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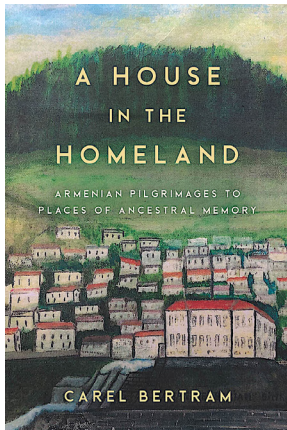
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“A HOUSE IN THE HOMELAND: ARMENIAN PILGRIMAGES TO PLACES OF ANCESTRAL MEMORY”

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Following the Armenian Genocide of 1915, the United States became an important refuge for genocide survivors. For these survivors, even the idea of returning to a homeland emptied of Armenians and filled with memories of death and terror was unthinkable, and few ever saw their beloved homes again. But slowly and much later, the survivors' children, and then their grandchildren, calling themselves pilgrims, began to make forays to Turkey in search of their families' lost houses in the towns villages that they had heard so much about. Between 2007 and 2015, Carel Bertram traveled with over a hundred such pilgrims, and was in contact with many more, resulting in her book *A House in the Homeland, Armenian Pilgrimages to Places of Ancestral Memory*, (Stanford University Press, 2022.) In this



talk, Bertram brings these pilgrimages and their impact to life, by telling some of their stories.

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