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HOME AGAIN:

ARMENIAN RECIPES FROM THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

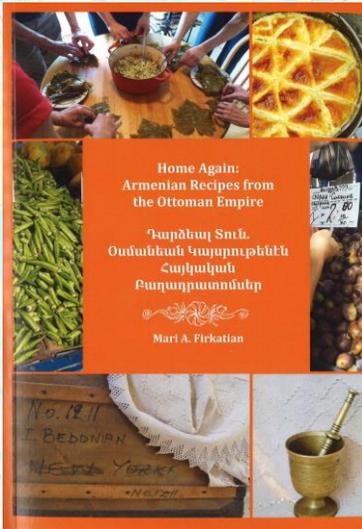
A Lecture by Dr. Mari Firkatian

Professor of History, University of Hartford

Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

At the AGBU New England Center

247 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, MA



Dr. Mari Firkatian's *Home Again: Armenian Recipes from the Ottoman Empire* combines a collection of Armenian recipes from the Ottoman Empire with a memoir of a family of immigrants who kept certain recipes close to their hearts as a means of preserving their cultural heritage. She examines the relationship between history and cuisine, between displacement and memory, between the individual and their ancestors.

Deftly combining her grandmother's recollections of daily life in the Ottoman Empire with the personal recollections of others, from different villages, Firkatian describes the recipes and experiences of those communities in loving prose. The book revives a lost world and invites the reader to imagine being a guest in her grandmother Iskouhi's home. The author has studiously preserved the ancient roots of the recipes while presenting them in a modern context and presents over 175 recipes and contextualizes them by sharing fragments of first hand recollections from the chefs themselves, the heirs to the culture. She punctuates the text with anecdotes, songs, personal experiences, and historic contexts to the particular regions she has highlighted.

Mari A. Firkatian is Professor of History at the University of Hartford. She has been a Fulbright Scholar and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow as well as a Yale University Fellow and a recipient of International Research and Exchanges Board scholarships. She has lived and traveled extensively in Southeast Europe and the Soviet Union. Trained as a linguist and a historian her research interests include minority populations, diplomatic history and intellectual history. Most recently she has begun to explore the history of food and the key role it plays as a historical artefact.



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Copies of *Home Again* will be available for purchase.

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