

# THE VAHE & ARMINE MEGHROUNI LECTURE SERIES IN ARMENIAN STUDIES



## The Weight of History in Fiction and Non-Fiction: A Conversation

with authors **Aline Ohanesian** and **Dawn MacKeen**, moderated by **Dr. Nasrin Rahimieh**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

Reception at 6:00 p.m. | Lecture at 6:30 P.M.

Humanities Gateway 1030  
University of California, Irvine



**Dawn Anahid MacKeen** is the author of *The Hundred-Year Walk: An Armenian Odyssey*, which chronicles her grandfather's survival of genocide. The book, a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, received the American Society of Journalists and Authors's best biography award. Previously, she was a staff writer at *Salon*, *Newsday*, and *SmartMoney*. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *ELLE*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Sunday Times Magazine*, and elsewhere. Her website is [www.dawnmackeen.com](http://www.dawnmackeen.com) and her Twitter handle is @DawnMacKeen



**Aline Ohanesian's** debut novel, *Orhan's Inheritance*, is an international bestseller and has been translated into over ten languages. It won the 2015 Tololyan Prize for Contemporary Fiction, was a Barnes & Noble Discovery Pick and was #1 Indie pick for April 2015. Additionally, the novel was a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, the PEN Bellwether Award for Socially Engaged Fiction and the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, and was shortlisted for the Dublin International Literary Prize. Ohanesian, who is currently working on her second novel, lives and writes in Orange County, California with her husband and two sons. Her website is [www.AlineOhanesian.com](http://www.AlineOhanesian.com) and her Twitter handle is @AlineOhanesian



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