	570.00
Total SAS Expenses	1,818.48

SAS Ending Balance**17,658.90****Cash on Hand, 11/20/97****9,098.22****Cash on hand, 12/02/98****13,873.32**

(1) The other half, \$451.64, has been paid by the Armenian Research Center.

(2) The other half, \$320.00, has been paid by the Armenian Research Center.

Expenses for the *Newsletter* will be included later.

Society for Armenian Studies**Membership Report****(as of December 2, 1998)**

	1998	1997	change
Regular members:	139	139	(same)
Retired members:	21	18	(gain of 3)
Student members:	23	21	(gain of 2)
Supporting members:	40	42	(loss of 2)
Institutional members:	1	1	(same)
Total members:	224	221	(gain of 3)

Total membership in the U.S.: 178

(gain of 4 from last year)

Total membership in Canada: 11 (same)

Total membership overseas: 34 (loss of 1 from last year)

Society for Armenian Studies**Donors from December 4, 1998****Gathering in Chicago**

Dr. and Mrs. Raffi and Vicki Hovanessian	1,000
Dr. & Mrs. Hratch and Sonya Doumanian	500
Dr. & Mrs. Gerard and Mary Goshgarian	500
Mr. & Mrs. Haig and Agnes Pedian	500
Mr. Oscar Tatosian	500
Mr. Walter Vartan	500
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas and Edith Kooyumjian	200
Mr. & Mrs. Karkor and Vivian Birazian	100
Ms. Anna Marie Norehad	100
Mr. Michael Danian	50
Mr. & Mrs. Olivier and Angele Guy	50
Ms. Christine Markarian	50
Total:	4,050

New Books

"Turkish Atrocities": Statements of American Missionaries on the Destruction of Christian Communities in Ottoman Turkey, 1915-1917.

An important new volume of Armenian Genocide documentation has been published by the Gomidas Institute. The volume, introduced and edited by Ara Sarafian, is titled *"Turkish Atrocities": Statements of American Missionaries on the Destruction of Christian Communities in Ottoman Turkey, 1915-1917.*

The twenty-one eyewitness accounts comprising this volume were collected in 1917-18 by the Reverend James L. Barton. Rev. Barton collected the documents for an American Presidential commission investigating various aspects of World War I, including the Armenian Genocide. The materials include graphic descriptions of what went on in different parts of the Ottoman Empire between 1915 and 1917. They cover Bitlis, Erzeroon, Marsovan, Kharpert, Diyarbekir, Mardin, Adana, Talas-Cesarea, and Konia.

The fact that the volume covers such a wide range of communities makes it particularly useful for gaining insights into the genocidal process of 1915.

In a brief introduction to each report, Rev. Barton provides biographical notes about the author of that report. Each report is also accompanied by archival citations relating to the authenticity of the report. The 224-page volume includes a map, index, and appendix.

"Turkish Atrocities" is a sister volume to last year's bestseller by Henry Riggs, *Days of Tragedy in Armenia: Personal Experience in Harpoot, 1915-1917.* (Gomidas Institute, 1997). Contact books@gomidas.org, or 1-800-865-6405.

Heritage Publishing To Distribute The United Nations Report On The Armenian Genocide

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the drafting of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, ratified on December 9, 1948, Heritage Publishing announces today that it will make available to the public the *United Nations Report on the Armenian Genocide.*

The 25 page report contains the following:

1. The historic 1985 Report on the Armenian Genocide wherein the genocide was formally recognized by the UN SubCommission, August 5-30, 1985.
2. The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, resolution 260 A (III) December 9, 1948.
3. The Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Human-

ity, adopted and ratified by General Assembly resolution 2391 (XXIII) November 26, 1968.

4. The Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious or Linguistic Minorities, Adopted December 18, 1992.

5. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights as Adopted and Proclaimed by the General Assembly resolution 217 A (III), December 10, 1948.

For information on how to obtain this report, write to: Heritage Publishing, 5400 Mcbryde Ave, Richmond, CA 94805 or Email: hynek@jps.net

Remembrance and Denial: The Case of the Armenian Genocide.

Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1998. Edited and introduction by Richard Hovannisian. With chapters by Ara Sarafian, Stephan Astourian, Hilmar Kaiser, Levon Marashlian, Yari Auron, Rubina Peroomian, Lorne Shirinian, Donald Miller, Richard Hovannisian, Marc Nichanian, Yves Ternon, Roger Smith, Eric Markusen and Robert J. Lifton.

Morgan Library Announces Publication of Symposium Papers Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Art, Religion, and Society

The Pierpont Morgan Library's new publication, *Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Art, Religion, and Society*, comprises the series of papers delivered at a two-day symposium held in conjunction with the Library's 1994 exhibition entitled "Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts" (May 4 - August 7, 1994). The enthusiasm with which the public embraced the exhibition and the symposium led the Library to publish these papers, which represent the work of a dozen internationally prominent specialists. The resulting volume is a fresh and original picture of Armenian culture that fills in many historical gaps and makes a number of unprecedented connections among various aspects of art, religion, and society.

Featuring twelve papers, divided among historical, art historical, and religious subjects, *Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Art, Religion, and Society* presents topics as diverse as the late flowering of Armenian culture in seventeenth-century Iran, the history of the Armenian rite of the Eucharist, the painting of the Cilician period and its relationship to Byzantine art in the eastern Mediterranean area, and the relationship of Armenian and Islamic art in the Mongol period. Beginning with a preface by Charles E. Pierce, Jr., Director of the Morgan Library, and an introduction by Thomas F. Mathews, guest curator of the project, and Roger S. Wieck, Curator of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts, the Morgan Library, the publication includes essays by Helen C. Evans; Nina G. Garsoian; Vazken Ghogassian; Robert H. Hewson; Father Krikor H. Maksoudian; Thomas F. Mathews; Ina Baghiantz McCabe; James R. Russell;

Priscilla P. Soucek; Robert F. Taft, S.J.; Alice Taylor; and Annemarie Weyl Carr.

The twelve essays intersect on many points, returning to examine the same critical issues and key masterpieces from different perspectives, and constitute an important milestone in the study of Armenian civilization. In addition to being an indispensable contribution to the field, the volume will prove to be a revelation for students and scholars alike.

Copies of *Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Art, Religion, and Society* (192 pages, with 83 black-and-white illustrations, paperbound \$35) may be ordered by contacting the Morgan Library Shop at (212) 685-0008, ext. 385 or (800) 861-0001 or FAX at (212) 685-4740.

Lost Treasures of Christianity: The Ancient Monuments of Armenia

Lost Treasures of Christianity: The Ancient Monuments of Armenia presents a spellbinding look at Armenia's medieval castles, churches and monasteries, stone-carved images, and brilliantly colored illuminated manuscripts that provide clues to some of the most haunting questions in the history of medieval art.

The half-hour documentary tells the story of one scholar's crusade to bring to light Armenian art and architecture that most of the world has never seen. Dr. Lucy Der Manuelian takes viewers on an extraordinary journey across Armenia as she uncovers this country's rich architectural legacy and draws connections to Western culture, art, and architecture. Her search for answers in this detective-like story highlights some of the churches and monasteries that have existed for more than a millennium.

The price of the videotape is \$22.95 which includes shipping and handling. To be used for educational purposes only.

There are four easy ways to order. 1) Phone toll free: 1-800-792-8645 - Ask for NJN Video. 2) FAX to: NJN Video 1-609-633-2921 3) Mail order to: NJN Video; PO Box 777; Trenton, NJ 08625 4) Web site: www.njn.net

Check or Money Order payable to NJN Video.

Armenian Manuscript Catalogues Available

The Mekhitarist Congregation of San Lazzaro (Venice) is pleased to announce that volumes 4 through 8 of their Armenian manuscript catalogues are now published and available for purchase. Over three thousand Armenian manuscripts in their library have now been catalogued. Volume 1 (printed in 1914), vol. 2 (1912) and vol. 3 (1966) are still in print and are also available. Although the monastery is presently closed to visitors until approximately November 1999 because of extensive renovations, the manuscript catalogues can be ordered by sending a FAX to the monastery to the attention of Father Vrtanes Ulohogian at (011) (39) (041) 52-68-690. You may also telephone him for further information at (011) (39) (041) 52-60-104. A check in US dollars drawn on a US bank

can be used for payment, but they cannot accept credit cards. Checks should be made out to "Casa Editrice Armena."

The prices are as follows: Vol. 1 is \$150, Vol. 2 is \$160, Vol. 3 is \$100, and Volumes 4 through 8 are \$150 each. Postage is additional.

Letters

Dear SAS Members:

My name is Guranda Machaidze. I'm from the Republic of Georgia. The reason for writing to you is that my specialty is Armenology. I am working as an assistant at the department of Armenology (Faculty of Oriental Studies) of the Tbilisi State University. The department was established in 1945 by the famous armenologist Leon Melikset-Beg. At present the head of the department is Mr. Z. Aleksidze, at the same time the director of the Institute of Manuscripts.

The area of my activities is Georgian-Armenian language relationship. In particular, I am working on the dictionary of the famous Georgian lexicographer Sulkhan Saba Orbelian, who compiled the first Georgian-Georgian Dictionary in the 18th century. The dictionary is interesting in terms of Armenology as well, as it comprises Armenian translations of about 2,000 Georgian words. This research would be useful both for Georgian and Armenian lexicology, both for Georgian and Armenian lexicology.

The other members of the department work in other spheres of Georgian-Armenian relationship. I think that co-operation between our two centers will be useful both for you and us. In case of interest do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Guranda Machaidze

Necrology

Gagik K. Sarkisyan

I have just received a message from Armenia, informing me of the death in Moscow on August 25 of Gagik K. Sarkisyan, the Vice President of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia. Funeral services were held in Yerevan on August 29, 1998.

Academician Sarkisyan has been one of the foremost historians and scholars in Armenia for several decades, and his works on ancient and medieval history and historiography are well known to everyone in the field. I saw him last in June when he was enthusiastically involved in the organization in September of an international conference on Christianity in Armenia. He was active and engaged to the very end.

Submitted by Richard Hovannian, UCLA

Call for Papers

Middle East Studies Association
33rd Annual Meeting
Washington, DC
November 19-22, 1999

The Middle East Studies Association calls for proposals for preorganized panels, roundtables, and individual papers for the Association's 33rd Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 1999 in Washington D.C.

Deadline for Proposals: February 16, 1999

Editor of JSAS

The position of Editor of the *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* will be open following the publication of Volume 10 in September 1999.

Those interested in the position of Editor should contact the SAS Secretariat at the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces:

Pokr Hayk/Sebastia
at UCLA Dickson Auditorium

Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, 1999.

Program will be mailed to SAS membership in April. For more information, contact Dr. Richard Hovannisian at Hovannis@History.UCLA.edu

AIEA VIII. General Conference
Vienna, September 29-October 1, 1999

The VIII. AIEA (Association internationales des études arméniennes) General Conference will be held September 29-October 1, 1999 at the University of Vienna, Austria in cooperation with the "Information Centre for Central Asia and South Caucasia" Vienna.

•Any full member is invited to participate and to contribute a paper on an armenological topic.

•The conference's languages are: German, English, French (Armenian).

•Topic and a short abstract of your paper should be sent together with the registration form to:

Dr. Jasmine Dum-Tragut; Mitterfeld 44; A-5101 Bergheim, Austria. FAX is 43-662-45-08-75 and e-mail address is dum-tragut@sa;zburg.co.at

Deadline for submission of abstracts and registration forms is April 15, 1999.

The Armenian Center at Columbia University
"Hagop Oshagan and Diaspora Literature"
 an International Conference, organized by
 Prof. Marc Nichanian
November 21, 1998, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Davis Auditorium, Shapiro Building
 Columbia University, New York City
 Main Entrance: Broadway and 116th Street
 Open to the Public, No Admission Charge
12:00 noon-12:15 pm
 Welcoming Speech: Marc van de Mieroop, Chair, Middle East Department
 A Few Words of Introduction: Marc Nichanian, Columbia University

12:15-1:45 First Session. Presided by Aris Sevag

"Oshagan, a Phenomenon in Diaspora Literature"
 Rubina Peroomian, UCLA
 "Hagop Oshagan and Costan Zarian: An Inquiry of their Relationship"
 Vartan Matiossian, Universidad del Salvador, Buenos-Aires

2:00-3:30 Second Session. Presided by Aram Arkun

"Two Novels by Hagop Oshagan: Haji Murad and Haji Abdullah"
 Lena Takvorian, Columbia University
 "To Begin with: A Sacrificial Reading in the First Pages of the Remnants"
 Marc Nichanian, Columbia University

3:30-4:45 Mid-Conference Break

4:45-6:15 Third Session (in Armenian). Presided by Herand Markarian

"Oshagan as a Man and a Writer"
 Vahe Oshagan, Writer, Philadelphia
 "Oshagan and his Contemporaries. The Point of View of an Editor"
 Boghos Senabian, Editor of Pakin, Beirut

6:30-8:00 Fourth Session (in Armenian). Presided by Vincent Lima

"Hagop Oshagan and the Question of Poetry"
 Krikor Beledian, INALCO, Paris
 "Issues of Genre in Hagop Oshagan's Writings"
 Grigor Hakopyan, Institute of Literature, Yerevan

As mentioned, the last two sessions were held in Armenian. The Fourth Session were followed by a discussion with the Lecturers and Presidents of the sessions. The participation of Boghos Senabian has been made possible through the courtesy of the Educational and Cultural Organization Hamazkaine.

Academics Bring Together Fresh Ideas and Approaches at ANI

Washington, DC-The Academic Council of the Armenian National Institute (ANI) convened here on November 1, 1998 to discuss and plan the Institute's projects for 1999. The scholars comprising the six-member advisory body shared their expertise and knowledge on the subject of the Armenian Genocide with ANI staff to shape the proposed

projects and strengthen collaborative efforts for implementation.

Chairman Richard Hovannisian (UCLA), Peter Balakian (Colgate University), Robert Melson (Purdue University), Claire Mouradian (National Scientific Research Center, Paris), Christopher Simpson (American University), and William Parsons (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum) of the Academic Council joined Robert Kaloosdian and Carolyn Mugar of the ANI Board of Governors and Institute staff members Rouben Adalian and Linda Bedelian in the discussion of project priorities within the mission of the organization. With a focus on both short-term and long-term goals, decisions were taken on what ANI's primary objectives should be in the coming year: 1. To continue the collection of archival documentation on a country by country basis. 2. To increase awareness of the Armenian Genocide worldwide. 3. To produce publications with universal applications. 4. To pursue the possibilities of international legal remedies.

Rouben Adalian provided the Academic Council and Board members with an overview of ANI accomplishments during 1998. With archival documentation projects underway in four countries, mainstream media articles and reviews attained, the ANI Web site (<http://www.armenian-genocide.org>) being used as a major educational and research tool, quick responses taken on international calls to action, and an Armenian Genocide map, Adalian explained by example how such products and services are yielding measurable benefits and reaching out to multiple audiences around the world.

The Armenian National Institute is dedicated to the study, research and affirmation of the Armenian Genocide.

Openings

Narekatsi Chair in Armenian Studies

The University of California, Los Angeles announces an international search to fill the Narekatsi Chair in Armenian Studies, effective July 1, 1999. The appointment to this endowed chair, formerly held by the late Avedis K. Sanjian, is reserved for a senior scholar of the highest distinction.

Applicants to the position should, therefore, display a distinguished and extensive record of research and teaching in the field of Armenology. While their primary research focus may vary, they should show a command of both Classical and Modern Armenian and evidence of scholarly work in both. Teaching and mentoring duties include a wide array of undergraduate and graduate courses in Armenian language(s), literature, and culture as well as the supervision of doctoral students.

Applications containing a curriculum vitae, a list of publications, and the names of three referees should be directed to the Chair of the Narekatsi Search Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA, Box 951511, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1511.

The University of California is an equal opportunity employer.

Morgan Library Acquires Manuscript Leaf

The Pierpoint Morgan Library is pleased to announce its most recent acquisition (M.1111), a 13th century Armenian illuminated manuscript leaf. This leaf, a family portrait of the donor Marshal Oshin and sons Kostandin and Het'um presented to the Virgin and Child, is of particular significance to the Morgan Library because it originally formed the donor page of its prized Cilician manuscript, the Marshal Oshin Gospels from Sis, produced in 1274 (M.740). The manuscript was featured on the cover of the Morgan's 1994 catalogue, *Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts*. Although fundraising is continuing in order to complete the purchase of this leaf, the Morgan Library is grateful to the Manoogian Simone Foundation, the L. W. Frohlich Charitable Trust, and Professor Nina Garsöian for their generous contributions towards its purchase. Further details will be available in the next *Newsletter*.

1999 Armenian Language Summer Institute in Yerevan

Intensive Introductory Courses in Classical, Eastern, and Western Armenian

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor is pleased to announce the 1999 Armenian Language Summer Institute to be held in Yerevan, Armenia from June 25 to August 23, 1999. The program is open to all undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students who wish to learn Classical Armenian, as well as Modern Eastern and Western Armenian. A series of lectures on Armenian culture and history and an extensive program of excursions and cultural events will supplement the courses. U.S. undergraduate students are required to take the course for credit (8 hours); exceptions may be made for valid reasons. U.S. graduate students enroll for a non-credit certificate for Eastern or Western Armenian, or may take Classical Armenian for credit (6 hours).

European students may take any of the courses for a non-credit certificate only. The same academic and program criteria will apply to credit and non-credit students. A few partial scholarships, based on need, are available to undergraduates taking the course for credit.

In addition to high quality intensive language instruction, the program offers the opportunity to live and learn in Armenia. The program is directed by Dr. Kevork Bardakjian, Marie Manoogian Professor of Armenian Language and Literature and Director of the Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

For more information or application packet, please contact:

Eric Hanne, Coordinator; e-mail: ehanne@umich.edu
Armenian Summer Language Institute, 1080 S. University, Suite 2660, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106, Phone: 734/ 763-9156, Fax: 734/ 763-9154

News From Members

CARLOS BEDROSSIAN (Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago) presented a talk on "The Armenian Genocide During World War I" at the University of Uberaba, in Minas Gerais, Brazil, December 15, 1998. He participated in a group discussion at the Department of History of the same university and met with Brazilian-Armenian children and grand-children of Genocide survivors in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

LUCY DER MANUELIAN (Dadian/Oztemel Professor of Armenian Art and Architectural History, Department of Art and Art History, Tufts University) presented a paper entitled "Medieval Karin/Erzerum: Churches, Carpets, Tombs and Trade" on November 14 at UCLA during the Fourth International Conference on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces. On November 19, NJN Public Television presented the official premiere of her television documentary on Armenian history and art, "Lost Treasures of Christianity: The Ancient Monuments of Armenia," in Red Bank, New Jersey at which she spoke.

Following the premiere, the film was broadcast by NJN Public Television in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware on November 19 and 22. On November 21, she was invited by the Worcester, Massachusetts Chapter of the Knights and Daughters of Vartan to show the documentary, describe the filming expeditions in Armenia, and presented a slide lecture on Armenian art.

On December 4, at the Middle East Studies Association meetings in Chicago, she chaired the panel session sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies entitled "The Use of Sources of Armenian History." On January 3, NJN Public Television aired her documentary for the third time over its multi-state network.

On February 28, AGBU/Chicago and

the Sisag Varjabedian Armenian School are sponsoring the Chicago premiere of the documentary and a slide talk by Der Manuelian at the AGBU Center there.

JOHN A. C. GREPPIN (Cleveland State University) spent two weeks in Yerevan during a cruelly hot August working as the Matenadaran on a manuscript project he is doing with Stella Vardanyan. He stayed with Aram Kossian of the Oriental Institute.

He has published *A Medieval Arabic-Armenian Botanical Dictionary*, (Vienna: Mechitaristen); "Birds in Armenian Medicine," *Medieval Encounters: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Culture in Confluence and Dialogue* 4, 1998: pp. 93-118; "The Role of the Armenian in *Salman the Solitary*," *Ararat* 39, 1998.1:56-58. He reviewed *The Phonology of Armenian* by Bert Vaux in the *Times* (London) *Literary Supplement*, September 18, 1998:37. He attended the Deutsche Morganlandische Gesellschaft meeting in Bonn, September 26-30.

RICHARD G. HOVANNISIAN (AEF Professor of Modern Armenian History, UCLA) has published an Op. Ed. piece on Deir-ez-Zor, in the *Fresno Bee*, October 13, 1998.

On September 27 (Sunday) he was the keynote speaker in Universal City, in an address to President Robert Kocharian, on Armenian Independence Day; on October 23, he presented "The Four Faces of Denial of Genocide," CSU, Sacramento; on November 17, UC Berkeley, he presented "Unresolved Issues in Modern Armenian History," and "Teaching About the Armenian Genocide," for Facing History and Ourselves, Los Angeles, November 20, and Boston, December 7, 1998.

He chaired a panel on "The Armenian-Young Turk Dialogue, 1900-1914," at the 32nd Annual Middle East Studies Annual Meeting in Chicago, December 3.

On December 4, he spoke to a community forum on issues relating to Armenian Studies, at the AGBU Center, Chicago.

He was the keynote speaker, on the topic of "The Armenian Diaspora," at the American Historical Association Plenary Session on Migration and Diaspora, January 7, 1999.

He was appointed to the editorial board of the new international journal, *Human Rights Review*, to be published by Transaction Books of Rutgers University and the editor in chief is Thomas Cushman, Professor of Sociology, at Wellesley College.

EDWARD G. MATHEWS, JR. (Scranton, PA) has published *The Armenian Commentary on the Book of Genesis attributed to Ephrem the Syrian*. 2 vols. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 572-573. (Louvain: Peeters, 1998).

He has published the following articles: "The Armenian Version of Ephrem's Commentary on Genesis" in *The Book of Genesis in Jewish and Oriental Christian Interpretation. A Collection of Essays*. Edited by Judith Frishman & Lucas Van Rompay. Traditio Exegetica Graeca 5; (Louvain: Peeters, 1997, pp. 143-161); "The Armenian Literary Corpus Attributed to St. Ephrem the Syrian: Prolegomena to a Project," *St. Nersess Theological Review* 1 (1996) 145-168; and "The Armenian Commentary on Genesis attributed to Ephrem the Syrian: General Characteristics and Considerations," *St. Nersess Theological Review* 2 (1997) 199-232.

He has published the following book reviews: R. W. Thomson, ed., *The Syriac Version of the Hexaemeron by Basil of Caesarea*. CSCO 550-551: Scriptores Syri 222-223. (Louvain: Peeters, 1995), in *Le Museon* 110 (1997) 251-254; Mahmoud Zibawi, *Eastern Christian Worlds. Preface by Olivier Clément*. Translated by Madeleine Beaumont, English Text edited by Nancy McDarby. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1995, in *Journal of*

Early Christian Studies 5 (1997) 129-130; Gabriella Uluhogian, ed., Basilio di Cesarea: Il Libro delle Domande (Le Regole). CSCO 536-537: Scriptores Armeniaci 19-20. Louvain: Peeters, 1993, in *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 8 (1995) 190-193; and Claude E. Cox, *Aquila, Symmachus and Theodotion in Armenia*. SBL Septuagint and Cognate Studies 42, (Atlanta: Scholars, 1996), in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 60 (1998) 112-113.

In April 1998, he taught a course in Early Church History for the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Armenia in Yerevan, and has been invited to teach another course in June 1999.

SYLVIE L. MERIAN (Pierpont Morgan Library, NY) presented "From Print to Manuscript: The Diffusion of Western European Biblical Motifs Eastward" at the 33rd International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1998.

In October 1998 she was invited to lecture on "Technical Aspects of Medieval Armenian Bookbinding" by the Guild of Bookworkers, Potomac Chapter, where she brought models of Armenian manuscript bindings for display and examination. The lecture was held at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC and was attended by a very enthusiastic audience of people involved in the book arts.

PAMELA NAHABEDIAN YOUNG (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor) has completed her dissertation research and is currently in the process of writing her thesis on Ottoman Armenian Education between 1880 and 1915.

Mostly recently she presented a paper at the Historic Armenian Provinces and Cities Conference at UCLA on "The Role of Sanassarian Varzhan in educating the Armenian Communities of Erzerum." (November, 1998) During this past year she also served as a consulting editor for the 1998 Project Save Calendar devoted to Armenian Education. She also wrote a review of the edited volume "Armenian Women in a Changing World" for the Women's

Studies International Forum. Other conferences that she has participated in include the Comparative and International Education Society Conference at the University of Illinois where she presented a paper entitled "Higher Education in Armenia's Changing Society". This paper focused on changes in post-Soviet Armenian education. She also presented a paper on "Assessing the Needs of Female Students in a Post-Communist Bulgaria" at the American Association of Institutional Research Conference in New Mexico. The paper was based on her work experience at the American University in Bulgaria.

DENNIS R. PAPAZIAN (Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn) was interviewed on a variety of radio and television shows: April 7, 1998, KFAB-Radio, Omaha, NB, one-hour interview by McGraw Milhaven, on the current situation in Russia; April 9, 1998, WXYT-Radio, Detroit, one-hour interview by Mark Scott on his book review of *The Soviet World of American Communism* published in the *Detroit News* on April 8, 1989; and April 24, 1998, Fox TV, interview on Armenian Martyrs' Day commemoration in Detroit.

He lectured at the following: April 24, 1998, on the origins of the Armenian Genocide, Armenian National Committee, Bergen, New Jersey; April 26, 1998, on "The Armenian Genocide and its Consequences," Knights of Vartan, New York City; April 26, 1998, and on the results of the recent election in Armenia, Armenian Church Diocese, New York City.

On May 29, 1998, WLAC-Nashville, TN, a live 10 minute interview by Steve Gill and Terry Hopkins on the economic crisis in Russia; on May 29, 1998, CKNW-National Canadian Radio, Vancouver, B.C., live 15 minute interview by John McComb of The World Today on the economic crisis in Russia, 12N (PST); August 17, 1998, interview by *USA Today* for a story on the Russian devaluation of the ruble; August 20, 1998, WXYZ-TV, Channel 7,

Detroit, live interview by Mike Holfeld on the U.S. strike on terrorist installations in Somalia and Afghanistan, 6 pm news; August 20, 1998, WKBD-TV, Channel 50, interview by Joeelle Lukashewitz on the U.S. strike on terrorist installations in Somalia and Afghanistan, 10 pm news; on August 21, 1998, KNWZ-Radio, Palm Springs, CA, live interview with Lue Penrose on the U.S. strike on terrorist installations in Somalia and Afghanistan, 12 noon; on August 22, consulted with Greg Sanders, INS California on situation in Armenia, 415-744-8411, x-660. August 27, 1998, KNWS-Radio, Portland, OR, live interview on the apparent impending resignation of Boris Yeltsin and its significance for the world; at 11:30 am August 27, 1998, WCBS-Radio, New York, NY, live by Harley Carnes on the economic dislocation of the free fall of the Russian ruble and its implications; at 3:30 p.m. August 27, 1998, WICC-Radio, Bridgeport, Connecticut, live interview by Jim Buchanan on the situation in Russia following the free fall of the ruble; at 5:30 pm, August 27, 1998, KFBK-Radio (ABC/CNN Affiliate), Sacramento, CA, live interview with trailers later in the evening by Kittie O'Neill and Rick Stewart on the implications for the US of economic and political turmoil in Russia, 4:30 pm PST, 7:30 pm EST; on August 27, 1998, WWJ-Radio, Detroit, live interview by Paul Snider on the economic and political turmoil in Russia and its implications for the U.S., 8:30 p.m.; August 28, 1998, WBZ-Radio (CBS feed) Boston, MA, taped interview by Gary La Pierre on the economic and political turmoil in Russia and its implications for President Clinton's upcoming visit and the world economy, 7:50 am; August 28, 1998, KFRU-Radio, Columbia, MO, live interview with David Lyle on the economic and political turmoil in Russia, 9:20 am; August 28, 1998, KFYI-Radio, Phoenix, AZ, live interview by Ed Walsh and Shirley Jamison on the economic and political turmoil in Russia, 10:20 am; September 1, 1998, WCAU-Miami, FL, live interview by

Randi Rhodes on the turmoil in Russia and the world today; September 8, 1998, long taped interview by Ken Schwartz for Voice of America on the social and economic problems in Russia; September 15, 1998, long taped interview with Emma Arutyunyan of the Armenian Section of Voice of America regarding the political and economic crisis in Russia and its potential effect on Armenia; and on October 12, 1998, interview by Alex Sorotin, RL/RFE on the reelection of Aliev in Azerbaijan. October 31, he chaired a panel on "The Centenary of Patriarch M. Ormanian" at a conference sponsored by the Zohrab Institute in New York, NY.

On December 4, 1998, he chaired a panel on the "Armenian Genocide and its Present Political Implications," AGBU Center, Chicago.

He reviewed *The Soviet World of American Communism*, by Harvey Klehr, John Haynes, and Kyrill Anderson, New Haven, Yale University Press, 1998, in *The Detroit News*, Comment, April 8, 1998, p. 1A; he reviewed Richard G. Hovannisian, ed., *The Armenian People from Ancient to Modern Times, Vols I & II*, New York, St. Martin's Press, 1997, in History, Summer 1998; and he reviewed Christopher Zakian, ed., *The Torch was Passed: Centennial History of the Armenian Church of America*, New York, St. Vartan Press, 1998, in *The Armenian Reporter International*, September 12, 1998.

He participated in the planning conference September 3-7, 1998, at the Martin Luther University in Wittenberg-Halle, Germany, to organize an international conference on Armenian studies which will be held in the year September 1-11, 2000. The conference is being organized by the newly established Mesrop Zentrum fur Armenische Studien of Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg and should attract hundreds of scholars from all over the world.

Dr. Papazian was recently appointed to the editorial board of the International Encyclopedia Society to publish a one

volume Encyclopedia of the Armenian Genocide, 1914-1922.

RUBINA PEROOMIAN (UCLA) presented two papers in an International Symposium on "Armenia-Diaspora On the Threshold of the 21st Century," organized by the Armenian Relief Society in Yerevan, Armenia, May 28-30, 1998. The papers presented were "The ARS and the Armenian Women's Organizations-Problematic Questions" and "Problems of the System of Education in Armenia and the Education of the Youth from the Point of View of Armenian-Diaspora Relations."

She presented a paper on the teaching of the Armenian Genocide in public schools, in a seminar organized by the Armenian National Committee, Western Region, June 20, 1998. She lectured on "The Armenian Culture to Serve as a Bulwark against Assimilation in the Diaspora," organized by the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Glendale, CA, October 14, 1998.

She participated in the International Conference, at California State University, Sacramento, October 21-24, 1998 presenting a paper "The Armenian Genocide Through Art and Literature," and presented a paper, "A Call Sounded from the Armenian Mountains of Erzerum or the Development of Political Thought Among the Armenians of Erzerum."

She participated in the International Conference on Hagop Oshagan held at Columbia University, November 21, 1998. She presented a paper "Hagop Oshagan, a Phenomenon in the Armenian Diasporan Literature."

She presented her recently published book *Hayastane Ho-Ye-Da- Bolshevik Haraberutiunneri Volortum, 1917-1921* (Armenia and the ARF-Bolshevik Relations: 1917-1921) and had a book signing, organized by the New York Chapter of Hamazkayin, November 22, 1998.

She was a delegate to the 8th Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Harare, Zimbabwe, December 3-14,

1998, She made a presentation on the issue of Human Rights and WCC. She served on the Committee on Public Issues. She was elected to the Central Committee of the WCC for a seven year term.

She participated in the MESA Conference, Chicago, December 4-6, 1998 and presented a paper "Literary Manifestation of Resistance to Genocide: A Comparative Analysis." Because of the conflict with the WCC Assembly, her paper was read by Professor Isabel Kaprielian.

RALPH G. SETIAN (Pasadena, CA) taught Armenian language and history in the summer intensive program at the University of Venice, Italy, in August of 1998.

LORNE SHIRINIAN (Royal Military College) has published "David Kherdian and the Ethno-Autobiographical Impulse: Rediscovering the Past," in *MELUS* 22.4 (1997): 77-89. Although the issue is dated 1997, it just came out.

He published a short story "Delirian in '97," in the last issue of *Ararat*.

MICHAEL EDWARD STONE (Hebrew University in Jerusalem) published with E. G. Chazon, *Biblical Perspectives: Early Use and Interpretation of the Bible in the Dead Sea Scrolls*, Leiden: Brill, 1998 and with T.A. Bergren, *Biblical Figures Outside the Bible*, Trinity Press International, 1998. The 30th Anniversary of Armenian Studies is being celebrated at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. There will be a commemorative conference held on May 24-26, 1999 as well as a banquet on May 26, 1999.

On November 1, 1998, the Foreign Minister of Armenia, Vardan Oskanian spoke at Hebrew University.

ROBERT F. TAFT, S.J. (Pontificio Instituto Orientale) on June 6, delivered a paper on "Eastern Catholic theology - is there any such thing?" at the annual Catholic Theological Society of America meeting in Ottawa; Keynote Address at the "International Sympo-

sium on English Translations of Byzantine Liturgical Texts" at St. Basil's College, Stamford, CT; June 19-22; lecture at semi-annual meeting of "The Jesuits for the Christian East," at the University of San Francisco, on "The Work of the Vatican Congregation for the Oriental Churches in favor of the Eastern Catholic Churches"; October 22-24 participation in the "Meeting on Historical Studies" of the Vatican Congregation for the Oriental Churches to "preserve the historical memory" of the Churches emerging from communist suppression; organized and directed with Prof. Dr. Gabriele Winkler of the University of Tuebingen, the International Scholarly Congress "Fifty Years after Anton Baumstark (d. 1948)," held at the Oriental Institute, Rome, Oct. 22-24, and gave a paper on "Anton Baumstark's Comparative Liturgy Revisited."

On March 8, Greek Catholic Bishop Milan Chautur, Apostolic Exarch of Kosice in Slovakia, conferred on Fr. Taft the gold pectoral cross in recognition of his work for the Eastern Churches, and especially for the Greek Catholic Church in Slovakia. On May 5 in Washington DC the Archbishop Stephen Sulyk of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the United States, elevated Fr. Taft to the dignity of Mitred Archimandrite, in recognition of his services to the Eastern Churches.

He has published "Il Sabato santo e la veglia pasquale," in C. Giraudo, G. Marani, F. Rossi de Gasperis, M.I. Rupnik, T. Spidlik, R.F. Taft, Omelie di Pasqua, a cura di G. Marani (Betel - brevi saggi spirituali 6, Lipa Srl, Roma 1998) 55-67; "The Missionary Effort of the Eastern Churches as an Example of Inculturation," in Congregazione per le Chiese Orientali, Le Chiese orientali e la missione in Asia. Riflessioni in preparazione all'Assemblea Speciale del Sinodo dei Vescovi (Vatican 1998) 28-45; "Dr Zhivago's Message," The Tablet, 25 May 1998, 550-551; "The Origins and Development of the Byzantine Communion Psalmody" part II,

Studi sull'Oriente cristiano 2/1 (1998) 85-107; "The Armenian Liturgy: Its Origins and Characteristics," in Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Art, Religion, and Society. Papers Delivered at the Pierpont Morgan Library at a Symposium Organized by Thomas F. Mathews and Roger S. Wieck, 21-22 May 1994 (New York 1998) 13-30; "Molitva svyatym ili molitva za svyatym?" Stranitsy (Russia) 3/2 (1998) 225-238; "The Syro-Malabar Liturgical Controversy," in Acts of the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, held in the Vatican from 8 to 16 January 1996 (Servizio informazioni per le Chiese orientali, Supplemento ai numeri 581-604, Vatican 1998) 97-111; "Romania's Bad Memories," The Tablet, Vol. 252 No. 8529 (28 November 1998) 1566-1567; "A Hymn to the Resurrection. Reading Doctor Zhivago again after Forty Years," Diakonia 31 (1998) 187-199; "La Liturgia delle ore in Oriente," Pontificio Istituto Liturgico Sant'Anselmo, Scientia Liturgica. Manuale di liturgia, ed. Anscar J. Chupungco, vol. 5 (Casale Monferrato: Piemme 1998) 57-89.; "Teologia della Liturgia delle ore," Pontificio Istituto Liturgico Sant'Anselmo, Scientia Liturgica. Manuale di liturgia, ed. Anscar J. Chupungco, vol. 5 (Casale Monferrato: Piemme 1998) 150-165; "Quaestiones disputatae: The Skeuophylakion of Hagia Sophia and the Entrances of the Liturgy Revisited" part II, Oriens Christianus 82 (1998) 53-87.

KHACHIG TÖLÖYAN (Wesleyan University) is editor of *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*. The 18th issue of *Diaspora*, owned by the Zoryan Institute, and published by the University of Toronto Press, is finished and due to appear soon. The 17th issue contains an article by a Johns Hopkins graduate student, Lisa Siraganian, on Atom Egoyan's films and the issue of genocide.

He lectured at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign in November on "The Problem of Diasporas" to a Ford

Foundation funded conference on "Diasporas and Their Arts."

He lectured at the Sorbonne, at an international conference on diasporas, in late November. The conference was simply called "Diasporas and Transnationalism" and jointly organized by EHESS (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales) and the University of Tel Aviv.

He chaired a panel on "Diasporas" at the American Historical Association's annual conference in Washington, DC. He published "Armenian-American Literature," which was a chapter in a book titled *New Immigrant Literatures in the United States*, edited by Alpana Sharma Knippling and published by the Greenwood Press of Westport, Ct. in 1996, pp. 19-42.

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