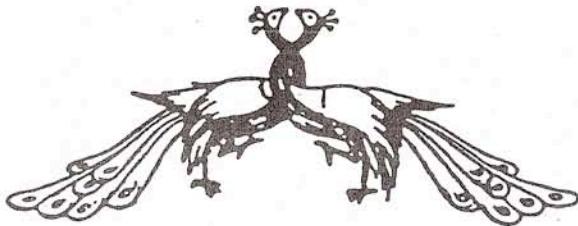


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### Institution of SAS Graduate Student Awards

**A** prize of \$250 will be awarded annually to the graduate student SAS member who has submitted the best article to a number of the *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies*. The SAS members on the editorial board of the JSAS will determine the winner.

Another \$250 prize will be awarded to the graduate student SAS member who has presented the best conference paper in a given year in the discipline of Armenian Studies. SAS executive board members holding the Ph.D. in any given year would adjudicate, with the assistance of other colleagues as necessary, according to their areas of competence.

### 5th UCLA Series Features Pokr Hayk/ Armenia Minor-Sebastia/Sivas

**T**he fifth in the UCLA international conference series on historic Armenian cities and provinces will feature Pokr Hayk/Armenia Minor-- encompassing the region of Sebastia/Sivas, with Marsovan, Amasia, Tokat, Shabin-Karahisar, Divrig, Gurun, and Gemerek.

The day-long conference will be held on Saturday, May 15, from 9:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Dickson Auditorium on the UCLA campus. The conference has been organized by Professor Richard Hovannisian, Holder of the Armenian Educational Foundation Chair in Modern Armenian History, in cooperation with the Grigor Narekatsi Chair in Armenian Studies, UCLA. There is no charge for admission.

The morning sessions, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., will focus on Lesser Armenia in ancient and medieval times.

#### *Introduction - Lesser Armenia or Armenia Minor (Pokr Hayk)*

**Richard Hovannisian**, UCLA

#### *The Legacy of the Forty Martyrs of Sebastia*

**Nona Manoukian**, formerly of the Matenadaran, Yerevan

#### *The Historical Geography of Lesser Armenia*

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

#### *Tephrike/Divrig and Paulician Christianity*

**James Russell**, Harvard University

#### **Intermission**

#### *Bishop Ukhtanes of Sebastia*

**Suren Kolangian**, formerly History Institute, Yerevan

#### *Armenian Emigration Patterns to Sebastia, 10th-11th Centuries*

**Peter Cowe**, University of California, Los Angeles

#### *Armenian Manuscripts and Scriptoria of Sebastia*

**Bernard Coulie**, Université catholique de Louvain

#### *Armenian Art and Architecture of Sebastia*

**Christina Maranci**, Massachusetts College of Arts

The afternoon session, 2:30-6:15 p.m., will be devoted to the modern history of Sebastia.

#### *Anatolia College of Marsovan and the Sivas*

#### *Teachers' College*

**Frank S. Stone**, University of Connecticut

#### *Sivas: The View from the United States Consulate*

**Barbara Merguerian**, *Journal of Armenian Studies*, Boston

#### *Marsovan in 1915: The Diary of Bertha Morley*

**Hilmar Kaiser**, European University Institute; Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn

#### **Intermission**

#### *Mary Louise Graffam, Ernest Partridge, and the Armenians of Sivas*

**Helen Sahagian**, Boston

#### *The Armenian Resistance at Shabin-Karahisar in 1915*

**Simon Payaslian**, University of California, Los Angeles

#### *Postscriptum: Sebastia/Sivas after the Genocide*

**Richard Hovannisian**, University of California, Los Angeles

Photographic exhibit by Richard and Anne Elizabeth Elbrecht of Davis, California.

Additional information or conference brochures 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 sixth in the UCLA series is scheduled for mid-November and will feature Tigranakert/Diyarbekir and Edessa/Urfa.

## Conferences

### Saroyan at Ninety: A Conference and Celebration

The Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno and the William Saroyan Society of Fresno co-sponsored a commemoration of William Saroyan's 90th Birthday entitled: "Saroyan at Ninety: A Conference and Celebration" held on Saturday, March 20, 1999, on the CSUF Campus.

**8:45 Conference Opening: Dr. John Welty, President, California State University, Fresno**

**9-12:15 Morning Session: Saroyan the Man**

**Panel I. Chair: Stephen Barile**

Brenda Magarity (Fresno), "Slow Drive, Sweet Chariot"  
Ed Hagopian (Fresno), "Saroyan in Grief"

**Break**

**Panel II. Chair: Dickran Kouymjian**

Aram Kevorkian (Paris), "Saroyan and Paris"  
Roxie Moradian (Fresno), "Saroyan in Love: Marriage and Divorce"  
Hank Saroyan (Los Angeles), "Saroyan, the Boy within the Man at Sixty"

**Luncheon**

**2-5 PM Afternoon Session: Saroyan the Writer**

**Panel III. Chair. Barlow Der Mugrdechian**

Michael Kloster (Berkeley), "Saroyan, Joyce, and 'Everyman'"  
Deanna Garabedian (Fresno), "Saroyan and the Armenian American Identity"  
Michael Krekorian (Fresno), "American Trauma and the Summer of the Beautiful White Horse"

**Panel IV. Chair. Isabel Kaprielian**

Micah Jendian (San Diego), "Saroyan and the Question of Authentic Selfhood"  
Michael Kovacs (Las Vegas), "Saroyan's Expressionist Quest: An Exploration of His Early Writings"  
Dickran Kouymjian (Fresno), "Who Reads Saroyan Today?"

All sessions took place in the Industrial Technology Building, on Barstow near Cedar on the CSU Fresno campus. On Friday, March 19 at 7 PM a special dinner was held in honor of the invited speakers and guests at the Downtown Club, Fresno. Keynote speakers were Hank Saroyan and Aram Kevorkian.

### Conference on New England Armenians

The first conference ever held on the subject of Armenian communities of the New World took place on Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, 1999 at Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts.

The regional conference on "The Armenians of New England: Celebrating a Culture and Preserving a Heritage" featured panels on a wide range of subjects, with distinguished scholars and researchers from all over the United States participating.

The opening session of the Conference took place on Friday, April 9 with a keynote address by Boston College Professor Emeritus, Thomas H. O'Connor on "The Armenian Experience: Roots of the Past: Realities of the Present." A panel discussion among Armenian -American women writers and scholars on the topic of "Who Are We Now and Who Are We Becoming?" followed the keynote address.

On Saturday, the following panels were organized: *Establishing the Community* with presentations by Linda A. Avakian, Hartwell Community College, California; Marc Mamigonian, NAASR; Rubina Peroomian, UCLA; and Robert Krikorian, Harvard University. The panel *Noted Individuals* included presentations by Rev. Arten Ashjian, Diocese of the Armenian Church; Lucy Der Manuelian, Tufts University; Sonia Ketchian, Harvard University; and Suzanne Moranian, Wellesley College.

Afternoon sessions were *Cultural Institutions* with Robert Mirak, Armenian Cultural Foundation; Joan Bamberger, Wellesley College; and Varoujan Karentz, Armenian Historical Association of Rhode Island; *Architecture and Visual Arts* with Ruth Thomasian, Project SAVE Armenian Photographical Archives; Christina Maranci, Princeton University; and Arshag Merguerian, American Institute of Architecture, *Language and Music* with Bert Vaux, Harvard University; March Nicanian, Columbia University; David Calonne, Siena Heights College, Michigan; and Leon Janikian, Northwestern University; *Changing Communities* with Stella Rustigian, Wethersfield, Connecticut; Eden Naby, Harvard University; and Isabel Kaprielian, California State University, Fresno.

The conference was organized for the purpose of furthering knowledge of the oldest and one of the largest Armenian communities in North America. The conference was sponsored and organized by: Armenian Cultural Foundation, Armenian International Women's Association, Armenian Library and Museum of America, Armenian Women's Information Center, Friends of Armenian Culture Society, Mayreni Publishing, National Association of Armenian Studies and Research, New England Board of Higher Education, New England Heritage Center, and the office of State Senator Steven A. Tolman. Dr. Robert Mirak of Winchester and Manoog S. Young of Boston were co-chairmen of the organizing committee.

## First Conference on Genocide, Buenos Aires, November 4-5, 1998

The Conference on Genocide was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, under the auspices of the Armenian Diocese and the Armenian Center of Argentina, the National Human Rights Office, the Information Center of the United Nations, and the Armenian Embassy.

The inaugural panel was held by Archbishop Kissag Mouradian (Armenian Apostolic Church), Dr. Vahan Ter Ghevondian (former ambassador in Argentina), Professor Hebe Clementi (University of Buenos Aires), Professor Inés Pérez Suárez (National Human Rights Office), and Dr. Angel Escudero de Paz (Information Center of the United Nations).

Scholars and writers presented papers on different subjects: *The Unpunished Armenian Genocide and Shoah* (Daniel Bargman, Memory of Holocaust Foundation); *A Nazi at Chascomús, in the province of Buenos Aires* (Martín Cremonte, University of Buenos Aires); *Argentine Archives and Armenian Genocide* (Nélida Boulgourdjian-Toufekian, University of Buenos Aires); *Etiology of Genocide and Solutions* (Bishop Néstor Daniel Villa); *Meaning of Genocide* (Narciso Binayan Carmona); *Genocide and Memory* (Libertad Telecemian, psychiatrist); *Concept of Genocide* (Celina Lértora Mendoza, University of Buenos Aires); and *Genocide and Omission* (Sergio D. Leoni, Principal of an Armenian School).

## Upcoming Conferences

### “Armenian Studies 2000” Workshops Planned by Association Internationale des Études Arméniennes (AIEA)

The study of Armenian culture, its rich heritage and its contemporary achievements has made remarkable advances over the past two centuries. There has been signal progress both by Western and by Armenian scholars. The turn of millennium offers a favorable occasion to assess achievements to date and to outline new perspectives both for research and for suitable publication. Moreover, such an assessment will enable us to a reach general perspective on most urgent tasks waiting Armenologists in the early decades of the dawning century.

Association Internationale des Études Arméniennes (AIEA) plans, therefore, to promote and coordinate a program among scholars devoted to Armenian studies. Scholars both Armenian and non-Armenian, active either in Armenia or in diaspora, will participate in a series of workshops from 1999 to 2004, the 1600th anniversary of the in-

vention of the Armenian alphabet. Leading scholars will contribute to the Workshops which will also be open to the interested public. Workshops will be devoted to Linguistics (1999), Philology (2000), Literature (2001), History and Geography (2002), Art and Archeology (2003), and Religion and History of Ideas (2004).

Obviously the organization of such workshops will demand a considerable financial effort. The AIEA looks towards the generosity of all Armenians and Armenian Institutions, with their filial devotion to their cultural heritage. Their support will enable it to do its best for the word-wide promotion and diffusion and the deeper study of Armenian culture. The culture of the Armenians is certainly, as the outstanding scholar Anatoly Jacobson once said of the Armenian art, one of the most distinguished achievements of world civilization.

### Celebrations of 30 Years of Armenian Studies at the Hebrew University

The first of a series of public events to celebrate 30 Years of Armenian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will be held in Washington on Tuesday, May 4, 1999.

Under the Auspices of H.E. Ambassador Ruben Shugarian, the American and Armenian Friends of the Hebrew University, Annie Totah and Aris Mardirossian, invite you to a buffet reception to be held at 6 pm at the Armenian Embassy, 2225 R Street Northwest, Washington, DC. The reception marks the achievements of the Armenian Studies program and its contributions to scholarship, to the Armenian community and to bringing knowledge of Armenian things to the society.

The reception honours special friends and supporters of the Armenian Studies Program, including the Steven P. Mugar Family, represented by Carolyn Mugar; Mr. Leon Levi, President of the American Sefardi Celebration; The Knights of Vartan; Mr. Garnik Nanagolian, former Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Armenia; and Professor Michael E. Stone, Director of the Armenian Studies Program, Jerusalem.

Forthcoming events of the 30th Year Celebration include the following:

In Jerusalem on May 24-26 there will be an International Symposium on “The Armenians in the Holy Land and Jerusalem.” Scholars and students from all over the world will attend, including alumni and affiliates of the Armenian Studies Program. The proceedings will be published. A special session will be held jointly with the Jewish National and University Library on “Armenian Libraries in Jerusalem.” A visit to the Cathedral of the Sts. James is included and a meeting with the Armenian Community.

In Jerusalem on May 25 there will be the 30th Anniversary Banquet with distinguished guests and friends. Honoured speakers will include H.B. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian,

Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem; Professor Menahem Magidor, President of the Hebrew University and Academician Georg Brutian, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of Armenia.

In Jerusalem on June 6 a half-day Symposium will be held on "The Armenian Community of Jerusalem." The lectures will be in Hebrew and directed to the general Israeli public.

In Jerusalem on November 9 a full-day Symposium will be held on "Armenian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land." Guest of Honour will be H.B. Mesrob II, Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, who is an alumnus of our program.

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**New Books**

***Remembrance and Denial: The Case of the Armenian Genocide***

Edited by Richard G. Hovannisian

The Armenian Genocide that began in World War I, during the drive to transform the plural Ottoman Empire into a monoethnic Turkey, removed a people from its homeland and erased most evidence of their three-thousand-year-old material and spiritual culture.

For the rest of this century, changing world events, calculated silence, and active suppression of memory have overshadowed the initial global outrage over the genocide and have threatened to make this calamity "the forgotten genocide" of world history.

This volume squarely confronts the denial of the Armenian Genocide by the Turkish government, which has expended considerable political and financial resources to suppress the facts surrounding this event and has even enlisted American and European pseudo-academics to rationalize this issue.

Fourteen leading scholars from the United States, Canada, France, England, Germany, and Israel here examine the Armenian Genocide from a variety of perspectives to refute those efforts and to show how remembrance and denial have shaped perceptions of the event.

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Richard G. Hovannisian is Professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He has been a member of the UCLA faculty since 1962 where he organized both the undergraduate and graduate programs in Armenian history. He is the author of numerous books on Armenian history, and has been the editor of several books on the Armenian genocide, and has published more than 50 scholarly articles on Armenian, Caucasian and Near Eastern History.

*Remembrance and Denial* can be ordered from: Wayne State University Press, 4809 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201-1309, Tel: (313) 577-6120, Fax: (313) 577-6131.

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## News From Members

**HOVHANNES BEAZIAN** (Fresno, CA) is translating into English Sergei Vartanyan's "Hamsheni Musulman Hayeri Usumnasirutian Patmutiun."

**NELIDA BOULGOURDJIAN-TOUFEKSIAN** (University of Buenos Aires) was a member of the Executive Committee of the First Conference on Genocide that was held in Buenos Aires in November, 1998. She presented a paper: "The Armenian Genocide in Argentine Archives: *La Nola* (weekly review). Proofs against denial."

**GEORGE BOURNOUTIAN** (Iona College) has in publication *Abraham of Erevan: History of the Wars*. Annotated Translation with Introductory Notes (Mazda Armenian Studies Series No. 3).

**MARLENE P. BREU** (Kalamazoo, Michigan) received a Knights of Vartan Fund for Armenian Studies grant for a project titled: "Documentation and Analysis of Textile Artifacts in the Armenian Churches of Istanbul."

**CARNEGIE SAMUEL CALIAN** (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) has published *Survival or Revival: Ten Keys to Church Vitality* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1998).

**DAVID STEPHEN CALONNE** (University of Michigan, Dearborn) has published "William Saroyan and Armenian Women," in *Armenian Forum*, Number 3, Autumn, 1998, pp. 13-20 and "Henry Miller, William Saroyan and The Booster Magazine," *Stroker Magazine*, #65, Spring 1999.

He presented "William Saroyan on Genius, Madness, and Inspiration," at the Creativity and Madness Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, February, 1999 and "William Saroyan and Massachusetts," at the Armenians of New England Conference, Bentley College, April 1999.

**LEVON CHORBAJIAN** (Zoryan Institute for Contemporary Armenian Research and Documentation) has published with George Shirinian, eds. *Studies in Comparative Genocide*. Basingstoke, U.K.: Macmillan Press Ltd (U.S. Distributor St. Martin's Press), 1999.

**VAHAKN DADRIAN** (Conesus, NY) has written *Warrant for Genocide: Key Elements of the Turko-Armenian Conflict*, Rutgers University.

He gave a speech at the University of West Los Angeles Law Review Banquet on the topic of "Holocaust and Genocide," January 1999; he gave lectures at UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, and Stanford on his new book, February 1999; and he was the keynote speaker at the Armenian-American Bar Association annual convention on February 14, 1999.

He delivered a paper at the International Symposium on Genocide, UNESCO, Paris, in April, 1999 and he was the April 24 keynote speaker at Bruxelles (the last two appearances in French). He gave a lecture at a conference on Holocaust and Genocide, Lyon, France, on June 9, 1999.

**SILVA FERAHIAN** (McGill University) developed a special workshop series on Islamic Studies Research Methodologies for six Indonesian women who were on a Work Study Programme at the Mc Gill University Islamic Studies Library.

The Women's Fellowship Programme was considered a great success. These gracious Indonesian scholars learned a lot and also had contact with an Armenian for the first time in their lives. She has published "Islam and the Challenge of the New Millennium" April 9-10, 1999.

**ARMEN GAKAVIAN** (Centre for Comparative Genocide Studies,

Macquarie University Australia) between March 16 and May 18 1999, was founder-convenor of the course "Social Action: Building a Better World," which includes material from the Armenian Genocide and genocide studies in general. The course is being offered through Macquarie University's Continuing Education Program.

He is Convenor of the Armenian Genocide Research Unit of the Centre for Comparative Genocide Studies, Macquarie University.

**JOHN A. C. GREPPIN** (Cleveland State University) read a paper on Armenian medicine at the March meeting of the American Oriental Society in Baltimore. He has published "Armenian *xstor* 'garlic,'" in the *Annual of Armenian Linguistics* 19, 1998; pp. 57-64; "Armenian *gini*, Greek *ovino* 'wine' in the *Annual of Armenian Linguistics* 19, 1998: pp. 65-70; "Letter from Yerevan," *Times (London) Literary Supplement*, December 25, 1998: 14; and "Greek *rhámpios*, Armenian *p'arp'ar*," in *Historische Sprachforschung* 111, 1998: pp. 242-246.

He has written four reviews: of George Bournoutian, *Russian and the Armenians of the Transcaucasus*. *Times (London) Literary Supplement*, October 30, 1998: 31; of Vladimir Orel. *Albanian Etymological Dictionary*. *Times (London) Literary Supplement*. November 27, 1998:34; of Vazken S. Ghougassian. *The Emergence of the Armenian Diocese of New Julfa in the Seventeenth Century*. *Times (London) Literary Supplement*. December 18, 1998: 29; and George A. Bournoutian. *The Chronicle of Abraham of Crete*. *Times (London) Literary Supplement*. March 12, 1999: 32.

**MATTHEW ARI JENDIAN** (CSU Fresno/USC) was appointed director of the newly-formed American Humanics Program at CSU Fresno, a certificate program in nonprofit management. He was ordained a Deacon in the Armenian Orthodox Church by Archbishop Vatché Hovsepian, December 27, 1998.

He presented papers on: "How to Make Service-Learning a Part of Your Course" at the CSU Fresno Service-Learning Conference, May 6, 1998; "Family Relations and Community Relations of Intermarried Armenian-American couples" at the 26th Annual Conference of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, March 25-28, 1998; and "The Roles of Women: Assessing the Situation of the Armenian Orthodox Church in North America" at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, November 22-25, 1998.

**LYNN JONES** (Philadelphia, PA) delivered a paper entitled "Constructing a Visual Expression of Kingship in Tenth-Century Armenia: the Church of the Holy Cross at Aghtamar," at the 23rd Annual British Byzantine Symposium, at Warwick University, and has received a Mellon Foreign Area Fellowship at the Library of Congress enabling her to complete a book examining the visual expression of medieval Armenian kingship.

**SARKIS KARAYAN** (MD) wrote a book review on "Armenians in Ottoman Documents (1915-1920)," published in *The Armenian Observer*, July 25 and August 5, 1998 and in *Nor Gyank* July 30 and August 6 and 13, 1998. This is a review article, as he has translated the most important telegrams of Tal'at Pasha and the Ottoman government about the "deportation" of Armenians to Syria and Mesopotamia. The book itself is an official publication of the Turkish Government in 1995.

**HAIG KHATCHADOURIAN** (Emeritus Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) has published *Community and Communitarianism* (Peter Lang Publishing, December 1998).

**REV. FR. GARABED KOCHAKIAN** (Pastor, St. John Armenian Church) received a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in Art History. His dissertation and defense in May of 1999

was on "The Frescoes in the Honents' Church of St. Gregory the Illuminator; The Georgian Chalcedonian Influence on the Armenians at Ani."

He published "'Ererouk'-A Transitional Armenian Church of the Fourth Century in Ararat, Summer 1999.

At the request of Catholicos Karekin I he attended a global conference, on the island of Halki in Istanbul Turkey, as a representative of Holy Etchmiadzin. The topic of the conference was "The Environment and Poverty."

Fr. Kochakian serves as ecumenical officer for the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

**DICKRAN KOUYMJIAN** (Berberian Professor of Armenian Studies, CSU Fresno) has published "Paris and the Arts," *The Armenian Reporter International*, January 24, 1998, pp. 17 & 19; 2. "Les reliures de manuscrits arméniens à inscriptions," *Recherches de codicologie comparée. La composition du codex au Moyen Age, en Orient et en Occident*, edited by Philippe Hoffman, Paris: Presses de l' ecole normale supérieure, 1998, pp. 259-274; "Armenia in the Age of Columbus," *Armenian Mind*, vol. II, no. 1 (1998), pp. 109-126; Reprint of "Armenia from the Fall of the Cilician Kingdom (1375) to the Forced Emigration under Shah Abbas (1604)" and "A Critical Bibliography for the History of Armenia from 1375 to 1605," Fresno: CSUF Armenian Studies Program, 1998, ii, 50, 7 pages; "A Unique Armeno-Greek Papyrus," *Etudes Coptes* V, edited by M. Rassart-Debergh, Paris, Louvain: Editions Peeters, 1998, pp. 165-169; and "Der Kuenstler William Saroyan," ADK (Armenisch - Deutscher Korrespondenz), 4 (1998), pp. 32-33. Conferences/lectures.

In March he was invited to present a conference on the "Miniature Cycle in the Alexander Romance" to the Société des Etudes Arméniennes in Paris and in May on the same subject to the seminar in Armenian Studies at the University of Geneva. In April he presented a paper entitled "Confiscation of Ar-

menian Property and the Destruction of Armenian Historical Monuments as a Manifestation of the Genocidal Process," at the International conference "L'Actualité du Génocide des Arméniens," held at the Sorbonne in Paris; the revised version of this paper was given in October to the International Genocide Conference held at CSU Sacramento. In September he was one of three American scholars invited to participate in the international conference, "Armenia and the Christian Orient," sponsored by the Armenian Academy of Sciences. He presented a paper entitled "Christian Iconographic Motifs in the Armenian Alexander Romance." He also chaired the final panel and was interviewed by Armenian television at the Martyrs Monument in Erevan. Also in October he presented a paper entitled "The Decline and Revival of Erzerum, 16th-18th Centuries," at the conference on Erzerum held at UCLA.

Kouymjian received a Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation grant for continued work on the Index of Armenian Art. He also received a Research Scholarship, Creative Activity Award from CSU Fresno.

In conjunction with planning activities for the Celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the conversion of Armenia to Christianity, he met twice with His Holiness Karekin I at Etchmiadzin and once with His Holiness Aram I in Los Angeles. Further meetings were held with Marielle Reber, Curator, of the Musée d'art et d'histoire in Geneva and Guy Blazy, Director of the Musée des Tissus in Lyons, in Paris. These meetings were to prepare major exhibits on Armenian Altar Curtains in Lyon and the Treasures of Cilicia in Geneva. He was invited to spend a week at NIAS, National Institute of the Academy of Sciences of Holland, Wassenaar in February, for work on the Album of Armenian Paleography and a second meeting in Aarhus, Denmark at the University of Aarhus, to prepare the manuscript of the Album of Armenian Paleography for publication. He was nominated as the Fresno State representative for the tri-annual "American Scholar of the Year" award of Phi

Kappa Phi academic fraternity. He was a runner-up.

**ROBERT KRIKORIAN** (Harvard) has published *Armenia: At the Crossroads*, co-authored with Joseph Masih, Harwood Academic Publishers, UK, 1999.

He presented papers at the following conferences: "In Defense of the Homeland: New England Armenians and the Legion d'Orient," Armenians in New England Conference, Bentley College, Waltham, MA, April 1999; "Constitutionalism and the Struggle to Democratize in Armenia," Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, April 1999; and "The Reappropriation of the Past: History, Politics, and National Identity in Soviet Armenia, 1988-1991," Harvard University Central Asia Forum, April 1999.

**VARTAN ZOHRAB MATIOSSIAN** (Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires) Researcher of the Latin-American Institute for East-West Comparative Researches, Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires is a member of the Editorial Board of "Open Letter," a literary journal published in Glendale, California.

He has published *Around Gostan Zarian* (in Armenian), Antelias, Kevork Melidinetzi Literary Prize, 1998; "La construccion de la Catedral San Gregorio el Iluminador" (in Spanish), *Sardarabad*, January 28, 1998, pp. 7-8, "Kostan Zarian and Lawrence Durrell in Corfu (1935-1937)" (in Armenian), *Banber Yerevani Hamalsarani*, 1, 1998, pp. 96-110; "Kostan Zarian and Ottorino Respighi" (in Armenian), *Haratch Midk yev Arvest*, April 1998, p. 2-3; "About the coins ascribed to the Armenian king Vagharsak" (in Armenian), *Armenian Numismatic Journal*, June 1998, pp. 25-26; "Las monedas de Antíoco I de Commagene y el simbolo dinastico de los Orontidas de Armenia" (in Spanish), Pegasus, agosto-octubre de 1998, pp. 21-22; "Kostan Zarian in Constantinople before 'Mehyan'" (in Armenian), *Haratch Midk yev Arvest*,

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Hovhannes Grigorian, Vahan Tekeyan, Gevorg Emin, Vahe Vahian, Paruyr Sevak, and Maro Margarian; a short story by Aghasi Ayvazian, all of them in "Sardarabad", 1998-1999. Also, Berdj Sabbaghian's numismatic article, "El numero de los soldados de Luculo en la batalla de Tigranocerta," *Pegasus*, April-June 1998, pp. 4-5.

He presented a paper "Kharpert/Malatia and Armenian Origins," at the UCLA Conference on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces devoted to Kharpert/Tzopk, Los Angeles, May 16, 1998 and he presented "Hagop Oshagan and Costan Zarian: An Inquiry Of Their Relationship", International Conference on "Hagop Oshagan and Diaspora Literature," New York, November 21, 1998.

**VAHE OSHAGAN** (Radnor, PA) was awarded the Movses Khorenatzi medal by the President of the Republic of Armenia in May 1998, in recognition of services rendered to Armenian culture. After living in Sydney, Australia from January 1992 to May 1998, he returned to the United States.

He presented a paper "The Literature of the Diaspora" March 13, 1998 during the Armenian symposium organized in Sydney by the Hamazkaine Cultural Association; on April 24, 1998 he gave a public lecture on "The Message of April 24, 1915" to the Armenian Evangelical Community in Sydney; on May 28, he gave a lecture "Modern Armenian Poetry" at the Glendale Public Library; he conducted a week long seminar in June 1998 on the theme "The West Armenian Novel from Vartan Pasha to Hagop Oshagan" at St. James Armenian School in Montreal, Canada; on June 21 he gave a public lecture in Montreal on "Hagop Oshagan" at the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his death; on August 23, he gave a lecture on "Nagorno-Karabagh" to the Armenian community of New Britain, in Hartford; on November 13 he gave a lecture to the Glendale Public Library on "The Art of H. Oshagan" during the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his death; on November 17 he gave

a lecture in San Francisco to the Armenian community on "Australia and Karabagh"; on November 21 he participated in the International Conference on the art of H. Oshagan organized by the Program in Armenian Studies at Columbia University, in New York.

He gave public lectures sponsored and organized by Hamazkaine Cultural Association on the life and art of H. Oshagan, on the 50th anniversary of his death, on November 28 in Detroit, on December 4 in Washington, D.C., on December 12 in Philadelphia, on December 19 in Boston and on March 11, 1999 in London, on March 12 in Paris, and on March 15, in Brussels.

He published a chapter "Modern Armenian Literature and Intellectual History from 1700 to 1915" in *The Armenian People, from Ancient to Modern Times*, editor Richard Hovannisian, vol. II, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1997.

He edited a special supplement on Hagop Oshagan in *Ararat*, vol. XXXIX, No. 4, Autumn 1998.

He published a story "Veratartze" (The Return) in the January 1998 issue of the literary monthly *Nor Tar* in Yerevan, Armenia.

**RUBINA PEROOMIAN** (UCLA) conducted a three-hour workshop in Glendale, California on January 18, 1999, on how to teach the Armenian Question and the Armenian Genocide in high schools in Armenia and introduced the textbooks she authored for this purpose. The workshop was organized by "Junior Achievement" for a group of teachers from Armenia on an educational trip to Los Angeles.

Her article "The Armenian Woman and Her Independent Social Identity" appeared in *Hai Sird*, an international periodical of the Armenian Relief Society, November 1998.

Her research article "Problematic Aspects of Reading Genocide Literature, A Search for a Guideline or a Canon," was published in *Remembrance and Denial: The Case of the Armenian Genocide*, ed. R. G. Hovannisian (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1999), pp. 175-186. She gave a lecture

on the World Council of Churches—the organization, the goals, the history, the Armenian involvement, March 30, 1999, for the Los Angeles Armenian Congregational Church, Men's Fellowship.

She is leaving for Armenia to teach a course on Armenian Genocide Literature at Yerevan State University.

#### **HILARY RICHARDSON**      **HAMILTON**

**RICHARDSON** (Dublin, Ireland) attended the 5th International Colloquium "Ireland and Europe in the Middle Ages," at the University of Konstanz March 16-20, 1998 and gave a paper "Aspects of the Treatment of Scriptural Texts in Early Irish Art."

She also attended the 33rd Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies at the University of Warwick, March 27-29, 1999, and gave a paper on "The Significance and Development of Cross-Bearing Monuments in Armenia and Georgia."

Dr. Manana Odisheli (Tbilisi State University) gave a lecture in the Department of Archaeology, E.C. D. in "Early Christian Relief Sculpture in Georgia."

**HELEN ANAHIT SAHAGIAN** (Arlington, MA) gave a paper "Mary Louise Graffam, Ernest Partridge and the Armenians of Sivas" as part of the UCLA International Conference Series, Pokr Hayk/Armenian Minor-Sebastia/Sivas, May 15, 1999.

#### **VAHRAM LEON SHEMMASSIAN**

(Meridian Armenian Evangelical School) lectured on "Musa Dagh: A pocket of resistance during the Armenian Genocide," organized by the Armenian Evangelical Church of Detroit on April 16, 1999; on "The Armenians of Kesab and Musa Dagh on the Eve of the 1915 genocide," organized by the Armenian Community of Windsor, Canada, on Saturday, April 17, 1999; and "The League of Nations and the Rescue of Armenian Women and children in Syria, 1921-1927," during the joint Armenian Martyrs Day commemoration Service of the Armenian Evangelical Churches and Fellowship

of Southern California on Sunday, April 18, 1999 at the United Congregational Church in Hollywood, CA.

He spoke on "The Armenian Massacres of 1909 in Northwest Syria" in a conference on "The Adana Massacres" organized jointly by the University of Michigan-Dearborn, the Armenian Genocide Research Center, and the Armenian American Business Council, Inc. on April 14, 1999.

**LORNE SHIRINIAN** (Royal Military College of Canada) has his new book, *History of Armenia and Other Fiction* (Blue Heron Press), a collection of stories, in press.

**FRANK ANDREWS STONE** (Professor Emeritus, University of Connecticut) presented "Armenian Education at American Schools in Western Turkey: 1865-1921," for the Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces Conference on Lesser Armenia at UCLA, May 15-16, 1999. The focus is on Anatolia College, Marsovan and the Sivas Teacher's College.

**NICOGHOS TAHMIZYAN** (Pasadena, CA) has published "Berlinian," in *Handes Amsoria*, Vienna, 1997, an unpublished work of Komitas. It contains the Divine Liturgy and other spiritual songs, in ten parts.

**HAROLD TAKOOSHIAN** (Fordham University) published with S. E. Newman "Recognizing Excellent Psychology Students," in International Journal of Psychology, 33, pp. 367-369 (1998).

He chaired the inaugural program of the International Division of the American Psychological Association, August 1998 in San Francisco and was the Director of the 1999 Institute of the Eastern Psychological Association in Providence, RI (April 16-17).

Copies of the *Directory of Armenian-American Behavioral Scientists* (the addresses, phones, and specialties of 506 Armenian-ancestry behavioral scientists in North America) are still available by contacting H. Takooshian at 314

Dartmouth, Paramus, NJ, 07652.

**REV. VAHAN H. TOOTIKIAN**

(Lawrence Technological University) is moderator of the 25 churches and three Church fellowships of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, and Vice-President of the Armenian Evangelical World Council, Pastor of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit, and adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan.

The Armenian Heritage Committee published his 19th volume in March 1999, entitled *Looysee yev Hooysee Shogher* (Beams of Light and Hope) (In Armenian). It consists of five major parts, 69 chapters, and total of 208 pages. He is currently working on his 20th volume, which will be released in the winter of 1999.

He will attend a seminar and present a paper in Paramus, New Jersey, sponsored by the Armenian Christian Heritage committee of the Armenian Presbyterian Church and will present attend three important meetings and seminars, May 11-18, 1999 in Paris, France.

**JUAN CARLOS TUFKEKIAN** (University of Buenos Aires) was a member of the Executive Committee at the first Conference on Genocide, at Buenos Aires, November, 1998.

**HAMO VASSILIAN** (Glendale, CA) has published *Armenian Yellow Pages and Almanac*, 9th Edition, 896 pages.

**SPEROS VRYONIS JR.** (Speros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism) has published "A Personal History of the Battle of Mantzikert," N. Oikomides, S. Vryonis, *Byzantium Asia Minor*, Athens, 1998, pp. 225-244 and "Greek-American Memories and History from 4 Generations (1907-1908 of the Vryonis Family (Cephalonia-Memphis-California-New York)," Adelaide, Australia, 1999.

He gave the following papers: "Byzantine and the Orient," the inaugural Catherine Pelican Program Lecture, at

the University of Missouri, St. Louis; "Pirenne and Byzantium," at the American Medieval Academy; "The Decline of Medieval Hellenism in Asia Minor: The Book in Light of Scholarship 1971-1998," at the 23rd Annual Byzantine Congress, in Warwick.

The Vryonis Center activities: semi-monthly seminars in Rancho Cordova; International Congress Athens, co-sponsored with the National Research Foundation, "The Byzantine Dark Ages," New York Offices: conferences on "Stolen Art Treasures"; "The Greek Experience." Exhibits and Performances: Exhibit of Sculpture of Dimitri Hadjis; Modern Greek Music performances by Tiboris Group; and other photographic exhibits.

**BOGHOS LEVON ZEKIYAN**

(Venice) has published "L'identité polyvalente dans le témoignage d'un artiste: Sergueï Paradjanov. Réflexions sur le problème de la polyvalence ethnique et culturelle," in *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, t. L, 1997, fasciculi 1-3, pp. 337-347; "Études arméniennes/Hayagitut'iwn: une tentative d'éclaircissement conceptuel," in the *International Conference dedicated to Sirarpi Der-Nersessian's 100th birth anniversary, Theses of Reports, 3-5 October 1996*, Armenian National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - UNESCO Chair of Armenian Art History, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, pp. 29-35 [publ. 1997]; "Armenia," in *Enciclopedia oraziana*, 3° vol., 1998, pp. 530-532; "Reflections on Genocide," *The Armenian Case: A Radical Negativity and Polyvalent Dynamics*, in *Annali di Ca' Foscari*, XXXVII, 3, 1998 (Serie orientale 29), pp. 223-241; "Una voce dalla notte dei tempi. La poesia armena tra passato e presente," in *Canto d'Armenia. Yerg Hayastani: in In Forma di Parole*, an. diciottesimo, 1998, la quarta serie, no. primo, gen.-marzo, pp. 17-35, bibliografia, 36-39. ; "Inno di Vahagn," "Inni sacri," "Gregorio di Narek/Grigor Narekatsi,"

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Wissenschaften und der Literatur - Mainz), Böhlau Verlag, Köln-Weimar-Wien 1996, pp. 364, *Orientalia Periodica Christiana* 64, 1998, pp. 490-492.

### Call for Nominations to the Executive Council of the Society for Armenian Studies

This year there will be two openings on the Executive Council of the Society. Members of the Executive Council serve for a three year term. The policy is that elections will take place before the annual meeting of the Society and that the results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting.

Members of the Society who are willing and ready to attend annual meetings and participate in the Society's other activities may submit their names, or the names of others, to the nominating committee of the Society, c/o Barlow Der Mugrdechian, e-mail [barlow\\_der mugrdechian@csufresno.edu](mailto:barlow_der mugrdechian@csufresno.edu)

The deadline for nominations is June 30, 1999.

### Ceremony to Honor Henry Morgenthau

Washington, DC - The Armenian National Institute (ANI) announces a dedication ceremony honoring the memory of Henry Morgenthau, the late US Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, to be held in Armenia April 23. The ceremony, which will follow the International Conference on the Armenian Genocide, also dedicated to Henry Morgenthau, is hosted jointly with the Union of Armenians of Italy and the Armenian Genocide Museum. US Ambassador to Armenia Michael Lemmon and members of the Morgenthau family, led by grandson and namesake, Henry Morgenthau III, will be among those attending the ceremony, to be held in the Armenian Genocide Museum's Great Hall.

Held in high regard by Armenians around the world, Ambassador Morgenthau was among the first and

most persistent to alert the world to the Armenian Genocide of 1915. He also spearheaded humanitarian efforts to aid survivors.

During the April 23 ceremony, an urn containing a handful of earth from Ambassador Morgenthau's gravesite will be interred in the Genocide Memorial's wall of honor. Marked by a plaque, the urn will rest alongside similar acknowledgments of other prominent humanitarians who assisted Armenians during the 1915 deportations and massacres.

### Ceremony

The dedication ceremony will be held at the Armenian Genocide Museum.

Among those speaking during the ceremony are: Henry Morgenthau III, US Ambassador to Armenia Michael Lemmon, ANI representative Carolyn Mugar, Union of Armenians of Italy representative Pietro Kuciukian, and US Holocaust Memorial Council representatives Kitty Dukakis and Diane Asadorian.

Following the honor guard's presentation of US and Armenian flags, the procession will walk from the museum hall to the Memorial Wall for placement of the urn. Armenian and Jewish clergy will conduct a brief religious service. The Director of the Museum Lavrenti Barseghian and Pietro Kuciukian will formally seal the urn in the Wall. Guests will then place flowers at the eternal flame.

The ceremony will conclude with the planting of a tree in the nearby Memorial Grove by the Morgenthau family.

### Dedication Ceremony in Honor of Ambassador Henry Morgenthau

Friday, April 23 at 2 p.m.  
Armenian Genocide Memorial,  
Tsitsernakaberd, Armenia  
Sponsored by: Armenian Genocide Museum (Tsitsernakaberd)  
Union of Armenians of Italy (Milan)  
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### New Members:

**ARMEN GAKAVIAN** (Sydney, Australia) is involved with the Centre for Comparative Genocide Studies in Sydney, where he contributes to the discussion about the impact of the Genocide on the diaspora. He is interested in the debate over Armenian diasporan identity, as this was his Ph.D. topic. He brings a sociological, theological, and ethical angle to different fields within Armenian studies.

**LYNN JONES** (Jenkintown, PA) is an art historian, whose training is in the eastern Middle Ages and whose particular interest is the visual expression of power, of which Armenia offers many untapped riches.

Her interest is in interpreting Armenian art and architecture within its proper medieval context. This concern led her to the Church of the Holy Cross at Aghtamar, which was the focus of her dissertation, and is a component of the book she is currently writing.

**WILLIAM MESROBIAN** has been associated with the Byurakan Observatory and is interested in Armenian prehistory as studied through ancient sites with scientific significance. There are several sites in Armenia with artifacts that indicate a high level of scientific awareness and ability. The field combines his background in the sciences and the computer literacy needed for an adequate effort to examine this poorly-studied area.

### Student Member:

**VICTORIA ROWE** (Toronto, Canada) has her main research area in modern Armenian literature. She is writing her dissertation entitled "Gender and Ethnicity in Western Armenian Women's Writing in the Ottoman Empire from 1880-1915." She has made two major research trips to Yerevan and Jerusalem to consult archives and libraries about the works of the Armenian writer Zabel Yesayan (1878-1942).

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