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The [Armenian Studies Program](#) issued its fourth title in the Armenian Series, "David of Sassoun: Critical Studies on the Armenian Epic." This collection of essays about the oral epic poem of Armenia was recently published by [The Press at California State University, Fresno](#).

Edited by Fresno State Professor Emeritus Dr. Dickran Kouymjian and Professor Barlow Der Mugerdechian, director of the Armenian Studies Program, the collection includes contributions from international experts including Charles Dowsett, Aram Ter-Ghevondian, Earl R. Anderson, Chaké Der Melkonian-Minassian, Frédéric Feydit, Arpiné Khatchadourian, Aram Tolegian, and Vahé Oshagan.

The book also includes an original poem by Ashough Hovnani.

“This is Fresno’s contribution to the commemoration of the centennial celebration of the discovery and publication of the epic poem, which had survived until the 1970s orally, passed on, generation after generation, for more than a thousand years by anonymous village bards,” Der Mugerdechian said.

These works were presented at a symposium organized by Kouymjian. “Every serious scholar from Armenia, France, England, Canada and the United States who had published on the Armenian epic was invited to participate in this international symposium,” said Der Mugerdechian.

The publication was supported by a grant from the Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund and the M. Victoria Karagozian Kazan and Henry S. Khanzadian Kazan Fund.

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