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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

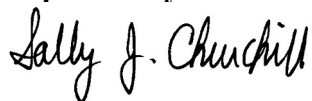
Kevork B. Bardakjian, D.Phil., Marie Manoogian Professor of Armenian Languages and Literatures, professor of Armenian languages and literatures, Department of Middle East Studies, and professor of Slavic languages and literatures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Professor Bardakjian received his M.A. degree from the State University of Yerevan in 1969 and his D.Phil. degree from the University of Oxford in 1979. He joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures in 1987. He joined the Department of (then) Near Eastern Studies in 1997, and was promoted to professor in 2001. He directed the Armenian Studies Program from 1995-2007.

Professor Bardakjian was a true universalist in Armenian studies, philologist, literary scholar, and historian, who published groundbreaking work on modern Armenian literature, the Armenian church under the Ottomans, Hitler and the Armenians, the Mekhitarist fathers, and the Armenian apocalyptic tradition, as well as canonical textbooks of both Eastern and Western Armenian. Professor Bardakjian was a pivotal figure in his field in Armenia, in Turkey, and elsewhere, and respected in diaspora communities around the world. His work was supported by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and was recognized with two honorary doctorates. He was elected a fellow of the Armenian National Academy of Sciences in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Kevork B. Bardakjian, professor emeritus of Armenian languages and literatures and professor emeritus of Slavic languages and literatures.**

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