Growing up, Dawn MacKeen heard fragments of her grandfather Stepan's story, of how he was swept up in the deadly mass deportation of Armenians during World War I and of how he miraculously managed to escape. Longing for a fuller picture of Stepan's life—and the lost home her family fled—Dawn travels alone to Turkey and Syria, across a landscape still rife with tension. Using his long-lost journals as a guide, she reconstructs her grandfather's odyssey to the far reaches of the Ottoman Empire, where he found himself in the midst of unspeakable atrocities.

Dawn MacKeen is an award-winning investigative journalist who devoted eight years to her grandfather's story. Previously she was a staff writer at Salon, Newsday and Smart Money. Her work has appeared in the New York Times Magazine, Elle, the Los Angeles Times and elsewhere.

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. Please RSVP Tom La Pointe at cpjr@bergen.edu or (201) 879-8977. Parking is available in Lot B.

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