

## Norian Armenian Programs

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The Norian Armenian Programs Committee is charged with supporting and enhancing the University of Connecticut's Armenian programming and, in particular, its connections with Yerevan State University. The Committee is co-chaired by Salome Raheim, the Dean of the School of Social Work and Elizabeth Mahan, the Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs.

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ARMENIA STUDIES PRESENTS:

**GREGORY ARESHIAN**

Assistant Director UCLA Cotsen Institute  
of Archaeology

*"Piecing together the Past:  
Toward an Interdisciplinary  
History of Armenia"*

Thursday, April 21, 2011

4:00pm

NAFE KATTER THEATRE

Reception to follow

Welcoming remarks:  
**Elizabeth Mahan**  
Executive Director  
Office of International Affairs

Introduction:  
**Daniel Adler**  
Assistant Professor  
Anthropology



Gregory Areshian

Dr. Gregory Areshian received his Ph.D. from the Saint Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) Institute of Archaeology of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR and has excavated at several archaeological sites in Armenia and Syria, while participating in other archaeological field projects in Georgia, Egypt, and Turkmenistan. Dr. Areshian's previous appointments include the position of professor of Archaeology and History at Yerevan State University, First Vice-President of the Department of Antiquities of the Republic of Armenia, and Associate Director of the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of the Academy of Sciences. He served as Deputy Prime Minister in the first government of the independent Republic of Armenia (1991-92.)

## Piecing Together the Past: Toward an Interdisciplinary Anthropological History of Armenia

Two hundred years of modern studies of the Armenian past have developed on the basis of analysis of Armenian and foreign historical texts which are fragmentary, do not cover the gigantic time depth of Ancient Armenia, are sociopolitically, culturally, and religiously biased, and do not reflect most of the aspects of life of the inhabitants of the Armenian Highland. Only the last three centuries of Armenian history are more or less adequately reflected in archival documents. At the same time, in the last several decades impressive advancements in archaeology, linguistics, epigraphy, art history, numismatics, and folklore studies have filled many gaps in historical writings, rectifying or replacing many earlier views, and now provide an essentially new documentary base for a comprehensive and balanced account of the Armenian past. Contemporary anthropological theories may clarify complex societal dynamics of Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Armenia. The lecture presents some of the most important discoveries made in recent years and outlines new perspectives created by interdisciplinary integration.