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**Armenian Studies Program
California State University, Fresno**

**“Historic Armenia After 100 Years: Ani, Kars,
and the Six Provinces of Western Armenia”
by Matthew Karanian**

Attorney Matthew Karanian will be the guest speaker of the Armenian Studies Program for a talk, “Historic Armenia After 100 Years: Ani, Kars, and the Six Provinces of Western Armenia” at 7:30PM on Tuesday, February 17, in the University Business Center, Alice Peters Auditorium, Room 191, on the Fresno State campus.

The lecture is part of the Spring Lecture Series of the Armenian Studies Program, with the support of the Leon S. Peters Foundation.

One hundred years after the Armenian Genocide, the homeland of the Armenians remains unknown to much of the world. During the century since the Genocide of 1915, most of the cultural monuments of the Armenian nation in the lands of historic Armenia have been eliminated or repurposed. But there is much that still remains. Author Karanian celebrates the Armenia that has avoided destruction, as well as the hidden Armenians who have struggled to carry on in the face of persecution.

The text describes the history and culture of the Armenian monuments and artifacts that are still present in Ani and Kars, and in the six Armenian provinces of Van, Erzerum, Kharpert, Bitlis, Diyarbakir, and Sebastia. Many important smaller towns are featured, including Sasoon, Gurun, Chunkush, Palu, Zara, Mush, Erzincan, and Egin.

Historic Armenia After 100 Years is the product of several years of research and photography and is illustrated with 125 color maps and photographs and includes antique photos from 100 years ago that are juxtaposed with images of the same locales as they appear today.

Karanian is a second generation Armenian American who lives in Pasadena. His four grandparents are from Western Armenia and both of his grandmothers survived their deportation during the summer of 1915. Karanian has served as Associate Dean of the law program at the American University of Armenia, and as the Director of the

university's Legal Research Department. He is the author of *Armenia and Karabakh: The Stone Garden Travel Guide*. He practices law in Pasadena.

Karanian's new book will be available for purchase after the lecture.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Free parking is available, with parking code 273505, after 7:00PM at Fresno State Lots P5 and P6, near the University Business Center.

For more information about the lecture please contact the Armenian Studies Program at 278-2669, or visit our website at www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies.