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EDUCATION AND CURRENT POSITION

B.A. in History, Haigazian College (now University), Beirut Lebanon, 1973.

Graduate studies in Sociology, American University of Beirut, 1973-76.

M.A. in History, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, 1979.

Ph.D. in History, University of California, Los Angeles, 1996.

Professor and Director, Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Northridge.

AWARDS

“Volunteer Service Award” on behalf of the Alumni and Friends of the Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Northridge (CSUN), November 15, 2017.

“Alumni Relations Award,” in recognition of the development of successful collaborative relationship with University alumni, CSUN, May 4, 2017.

“Franz Werfel Medal,” from the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, Yerevan, in recognition of contribution to the study of the Armenians of Musa Dagh and donations of objects and printed matter, 2015.

“Plaque of Appreciation” from the Southern California Tri-Lodge Council of the Nights of Vartan for distinguished service and leadership in the Field of Education, February 12, 2012.

“Certificate of Recognition” from the California State Assembly, February 12, 2012. It reads: “Congratulations for your longstanding service to the community and to Education throughout Southern California. Your leadership and dedication to improve conditions and opportunities for future generations and students is commendable.”

“William Saroyan Medal” from the Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia, for lifelong dedication to the dissemination and preservation of Armenian Culture in the Diaspora, August 22, 2010.

“Plaque of Appreciation” from the Mousa Ler/Musa Dagh Association of California “for the love and work” demonstrated vis-à-vis “his [Musa Dagh] people,” December 16, 2006.

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, *Journal of Genocide Studies* Editorial Board, Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, Yerevan, Armenia.

Member, Board of Trustees, Haigazian University, Beirut, Lebanon.

Member, Western Armenian Language Revitalization Committee, organized by the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church, La Crescent, CA.

Member, Society for Armenian Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Armenians of Musa Dagh: From Obscurity to Genocide Resistance and Fame, 1840-1915. Forthcoming.

The Musa Dagh Armenians: A Socioeconomic and Cultural History, 1919-1939. Beirut: Haigazian University Press, 2015.

Book Endorsements

Pattie, Susan Paul. *The Armenian Legionnaires: Sacrifice and Betrayal in World War I.* London and New York: I.B. Tauris, 2018.

Tachjian, Vahé. *Daily Life in the Abyss: Genocide Diaries 1915-1918.* New York: Berghahn Books, 2017.

Book Introduction

Wrote the introduction to the Latvian translation of Franz Werfel's *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh* to be launched in April 2020 in Riga, Latvia.

Articles

“Armenian Genocide Survivors in Palestine and Transjordan at the End of World War I,” in Antranik Dakessian, editor, *Armenians of Jordan.* Beirut: Haigazian University Press, forthcoming. This is a reprint of an article published in the 2012 issue of the *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* (see below).

“Musa Dagh during the Armenian Massacres of 1909 in Ottoman Northwestern Syria,” in Antranik Dakessian, editor, *Armenians of Syria: Proceedings of the Conference (24-27 May 2015).* Beirut: Haigazian University Press, 2018. Pp. 87-115.

“The Armenian Religious Communities in Anjar (1939-1944),” in Christine Babikian Assaf, Carla Eddé, Lévon Nordiguan, and Vahé Tachjian, editors, *Les Arméniens du Liban: Cent ans de présence*. Beirut: Presses de l’Université Saint-Joseph, 2017. Pp. 125-142.

“The Settlement of Musa Dagh Armenians in Anjar, Lebanon (1939-1941), in Antranik Dakessian, editor, *Armenians of Lebanon (II): Proceedings of the Conference (14-16 May 2014)*. Beirut: Haigazian University Press, 2017. Pp.129-152.

“Armenian Musa Dagh in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century,” in Richard G. Hovannisian, editor, *Armenian Communities of the Northeastern Mediterranean: Musa Dagh—Dört-Yol—Kessab*. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publishers, Inc., 2016. Pp. 79-121.

“Vakef Köy of Musa Dagh: The Sole Armenian Village Remaining in Turkey,” in Richard G. Hovannisian, editor, *Armenian Communities of the Northeastern Mediterranean: Musa Dagh—Dört-Yol—Kessab*. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publishers, Inc., 2016. Pp. 287-304.

“The Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide,” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 35 (2015): 137-184.

“The Economy of Armenian Musa Dagh in the 19th and Early 20th Century,” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 34 (2014): 97-125.

“Humanitarian Intervention by the Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo during the First Months of the Genocide,” *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 22 (2013): 127-146.

“Armenian Genocide Survivors in the Holy Land at the End of World War I,” *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 21 (2012): 227-247.

“The Experience of Musa Dagh Armenian Immigrants in the United States during the 1910s-1940s,” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 31 (2011): 195-226.

“The Socioeconomic Life of Musa Dagh Armenian Migrants in the Middle East during the 1920s-1930s,” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 30 (2010): 205-230.

“The Industries in Armenian Musa Dagh during the 1920s-1930s,” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 29 (2009): 103-126.

“Armenian Musa Dagh as a Summer Resort in the Sanjak of Alexandretta during the 1920s-1930s,” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 28 (2008): 209-232.

“Literature, Film, and Genocide Denial: The Case of Franz Werfel’s *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*,” in Barlow Der Mugardechian, editor, *Between Paris and Fresno: Armenian Studies in Honor of Dickran Kouymjian*. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Press, 2008. Pp. 549-571.

“The Repatriation of Armenian Refugees from the Arab Middle East, 1918-1920” in Richard G. Hovannisian and Simon Payaslian, eds., *Armenian Cilicia*. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Press, 2008. Pp. 419-456.

“The Reclamation of Captive Armenian Genocide Survivors in Syria and Lebanon at the End of World War I,” *Journal for the Society for Armenian Studies* 15 (2006): 83-110.

“The Press of Armenian Genocide Survivors in Syria (1916-1919,” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 24 (2004): 211-233.

“The League of Nations and the Reclamation of Armenian Genocide Survivors,” in Richard G. Hovannisian, ed., *Looking Backward, Moving Forward: Confronting the Armenian Genocide*. New Brunswick and London: Transaction Publishers, 2003. Pp. 81-112.

“The Exodus of Armenian Remnants from the Interior Provinces of Turkey, 1922-1930,” in Richard G. Hovannisian, ed., *Armenian Tsopk/Kharpert*. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publishers, Inc., 2002. Pp. 389-413.

“The Sasun *Pandukhts* [Migrant Workers] in Nineteenth-Century Aleppo,” in Richard G. Hovannisian, ed., *Armenian Baghesh/Bitlis and Taron/Mush*. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publishers, Inc., 2001. Pp. 175-189.

“The Evolution of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in Musa Dagh, 1840-1914,” *Haigazian Armenological Review*, 16 (1996): 213-231.

INTERVIEWS

Live interview by Horizon TV in Los Angeles on April 24, 2019. Topics covered: the Genocide taught in Armenian classes at CSUN, recent archival discoveries and publications, and persistent Turkish denialism.

Interview by the Ministry of the Diaspora, Republic of Armenia, on the Armenian Studies Program at CSUN, posted in November on the Ministry’s “Hayern Aysor” (The Armenians Today), website in October 2018 and reprinted in *Asbarez* (Arena) newspaper of Los Angeles on October 25, 2018.

Interview by and in the November 24-25, 2017 issue of *Asbarez*, the widest circulating Armenian newspaper in the US, regarding the May 5-6, 2018 international conference of the centennial of the First Republic of Armenia.

Five interviews by TV and radio programs in Yerevan, Armenia, in April 2015.

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, ETC.

“Cyprus as a Main Anchor for the Entry of Armenian Revolutionaries into Mainland Ottoman Empire during the 1890s and 1900s,” Conference on Armenians of Greece and Cyprus, 2019, May 30-31.

Gave an invited lecture on the Armenians of Aleppo from 1860-1920, organized by the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Association of Orange County, Santa Ana, CA, April 28, 2019.

Made a PowerPoint presentation on the establishment, development, and challenges of the Armenian rural town of Anjar, Lebanon, organized by the Analysis Research & Planning for Armenia (ARPA), Sherman Oaks, CA, April 18, 2019.

Co-organized with Haigazian University of Beirut a presentation of attorney Roupen Avsharian’s two-volume book, *On the Record: Armenian Deputies in the Lebanese Parliaments* (Beirut: Haigazian University Press, 2017). The event took place under the high patronage of Ms. Mirna Khawly, Consul General of Lebanon in Los Angeles, Glendale Public Library, Glendale CA, April 11, 2019.

Participated in “Armenian Studies: Current Challenges and Future Prospects” workshop of chairs and directors of Armenian Studies in the US, UC Irvine, CA, September 29, 2018.

“Armenian Culture,” lecture to BUS 296HAD Cultural Competence in Business class, Bookstein Hall, Room 1119, CSUN, September 27, 2018.

“The Establishment of the Armenian Refugee Camp of Port Said, Egypt in 1915,” international conference on the Armenians of Egypt, organized by the Armenian Diaspora Center, Haigazian University, Beirut, May 29, 2018.

Keynote speech, 58th Commencement Exercises, Haigazian University, Beirut, May 26, 2018.

Organized, in collaboration with the Armenian Language Revitalization Committee of the Western Prelacy, a public lecture by Prof. Ana Sanchez-Munoz of CSUN on “The Benefits of Bilingualism,” Glendale Central Library, Glendale, CA, May 7, 2018.

Co-organized, co-sponsored, hosted, and chaired a panel at a conference on “Armenian Statehood Reborn: Achievements and Reflections,” in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Establishment of the First Republic of Armenia (1918), CSUN, May 5-6, 2018.

Co-sponsored a conference on “Celebration of 400 Years of Armenian-American Heritage 1618-2018,” organized by the Ararat-Eskijian Museum, George Deukmejian Community Center of Ararat Home, Mission Hills, CA, March 16-17, 2018.

Organized a lecture by Dr. Hayk Demoyan, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, Yerevan, on “multiple Identities and Memories of the Armenian World,” CSUN, March 15, 2018.

Sponsored and hosted Board of Regents of Prelacy Armenian Schools Annual Professional Day, October 28, 2017; January 23, 2016;

Organized panel discussion on “Testimonies of Turkish Christian about Their Experiences in Turkey and Acknowledgement of the Armenian Genocide, CSUN, October 4, 2017.

“The Rescue, Rehabilitation and Fate of Captive Armenian Genocide Survivors in Syria from the End of World War I to the Present,” Armenian Apostolic Church of Crescenta Valley, La Crescenta, CA, September 17, 2017.

“On the Trail of Musa Dagh History: An Archival Odyssey,” Institute of Oriental Studies, National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Armenia, Yerevan, June 12, 2017

“The Repatriation of Armenian Refugees from Iraq to Soviet Armenia during 1921-1922,” international conference on the Armenians of Iraq, organized by the Armenian Diaspora Research Center of Haigazian University, Beirut, May 29-31, 2017.

Co-organized and co-moderated conference on “Hadjin: Remembering a Historic Armenian Community in Cilicia,” Ararat-Eskijian Museum/George Deukmejian Community Center, Mission Hills, CA, February 11, 2017.

“Resistance: *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*,” The Genocide Education Project, Glendale Unified School District Workshop on Armenian Genocide Instruction, January 18, 2017

Panelist, private premiere screening of “Crows of the Desert” documentary on the Armenian Genocide, organized by the AGBU Western District, Woodbury University, Burbank, CA, October 23, 2016.

“The Armenian Genocide,” Armenian Genocide and Holocaust Remembrance Day, organized by the San Fernando Valley Field Office for US Citizenship and Immigration, US Department of Homeland Security, Chatsworth, CA, April 28, 2016.

Keynote speech, 101st Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, organized by the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee, First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA, April 23, 2016.

“The Armenian Genocide: Causes, Processes, Consequences,” English 495RM: The Rhetoric of Memory, The English Reading Room: JR 319, CSUN, April 21, 2016.

Keynote speech, Armenian Genocide Commemoration 101st Anniversary, organized by the North Valley ARF “Arshavir Shiragian” Chapter PR Committee, North Valley Armenian Community Center, Granada Hills, CA, April 20, 2016.

Keynote speech, “Challenges of and Methods for Armenian Language Revitalization,” Board of Regents of Prelacy Armenian Schools Annual Professional Day, California State University, Northridge, January 23, 2016.

“On the Trail of My Musa Dagh Ancestry,” at the Ararat-Eskijian Museum—Sheen Chapel, Mission Hills, CA, November 15, 2015. Cosponsored by the Ararat-Eskijian Museum, Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute in Yerevan, Mousa Ler Association of California, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR), Organization of Istanbul Armenians.

“On the Trail of My Musa Dagh Ancestry,” California State University, Fresno.

Organized a daylong conference on “The Armenian Genocide: Accounting and Accountability,” the Grand Salon, CSUN, January 31, 2015.

“The Fate of Captive Armenian Genocide Survivors in Syria” in the above conference.

Co-organized with the Ararat-Eskijian Museum in Mission Hills, CA, and moderated the morning session of a daylong conference on “Armenian Art and Culture in the Ottoman Empire before 1915,” Sheen Chapel of the Museum, Mission Hills, CA, October 18, 2014.

Co-organized with the Armenian Language Revitalization Committee of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church a half-day conference on the Revitalization of Armenian, Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room, Oviatt Library, CSUN, Saturday, September 13, 2014.

“The Settlement of Musa Dagh Armenians in Anjar, Lebanon, 1939-1940,” in conference entitled “Armenians of Lebanon (II),” organized by the Armenian Diaspora Research Center (ADRC), Haigazian University, Beirut, May 14-16, 2014. My paper was read by the director of ADRC as I was unable to travel to Lebanon due to the finals at CSUN.

“The American Red Cross and Armenian Genocide Survivors in the Arab Near East, 1915-1919,” in conference entitled, “Honoring Those Who Helped Rescue A Generation of Armenian Survivors 1915-1930,” organized by the Ararat-Eskijian Museum, Mission Hills, California, at the Deukmejian Hall, March 22, 2014.

“The Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide, Franz Werfel’s Novel, *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*, and Their Impact to the Present,” in the 44th Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches entitled “Remembering for the Future: Armenia, Auschwitz and Beyond,” American Jewish University, Los Angeles, March 8-11, 2014.

“The Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide and Its Impact through Franz Werfel’s Historical Novel *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*,” the 2013 Ohanessian Chair Lecture, organized by the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the Center for Austrian Studies, and the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, October 17, 2013.

Organized a conference on “Resistance to the Armenian Genocide,” Grand Salon, CSUN, April 6, 2013.

“The Musa Dagh Resistance in the Armenian Genocide Denial Campaign,” in the above conference.

“The Exodus of Armenians from Musa Dagh to Anjar, Lebanon in 1939,” panel on “History and Community: The Armenians of Lebanon and Syria,” organized by the Society for Armenian Studies in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, November 19, 2012.

Chaired a panel on “The State of Art Today II: Armenian Book Collections at UCLA and Beyond,” in an international conference in honor of Professor Richard Hovannisian entitled “Port Cities and Printers: Five Centuries of Global Armenian Print,” organized by the Richard Hovannisian Endowed Chair of Modern Armenian History, UCLA, November 9-11, 2012.

“Absolute Monarchy: The Hnchakian Revolutionary Episode in Armenian Musa Dagh during the 1890s,” in conference dedicated to the 125th anniversary of the Social Democrat Hunchakian Party, organized by the Armenian Educational Benevolent Union (AEBU) and Nor Serount Cultural Association (NSCA), at Woodbury University, Burbank, CA, October 27, 2012.

“The Decision and Process of the Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide,” in the International Workshop 2012 titled “Resisting the Path to Genocide: Groups and Networks,” organized by the 2020 “Genocide Resistance” Research Cluster, USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, September 6-8, 2012.

“The Musa Dagh (Mountain of Moses) Resistance to the Armenian Genocide,” in the 1st International Conference on Genocide Studies in the Czech Republic entitled, “Mountains of Moses: Revolt, Resistance and Rescuing of the Victims of Mass Extermination in the 20th Century,” organized by the Archeology of Evil Research Center, at the Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, June 19-20, 2012.

“The Genesis of Franz Werfel’s *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*,” co-sponsored by the Alumni and Friends of the Armenian Studies Program, CSUN, the Mousa Ler Association of California, and Abril Bookstore, at the Glendale Public Library auditorium, Glendale, California, May 4, 2012.

“The Aintura Orphanage in Lebanon: A Case of Turkification during the Armenian Genocide,” organized by the Arshavir Shiragian ARF Committee, at the Armenian Community Center, Chatsworth, California, April 20, 2012.

“Reverberations of the Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide in the Contemporary International Press,” organized by the Nights and Daughters of Vartan, at the St. Peter’s Armenian Apostolic Church hall, Van Nuys, California, April 17, 2012.

“The State of the Art of Armenian Genocide Research and Future Needs,” a panel organized by the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR) and the Glendale Public

Library, at the Glendale Public Library, Glendale, California, June 14, 2011. The discussants were Prof. Richard G. Hovannisian, Prof. Taner Akçam, Marc A. Mamigonian, and myself. My topic was on “The Archives of the Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo on the Genocide.”

“The Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo during the Initial Phase of the Genocide,” organized by the Men’s Fellowship of the United Armenian Congregational Church (UACC), at the Church, Los Angeles, California, April 26, 2011.

“The Armenian Refugee Camp at Port Said, Egypt in 1915,” organized by the institute of Analysis Research & Planning for Armenia (ARPA), at the Merdinian School auditorium, April 14, 2011.

“The Musa Dagh Armenians from Obscurity to Immortality: Resistance to Genocide, International Recognition, and Beyond,” organized by the University of Southern California (USC) Institute of Armenian Studies in conjunction with the course POSC 499: Armenia and Armenians in World Politics, at the Von KleinSmid Center 101, March 7, 2011.

“The Experiences of Musa Dagh Armenian Immigrants in the United States, 1900-1950,” organized by NAASR and the Ararat-Eskijian Museum, at the Museum, Mission Hills, California, March 6, 2011.

“The Armenian Genocide: Causes, Processes, Consequences,” sponsored by the English Department, California State University, Northridge (CSUN), the English Reading Room: JR 319, November 3, 2010.

“The Musa Dagh-Anjar Anniversary Celebrations as a Means of Promoting and Preserving Armenian Culture,” organized by the Men’s Fellowship of the UACC, at the Church, Los Angeles, California, October 26, 2010.

“Humanitarian Intervention by the Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo during the First Months of the Genocide,” in a panel titled “The Armenian Genocide: Literary and Historical Perspectives, at the 3rd Annual Middle East Studies Conference, College of Humanities, Peters Building, California State University, Fresno, October 7-9, 2010.

Gave a live interview on Horizon TV about the 1915 Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide, Los Angeles, September 16, 2010.

Gave a live interview on “O” TV about the Armenian Studies Program at CSUN, Beirut, Lebanon, August 21, 2010.

“Historical and Archival Survey of Musa Dagh,” at 2nd Pan-Musa Dagh Armenian Conference, Anjar, Lebanon, August 20, 2010.

Organized an exhibit of 125 vintage photographs pertaining to the Armenians of Musa Dagh from extensive personal collection, Anjar, Lebanon, August 19-22, 2010.

“Humanitarian Intervention by the Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo during the First Months of the Genocide,” organized by the NAASR, at NAASR Center, Belmont, Massachusetts, May 20, 2010.

“The Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide According to Ottoman and Western Archival Sources.” Organized by the Armenian Patriarchate in Cairo, Egypt, Patriarchate Hall, July 3, 2009.

“The Rescue of Enslaved Armenian Women and Children in Syria.” Organized by the Knights of Vartan Ardaz Lodge, St. James Armenian Apostolic Church hall, Los Angeles, CA, April 26, 2009.

“The Rescue of Captive Armenian Genocide Survivors in Turkey, 1919-1921.” Society for Armenian Studies 35th Anniversary Conference titled “Armenian Studies at a Threshold,” UCLA, March 27, 2009.

Presented the state of the CSUN Armenian Studies Program during “The State of Armenian Studies Chairs and Programs in the United States” session of the above conference, March 28, 2009.

Moderated the morning session of a symposium titled “Armenian Genocide Recognition and Beyond,” organized by the Armenian Genocide United Commemorative Committee, St. Gregory Armenian Catholic Church Kouyoumjian Hall, Glendale, CA, March 14, 2009.

“The Musa Dagh resistance to the Armenian Genocide According to Ottoman, German and Other Archival Sources.” Co-sponsored by the A.R. Federation “Rosdom” Chapter Public Relations Committee and the Mousa Ler Association of California, Ferrahian School Avedissian Hall, Encino, CA, March 8, 2009.

“The Role of Karen Jeppe in the Rescue of Armenian Women and Children Enslaved in Syria during the Genocide.” Organized by the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society, “Baruyr Sevag” Chapter of San Fernando Valley, Holy Martyrs Armenian Ferrahian High School Dickranian Hall, Encino, December 4, 2008.

“The Rescue of Enslaved Armenian Women and Children in Syria at the End of the World War I Genocide.” Organized by the Ararat-Eskijian Museum and The National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Ararat-Eskijian Museum, Mission Hills, May 4, 2008.

Book presentation of Shahen Derderian’s *Death March: An Armenian Survivor’s Memoir of the Genocide of 1915*, Genocide Library, vol. 3 (Studio City, CA: H. and K. Manjikian Publications, 2008), Organized by the Kessab Educational Association and the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society, “Baruyr Sevag” Chapter, Kessab Cultural Center, Reseda, April 6, 2008.

“Musa Dagh in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century,” in The Armenian Communities of the Northeastern Mediterranean, UCLA International Conference Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces, UCLA, March 1, 2008.

“The Sole Armenian Village Left in Turkey: Vakef of Musa Dagh (Samandagh) since 1939,” 2nd lecture at above UCLA conference.

“The Repatriation of Armenian Refugees from Iraq to Soviet Armenia, 1921-22,” in a panel titled “Soviet Armenia and the Armenian Question: Homeland-Diaspora Relations, Repatriation, and Irredentism,” joint session of American Historical Association and Society for Armenian Studies, 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2008.

“The Rescue of Enslaved Armenian Women and Children in Syria at the End of the WWI Genocide.” Organized by the Hye Couples Committee of the Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church, Pasadena, October 26, 2007.

“The Armenian Prelacy of Aleppo during the First Months of the Genocide.” Organized by the Outreach Committee of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of North America, St. Mary’s Church, Glendale, May 2, 2007.

“An Analysis of Prof. Richard G. Hovannisian’s Book Series on Historic Armenian Provinces and Cities.” Organized by the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America in honor of Prof. Hovannisian, Burbank, February 16, 2007.

“The Armenian Refugee Camp in Port Said, Egypt 1915-1919.” Exhibit and lecture organized by the Mousa Ler Association of California on the occasion of the centennial of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), Glendale Public Library, December 16, 2006.

“The Reclamation of Captive Armenian Genocide Survivors in Syria at the End of World War I.” In a symposium titled “New Research into Armenian-Turkish Relations (1908-1923),” organized/sponsored by the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, the Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, and the Armenian Studies Program, UC Berkeley, April 21, 2006.

“The Reclamation of Captive Armenian Women and Children in Syria at the End of the World War I Genocide.” Organized by the Armenian Student Association, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, Health Science Campus, April 20, 2006.

“Literature, Film, and Genocide Denial: The Case of Franz Werfel’s *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*.” Panel titled “Ninety Years: The Armenian Genocide in Literature, Memoir, and Film” and sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies within the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, to held in Washington D.C., November 19-22, 2005. (This was reported in my October 2005 PIF under the heading “Paper to Read”).

“Musa Dagh Genocide Resistance in Light of New Evidence.” Organized by the ARPA Institute and Moussa Ler Association of California, at the Merdinian School auditorium, Sherman Oaks, CA, September 29, 2005.

“Symbolism of the Musa Dagh Resistance to the Armenian Genocide and Future Prospects.” Keynote speech on the 90th Anniversary of the Musa Dagh resistance, at Camp AREV, Frazier Park, CA, September 18, 2005.

“Karen Jeppe and the Reclamation of Captive Armenian Women and Children in Syria after the Genocide.” Organized by the Hye Couples Committee of the Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church, Pasadena, CA, April 29, 2005.

“Literature, Film, and Genocide Denial: The Case of Franz Werfel’s *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*.” Organized by the Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee of Alpha Epsilon Omega, at UCLA, April 14, 2005.

“Genocide Survivors in the Holy Land, 1917-1919.” Armenian Jerusalem and Armenians in the Holy Land, UCLA International Conference Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces, November 6, 2004.

“Armenian Musa Dagh as a Summer Resort in the Sanjak of Alexandretta,” organized by the Hamazkayin Armenian Cultural Association, Anjar, Lebanon, August 18, 2001.

“The Repatriation of Armenian Refugees from the Arab Middle East to Cilicia and Western Turkey, 1918-1920,” in Armenian Cilicia, UCLA International Conference Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces, October 20-21, 2000.

“Primary Sources for the History of Armenian Musa Dagh,” organized by the Hamazkayin Armenian Cultural Association, Ainjar, Lebanon, July 21, 2000.

“The League of Nations and the Reclamation of Armenian Survivors,” in The Armenian Genocide and Historical Memory: Challenge of the Twenty-First Century conference, UCLA, April 8, 2000.

Keynote speech, Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration, organized by the Armenian Inter-Denominational Community Council of Fresno, California, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Social Hall, April 24, 2000.

“The Armenian Massacres of 1909 in Northwest Syria,” in conference on The Armenian Massacre of Adana (1909-1999): Ninety Years Later,” organized by the Armenian Studies at California State University, Fresno, California, and a host of other organizations, on Cal State Fresno campus, October 9, 1999.

Keynote speech, Armenian Martyrs Day Commemorative Service of the Armenian Evangelical Churches and Fellowships of Southern California, Los Angeles, at the United Armenian Congregational Church Avazian Hall, April 18, 1999.

“National-Political Awakening among the Armenians in Northwest Syria before 1915,” at the Armenian Community Center, Windsor, Canada, April 17, 1999.

“Musa Dagh: A Pocket of Resistance to the Armenian Genocide,” at the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit hall, Southfield, Michigan, April 16, 1999.

“The 1909 Armenian Massacres in Northwest Syria,” in conference on The Adana (Cilicia) Massacres, organized by the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, in cooperation with the Armenian Genocide Center, Detroit, University of Michigan Campus, Dearborn, April 14, 1999.

“Franz Werfel’s *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh* and MGM’s Aborted Film Project,” organized by the Men’s Fellowship at the United Armenian Congregational Church, Los Angeles, May 26, 1998.

“The Final Armenian Exodus from Kharpert,” in Kharpert/Tsopk UCLA International Conference Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces, May 16, 1998.

Keynote speech, “The Armenian Genocide in Curriculum,” during special Genocide commemorative Sunday service at Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church, Downey, California, April 26, 1998.

“The Continuation of Armenian Deportations in the Republic of Turkey, 1929-1930,” organized by the ARF Rosdom Chapter, Ferrahian Armenian School hall, Encino, California, April 23, 1998.

“The Sasun *Pandukhts* [Migrant Workers] in nineteenth-Century Aleppo,” in Taron/Moush and Baghesh/Bitlis UCLA International Conference Series on Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces, November 22, 1997.

Slide Presentation, Ethnic program on Armenian Musa Dagh, organized by the Hamazkayin Armenian Cultural Association, San Fernando Valley Chapter, at Ferrahian Armenian School, North Hills campus, May 31, 1996.

“The Armenian Villagers of Musa Dagh, 1840-1915,” organized by the Hamazkayin Armenian Cultural Association, Orange County chapter, and the A.G. Minassian Armenian School PTO, at Ghougassian Hall, Santa Ana, California, May 16, 1996.

“Armenian Musa Dagh, 1919-1939,” organized by the Moussa Ler Association of California, at the Garabedian Hall, Hollywood, February 21, 1992.

“The Rescue of Armenian Women and Children Victimized during the Genocide,” in The Role of Armenian Women in Modern History seminar, organized by the Armenian Relief Society (ARS) Educational Committee, at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, October 21, 1990.

Symposium: "Armenian Genocide Issues, 1915-1990." I organized and led this daylong symposium as Chair of the Armenology Department at the Armenian American International College (defunct), La Verne, California, held at Glendale Community College, March 31, 1990.

Panel: Modern Armenian Issues, Human Rights Day at Le Conte Junior High School, Los Angeles, February 2, 1990.

"Introduction to Armenian Musa Dagh," Armenian Genocide Commemorative Series, organized by the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF) Rosdom chapter, at Ferrahian Armenian School hall, Encino, California, April 19, 1989.

"Exodus of the Armenian Remnants from Anatolia into Syria, 1922-1924," in Armenians during Their Last Decades in Anatolia panel, organized by the Society for Armenian Studies within the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 22-26, 1985.

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