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**The University of Michigan to hold an international conference on  
“The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition”**

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan is pleased to announce an international conference on “The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition: A Comparative Perspective.” The conference will take place at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 16-19, 2008.

This is the second conference on the theme which the Armenian Studies Programs at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, had independently conceived but jointly planned. The first conference was organized by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and took place in Jerusalem in 2007.

The Ann Arbor conference will highlight the Armenian Apocalyptic tradition in the broadest sense of the word, and in a comparative context, in both literature and the arts. Scholars from Armenia, Europe and the USA will discuss eschatological and millennial themes, visions and prophecies, maledictions and revelations, origins and apocrypha, and related topics in this important but inadequately explored field. Within the larger comparative context, papers will highlight apocalyptic themes common to the Syriac, Byzantine, Coptic, Ethiopic, Slavonic, Georgian and Armenian traditions, or comparative aspects of one or more of these traditions. Papers dealing with visual representations of such elements in these traditions will illustrate their reflection and interpretation in art.

It is hoped that the comparative approach adopted by the conference will shed much new light on the prescience of seers and the imaginary and imaginative ways in which they reflected the religious-cultural concerns and social-political aspirations of their respective traditions. The proceedings will be published as a volume in English. Professor Kevork B. Bardakjian is the main convener of the conference.

The conference is open to the public.