

The National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR)

*Presents a Special Discussion*

## Who Is an Armenian-American?

**Monday, October 16, 2023**

*at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern)*

**IN-PERSON AT THE NAASR VARTAN GREGORIAN BUILDING  
395 CONCORD AVE., BELMONT, MA**

*With Panelists*

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**Julia Hintlian**

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The Armenian-American community, while it is often discussed as a homogeneous group, in fact consists of individuals with a multitude of backgrounds: descendants of the “old” Armenian-American community that was formed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries mostly by immigrants from the Ottoman Empire or later waves of immigrants from



Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and the Republic of Armenia, many of whom have an Armenian parent, grandparent, or even great-grandparent but nevertheless identify as Armenian as well. Within this diverse group is a multitude of languages, religious affiliations, and gender and sexuality

identifications. **We invite members of the community to join with us for the first in a series of programs exploring various aspects of Armenian-American identities, Exploring Hybrid Identities of Armenian-Americans in Mass, which is supported by Mass Humanities under their Expand Massachusetts Stories Initiative.**