

## **Ocean County Resident to Share Relatives' Survivor Accounts of Armenian Genocide at Stockton University's Manahawkin Site July 20**

Dr. Debra Dagavarian to Present Lunch & Learn "Armenian Genocide"

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**Galloway Township, NJ** – Stockton University's Manahawkin Instructional Site will host a Lunch & Learn lecture, "Armenian Genocide," on **Monday, July 20, 2015**.

Dr. Debra Dagavarian, adjunct instructor in the School of General Studies at Stockton University, will speak about the Armenian Genocide through family stories passed down by her paternal grandmother, great-uncle and other relatives who survived the massacre to talk and write about their experiences. To this day, 100 years since the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, the Turkish government still refuses to accept responsibility for the annihilation of an estimated one-and-a-half-million Armenians.

Dagavarian, of Little Egg Harbor, will tell her relatives' stories amid the backdrop of the socio-historical situation of Turkey in 1915. Participants will see photographs and maps of the devastation and a short film taken by another Armenian relative in 1922 of Smyrna, Turkey, after the genocidal destruction.

The event, which includes lunch, is free and open to the public and will be held at the Manahawkin Instructional Site, located at 712 E. Bay Ave., from noon to 1 p.m.

Attendees are requested to RSVP by calling 609-626-3883. For more information about Stockton's Manahawkin Instructional Site, visit [www.stockton.edu/manahawkin](http://www.stockton.edu/manahawkin).

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