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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 were directly affected by the Genocide. One of these is Khanoom Plaootzian, Richard Kloian's grandmother. Plaootzian 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.

**Scope and Content Note** (cont.)

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.

**Box no. Description**

Box 1

**Armenian Genocide**

Articles and Chapters

- Armeniological Studies*, "Stop the Turk!," 1985  
*The Armenian Review*, "Genocide: Crime Against Humanity," 1984  
*The Armenian Review*, various articles, 1965-1977  
Cargass, Harry J. "Interview with Vahakn Dadrian: An expert on the Armenian Genocide," 1987  
Dadrian, Vahakn, various articles, 1986-1998 and undated  
*The Contemporary Review* "The Condition of Armenia" 1896  
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  
*The Jerusalem Post Magazine*, "A Genocide Denied," 1999  
*The Journal of Armenian Ethnic History*, "Armenian Refugee Women," 1993  
*Middle Eastern Studies*, "Correspondence," 1997  
*The Missionary Herald*, various articles  
1889-1909  
1914  
1915  
1916-1917  
1918-1919  
1919  
1920  
1921-1922  
1923-1924  
1925-1928  
1929-1930  
1932-1935  
1936  
*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  
Vickery, Bess, "Mount Holyoke: Courageous 1840-1945," 1994

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**Armenian Genocide (cont.)**

Newspapers

*Armenian Genocide* compilation, 1915  
*Imagenes de Armenia*, 1996  
*The New York Times*, 1894-1916  
*The New York Times Index*, 1894-1920  
*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  
Morgenthau, Henry, *Ambassador Morgenthau's Story*, 1917, 1990  
Nigogossian Memoirs, "untitled" 1915-1929  
Pazeian, Rose, "*Life with Father 1905*," 1997-2000  
Sivas, Makroohi "Makroohi 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  
Harbord, James G., "Report of the American Military Mission to Armenia," 1919  
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 Falloden," 1915-1916

Resources

*Armenia Project* "Vital Statistics 1900-1939," 2002  
Armenian population distribution, 1914  
Armenian Genocide-era maps, undated  
Armeniangenocide.org reference section, 1998

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**Armenian Genocide** (cont.)

Resources (cont.)

Armenian human losses during the Genocide, undated  
*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  
Kloians from France, 1931, 1943, 1970, 1980, 1986-2006 and undated  
Kloian, Richard, 1963-1976, 1981-1993, 1998 and undated (2 folders)  
Nigosian, Doris, 1924, 1943, 1989, 1993, 1996  
Palootzian, Khanum, 1996-1997  
Family photos, 1880, 1910, 1920-1928, 1946 and undated

**Genocide and Holocaust comparisons**

Charny, Israel "Denying the Armenian Genocide," 1993-1998  
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)  
*Facing History and Ourselves* teaching guides, 1985-1992 (2 Folders)  
Hitler and the Genocide teaching guides, 1991-2001 (4 Folders)  
Holocaust teaching guides, 1985-2002 (5 Folders)

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**Teaching aids (cont.)**

Other genocides teaching manuals, 1993-2002 (5 Folders)

*What is Genocide?* teaching guides, 1999 (3 Folders)

Box 5

**Genocide denial**

*Armenian Allegations Myth and Reality*, 1986

Armenian propaganda against Turkey, 1980

Berkeley incident of denial, 1998

Charny, Israel W. and Daphna Fromer, "Denying the Armenian Genocide: Patterns of Thinking as Defense Mechanisms," *Patterns of Prejudice*, 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

Miscellaneous, 1991-1998

**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

Refuting genocide denial articles, 1983-1990, 1998-2001 and undated (2 folders)

Turkish denial in the newspapers, 1946, 1978-1986, 1990, 1996-1999

Turkish government position articles, 1996-1997, 2001 and undated

*The Turkish State and History*, 1895, 1948, 1965, 1984, 1996-1999

*What Genocide? What Holocaust?*, undated

**Armenian Genocide Research Center (AGRC)**

Letters to Government officials, 1985, 1998-2002

Letters from Richard Kloian, 1985, 1997-2000, 2006-2007

Letters to Richard Kloian, 1982, 1985-1986, 1997-2008 and undated (2 folders)

Publications of the AGRC, 1984, 1998-2001 and undated

Box 6

***The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915-1922***

Collaboration with other authors, undated

Copies of newspaper clippings used in book, 1895, 1909, 1913-1922, 1980-1981,  
1993 (2 folders)

Letters and endorsement articles, 1981-1989, 1995-1998, 2003

Kloian's select compilation of articles from the *Missionary Herald*, 1916

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*The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915-1922*

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Miscellaneous materials for book, 1894-1895, 2004 and undated

Photographs published in Kloian's book, 1915, 1926 and undated (2 folders)