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Copies of this grabar text, with the introduction by Prof. Kouymjian, can be obtained from Caravan Books, Box 344, Delmar, New York 12054.



The Armenian Mirror-Spectator

THE FIRST ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARMENIAN WEEKLY IN THE U.S.A.

Course At California State University/ Fresno To Focus On Armenian Jerusalem

Armenians in the Holy Land is the first in a series of one unit courses to be offered by the California State University, Fresno Armenian Studies Program in the Fall 1987 semester. The course will be held on Friday, September 25 from 5-10 pm and Saturday, September 26, from 9 am to 5 pm, with classes both days being held in Conley Art 101.

The instructor for the course will be CSUF Armenian Studies Program lecturer Barlow Der Mugrdechian, who recently returned from a six week summer stay in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. Last year Mr. Der Mugrdechian led a group of six CSUF students on a one month stay, which concentrated on the

life of the historic Armenian community in the Holy Land. The course will be illustrated with slides, movies, and videos.

Guest lecturer for the course will be Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, who is director of the Armenian Studies Program. He will be speaking about the art treasures of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem and about the magnificent Armenian manuscript collection housed there.

Succeeding one-unit courses include a course on the Armenian Diaspora and Immigration, October 9 and 10, 1987 and a survey of the Armenian Church, November 6 and 7, both offered under the Armenian 120T designation.

Registration for classes is free for enrolled students of the university; others can enroll through the Division of Extended Education. For more information contact the CSUF Armenian Studies Program at (294) 2669/2832.

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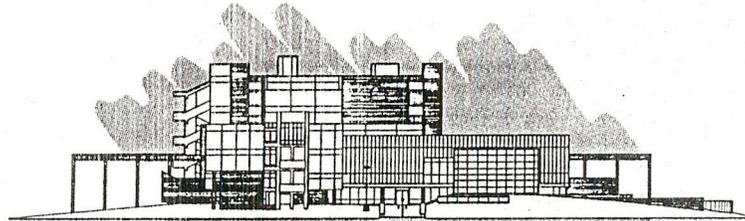
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CSU Fresno: A Full Palette of Partnership

Its setting is the kaleidoscopic San Joaquin Valley of California, bursting with ethnic diversity, major population growth, and the colors of one of the richest agricultural areas in the world. No wonder the hues and shapes of CSU Fresno's 75-year history have been varied, exciting and reflective of the dynamic role of Central California in the state and the world.

Describe each colorful facet of the Central Valley, and you describe a university alliance or partnership. Consider, for example, the Valley's Armenian population, its black, Hispanic and migrant-worker populations, its Native American population, or its more recent influx of Hmong Laotians and other southeast Asians, and you will discover a related university program: Armenian Studies plus extensive university library holdings of the works of Fresno's Armenian son, William Saroyan; Chicano-Latino Studies, Black Studies, and more than 20 programs for the recruitment and retention of minority students.

Or describe Central California's geographical riches — the nearby Sierra



Nevada and 20,000 square miles of agricultural heartland — and again you will discover the university in partnership with the area: conducting research on wildlife and natural resources; providing innovative experiences for students beyond the classroom in courses such as "Man and the Natural Environment"; contributing to today's agricultural industry through experimentation on a 1,190-acre university farm, in a university winery and a raisin processing plant, and on 4,500 acres of university-managed rangelands.

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that every day the university's School of

Agricultural Sciences and Technology, its School of Social Sciences and its School of Business and Administrative Sciences form new partnerships with the surrounding community, the Pacific Rim, and other parts of the world — China, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, Egypt, Somalia, Mexico, Latin America and countless other countries. The university's worldwide reputation is reflected in its impressive enrollment of international (visa) students, the largest in the CSU system.

Through its School of Arts and Humanities, the university enjoys still other vibrant partnerships. CSU Fresno musi-

cians, dancers and actors have recently performed on the stages of such cities Washington, D.C.; Edinburgh, Scotland; Sidney and Melbourne; Beijing and Taipei; Hanover and Munich. The Press of the university has attracted international attention with publications like its recent edition of Frank Lloyd Wright letters and sketches.

Perhaps the most visible sign on campus of CSU Fresno's role as a vital partner is construction of the state-funded Leon Peters Business Building and its outgrowth, the privately-funded Valley Business Center. Gifts from businesses and private individuals have insured that the university will further expand its business services offering still more seminars, institute research, and information to Valley firms.

The coloration of the 21st century Central California is already visible: burgeoning population, rapid economic expansion, emergence of the area as a hub world agriculture. CSU Fresno will enter that brilliant palette, forging new partnerships in every area of knowledge.

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The California COURIER

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FRESNO — "Passport Fresno — A One Stop Tour" is the theme of the annual International Festival which recognizes and celebrates the cultural diversity of those in our community each October on the Fulton Mall.

This year the festival will run from Thursday, Oct. 1, until Sunday, Oct. 4.

More than 75 distinct ethnic groups, including Armenians, will portray their finest in the areas of history, music, dance, costumes and food.

Each ethnic group has been assigned a designated area on the mall, a half block in size, which will transform into a visual presentation about the particular country, people and their customs.

Allan Yeghia Jendian of the Armenian Assembly and coordinator of the Armenian section, announced that the "Hye" section on the Fulton Mall at Kern Street will once again feature shish kebab and Armenian pastries and major cultural and historical exhibits by various local Armenian organizations.

"The Armenian participation in this International Festival is most appropriate," said Jendian. "Armenian immigrants from their native homeland in search of freedom and opportunity, settled here in the fall of 1881. Armenians, along with many other ethnic groups, have contributed much to the growth of Fresno."

Highlighting the "Hye" section will be a display of Armenian costumes of the past, recaptured by members of the Armenian Relief Society, Sophia chapter and exhibits of Armenian history to be prepared by the Armenian

Students Organization, CSUF. Both exhibits will be displayed at Luftenberg's Bridal store.

The Arax Dancers and a book fair arranged by Meshag Publishing Co. will also be featured.

Participating organizations in the Hye section include the Armenian Assembly, the Armenian Community School of Fresno, the Armenian Relief Society, Sophia chapter, the Armenian Students Organization of CSUF and the Arax Armenian Dancers.

Assisting Jendian on the planning committee are: Elizabeth Vahradian, costume display; Astghik Ohannesian and Barlow Der Mugrdechian, history exhibit; Yervant Tchaderdjian, book fair; and Zar Der Mugrdechian, Arax Dancers.

Fresno School Plans Annual Luncheon

FRESNO — The Women's League of the Armenian Community School of Fresno will hold its annual membership Tea-Luncheon on Oct. 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel Skyroom. A Champagne Luncheon will be served.

A fashion show of Furs by Coralia of San Francisco will be presented.

Tickets are \$15 per person. Reservations may be made by calling Chairperson Delores Armo in the evening at (209) 591-2523 by Oct. 5.

Jackets and coats will be medeled and will be available for purchase.



SOURCE The Armenian Reporter

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SUBJECT CSUF Offers Armenian Studies 120T Course

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CSU Announces Second Armenian Studies Course for Oct. 9-10

FRESNO, Calif. - Armenian Studies 120T: Armenian Immigration and Diaspora is the second of three one-unit courses to be offered by the California State University, Fresno Armenian Studies Program in the fall 1987 semester. The course will be held Friday, October 9, 1987, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 10, 1987, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with classes both days being held in Conley Art 101.

The instructor of the course will be CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program Lecturer Barlow Der Mugerdechian. Assisting him in this course will be Fulbright Scholar Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, who has just returned from a semester in Armenia. He will lecture on Saturday on William Saroyan, the native-born author of Fresno whose later unpublished works have been full of discussions of the future of Armenians in the Diaspora. Dr. Kouymjian, editor of **William Saroyan: An Armenian Trilogy**, will bring his added dimension to the course

because of his familiarity with the concept of the Diaspora and because of his recent experience in Armenia.

On Friday evening, the guest lecturer for the course will be Vaharam Shemmassian, a graduate student in Armenian History at UCLA, who is a native of Lebanon. He will discuss the history and cultural state of the Armenian community in Lebanon. Shemmassian is working on his doctoral dissertation under the guidance of Dr. Richard Hovannisian of UCLA.

The final one-unit course of the semester, Armenian St. 120T-The Armenian Church, will be offered November 6 and 7, 1987. The course will coincide with the planned visit to California of His Holiness, Vazken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, from Etchmiadzin.

The community is welcome to enroll in these courses through the CSUF Extended Education Division. For more information, contact the CSUF Armenian Studies Program at (209) 294-2669/2832.

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FRESNO — The California State University, Fresno Armenian Studies Program will hold their annual banquet in honor of donors to the Leon S. Peters Business Building and Valley Business Center on Dec. 6, in the Residence Dining Hall on campus. The proceeds of the banquet will benefit the drive for an Endowed Chair in Armenian Studies at CSU, Fresno.

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'Sojourn At Ararat' To Be Performed At CSUF Banquet

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Papasian and Armani are the stars of the recent production of "Sojourn at Ararat," a play based on translations of Armenian poetry through the ages. They have appeared in Paris, Cairo, Montreal and Yerevan. They have appeared on television, "Cagney and Lacy" (Papasian) and "St. Elsewhere" (Armani) and on film.

The performance at the annual banquet of the CSUF Armenian Studies Program will benefit the drive to establish an endowed chair in Armenian Studies at CSUF.

Tickets for the banquet are available for a donation of \$25 per person. Call (209) 294-2669/2832.



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Prof. Hovannisian To Keynote CSUF Studies Program Banquet

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The fund drive follows the successful campaign to raise monies for the Leon S. Peters Business Building, the annual banquet of the Armenian Studies Program will honor the donors to the Leon S. Peters Building and Center for Armenian Studies, which will be housed in the new building when construction is completed in August of 1988. Special awards will be given to recognize the donors including an Outstanding Donor of the Year award.

A special entertainment program is being planned for the evening with guest artists from Los Angeles.

The donation for the annual banquet will be \$25 per person and reservations can be made through the Armenian Studies Program at (209) 294-2669/2832. All reservations must be made in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the door.



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ARMENIAN LIFE *Weekly*

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CSUF-ASP Banquet to Honor Donors to Peters Building

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