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**FROM HUMANITARIANISM TO ABETTING DENIAL:
THE U.S. AND RECOGNITION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**



A Lecture by Julien Zarifian

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**Wednesday, May 30, 2018,
7:30 p.m. at the AGBU Center
247 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, MA**

The United States under President Woodrow Wilson became heavily involved in providing humanitarian and political support to the Armenian survivors of genocide and displacement during World War I. However, U.S. support began to falter during the 1930s, and in the post-World War II period American authorities responded ambiguously to Armenian demands that the mass killings be recognized as genocide. The executive branch systematically blocked efforts to pass legislation recognizing it as such.

In this lecture, Dr. Julien Zarifian will analyze why, despite decades of efforts and some positive results, the Armenian-American advocacy groups have not yet obtained the full recognition of the Genocide by the U.S. federal authorities and how Turkey and Turkish groups have lobbied to prevent such a recognition.

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