

A global overview of Armenian-ancestry psychologists **

Chair: **Hrant Avanesyan**, *Yerevan State University*

Psychological science has been an international field since 1879, when Wilhelm Wundt's lab in Leipzig attracted students from around the world. In 2019, to mark the 100th anniversary of psychological science at Yerevan State University, several psychologists met to discuss their diverse efforts to identify Armenian-ancestry psychologists world-wide. This symposium brings together three experienced experts, to compare their diverse efforts towards a global census of Armenian-ancestry behavioral scientists. (1) **Hrant Avanesyan**, the Chair of the Psychology Department at Yerevan State University, offers an historical overview of psychology in Armenia. (2) **Harold Takooshian** formed the Armenian Behavioral Science Association (ABSA) in 1987—a network now linking over 500 Armenian-Americans in the behavioral scientists. (3) **Ani Kalayjian** formed ATOP MeaningfulWorld in 1988, involving many Armenian-ancestry healers in over 50 nations, including Armenia.

Discussant: **George Gharibian** co-chairs the Education Committee of the Armenian American Mental Health Association (AAMHA).

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1. **Hrant Avanesyan**, *Yerevan State University*
Historical overview of psychology in Armenia
 2. **Harold Takooshian**, *Fordham University*
35 years of the Armenian Behavioral Science Association
 3. **Ani Kalayjian**, *MeaningfulWorld*
MeaningfulWorld : Armenian healers in 30 nations
- Discussant: **George Gharibian**, *Alliant University*

