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**Armenian Studies Program**

**California State University, Fresno**

**John M. Evans, former United States Ambassador to Armenia (2004-2006)**

**Will Speak on his New Book “*Truth Held Hostage: America and the Armenian***

***Genocide—What Then? What Now?***

**at Fresno State April 25**

John M. Evans, former United States Ambassador to Armenia, will be the guest of the Armenian Studies Program for a special evening talk on his new book “*Truth Held Hostage: America and the Armenian Genocide—What Then? What Now?*” at 7:30PM on Monday, April 25, in the Leon and Pete Peters Educational Center Auditorium (in the Student Recreation Center, next to the SaveMart Center), on the Fresno State campus.

Ambassador Evans, who recognized the Armenian Genocide while U.S. Ambassador, was dismissed from his post by the State Department. In his talk, an unrepentant Evans will discuss his new memoir, which gives a blow-by-blow account of his understanding of the Armenian issue, why he criticized United States policy in 2006, and why he still thinks the State Department should change its position on the Armenian Genocide. *Truth Held Hostage* promises to reframe the Armenian Genocide debate in the United States and has already been praised as the most important work about the Armenian Genocide by a U.S. diplomat since Henry Morgenthau’s groundbreaking *Ambassador Morgenthau’s Story* in 1918, a compelling, page-turning read, and an even-handed account of a matter of international importance.

Evans first broke with the State Department on the Armenian Genocide issue in Fresno, and it is fitting that he will be back to update us on developments—and his thoughts about the future.

Copies of *Truth Held Hostage: America and the Armenian Genocide - What Then? What Now?* will be available, as well as a companion volume, also by Evans, *Therefore, God Must be Armenian! Sixteen talks Given on the Armenian Issue (2017-2012)*.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Free parking is available at any of the adjacent Fresno State parking lots (near the corner of Shaw and Woodrow Avenues).

For more information about the presentation please contact the Armenian Studies Program at 278-2669, or visit our website at [www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies](http://www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies).

John M. Evans, *Truth Held Hostage: America and the Armenian Genocide—What Then? What Now?* with a foreword by Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, London: Gomidas Institute, 2016, 200 pages, maps, photos, index, hardback, \$32.00.

John M. Evans, *Therefore, God Must be Armenian! Sixteen Talks Given on Armenian Issues, (2007-2012)*, London: Gomidas Institute, 2016, 80 pages, \$12.00.