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

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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 and her Twitter handle is @DawnMacKeen



Aline Ohanesian's debut novel, *Orhan's Inheritance*, was a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, the PEN Bellwether Award for Socially Engaged Fiction, the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, and was shortlisted for the Dublin International Literary Prize which makes it the perpetual bridesmaid of literary novels. Winner of the 2015 Tololyan Prize for Contemporary Fiction, a Barnes &Noble Discovery Pick and the #1 Indie pick for April 2015, the novel is an international bestseller and has been translated into over ten languages. 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 and her Twitter handle is @AlineOhanesian



Dr. Nasrin Rahimieh is the Howard Baskerville Professor of Humanities and Chair of the Comparative Literature Department at UCI. She is the author of *Iranian Culture: Representation and Identity* (Routledge, 2016) and *Forugh Farrokhzad: Iconic Woman and Feminine Pioneer of New Persian Poetry*, coedited with Dominic Parviz Brookshaw.

Event is free and open to the public

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