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Date & Time: Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7pm

Place: Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts

Keynote Speaker: **Kerry Kennedy**
Human Rights Activist; President and Founder of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, Washington, DC; Author of *Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who are Changing Our World*

Opening Remarks: **Peter Balakian**
Donald M. and Constance H. Rebar Professor of the Humanities, Colgate University; Author of *The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response - A History of International Human Rights and Forgotten Heroes*

Free and open to the public, the lecture is a public program of the Armenian Heritage Foundation offered in partnership with The Bostonian Society, academic institutions and human rights organizations.

The purpose of the annual endowed series is to advance understanding of human rights issues and societal abuses worldwide, and to increase awareness of the work of individuals and organizations so that we are all more actively engaged.

The lecture series has been inspired by the New England women and men - intellectuals, politicians, diplomats, religious leaders and ordinary citizens - who, beginning in the 1890s at Faneuil Hall, heard the eyewitness accounts of the atrocities taking place against the Armenian minority of the Ottoman Empire during the First World War and were called to action. These accounts were provided by relief workers, missionaries and diplomats such as the US Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire Henry Morgenthau. Source: Peter Balakian's *The Burning Tigris*

"The endowed lecture on human rights is in my father's honor as he taught so many about the need to pay attention, spot injustice and speak out wherever and whenever it occurs." – Carolann S. Najarian, M.D.