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Manoogian Simone Foundation Gives \$1.2 Million to U-M for Armenian Studies

In September 2007 the Manoogian Simone Foundation made a \$1.2 million gift to the Armenian Studies Program in the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA). This contribution will propel the study of Armenia to a higher level by providing resources for scholars in the US and Armenia to conduct the research that will generate new historical knowledge and change the way Armenian history and culture is taught and preserved for future generations.

The Manoogian family has given millions of dollars over the years to philanthropic efforts benefiting Armenians, both in the homeland and the diaspora. They have established schools, centers, churches, and libraries throughout the

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world. The Manoogian Simone Foundation’s gift to the Armenian Studies Program (ASP) will provide funding for graduate and post-doctoral fellowships at UM and in Armenia, a visiting scholar program, annual international conferences, graduate workshops, an expanded Summer Language Institute, and an outreach program. *(continued on page 2)*

U-M to Hold International Conference on “The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition”

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan is pleased to announce an international conference on “The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition: A Comparative Perspective.” The conference will take place at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 16-19, 2008.

This is the second conference on the theme which the Armenian Studies Programs at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, had independently conceived but jointly planned. The first conference was organized by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

and took place in Jerusalem in 2007. The Ann Arbor conference will highlight the Armenian Apocalyptic tradition in the broadest sense of the word, and in a comparative

context, in both literature and the arts. Scholars from Armenia, Europe and the USA will discuss eschatological and millennial themes, visions and prophecies, maledictions and revelations, origins and apocrypha, and related topics in this important but inadequately explored field. Within the larger comparative context, papers will highlight apocalyptic themes common to the Syriac, Byzantine, Coptic, Ethiopic, Slavonic, Georgian and Armenian traditions, or comparative aspects of one or more of these traditions. Papers dealing with visual representations of such elements in these traditions will illustrate their reflection and interpretation in art.

It is hoped that the comparative approach adopted by the conference will shed much new light on the prescience of seers and the imaginary and imaginative ways in which they reflected the religious-cultural concerns and social-political aspirations of their respective traditions. The proceedings will be published as a volume in English. Professor Kevork B. Bardakjian is the main convener of the conference. The conference is open to the public.

Message from the Director

As the new director of the Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, I follow in the footsteps of two extraordinary scholars and program builders. Professor Ronald Suny was the first holder of the Alex Manoogian Chair in Modern Armenian History; Ron established the program here and imagined it as an endeavor larger than courses being offered in the field, more as a forum where analytical discourse reaches out to the communities within and without the University and academia. He was succeeded by Professor Kevork Bardakjian, holder of the Marie Manoogian Chair in Armenian Language and Literature. Kevork held the fort and continued building up the program for over a decade.

Our Program has come a long way, first due to the close collaboration of the previous directors and associated faculty such as Professor Kathryn Babayan, who serves on the Executive Committee of the program along with Professors Bardakjian and Suny; second, due to the extraordinary assistance from the University of Michigan administration, including Dean Terry McDonald and his staff, the Director of the International Institute and his staff, the chairs of the History and Near Eastern Studies, and the directors of the Center for Russian and East European Studies and the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies; third, due to the continuing support from the Alex

and Marie Manoogian Foundation, and now the Manoogian Simone Foundation as well as of many members of the larger community. Finally, we have made progress because of the common vision that brings us together.

The Armenian Studies Program at the UM places high value on a number of dimensions: (a) the preparation of and support for the next generation of scholars; (b) the opening up of the field to fields beyond history, language and art such as sociology, political science, and anthropology, in other words a multi-disciplinary approach to Armenian studies, in line with major advances in the social sciences and humanities; (c) the recognition that the history, culture and arts of the Armenian people cannot be understood and fully appreciated in isolation; and (d) the appreciation of an approach that is self-critical and self-confident.

To pursue expansion in these directions, we have intensified collaboration with other programs and departments at the University, including the Armenian Research Center at the Dearborn campus, as well as programs at other universities and organizations that promote Armenian studies around the world.

As part of our outreach program, we are expanding our website (www.ii.umich.edu/asp) where details of ASP activities will be found readily.

Manoogian Simone Foundation Gives \$1.2 Million

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The Foundation is headed by Louise Manoogian Simone, daughter of the late Detroit businessman Alex Manoogian and sister of Richard Manoogian, who is Executive Chairman of Alex Manoogian's Fortune 500 Taylor, Michigan-based company, MASCO Corporation. "My parents started the Armenian Studies Program at U-M," said Simone, "and this gift will expand the program by providing funds for young scholars to study Armenian language and history, both in Michigan and Armenia."



"This transformational gift will enable the Armenian Studies Program to become a leading area study center among universities around the world," said LSA Dean Terrence J. McDonald. "The Manoogian family is dedicated to preserving and expanding our knowledge about Armenia and has demonstrated this commitment at U-M through the years."

The Manoogian family established the Alex Manoogian Chair of Modern Armenian History in LSA more than 30 years ago, followed by the Marie Manoogian Chair of Armenian Language and Literature. Because of their generosity, UM has been able to attract leading Armenian scholars.

The Manoogian Simone Foundation gift is part of LSA's fundraising effort for the \$2.5 billion "Michigan Difference" campaign.

On behalf of the Armenian Studies Program I would like to express my deep and sincere gratitude for the wholehearted and professional support we have received from all, not least our staff and the staff of the International Institute, where the Program is housed.

As the information in this Newsletter will reveal, we have had a number of exciting years and we are looking for an even fuller range of activities next year which promises to be even more intense and productive.

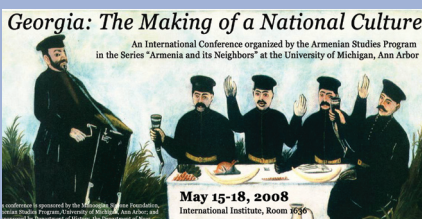
Professor Gerard Libaridian
Alex Manoogian Chair in Modern
Armenian History

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International Conference on Georgia

By Ronald Grigor Suny

Caught between Russia and the Middle East, for centuries the passage from East to West, the small republic of Georgia has seldom in recent years had the spotlight of scholarship turned full force on its fascinating history and current troubles. The Armenian Studies Program of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor sponsored the first international conference in mid-May 2008 to look at the "making of a national culture" in that South Caucasian country. More than thirty scholars from Europe, Asia, the United States, Canada, and Georgia itself gathered to hear and discuss papers on such far-flung topics as Iranian influences in medieval Georgia, the appeal of rap music among Georgian young people today, Russian-Georgian conflicts, and the precarious future of Armenians in Georgia. Discussions swung from enthusiasm for the multicultural nature of Georgian society and the complex



harmony of life in old Tiflis (currently the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi), to tales of nationalist hostility and savage conflict.

Georgians pride themselves on tolerance of foreigners and visitors and the hospitality of their famous *supra*, the lavish feast that travelers to Georgia have praised for centuries. But Georgian culture has also been defensive and insecure about its future when threatened by the empires to the north and south. At the present time the republic has good relations with all its neighbors, except for Russia, which is supporting Abkhaz and South Ossetian separatists who want their regions to be independent of Georgia. Armenians in Georgia experience a sense of displacement and disillusion-

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Considering the Concept of 'Nation'

A special workshop for Graduate students in Armenian Studies

As part of its expanding program of activities, the Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, convened a special workshop that brought together senior scholars, advanced and newly graduated PhD students, and starting graduate students. The purpose of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for emerging scholars to discuss their work and consult with each other and with senior scholars.

The workshop, held from April 16 to 19, offered a special format for the gathering of some 21 participants. "We decided to go with a theme," explained Professor Gerard Libaridian, Director of the Program. "Rather than merely offer an opportunity for students to cover disparate topics, we invited those whose research involved or would have an impact of the concept of 'nation' in Armenian history. We also limited participation to those invited and allowed ample time for discussions, which we hope would help the new scholars as well as benefit the senior ones."

During the first two full days of the workshop presentations were made by the following: **Dr. Rachel Goshgarian** (PhD, Harvard University, 2007, Director of the Zohrab Information Center in New York), "What is Ottoman History? What is Armenian History? Seeing Armenian Realities as Part of the Ottoman Story;" **Joanne Laycock** (PhD, Manchester University, 2005, then Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Michigan), "Imagining Armenia: Orientalism, History and Civilization;" **Taline Papazian** (PhD student, Paris), "Bringing the Nation Back In: The Armenian National Movement from Soviet Nationality Syndrome to Sovereign Nation;" **Arus Harutyunyan** (PhD expected, 2008, Western Michigan University), "Contesting National Identities in an Ethnically Homogeneous State:

The Case of Armenian Democratization;" **Sebouh Aslanian** (PhD, Columbia University, 2007, recipient of Best Dissertation Award, then Visiting Lecturer at Whitman College, Washington State, currently post-doctoral fellow at U-M),

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"From Coalition to Nation: The Collapse of the Julfan Trade Network and its Transformation;" **Sossie Kasbarian** (PhD, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 2006, currently Lecturer at SOAS and The Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva), "Rooted and Routed: The Contemporary Armenian Diaspora in Cyprus and Lebanon;" "Diasporic Representations: A Study of Circassian and Armenian Identities in Greater Syria;" **Talar Chahinian** (PhD, UCLA), "Constructive Nationalism? 'Menk' as an Alternative Archive;" and **Marylin Eordegian** (PhD student at Vanderbilt University), "Israeli policies toward the Armenian Church." **Anna Martirosian** of Yerevan, currently at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Political Science Department), discussed her proposed topic of dissertation, "Social Exclusion and Democratization in the Third Republic of Armenia."

Doctoral students from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, who have recently joined the program were given the opportunity to present their research interests on the third day: **Richard Antaramian**, Department of History, "Late Ottoman Armenian/Turkish Social Relations;" **Semi Ertan**, Near Eastern Studies, "An Ottoman Armenian intellectual of 17th century Istanbul: Eremya Celebi Komurcuyan;" **Krista Goff**, Department of History, "The Modern Caucasus and Azerbaijan, Nationalities Policies toward Non-titular Nations;" **Jeremy Johnson**, Anthropology/History Program, "Early Soviet

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Graduate Students

Richard Antaramian, admitted in 2006 in the History Department PhD program. Richard will focus on Turkish Armenian social relations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Alison Crossley, PhD program in the Near Eastern Studies Department, admitted in 2007. Alison will focus on the Arab Caliphate, Armenia and Byzantium in the 7th - 9th centuries.

Semi Ertan, (Turkey) PhD student. Near Eastern Studies Department. Dissertation on Ottoman and Armenian intellectual life in the 18th century with particular emphasis on Eremia Komurjian (1637-1695) as the central figure. In progress. Semi will take his preliminary exams in the fall of 2008 and defend his Prospectus shortly thereafter.

Krista Goff, admitted in the History Department's PhD program in 2007. Krista will focus on the recent history of the Caucasus, with emphasis on policies toward non-titular national minorities in Soviet Azerbaijan.

Jeremy Johnson, admitted into the Anthropology/History PhD program in 2008. Jeremy received his MA from the Center for Russian and East European Studies at U-M in 2008. Jeremy will focus on early Soviet Armenian and Caucasian history.

Kari Neely, PhD completed. Dissertation: "Diasporic Representations: A Study of Circassian and Armenian Identity in Greater Syria," successfully defended on 13 October, 2007.

Michael Pifer, PhD program, (Near Eastern Studies and Comparative Literature), admitted in 2007 but deferred to 2008. Michael spent last year in Aleppo improving his Western Armenian and learning Arabic. A comparative study of Modern Armenian literature will be the topic of his doctoral dissertation.

Vahe Sahakyan, admitted in the Department of Near Eastern Studies PhD program. Graduated from the Department of Sociology of Yerevan State University (YSU), Armenia, in 1999. His dissertation will be on Armenian identity in a globalizing context as perceived by both the Armenians of Armenia and those of the Diaspora. The tensions characterizing Armenia-Diaspora relations will form a fundamental part of his research in the context of modern theories and practices of globalization and modernization.

Research Grants

In the summer of 2008, **Krista Goff**, PhD candidate in history, was granted funding to conduct preliminary research for her dissertation prospectus in Azerbaijani and Russian archives. With a specialization in studying postwar Soviet policies for non-titular populations in Azerbaijan, her working hypothesis is that the post-Stalinist era was a dynamic period of negotiation on the nationalities issues for the republic politicians with both Moscow and with ethnic minorities in their territories.

In the summer of 2008, **Richard Antaramian**, Ph.D. candidate in history, received a grant to translate select documents related to the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries Armenian history. Given that much of the historiographical controversy on Turkish-Armenian focuses on competing interpretations, the translation of these documents would allow those without knowledge of Armenian to engage primary documents. Antaramian was also able to revise many of the papers that he wrote as a graduate student with the purpose of publishing them in academic journals.

Joanne Laycock, Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow during Winter 08, was awarded funding for a research trip to gather documents on the settlement and resettlement of diasporic Armenians, focusing in particular on the experience of repatriates to Soviet Armenia following the Second World War and relating these to other moments in modern Armenian history.



Brief News

COOPERATION. The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Yerevan State University have initialized an agreement of cooperation in a number of areas. The Armenian Studies Program will be the University unit to work with Yerevan State University to implement the provisions of the agreement. Details will be released and posted on the ASP website as soon as the agreement has been signed formally by both sides.

COOPERATION. ASP has developed close cooperation with the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Founded by Prof. Dennis Papazian, that center is now directed by Prof. Ara Sanjian. The two centers facilitate public lectures, share resource acquisition and availability, and programming; Prof. Sanjian serves on the Steering Committee of the ASP and ASP faculty has joined ARC in launching an Armenian Studies publication series.

Special Projects

Archives

Some years ago Mrs. Marguerite Harms, a resident of Michigan, donated to the Armenian Studies Program her grandfather's papers. These were housed in the Special Collections section of the Hatcher Graduate Library.



Photo by Jeremy Johnson

Her grandfather was Hampartoum Arzoumanian, also known as Hampo Asman, one of the early leaders of the Hnchakian Party in Iran who was subsequently, active in Europe and the US until 1907. Given the dearth of archival sources on the first Armenian political party, the Hnchakians, the Hampartoum Arzoumanian archives have a special significance.

The Armenian Studies Program will be announcing the release of these papers at a special event on October 31, 2008. The documents have been classified and will be digitized to be made available on the ASP website for the benefit of researchers.

Oral History

In 2006 the ASP initiated an oral history project in Armenia to record the memoirs of political leaders from

the Soviet period as well as the early independence period. The project is ongoing. Details will be available later and posted on the ASP website.

Library Acquisition

The University of Michigan Library made another landmark acquisition in 1998, when it purchased the personal

library of Krikor Abaciyian (1924-1989), longtime Head of Library and Archives of the Armenian Patriarchate in Istanbul. His collection of around 4,700 items consisted mainly of Armenian-language books, periodicals, and newspapers ranging in date from the eighteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries. The collection included literary, historical, religious, and art works, published in places as varied as Istanbul, Sofia, Venice, Vienna, Paris, New York, Boston, and Fresno documenting the rich intellectual and spiritual life of the Armenian Diaspora.

Documents

The ASP has acquired a full set of "Hayastan," the main publication of the "Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia," a group active in the 1970s and 1980s. The issues of the journal will be digitized and made available to researchers.

Past Conferences and Workshops

"**The Seventh Quadrennial Conference on Armenian Linguistics in conjunction with the First International Conference on Modern Western Armenian**" was held October 2 – 5, 2003. ASP sponsored the conference.

An international conference entitled "**Where the Only-Begotten Descended: The Armenian Church in History**" was held April 1 – 4, 2004, organized by Prof. Kevork Bardakjian and the ASP. The conference was organized in conjunction with the 1700th Anniversary of the adoption of Christianity by Armenia.

An international conference entitled "**Armenia and the South Caucasus: Foreign Policy Challenges**" was held October 21 – 23, 2004, organized by Professor Gerard Libaridian and the ASP.

The Columbia University Armenian Center and the Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, held a joint conference entitled "**State-Building and Policy Making in an Independent Armenia: 1991 – 2006**" March 11, 2006 at Columbia University.

The Armenian Studies Program co-sponsored an international conference in Lviv, Ukraine, May 29-30, 2008, that focused on some of the fundamental aspects of Armenian-Ukrainian cultural and historical relations in the past millennium. Professor **Kevork Bardakjian** was one of the conveners of the conference.



Upcoming International Conferences and Workshops

Workshop on the "State of Armenian Studies" (Sept. 18-21, 2008)

The ASP has initiated a two-year project on "The State of Armenian Studies" that will result in a report on the subject in cooperation with the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, the Society for Armenian Studies, the Armenian Research Center of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, the International Association of Armenian Studies (Europe), the Society of Armenian Studies (Europe), and the Academy of Sciences, Yerevan State University and the Matenadaran in Armenia. The first meeting will be held in September 2008 in Ann Arbor. Details will be released on the ASP website and in the next issue of the newsletter.

The Apocalyptic Tradition

ASP will be hosting an international conference, Prof. Kevork Bardakjian main convener, on the apocalyptic tradition in Armenian history and culture, October 16-18, 2008. The program of the conference and other details will be posted on the ASP website as soon as the program is finalized.

Armenia and Armenians in International Treaties

This conference, March 19-21, 2009, will highlight the diplomatic history of Armenia and Armenians, from the earliest times to the present, and will be webcast live. The program will be posted on the ASP website as soon as available. Prof. Gerard Libaridian is the main convener of this meeting.

Graduate Studies Workshop

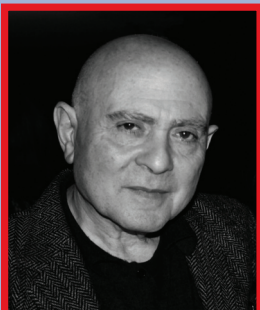
The second Graduate Studies Workshop will meet in April (16-18). Prof. Kevork Bardakjian will be the main convener. The workshop will focus on issues related to literature.

Haidostian Distinguished Lecturers

Vartan Gregorian, President of Carnegie Corporation of New York, delivered the 2004 Haidostian Lecture on March 4, reflecting on his book "The Road Home: My Life & Times."

John Marshall Evans, former United States ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, delivered the 2007 Haidostian lecture on April 17 on the topic "Armenia: Challenges Past, Present, and Future."

Gerard Chaliand, world renown author and journalist, will deliver the 2009 Haidostian lecture on January 14, 2009.



Visiting Scholars

Halil Berktaý, Associate Professor of History, and also Program Coordinator for both History and Turkish Studies, at Sabanci University (Istanbul, Turkey), was ASP Visiting Scholar during Winter 07 and taught a mini-course on Turkish nationalism in the department of Near Eastern Studies. Professor Berktaý's research interests include the initial construction of Turkish national memory in the early 20th century; the role of ethnic cleansings, atrocities and genocides in revolutions and nation-building; the construction of national forgetting, self-exoneration or denial (with special emphasis on the Armenian Genocide of 1915). His publications include three books, two edited books, plus numerous articles (including some in English, German and Hungarian as well as many in Turkish).



Hans-Lukas Kieser, a Swiss historian specializing in the late Ottoman period, was designated the first Manoogian Simone Foundation Visiting Scholar.



Dr. Kieser, on the faculty of the University of Zurich, joined the History Department faculty at the University

of Michigan in Winter 2008 during which time he taught two mini courses " 'Missionary' America and the Near East (19th-20th century)" and "Turkish and Kurdish Nationalisms, Late 19th and 20th Centuries."

Professor Kieser is the author of "A Quest for Belonging. Anatolia beyond Empire and Nation (19th-21st centuries)," to be released soon, as well as three other volumes and numerous articles dealing with Anatolia, Turkish-Armenian relations and Western-Ottoman relations. He has lectured widely and conducted many workshops throughout Europe. Dr. Kieser is considered one of the most respected scholars whose research focuses on this difficult period. Dr. Kieser's doctoral dissertation (University of Basel, in German) was titled "Mission, Ethnos and State in the Eastern Ottoman Provinces (1839-1923)."

Arus Harutyunyan will be joining the Political Science Department during Winter 2008 as a Manoogian Simone Foundation Visiting Scholar. Her dissertation, titled "Contesting National Identities in an Ethnically Homogeneous State: The Case of Armenian Democratization," from

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Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellows

Dr. Joanne Laycock, University of Manchester, England, was designated the first Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow, and joined our program during the Winter 2008 semester.



Dr. Laycock's research in recent years has covered the British Armenophile movement and the British response to the Armenian Genocide, Armenian refugee relief post WWI, and also British travel literature on Armenia. She has highlighted Soviet Armenian History, especially with regards to the repatriation to Armenia and homeland-Diaspora relations. Dr. Joanne Laycock's doctoral dissertation was titled: "Anglo-French Scholarship on Armenians in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries and the Response to the Armenian Genocide" (2000-2001), University of Manchester, School of Arts, Histories and Cultures. Dr. Laycock is the author of numerous articles.

Dr. Joanne Laycock's research while in Ann Arbor addressed the cultural history of population displacement in modern Armenia, with particular reference to constructions of 'home/land.' Her work will highlight the various locations and contingent nature of 'homeland,' the complex experience of multiple displacements and return journeys and the centrality of landscape and material culture in articulating relations between homeland and diaspora.

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Western Michigan University examined the under-explored relations between contesting national identities, political trust, perceptions of basic fairness and democratic attitudes in Armenia over a period of thirteen years (1993-2006). Dr. Arus Harutyunyan's research includes national and ethnic identity, political trust, democratic theory, state-society relations, citizenship and transnational politics.

Dr. Jasmine Dum-Tragut, an Austrian scholar who specializes in Linguistics and Armenian Studies, has been designated as a Manoogian Simone Foundation Visiting Scholar.

Dr. Dum-Tragut, on the faculty of the University of Salzburg, will join the U-M Near Eastern Studies Department faculty in Winter 2009 during which time she will teach one mini course on Armenia today – linguistic, cultural, ethnic, and religious dimensions.

Professor Dum-Tragut has published more than 40 papers and 11 monographs referring to Armenian Studies and General Linguistics, she has organized 7 armenological conferences and has given more than 80 armenological lectures in many countries. Dr. Dum-Tragut's doctoral dissertation (University of Graz) was titled "The Importance of Armenian Language as Identity Factor for Austrian Armenians." In Linguistics, her research focuses on linguistic minority groups, endangered languages, ethnolinguistics and (foreign) language teaching research. In Armenian studies, she concentrates on studies on Modern minorities in Armenia (Assyrians) and language policy.

Dr. Sebouh Aslanian, Columbia University, has been designated as one of the Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellows for the 2008-2009 academic year.



Dr. Aslanian defended his dissertation, titled "From the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean: Circulation and the Global Trade Networks of Armenian Merchants from New Julfa, Isfahan, 1605 to 1747," at Columbia University; his thesis received the Best Dissertation Award of his department.

During his tenure with the Armenian Studies Program and Department of History at the University of Michigan, Dr. Aslanian plans to revise and complete a book manuscript of nine chapters, which is based on his dissertation.

During the Fall 08 semester, Dr. Aslanian will be teaching a course entitled, "The Indian Ocean in World History," with a focus on the role of merchant groups such as the Julfan Armenians, Maghribi Jews, and later a variety of other ethnic communities.

In addition to teaching one course per semester, Dr. Aslanian will deliver a number of lectures to the University and larger communities during his stay, September through April 2009. Dr. Aslanian is the author of a number of articles published in scholarly journals and his book manuscript is planned for publication by the University of California Press.

Dr. Fuat Dundar, EHESS-Paris, has been designated as the second Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellows for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Originally from Turkey, Dr. Fuat Dundar completed his dissertation entitled "L'ingénierie Ethnique du Comité Union

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Lectures and Colloquia

2003

Muge Gocek, Associate Professor of Sociology and Associate Professor of Women's Studies, delivered a public lecture on "Silences of History, History of Silences: The Armenian Massacres of 1915," January 17, 2003. This was a Brown Bag Lecture hosted by the Sociology Department at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2004

Gerard Libaridian, Department of History, delivered a public lecture on "The Caucasus in Crisis: Conflicts & Confrontations in Armenia," February 11, 2004. The event was co-sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies, which is associated with the International Institute at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Dr. Aram Yengoyan, Professor of Anthropology at the University of California-Davis, delivered a public lecture on "Print Culture and the Question of Small Nationalisms," October 8, 2004.

On October 29, 2004, **Peter Balakian**, Armenian-American poet and writer, read from his new work entitled "The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide & America's Response."

2006

Levon Avdoyan, Armenian Area Specialist at the Library of Congress, delivered a public lecture on "The Secular and the Christian: Armenia in the Fourth Century," October 19, 2006.

Vladimer Papava, former Minister of Economy of the Republic of Georgia (1994-2000), discussed some troubling aspects of post Soviet economies as part of the U-M Armenian Studies Program's goal to understand contemporary Armenia in the context of regional developments on February 2, 2006.



2006

Dr. Hrant Bagratyan, Armenian Prime Minister (1993-1996) delivered a public lecture, titled "Adapting to New Economic Values: Armenia in Transition," March 13, 2006



2007

A symposium entitled "The Life, Death, and Vision of an Armenian in Turkey: A Tribute to Hrant Dink" was held February 6, 2007.

Murat Belge, Turkish intellectual, translator, and scholar delivered a public lecture on "The Armenian Massacre as Reflected in Turkish Literature" February 9, 2007.

A panel discussion entitled "Armenian Identity: Past, Present, Future" was held March 30, 2007 with the participation of two scholars who had recently authored books on the subject, **Professor Levon Abrahamian** of Yerevan and **Dr. Razmik Panossian** of Montreal.

David Soumbadze, former Georgian diplomat, delivered a public lecture entitled "The Role of Outside Powers in Georgia's Conflicts," on October 1, 2007.

A faculty/graduate student colloquium titled "A Georgian View of Caspian Energy Issues," was held with **David Soumbadze** as the primary speaker on October 2, 2007. Mr. Soumbadze's presentations were part of "Conflict and Diplomacy in the Caucasus," a course taught by Prof. Libaridian.

Elin Suleymanov, Consul-General of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles, delivered a public lecture on "Regional Conflicts in the South Caucasus: The Azerbaijani Perspective" November 12, 2007. The event was co-sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies, the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, and the Center for European Studies; all associated with the International Institute at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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Post-Doctorals *(continued from page 7)*

et Progrès et la Turcisation de l'Anatolie (1913-1918)" from EHESS-Paris. His dissertation was recently published in Turkish by Iletisim Press in Istanbul. He is now preparing an English edition of his work.

His research while in Ann Arbor will address "Powers and Ethno-Statistics: Population Censuses as an Arena of Ethno Political Conflict from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic." The basic historical source for this study will be Ottoman and Turkish archival materials and statistical figures so that the instrumentalization of statistical data by the political power in the course of ethnic problems can be revealed.

Dr. Dundar will teach a course in his area of specialization in the Department of History during Winter 09 and will deliver a number of lectures to the University and larger communities during his stay, from September through April 2009.

2007

A faculty/graduate student colloquium entitled “Azerbaijan and Energy Politics in the Region,” was held with **Elin Suleymanov** as the primary speaker on November 13, 2007. Mr. Suleymanov’s presentations were part of “Conflict and Diplomacy in the Caucasus,” a course taught by Prof. Libaridian.

Leila Alieva, Azerbaijani scholar, delivered a lecture on “South Caucasus Integration in NATO/EU,” December 3, 2007. The event was co-sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies, the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, and the Center for European Studies; all associated with the International Institute at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

A colloquium entitled “State Building in Azerbaijan in Pre-Soviet, Soviet, and Post Soviet Periods as it Relates to Oil” was held with **Leila Alieva** as the primary speaker on December 4, 2007. Dr. Alieva’s presentations were part of “Conflict and Diplomacy in the Caucasus,” a course taught by Prof. Libaridian.

Hans-Lukas Kieser, Professor at Zurich University and Manoogian Simone Foundation Visiting Scholar, delivered a lecture on “Thinking ‘New Turkey’ in Geneva: Revolutionary Diaspora Groups around 1908,” January 24, 2008. The event was co-sponsored by Turkish Studies Colloquium.



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ment in a city and country, which many of them consider their real homeland. Yet Georgia has managed, despite civil war and ethnic conflict, to emerge as the most promising democracy in Caucasia and an ally of the United States.

There are plans to publish many of the papers in a volume edited by the principal organizer of the conference, Ronald Grigor Suny, and his friend and colleague, historian of Georgia Oliver Reisner, currently working with the European Commission in Georgia. Suny is the author of *The Making of the Georgian Nation* (Indiana University Press, 1994), and Reisner’s major publication is *Die Schule der Georgischen Nation* [The School of the Georgian Nation] (Wi-

esbaden, 2004). Among other presenters at the conference were: Stephen Rapp of Georgia State University (Atlanta), Armen Kazaryan (State Institute for Art Study, Moscow), Tamila Mgaloblishvili (Center for Exploration of Georgian Antiquities, Tbilisi), and Dean Sakel (Bogazici University, Istanbul), Hirotake Maeda (Hokaido University), Paul Manning (Trent University), David Khoshtaria and Mzia Chikhrade (art historians from Tbilisi), Medea Badashvili (Tbilisi), Paul Crego (Library of Congress), Silvia Serrano (Paris), Kevin Tuite (Montreal), Trhornike Gordadze (Paris, Baku), Mariam Chkhartishvili and Alexandre Kukianidze (Tbilisi State University), Tamara Vardanyan (Yerevan, Armenia), Harsha Ram (Berkeley),

Clinton Buhler (Ohio State), Jeremy Smith (Birmingham University, UK), Stephen Jones (Mount Holyoke), Vicken Cheterian (Geneva), Jonathan Kulick (Tbilisi), David Soumbadze (Washington, DC), and Sergei Markedonov (Moscow).

Georgian culture was vividly represented by Nino Tsitsishvili (Monash University), Soso Jordania (University of Melbourne), and Alan Gasser (Toronto), who sang traditional folk songs at two of the dinners that tried valiantly to emulate a Georgian supra.

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Hans-Lukas Kieser delivered a lecture on “Talat Pasha (1874 – 1921) and the Armenians: A Biographical Approach,” March 12, 2008.

Hans-Lukas Kieser delivered a lecture on “Jakob Künzler and the Armenians,” March 15, 2008. The event was co-sponsored by the Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn and was held in Southfield, Michigan.

Donald Bloxham, Professor at the University of Edinburgh and Senior Scholar-in-Residence at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, delivered a public lecture on “Organization of Genocide,” March 19, 2008. The event was co-sponsored by the Frankel Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Michigan.

Joanne Laycock, Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow, delivered a lecture on “‘Awfully Interesting and Wonderfully Primitive’: British Responses to the Armenian Refugee Crisis 1918 – 1925,” April 3, 2008. The event was co-sponsored with the Center for Russian and East European Studies.

Joanne Laycock delivered a lecture on “British Encounters with Armenia in the 19th Century,” April 7, 2008. The event was co-sponsored by the Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn and held in Southfield, Michigan.

The Annual Holocaust and Armenian Genocide Commemoration was held May 2, 2008. This event was co-sponsored by the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University; the Armenian Research Center of the University’s Dearborn campus; and the Voice Vision Survivor Oral History Archive at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Graduate Fellowships in Armenian Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is pleased to announce the availability of two year full fellowships in Armenian studies beginning in the academic year 2009-2010 for students admitted in the Ph.D. Programs in the departments listed below:

Department of History (application deadline: December 1, 2008)
 Department of Near Eastern Studies (deadline: December 14, 2008)
 Department of Sociology (deadline: December 15, 2008)
 Department of Anthropology (deadline: January 2, 2009)
 Department of Political Science (deadline: December 15, 2008)

or in the Masters Program of either of the following centers:

Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies (CMENAS):
 (deadline: January 15, 2009)
 Center for Russian and East European Studies (CREES):
 (deadline: February 1, 2009)

Candidates must first apply to and be accepted in any of the departments or Centers listed above. Applications for graduate studies for all above departments and centers at the University of Michigan are submitted through the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies. They must be submitted online at the website of Rackham Graduate School, www.rackham.umich.edu.

Nominations of students whose interests fall within the purview of Armenian studies for the Manoogian Simone Foundation fellowships are made by the relevant Departments and Centers. The final selection of Manoogian Simone Foundation Graduate Fellows will be made by the Armenian Studies Program Executive Committee upon the recommendation of these Departments and Centers.

The thrust of the research interests of candidates for these graduate fellowships must be in Armenian studies.

Questions regarding applications should be addressed to the above Departments and Centers. Questions regarding Manoogian Simone Foundation fellowships can be addressed to Ms. Gloria Caudill, Armenian Studies Program Administrator, by email: gcaudill@umich.edu or telephone (734) 763-0622.

These fellowships have been made possible by a generous gift from the Manoogian Simone Foundation.



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Armenia-Gender, Language, and Literacy.”
Kari Neely (PhD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2007, currently Lecturer at Middle Tennessee State University), Each session was preceded by a short discussion of the general theme by a senior scholar and followed by a detailed discussion of the presentations.

Professors **Khachig Tololyan** (Wesleyan University) and **Houri Berberian** (California State University, Long Beach) joined the five resident scholars at the University of Michigan and associated with the Armenian Studies program (**Kathryn Babayan**, **Kevork Bardakjian**, **Gerard Libaridian** and **Ronald Suny**, Ann Arbor campus, and **Ara Sanjian**, Dearborn campus) to assist in the workshop.

At the end of the workshop the participants paid a visit to the Armenian Research Center of the University's Dearborn campus to get acquainted with its facilities and resources.

“We are hoping this will be an annual event” said Professor Libaridian, “with a new theme and new participants every year.”

The workshop is supported by the recent gift to the program made by the Manoogian Simone Foundation.

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Visiting Scholar Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan is pleased to invite applications for the position of Manoogian Simone Foundation Visiting Scholar for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The Visiting Scholar Program aims to enrich the Armenian Studies and University wide curriculum. Regular faculty associated with the Program offer courses in Armenian history, language, culture and literature. The Visiting Scholar position is open to faculty who will teach two courses in disciplines such as art history, sociology, anthropology, and political science for one semester.

To apply for the position, candidates (Ph.D. completed) should forward the following documents by October 15, 2008:

- a) Curriculum Vitae
- b) Sample of writing/publication
- c) Proposals for courses the candidate may offer.

Applications and inquiries should be addressed to:

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Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Armenian Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is pleased to announce a limited number of Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowships for the academic year 2009/2010.

These Post-doctoral Fellowships will be awarded for one semester or the full academic year to graduates who have completed their dissertations in the social sciences or humanities within the last two years and whose dissertations and research interests are closely related to Armenian studies.

The purpose of the post-doctoral fellowships is to provide an opportunity to recent graduates to undertake research and writing aimed at the publication of a book or articles relevant to Armenian studies. Post-doctoral fellows would also be asked to teach one course per semester and participate in the activities of the Armenian Studies Program during their tenure.

Applications (CV, copy of dissertation, statement regarding proposed research, and proposals for the course or courses the applicant will be asked to teach) should be forwarded directly to:

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Applications must be received by February 28, 2009. Applicants will be notified in early April.

Questions can be addressed to Ms. Gloria Caudill, Armenian Studies Program Administrator, by email (gcaudill@umich.edu) or telephone (734) 763-0622.

CALL FOR PAPERS: International Conference on “Armenia and Armenians in International Treaties”

The Armenian Studies Program (ASP) at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will be convening an international conference on the theme “Armenia and Armenians in International Treaties.” The conference will be held on the campus of the University of Michigan, March 18-21, 2009.

International treaties represent critical moments in the history of Armenia and of the Armenian people that had serious implications for their status and future as well as that of neighboring peoples and countries. International treaties also constitute the linchpin of diplomatic history, an aspect of Armenian history that has been neglected. The purpose of the conference is to determine patterns and processes which might shed light on the challenges faced by Armenia and Armenians in their long history.

For the purposes of this conference the term “treaties” will include also international agreements such as the one between the Armenian merchants of India and the British East India Company in 1688 or the May 1896 agreement regarding the Eastern provinces of the Ottoman Empire.

Scholars interested in the subject of Armenian diplomatic history from earliest times to the present are invited to submit abstracts for their proposed papers on the theme to Ms. Gloria Caudill, ASP

Administrator, (gcaudill@umich.edu) by Friday, October 3, 2008. ASP will notify scholars regarding the acceptance of their proposal by the end of October, 2008. Final papers should be submitted two weeks before the conference, by February 18, 2009. The papers will be made available to all participants in order to limit presentations during the conference to 20 minutes per participant and provide time for discussion during panels.

The conference will begin with a reception on the evening of Wednesday, March 18, followed by three full days of panels. The conference will be webcast live internationally. Professor Gerard Libaridian is the main convener of the conference.

The language of the conference will be English, although presentations in Armenian as well as in French, Russian and Spanish will be accepted as long as the presenter can provide an English translation of the paper two weeks before the conference.

ASP will cover all expenses related to travel, lodging and meals for participants.

For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Caudill at the ASP office:
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