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BRITISH HISTORIAN JOINS ARMENIAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dr. Joanne Laycock, University of Manchester, has been designated the first Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow, announced Prof. Gerard Libaridian, Director of the Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Dr. Laycock's research in recent years has covered the British Armenophile movement and the British response to the Armenian Genocide, Armenian refugee relief post WWI, and also British travel literature on Armenia. She has highlighted Soviet Armenian History, especially with regards to the repatriation to Armenia and homeland-Diaspora relations.

Dr. Joanne Laycock's doctoral dissertation was titled: *Anglo-French Scholarship on Armenians in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries and the Response to the Armenian Genocide* (2000-2001), University of Manchester, School of Arts, Histories and Cultures. Her article "Armenia: The 'Nationalization,' Internationalization and Representation of the Refugee Crisis," (co-authored with Peter Gatrell), was recently included in Nick Baron and Peter Gatrell, eds., *Homelands: War, Population and Statehood in Eastern Europe and Russia, 1918-1924* (Anthem Press, 2004), 179-200. Her forthcoming publications in 2008 include *Imagining Armenia: Orientalism, Ambiguity and Intervention 1878-1925* (Manchester University Press) and "Repatriations in Post Second World War Armenia," in Peter Gatrell and Nick Baron, eds, *Warlands: Population Resettlement and State Reconstruction in Soviet Eastern Europe, 1945-1950*.

Dr. Joanne Laycock's research while in Ann Arbor will address the cultural history of population displacement in modern Armenia, with particular reference to constructions of 'home/land.' Her work will highlight the various locations and contingent nature of 'homeland,' the complex experience of multiple displacements and return journeys and the centrality of landscape and material culture in articulating relations between homeland and diaspora.

The position of Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has been made possible by the recent gift from the Manoogian Simone Foundation to the University's Armenian Studies Program. Dr. Laycock will deliver a number of lectures to the University and larger communities during her stay, January through June 2008.

