Oxford Appoints Thomson To Gulbenkian Chair

Prof. Robert W. Thomson, of Harvard University, has been appointed to the Calouste Gulbenkian Chair of Armenian Studies at Oxford University, England.

Since its establishment in 1965, the Gulbenkian Chair at Oxford has been held by Dr. Charles Dowsett, who announced his retirement, effective June 1991.

Prof. Thomson, a scholar in patristic literature and Eastern Church history, was appointed Harvard’s first Mesrob Mashtots Professor of Armenian Studies in 1969 following a successful campaign by NAASR to establish an endowment fund at the university that would guarantee the professorship in perpetuity. It was the first endowed Armenian Chair in an institution of higher education in the world.

From 1984 to 1989 Thomson held a concurrent appointment as Director of Harvard’s Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, D.C.

Thomson’s annotated translations into English of Armenian literary and historical classics have made Armenian sources widely available to Western scholars and have facilitated the inclusion of the Armenian perspective into a broad range of scholarship.


A native of Surrey, England, Thomson received his doctorate from Cambridge University. His decision to accept the position at Oxford has been motivated by the strength of its departments in early Christian church history and Byzantine studies and his desire to return to his native country, Thomson said. He is scheduled to assume the new post in July 1992.

Fund Drive Tops $610,000 Mark

The fund drive for the headquarters building—now named “NAASR Center for Armenian Studies and Research”—and for the Institute for Armenian Studies and Research has passed the $610,000 mark as a result of a surge in year-end contributions and a major gift of $25,000 by Mrs. Marjorie M. Dadjian of Washington, D.C., in memory of her husband Arthur H. Dadjian.

Also an additional $5,000 was received from Armen and Rachel Dohanian of Belmont, Mass., bringing their total contribution to $15,000; and $5,000 was allocated from the Estate of Charles N. Ishkanian of Troy, N.Y.

The total goal of the drive, $1,500,000, will enable NAASR to retire the building mortgage, pay off loans for the building, make necessary renovations, and fund the Institute so that it can become fully operational. Only $75,000, approximately, is left on the mortgage. As soon as it is retired, NAASR’s many programs to further Armenian studies, research, and publications can proceed at “full speed,” Board Chairman Manoog S. Young pointed out.

To date 445 members and friends have participated in the fund drive, many being repeat donors. With 890 participants needed to complete the drive successfully according to the gifts schedule adopted by the NAASR Board of Directors, 50 percent of the target number has been reached.

NAASR Expands Its California Representation

Recent elections by the Annual Assembly and appointments by the Board of Directors have significantly expanded representation from California on NAASR’s boards and committees.

California members now serving NAASR in various capacities include the following:

National Board of Directors: Richard Ashton, Fresno; Alice Haig, South Laguna; Antranig K. Manoogian, Los Angeles; and Varnum Paul, San Francisco.

Regional Representatives: Dr. James Ajemian, San Diego; Charlotte M. Ballard, Temple City; Barbara Bousian, Fresno; Michael Kilijian, San Mateo; and John Malkasian, Sacramento.

National Advisory Board: Dr. Arsa S. Avakian, Fresno; Ben H. Bagdikian, Berkeley; Everett H. Berberian, Hillsborough; Jacob J. Hagopian, San Jose; and Dr. Arthur S. Petoyan, Northridge.

Academic Advisory Board: Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, California State University, Fresno, and Dr. Avedis K. Sanjian, UCLA.
Members in the News

Dr. Gregory Adamian, a NAAS Board Member for 30 years, is president of the Doctor of Laws degree from Boston University. In his role as Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, he is responsible for the administration of the school's academic programs across the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Great Lakes Language Institute of the Division of the Armenian Church.

Karen Bedrosian Richardson of New York City recently earned a Ph.D. in the field of communication from the University of California as a member of the NAAS's National Coalition of Organizations of Armenian Americans. Richardson has served on the executive board of the American Association of World Universities and Colleges and has been a member of the NAAS since 2010. She is a Human Life Member of NAAS.

Mrs. Petrosyan received the March of Dimes Student Awards for her dedication to the community. The couple has three sons and four grandchildren. Dr. Petrosyan is a former NAAS Board member.

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Recent Speakers Address Critical Issues Facing Armenia Today

Several distinct perspectives on the critical issues facing Armenia and the surrounding region were presented by recent speakers at NAASR’s winter/spring lecture series. Robert O. Krikorian of Worcester, who is pursuing graduate studies at Yerevan State University in Armenia, shared his experience in the distribution of supplies in Armenia for relief agencies; and Hrachia Nersisyan of the Armenian National Institute on Belmont, physicist and consultant, delivered an historical lecture on Armenia: The Environmental Crisis.

Ketchian focused on several major problems. Chief among these is the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, a major political issue that has never been resolved. The subsequent collapse of that conflict, which is said to have the capacity to bring the country to the verge of economic collapse, is a major concern.

The ruling Armenian Democratic Movement has a revised rule book that requires the president to resign if the prime minister cannot pass a vote of no confidence. However, major changes are needed to make this move, which is located on the outskirts of the heavily populated Armenian capital, safe for the environment.

Foreign Policy Considerations

The major strategic considerations underlying American foreign policy in the Middle East have been based on a long-term strategy to create stability in the region. This has been accomplished through various means, including economic incentives and the use of force.

No deal for Armenia

The collapse of the Soviet Union, coupled with the rise of nationalism among the Muslim states, has led to a new strategic situation. Rather than take advantage of this situation, the Bush administration has embarked on a misguided policy of supporting the status quo in the area.

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denied the atrocities of the 1930s and 1940s, but the current situation is very different. The Armenian American Economic Community would continue to be a significant partner in the economic development of Armenia. The United States will continue to support the efforts of the OSCE and the EU in promoting human rights and the rule of law in the country.

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Armenian American Witnesses to Genocide Cannot Be Silenced

The Armenian government, concerned about the repercussions of the massacre, and the missionaries in Turkey during World War I, reportedly by Armenian genocide survivors. The publication of these mission accounts in the American Historical Review, the journal of the American Historical Association, has led to a renewed interest in the study of this event.

Two recent NAASR programs spotlighted the innumerable stories of the Armenians who survived the horrors of World War I. These programs also highlighted the fact that the Armenian American community is committed to remembering and celebrating the memory of those who perished.

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Armenian Books Donated to Bryant College Library

Kachador (Croby) Kanarian has donated $2,500 worth of books on Armenian subjects to the Hodgdon Memorial Library at Bryant College, thanks to the auspices of NAASR's Armenian Book Donation Program. The books include basic works on Armenian history, literature, art, and genocide.

A 1933 graduate of Bryant, a private institution in Smithfield, R.I., majoring in business and accounting education, Kanarian has served during the past two years as the College's Assistant Chairman. He decided to designate part of his annual donation to the acquisition of books on Armenian subjects for the college library.

"There are so many books available in our program that they are not widely distributed," Kanarian noted. "It is my goal to make these volumes available to the attention of students and faculty, there will be an increase in research and writing about the Armenian Genocide.

New Equipment, Furnishings, and Paintings Acquired by NAASR

The NAASR Board of Directors expresses appreciation to the following individuals who have generously donated equipment, furnishings, or supplies to enhance the use of NAASR's facilities at the NAASR Center. A total of 50 items valued at over $2,500 donated by G. Egbert Astall of Waterford.

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Newspaper of the American-Armenian community in Turkey, the NAI also publishes an online version.

NAASR has been the beneficiary of the following bequests:

- $25,000 from the estate of Arthur H. Dallin of Washington, D.C., for the NAASR's Armenian Research Library and its extensive collection of books, periodicals, and other artifacts.
- $20,000 from the estate of the late Robert C. Green of New York, for the NAASR's Armenian Research Library and its extensive collection of books, periodicals, and other artifacts.

Necrology

John Onn Avakian of Los Angeles, a retired professor of history at California State University, Northridge, passed away on May 15. Dr. Avakian was a well-known scholar and teacher in the field of Armenian history, with a particular focus on the history of the Ottoman Empire.

Brent E. Sarkissian of Arizona, a noted author and publisher of books on Armenian history, passed away on May 4. Dr. Sarkissian was a prominent figure in the field of Armenian studies and a member of the American Historical Association.

David S. Berberian, a noted historian and author of books on Armenian history, passed away on May 3. Dr. Berberian was a leading figure in the field of Armenian studies and a member of the American Historical Association.

Genocide Books Donated to Classrooms

The distribution of books on the Armenian Genocide as resource materials in classrooms has been initiated through the efforts of educational consultant William S. Parsons and generous donations by the Rev. Vartan Hartjunian, pastor of the First Armenian Church in Belmont, and Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Hartjunian of Lincoln, Mass.

Hartjunian has made available a card kit that can be used for "Toward a Deeper Understanding of the Armenian Genocide: A Kit for Students," which is available from the NAASR Center.

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Recent Titles
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creative Armenian-American writer. T168c, $23.95 ($20.50); T168p, $13.95 ($11.55).

The Nationalities Factor in Soviet Politics and Society, edited by Labouny Hajala and
Mark Beissinger [Westview Press, Boulder]. A collection of essays by leading scholars who pro-
vide a comprehensive portrait of the explosive nationalities question in the Soviet Union today.
Includes a chapter by Ronald G. Suny, "Transnational: Cultural Cohesiveness and Ethnic
Revival in a Multinational Society." H428c, $52.95 ($44.95); H428p, $19.95 ($16.95).
The Ottoman Empire and the World Economy: The Nineteenth Century, by Reshat
Kasaba [State University of New York Press, Albany]. This study traces the impact of the
global trading system on the Ottoman Empire, particularly in the 19th century, and the subse-
quent transformation of the political, economic, and social structures in the Empire on the
basis of changes in processes of production, networks of trade, and relations among various social and
ethnic groups. Cloth, H372c, $59.50 ($50.50); paper, H372p, $19.95 ($16.95).

Russian Colonial Expansion to 1917, edited by Michael Rywkin, foreword by Syed Z. Abedin
[Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs Monograph Series No. 1, Mansell Publishing, London]. A collection
of articles on Russian colonial expansion and administration in general and about specific
areas, including the chapter "Russian Expansion in the Caucasus to 1813" by Muriel Atkin. H436
$43.75 ($37.25).
The Serpent and the Bees: A KGB Chronicle, by Edward Alexander [University Press of America,
Lanham, MD]. The memoir of an Armenian-American US Foreign Service Officer and his contacts,
over a period of 15 years, with Soviet Armenian KGB agents in Berlin, Budapest, Athens, and Washington, told against
the backdrop of Soviet-American tensions dating from the erection of the Berlin Wall. Includes an account of an eventful visit to Yerevan. X281.
$21.95 ($18.50).

Shamidar, by Jack Hashlan [Wynwood Press, New York]. An adventure novel about the rescue of
a group of American archaeologists [including the President's daughter] who were taken
hostage while working in New York. The hero is an adopted
Armenian American, and there are numerous references to Armenians. T771. $18.95 ($16.50).

Soviet Nationality Policies: Ruling Ethnic Groups in the USSR, edited by Henry R. Huttenbach
nationality policies since 1917, bringing together authors from a wide variety of disciplines. In addi-
tion to numerous references to the Armenians, the volume includes the article "Immigration Policies Towards Germans and Armenians" by
Sidney Heatman, H427. $49.94 ($42.50).

REPRINTS
of this basic language book. 1.2p. $8.95 ($7.95).

A New Pocket Dictionary: English-Armenian, Armenian-English, by Mesrob Koryoumgian

FAWCETT REPRINT SERIES
The following English-language sources on Armenian history first published in the late 19th and early 20th century have been reprinted by
Fawcett Press, Astoria, N.Y.


Armenian Massacres and Turkish Tyranny (or the Sword of Mohammed), by Frederick
Davis Greene. A missionary account of the 1894-96 massacres; first published in

Germany, Turkey, and Armenia: A Selection of Documentary Evidence Relating to the
Armenian Atrocities from German and Other Sources. A reprint of the London 1917 edition. H419p. $12.00 ($10.50).

History of Armenia, from BC 2247 to AD 1780, by Michael Charnig, translated by Johannes Avdall. With supplementary chapters to 1827, reprint of the 1827 Calcutta edition. H418. $70.00 ($59.50).

Story of Near East Relief (1915-1930): An Interpretation, by James L. Barton. An official
account published in 1930 by the chairman of this massive relief effort that assisted so many
Armenian survivors of the Genocide. H432. $35.00 ($30.00).

The Treatment of the Armenian in the Ottoman Empire: Documents Presented to Vis-
count Grey of Falloard, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, by Viscount Bryce. The documents prepared by Arnold J. Toynbee
and presented to the British Parliament in 1916. H417. $50.00 ($42.50).

NEW CATALOG AVAILABLE
An updated short-title Complete Catalog of Books on Armenia and the Armenians
Available Through the Armenian Book Clearing House has been issued. Over 1,000 titles
in the fields of History, Politics, Geography, Art and Architecture, Language and Liter-
ture, Folk Tales, Church History and Doctrines, Biographies, and other topics are
listed. The catalog is available for $2.50 to cover postage and handling ($3.50 for for-
ign requests).

Turkish Armenia and Eastern Asia Minor: Travels During the Nineteenth Century, by
Henry Panahaw Tozer. A British account of a
trip through Turkey in 1879, published in Lon-
don in 1881. H422p. $25.00 ($21.50).

Two War Years in Constantinople: Sketches of German and Young Turkish Ethnic and
Politics. By Harry Stuehrer, translated by E.
Allen. The author was a German war
resident in the Turkish capital during World War I. The book was published in New York in 1917. H420. $35.00 ($29.95).

ALSO AVAILABLE
Armenian Alphabet, by Seeroun Yeretosian [Gemini Designs, Los Angeles]. A large full-color
poster depicting the letters of the Armenian alphabet in artistic design. W23. $20.00 ($16.95).

"A Reporter at Large: Roots," by Robert
Culley. An analytical essay on the current
Armenian-Azerbijani conflict published in The
New Yorker, April 15, 1991. H434p. $3.50 ($2.95).

"Teaching About Genocide," edited by
William Parsons and Samuel Totten. Special
issue of Social Education, official journal of the National Council for the Social Studies [February

RECORDINGS
Divine Liturgy - Komas, St. Gayaneh Choir, Komitas Keshishian, conductor [Ouannes Salib-
tian, MRG Recordings]. Tape/cassette, X297, $10.00 ($8.50); CD, X2952, $13.99 ($12.79)
Gayane: A Ballet in Three Acts by Aram
Khatchaturian, USSR Radio and TV Large Symph-
yphony Orchestra, Djanog Kakhidze, conductor [Original Master Recording on CD]. 2 record set:
X246r. $21.95 ($19.95).

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