

Service Area 2 Presents the Third Annual Armenian Genocide: Transgenerational Effects & Healing



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April 15, 2021 – Agenda

4:00 PM Welcome & Opening Remarks

Mariam Nahapetyan, Outreach and Engagement, LACDMH, Service Area 2

4:15 PM Keynote Address: “Integrating Loss, Grief and Trauma When More Is Too Much”

Jorge Partida, Psy.D., LACDMH

5:15 PM Panel Discussion

Moderator: Seta Haig, LMFT

Panelists: Anna Yaralyan, Psy.D., Mariam Vanounts, Psy.D., Shushan V. Kalantaryan Psy.D., Lilit Hovsepyan, Psy.D.

6:15 PM Closing Remarks

Sarkis Simonian, Co-Chair EE/ME UsCC, LACDMH

Keynote Speaker

Jorge Partida, Psy.D. – Is the Chief of Psychology at Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH.) He is a clinical and research psychologist, specializing in addiction and trauma. He is an author, consultant and national speaker, integrating Native ancestral teachings with traditional Western psychotherapy. He has worked in Liberia, Africa, in the repatriation of boy soldiers, forming “intentional communities” in war and poverty-impacted countries such as Colombia, Peru and Mexico. Dr. Partida authored “The Promise of The Fifth Sun” and “A Week of Awakening,” both of which were also written in Spanish.

Panelists

Seta Haig, LMFT – Born in Lebanon, she is a licensed marriage and family therapist who has been working at Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services (MHS) for the past 6 years as clinician, lead clinical supervisor and currently Program Coordinator for the Armunity Program.

Anna Yaralyan, Psy.D. – A Clinical Psychologist who received her first Master’s Degree in Psychology with honors at Pepperdine University, and second Master’s Degree and Doctorate Degree from California Professional School of Psychology in Multicultural Clinical Psychology. Currently she works at LACDMH as the liaison for the Eastern European and Middle Eastern Population for Underserved Cultural Communities (EE/ME UsCC.)

Mariam Vanounts, Psy.D. – Is a Licensed Marriage and Family therapists who obtained her M.S. in Clinical Psychology from the University of La Verne and her Psy.D. from Southern California University. She specializes in trauma and is an EMDR therapist and certified Brainspotting therapist. She has been providing mental health services to individual and families for the past 23 years, both in communication mental health and private practice settings.

Shushan V. Kalantaryan, Psy.D. – A Clinical Practitioner with extensive experience with domestic violence survivors and victims of human trafficking, she has provided mental health services to over 14 thousand individuals and families with vast number of issues: physical, psychological, injury and suicide, drug use and addiction, women-issues, life-phase adjustments, and acculturation. Dr. Kalantaryan is skilled in private practice, nonprofit organizations, trauma focused care, and supervision. Demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry as an adjunct professor and a founder of Heyday Family Counseling Services.

Lilit Hovsepyan, Psy.D – A pre-licensed clinical psychologist (PSY #94025619) who works with youth, adults, and families. She specializes in anxiety disorders, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Autism Spectrum Disorder, and birth to 5 population. Her clinical experience in these and other areas is supplemented by research projects and psychological assessments. Dr. Hovsepyan received her Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in clinical psychology from Loma Linda University in 2020. She earned her Master of Arts (M.A.) degree from Loma Linda University in 2017 and her Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 2011.