

THE ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM AND
THE ARMENIAN MUSEUM OF FRESNO PRESENT

“THE SHADOWS OF 1915”

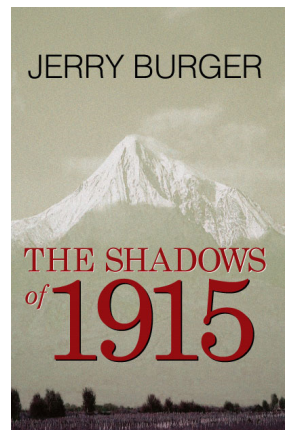
A DISCUSSION AND BOOK SIGNING

WITH AUTHOR **DR. JERRY BURGER**

IN DISCUSSION WITH **DR. ROBERT VARTABEDIAN,**
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How long is the shadow of genocide? How does it affect the offspring of the survivors? And how do survivors and their families retain a belief in justice when atrocities go unpunished? These are some of the questions addressed in Jerry Burger's novel, *The Shadows of 1915*. The story takes place in Central California in 1953, where Armenian immigrants and their families live one generation removed from the 1915 murder of more than a million Armenians at the hands of the Turkish government. An encounter between the sons of a genocide survivor and some Turkish college students forces each of the main characters to make difficult decisions that pit loyalty to family and community against personal and legal standards of right and wrong. It is a story about a displaced group of people and the consequences of real historic events that have rarely been examined in fiction. It is also a story about culture, family, recovery from tragedy, and the nature of justice.



Jerry Burger is Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Santa Clara University, where he was a member of the faculty from 1984 to 2018. He is an internationally recognized expert on the psychological processes that contribute to inhumane acts like atrocities and genocide. His research in this area was the subject of a New York Times editorial and was featured in a 60-minute broadcast of ABC News' Primetime and in the Discovery Channel documentary, How Evil Are You? His short stories have appeared in many literary magazines. His first novel, The Shadows of 1915, was published in 2019.

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*University Business Center • Alice Peters Auditorium • Fresno State
(5245 N. Backer Ave., Fresno)*

Free Admission. Free parking in Lot P6 near the UBC. PERMIT NOT REQUIRED.

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**Dr. Jerry Burger's book *The Shadows of 1915*
will be on sale at the lecture.**

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