



# Speros Vryonis, Jr.

*Lecture Title:*

## **“The Mechanism of Catastrophe:**

The Turkish Pogrom of  
September 6–7, 1955,  
and the Destruction of  
the Greek Community  
in Istanbul”

*About the Speaker:*

**Speros Vryonis, Jr.**, is one of the most eminent Byzantinists of his generation. After a distinguished career at UCLA, he became the founding director of the Alexander S. Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies at New York University, from which he retired as emeritus Alexander S. Onassis professor Hellenic civilization. Vryonis is the author of “The Mechanism of Catastrophe.”

**Thursday, April 6, 2006  
7:30 p.m.**

Science Building Room 125  
Midtown campus  
Western Connecticut  
State University  
181 White Street  
Danbury, Connecticut

Reception to follow.

*This event is free and  
open to the public.*

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