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KLOIAN ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
COLLECTION, 1889-2003 and undated
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Background

Richard Kloian (1937-2010), whose passion for learning and teaching about the Armenian Genocide arose after his father's death in 1976, was the founder of the Richmond, California-based Armenian Genocide Resource Center (AGRC). Kloian discovered his father’s diary, which told a harrowing tale of genocide survival. It was then that Kloian’s life mission became to bring light on the Armenian Genocide. Kloian spent a good part of his lifetime collecting newspaper articles, book chapters, and other materials related to the Armenian Genocide. The focus of the AGRC was on Armenian Genocide documentation, education, and recognition. Through the AGRC, Kloian collected a vast amount of documentation on the Armenian Genocide, helped get long-lost memoirs and documents published, and developed many useful materials for helping locate and acquire historical and current works. He also found films about the Armenian Genocide from around the world and got permission to reproduce them for the general public. Kloian published *The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915-1922*, an important work in bringing together the important documentation of the genocide.

The Kloian Armenian Genocide Collection was initially donated in 2012 to Fresno State’s Armenian Studies Program, a widely recognized center for research on the Armenian culture. Richard Kloian's widow donated to the Armenian Studies Program because she wanted his legacy to be continued in an academic setting.

Scope and Content Note

The Kloian Armenian Genocide collection measures 7 linear feet and dates from 1889 to 2003. The collection is arranged in eight series: Armenian Genocide, Kloian family, Genocide and Holocaust comparisons, Teaching aids, Genocide denial, Refuting the denial, Armenian Genocide Research Center (AGRC), The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915-1922, and Audiovisual materials.

The *Armenian Genocide* series (1889-1929), contains articles and chapters from books, newspapers clippings from various newspapers, memoirs from Genocide survivors, case studies, and official government documentation of the Armenian Genocide. Of particular interest is the case study of Anatolia College. The study contains several photographs and illustrates the history of the college throughout the Genocide.

The *Kloian family* series (1905-2003), documents the lives of several Kloian family members, many of whom where directly affected by the Genocide. One of these is Khanoom Plaootzian, Richard Kloian’s grandmother. Palootzian was orphaned in the genocide and lived in a Danish orphanage. The file contains correspondence between Richard Kloian and the Danish archives in which information about the genocide and the status of orphans is extensively examined.
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The Genocide and Holocaust comparisons series (1970-2003), provides various articles documenting the correlation between the Armenian Genocide and the Jewish Holocaust. Of note is the association found between Adolf Hitler and the Armenian Genocide, documented in this series.

The Teaching aids series (1980-1998), was compiled by Richard Kloian to provide a structured way of teaching students the various facets of genocide education, as well as the Armenian Genocide. In this series are several teaching aids varying by topic, such as the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust. Of particular interest are the folders containing the guide Facing History and Ourselves, which weaves all these topics together.

The Genocide denial series (1905-1998), contains several articles documenting the Turkish government’s position of denial, including propaganda issued by the Republic of Turkey to downplay human losses during the Armenian Genocide.

The Refuting the denial series (1970-1998), contains various articles, studies, and reviews to directly counter the Turkish position. One such study is the “UC Berkeley incident” which documents the clash between Armenian students and a Middle East Studies professor, who allegedly assaulted the students for speaking about the Armenian Genocide. The file contains the description of the assault as well as police reports and bios of those involved.

The Armenian Genocide Research Center (AGRC) series (1978-1999), contains all the documents from the AGRC, which Kloian founded. This organization provided information about the Armenian Genocide to any party interested. The series contains the official correspondence of the AGRC. Included are letters to government officials and a microfilm index of sources on the Armenian Genocide.

The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915-1922 series (1979-1998), contains information about Kloian’s published anthology on the Armenian Genocide. Included are also collaborations with other authors, drafts of Kloian’s book, and photographs, some used in the book, some not.

The Audiovisual materials series (1970-1995), contains DVDs, VHS, audio cassettes and minidiscs. The subject matter ranges from documentaries on the Genocide, to dramatic reenactments of events. This section also contains oral histories of Genocide survivors.
## Kloian Armenian Genocide collection

### Box no. Description

#### Box 1

**Armenian Genocide**

Articles and Chapters

- *Armeniological Studies*, “Stop the Turk!,” 1985
- Dadrian, Vahakn, various articles, 1986-1998 and undated
- El-Ghusein, Faiz, “Martyred Armenia,” 1918
- *The Independent* various articles, 1915-1926
- *Harper's Magazine* “Germany in Defeat” 1917
- Hovannisian, Richard, “Intervention and shades of altruism during the Armenian Genocide,” undated
- Index to articles appearing in periodicals, undated
- *Middle Eastern Studies*, “Correspondence,” 1997
- *The Missionary Herald*, various articles
  - 1889-1909
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- *The Missionary Review of the World*, various articles, undated

#### Box 2

*National Geographic Magazine*, “Armenian and the Armenians,” 1915

Northcote, Dudley, “Saving Forty Thousand Armenians,” 1921

Toynbee, Arnold, “The Treatment of the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire,” 1963

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#### Newspapers
- *Armenian Genocide* compilation, 1915
- *Imagenes de Armenia*, 1996
- *San Francisco Chronicle* Governor Talks again of Armenian Genocide, 1986
- Turkish Point of View, newspaper clippings, 1985-1998
- Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1915-1923 (3 folders)

#### Memoirs
- Clarke, Elaine Morgan, “Reflections on a Life” undated
- Genocide Project Exhibit Catalog “Eyewitness Accounts,” 1915-1923
- Graffan, Mary L. “Miss Graffans Own Story,” 1919
- Lambert, Rose, “Hadjin and the Armenian Massacres”, 1911
- Nigogossian Memoirs, “untitled” 1915-1929
- Pazeian, Rose, “*Life with Father 1905*,” 1997-2000
- Sivas, Makroohi “*Makrooi of Sivas*,” undated
- Von der Goltz, Freiherr, *History of the Ottoman Empire*, 1911

#### Case studies
- Anatolia College, 1940
- Musa Dagh, undated

#### Official Government Papers and Source Indexes
- Affirmation of the Armenian Genocide, Canada, 1999
- American Congressional Record, 1984
- Great Britain Foreign Office, “British and foreign state papers,” 1817-1934
- Prosecution papers, “Turkish Military Tribunal,” 1997
- Secretary State of Canada, “Report to Council of Armenian Claims,” 1932
- Secretary State of Canada, “Canadian Proclamation acknowledging Armenian Genocide,” 1988
- Various U.S. documents from 1890-1923, 1985
- Viscount Bryce, “The Treatment of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire: Documents presented to Viscount Grey Falldon,” 1915-1916

#### Resources
- Armenian population distribution, 1914
- Armenian Genocide-era maps, undated
- Armeniangenocide.org reference section, 1998
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 *The Armenian Genocide and the West* bibliography, undated  
 Ellis Island immigration ledger, 1919  
 *Genocide in Our Time: An Annotated Bibliography*, 1992  
 Microfilm and microfiche of the Armenian Research Center, 2002  
 Kloian Family  
 Kloian, Ardash, 1998  
 Palootzian, Khanum, 1996-1997  
 Family photos, 1880, 1910, 1920-1928, 1946 and undated  
 Genocide and Holocaust comparisons  
 Dadrian, Vahakn, “Genocide as a Problem of National and International Law;” 1989  
 Furman, Harry, “The Holocaust and the Genocide, an anthology,” 1983  
 *Genocide, “Issues, Approaches, Resources,”* 1987  
 Genocide psychology, miscellaneous articles, 1990-2001  
 Hitler and the Armenian Genocide, undated  
 *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, complete journal, 1986-1997  
 The Holocaust Restitution Movement, 2001  
 Jacobs, Steven, “Genesis of the Concept of Genocide,” undated  
 Other genocides, 1982-2003  
 Ratzel, Friedrich, “A biographical Memoir,” 1961  
 *Perspective on Ratzel's Political Geography*, 1983  
 *Yale Journal of International Law* Historical Interconnections between the Armenian Genocide and the Jewish Holocaust, 1998  
 Miscellaneous Holocaust articles, 1993-2006  
 Box 4   
 Teaching aids  
 Armenian Genocide teaching guides, 1982-2001 (9 Folders)  
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 Hitler and the Genocide teaching guides, 1991-2001 (4 Folders)  
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Other genocides teaching manuals, 1993-2002 (5 Folders)
What is Genocide? teaching guides, 1999 (3 Folders)

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Genocide denial
Armenian Allegations Myth and Reality, 1986
Armenian propaganda against Turkey, 1980
Berkeley incident of denial, 1998
Toriguian, Shavarsh The Armenian Question and International Law, 1973
The Turko-Armenian Question: The Turkish Point of View, 1919
Weems, Samuel Armenia: Secrets of a "Christian" Terrorist State, 2002

Refuting genocide denial
Housepian, Marjorie, A Commentary Report: The Unremembered Genocide, undated
Evidence against the Turkish position, 1915, 1921, 1941, 1986-2002 and undated (2 folders)
Recovering History and Deconstructing Denial, 1998
Turkish government position articles, 1996-1997, 2001 and undated
What Genocide? What Holocaust?, undated

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The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915-1922
Collaboration with other authors, undated
Kloian’s select compilation of articles from the Missionary Herald, 1916
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- Miscellaneous materials for book, 1894-1895, 2004 and undated
- Photographs published in Kloain’s book, 1915, 1926 and undated (2 folders)