



CENTER FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES

Examining the language, history, and culture of Armenia in a comparative context

The University of Michigan's Center for Armenian Studies (CAS) is one of the most dynamic and influential centers for Armenian studies in the U.S. CAS is built on the solid foundation of courses offered by the two endowed chairs in Armenian studies, the Alex Manoogian Chair in Modern Armenian History (1981) and the Marie Manoogian Chair in Armenian Language and Literature (1987). CAS promotes the study of the history, language, and culture of Armenia and Armenians and helps prepare a new generation of scholars in the field.

The Center for Armenian Studies offers an undergraduate major and minor in Armenian studies, while graduate degrees are offered through the university's departments and centers for regional studies. In addition, the center provides graduate student, post-doctoral, pre-doctoral and visiting scholar fellowships, as well as graduate and undergraduate student research support, specialized symposia, workshops and conferences, and public lectures and outreach programs. Through its work in the U.S. and abroad, CAS strives to contribute to the scholarly analysis and understanding of the challenges the Armenian people have faced at home, in the Near East and the Caucasus, and in the diaspora.

To remain a leading program of Armenian studies, we need to be able to provide language study at elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels, in addition to building course offerings related to Armenian history, culture, and literature. The CAS seeks to increase the depth and breadth of resources devoted to Armenian studies through an endowed fund that provides permanent support for the program. Gifts to endow a language lecturer position will ensure that the Armenian language continues to be taught at Michigan in perpetuity.

ANNUAL ARMENIAN STUDIES LECTURE (NAMED)

An endowed gift of \$200,000 or \$10,000 annually is needed for the CAS to host an annual lecture by a prominent guest speaker, on a topic related to Armenia or Armenian Studies. This named lecture is an opportunity to promote the culture, history, language, politics and society of Armenians.

ENDOWED LANGUAGE LECTURESHIP IN ARMENIAN (NES)

An endowed lectureship of \$1M or \$50,000 annually will ensure continuity for instruction in Armenian language at the university. U-M is among the very few institutions in the country that provide instruction in Armenian at the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels on a regular basis. With the continuous expansion of course offerings related to Armenian studies, and the increasing interest among graduate students, continuity of language instruction is one of our most pressing priorities. Due to Congress' deep cuts to international education funding, including support for the less commonly taught languages, private support is crucial to securing Michigan's role as a preeminent institution for the study of Armenian history, literature, and culture.

ENDOWED LIBRARIAN IN ARMENIAN STUDIES (HATCHER LIBRARY)

An endowed librarian in Armenian Studies is critical to sustain the entire range of research and teaching needs of faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates. Currently, the Slavic and East European Division of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library houses over 22,500 books in the Armenian language. The graduate library also holds microfilm copies of important Armenian newspapers from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Special Collections Library at the university owns a small collection of medieval Armenian manuscripts as well as a precious collection of posters and calendars by Armenian groups functioning in Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Greece and elsewhere. These treasures constitute an important contribution to the understanding of mass culture in the Armenian Diaspora. The librarian will build, maintain and preserve the Armenian collection and can be funded with an endowed gift of \$1M.



“As a student affiliated with the center, I not only benefited from very generous financial and institutional support, but I have had the opportunity to work with exceptional scholars, both the Armenian Studies faculty and my fellow graduate students working in Armenian Studies, many of whom have become close friends. Being part of such a vibrant community and having so many chances to share your work with colleagues and receive their feedback makes all the difference in giving a strong sense of purpose to one’s research project.”

–Etienne Charrière, Ph.D. '16



NAMED ENDOWED CENTER

An endowment of \$5M to name the Center for Armenian Studies will cover annual needs as well as enable it to do something special on a yearly basis to bring attention to Armenian studies. Gifts could be used for sponsoring a conference or exhibits on campus, hosting cultural festivals, supporting graduate fellows, or inviting visiting professors and artists to Michigan. A named center will assure that U-M remains an attractive destination for the study of Armenia and will give the director of the center the flexibility to turn big ideas into reality.

- Visiting scholars: \$1M endowed
- Conferences: \$600,000 endowed
- Special events: \$450,000 endowed
- Graduate fellowship: \$2M endowed
- Directorship: \$200,000 endowed
- Program staffing: \$750,000 endowed

WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities change lives. Wills, estate, and planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy that will enable the best and brightest minds to experience a liberal arts education, solve problems in a changing world, and yield ideas and innovations that will make a difference in Michigan and around the globe.

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