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FUTURE OF THE FIELD CAMPAIGN

**H**appy Anniversary! We're excited to be with you to honor the impact and contributions of our association, to share our scholarship, to see old friends, and to look ahead to the Future of the Field.

Founded at a turning point in global relations, ASEEEES continues to lead the field of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies with 3,200 active members and more than 10,000 following our news and announcements around the world. Membership began in graduate school for most of us, and we well remember the excitement of our first convention. Since then, we've collaborated on panels with our mentors and mentees and found paths to career advancement and inspiration for our research and teaching. Along the way, we've also made life-long friendships.

We've reached another turning point for our field, at which ASEEEES can and should play a decisive role. Although the opportunities for and methods of studying Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia have grown dramatically, funding for the scholarship and teaching we do has fallen over the past three decades. ASEEEES has a responsibility not only to nurture, but also to increase the quality of research and diversity of thought in our field. We need to encourage connections and collaborations with scholars from the region and to support scholars and research of all types – from different regions of the world, previously underrepresented groups, and institutions under threat.

The Future of the Field Campaign gives us the opportunity to create new initiatives on the basis of our shared intellectual and scholarly values, so that we actively shape the future of our field ourselves. We're excited to give back to an organization that has given us an intellectual home and to help future scholars find their own place in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

We hope you'll be inspired, as we are, to support this effort. A donation at any level makes a difference, and your participation in the Future of the Field Campaign is our goal. Strength lies in numbers, so please join us at the most generous level you can personally consider and help us to secure the Future of the Field.

Sincerely,  
**Julie Cassidy, Anna Grzymala-Busse, Mark Steinberg**

**A** successful \$700,000 fundraising effort will double the funds currently available for dissertation research and completion, professional development, and more. Input from ASEEEES's members played a key role in defining the priorities and gift opportunities highlighted on the pages ahead.

We encourage you to read about the difference these initiatives are making today and to know that **your support will help sustain and expand their positive impact into the future.**

Thanks to the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) and The U.S. Russia Foundation (USRF) your support will go further:

- CCNY will match gifts and pledges to the Campaign up to \$1,500, giving all members the chance to have their contributions doubled!
- USRF will match funds raised for graduate research and travel grants for students in Russian Studies. Your contribution to these initiatives will increase by 100%!

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### Yana Skorobogatov

History, Williams College

#### 2016 Dissertation Research Grant Recipient

PhD, History, University of California, Berkeley

Thanks to ASEEES's Dissertation Research Grant, I was able to travel to Moscow to complete crucial research needed as I began writing my dissertation. I am grateful to those who funded this opportunity, without which, I may not have been able to conduct the necessary research and complete my dissertation in a timely way. I am happy to say that my dissertation is now a book manuscript.



## DISSERTATION COMPLETION FUND

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### Mark R. Beissinger

Politics, Princeton University

#### Dissertation Completion Fund Donor

Graduate students who engage in extended fieldwork abroad inevitably take longer to complete their degree programs. Students often find themselves at a crossroads during the final stages of their dissertations, when funding is particularly scarce.



I support the new ASEEES Dissertation Completion Fund because I believe that exceptional young scholars in the final stages of their PhD training need our support. The quality of new scholarship and the ability of young scholars to succeed are vital for the continuance of our field. This Fund not only assists future colleagues at a critical and vulnerable stage of their careers, but also assures that the field benefits from new and innovative research.



## GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

### Susan Grunewald

History, Carnegie Mellon University

**2018 Graduate Student Convention Travel Grant Recipient**

**M**y research trip, supported by a 2016 Cohen-Tucker Dissertation Research Fellowship, enabled me to examine the role of German prisoners of war in the Soviet Union from 1941 to 1956. A Graduate Student Convention Travel Grant made it possible for me to share my research and teaching tools, including digital mapping and archiving, at the ASEEEES Convention. As a graduate student, I recognize that presenting at the ASEEEES Convention is an essential part of my career development.



## REGIONAL SCHOLAR TRAVEL GRANTS

### Natalija Majsova

Cinema, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

**2017 Regional Scholar Convention Travel Grant Recipient**

**T**he ASEEEES Regional Scholar Travel Grant allowed me to take part in the annual Convention in Chicago. The feedback I received on my research about Soviet sci-fi films pushed me to a new level; it even resulted in a new research sub-project. Meeting new colleagues and engaging in discussions resulted in collaborations on multiple projects. The Convention was one of the most productive and valuable academic events I have attended.



## CONVENTION OPPORTUNITY TRAVEL GRANTS

### Madalina Veres

Corporate & Foundation Relations, University of the Sciences

**2017 Convention Opportunity Travel Grant Recipient**

**W**hile an adjunct instructor and postdoc, the ASEEEES Convention Opportunity Travel Grant allowed me to attend the 2017 Convention, which would have been otherwise beyond my means. I received extensive feedback for my book manuscript, forged new connections, and attended sessions and workshops advancing existing interests and opening up new ones. I hope other independent scholars and recent graduates continue to have this opportunity.



## SUMMER REGIONAL CONVENTION TRAVEL GRANTS

### Alexander Kondakov

Political Science, European University at St. Petersburg /  
Centre for Independent Social Research (Russia)

#### 2016 Summer Convention Travel Grant Recipient

The ASEEEES travel grant for the 2016 Lviv Summer Convention gave me, a Russian scholar, the chance to attend a conference in Ukraine exactly at the time of confrontation between these two neighbors. Continuing to make such travel and dialogue possible will contribute to the restoration of peace and agreement in the region.



## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TRAVEL GRANTS

### John Romero

History, Arizona State University

#### 2018 Diversity and Inclusion Travel Grant Recipient



Coming from a Mexican-American background with no familial connections to Eastern Europe, I am often asked why I study Russia. The answer lies with my longstanding academic interest in the fate of minority peoples within majority society. The Diversity and Inclusion Travel Grant plays an important role in alleviating institutional inequalities that might otherwise

hinder the participation of graduate students of different and underrepresented backgrounds. Support from ASEEEES to present my work and network with scholars in our field is an important part of my evolution as a scholar and will make me a more viable candidate for positions in the academy.

## FIND YOUR FUTURE INTERNSHIP FUND

### Samuel Charap

International Relations, RAND Corporation



Graduate school internships proved critical to my future career. I was able to spend time in the region, understand better what jobs I should pursue after I finished, and make the connections necessary to be successful in my job search. The internships were crucial for making the transition from graduate school to a career in the policy world.



## FIRST BOOK SUBVENTION

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### Max Bergholz

History, Concordia University

#### 2015 First Book Subvention Recipient

After devoting a decade of research to uncovering a long-silenced story of intercommunal killing in a Balkan community, the ASEES First Book Subvention Program helped Cornell University Press publish my book at a price that made widespread distribution a reality. As a result, the history of violence that I tell in my book is now being debated in university courses throughout North America, and has been widely read and reviewed.



## GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

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### Bathsheba Demuth

History, Brown University

#### 2012 Graduate Student Essay Prize Winner

PhD, History, UC Berkeley

The ASEES Graduate Student Essay Prize allowed me to come to the annual Convention for the first time. Feedback on my dissertation from Russianist experts beyond my university was important in assuring that my project was viable within the larger context of the field. The prize gave my research recognition and review at an early stage of my career.



## ASEEES FUND

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### Patricia Polansky

Hamilton Library, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

The first AAASS (now ASEEES) Convention that I attended was in 1976 in St. Louis, Missouri. I've been a regular participant since and, as a librarian, I am gratified that library panels are incorporated into the main convention program. As we see fewer dollars from the federal government targeted for our field, it seems a duty of members to support our professional home. I am honored to be a regular donor to the ASEEES Fund, after all I have received from our association.



## LEGACY SOCIETY

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### Sabrina P. Ramet and Christine M. Hassenstab

History, Norwegian University of Science & Technology

#### Legacy Society Members

We are delighted to support the Future of the Field Campaign as founding members of the ASEEES Legacy Society. Through our estate, we will create an endowment to fund future scholarship on religion and politics. A bequest makes it possible for us to honor our decades of membership in ASEEES today and to help sustain the field for generations to come.



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