

## THE SOCIETY FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES (SAS)

- Promoting the study of Armenia and all aspects of Armenian culture
- Promoting the teaching of Armenian subjects in educational institutions
- Promoting the publication of texts in various fields of Armenian Studies
- Organizing and sponsoring conferences, symposia, panels, and other forums pertaining to all aspects of Armenian culture and society
- Facilitating the exchange and dissemination of scholarly information pertaining to Armenian Studies through a program of publications, consistent with the objectives of the SAS

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“DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARMENIAN STUDIES  
AS AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE”

#### *Current Status*

The Society of Armenian Studies is composed of scholars and students (and some non-scholarly supporters of Armenian Studies). Its membership is international, although the overwhelming majority of members are based in the United States and Canada.

The SAS is administered by a seven-member Executive Council: President, Barlow Der Mugardechian; Vice-President, Vartan Matiossian; Secretary, Khatchig Mouradian; Treasurer, Sergio La Porta; and Advisors, Lilit Keshishian, Vahe Sahakyan, and Arpi Siyahian.

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#### *Activities*

The programs of the Society include:

- publication of a *Newsletter* on the Society’s activities and on member activities;
- publication of the peer-reviewed *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* (annual);
- encouragement, sponsorship and publication of research on all facets of Armenian culture and society;
- awards for outstanding dissertation, outstanding book of the year, and outstanding student conference paper.

## *The Society for Armenian Studies*



*and*

*the Armenian Communities Department  
of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation*



present

# A Conference: “Transmitting Western Armenian to the Next Generation”

*November 18, 2017*

*Marriott Wardman Park Hotel  
Washington, D.C.*

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**“TRANSMITTING WESTERN ARMENIAN  
TO THE NEXT GENERATION”**

**12:00pm-3:00pm, Virginia B (L)**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**Barlow Der Mugrdechian** (SAS President)  
(California State University, Fresno)

**SESSION I: TEACHING ARMENIAN IN A DIASPORAN CONTEXT**

**12:00PM-1:15PM**

Chair: **Myrna Douzjian** (University of California, Berkeley)

**“IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A... LANGUAGE”**

**Ani Garmiryan**  
(Armenian Communities Dept., Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation)

**“FOR A MULTILINGUAL APPROACH IN TEACHING  
MODERN WESTERN ARMENIAN IN THE DIASPORA”**

**Sylvia Kasparian**  
(Université de Moncton, Canada)

**“Ո՞Ր ԵՆ ԲԱՆԱԼԻՆԵՐԴ-AN INNOVATIVE METHOD FOR  
TEACHING WESTERN ARMENIAN IN THE DIASPORA”**

**Jesse Arlen**  
(University of California, Los Angeles)

**SESSION II: CREATIVE LITERACY AND HERITAGE LANGUAGE:  
THE CASE OF WESTERN ARMENIAN**

**1:30PM-3:00PM**

Chair: **Barlow Der Mugrdechian** (California State University, Fresno)

**“PROMOTING ‘CREATIVE LITERACY’”**

**Hagop Gulludjian**  
(University of California, Los Angeles)

**“EASTERN ARMENIAN SPEAKERS AS POTENTIAL  
WESTERN ARMENIAN LEARNERS: REFLECTIONS  
ON SECOND DIALECT ACQUISITION”**

**Shushan Karapetian**  
(University of California, Los Angeles)

**““WHILE I MAKE A POEM, I AM BEING MADE BY POETRY”:  
CREATIVE WRITING IN HERITAGE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION”**

**Elizabeth Mkhitarian**  
(University of California, Los Angeles)

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Vartan Matiossian** (SAS Vice-President)  
(Armenian National Education Committee, New York)

**\*All sessions are free and open to the public.  
No registration is required.\***