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"BETWEEN THE WORDS: SILENCE IN IRANIAN SPIRITUAL CIVILIZATION"

Wednesday March 2, 7:00 p.m. 5 Bancroft Ave., Lower Auditorium, Room 142

"A MEDIAEVAL ARMENIAN MISCELLANY CULLED FROM IRAN, ARABIA, INDIA, AND ASSYRIA"

Thursday, March 3 to 12:00-2:00 pm, 4 Bancroft Ave., Room 200

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Before coming to Harvard in 1993, **Professor Russell** was Lady Davis Fellow and Visiting Associate Professor of Armenian and Ancient Iranian at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. His books include *Zoroastrianism in Armenia* and *Yovhannes T'lkuranc'i and the Mediaeval Armenian Lyric Tradition*. He was a Government Fellowship Lecturer at the Cama Institute in Bombay, India, and has been a frequent guest of the Armenian Academy of Sciences. His recent articles include: "Problematic Snake Children of Armenia", "On Mysticism and Esotericism amongst the Zoroastrians", "The Mother of All Heresies: A Late Mediaeval Armenian Text on the Yushkaparik", "The Armenian Shrines of the Black Youth", "Polyphemos Armenios", "An Epic for the Borderlands... the Mythologem of Alcestis in Armenia", "Ezekiel and Iran", and "Scythians and Avesta in an Armenian Vernacular Paternoster."