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THE ARARAT-ESKIJIAN MUSEUM
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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES
AND RESEARCH (NAASR)

Present an illustrated talk in English



**MY FATHER: A MAN OF COURAGE
AND PERSEVERANCE, A SURVIVOR
OF STALIN'S GULAG**

by
Dr. Rubina Perroomian
Independent scholar

Saturday, October 27, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Ararat-Eskijian Museum-Sheen Chapel
15105 Mission Hills Road, Mission Hills, CA

Please join us for the presentation of Dr. Rubina Perroomian's new publication *My Father: A Man of Courage and Perseverance, a Survivor of Stalin's Gulag*, which will feature remarks by the author as well as readings from the book by UCLA students. Remarks by Prof. Richard Hovhannesian will be given in a video by Arat Hovhannesian.

Perroomian has written the story of her father, Haghtas (Haght) Hovhannesian, who was abducted by the Soviet NKVD from Tbilisi, Iran, during the rearing years of World War I. The book reconstructs his experiences, interrogations, and sentence of 12 years hard labor in Siberia from 1940 to 1952, when he was released under the general pardon (except after Stalin's death) to war prisoners and all victims of Stalinist purges. The book contains the English rendering of untold stories he began to tell her in his late life when he felt it was his duty to tell and share his personal experience of the Gulag.

Haght's account physically broken, taught with the effect of years of competitive sailing in the northern North Sea after camp, but in good spirit. He returned to his family, his "oldworld" wife and two orphan girls, he rebuilt his own and his family's shattered life. But not everything went smoothly. He had challenges to overcome as he reintegrated into the society he was finally released from more than a decade before.

Dr. Rubina Perroomian holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures from UCLA and has been a lecturer in Armenian Language and Literature. She is the author of several books, chapters, and research articles in scholarly journals.

For information about the event, please contact (747) 500-7585 or eskijian@ararat-eskijian-museum.com. The event will be live-streamed on the Museum's website and Facebook page. Free Admission & open to the public. A book signing and reception to follow program.

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