



Middle East & Middle Eastern American Center

UPCOMING EVENT

The Armenian Center at Columbia University

PRESENTS

A Century of Armenians in America: Voices from New Scholarship

This one-day conference showcases the work of historians and social scientists that have earned their doctoral degrees recently and have devoted their dissertation research to Armenian immigrants and their descendants in the U.S.A. This is the first conference of its kind that brings together almost all the scholars who established the field of Armenian American and Diaspora studies with the next generation of researchers.

Honorary Chairpersons:

Robert Mirak author of *Torn Between Two Lands: Armenians in America 1890-World War I*.

Arpena Mesrobian author of "Like One Family" – *The Armenians of Syracuse*.

Panel I: "*The Pioneers: Early Armenian Immigrants to the United States.*"

- (1) **Knarik Avakian**, "The Emigration of the Armenians to the U.S.A: Evidence from the Archives of the Armenian Patriarchate of Istanbul."
- (2) **George Byron Kooshian, Jr.**, "The Armenian Immigrant Community of Pasadena, California from its Origins to 1960."
- (3) **Ben Alexander**, "Reaching Out to the Young: The Parties, the Press, and the Second Generation in the 1930s."

Discussant: **Isabel Kaprielian-Churchill** author of *Like Our Mountains: a History of Armenians in Canada*.

Panel II: "*Psychological Issues: Successful Adaptation and Legacy.*"

- (1) **Diana Vartan**, "Psychological Impact of Acculturation on Armenians Living in the United States."
- (2) **Margaret Manoogian**, "Linking Generations: The Family Legacies of Older Armenian Mothers."

Discussant: **Aghop Der Karabetian** creator of the much-used Armenian Identity Index.

Panel III: "*Generational Changes: Assimilation and Identity.*"

- (1) **Claudia Der Martirosian**, "Armenians in the U.S. Census: 1980, 1990, 2000."
- (2) **Matthew Ari Jendian**, "To Be or Not to Be Armenian: Cultural Retention, Assimilation, and Perspectives on Ethnic Identity among Four Generations of Armenian-Americans."

Discussant: **Susan Pattie** author of *Faith in History – Armenians Rebuilding Community*.

Concluding Remarks: **Khachig Tölölyan** founder and editor of *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*.

Organized by: **Anny Bakalian** author of *Armenian-Americans: From Being to Feeling Armenian*.

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**This event is free
and open to the public**

**Saturday, October 9, 2004, 10:00 sharp-5:00
Elebash Recital Hall**