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A NOTE FROM SAS

* We are very pleased to announce that Alison Vacca and Michael Pifer have assumed the editorship of the SAS Newsletter. They are graduate students in Armenian studies. Please write to them with any comments, observations and suggestions you may have. We are grateful to them for assuming this responsibility and wish them good luck.

The Executive Council
Society for Armenian Studies

*** Society for Armenian Studies Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2010. 4:30-6pm**

The meeting will be held in the America's Cup A-4th Level room of the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, One Market Place, San Diego, California. The SAS is holding its Annual Meeting in Conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference.

EVENTS

2009

* The new Fordham University Armenian Club, under founding President Artur Sedrakyan and faculty advisor Harold Takooshian, hosted a series of six well-attended bimonthly forums in 2009, including several SAS members among 26 experts and community leaders, to address the Fordham and NYC community. The six timely topics were: (1) "Armenians in the 21st Century" (13 Jan). (2) "The future of Christians in the Middle East?" (10 March). (3) "Career resources for Armenian students and families" (12 May). (4) "Eastern Turkey today: Armenian views" (15 Sept). (5) "Americans building Armenia" (10 Nov). (6) "Armenia-Turkey

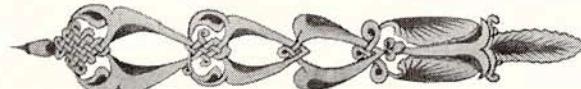
Protocols: Reality and Myths" (17 Dec). This series was made possible without a single dollar from Student Activities funds, thanks to Fordham Armenian Club partnership with supportive community leaders, including Bryan Ardouny of the Armenian Assembly, Marc Mamigonian of NAASR, Natalie Gabrielian of AGBU. For any details, contact takoosh@aol.com

February 2010

* "The Life and Sacred Music of St. Nerses Shnorhali." The life and sacred music of St. Nerses Shnorhali were celebrated on Sunday, 21 February jointly by United Armenian Congregational Church and USC Institute of Armenian Studies. This memorable event, combining commentary interspersed with music, took place at the UACC Sanctuary where an audience of over 350 filled the pews. Shnorhali was an extraordinary church leader in 12th century Cilicia. After Senior Pastor Rev. Ron Tovmassian's opening message, Prof. R. Hrair Dekmejian, Director of the Institute, spoke about the challenges facing Shnorhali, his leadership style, belief system, diplomatic achievements, writings, and church music. The UACC Chancel Choir, conducted by Hovan Tajerian, magnificently performed Shnorhali's sharagans and other sacred music.

* "Légion Arménienne: The Armenian Legion and Its Heroism in the Middle East," a traveling exhibit developed and prepared by the Armenian Library and Museum of America (ALMA), was on display at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Alfred Berkowitz Gallery from 26 February through 28 March 2010. The exhibit

explores the formation, training, military action, and post-war



activities of this all-volunteer force from World War I through photographs and narratives. The exhibit's display at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery was a special project of the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, which, together with the Arab-American Studies Program at the university, provided supplementary material for the Dearborn leg of this traveling exhibit. Among the items provided by the Armenian Research Center was a selection of primary and secondary sources on the Armenian Legion, available at its John Vigen Der Manuelian Library, plus an annotated bibliography prepared by Ara Sanjian, the Center's Director. Dr. Barbara Merguerian of ALMA presented a lecture entitled "A Struggle for Justice in the Middle East: The Story of the Armenian Legion in World War I."

April 2010

* "Hearing the Unheard." APN/Project HEAL (Helping Everyone Access the Liturgy) panel presentation on Deaf Culture Awareness (Western Diocese of the Armenian Church, 16 April 2010).

* Exhibition in Commemoration of the 95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, USC Institute of Armenian Studies and Mashdots College presented the photography by Dr. Garbis Der Yeghiayan in a commemorative photo exhibit, in observance of the 95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, titled "Presence of the Past: A Photographic Journey through Historic Armenia." The exhibit and reception took place on Sunday, 25 April. Hosted by Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County at their Center in Glendale, CA.

March 2010

* USC Institute of Armenian Studies sponsored the publication of *Classification of Hymns of the Armenian Apostolic Church* by Deacon Kevork Panoyan. The book presentation was hosted by St. Gregory Armenian Church of Pasadena on Tuesday, 23 March 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Dr.

Zaven Arzoumanian presented the book and Deacon Vahe Charkhetian presented the author.

May 2010

* USC College of Letters Arts & Sciences, USC Alumni Association, and the USC Alumni Club of Central California – Fresno hosted Vatche Mankerian, the Program Manager of the Institute, in a concert of piano music on Sunday, 16 May 2010 at the Fresno Art Museum. "The Romantic Art of Piano" featured the music of such renowned composers as Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Busoni and noted Armenian composer, Arno Babajanian. Mankerian brought to life the celebrated compositions of these composers with his inimitable style as well as his lively and interesting commentary about the composers and their works.



* Hratch Tchilingirian was the co-organizer and host of London premier of documentary film "From Ararat to Zion" (Vem Media Arts, 2010), which presents the story of Armenian pilgrimage to the Holy Land for over a millennium as well as the impact Armenian pilgrims have had on some of the holiest places in Christianity. Co-organized with Dr. Krikor Moskofian of the Armenian Studies Program at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 19 May 2010.

June 2010

* The Western Diocese of the Armenian Church presented "Good Deed Awards" for Armenian students, Grades 8 to 12, for academic excellence and exemplary community service on 7 June 2010.

June – September 2010

* "Aspects of Armenian Art: The Kalfayan Collection," exhibition 11 June – 19 September 2010 at the Museum of Byzantine Culture (Thessaloniki, Greece). For further details and press release, see: http://www.mbp.gr/html/en/pe_mellontikes.htm

CONFERENCES

* 12 – 14 February 2009 (Boston, Massachusetts). *International Conference and Student Workshop on the Armenian Diaspora* sponsored by Charles K. and Elisabeth M. Kenosian Chair in Modern Armenian History and Literature at Boston University and the International Institute for Diaspora Studies (a division of the Zoryan Institute). The following SAS members were involved:

- Bardakjian, Kevork. Panel Chair and Discussant
- Hovannisian, Richard. Panel Chair and Discussant
- Boudjikanian, Aida. "The Armenian Jewelers' Niche of Montreal: Between a Local Trait and an Armenian Diasporic Tradition." 12 February.
- Haroutyunian, Sona. "Vittoria Aganoor's Alter Ego." 13 February.
- Peroomian, Rubina. "The Third Generation Armenian-American Writers Echo the Quest for Self-Identity with the Genocide at its Core." 13 February.
- Matiossian, Vardan. "Domino Effect: U.S. Immigration Policies and the Formation of the Armenian Communities in Latin America." 14 February.
- Sanjian, Ara. "Limits of Conflict and Consensus among Lebanese-Armenian Political Factions in the Early 21st Century." 14 February.

* 13 March 2010 (Cambridge, Massachusetts). *America's Response to the Armenian Genocide from Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama* sponsored by the Faculty of History, the Center for International Studies, the Office of Religious Affairs and the Program on Human Rights and Justice at MIT. The following SAS members were involved:

- Hovannisian, Richard. Keynote speaker, "From Turkey to the Soviet Union and Back."
- Mamigonian, Marc. "Turkish-Armenian 'Reconciliation' and the Road to Obama's *Medz Yeghern*."

* 15 – 16 October 2010 (Dearborn, Michigan).

The Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will host an academic conference entitled *Armenia and Its Diaspora: Institutional Linkages and Cross-Border Movements* as part of its 25th anniversary celebrations. The event will take place on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 15-16 October 2010. The following scholars have committed themselves to presenting papers at the conference: Lerna Ekmekçioğlu (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor); Karen Khachatryan (Institute of History, National Academy of Sciences, Armenia); Amatuni Virabyan (National Archives of Armenia); Talar Chahinian (University of California, Los Angeles); Vartan Matiossian (Independent scholar, New Jersey); Taline Ter Minassian (Institut national des langues orientales, Paris); Asbed Kotchikian (Bentley University); Vicken Cheterian (CIMERA, Geneva); and Jean-Robert Raviot (University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense). Professors Kevork Bardakjian (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor), Khachig Tölölyan (Wesleyan University) and Dennis Papazian (University of Michigan, Dearborn) have agreed to chair the three sessions of the conference.

* 25 – 27 October 2010 (Buenos Aires, Argentina). II International Seminar on the Politics of Memory: *Remembering Walter Benjamin: Justice, History and Truth. Writings on Memory*. Hosting Institution: Haroldo Conti Cultural Center for Memory, National Memory Archive, Argentina's National Human Rights Secretariat. Location: Haroldo Conti Cultural Center for Memory (Place for Memory and the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights – former ESMA). The Memory of the Armenian Genocide Foundation and Luisa Hairabedian Foundation call for abstracts and papers on the panel topics of violence, state, memory, and education. The conference seeks to rethink the Armenian Genocide through the writings of Walter Benjamin. While vainly seeking refuge in a continent ravaged by war and racial hatred, Walter Benjamin foresaw like no other the extent of the catastrophe. Noting how cultural facts and barbaric facts were often confused, his "On the Concept of History" would turn out to be prophetic of the Holocaust that was perpetrated and suffered by the most developed countries on earth. Today

Benjamin's work is being increasingly visited by those who, discarding old certainties, search for a new horizon of justice. To remember Benjamin at one of the most notorious centers of torture and extermination set up by the Argentine dictatorship, in which 5,000 people were "disappeared," is to admit how fruitful his thought can be for our work about memory. In opposition to those who claim oblivion and deny justice, we continue, like Benjamin, searching our history for that spark of hope, and acknowledging our debt to a past that still awaits redemption.

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PUBLIC LECTURES

January 2009

19 January

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Presentation of: Hrant DINK, *L'inquietudine della colomba. Essere Armeni in Turchia*, Prefazione all'edizione italiana di Etyen Mahçupyan, Postfazione e cura di Boghos Levon Zekian, Guerini e Ass., Milano 2008, Casa Armena, Milan.

23 January

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Giorno della Memoria, Meolo, Comune, Biblioteca Comunale, Centro di Documentazione G. Pavanello.

February 2009

2 – 5 February

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Directed seminar: "I confini della libertà," Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, Naples.

26 February

Zekian, Boghos Levon. "L'identità e la cultura armena attraverso i secoli e il trauma del genocidio," Oderzo, Ist. Tecnico. He also directed the seminar: "Il rapporto degli Armeni con il mondo islamico. La dialettica tra coerenza assiomatica e flessibilità pragmatica: problemi, implicazioni, conseguenze," al MIMM.

March 2009

2 March

Zekian, Boghos Levon. "Ogni volta che avete fatto queste cose a uno solo di questi miei fratelli più piccoli, l'avete fatto a me," omelia al gruppo della Caritas Veneziana, chiesa S. Chiara, 2 marzo 2009.

13 – 15 March

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Participated in conference "Ad ulteriores Gentes. The Christians in the East (1st-7th centuries)," IsIAO, Roma.

26 March

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Participated in conference. Giornata di Studi armeni e caucasici, Ca' Foscari Venezia.

April 2009

18 April

Shirinian, Lorne. Directed a table reading of his play, *Monumental, at Curating Difficult Knowledge*. Concordia University in Montreal.

20 April

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Presentation of: *Libri armeni dei secoli XVII-XIX nella Biblioteca Universitaria di Padova*, Catalogo a cura di Benedetta CONTIN, Biblioteca Universitaria di Padova, Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali, Padova, 2008, Biblioteca Universitaria Padova. Also: Una cultura di frontiera: gli Armeni tra Oriente e Occidente, Biblioteca Universitaria Padova. He was a moderator at the conference organized for the exhibition of the Armenian books of "Biblioteca Universitaria di Padova" on the occasion of the publication of the catalogue.

23 April

Shirinian, Lorne. "The Effects of the Genocide on Modern Armenian Literature," at a colloquium titled *Consequences of the Armenian Genocide on History, Literature and Politics*. York University, Toronto.

23 – 24 April

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Participated in

conference *La dimensione ecumenica dell'ecclesiologia*, Centro di Documentazione del Movimento Ecumenico Italiano, Livorno, Centro Culturale Diocesano.

May 2009

14 May

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Presentation of: G. Uluhogian *Gli Armeni*, patrocinata dalla Camera dei Deputati e dal Senato della Repubblica, Sala della Mercede, Roma.

17 – 19 May

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Participated in conference *Religions and Philanthropy in the Mediterranean: Artefacts, Symbols and Culture*, MISP (Master in International Studies in Philanthropy), Roma, Museo del Corso.

28 May

Shirinian, Lorne. "The Georgetown Boys," a lecture sponsored by the National Association of Armenian Studies and Research and the Zoryan Institute. Belmont, MA.

July 2009

3 July

Zekian, Boghos Levon. Directed seminar: La Bibbia nella tradizione armena, al Seminario di Studio estivo con la presenza di studenti dell'Accademia teologica di Mosca, 2009: La Bibbia nelle diverse tradizioni, Ca' Cappello.

12 – 14 July

Zekian, Boghos Levon. One of the key-note speakers at the conference *The Turkic World*, Arya University, Yerevan.

August 2009

10 August

Nélida Bougourdjian-Toufekian. Conference Buenos Aires-Armenia, Historical Institute of the City of Buenos Aires, Manzana de las Luces: Historia de la inmigración armenia en la Argentina.

28 August

Mathews, Edward. "St. Nersess Armenian

Seminary Library: Holdings and Future Projects." Etchmiadzin, "Global Armenian Library Conference": International Conference on Armenian Libraries, sponsored by Holy See of Etchmiadzin and Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church.

September 2009

15 September

Anderson, Margaret Lavinia. Commentary on / Critique of "Catholics, Anti-Racism, and Mission to the Jews, 1933-1965." Paper delivered by Professor John Connelly, History Department Colloquium, University of California Berkeley.

23 – 29 September

Bardakjian, Kevork. "The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition," and "Armenian Literature of the 17th and 18th centuries," at AIEA (Association Internationale des Études Arméniennes) Workshop on Armenian Literature, Handbook of Armenian Studies, Volume on Literature, Oxford, UK

October 2009

October

Mamigonian, Marc. "From Idea To Reality: The Development of Armenian Studies in the U.S.," lecture at National Association for Armenian Studies and Research.

7 October

Gilet, Julien. "Des shaykhs arméniens au pied du Mont Qasioun (XIIIème-XIVème siècle)." At the international colloquium *Les Arméniens dans le Bilâd al-Shâm (Xème-XVème siècle)*. Aleppo.

13 – 26 October

Bardakjian, Kevork. "A glance at the Arabic manuscripts held at the Matenadaran" at a conference marking the 50th anniversary of the Matenadaran, Yerevan.

20 October

Haroutyunian, Sona. "Dante Alighierin ew hayerē." Yerevan, Matenadaran.

26 October

Dadoyan, Seta. "Khachatur Abovian (1809-1848):

Prophet and Martyr of the Armenian Awakening (Zart'onk')." On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth. St. Gregory Church, White Plains NY.

29 October

Haroutyunian, Sona. "La Venezia degli armeni," Noale, Rotary Club Noale dei Tempesta.

30 October

Tchilingirian, Hratch. Invited speaker, "FCO Seminar on South Caucasus and Regional Issues," London, UK Government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

November 2009

4 – 19 November

Bardakjian, Kevork. "Creating and disseminating knowledge: a cursory glance at the Arabic and Armenian manuscript traditions," delivered in Arabic at the Library of Alexandria, Egypt. "Arabic loan words in Armenian and their significance in Armenian literature," delivered in Arabic, University of Cairo. "Return of the banished Muses: a glance at the literature of contemporary Armenia," The American University in Cairo. "Armenian-Turkish relations since the independence of Armenia," the cultural centre of the Armenian Diocese.

5 November

Haroutyunian, Sona. "Dante nella realta' armena," Florence, Società Dantesca Italiana.

5 – 8 November

Shirinian, Lorne. Concordia University in Montreal: "So Far from Home." He gave the keynote speech comprising a paper followed by his documentary film, both titled "So Far from Home" and read three of his poems based on the theme of the conference titled, *Remembering War, Genocide and Other Human Rights Violations: Oral History, New Media and the Arts*.

7 November

Merguerian, Barbara. "Adana 1909: The American Response," Sabancı Museum, Istanbul, Turkey as part of the conference on *Adana 1909: History, Memory and Identity from a Hundred-Year*

Perspective, co-sponsored by the Hrant Dink Foundation, Sabancı University, and Gomidas Institute.

8 November

Dadoyan, Seta. "Armenian-Islamic Interactions and the Problematic of National Identity" at the Armenian Presbyterian Church in Paramus, New Jersey.

9 November

Tossounian, Lucila. "Armenians in Argentina: The Reinvention of Homeland(s)," Ann Arbor, Armenian Studies Program and Center for the Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Michigan.

14 November

Mathews, Edward. "Syriac into Armenian: The Translations and their Translators." University of Toronto, Canadian Society for Syriac Studies.

23 November

Shirinian, Lorne. "The Armenian Genocide" at the *Dialogue Among Civilizations* conference. Sponsored by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, held at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

December 2009

7 December

Tossounian, Lucila. "The Outsider/Insider: doing Fieldwork as a 'Native Anthropologist' in Diaspora." Public lecture presented at the Roundtable Discussion "Studying the Armenian Diaspora," moderated by Khachig Tölöyan, Ann Arbor, Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan.

15 December

Tossounian, Lucila. "Genocide and Memories of the Armenian Diaspora in Argentina," Dearborn, Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn.

January 2010

4 January

Gilet, Julien. "Définir une minorité dans le Proche-Orient médiéval. L'exemple des Arméniens dans

les sources arabes d'époque mamlouke" at the international symposium *Identities, Gender and Inequalities*, organized by the International Research Center for Intercultural Studies (CIRSI). Trieste, Italy.

25 January

Sassounian, Harut. "Did the Constitutional Court Inadvertently Kill the Armenia-Turkey Protocols?" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

February 2010

1 February

Movsesian, Vazken. "Khrimian to Obama: Lessons and Lies in Non-Violent Revolution" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

2 February

Bardakjian, Kevork. "A bifurcated tradition: Modern Eastern and Western Armenian literatures of the nineteenth century," jointly with the Institute of Byzantine Studies, Byzantine Art History and Modern Greek Studies, Institute for the Near and Middle East, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany.

6 February

Bardakjian, Kevork. Led a workshop for Ottomanists: "Reading Turkish texts in Armenian script." Institute for the Near and Middle East, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany.

8 February

Der Yeghiayan, Garbis. "From Der Zor to Kessab 2010: a Pictorial Pilgrimage" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

10-11 February

Theriault, Kim. "Rethinking Arshile Gorky: Genocide, Identity, and Traumatic Memory in Modernist American Art." Armenian Institute, London, and School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London, combined hosts at University of London, 10 February; Oxford University, 11 February.

13 February

Mathews, Edward. "The Old Testament in the Armenian Church." Binghamton, New York at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church.

22 February

Martin, Mardik. "Being Armenian in Hollywood" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

March 2010

March

Mamigonian, Marc. "Joyce and Nabokov," invited lecture at Harvard University Mather Hall Seminar on Vladimir Nabokov.

1 March

Azizian, Alina. "Neighborhood Legal Services & the Dickran Tevrizian Fellowship" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

1 March

Hovannissian, Richard. Panel Chair and Discussant, Policy Forum Armenia, Georgetown University.

1 March

Sanjian, Ara. "How Are Diasporans Informed About Contemporary Armenia?" paper presented at the "Young Professionals Forum: Armenia-Diaspora Relations," organized by Policy Forum Armenia at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

3 March

Tchilingirian, Hratch. Invited participant: "Expert Seminar on Turkish-Armenian Diplomacy: Bilateral and Regional Implications of Efforts to Normalize Relations." Chatham House, Royal Institute of International Affairs.

7 March

Hovannissian, Richard. Panel Participant, "Armenian-Turkish Relations," New York Hilton, sponsored by the Armenian National Committee.

9 March

Pelter, Mitchell. "A Journey of Fulfillment: Our



Travels through Western Armenia" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

19 March
Tchilingirian, Hratch. Invited panel speaker : "Assistance or Development? A Question for the Diaspora," London School of Economics, Armenian Development Forum.

19 – 20 March
Hovannessian, Richard. Organizer and Participant, UCLA conference on "The Armenian Communities of Asia Minor."

20 March
Merguerian, Barbara. "Laura Farnham and Schools for Armenian Girls, Adabazar and Bardizag," UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. Conference on "The Armenian Communities of Asia Minor," sponsored by the UCLA Bob and Nora Movel Fund, Center for Near Eastern Studies, and Center for European and Eurasian Studies.

21 March
Haroutyunian, Sona. "*La strada di Smirne* by Antonia Arslan," partial English translation, Walter and Laurel Karabian Hall, Hollywood, Eighth Annual Banquet of the Friends of UCLA Armenian Language and Culture Studies to honor Antonia Arslan with the *Narekatsi* medal.

22 March
Haroutyunian, Sona. "The hidden Armenian Identity of the Italian poet Vittoria Aghanoor," University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, Institute of Armenian Studies.

23 March
Bardakjian, Kevork. "Armenian Studies and the Society for Armenian Studies" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

23 March
Haroutyunian, Sona. "*Skylark Farm* by Antonia

Arslan: some reflections on the Armenian translation," University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), sponsored by the Friends of UCLA Armenian Language and Culture Studies.

24 March
Anderson, Margaret Lavinia. "How one authoritarian state (Germany 1871-1914) made the transition to democracy - Or did it?" Invited lecture for the "Democracy in Hard Places" series at the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School.

26 March
Gilet, Julien. "Une faction pro-mamelouke dans le royaume de Cilicie à la fin du XIVième siècle." Part of "Journée d'études mameloukes," Ifpo, Damascus.

27 March
Peroomian, Rubina. "The Suffering Continues: The Armenian Women in Turkey after 1915 – The Survivor, The Victim." Glendale, California. A RS Forum to Focus on "Voices of Armenian Women in the 21st Century."

29 March
Der Kiureghian, Armen. "The Life and Art of Sumbat" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

April 2010

5 April
Kechichian, Joseph A. "The Geopolitical Environment of Armenian Communities in the Arab World" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

5 April
Simonian, Hovann H. "DNA as an Innovative Tool to Explore Armenian History" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

6 April
Merian, Sylie L. "Protection Against the Evil Eye?

Votive Offerings on Armenian Manuscript Bindings" at the New York Academy of Medicine, sponsored by the New York Chapter of the Guild of Book Workers and the New York Academy of Medicine. Shorter version presented at St. Louis University, 16 – 17 October, Thirty-Sixth Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies, St. Louis University. Article in preparation.

9 – 10 April

Anderson, Margaret Lavinia. "Jäckh of the Türks: Portrait of an Enabler," for conference organized by Taner Akçam on *The State of the Art in Armenian Genocide Research: Historiography, Sources, and Future Directions* at Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Worcester, MA.

9 April

Hovannisian, Richard. "So, Where Do We Go from Here," in conference at Clark University on *State of the Art of Armenian Genocide Research, Historiography, Sources, and Future Directions*.

12 April

Sinanian, Sinan. "Taking Initiative and Adapting to Change" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

13 – 18 April

Hovannisian, Richard. Organizer and Participant, Public lectures and seminar on 95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, UCLA and Glendale Public Library.

19 April

Miller, Donald. "Rwanda and Armenia: Comparing the First and Last Genocides of the 20th Century" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

23 April

Peroomian, Rubina. "Commemorating April 24th," Lecture in Armenian organized by the students at Daniel Varuzhan High School in Yerevan, Armenia.

24 April

Theriault, Kim. Commemoration of the 95th

Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. "The Impact of the Armenian Genocide on the Survivor: Arshile Gorky and the Legacy of Trauma," sponsored by the Armenian Church of Nashville.

26 April

Hovhannessian, Grigor (Consul General of the Republic of Armenia in Los Angeles). "The Current State of Armenian-Turkish Relations and Impact of the Stalled Armenian-Turkish Normalization Process on Regional Dynamics with a Focus on the Frozen State of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict" as part of the lecture series sponsored by the USC Institute of Armenian Studies in Los Angeles.

26 – 30 April

Hovhannessian, Richard. Participant, *Art of the Armenian Diaspora* conference in Zamosc, Poland.

28 April

Gilet, Julien. "Les relations diplomatiques et militaires entre le royaume arménien de Cilicie et le sultanat mamelouk (mi XIII^e- fin XIV^e siècle)." Séminaire au Centre Louis Pouzet, USJ. Beirut.

May 2010

10 May

Theriault, Kim. "Displacement, Trauma, and the Crisis of Arshile Gorky," University of California at Los Angeles. Previously presented at National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, Massachusetts on 10 December 2009.

11 May

Dadoyan, Seta. "Islam and the Armenians: Looking at the Near East Differently," Pick Lounge, The Armenian Studies Endowment at the University of Chicago and the Ara and Edna Dumanian Foundation, University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

14 May

Haroutyunian, Sona. "I rapporti tra la Congregazione armena mechitarista di San Lazzaro di Venezia e la poetessa Vittoria Aganoor," in



seminario di studi: *Vittoria Aganoor e Guido Pompilj, ispirazioni poetiche e aspirazioni politiche*, Biblioteca comunale Augusta, Perugia, Comune di Magione e Soprintendenza Archivistica per l'Umbria con il patrocinio di Regione Umbria e Provincia di Perugia.

15 May

Hovannisian, Richard. "Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing: The Fate of the Christian Populations of the Ottoman Empire and Republic of Turkey," Pontic Greek Society, Chicago.

20 May

Shemmassian, Vahram. "Humanitarian Intervention by the Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo during the First Months of the Genocide," Belmont, MA. Lecture organized by NAASR.

24 May

Tchilingirian, Hratch. Invited participant, seminar on "EU Policy Towards the South Caucasus" with Peter Semneby, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, London, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).

26 May

Haroutyunian, Sona. "L'identità armena di Vittoria Aganoor," in occasione delle *Celebrazioni Vittoria Aganoor Guido Pomolj nel centenario della morte 1910-1920*, Villa Aganoor-Arigoni, Basalghelle, Comune di Mansue, Assessorato alla cultura, Provincia di Treviso, Patrocinio Regione del Veneto.

31 May

Peroomian, Rubina. "Dare to Remember – The Istanbul Armenian Literature and the Unabated Memory of Tragic Past," Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

May

Dadoyan, Seta. "The Armenian Awakening Eastern and Western -The Two Centuries of the Re-Birth of the Modern Nation - Culture, Society, Church and Politics" - St. Nersess Armenian Symposium Sep. 2009 – May 2010 (six sessions), Coordinator: Prof. Seta B. Dadoyan, St. Nersess Seminary, New Rochelle, NY.

June 2010

16 June

Lind-Sinanian, Susan. "Out of the Closet: Fabrics, Fact and Fiction" at the Armenian Library and Museum of America.

20 June

Hovannisian, Richard. "Arshile Gorky and the Armenian National Trauma," Museum of Modern History, Los Angeles.

28 June

Hovannisian, Richard. Keynote speaker, Facing History and Ourselves Summer Institute, Los Angeles.

29 June

Aftandilian, Gregory. "Re-cementing kinship ties: Armenian-American soldiers and the French-Armenian community during World War II" at 6:00 p.m. at Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales in Paris, France. This same lecture was also presented at Boston University's conference on the Armenian Diaspora on 14 February 2010.

August 2010

1 August

Manoogian, Sylva Natalie. "Tribute to Shahen Natalie, the Indomitable Ideologue (1884-1983)" on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of his birth. Sponsoring Organization: Shahen Natalie Family Foundation. Glendale (CA) Public Library, Central Library Auditorium. This lecture was also presented on 10 April 2010 at the Los Angeles Public Library.

September 2010

12 September

Theriault, Kim. "Arshile Gorky, Identity, and Abstraction" at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art.

28 September

Theriault, Kim. "The painting behind the postage stamp: Arshile Gorky's the Liver if the Cock's Comb and the development of Abstract Expressionism." Library of Congress 15th annual

Vardanants Day Armenian Lecture.

October 2010

3 October

Manoogian, Sylva Natalie. "Tribute to Shahan Natalie, the Indomitable Ideologue (1884-1983)." Ararat-Eskijian Museum, Mission Hills, CA.

1 November 2010

10 November

Aftandilian, Gregory. "World War II and Ethnic Identity: The Armenian-American Experience" at The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY. Starts 6:30 p.m.

December 2010

12 December

Manoogian, Sylva Natalie. "Tribute to Shahan Natalie, the Indomitable Ideologue (1884-1983)" on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of his birth. Sponsoring Organization: Shahan Natalie Family Foundation. Western Diocese of the Armenian Church, Burbank, CA.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Aftandilian, Gregory (independent scholar and consultant) will be co-leading Northeastern University's Armenia summer studies program in Yerevan from 2 to 29 June 2010.

Anderson, Margaret Lavinia (University of California at Berkeley) was appointed to Advisory Board, Institute for Genocide Awareness and Applied Research (IGAAR), Nova Southeastern University, Florida.

Brambilla, Marco has been teaching the history of Armenian architecture for a semester at UCLA.

Dadoyan, Seta (St. Nersess Seminary, New Rochelle, NY) was the Visiting Professor for Armenian Studies, University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations during the Spring Quarter, 2010.

Gilet, Julien (PhD student, Université Montpellier III/ EPHE/ Ifpo) Aide à la Mobilité Internationale (septembre 2008- septembre 2010), Ifpo, Damas. Aide à la Mobilité Internationale (octobre 2010- décembre 2010), Université Montpellier III.

Haroutyunian, Sona (Venice Ca'Foscari University) enrolled in the 22nd cycle of Doctorate Studies in Formal Linguistics, Ca' Foscari University of Venice. The discussion of her thesis is scheduled for January 2011.

Hovannisian, Richard (AEF Chair in Armenian History, UCLA) completed transcriptions and preliminary translations of the UCLA Armenian oral history collection of interviews with survivors of the genocide. He also chaired the SAS annual business meeting in Boston in November, 2009 and represented SAS at the American Historical Association meeting of affiliated societies in San Diego on 8 January 2010.

Lind-Sinanian, Susan (Textile Curator, Armenian Library and Museum of America, Watertown, MA) taught Armenian Marash interlacing embroidery to the Embroider's Guild, Massachusetts, in April, 2010. She additionally curated the exhibit, "Fabric of a Culture: Armenian Traditional Costumes" at the Armenian Library and Museum of America through December, 2010.

Lousin Ann M. (The John Marshall Law School, Chicago) remains the Chair of the Genocide Research Project Committee of The Armenian Bar Association.

Manoogian, Sylva Natalie is the Secretary / Archivist / Information Resources Director of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church, Armenian Professionals Network; Coordinator, "Hearing the Unheard" panel presentation on Deaf Culture Awareness (16 April 2010); Good Deed Awards 2010 (7 June 2010). She was also the 2010 Scholarship Committee Chair for the Armenian Professional Society, Los Angeles. Manoogian was also the chair of the American Library Association, Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT), Armenian Librarians and Libraries Information Committee (ALLIC), 2009-2010.

Mathews, Edward G. (St. Nersess Armenian Seminary) has been invited to teach Classical Armenian and Syriac at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, the sister seminary to St. Nersess. In addition to this, St. Vladimir's has instituted a slot for a St. Nersess Seminary professor to teach one course per semester at St. Vladimir's. This coming fall term he will also be offering a seminar on *The Life and Writings of Ephrem the Syrian*. Mathews was also invited to be co-editor, with Dr. Roberta R. Ervine, of Gorgias Press Series: *Classical Armenian Reprints*.

Sanasarian, Eliz received the Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of Southern California. It is the highest honor the University Faculty bestows on its members for outstanding teaching both in and out of the classroom. The award recognizes the career achievements of outstanding faculty with a proven track record as exceptional teachers with a positive, inspiring, and long-lasting effect on students and their learning, along with extraordinary, unique, or pioneering contributions to excellence in teaching.

Shemmassian, Vahram (California State University, Northridge) was promoted to Associate Professor at California State University, Northridge in May 2010.

Shirinian, Lorne (Royal Military College of Canada) retired in January 2010 after 35 years of teaching and is now Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature at the Royal Military College of Canada. He is working on new creative projects that include, fiction, drama, poetry, screenwriting, and filmmaking.

Takooshian, Harold (Dept of Psychology, Fordham University) and Bryan Ardouny were appointed for 2010 to represent the Armenian Assembly at the United Nations. Takooshian was also elected to the Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association (2010-2012). In 2009 an entry on Harold Takooshian was listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in America*.

Theriault, Kim (Dominican University, River Forest, IL) was awarded a publication grant from

the Society for the Preservation of American Modernists in 2009. She was also granted tenure at Dominican University in the Department of Art History.

Tossounian, Lucila (University of Buenos Aires) received a Visiting Scholar Pre-Doctoral Fellowship from the Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 2009.

Zekiyan, Boghos Levon was elected member of the "Academia Ambrosiana" of Milan.

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