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**SOURCES COUNTERING DENIAL OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE TOPIC OF  
TALK AT RAMAPO COLLEGE OCT. 14**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Dr. Dennis Papazian, professor emeritus of History at the University of Michigan (Dearborn) and a member of the New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust Education, will speak at Ramapo College of New Jersey Wednesday, October 14, 1 p.m. in Friends Hall (SC219) of the Robert A. Scott Student Center. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

In his talk, “An Abundance of Proof: Archival Evidence and the Armenian Genocide,” Dr. Papazian will discuss how the increasing availability of primary sources from archives around the world has made it virtually impossible to deny the 1915-1916 genocide perpetrated against the Armenian population of Ottoman Turkey.

He will point to the incontrovertible evidence of the genocide not only in the voluminous reports of U.S. officials stationed in Turkey, much of which has appeared in book form, but also in the accounts of German and Austrian diplomatic and military officials stationed in the Ottoman Empire that has more recently been translated into English. Additionally, Dr. Papazian will show how some Turkish historians have played a key role in the process by researching and publishing the records of the financial authorities and other bodies that lay to rest the official contention that Armenian citizens of the Ottoman Empire were not forcibly stripped of their property and expelled from their ancestral homes.

At the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where Dr. Papazian taught History, he was the founding Director of the Armenian Research Center. After moving to New Jersey a few years ago, he was asked to serve on the New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust of which he remains a member. While at the University of Michigan, he took a leave of absence and served four years as Executive Director (as well as co-chairman of the Board of Directors) of the Armenian Assembly of America in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Papazian is also active in Armenian community and Armenian church affairs in general. An expert on Russia and the Caucasus, Professor Papazian has written extensively and given conference papers on issues related to the disintegration of the Soviet Union for the region.

The talk will be sponsored by Ramapo College’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and The History Club of Ramapo College.

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