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## Karabian donates papers

Walter Karabian, former majority leader of the state Assembly who graduated from Roosevelt High School, donated his papers to the Henry Madden Library at **Fresno State**.

Karabian's papers will be part of the library's Central Valley Political Archive, joining those donated earlier by the late state Sen. Kenneth L. Maddy, former state Sen. Jim Costa, former Rep. Charles "Chip" Pashayan and the late Rep. Bernie Sisk.

Archive officials and the Armenian Studies program at California State University, Fresno, are sponsoring a public event at 10 a.m. Sept. 18 on campus featuring panel discussions with Karabian and colleagues about his career. The panel will consider Karabian's legislative contributions to such measures as the Species Preservation Act, the Equal Rights Amendment and the California Invasion of Privacy Act.

## Fitness event is today

Fresno Mayor Alan Autry's Fitness Council will hold an event today at Sam's Club, 7662 N. Blackstone Ave., **Fresno**.

The free event will allow the public to test fitness equipment and exercise programs.

Details: (559) 621-4348.



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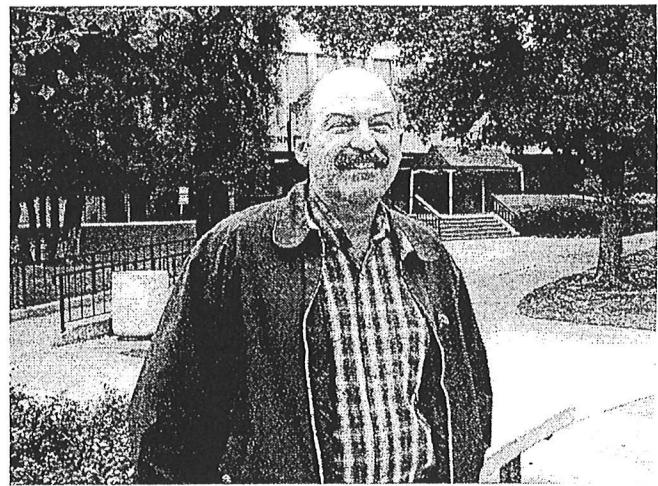
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## All Things Armenian begins second season on KFSR

Music and interviews from KFSR and the Fresno State Armenian Studies Program  
When to listen: Saturdays at 12pm

*All Things Armenian*, a joint production of KFSR and the Armenian Studies program at Fresno State celebrated its first anniversary last month. Since its launch in Fall 2003, the program, which is hosted by Armenian studies professor Barlow Der Mugrdechian, has featured renowned guests from the Armenian diaspora from across the world. Those guests have included everyone from Peter Balakian, author of the New York Time best seller *The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response*, to the Prime Minister of Karabagh Anoushavan Tanielian. All Things Armenian is more than interviews however. The hour long program also features classical, tradition and contemporary Armenian music, as well as updates on news from the Armenian diaspora, local Armenian and campus events. "I think *All Things Armenian* is a perfect example of the new things that we're trying to do with KFSR," says station manager Joe Moore. "We're working with the Armenian Studies Department, and producing a radio program that's really unique, that provides content that you can't get anywhere else. And it also reflects the diversity of our community and our campus."

You can hear previous editions of All Things Armenian on the KFSR website, which is located at [www.kfsr.org](http://www.kfsr.org). Scroll down the page, and click on the All Things Armenian link on the left hand side column, and review each edition of the program. Audio is archived in Real Audio format.



Barlow Der Mugrdechian, professor of Armenian Studies and host of *All Things Armenian* on KFSR.



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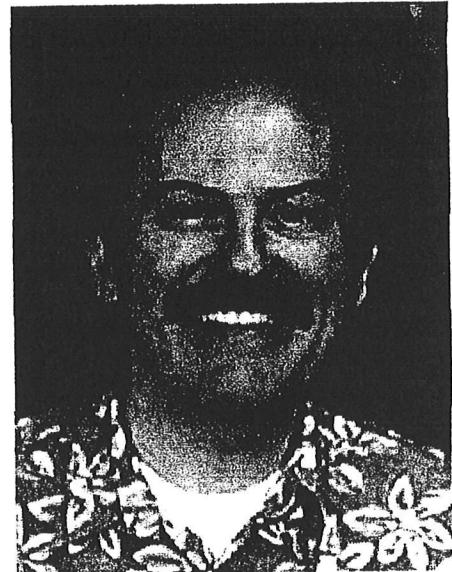
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### **Barlow Der Mugrdechian**

(Armenian Studies) was named the "Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor, 2003-2004" by the Fresno State Leadership Program. Der Mugrdechian has been advisor to the Armenian Students Organization for 19 years. He was interviewed by the Fresno Bee on April 18, 23 and 24, concerning the Armenian Genocide and efforts towards recognition of the Genocide, and was the keynote speaker at the Annual Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, held on Saturday, April 24, at the Krouzian-Zakarian Armenian

School in San Francisco. Der Mugrdechian also was elected as Secretary of the California Faculty Association, Fresno State chapter.





## ARCHIVE

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## Karabian donates papers

The Henry Madden Library has announced the donation of the legislative papers from former state Assemblyman and Fresno native Walter Karabian. The papers will be housed in the library's Central Valley Political Archive.

The Central Valley Political Archive is sponsoring a public event with Karabian in conjunction with the Armenian Studies program at California State University, Fresno, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. Panel discussions with

Karabian and his associates will be held focusing on Karabian's legislative career, including his role in mentoring Latino politicians, his involvement in Armenian issues, and his legislative legacy. This event will be open to the public and press and will be held on the Fresno State campus in the Music Building East Wing, Concert Hall Room M126. Additionally, an exhibit featuring items from the Karabian Collection will be on display on the first floor of the Madden Library.

Karabian was born in 1938 in Fresno and attended the University of Southern California where he served as student body president. He also earned a Law degree and a Master's degree from USC. He was Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County before winning a seat in the California State Assembly in 1966.

By the time he left the Assembly in 1974, he had served as the youngest majority leader in the history of that body. His legislative contributions included the Species Preservation Act, the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, and the California Invasion of Privacy Act. Karabian continues to reside in Los Angeles, where he is a partner in the law firm Karns & Karabian.

While in the Assembly and in the years since, Karabian has been active in opening the doors of politics to Latinos. Former State Senator and current California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, who was a member of Karabian's staff before being elected to the legislature, called Karabian a "visionary and architect of the Latino community's political empowerment in California."

The Karabian family arrived in Fresno in 1896 led by Walter Karabian's great-great-uncle, Krikor Karabian. Krikor was accompanied by his nephew, Hovsep Karabian, who was Walter Karabian's grandfather. His grandmother was Haiganoush Simonian.

The Karabian papers received at the CVPA measure approximately 30 linear feet and include correspondence, press files, photographs, campaign material, articles, speeches, memorabilia and other records documenting Karabian's legislative activities and his commitment to his Armenian heritage.



Former state Assemblyman  
Walter Karabian



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The core of the Karabian Collection consists of legislative bill files from Karabian's years in the state legislature. A generous financial contribution made by Karabian has enabled the timely processing of his papers. A guide to the collection is being prepared and will eventually be made available on the CVPA's Web site at [www.cvparchive.org](http://www.cvparchive.org).

The Karabian papers join those previously donated to the CVPA by state legislators Kenneth L. Maddy and Jim Costa, in addition to former U.S. congressmen Chip Pashayan and Bernie Sisk. Other notable legislators from the Central Valley have also pledged their papers to this burgeoning archive.

The CVPA was formally established in 2000 as a resource for researchers and is committed to preserving the legacy of legislators from the Central Valley and documenting all aspects of political life in the area, in particular the contributions of Latinos, Armenian-Americans, and other minority groups. Researchers wishing to consult the Karabian papers or any of the above collections are welcome to visit the CVPA, which is located on the second floor of the Henry Madden Library.

For more information about using these collections or the Karabian event, contact the CVPA archivist, Glenn Gray, at 8-8573 or [ggray@csufresno.edu](mailto:ggray@csufresno.edu).



## ARCHIVE

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## Yerevan State honors Fresno State

### More photos of Welty trip

President John D. Welty and Fresno State were commended for the university's academic

relationship with Yerevan State University during Welty's trip to the Armenian capital of Yerevan in June.

The rector, or president, of Yerevan State, Dr. Radik Martirosyan, presented Welty with the university's gold medal, the institution's highest award.

While there, Welty signed a five-year extension of the agreement that pledges the two universities to work together in areas of mutual interest, including business and Armenian history and language. The YSU faculties of Economics and the Craig School of Business at Fresno State have been conducting a faculty development program in business and economics for the past five years under a grant from the Newly Independent States College and University Partnership Program.

It was Welty's first trip to Armenia but the two universities have had ties since the late 1980s and formal working agreements since 1992.

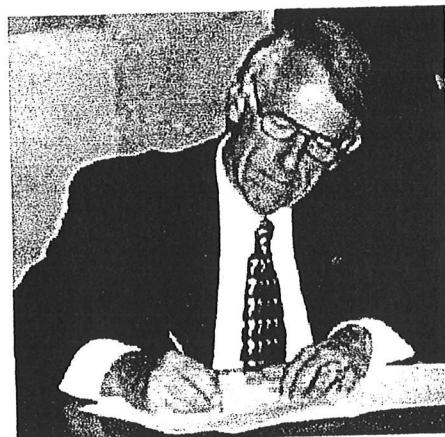
Welty also visited the Armenian Agricultural Academy, where he was received by Rector Arshaluys Tarverdian and signed an agreement of cooperation.

While in Armenia, Welty also placed a wreath at Tsitsernakaberd, the Armenian Genocide Monument; had an audience with His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians; and was honored at a reception by U.S. Ambassador to Armenia John Ordway at the U.S. Embassy.

Fresno State Armenian Studies professors Dickran Kouymjian and Barlow Der Mugrdechian joined Welty for the visit at Yerevan State, the largest university in Armenia. The University was founded in 1919 and has about 10,000 students.

The goal of the NIS College/University Partnership Program between Fresno State and YSU is to contribute to economic and political stability in Armenia by fostering educational reform. Der Mugrdechian is the project director.

The project was assisted financially by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Information Agency under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as amended.





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### Yerevan State Photo Gallery





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## ARCHIVE

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SUBJECT: Sergei Babayan Performs at Fresno StateDATE: Sept. 4, 2004  
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## Pianist Sergei Babayan in Concert at Fresno State

FRESNO, CA - Award-winning pianist Sergei Babayan will perform in the opening recital of the Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concert Series at Fresno State. The concert will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2004 in the Concert Hall on the Fresno State campus.



Sergei Babayan

The concert is co-sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program of Fresno State. Babayan will be performing works by Leighton, J.S. Bach, and Liszt.

One of the most charismatic personalities on today's concert stage, Babayan's vibrantly expressive performances have elicited audience acclaim worldwide. Ever since his arrival in the United States, on his first trip outside of the Soviet Union in 1989, his breathtaking virtuosity and a wide-ranging tonal palette have brought him critical praise and

accolades. He is the winner of four first prizes in international piano competitions, including the 1989 Robert Casadesus Competition in Cleveland (marking the first time a Soviet artist had competed without government sponsorship), the Palm Beach Competition (1990), the Hamamatsu Competition in Japan (1991), and the Scottish Competition (1992).

Babayan, who was born in Armenia to a musical family, started to play the piano at the age of three. He began his musical studies at the age of six under Luisa Markaryan and later with George Saradjev. He continued his studies at nineteen with Mikhail Pletnev at the Moscow Conservatory and completed post-graduate work there in 1989 as a student of Professor Vera Gornostaeva. He also studied privately with Lev Naumov in Moscow.

After making his New York recital debut in 1990 at Alice Tully Hall to great critical acclaim, Mr. Babayan embarked on a busy schedule that has included solo appearances with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the Osaka Symphony, the National Orchestra of Belgium, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Warsaw Philharmonic, the Slovenska Filharmonia of Bratislava, the Brno Philharmonic, the Bergamo Symphony of Italy, the Florida Orchestra, West Virginia Symphony, New World Symphony, and Orchestre National de Lille.

General tickets for the concert are available for \$12.50 per person; for seniors, tickets are \$7.50; and tickets for students are \$5.00 per person. Ticket reservations for the concert may be made by calling (559) 278-2337. Relaxed parking will be available in Lots C and V after 7:00 PM the night of the lecture. For more information on the concert please contact the Armenian Studies Program at (559) 278-2669.



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For more information on the concert contact the Armenian Studies Program.



## ARCHIVE

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## Ceremony for Donation of Karabian Papers Held Sept. 18 at CSUF's Madden Library

FRESNO - A ceremony for the donation of former California Assemblyman Walter Karabian's papers to the Central Valley Political Archive of the Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno was held Sept. 18, at Fresno State.

Karabian, who was born and raised in Fresno, donated papers from his 1966-74 state Legislative service.

In addition, panel discussions were held focusing on Karabian's career with an emphasis on his opening the doors of politics to young Latinos, his commitment to his Armenian heritage and his various legislative contributions such as the Species Preservation Act, the ratifi-

cation of the Equal Rights Amendment and the California Invasion of Privacy Act.

Art Torres, Democratic Party chairman, as well as other former staff members to Karabian participated in the panel discussions.

The Karabian papers received at the CVPA measure approximately 30 linear feet and include correspondence, press files, photographs, campaign material, articles, speeches, memorabilia and other records documenting Karabian's legislative and civic activities.

After leaving the Legislature, Karabian has practiced law and is a partner in the Los Angeles law firm Karns & Karabian.



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Photos, political documents and even pot holders, which were used during his political campaigns, are displayed in the Solarium in the Henry Madden Library. **Photo by Emily Tuck**

Gray said.

Gray said the papers document part of the Central Valley's political history and are very helpful for researchers to have access to those documents.

"This is a way we will be able to preserve the memories of Karabian's political involvement and significance," Gray said.

The CVPA is located on the second floor of the Madden Library. Karabian's documents join the previously donated papers of Kenneth Maddy and Jim Costa.



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# Former assemblyman donates papers

By Eisa Al Nashmi

The Collegian

In 1974, there were only four Hispanic assemblymen and two California state senators—now there are 23 Latinos in the legislative.

Former assemblyman Walter Karabian was the vision and motivation for the influx, said Art Torres, chairman of the California Democratic Party and a former assemblyman. A panel discussion held Saturday in honor of Karabian donating his papers, including original correspondence, bill files, photographs, campaign materials and speeches, to the Central Valley Political Archive of the Henry Madden Library.

Torres worked with Karabian when he was in office and during his political campaigns. Torres said Karabian had a big

influence—financially and intellectually—in getting him elected to the state assembly in 1974.

"Karabian gave me a framework to how to be successful in politics," Torres said.

Born and raised in Fresno, Karabian—one of the first Armenians to be in an American legislative position—served in the California State Assembly from 1966 to 1974. His political career flourished with success where he opened the doors of politics to young Latinos, committed to his Armenian heritage and contributed in the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and the California Invasion of Privacy Act.

During his years in the state assembly, Karabian became the youngest majority leader ever at 33.

"It was a great honor, lots of responsibility and so much fun, I can't even describe," Karabian said.

Paul Krekorian, vice president of the Burbank Board of Education, said the Armenian community was once oppressed and excluded, and Karabian fought hard to erase that discrimination.

"Karabian never forgot where he came from," Krekorian said. "He has opened doors for many, and ever since he got elected, he has been a teacher of politics to many people of the Armenian society."

Karabian's political career focused on helping under-represented people.

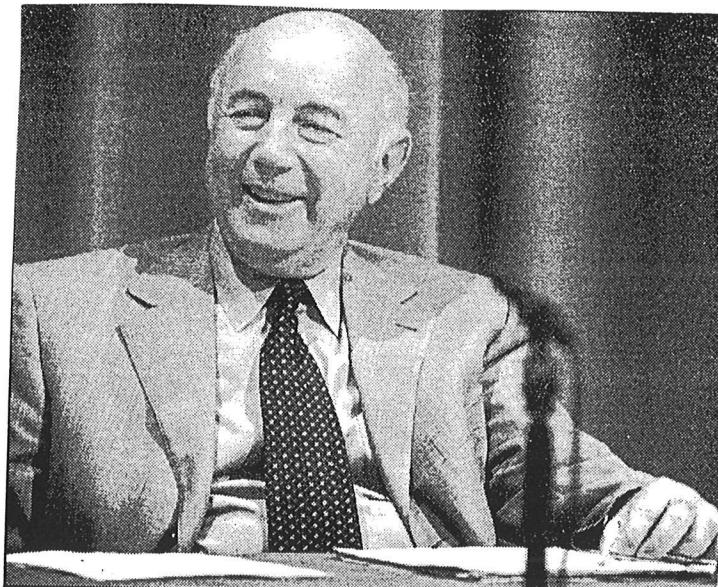
He remembered someone saying, "Good policy is good politics."

"My good policy was helping disenfranchised people like

Hispanics and Armenians, and good politics came into effect when both groups fully supported me," he said.

Glen Gray, archivist of the Central Valley Political Archive, said the Karabian papers measure about 30 linear feet.

"It is one-of-a-kind material you cannot buy in a bookstore,"



Walter Karabian, who spent his political career helping under-represented people, spoke Saturday. Photo by Emily Tuck



## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Fresno Bee: Fresno, CA

DATE: September 22, 2004

SUBJECT: Sergei Babayan Performs

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# Pianist is a longtime friend of Fresno

*Sergei Babayan's lifelong love of piano drives him to achieve.*

BY MARTY BERRY  
THE FRESNO BEE

Pianist Sergei Babayan says he could have been many things in his life — a chess player, a doctor, perhaps a psychiatrist — but it was his destiny to play the piano.

"I could do this and that or that and that," he says, "but the question is, can you really live your life without the piano?"

That was a question Babayan, who will perform Friday in



Sergei Babayan

Fresno, and many of his compatriots at the Moscow Conservatory asked themselves in the 1970s and 1980s, when the Soviet Union still existed

and life as a musician there was much more controlled. Opportunities at home were limited to the chosen few of the government, and visas to perform outside the country were hard to come by.

"We did not know what was going to happen. We said, 'What are we going to do?' But none of us could stop. Well, some did. Some went into computers and became wealthy and successful — because they could. But for the rest of us, it was, 'Can you really live your life without it?'

"It's like real love. It's possible to see yourself being with another woman, but there's always one whom you can't live without."

Fortunately for Babayan and his fellow students, the Soviet Union broke up in 1989, and leaving the country became much easier.

## IF YOU GO

■ **What:** Pianist Sergei Babayan, Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concert Series

■ **When:** 8 p.m. Friday  
■ **Where:** Concert Hall, California State University, Fresno

■ **Tickets:** \$12.50, \$7.50 seniors, \$5 students  
■ **Details:** (559) 278-2337; Armenian Studies Program, (559) 278-2669

In 1989, Babayan came to the United States, to Cleveland, and he took first place in the prestigious Robert Casadesus Competition, which led to other competitions, which led to an international career.

"At first, I wanted to win the sixth prize, not the first," he says of that first competition. "I was dreaming of \$1,000 — I needed a ticket to go back home. Then I won first, and first again. Next I started dreaming of first place, not sixth. I got spoiled."

He said if he had it to do over again, he wouldn't do competitions, though.

"I could probably find other ways to survive," he says. "It's not a part of my young years that I miss. They're anti-musical, anti-creative. You're always worrying what the jury will do. It's horrendous."

"You play music because you love it, not because you want to be better than the others."

Babayan was born in a small town in Soviet Armenia, and he moved to Yerevan, the Armenian capital, when he was 3. By then he already was picking out melodies on the piano that he had heard his teenage sister play.

"My sister would be playing Beethoven, the 'Lost Penny Rondo,' and I would go over to the piano and play it. My parents realized I had a natural ear, and they supported me. There was no pressure. They

were very wise."

His father would take him to the symphony and would buy every classical recording that came out.

The young Babayan fell in love with music twice, he says. The first time, it was with the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, performed by a young Van Cliburn, who had stunned the world by winning the prestigious First Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow in 1958.

Then came Chopin, he says, and Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. It wasn't until he was a teenager that he fell in love with Rachmaninoff.

"That is not a language for a child. But the second time I heard the Second Piano Concerto, I realized I cannot live without it."

"Studies and friends and football went away. I became like a monk dedicating his life to God."

His father took him to Moscow for lessons during Babayan's teen years, and he eventually entered the Moscow Conservatory.

"As much as I hated the Soviet system, it had one good side," he says. "They even paid for you. I got not just a good, but a great education. It wasn't like only the wealthy could afford good schools. And the teachers were absolutely fanatic and dedicated."

"Even the walls could teach you" at the Moscow Conservatory, he says. "They would hear such an incredible level of playing."

Babayan studied at the conservatory for 12 years, taking a break to serve in the army, then returning to do three years of post-graduate work. Then he came to America to perform in that first competition, and his career took off.

He now teaches at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he runs a small piano academy, and he still is able to

keep up a full touring schedule.

His performance Friday in Fresno is part of the Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concerts series at California State University, Fresno, co-sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State.

"I'm on the mailing list for the Keyboard Concerts series, and I'm always really impressed with it," Babayan says. "Very often these series are run by someone with no ears for piano and they get someone mediocre, but not this one."

He will perform Kenneth Leighton's Study Variations, Liszt's Sonata in B Minor and Bach's Goldberg Variations.

He also will return in the spring to perform with the Fresno Philharmonic, which he has done several times before.

"It's a happy collaboration," he says of his relationship with the city.

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## ARCHIVE

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## Benefit Luncheon in San Francisco for SAS's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Nov. 21

SAN FRANCISCO - On Sunday, November 21, St. John Armenian Church of San Francisco will be hosting a benefit luncheon honoring the Society for Armenian Studies. The gathering is in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the society.

The Society of Armenian Studies was founded in 1974 by Dr. Nina Garsoian of Columbia University, Dr. Richard Hovannisian or U.C.L.A., Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, of Fresno State University, Dr. Robert Thomson of Harvard University and Dr. Avedis Sanjian of U.C.L.A. It is composed of over 200 members engaged in research or teaching in the field of Armenian studies throughout the world.

The goals of SAS are to promote the study of Armenian culture and society including history, language, literature as well as social, political and economic questions to facilitate the exchange of scholarly information pertaining to Armenian studies around the world; and to sponsor panels and conferences on Armenian Studies.

Their programs include publication of a newsletter on the society's activities and on current research on Armenia, pub-

lication of the Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies, encouragement, sponsorship and publication of research and all facets of Armenian culture and society.

Present and speaking at the luncheon will be Professor Barlow Der Mugrdechian, President of the Society for Armenian Studies and renowned scholar, Armenologist and linguist. Dr. Peter Cowe, who holds the Naregatsi Chair of Armenian Language at U.C.L.A. Dr. Cowe, will be receiving a special award for one of the founders of the organization, Dr. Avedis Sanjian, the first holder of the Naregatsi Chair. Also present will be many members of the Society who will be in San Francisco for the annual meeting of the Society.

The luncheon begins at 1:30 pm in the social hall of the St. John complex located at 275 Olympia Way in San Francisco. Those interested in being present at this unforgettable and most fascinating afternoon may make reservations (\$20 per person) until November 17 by calling Sona Thomasian at 415-334-0317. The Parish is located at 275 Olympia Way, San Francisco, CA 94131.



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**Kurkjian and  
Karanian to Speak  
in Fresno,  
December 2**

FRESNO - Co-authors Robert Kurkjian and Matthew Karanian will present travelogue on Armenia and Karabagh on Dec. 2 2004 7:30pm at California State University Fresno A. Peters Auditorium, Fresno, California

Kurkjian & Karanian are authors of "Stone Garden Guide to Armenia Book" Launch and Photography Exhibit. The event will be illustrated with slides and featuring an exhibit of photographs from their best-selling book.

Sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program of CSUF.

Admission is free.

**ARCHIVE**

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the Sixth Annual Film Festival PAGE: 1 of 1

## **Entries Sought for Sixth Annual Armenian Film Festival at CSUF**

FRESNO – The organizers of the 6th Annual Armenian Film Festival be held April 1, 2005 in Fresno are calling for entries of films made by Armenian directors/writers, or films with an Armenian theme.

The festival is being sponsored by the Armenian Students Organization Armenian Studies Program California State University, Fresno. The festival is being partially funded by the Diversity Awareness Program of the University Student Union, CSU Fresno.

Requirements are: Films up to 1 hour in length; films may be in any language, English preferred; films may be on any topic, Armenian theme preferred; Film

must be in video/DVD format- if in video it should be in NTSC format.

Entries should be accompanied by a CV of the director/writer and a synopsis of the film. The Festival Committee will meet to view and judge which entries will be accepted for the Film Festival. Entrants will be contacted by email with the decisions.

Deadline for entries to be received is February 1.

The video/DVD should be sent to: Armenian Film Festival, c/o Armenian Studies Program, 5245 N Backer Ave. PB4 Fresno, CA 93740-8001; Telephone 559-278-2669, or Email: barlowd@csufresno.edu



## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Observer: Los Angeles, CA DATE: Nov. 17, 2004  
SUBJECT: CSUF Offers Armenia Semester Abroad Program PAGE: 1 of 1

## CSUF Spring 2005 Armenia Semester Abroad Program

FRESNO - Experience a semester abroad in Yerevan, Armenia. The Armenian Studies Program at California State University, Fresno has organized a one semester program designed to introduce students to Armenian language, history, art, and contemporary events. The semester schedule is composed of five courses: Armenian language (4 units); Armenian art and architecture (3 units); Armenia today (3 units); Armenian studies (3 units); Independent study (2 units).

Courses, based on curriculum used by the Armenian Studies Program at California State University, Fresno, will be taught by faculty from Yerevan State University.

The academic committee in charge of curriculum is composed of Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, Haig and Isabel Berberian Professor of Armenian Studies and Director of the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State, Dr. Tom Samuelian of Arlex International, and Barlow Der Mugrdechian of the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State.

Full information on the program is available at the following web site:

<http://armenianstudies.csufresno.edu/SemesterAbroad/information.htm>

**Eligibility:** The program is open to all college juniors and seniors and graduate students who have maintained a minimum 2.75 GPA.

**Fees:** Fees for the program are \$2,250 per person (for 15 units of courses) and an additional fee of approximately of \$160 for health insurance. Room and board, air fare, and transportation and any additional costs are the responsibility of the student. (The Program will assist in finding living arrangements)

**Deadline:** Students are required to fill in the following application form and return it to the Armenian Studies Program by December 1, 2004 for study abroad in Armenia in the Spring semester 2005.

**Required information for application:** Official college transcript; One page essay on why you would like to participate in the Armenia Study Abroad Program, what has prepared you for study in such a Program, and why you are qualified to participate; One passport sized color photo; Names and telephone numbers of two references (non-related). In addition please submit Name, Address, City, State,

Zip, Telephone number, Email address, Date of birth: (Please clearly print all information and make sure that the telephone number and email address are current). Send the application form, and all requested material to: Barlow Der Mugrdechian, Armenian Studies Program, 5245 N Backer Ave. PB4. Fresno, CA 93740-8001

If you have any questions contact: Barlow Der Mugrdechian office telephone: 559-278-4930 • email: [barlowd@csufresno.edu](mailto:barlowd@csufresno.edu)

**Travel fellowship:** Travel fellowships are available to qualified applicants who are accepted into the Fresno State Armenia Semester Abroad Program through BirthRight Armenia/Depi Hayk (BR/DH). (See below for Eligibility). The travel fellowship covers reimbursement of roundtrip economy class airfare at the average price for that period upon successful completion of the program and BR/DH requirements. Applications for the travel fellowships are due by January 15, 2005. The application form is posted on the [www.birthrightarmenia.org/opp\\_s\\_application.html](http://www.birthrightarmenia.org/opp_s_application.html).



## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Observer: Los Angeles, CA DATE: Nov. 17, 2004  
SUBJECT: Karanian and Kurkjian to Speak in Fresno PAGE: 1 of 1

## Karanian and Kurkjian to Speak in Fresno and San Francisco

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The authors will speak in Fresno at 7 pm, Thursday, December 2 at the A. Peters Auditorium on the campus of California State University, Fresno. Seating is limited so guests are encouraged to arrive early. More information is available from the Armenian Studies Program of CSUF ([Armenian-studies.csufresno.edu](http://Armenian-studies.csufresno.edu)) (Tel. 559-278-2669).

Karanian and Kurkjian will speak in San Francisco at 1

pm (following church services) on Sunday, December 5 at the St. John Armenian Church, 275 Olympia Way (Tel. 415-983-8344). Both events are free and open to the public.

The "Stone Garden Guide to Armenia and Karabagh" was



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### ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Observer: Los Angeles, CA DATE: Nov. 17, 2004  
SUBJECT: Robert Amirkhanian Concert at CSUF PAGE: 1 of 1

## CSUF to Hold An Evening with Robert Amirkhanian, Dec. 5

FRESNO - Award winning-composer and musician Robert Amirkhanian will present a concert of contemporary Armenian music composed by him, with his original lyrics, accompanied by vocalist Seda Amirkarayan.

The concert will be held at 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 5, 2004, in the Concert Hall (Music Building) at California State University, Fresno.

Amirkhanian entered the professional musical world in the mid-1960's and with his unique voice and talent, soon became an acknowledged master of the vocal-instrumental genre. He is head of the Composers' Union of Armenia and Chair of the Department of Music Theory at the Komitas Conservatory of Music in Yerevan.

Vocal accompanist Seda Amirkarayan Sargsyan is a graduate of the Komitas Conservatory and is a well recognized artist, having performed in concerts in Armenia, Russia, Lebanon, the United States and elsewhere.

Tickets are priced at \$25 per person, with students at \$15 per person. For tickets call: Hilda 559-834-1007; Salpi-559-431-3054; Nelly-559-432-0953; Zar-559-431-5259; Berjouhi-439-4921

For more information on the concert, please call the Armenian Studies Program, at 559-278-2669.



## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: California Courier: Glendale, CA DATE: Nov. 18, 2004  
SUBJECT: Karian and Kurkjian to Speak PAGE: 1 of 1

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## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Reporter Int'l: Paramus, NJ DATE: November 20, 2004  
SUBJECT: Kurkjian and Karanian to Speak in Fresno PAGE: 2 of 2

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*A young woman is splashed with water during Armenia's annual Vardavar festival.*



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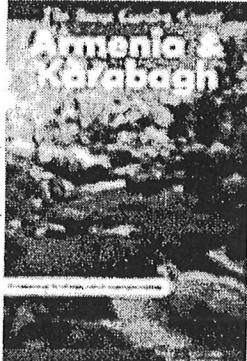
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SUBJECT: Kurkjian and Karanian to Speak in Fresno PAGE: 1 of 2

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*Front cover of  
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### ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Observer: Los Angeles, CA DATE: November 24, 2004  
SUBJECT: ASP 6th Annual Armenian Film Festival Set PAGE: 1 of 1

## CSUF 6th Annual Armenian Film Festival, Friday, April 1, 2005

FRESNO - Sponsored by the Armenian Students Organization, Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno and Partially funded by the Diversity Awareness Program of the University Student Union, CSU Fresno.

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5245 N Backer Ave. PB4

Fresno, CA 93740-8001

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Entries should be accompanied by a CV of the director/writer and a synopsis of the film.



## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: Nor Gyank: Glendale, CA DATE: November 25, 2004  
SUBJECT: Kurkjian and Karanian to Speak in Fresno PAGE: 1 of 1

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Presentations Will Include Photography Exhibitions**

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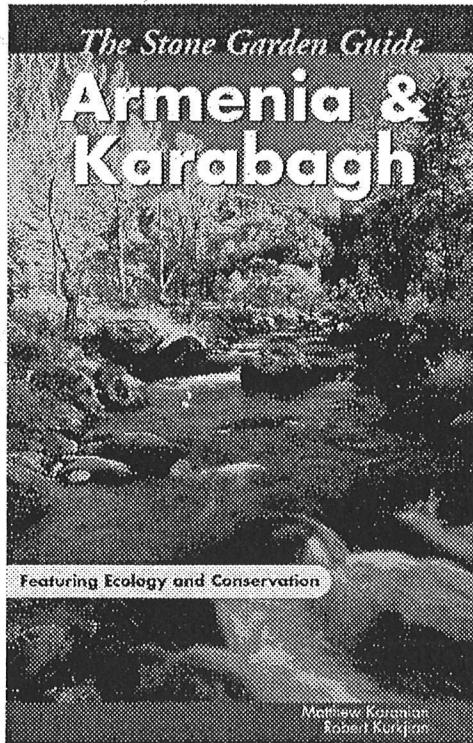
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### ARCHIVE

SOURCE: Fresno Bee: Fresno, CA  
SUBJECT: Amirkhanian to Perform

DATE: Nov. 28, 2004  
PAGE: 1 of 1

# Concerts abound at Fresno State

Award-winning composer and musician Robert Amirkhanian will present a concert of contemporary Armenian music, accompanied by vocalist Seda Amirkarayan Sargsyan, at 4 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Concert Hall at California State University, Fresno.

Amirkhanian is head of the Composers' Union of Armenia and chair of the department of music theory at the Komitas Conservatory of Music in Yerevan, Armenia.

Vocal accompanist Sargsyan, a graduate of the Komitas Conservatory, has performed worldwide.

Admission costs \$25, \$15 for students.

For tickets call (559) 431-3054; for more info on the concert, call the Armenian Studies Program, which is sponsoring the concert, at (559) 278-2669.



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### ARCHIVE

SOURCE: University Journal: Fresno, CA DATE: December 2004  
SUBJECT: Armenian Concert Dec. 5 PAGE: 1 of 1

## Armenian concert Dec. 5

Award-winning composer and musician Robert Amirkhanian will present a concert of his contemporary Armenian music, accompanied by vocalist Seda Amirkarayan Sargsyan, on Sunday, Dec. 5. The concert, sponsored by the Armenian studies program, will be held at 4 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall.

Amirkhanian entered the professional music arena in the mid-1960's and soon became an acknowledged master of the vocal-instrumental genre. He is head of the Composers' Union of Armenia and chair of the Department of Music Theory at the Komitas Conservatory of Music in Yerevan.

Vocal accompanist Sargsyan, a graduate of the Komitas Conservatory, has performed in concerts in Armenia, Russia, Lebanon, the United States and elsewhere.

Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 students. For tickets call 431-3054. For more information on the concert call the Armenian Studies Program at 8-2669.



## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Observer: Los Angeles, CA DATE: December 15, 2004  
SUBJECT: Bozilian Armenian Dance Seminar PAGE: 1 of 1

## Armenian Dance Seminar at Fresno State

FRESNO - Internationally recognized dance instructor Tom Bozilian will teach a course, Armenian Studies 120T-Armenian Dance, on Friday, February 4 and Saturday, February 5, 2005. The Friday session begins at 5:00 PM and continues until 10:00 PM in the South Gym, Room 134 on the Fresno State campus. Saturday's class runs from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Mr. Bozilian's dance seminar is sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State.

Regularly enrolled students at Fresno State may take the course for free as part of their normal semester course load. There is a \$50 per person fee for the course for non-students and those interested in registering should contact the Armenian Studies Program at 559-278-2669 to receive registration materials. The Dance Seminar is open to the public and is expected to fill quickly, so make sure to register early. There are no prerequisites for the course.

Tom Bozilian was born in Los Angeles, California to Armenian parents and he was raised and educated in Fresno, California, receiving his B. A. degree in Russian Area Studies.

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Each year Mr. Bozilian travels to Armenia to continue his research working with various institutions and dance specialists, and at the same time,

he visits target areas throughout Armenia for the purpose of drawing comparisons of original dances from both Armenia and the Diaspora.

In addition to the dances of the pre-1915 period and the Caucasian Armenian dances, Bozilian specializes in new Armenian folk dances as well as choreography for stage presentation. He regularly tours the Orient and Europe teaching Armenian dance to international folk dance collectives and to groups within Armenian communities.

In 1975 Tom Bozilian founded the International Song and Dance Symposium and directed the one week seminar for 5 years at the University of Hawaii Oahu campus and for 20 years at University of California Santa Barbara campus. Many noted folk dance specialists presented their dance programs at these institutes.

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## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: California Courier: Glendale, CA DATE: December 16, 2004  
SUBJECT: Bozian Armenian Dance Seminar PAGE: 1 of 1

## Bozian to Teach Armenian Dance Seminar at Fresno State

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## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Reporter Int'l: Paramus, NJ DATE: December 18, 2004  
SUBJECT: Bozian Dance Class Feb. 4-5 PAGE: 1 of 1

## *Armenian Dance Seminar to Be Held Feb. 4-5 at Fresno State*

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## *Armenian Dance Seminar to Be Held Feb. 4-5 at Fresno State - Continued from p. 23*

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## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: California Courier: Glendale, CA DATE: December 16, 2004  
SUBJECT: Kurkjian and Karanian Speak at CSUF PAGE: 1 of 1

## Co-Authors of Best-Selling Armenia Travel Guide Speak at CSUF in Fresno

FRESNO - Author-photographers Robert Kurkjian and Matthew Karanian presented a travelogue to Armenia to an audience of about 90 at California State University in Fresno on December 2. The event was sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program of CSUF and featured a book signing and photography exhibit.

Their presentation featured a look at an Armenian Republic that Kurkjian said was in its "adolescence" despite its 3,000-year history. Kurkjian and Karanian concluded the event by signing copies of their newest book, "The Stone Garden Guide: Armenia and Karabagh."

Event organizer Barlow Der Mugrdechian, the advisor to the Armenian Studies Program, praised the book, which he said had both a comprehensive text and a collection of beautiful photographs. The Stone Garden Guide is the first comprehensive guide book for both Armenia and Karabagh, and it is the only guide book

of its kind to feature so many color photographs.

Original prints of some of the color photographs from the travel guide were exhibited as part of the travelogue.

The "Stone Garden Guide to Armenia and Karabagh" was published in September and it immediately became the leading travel guide for Armenia. The 304-page handbook includes 25 color maps and 75 color photographs.

The book can be ordered directly from the publisher for \$24.95 plus shipping (3-4 day Priority Mail service, add \$6 or 2-3 week Parcel Post service, add \$3). Send check or money order to StoneGardenProductions.com, PO Box 7758, Northridge, CA 91327.

The book is also available from the online bookseller Amazon.com and from independent Armenian booksellers. Sample pages can be viewed at [www.StoneGardenProductions.com](http://www.StoneGardenProductions.com).



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### ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Armenian Observer: Los Angeles, CA DATE: December 22, 2004  
SUBJECT: CSUF 6th Annual Film Festival April 1 PAGE: 1 of 1

## CSUF 6th Annual Armenian Film Festival, Friday, April 1, 2005

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## ARCHIVE

SOURCE: California Courier: Glendale, CA DATE: December 30, 2004  
SUBJECT: CSUF Offers Honors Program in Armenian Studies PAGE: 1 of 1

## CSUF Offers Honors Program in Armenian Studies

By **Hakop Tataryan**  
Editor, **Hye Sharzhoom**

FRESNO - Ambitious Fresno State students who are taking Armenian Studies courses have something to look forward to in the Fall of 2005. An Honors Program has been approved for students taking upper division classes in the Armenian Studies Program. The Honors Program will also offer numerous benefits to its participants.

All students who apply to the Armenian Studies Honors Program, must have Junior standing (60 units) with at least a 3.5 GPA in Armenian Studies courses, a cumulative GPA of 3.4, and must have completed at least four Armenian Studies classes.

Along with the Armenian Studies classes, students must participate in the Smitcamp Family Honors Colloquium (a weekly two-hour meeting for all honors students) as long as they are in the Armenian Studies Honors Program. The colloquium will cover an array of topics regarded as higher learning - including: public policy, current affairs, and contemporary society.

To encourage community involvement and offer a greater experience, the Program requires its students to complete twenty hours of community service each semester. Opportunities are available for Armenian Studies-oriented service in the various programs available on campus: *Hye Sharzhoom*, "Hye Oozh Radio," and "All Things Armenian."

In the last semester of the program students in the Honors Program will be researching a topic of choice under the supervision of a faculty member. The topic can be in various areas of study such as language, history, architecture, or art. At the end of the semester, students would be ready to present their research findings and be prepared to submit their thesis to be published.

The rigor of the program is obvious, but the rewards are many. Those students brave enough, as well as competent enough, to be admitted to the Program will have full registration fees paid for up to two years. They will receive honors medallions upon graduation, and Honors recognition on their diploma. Perhaps the most important attribute of any Honors

Program is the preparation it provides for Masters and PhD programs. Inevitably, by completing the Program, students will have ascertained exceptional research, writing, and analytical skills, making them better candidates for postgraduate aspirations.

"With an Honors Program in Armenian Studies, Fresno State students who seek a minor in Armenian Studies and complete the honors program will be among a very small elite group at Fresno State who benefit from the highest academic standards the University is able to offer its undergraduates. The Armenian Studies Honors Program will pro-

vide students with a degree that will immediately reflect excellence in scholarship and learning, a valuable asset for any career," said Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, Director of the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State.

This is such a great opportunity for students to develop new skills and get prepared for post-graduate studies. As fees keeps increasing and with books costing an arm and a leg, the monetary incentive the program offers could not have come at a better time. Information on the Program will be available during the Spring 2005 semester by calling 559-278-2669.

Only four students will be admitted into the program each year.