

Berkeley Law's Election Administration Research Center (EARC) and The Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law; the Armenian Studies Program and the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, UC Berkeley; and the Human Rights Initiative, UC Davis

**PRESENT:**

## **Elections, Democracy Building, and Civil Society in a Peri-Conflict Region: The 2012 Presidential Election in Nagorno Karabakh Republic**



*Photo by Heghnar Watenpaugh.*

On July 19, 2012, the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh held its fifth presidential election since declaring independence in 1991. Two candidates, Vitaly Balasanyan and Arkady Soghomonyan, challenged the incumbent President Bako Sahakyan. President Sahakyan won re-election. A team of Elections and Human Rights experts from UC Berkeley and UC Davis were part of a California group that travelled to Nagorno Karabakh to observe the election.



Tuesday November 20, 2012

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

132 South Addition, Boalt Hall

*Free and open to the public*

**Please join us for the election observer's reports, followed by a panel discussion of the salient issues in elections and governance of Nagorno Karabakh.**

### **Panel 1:**

#### **KARIN MAC DONALD**

*Director of the Election Administration Research Center, Berkeley Law*

#### **KEITH DAVID WATENPAUGH**

*Associate Professor and Director, Human Rights Initiative  
University of California, Davis*

#### **HEGHNAR WATENPAUGH**

*Associate Professor, University of California, Davis*

### **Panel 2:**

#### **HONORABLE GRIGOR HOVHANNISSIAN**

*Consul General of the Republic of Armenia in Los Angeles*

#### **H.E. ROBERT AVETISYAN**

*Permanent Representative of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic  
to the United States*

#### **MR. ASHOT GHULYAN**

*Chairman of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic National Assembly*

Discussant:

#### **STEPHAN ASTOURIAN**

*Assistant Adjunct Professor of History and Executive Director of the  
Armenian Studies Program, Institute of Slavic, East European, and  
Eurasian Studies*