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EXPLAINING DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS AS AN ANALYTICAL CHALLENGE: Why are Romania and Bulgaria in the EU?

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The fact that on January 1, 2007 Romania and Bulgaria joined the European Union (EU) was duly noted by scholars studying the former second world. This fact has already generated some discussions, mostly about the effect of full membership on the newcomers and on the EU itself. But the full significance and the broader implications of this event are yet to be explored in a satisfactory manner. Here is one issue in particular that must be explicitly addressed: given that they are now in the EU, at some point during the 1990s/early 2000s Bulgaria and Romania must have become consolidated democracies – but we still do not know why. What is it that made this accomplishment possible? Straightforward answers to this question may be misleading, and it is not clear what lines of inquiry those who wish to offer more adequate accounts should pursue. Explaining the democratic success of the two Balkan countries is an analytical challenge that should not be overlooked or evaded – it should be squarely confronted.

Of course, the claim that Bulgaria and Romania are now as democratic as Hungary and Poland should not be construed to mean that all these countries possess identical political characteristics. There are, and there will always be, major dissimilarities between the former communist countries and these dissimilarities will continue to attract attention. From party systems to con-

stitutional models, from demographic trends to conceptualizations of gender roles, from nationalistic idioms to property rights regimes – we certainly stand to learn a lot by examining how and why East European states differ along such analytical dimensions.

Irrespective of how enlightening such theoretical and empirical inquiries into diversity might be, however, they should not obscure the big picture – and the big picture is that we are dealing with comparisons among members of the EU, which means between full-fledged democracies. After January 1, 2007, the argument that Slovenia is a democracy whereas Romania is something else would work only if it were buttressed by a theory of how the EU functions as an alliance of democratic and non-democratic states. Given what we know about the EU, it is hard to see what such a theory might look like.

One easy way to handle this analytical challenge, explaining democratic success in the Balkans, would be to attribute it to a regional trend affecting a homogeneous group of cases. The explanation would run like this. The collapse of communism in 1989 triggered a process of democratization that affected the entire area of Soviet domination in Europe; the former satellites had a lot in common and hence one should expect the outcome of democratization to be the same. Put dif-

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ferently, the factors that determined the success of some countries in the region, like the Czech Republic, also account for the success of other countries in the region, like Bulgaria.

This view is very problematic. Its basic assumption, that the former Soviet satellites constitute a homogeneous group where similar processes would generate similar outcomes, would come as a surprise to anyone familiar with the literatures on non-Western Europe and on postcommunist democratization. The Czech Republic's successful democratization might be explained with reference to factors related to its pre-socialist past (the relatively enlightened rule of the Habsburgs, cultural affinity with the West, a national political tradition that includes two decades of democratic rule) or to certain aspects of the socialist period (the Prague Spring as a manifestation of the communist party's progressive reformism, Charter 77 as evidence of civil society's resilience and allegiance to democratic values, expanding economic relations with Western Europe). Obviously, none of these factors are relevant to a case like Bulgaria. Historically, it belonged to the Ottoman sphere of influence; culturally, it was close to Russia; experiments with democracy during the pre-socialist period were short-lived. After 1944, the country was governed by a dogmatic Leninist party allergic to reforms; isolated dissident activities encountered public apathy; the economy was oriented entirely towards the Soviet Union.

What exactly, then, is the comparative vantage point from which the identical result of democratic reforms in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria, namely consolidated democracy, would appear as an outcome brought about by similar factors? Interpretative claims grounded in such a vantage point should be rightfully met with skepticism. To be sure, this skepticism is not dogmatic – there is no reason to reject a priori the argument that the two countries might share important characteristics. But analysts who invoke such common traits should not create the impression that they are just stating the obvious – to the contrary, such analysts should realize that they have a lot of explaining to do.

The literature on democratization in the 1990s likewise yields few clues that those willing to analyze democratic

success in Bulgaria and Romania might find worth pursuing. A key assumption that ran through this literature was that the sphere of Soviet domination encompassed markedly different regions, and that while the preconditions of democratic success are present in certain places, they are absent in others. Essentially, postcommunist democratization was cast as a process of divergence: while some former socialist countries were indeed transitioning towards democracy, others were drifting towards unknown and unpredictable destinations. No matter how these different groups of cases were designated – arguably, the distinction between “Central Europe” and “the Balkans” was the most popular one – Bulgaria and Romania invariably were included in the group where democratic reforms were destined to either fail or linger on for several generations.

And undoubtedly throughout the 1990s there were major differences between the two Balkan nations and the valedictorians of the transition. Here is a list of conditions that are applicable to Bulgaria and Romania but not to Central-European countries previously admitted to the EU: unreconstructed communist successor parties won several rounds of elections and retained their grip on power; new constitutions were hastily adopted by legislative assemblies dominated by cadres of the old regime; the media were almost completely dominated by the populist anti-capitalist and at times anti-Western rhetoric of the ruling elites; policy-making revolved around the idea that “the remarkable accomplishments of socialism” should be preserved and that the social costs of economic restructuring should be minimized – and as a result systematic reforms were postponed until the economy entered a period of chronic decline (in Romania) or simply collapsed (in Bulgaria); citizens of the two countries were denied visa-free travel to the West and that severely limited social and cultural contacts with European democracies. That paths of postcommunist development in Eastern Europe were diverging until the late 1990s is therefore a contention easy to justify. In light of this circumstance it remains an open question whether the notion that a “regional trend” towards democracy swept through Eastern Eu-

rope has an identifiable analytical content. Those who react without surprise to the news that Romania and Bulgaria were officially certified by Brussels as functioning democracies thus display blissful ignorance of the voluminous literature on postcommunist democratization – according to which such a thing should not have transpired in the foreseeable future.

What happened on January 1, 2007 suggests that trajectories of democratization observable in former Soviet satellites switched from a pattern of divergence to a tendency towards convergence which eventually led to an identical outcome of political reforms: stable democracy. What would be a good explanation of the reversal that enabled the laggards to catch up with the frontrunners? A simple answer comes to mind: the active involvement of the West. The answer to the question why two Balkan countries became democracies would then look something like this. Left to their own devices, Bulgaria and Romania would have never built democracy. But they got lucky because the EU decided to assume the role of a benevolent if somewhat stern guide that mapped the road to democracy. EU's sticks and carrots decisively changed local political contexts and the on-going engagement of a mighty international actor ensured that such changes will not be reversed. No EU involvement, no democracy on the Balkans.

At first blush, this explanation seems commonsensical; subjected to a closer scrutiny, it appears much less persuasive. To begin with, it erroneously implies that the EU cared for, sought to facilitate, or was concerned about the course of democratization of Bulgaria and Romania. As Milada Anna Vachudova made evident in her fascinating book *Europe Undivided*, throughout the 1990s the EU's top priority was to protect the economies of its members from competitive pressures – and in light of that priority the derailment of democratic reforms in Eastern Europe was a relatively minor nuisance which Western policy makers were in principle ready to live with. It is true that the EU formulated various conditions which states seeking full membership had to meet. But Vachudova demonstrated that such

conditions were designed to keep undesirable Eastern “relatives” out of the “common European home.” With regard to Bulgaria and Romania in particular, conditionality was invoked not in order to assist or cajole two struggling democracies, but to justify their continuing exclusion. The EU’s expectation was that both countries, stuck in a Balkan ghetto marred by chaos, recurrent crises, crime, and chronic instability, will fail in their effort to eventually transform themselves into desirable future members. Whether warranted or not, such political calculations account for the fact that democratic reforms in Bulgaria and Romania encountered Western indifference bordering on scorn – and that, in all likelihood, the news that Bulgaria or Romania had gone Belarus’s way and reverted back to authoritarianism would not have caused more than a blip on geo-political monitors in Brussels. In that regard, the aforementioned fact, that for a dozen years after 1989 Bulgarians and Romanians were not allowed to enter Western Europe without visas that were excruciatingly difficult

to obtain, is politically and symbolically quite important. What it reveals is that these populations were treated by EU’s policy makers not as second-rate Europeans, but as non-Europeans.

Furthermore, an argument that democratization was completed under European guidance is at odds with what we know about the internal principles of the EU, one of which is that accession negotiations may begin only after an applicant has met the so called “political criteria” for full membership, namely: stable democratic institutions; free, fair and regular elections; respect for basic rights and the Rule of Law. Since accession negotiations with Bulgaria and Romania began in 1999, it is warranted to conclude that democracy had taken sufficiently deep roots by then – and what that means is that democratic consolidation occurred before Romania and Bulgaria were actively engaged in successive rounds of negotiations.

Finally, accounts that posit Western involvement as a major factor that propelled democratization are analytically incomplete: they fail to explain why such pressures and influ-

ences were effective. Admittedly, all former members of the Soviet bloc were confronted with what Vachudova calls “the passive leverage of the EU,” or a matrix of constraints and opportunities that emerged not because the EU was actively and thoughtfully managing postcommunist transitions, but simply because it was “there.” However, developments in the former Soviet world showed that reactions to the allure of “Europe” and to its “passive leverage” were not conditioned by an automatism reminiscent of Pavlov’s dogs. There are cases like Albania and Macedonia, where the notion that moving closer to the West was embraced in principle, but did not motivate major political actors or important segments of society to do the kinds of things that would please Europe’s cadres and facilitate the journey to full membership in the EU. There are also cases like Serbia and Belarus where being “pro-Western” was a liability that only few politicians and citizens were willing to disregard. In and of itself, then, the existence of a “West” does not suffice

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as an explanation of why democratization progresses. To the story about influences emanating from abroad one should add a story about domestic contexts susceptible to such influences. This second story should cover topics like the emergence and endurance of a national consensus regarding full membership in the EU as a top national priority transcending bitter partisan rivalries; the fact that the preponderant majority of leading politicians, including many former communists, treated Western criticism as an embarrassment rather than an opportunity to augment their political capital through use of nationalistic rhetoric; the intensifying and ultimately successful social demand for more Europeanization. In other words, explanations that conjure up international factors without mapping domestic political, cultural and institutional terrains possess limited heuristic value insofar as they fail to provide an answer to the question why Bulgaria and Romania were both willing and able to “play along” with the EU.

In sum, while it would be silly to ignore the impact of international factors on the transformation of Eastern Europe after 1989, for a variety of reasons the involvement of the West cannot fully account for this bewildering development, the rise of democracy in Bulgaria and Romania. Plainly, democratic success on the Balkans cannot be treated as an outcome easily straitjacketed into available analytical narratives about postcommunist democratization throughout the 1990s. An answer to the question why Bulgaria and Romania became democracies is still necessary – and unavailable.

At the risk of frustrating the expectations of intrigued readers, I will refrain from offering my own “definitive” response to this question. Instead, I would like to spark a discussion by focusing on the types of methodological and substantive issues and problems that, in my view, any future debate on this topic must illuminate. My main objective in these concluding paragraphs is to reiterate the interrelated points that democratic success in the Balkans is an interesting puzzle – and that it poses analytical challenges that may be addressed only if current research programs are recalibrated and deep-seated

assumptions about postcommunist politics are revised.

Scholars who believe that democracy-building may succeed only if certain structural preconditions are in place will have to take a closer look at Bulgaria and Romania and their structural characteristics. By necessity, this approach will require fresh thinking. As mentioned above, the consensus among proponents of structural analyses was that the success of democracy is determined by variables like national tradition, culture, levels of socio-economic development, geography – and that based on analyses of such variables Bulgaria and Romania were destined to remain undemocratic for a long time. This consensus will have to be revised. The significance of the variables traditionally accentuated in studies of democratization may be reasserted – but in such a fashion as to make it possible to demonstrate that, contrary to conventional wisdom, some Balkan countries were not all that different from the rest of Eastern Europe. Or attention may shift to hitherto neglected structures which all Eastern European countries share in common and which appear to be much more important for democratization than all well-known structural variations.

Scholars who harbor doubts about structural explanations might be predisposed to depict democracy as the outcome of acts and interactions of political elites. Agency-centered accounts must address the question why in Bulgaria and Romania, in contrast with places like Russia and Central Asia, the continuing and obtrusive dominance of former communists was compatible with the consolidation of democracy. Such accounts will also have to highlight the structure of incentives and the political calculus that led relevant elites to conclude that suppression or subversion of democracy was an undesirable development.

Finally, it might be argued that the consolidation of democracy in the Balkans occurred not under the pressure of structures or as a result of the rise of new patterns of political behavior, but due to accidents. Those who favor this interpretation must offer an events-focused survey of Bulgaria’s and Romania’s postcommunist transitions and identify their key turning points

in the context of a more general interpretation of the convergence towards democracy in the Soviet Union’s former satellites.

It appears, then, that those who want to explain what happened in Bulgaria and Romania might explore various paths. But there are also interpretative strategies that, in my view, should be avoided. One such strategy would be to dismiss or seek to denigrate the argument that Bulgaria and Romania have successfully become democracies (and to treat them as countries where a major breakthrough is yet to come). I anticipate that the point of view presented here will be subjected to a moralistic critique which alleges that high-minded elitist talk about “democracy” occludes the basic fact that millions of ordinary people in the two countries live in misery and deprivation, and thus insinuates that the very usage of terms like “success” amounts to the morally repugnant act of putting a positive gloss on a brutal reality.

This critique is understandable, but ultimately misguided. That democracy has consolidated is not a contention that purports to convey the most important truth there is to know about political reality in Bulgaria and Romania – it illuminates one particular aspect of this reality and does not preclude analyses that emphasize the failures of postcommunist reforms. The insistence that democratization was successful should not be construed to mean that Bulgaria and Romania have resolved all important socio-economic issues – it is congruent with the assertion that these countries still struggle with all kinds of grave crises.

Unfairness, however, is only one of the problems with the charge of moral turpitude. An even bigger problem is that by evading the question of democratic success in the Balkans accusatory stances obscure the complex results of postcommunist transformations and hamper our ability to acknowledge and understand the unexpected. It seems to me that behind dismissive attitudes towards democratic consolidation in Bulgaria and Romania there looms a broader issue: after two decades of studying postcommunism most scholars are ill at ease with the notion of “success.” To be sure, there are solid empirical grounds for that. During the

early 1990s there were, indeed, very few successes to speak of. But perhaps there are also non-empirical reasons why the *problematique* of success was marginalized in narratives about the postcommunist era. The palpable fear that any positive evaluation of developments after 1989 might be used to validate “Western triumphalism” created a climate of opinion where the research most highly valued and most richly rewarded was on how and why after 1989 things changed for the worse. As a result, anyone interested in topics like dashed hopes, vicious circles, negative unintended consequences, faulty blueprints for reform and social marginalization will find in the literature on postcommunism a wealth of information. In contrast, those interested in democratic stabilization, social adaptation, virtuous circles and the successful transfer of Western institutional transplants will mine this literature largely in vain. We know a whole lot about the reasons why the former second world was a crisis-ridden region throughout the 1990s. We know much less about the reasons why countries like Bulgaria and Romania were able to join the club of the most prosperous nations in the world. One way to fill this lacuna would be to study more carefully and creatively the processes that led to January 1, 2007. This date is not a mythical moment when the kiss of the West turned former frogs into charming princes. It is, however, a threshold that made certain achievements of Bulgaria and Romania visible to the rest of the world. Let’s not forget that these achievements were far from preordained. Lest we miss the chance to learn important lessons about Eastern Europe and democratization, therefore, the analytical challenge of explaining democratic success on the Balkans should become a focal point of our on-going conversations about postcommunism.

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New "AAASS Advocacy" Column

We introduce in this issue a new column "AAASS Advocacy" (page 8) which highlights AAASS activities on behalf of the profession. This column will run whenever there is news to report about Association actions related to developing or maintaining the status of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies and its key resources domestically and abroad.

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The most recent, July 2008, issue of the ICCEES International Newsletter is available in PDF at: www.iccees.org/newsletter.htm.

2008 Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The 40th National Convention of the AAASS will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from Thursday, November 20, 2008 through Sunday, November 23, 2008. The hotel is located at 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

For more information about Philadelphia, please read "Welcome to Philly! Information for the 40th AAASS Annual Meeting" by Jeffrey W. Hahn, on page 11, or visit the official visitor site for greater Philadelphia and The Countryside, www.gophila.com, the visitors' section of the official City of Philadelphia web site, www.phila.gov/visitors/index.html, or the Philadelphia Convention Bureau's web site: www.philadelphiausa.travel.

Preliminary Program for the 2008 Convention

The preliminary program for the convention is published as an insert in this issue of *NewsNet* and is available online at www.aaass.org. The final version of the program will be distributed at the convention. Changes for the final program must be received at the AAASS in writing by Friday September 12, 2008.

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AAASS Annual Meeting

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Association for Women in Slavic Studies luncheon and Business Meeting

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) will hold their annual Awards Presentation, Luncheon, and Business Meeting in Liberty Ballroom Salon A on Saturday, November 21, 2008 at 12:30 P.M. Please note that the luncheon is by ticket only. Tickets may be obtained from the AWSS President, Margaret Beissinger, e-mail: mhbeissi@princeton.edu. The business meeting is open to all.

Cocktail Buffet and Awards Presentation – Saturday November 21, 2008

Please note that the Cocktail Buffet on Saturday, November 21, 2008 will begin at 6:00 P.M. Tickets for the cocktail buffet, which features hearty hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, are \$40 each (\$15 for students). You may order these on the Pre-Registration form, printed on page 9 and also available at our website, www.aaass.org. Please note

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that the Awards Presentation is open to all, and will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Documentary Film Premiere in lieu of President's Address

The awards presentation will be followed by a documentary film premiere of "Twenty Years Forward? The Contents and Discontents of Modern Russian Feminism" written and produced by Beth Holmgren with Igor Sopronenko as the director and filmmaker.

Faculty Digital Resources Workshop Organized by the Bibliography and Documentation Committee

The Bibliography and Documentation Committee of AAASS is organizing a free pre-conference workshop at the 2008 National Convention in Philadelphia, which will be held Thursday, November 20, 2008, 9 A.M. - noon at the Van Pelt Library of the University of Pennsylvania. The presentations will be hands-on sessions for researchers/faculty utilizing the latest electronic information resources for Slavic studies. Besides the presenters, numerous Slavic studies librarians will be on-site to answer questions and provide research guidance.

All AAASS convention participants are welcome to attend; however, since the

venue has limited seating, reservations will be required. Please register early by contacting Allan Urbanic, Librarian for Slavic & East European Collections at the University of California Berkeley. (aurbanic@library.berkeley.edu). Registrants are also welcome to suggest topics to be covered in the hands-on sessions so that the presenters can make the workshop experience as useful as possible. Additional information will be distributed through AAASS and various scholarly communication listservs as soon as program details are further clarified.

The workshop is easily accessible from the Philadelphia Marriott on public transportation. For detailed directions, and for the most recent information on the workshop, please see the Bibliography and Documentation web site: <http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/preconference2008.html> For more information about public transportation, please visit <http://www.septa.org/>.

Preliminary program for the workshop (as of June 23, 2008)

9-9:30 - Session 1: "Online Sources for Research in the Social Sciences," Hugh Truslow (Harvard) & Brad Schaffner (Harvard)

9:30-10 Session 2: "Online Sources for Research in Literary Studies," Michael Biggins (University of Washington) & Liladhar Pendse (UCLA)

10-10:30 - Session 3: "Using JSTOR for Academic Research," David Fowler (University of Oregon)

10:30-10:45 - Break

10:45-11:30 - Session 4: "Copyright in the Research and Academic Environment," Janice Pilch (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

11:30-12 - Session 5: "The Google Enlightenment," Ruth Wallach (USC)

2009 Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The 41st National Convention of the AAASS will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, from Thursday, November 12, 2009 to Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the Philadelphia Marriott Copley Place. Details about making hotel reservations will be posted on our website and in the January *NewsNet*. The call for papers for the 2009 convention is included on page 21. As was the case the last couple of years, you will also be able to submit your proposals online through our web site. ♦

AAASS ADVOCACY

In this issue, we are introducing a new column to bring you news of AAASS activities on behalf of the profession. This column will run whenever there is news to report about Association actions related to developing or maintaining the status of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies and its key resources domestically and abroad.

Spring 2008 was particularly busy in this regard. In February, AAASS responded to the closure of the European University in St. Petersburg by drafting a statement of support for the university in consultation with EUSP faculty and emailing this statement to the relevant authorities. The statement appealed for the reopening of EUSP as quickly as possible.

In March 2008, just as it was announced that EUSP would re-open, AAASS was informed that the European Reading Room at the Library of Congress was threatened with closure so that its space could be converted into an exhibit area. This room has been and remains a critical resource for many members of our Association. AAASS

officers acted quickly to inform members of the situation and to ask them to write to their legislators to ask for this decision to be reversed. AAASS itself sent a statement to this effect to James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, and to members of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Library. The combined effort of many individuals both inside and outside of AAASS convinced the Library to retain a separate European Reading Room at the Library, though the new room will be in a different location and somewhat smaller than the previous facility.

Also in March, the AAASS Executive Committee wrote the University Librarian at the University of Illinois urging the university to reject a proposal that would merge the Slavic Library, along with its staff specialists, with other units in the university's library system. The outcome of our appeal, as well as those of many other concerned patrons, is still pending.

In May, Beth Holmgren, the President of the Association, wrote to the President of the University of Florida,

asking him to reverse the university's decision to make significant faculty cuts in the Slavic Studies department and in other less commonly taught languages. As a result of widespread publicity and numerous letters, the university restored some of the positions, including one of the two positions in Slavic Studies that had been slated for elimination.

Currently, AAASS officers are investigating how the Association can effectively lobby the U.S. government to negotiate with the Russian Federation to change its recently adopted visa restrictions. These restrictions make it virtually impossible for scholars to spend longer than three months in Russia while conducting research. This policy is having an especially negative impact on dissertation research. We will keep you updated about our efforts in this area, and on all other advocacy issues.

Dmitry Gorenburg
Executive Director, AAASS



INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR US SCHOLARS AND PROFESSIONALS

INDIVIDUAL ADVANCED RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (IARO)

The IARO Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for overseas research on topics relevant to US foreign policy. Limited funding is available for non-policy relevant topics.

Deadline: November 17, 2008

REGIONAL POLICY SYMPOSIUM

IREX and Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars sponsor the annual Regional Policy Symposium to bring senior and junior fellows together with members of the policy community to examine and discuss current policy research of the countries of Eurasia and Central and Eastern Europe from multi-disciplinary and multi-regional approaches. The selection of junior scholars is administered through an open grant competition. The topic of the upcoming symposium and application materials can be found on our website.

Deadline: December 1, 2008

SHORT-TERM TRAVEL GRANTS PROGRAM (STG)

The STG Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for overseas research on issues relevant to US foreign policy.

Deadline: February 2, 2009

US EMBASSY POLICY SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Selected postdoctoral scholars and professionals serve as Policy Specialists-in-residence at a US Embassy or Consulate as well as conduct independent research.

Deadline: March 2, 2009

Information and application forms available at www.irex.org

WELCOME TO PHILLY!

Information for the 40th AAASS Annual Meeting

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As someone who has lived in the Philadelphia area for more than forty years, including four undergraduate years at the University of Pennsylvania, I have always taken pleasure in escorting guests around this surprising city founded in 1682 by William Penn. Certainly, many chapters of American history were written here. There is Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were written and where the first Continental Congress sat. The Liberty Bell is located across the street on the mall which also houses the National Constitution Center and the Independence Visitor Center. Nearby one can go to Christ Church, where Ben Franklin is buried, or to the Betsy Ross House or to Carpenter's Hall, site of many pivotal events in revolutionary times and home to the First Bank of the United States. But, while all these historic places are a must for anyone visiting Philadelphia for the first time, there are other places to go and things to do that are not so famous but are interesting and a lot of fun. In what follows, I try to point out at least a few of these.

General information

Greater Philadelphia is home to nearly four million people, making it the fifth largest metropolitan area in the country. It is located on the East Coast corridor, about two hours south of New York and three north of Washington, D.C. You can arrive easily and directly. *Planes* arrive at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), from which you can get to the convention hotel by cab for about \$25, by the R1 SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) train for \$5.50, or by a hotel shuttle bus. Frequent *buses* and *Amtrak trains* connect Philadelphia to Washington, New York, Boston and points beyond. One can also drive, of course, or even come by *cruise ship*, coming up

the Delaware River like Penn did (www.cruisephilly.com).

Getting Around. If you are staying at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, the convention hotel located at 12th and Market Streets, you will be within a block of the city's epicenter, the famous City Hall at the top of which stands a statue of William Penn himself. Until 1984, by a 'gentleman's agreement,' no building could be built higher than his head. Now there are several skyscrapers, including the newly completed Comcast building, which is one of the tallest 'green' buildings in the country. From the hotel, getting around Philly is fairly easy because the city is laid out on a grid between the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, just as Penn planned it when he arrived. The east-west axis is Market Street, which is intersected at City Hall by Broad Street running north-south. The streets running parallel to Broad Street between the two rivers are numbered (east to west are numbered 1-30), while most of those running parallel to Market Street to South Street (yes, 'where all the hippies meet') are named after trees (Chestnut, Walnut, Spruce, Locust, etc.).

While many of the principal places of interest are within walking distance of the hotel, some are not reached so easily on foot. There are (now) plenty of taxis in Philadelphia, especially at the hotel. However, if you don't have a specific destination and want to get to the various sights around the city, consider taking the purple 'Phlash' bus (www.phillyplash.com) which allows you to get 'on and off' at stops between the Delaware River and the Philadelphia Art Museum for \$4 a day (free for seniors and kids). It stops by the Philadelphia Marriott every twelve minutes and operates until November 30. Two other tours worth a look are the Big Bus Tours and the Trolley Tours. The Big Bus Tours (www.bigbustours.com)

feature double-decker buses and a well informed tour of the city, also with 'on and off' privileges for between \$10 and \$25. The Trolley Tours are operated by the Philadelphia Trolley Works (www.phillytour.com). These two tours are based within a short walking distance from the hotel and leave about every thirty minutes. And then, of course, you can see colonial Philadelphia in the Old City by taking a horse-drawn carriage for prices ranging from \$25-\$75 depending on the number of people and the length of the tour (www.phillytour.com).

Bring comfortable walking shoes! Philly is a great city for pedestrians. As indicated above, many of the really good places to go are within easy walking distance of the hotel and although weather in November can be cool, it is rarely cold, on average around fifty degrees.

Start by crossing the street from the north entrance of the Philadelphia Marriott and go into the Reading Terminal Market (<http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/>), which is a lively farmers' market with about eighty vendors located below a now-defunct train terminal. It is the *Les Halles* of Philadelphia with many of the city's signature foods including Amish pretzels, snapper soup, and, yes, cheese steaks. Go out the north-side door of the market and turn right on Arch Street. Walk down to 10th Street where you will see the dragon gate to Chinatown. On your way on the left is the huge, new Convention Center. If you go in the opposite direction two blocks up to 1 North Broad Street, you will come to the national headquarters of the Freemasons. The building (circa-1868) is quite spectacular and can be visited (www.pagrandlodge.org). If you go out of the hotel on the Market Street side (southerly) and turn left, you can reach all the historical sights noted in

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the first paragraph in about six blocks. One of the unexpected joys of walking around is seeing the more than 2500 murals that have been painted on walls throughout the city. The Mural Arts Program (MAP) originated in 1984 as an anti-graffiti initiative. A brochure showing the various locations is available at the Visitor Center. For more information, check out www.muralarts.org. Don't miss this unique feature of Philadelphia's urban landscape!

Online information sites can be helpful in planning your visit. One of these is www.gophila.com – the Official Visitor Website for Greater Philadelphia and includes a wealth of information about the city and surrounding areas. You might also try www.philly.com – the website of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Daily News*, which focuses more on the downtown area and what's happening currently. Additionally, two other great sources of information may be found at the Independence Visitor Center on Independence Mall and the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. A guidebook which I found useful in preparing this review is Mary Mihaly's *Insider's Guide: Philadelphia* (2007). And, of course, the hotel can provide information and a concierge to get you reservations.

The Arts

The list of not-to-be-missed cultural and artistic venues in Philadelphia is long. Let's start with the Avenue of the Arts, which is located along Broad Street starting a few blocks from the hotel to the south, also within easy walking distance. Along this stretch, you will find the venerable Academy of Music (www.academyofmusic.org), home of the Philadelphia Opera Company (www.operaphilly.com), and the Pennsylvania Ballet (www.paballet.org). If you are a Gilbert and Sullivan fan, the Savoy Company founded in 1901 also performs there. A little further on is the ultra-modern Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (www.kimmel-center.org) featuring performances by the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, the Philly Pops and PHILADANCO, the Philadelphia Dance Company, along with various guest artists. Still a bit further on, you will find the Merriam

Theater and, if you like jazz, don't miss the Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz, a.k.a. Union Local #274, formed in 1934 by black musicians who couldn't get a job with white bands. Other performance venues worth visiting but not located near the hotel include the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Pennsylvania and the Curtis Institute of Music at 1726 Locust Street.

Museums

The Philadelphia area can boast of two of the finest art museums anywhere, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, (www.philamuseum.org) a striking neo-classical building located over Eakin's Oval at the far end of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and the Barnes Foundation (www.barnesfoundation.org), located on 300 North Latches Lane in suburban Merion, PA, less than thirty minutes away by car or taxi.

The Barnes Foundation was the home of Dr. Albert Barnes, who used his large house to convey an experimental educational philosophy of art. It houses one of the world's truly remarkable collections of impressionist art. You need to purchase tickets in advance to visit.

The Rodin Museum (www.rodin-museum.org), also located on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (www.pafa.org) at Broad and Cherry Streets are worth visits as well. Art galleries dot the city and many can be found in the Old City area on the blocks between Front and Fifth Streets north of Market Street. Start from cobble-stoned Elfreth's Alley, one of America's first neighborhoods, which looks much as it did in the early 1700s. Museums of a different sort can be found along the Ben Franklin Parkway including the Franklin Institute Science Museum (www2.fi.edu), the Academy of Natural Sciences (www.ansp.org) and, for the kids, the Please Touch Museum (www.pleasetouchmuseum.org). The parkway, incidentally, is a broad boulevard that runs from City Hall past the imposing Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul to the Art Museum and is lined with the flags of every country in the world. By the way, don't miss the iconic statue of Rocky Balboa at the foot of the Art Museum steps.

Other Don't Miss Sites

In brief (and in no particular order):

In the area of the city south of Market Street, but east of Broad, you should not pass up a stroll through the **Italian Market** (www.phillyitalianmarket.com) starting on 9th and Passyunk Avenue with Geno's Steaks and, across the street, rival Pat's Steaks. This is the *locus classicus* of the Philly cheese steak. Then, walk back toward Center City on 9th Street past the outdoor food stalls. Stop at Fante's for housewares and grab an espresso while you are there or at DiBruno Bros. House of Cheese (www.dibruno.com). If you keep walking another few blocks you will encounter **South Street**. Take a right. 'Encounter' is the best word for this nine block stretch of funk and fun. When you reach 2nd Street, make a left and you will be in the **Head House Square** area, home of the old city market. This will lead you to **Society Hill**, one of the toniest and most historic neighborhoods of the city. It was restored and revitalized in the fifties, but still looks much like it did in the 18th Century. If you are still game, and like to shop for antiques, walk up Pine Street toward Broad. This area is justifiably known as '**Antique Row**'. Along the way, you will pass the **Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial**, the house he lived in at 301 Pine while helping the revolutionary cause.

In the area across the Schuylkill River to the west, you will find the **University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University**. Not to be missed at UPenn is the University Museum of Archeology and Anthropology (www.museum.upenn.edu) located across the street from Franklin Field – Penn's stadium and home to Ivy League football games and the Penn Relays. You might stop for lunch at the **White Dog Café** (www.whitedog.com) at 3420 Sansom Street. It was home for a time to Madame Helena Blavatsky, scholar, eccentric and mystic who founded the Theosophical Society. Today, it widely known for its social activism, as well as for good food and conversation. They contribute 20 percent of their profits to various non-profit organizations. Finally, while you are on the west bank of the river, you might visit the **Phila-**

delphia Zoo (www2.philadelphiazoo.org), America's first, and one of its best, zoos. And if you look across the Schuylkill, you will see **Boathouse Row**, where many of the premier rowing clubs in the country are colorfully lined up along the river bank.

Coming back into the center city, to the north are two delightfully quirky destinations. One is the **Eastern State Penitentiary** (www.easternstate.org), on 22nd Street and Fairmount Avenue, which opened in 1829 but is no longer in operation as a prison. Take a tour of this imposing structure which was once home to such 'stars' as Al Capone and Willy Sutton who, when asked why he robbed banks, responded: "Because that's where the money is!" The other place of interest is the **Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site** (www.nps.gov/edal) at 7th and Spring Garden Streets. A raven statue will greet you to the home where Poe penned the 'The Fall of the House of Usher' and 'The Pit and the Pendulum.'

Food

Last, but definitely not least, Philadelphia has acquired a deserved reputation as a great restaurant city, home to nine four-star restaurants and one five-star (Georges Perrier's Le Bec Fin) restaurant. Among those noteworthy at the high end are (in no particular order) Striped Bass, Susanna Foo, The Fountain Restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel, Alma de Cuba, Vetri, Lacroix, Stephen Starr's Buddakan and Tangerine, and, from the 'Iron Chef' himself, Morimoto Restaurant.

These places can be very pricey, but there are alternatives. One of the peculiarities of the Philadelphia restaurant scene that has developed in recent years is the explosion of BYOB restaurants. There are reasons for this, including the expense of acquiring a liquor license (around \$500,000) and the generally high prices charged for wine at places that do serve liquor (as much as four times the bottle price). The result is a large number of places that serve excel-

lent food at reasonable prices. Among those in the downtown area are Audrey Claire, Apamate, Cochon, Django, Lolita, Matyson, Melograno, Chloe, Bistro 7, Marigold Kitchen, Mercato, Raddichio, and my personal favorite (which I will regret mentioning), Dmitri's. There are many others. The best approach to this extensive and varied list is to go on line at www.gophila.com and look under 'restaurants' or simply get a Zagat's restaurant guide when you come. BYOBs are indexed separately. One other useful source of information is the *Philadelphia Inquirer* food critic, Craig LaBan, who can also be found online. Or, you can ask me when you are in Philly! *Priatnogo apetita!*

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Support is once again available from Title VIII for language study and research related to all East European countries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo/a, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

U.S. graduate students and scholars studying any of these countries are welcome to apply.

Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of State under the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, as amended (Title VIII).

Dissertation fellowships For graduate students at U.S. universities who have completed all requirements for the PhD except the dissertation (ABDs)

- research fellowships for use in Eastern Europe
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Travel grants For travel to conferences to present research papers (all academic ranks)

Conference grants To support conferences for presentation of significant new research in East European Studies

Request for proposals for research on heritage speakers Individuals or collaborative teams are invited to propose socio-linguistic research on communities of heritage speakers of an East European language in the United States. The project should culminate in an analytical paper and a syllabus for an advanced-mastery course for heritage speakers.

Further information is available

<http://www.acls.org/programs/eesp>

SCHOLARS' NETWORK

Casa de l'Est

Four years ago, a group of university scholarship holder students from different Central and Eastern European countries who completed their studies in Barcelona decided to create an association that would allow them to set up cultural activities and, at the same time, offer an excuse to meet and exchange information and experiences. That initial idea gave way to a more ambitious one: creating a "common house" in which would also be present Catalan and Spanish people, and whoever was interested in the cultures and social realities of that part of Europe that had remained for many years behind the "steel curtain". This is how Casa de l'Est, www.casadelest.org/, ('Eastern House') was born. Since then, we have been working hard to build a bridge to bring Catalonia and all of Spain nearer to that "other Europe", which also came closer and closer to the "West" (not always to be identified, like many had dreamed, with a mirror of Heaven). We immediately thought of creating a virtual space in which to gather the results of the work we had already done, what still needed to be completed, and also the experiences we had lived. The first website for Casa de l'Est was set up in less than one year, and little by little it became a big multithemed site that currently hosts several specific projects: some are already active, and others are still in process of achievement. The experience of these past four years and the success that has welcomed our idea, in Spain as well as in many other European countries and even other parts of the world, is encouraging us to take things one step further and believe that Casa de l'Est could easily become a real global project in only a few more years.

Many voices in Europe (Eastern and Western) as well as in America and even the Mediterranean part of Africa have suggested we take our project beyond the area we currently are in. This means the interest for the new Europe is growing and, therefore, Casa de l'Est can become a longer and broader bridge, an important meeting point between societies and cultures. This is why we should take advantage of the possible synergies to contribute to the goal that has been set from the beginning, which is bringing the people from Eastern and Western Europe nearer. Casa de l'Est is in no way linked to any political or economic interest nor to any kind of belief. It is a freely born association that has the firm will to remain free, and one of its main principles is freedom of expression, with only the logical limits of respect towards others and towards the valid laws.

Countries represented in Casa de l'Est include: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan,

Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldavia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

We invite you to visit our Casa through the website: <http://www.casadelest.org/>. In the future the web site will include a project (for the moment only sketched out) titled Europa Diversa, in which, starting with general information on the different regions and people of the area of our interest, we expect to create a real wiki based on our knowledge and our experiences and in reference to every aspect of culture and society. There will also be (it's almost ready!) a linguistic project that will go beyond introducing the main languages of each country. In its second phase it will also include all the dialects and, obviously, the languages of the several minorities of every state of the area. There will be other ambitious projects related to literatures, arts, and all that we can contribute with, especially if many people are interested in participating.

Financial contributions are optional (although always welcomed, of course), but they should never become an obstacle to good intentions, which are almost always more valuable than money. You can contact us by e-mail at: alazaro@casadelest.org. We will gladly answer all your questions and consider your suggestions. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Database of projects funded by the U.S. Department of Education's International Research Studies (IRS) Program

In association with the U.S. Department of Education's International Research Studies (IRS) Program, JBL Associates, Inc. (JBLA) and the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) are developing a database of all projects funded by this program since 1958. CAL and JBLA are currently gathering data to build the database. The project includes an evaluation component that will investigate the impact of the funded projects on the foreign language teaching and learning field. The database will also inform potential applicants as well as the Department of Education in determining needs and priorities for future funding.

This project will build on previous efforts to collect information on IRS funded projects. The public database will provide investigators with a history as well as other data such as the availability of developed products, and contact information.

In order to provide a database that is as complete as possible, CAL and JBLA are talking with principal investigators, authors and project directors about the project histories and asking a series of short questions about project impact and influence. Professionals with direct knowledge and understanding of specific IRS funded projects will be contacted through August 2008 and asked to provide their specialized knowledge.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about this project, please contact either Gina Shkodriani, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, JBL Associates, Inc., 6900 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 606, Bethesda, MD 20815, tel.: 301-654-5154, e-mail: gshkodriani@jblassoc.com or Margaret Malone, Ph.D., Senior Testing Associate, Center for Applied Linguistics, 4646 40th Street, NW, Washington DC 20016, tel.: 202-355-1565, e-mail: mmalone@cal.org. ♦

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The AAASS is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined since the beginning of April 2008.

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NEWS FROM AAASS AFFILIATES

Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, Inc. (ASEC)

The Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, Inc. (ASEC) is pleased to invite nominations for its new Distinguished Scholarship Award, for outstanding article-length contributions to any field or aspect of Eastern Christian studies. Works to be considered for the Award should be nominated by September 1, 2008 (self-nomination is permitted), and should have been published (in English) in 2006 or 2007. The Award will be announced at the annual meeting of ASEC at the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) in Philadelphia, on Friday, 21 November 2008 (session 6, 3:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M.). For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact Daniel Rowland at 325 Morrill Road, Montville, ME 04941, or: hisdan@uky.edu.

Central Slavic Conference (CSC)

Sadly, the Central Slavic Conference (CSC) marked the passing of Dr. Charles E. Timberlake on March 21, 2008 after a long illness. One of the founders of CSC, Charlie served as its president on five different occasions, for the last time in 2002. He held a place on the CSC's Executive Board

until his passing and was the organization's archivist and historian. Having studied under Donald Treadgold at the University of Washington in Seattle, he taught at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1968 until 2004 and helped build the Russian history graduate and undergraduate programs. He wrote several books looking at religious and secular forces in the late Tsarist era in Russia. He also studied the Orthodox Church's monasteries and convents and Russian rural life. A native of eastern Kentucky, his rural upbringing helped him identify with Russia as it became an industrialized state and global power in the twentieth century. A popular professor, he won several teaching awards including the Byler Distinguished Professor Award in 1996.

Charlie was a master Russian historian whose humble, gentle spirit exemplified the best in our organization. His 40 years of selfless service to CSC, collegiality, interaction of colleagues, great sense of purpose, and humor will be greatly missed.

Thanks in large part to Charlie's dedication, the CSC continues to thrive. The 2007 annual meeting (CSC 46) went extremely well with over 40 in attendance. The 2007 meeting included panels on East European Security which had papers/presentations that looked at the state of the Polish defense industry (Jacek Lubecki, University of Arkansas-Little Rock) and

the Ukrainian defense industry (Jerry Morelock, *Armchair General* magazine). An undergraduate-graduate student panel had several interesting and diverse papers on such topics as the impact of Leninism and Stalinism on the Russian Orthodox Church, Wahabbist Islam in the Caucasus in the post-Soviet era, the legacy of Karlis Ulmanis in Latvia, and Germany's Sorbs. A roundtable on teaching Central European, East European, and Russian history and politics raised questions about the possibility of a new "Cold War" era. A panel "Global Action to Prevent War: Multidimensional Security Strategies" was highlighted by an overview by Steven Starr of international terrorism and the prevention of war and the current U.S.–Russian dialogue on nuclear arms issues. Starr had recently testified before United Nations committee #1 (disarmament and international security) on the need to slow down quick responses by nuclear powers. The final panel of CSC 46 was on Russian Literature and Culture. Overall, CSC 46 had something for everyone in attendance.

CSC will hold its 47th annual meeting on November 7-9, 2008 in St. Louis at the Hilton at the Ballpark. For the third straight year, the meeting will be held in conjunction with the International Studies Association-Midwest (ISA-Midwest), a professional association of scholars and professionals who mainly study international relations, area studies, and comparative politics. The CSC is an interdisciplinary organization, as is the ISA-Midwest, and it has members from a variety of disciplines including journalism, Russian languages and literature, history, economics, sociology, political science, and other fields. To register for the 47th annual CSC meeting go to the ISA-Midwest web site: <http://www.missouri.edu/~isa-m/AnnualMeeting/registration.htm> or call 314-421-1776 or 1-800-HILTONS. Pre-registration is \$40 for faculty/professionals and \$45 for this group on site. For CSC 47 hotel information go to the Hilton at the Ballpark website at: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn+STLBVHF>. The Quincy Wright Luncheon is on Saturday, November 8, 2008. The tickers are \$15 for faculty/professionals and \$12 for students. The luncheon is partially subsidized by the ISA-Midwest. A limited number of partial lodging scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students do exist to defray housing costs during the conference. Students can obtain a form at the conference registration table and apply for the ISA-Midwest subsidy for student participation. Submit the application along with a copy of the hotel receipt

University of Texas at Austin Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies Assistant Professor

The Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies of the University of Texas at Austin invites applications for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor, effective Fall 2009 (subject to budgetary approval). Specialization is to be in some area(s) of Russian literary and cultural studies, especially from an interdisciplinary or comparative perspective. Appointees are expected to engage in high quality research, be effective classroom teachers at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and provide service to the department, college, and The University of Texas at Austin. Teaching duties will include offering undergraduate courses oriented toward non-majors, and contributing to the language instruction program. Ph.D. in hand is required. Salary depends on qualifications and experience. Applicants should submit a letter of application, statement of scholarly trajectory, transcript of graduate studies, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to Professor Thomas Garza, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78713-7217. Priority will be given to complete applications on file by **15 November 2008**. Selected candidates will be interviewed at the December AATSEEL meeting in San Francisco. The University of Texas at Austin is an AA/EEO employer, and requires all expected hires to undergo a check to exclude criminal background.

for reimbursement for the cost of one night's stay, at the conference hotel only, based on double occupancy, and dependent on available funds. Students must stay at the conference hotel to be eligible for the subsidized room rate. Please contact Kurt Jefferson, President of the CSC and co-program chair of CSC 47, if you have any questions at kurt.jefferson@westminster-mo.edu or Robin Remington, co-program chair of CSC 47, at remingtonr@missouri.edu.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Alexandre Melnik, who holds a Ph.D. from the faculty of journalism at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO University). A former diplomat in the Soviet Embassy in Paris in the 1980s, he served as ambassador's assistant, chief of protocol, and press attaché of the Soviet and Russian Embassy. He was also a nuclear arms negotiator for the Soviet Union at the United Nations in Geneva. He worked as Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's interpreter and served with President Gorbachev in his think tank ("New Political Thinking") during the perestroika era (1987-90). He currently lives in Paris and has edited a newsletter for French companies that

do business in Russia. A regular contributor to major Paris dailies such as *Le Figaro* and *Le Monde*, he is an associate professor at Institut Commercial de Nancy (ICN) École de Management where he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on geo-political analysis and globalization as well as emerging markets. In Fall 2007, he was summoned to the Elysée to meet with President Nicolas Sarkozy to advise him on Franco-Russian relations. He will address the CSC and ISA-Midwest on globalization and Franco-Russian relations.

Midwest Slavic Association

The Midwest Slavic Association and The Ohio State University Center for Slavic and East European Studies are proud to announce the 2009 Midwest Slavic Conference, to be held at the Blackwell Inn and Conference Center April 16-18, 2009, on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Conference organizers invite proposals for panels or individual papers addressing all disciplines related to Russian, East European, Central Asian, and Caucasian anthropology, art and art history, business, contemporary culture, econom-

ics, history, linguistics, literature, political science, security studies, sociology, and other fields. The conference will open with a keynote address and reception, followed by two days of academic and professional panels. Please send a one-paragraph abstract along with a brief C.V. to CSEES@osu.edu by February 1, 2009. Scholars proposing papers must be willing to present either Friday or Saturday. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals. Limited funding may be available to help subsidize hotel lodging for students only. Foreign travel will not be supported.

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies

The 2009 Southern Conference on Slavic Studies meeting will be hosted by the University of Virginia in Charlottesville March 28-30, 2008, with Professor Bob Geraci as chair of local arrangements, e-mail: rpg6e@virginia.edu. Panel and paper proposals should be submitted by December 15, 2008 to Professor Sharon Kowalsky, e-mail: Sharon_Kowalsky@tamu-commerce.edu. ♦



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To apply, submit: c.v., graduate transcripts, dissertation abstract, brief statement of research interests, two letters of academic reference and detailed proposed course outlines to the attention of Dr. Jennifer Long.

Deadline for applications: December 15, 2008

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LIBRARY AND THE INTERNET NEWS

The editor of the "Library and the Internet News" is Allan Urbanic, the Librarian for Slavic & East European Collections at UC Berkeley. He is also the moderator of the listserv SLAVLIBS, whose members include nearly 300 librarians, archivists, and students who work with Slavic collections from around the world, and together with Beth Feinberg co-edited A Guide to Slavic Collections in the United States and Canada. You can contact him at: aurbanic@library.berkeley.edu.

Preconference at 2008 AAASS National Convention in Philadelphia

A preconference entitled "Faculty Digital Resources Workshop" will take place at the 2008 AAASS National Convention in Philadelphia on Thursday, November 20 from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m. at the Van Pelt Library of the University of Pennsylvania. Space will be limited so reservations will be required. To reserve a place at the preconference, contact Allan Urbanic, Librarian for Slavic & East European Collections at UC Berkeley (email: aurbanic@library.berkeley.edu; phone: 510-643-1343). For more information about preconference, please see page 8 of this issue or the preconference web site at: <http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/preconference2008.html>.

Dostoevsky Bibliography Newly Recompiled and Online

"For those of you who are interested in Dostoevsky, please note the following new web site where you can find the contents of the last 22 years of the annual Dostoevsky bibliography in one A-Z alphabet, phase one of a multi-phased project." *The International Dostoevsky Bibliography, 1985-2007: An Integrated List of the "Annual Bibliography" of Dostoevsky Studies: Journal of the International Dostoevsky Society for the Years 1985-2007*. The site can be accessed at: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/slavic/dostbib/>. It has been cataloged by OCLC so libraries can purchase the record to add to their local online catalog. [Reported by June Farris, Bibliographer for Slavic & East European Studies, The Library, University of Chicago]

Roundtable on Human Trafficking

"On Thursday, January 25, 2007, a roundtable on Human Trafficking from Eastern Europe: North American and EU Responses was held at the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto. The event was sponsored by the European Union Centre of Excellence, the Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine, the Joint Initiative in German and European Studies, and the Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies." (quoted from the roundtable website) Presentations from this event have been made into mp3 files and are available at: http://www.utoronto.ca/eres/human_trafficking.html#program.

[Reported by Katherine Eady]

Czech Dictionary Source Material now available on-line

The Ústav pro jazyk český AV ČR has now scanned and made available the source materials for the *Příruční slovník jazyka českého*. The dictionary and kartotéka can be searched simultaneously at the web site: <http://bara.ujc.cas.cz/psjc/>. [Reported by Karel Oliva, Director of the Institute for the Czech Language, Czech Academy of Sciences by way of Wayles Brown, Department of Linguistics, Cornell University]

Nabokov Online Journal publishes Volume 2

The second volume of the *Nabokov Online Journal* is now available at: <http://www.nabokovonline.com>. Articles on the teaching of Nabokov, connections with T.S. Eliot, Lewis Carroll, and Pushkin, to name but a

few, and a number of reviews of recent publications on Nabokov can be downloaded in pdf format. [Reported by Yuri Leving, Editor, *Nabokov Online Journal*]

Resources for teaching Heritage Speakers

The UCLA Center for World Languages and its National Heritage Language Resource Center provides a number of tools and guides for teaching languages to heritage speakers:

1) The NHLRC website (www.nhlrc.ucla.edu) offers a set of resources including a bibliography, guidelines for heritage instruction and curriculum, and presentations given at the 2002 Heritage Language Institute and the 2006 Heritage Language Research Institute.

2) The *Heritage Language Journal* (www.heritagelanguages.org) is an online academic journal focusing on heritage language knowledge and speakers. HLJ is

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FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars announces the opening of its 2009–2010 Fellowship competition. The Center awards academic year residential fellowships to men and women from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. Topics and scholarship should relate to key public policy challenges or provide the historical and/or cultural framework to illuminate policy issues of contemporary importance.

Fellows are provided private offices, access to the Library of Congress, Windows-based computers, and research assistants.

The application deadline is **October 1, 2008**. For eligibility requirements and application guidelines, please contact the Center. If you wish to download the application or apply online, please visit www.wilsoncenter.org.



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published by CWL and the UC Consortium. We will publish an issue shortly on Russian as a heritage language, guest edited by David Andrews of Georgetown University, but articles on any language are informative. The *Bilingual Research Journal* (<http://brj.asu.edu/>) frequently publishes articles on heritage language as well.

3) *Russian for Russians* (2002, Slavica Publishers), by Olga Kagan, Tatiana Akishina, and Richard Robin, is a textbook written for heritage speakers of Russian. The book has a web site housed at George Washington University, at: <http://www.gwu.edu/~slavic/rdr/>. Additional resources are available at the NHLRC web site provided above. [Reported by Susan Bauckus, UCLA Center for World Languages, National Heritage Language Resource Center]

Text Encoding and Early Slavic Materials Site

"I am pleased to announce the launch of a new, improved version of the *Obshtezhitie* site, which can now be found on <http://www.obshtezhitie.net/> and contains a selection of resources, news, links, editions, catalogues, etc. relevant to text encoding and interchange with particular reference to Slavonic manuscripts and early-printed books." [Reported by Ralph Cleminson]

Chronicling the Third Wave of Russian Emigration

A web site hosted at Middlebury College provides numerous resources for the study of the Third Wave of Russian Emigration. There are references to publications, bibliographies, repositories as well as chronologies, biographies, and other useful information for the study of this demographic phenomenon. The site can be accessed at: <http://community.middlebury.edu/~beyer/ratw/>. [Reported by Prof. Thomas Beyer, Middlebury College and webmaster for the site]

Cold War Files web site honored

"The Cold War International History Project is pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has listed CWIHP's *Cold War Files* (<http://www.coldwarfiles.org/>) web site as 'one of the best online resources for education in the humanities,' and will be included in NEH's EDSITEment collection. *Cold War Files* was selected for inclusion in the EDSITEment project after being nominated and independently peer reviewed by a panel of experts.

EDSITEment (<http://edsitement.neh.gov/>) serves as a gateway to the highest quality humanities-related educational content on the Internet. It provides a central resource bank for teachers, parents, and students across the country seeking excellent, humanities sites from among the thousands of educational sites now avail-

able on the Internet." [Reported by Christian Ostermann, Director, Cold War International History Project]

New Cold War International History Project Online Publications

The Cold War International History Project is pleased to announce the following publications:

The latest addition to the CWIHP e-Dossier Series: *Khrushchev at his Most Khrushchevian*, e-Dossier No. 18, by William Taubman. While the documents collected in this e-Dossier relate to only a few highlights of Khrushchev's career, it is remarkable how many general features of his approach to domestic and foreign policy they capture and reflect. In his introduction to the collection, Taubman extracts and analyzes those passages which reveal Khrushchev at his most Khrushchevian.

The latest edition of the CWIHP *Bulletin*, No. 16 (Spring 2008), *Inside China's Cold War*.

CWIHP Working Paper No. 56: *Hope and Reality: Poland and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 1964-1989*, by Wanda Jarzabek. Drawing on new documents from Polish archives, longtime CWIHP partner Wanda Jarzabek explores Polish attitudes towards the CSCE and the Helsinki Final Act from the preparations for the negotiations in the mid 1960s through 1989.

To download these publications, visit: www.cwihp.org.

New Address for New Russian Music

The web site *Far From Moscow*, reported in a previous column, has had a redesign and a new internet address: www.farfrommoscow.com. Archives of posting go back to April 2008. The webmaster, Prof. David MacFayden, describes the site as: "The only English-language site dedicated to new music from Russia. Every day we add video, audio, and quick sketches of the artists. It's called 'Far from Moscow' (the name of a famous Soviet novel and film). We cover all kinds of genres - all the way from soothing melodies to vile noise! - and would love to hear your opinion!" [Reported by Prof David MacFayden, Dept. of Slavic Languages and Literatures, UCLA]

North Korea International Documentation Project Online Publications

The North Korea International Documentation Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is pleased to announce the publication of the first edition of the NKIDP e-Dossier Series, *Did Stalin*

Lure the United States into the Korean War? New Evidence on the Origins of the Korean War with commentary by NKIDP visiting scholar Donggil KIM and University of Georgia Professor William Stueck. To download the NKIDP e-Dossier No. 1, visit: www.wilsoncenter.org/nkidp.

Polish Cultural Project Developed by the National Library of Poland

The National Library of Poland had mounted an exhibit entitled *A Commonwealth of Diverse Cultures: Poland's Heritage*. The site contains videos, illustrations, texts, music, and other resources showing the contributions of various ethnics groups who resided in the territories of the Polish/Lithuanian Commonwealth. These groups include Armenians, Italian/Latin, French/Cisterian, German/Prussian, Lithuanian, Ruthenian/Byzantine, Islamic/Tatar, Jewish, and others. The site can be accessed at <http://www.commonwealth.pl/>. The exhibit is presented in both Polish and English. [Reported by Waldemar Szyngwelski, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, UC Berkeley]

migrations & identities: a journal of people and ideas in motion

migrations & identities is a new journal published bi-annually by Liverpool University Press, aiming to interrogate notions of 'identity' while asking how the fact of mobility and displacement shapes understandings of self and the wider world, among both migrants and "host" societies. By the same token, the journal will seek to understand how ideas and concepts are transformed as they "migrate" from one place and culture to another. These issues have been, and continue to be, addressed under a number of rubrics and through a number of approaches in the humanities and social sciences. In acknowledgement of this, *migrations & identities* is multi- and interdisciplinary in its conception and management. It also aims to cover the widest possible range of places, periods and methods, subject only to a shared curiosity and enthusiasm about the possibilities of working at the interface between the investigation of the material conditions of migration processes and the study of ideas and subjectivities. The journal invites manuscripts from scholars representing all disciplines and methodologies that can contribute to this discussion. These might include case studies based on empirical research that are framed by and reflect on the methodological and theoretical issues set out above, essays that focus on questions of theory and methodology, or review articles. The journal will be published twice a year. To find out more about the journal, visit: www.migrationsandidentities.org. ♦



CALL FOR PAPERS

**AAASS 41st National Convention
November 12–15, 2009
Boston, MA**

The 41st National Convention of the AAASS will be held at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston, MA. Elizabeth Wood of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will chair the Program Committee.

**The theme of the 2009 convention is
“Reading and Writing Lives.”**

Lives are the basic stuff of Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies. Literature creates and recreates lives, literary and cultural studies address autobiography, the link between life and work, even “the death of the author.” The role of individual leaders and of their personalities concerns political scientists and psychologists. Economists make broad assumptions about the way individuals think and behave. Anthropologists study lives within cultures. Historians read memoirs and diaries, and history can be “embodied,” can extend to the history of “emotions and feelings,” and increasingly contemplates interconnections between the lives of people, on the one hand, and of animals, environments and ecosystems, on the other.

“Reading and writing lives” is not something new under the sun. But it is worth asking questions about the nature and uses of doing so. How do various disciplines differ in their reading and writing of lives? How have their approaches changed over the years? To what extent do they illuminate different aspects of what Russians sometimes refer to as “life itself”? Are there “national” or “regional” differences in the way we read and write lives in the United States, the West in general, and in the various countries we study? To what extent do theories illuminate lives, or on the contrary, do theories (whether literary, cultural, political, economic or anthropological) have the effect of distancing us from lives as they are actually lived? What is the balance in human affairs between the influence of individuals and groups large and small? Is it “totally yesterday,” as the new generation might say, to contend, with biographers of previous generations, that history is the lives of “great men and women”? Is history, rather, the lives of ordinary people?

All humanists and social scientists likely think they study lives, or at least the contexts in which lives are lived. Studying individuals, even in contexts, raises distinctive questions, but the term is sometimes extended to collectivities, as well. Groups are said to “think.” Nations are said to have “characters.” Can “biographies,” that is accounts of lives over time, be written of groups and nations as well as of individuals?

These and other related questions need not be the specific subjects of panels. Rather they are offered as spurs to choosing and designing panels for the 2009 Convention.

Please see the following pages for information on submitting panel, roundtable, and single paper proposals, and for information regarding the online submission process. If you would like to volunteer to be a chair or a discussant on panels created from individual papers, please contact Wendy Walker.

Panel proposals must be complete and should normally involve the presentation of prepared papers. Special consideration will be given to panels reporting on recent field or archival research, especially those that include presentations by advanced graduate students and/or junior faculty. The Program Committee also encourages the submission of panel proposals that include both women and men. Proposals for roundtables should be submitted only when the topic clearly justifies this format. Please note that proposals can be accepted only from AAASS members or foreign non-members. Please be sure to include an abstract about your panel or roundtable. We cannot process forms without an abstract.

Deadline for single paper proposals is December 9, 2008.

Please do not submit a single paper if you plan to give the paper as part of a panel.

Deadline for receipt of complete panel and roundtable proposals is January 16, 2009.

GENERAL RULES

1. Each participant may only have **one role on a panel or roundtable**, may only **appear on two panels or roundtables during the convention**, and only **present one paper during the convention**. You may organize as many panels or roundtables as you wish and you may give a paper on one panel and be the chair, or a discussant, or a participant on one other, but you cannot be chair and discussant or chair and give a paper on the same panel, and you **CAN NOT sign up for more than two panels/roundtables**.
2. **Panels** can only have: one Chair; maximum of 3 papers; maximum of 2 discussants. **Roundtables** can only have: one Chair; maximum of 5 participants.
3. **All participants who are Slavic scholars living in the U.S. must be current AAASS members**. Only foreigners and scholars outside the field of Slavic studies do not need to join AAASS. All participants on panels/roundtables must preregister by the deadline and pay the registration fee.
4. Be sure to include any requests for audiovisual equipment. Please specify types of equipment (i.e., "overhead projector," not simply "projector"). Please keep in mind that the AAASS can provide **up to \$150** worth of equipment; you will be charged for anything above this amount. The deadline for all audiovisual equipment requests is July 3, 2009.
5. If you agree to participate in the AAASS Convention, you are agreeing to be scheduled during any of the planned sessions. We will honor specific scheduling requests only for religious reasons. Please make sure to include such requests on your panel/roundtable proposal form.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE PANEL OR ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS AND MEETING ROOM REQUESTS

Our online submission system will be available after the November 2008 convention. Please check our Web site www.aaass.org for current information.

1. To enter a proposal online, please go to: www.aaass.org and select "**Submit a completed convention proposal form.**" Select the type of submission and enter the information requested. Please remember that as the organizer, you are responsible for the accuracy of the information entered. Please use mixed case when entering data.
2. Please be sure to include c.v. form for each participant.
3. **Deadline for entering proposals and meeting room requests is January 16, 2009 at midnight EST.** The system will be taken off line 12:01 a.m. EST on January 17.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING HARD COPIES OF PANEL OR ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS AND MEETING ROOM REQUESTS

1. **Mail two copies** of the proposal form and one copy of the **one-page c.v. form** for each participant to: Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator, AAASS, 8 Story Street, 3rd floor, Cambridge, MA 02138. **Please remember that we do not accept proposals sent by fax.** You must use the c.v. form included on the last page of the call for papers materials.
2. **Deadline for receipt of proposals is January 16, 2009.** AAASS will conduct initial screening of all proposals and forward them to the appropriate members of the program committee.
3. Indicate in the appropriate space on the form the category under which you would like your panel/roundtable to be considered. Choose only from the list of categories shown below to ensure that the appropriate member of the program committee receives your proposal.
4. Provide complete information on all panel/roundtable participants: name, affiliation, full address, phone, e-mail, and paper title. One-page c.v. forms for all participants **must** accompany the proposal.
5. Type or print **very** clearly, especially when title of the panel includes words in languages other than English and when names of the participants include special characters not used in English.
6. Affiliate organizations of the AAASS are each allowed **one** panel/roundtable, which must be specified on the proposal form. Each affiliate-sponsored panel/roundtable will be screened in the usual manner by the Program Committee; we will not accept unscreened proposals.

CATEGORIES FOR SUBMISSION OF PANEL/ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS

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| Arts/Film/Electronic Media | Linguistics/Language Pedagogy |
| Comparative Politics | Literature |
| Economic History/Transition Issues/Emerging Markets | Library/Information Sciences |
| Geography | Miscellaneous |
| History: Central and Southeast Europe | Religion/Philosophy |
| History: Russian and Eurasian | Sociology/Anthropology |
| International Relations/Security Studies/Foreign Policy | Themed Panels |

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Please note that you may only submit ONE paper proposal.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT A PAPER PROPOSAL IF THE PAPER IS ALREADY PART OF AN ORGANIZED PANEL.

Paper proposals will be screened by members of the Program Committee and formed into panels. We do not guarantee that all paper proposals will be accepted, since not all will fit with others into a coherent panel. In addition, space constraints may preclude our being able to accommodate everyone who submits. Nonetheless, we hope this innovation will enable participation by people—graduate students, in particular—who otherwise don't have the connections necessary to set up their own panel.

All panel and roundtable submissions, including panels formed from individual paper submissions, will be reviewed by the entire Program Committee in their meeting in early March, 2009. You will be notified about the status of your individual paper submission following this meeting.

To have your proposal considered for 2008, please closely follow the rules and procedures below. Otherwise, your proposal will be discarded.

Deadline for Submissions

All individual paper submissions must be received in the AAASS office by 5 p.m. on December 9, 2008.

Our online submission system will be available after the November 2008 convention. Please check our web site: www.aaass.org for current information. **Deadline for entering individual paper proposals is December 9, 2008 at midnight EST.**

Who May Submit

Proposals will be accepted from Independent Scholars and M.A. and Ph.D. candidates. We will accept paper submissions from more established scholars, but would urge them to submit full panel and roundtable proposals instead, in the interests of intellectual coherence. Please do not submit a single paper proposal if you agreed to give the paper as part of a panel. **All those submitting paper proposals must be members of AAASS, unless they are foreign scholars or scholars from outside the field.**

The form must be complete. All paper submissions must be accompanied by a 200 word abstract describing the subject matter of the paper, and you must choose two subject categories for your paper from the list on the form. Incomplete proposal forms will be discarded.

All applicants **MUST SUBMIT** the following materials with their proposals:

1. Complete contact information (current address, telephone, fax and e-mail).
2. A one page c.v. form (please use the form in this *NewsNet* or the form posted on our website at www.aaass.org).
3. Candidates should select an appropriate paper category (i.e., history, literature). If your paper is interdisciplinary please indicate which disciplines it belongs in.

With any questions, please contact:
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PANEL PROPOSAL

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Deadline: January 16, 2009

Proposals should include **two copies** of the completed Panel Proposal form and **one copy of the one-page c.v. form** for each panelist (see the last page of the call for papers for the c.v. form). Materials should be **mailed** to: Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator, AAASS, 8 Story Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline for **receipt** of proposals: **January 16, 2009**. This form is for traditional panels only, with a maximum of 3 papers plus chair and two discussant(s).

PANEL TITLE: _____

PANEL CATEGORY (see list of categories on page with submission procedures): _____

EXPLANATION OF PANEL'S THEME: _____

ORGANIZER: _____ Affiliation: _____

(all panel organizers must be current AAASS members or foreign non-members)

Address (Home or Office): _____

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CHAIR: _____ Affiliation: _____

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1. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

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Paper Title: _____

2. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

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Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Paper Title: _____

PAPER PRESENTERS, cont'd

3. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Paper Title: _____

DISCUSSANTS

1. NAME: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

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AAASS 41st National Convention • Boston, MA • November 12–15, 2009

Deadline: January 16, 2009

Proposals should include **two copies** of the completed Roundtable Proposal form and **one copy of the one-page c.v. form** for each participant (see the last page of the call for papers for the c.v. form). Materials should be **mailed** to: Wendy Walker, Convention Coordinator, AAASS, 8 Story Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline for **receipt** of proposals: **January 16, 2009**. A roundtable may include a maximum of 5 participants plus chair.

ROUNDTABLE TITLE: _____

ROUNDTABLE CATEGORY (see list of categories on page with submission procedures): _____

Justification for roundtable format (topic must clearly justify this format):

ORGANIZER: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

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Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

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Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS:

1. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

2. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS, cont'd

3. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

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4. NAME: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address (Home or Office): _____

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AAASS
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 20th Century
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PUBLICATIONS

An Age of Progress? Clashing Twentieth-Century Global Forces, by Walter G. Moss, contains chapters dealing with wars, communism, science, technology, freedom, culture, and other topics. (Anthem Press, 2008)

"Anna Karenina" in Our Time: Seeing More Wisely, by Gary Saul Morson, was published by Yale University Press.

Applying Fuzzy Mathematics to Formal Models in Comparative Politics, by Terry D. Clark, Jennifer M. Larson, John N. Mordeson, Joshua D. Potter, and Mark J. Wierman, explores the utility of fuzzy math approaches in spatial models and in particular deals with the issue of cycling. (Springer, 2008).

Aspects of the Orange Revolution, volumes I-VI, edited by Ingmar Bredies, Paul D'Anieri, Bohdan Harasymiw, Oleh S. Ilnytskyj, Taras Kuzio, Andreas Umland, and Valentin Yakushik has been published by ibidem-Verlag. Covering both presidential and parliamentary elections over the entire post-Soviet period, the first volume clarifies the manner in which earlier elections had emerged as part of the battle for power in Ukraine well before 2004. In the second volume, scholars from two continents examine various aspects of the elections that turned into the Orange Revolution, focusing on electoral campaigns and attempts to manipulate results. The third volume provides historical background on, and analytical insight into, the events at

Kyiv in late 2004, with contributions ranging from electoral statistics to musicology. The fourth volume provides, apart from scholarly analyses, first-hand accounts that not only investigate, but also gives voice to, some of those involved in the events of 2004. The fifth volume collects some of the most widely discussed official reports on the three rounds of the elections, including English translations of selected sections of the reports produced by the CIS International Observers Mission. The last volume compares the Orange Revolution to similar events in Slovakia (1998), Croatia (1999-2000), Serbia (2000), Georgia (2003) and Kyrgyzstan (2005). It explores different regime types and opposition strategies in post-communist states, the diffusion of opposition strategies between states in which democratic revolutions were attempted, the strategic importance of youth NGOs in mobilizing oppositions towards democratic revolutions, the use of non-violent strategies by the opposition, path dependent, theoretical and comparative explanations of the sources of successful and failed democratic revolutions, and the factors that lie behind divergent post-revolutionary trajectories.

Chita: Arkhitekturnoe nasledie v fotografiakh, by William C. Brumfield, was published in June 2008 by Tri Quadrata Publishers, Moscow, as volume seven of the "Otkryvaia Rossiia" series, supported by the Kennan Institute. The extensive text (in Russian, with English summary) surveys the archi-

tectural heritage of Chita, Nerchinsk and surrounding areas, including the Buriat Buddhist temples of the Aginsk region.

Penguin Classics has just released the U.S. edition of the late Robert A. Maguire's new translation of Dostoyevsky's *Demons*. Ronald Meyer prepared the manuscript for publication and compiled the Notes and Robert L. Belknap contributed the Introduction.

The End of the American Century, by David S. Mason, is forthcoming from Rowman and Littlefield. A blog connected to the themes of the book (the domestic and international decline of the U.S.) is at www.endoftheamericancentury.com.

The First Russian Political Émigré: Notes from Beyond the Grave, or Apologia pro Vita Mea, by Vladimir Pecherin, edited by Michael Katz, with an introduction by Natalia Pervukhina-Kamyschnikova, was published by University College Dublin Press.

The Foundations of Ethnic Politics: Separatism of States and Nations in Eurasia and the World, by Henry E. Hale, draws on psychological theory to argue that ethnic identity is a cognitive uncertainty-reduction device with special capacity to exacerbate, but not cause, collective action problems. This insight informs a significant reinterpretation of nationalism's role in the USSR's breakup and patterns of separatism and unionism in the CIS. (Cambridge University Press, Studies in Comparative Politics Series.)

Insiders and Outsiders in Russian Cinema, edited by Stephen M. Norris and Zara M. Torlone, was published by Indiana University Press.

Koly Hory Shkodiats'ia: Narysy z Ukrain's'ko-izrail's'kykh Fol'klornykh Vzaemyn (When Mountains Meet: Essays in Ukrainian-Israeli Folklore), by Larisa Fialkova, was published by Instytut Mystetstvoznavstva, Fol'klorystyky ta Etnologii, Ukrain's'ko Akademii Nauk (Institute of Art Studies, Folklore and Ethnology, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences).

Literature, History and Identity in Post-Soviet Russia, 1991-2006, by Rosalind Marsh, analyses the relationship between literature, history and politics in post-Soviet Russia. (Peter Lang)

Lutheran Churches in Slovakia, edited by Janks Krivosova and translated with an en-

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riched English text and glossary by Thomas Drobeno and Wilma Kucharek, includes over 500 full-color glossy photos of Medieval, Renaissance, Articular, Toleration, Romantic period and 20th century churches; translator's introduction, and bibliography.

Mapping the Feminine: Russian Women and Cultural Difference, edited by Hilde Hoogenboom, Catharine Nepomnyashchy, and Irina Reyfman, is a Festschrift in honor of Marina Ledkovsky, professor emerita, Barnard College and Columbia University, and editor of *Dictionary of Russian Women Writers* (1994). (Slavica Publishers, 2008)

Missioner istorii: Zhizn' i trudy Semena Markovicha Dubnova, by Viktor Kelner, is the first comprehensive biography of the Russian-Jewish historian and public intellectual, Simon Dubnov (1860-1941). (Izdatel'skii dom "Mir," 2008).

Petrostate: Putin, Power and the New Russia, by Marshall I. Goldman, was published by the Oxford University Press in May 2008. Translated editions will also appear in Japanese, German, Russian and Estonian.

The Political Economy of Reform in Central Asia. Uzbekistan under Authoritarianism, by Martin C. Spechler, was published by Routledge.

Rumsfeld's Wars: The Arrogance of Power, by Dale Herspring, was published by the University Press of Kansas.

Russia and the Classics: Poetry's Foreign Muse, by Zara Martirosova Torlone, is forthcoming in January 2009 from Duckworth.

The sixth edition of *Russia and the Soviet Union: An Historical Introduction from the Kievan State to the Present*, by John M. Thompson has just been published by Westview Press. The new edition has been updated to cover the Putin era.

Slavic Folklore: A Handbook, by Natalie Kononenko was published by Greenwood Press.

Transnational Actors in Central and East European Transitions, edited by Mitchell A. Orenstein, Stephen Bloom, and Nicole Lindstrom, demonstrates that transitions to democracy, capitalism, and nation-statehood, which scholars thought were likely to undermine one another, were instead all facilitated by the integration of Central and East European states into an international system of complex interdependence. Transnational actors turn out to be the "dark matter" that held the various aspects of the transition together. Leading scholars debate the role and impact of transnational actors and present a promising new research program for the study of this rapidly transforming region. (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2008)

Two Words to the Wise: Reflections on Polish Language, Literature and Folklore,

an edited selection of newspaper columns by Robert A. Rothstein, is forthcoming from Slavica Publishers.

Women's Social Activism in the New Ukraine: Development and the Politics of Differentiation, by Sarah D. Phillips, follows 11 activists over the course of several years to document the unexpected effects that social activism has produced for women: increasing social inequality and "differentiation" in the form of new cultural criteria for productive citizenship and new definitions of the rights and needs of various categories of citizens. (Indiana University Press)

Selections from *A Writer's Diary*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky, edited with an introduction by Gary Saul Morson, and translated by Kenneth Lantz, is forthcoming from Northwestern University Press.

Forthcoming in Fall 2008 is a German translation of Vasyl Barka's novel *The Yellow Prince (Zhovtyj knjaz)* which deals with the Stalin-made famine in Ukraine, 1932/33. Maria Ostheim-Dzerowycz and Leonid Rudnytzky have collaborated on this project, which is supported by the Shevchenko Scientific Society, USA. Rudnytzky has served as editor of the text and has authored an introduction entitled "Vasyl Barka: Poet, Prophet, Visionary." The publisher of the translation is the League of Ukrainian Patrons, Kyiv, Ukraine. ♦

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NEWS FROM AAASS INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

The Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars announces several staff changes occurring during the summer. This month, the Institute bids farewell to two staff members. Editorial Assistant Markian Dobczansky will begin a PhD program in history at Stanford University in the fall. Additionally, Program Assistant Megan Yashchak will relocate to the New York City area. The Kennan Institute greatly appreciates their dedication and commitment.

The Kennan Institute has hired three new staff members. Edmita Bulota, Sarah Dixon Klump, and Lidiya Zubytka joined the Kennan Institute last month.

Edmita joined the office as a program assistant in July. A native of Lithuania, she graduated from the State Theatre Arts Academy in Leningrad, earning a degree in theatre arts management. She managed the Alley Theater in Houston, which toured in Lithuania and Russia. After establishing residency in the United States, she was employed in the Texas energy sector.

Sarah also joined the staff in July. She completed her Master's Degree at the Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies at Georgetown, where she was a fellow. She also received an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. Sarah previously conducted field research in Kosovo as an IREX Research Fellow and also worked on a variety of research projects including serving as a fellow on the Adolf Cluss Project. Sarah replaces Markian as editorial assistant.

Lidiya graduated with a degree in English from the Ivan Franko National University of L'viv, and spent a year at the University of Alabama, Huntsville. She subsequently completed a Master's Degree at the University of Notre Dame's Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Recently, in Kyiv, she worked as an assistant to the French Advisor on Administrative Reform in Ukraine. In June, Lidiya joined the office as a program assistant with a special focus on Ukraine.

The Kennan Institute is pleased to announce the following occasional papers, reports on completed research projects or works-in-progress written by resident scholars and visiting speakers at the Institute, available in PDF format online: www.wilsoncenter.org/kennan:

#298. *Religion in Russian Society: State Policy, Regional Challenges, and Individual Rights*. Conference Proceedings. Edited by F. Joseph Dresen (2008).

#299. *The Fifteenth Anniversary of the End of the Soviet Union: Recollections and Perspectives*. Conference Proceedings. Edited by Markian Dobczansky (2008).

#300. *Reflections on George F. Kennan: Scholar and Policymaker*. Conference Proceedings. Edited by F. Joseph Dresen (2008).

#301. *Place, Identity, and Urban Culture: Odesa and New Orleans*. Edited by Samuel C. Ramer and Blair A. Ruble (2008).

The Kennan Institute invites applications for **Title VIII Research Scholarships** for scholars whose research in the social sciences or humanities focuses on the former Soviet Union (excluding the Baltic States). Policy-relevant proposals are particularly welcome. Research proposals examining topics in Eurasian studies are eligible as well. The Research Scholar grant offers a stipend of \$3,000 per month, research facilities, word processing support, and some research assistance. Please note that unfortunately health insurance is not provided. Grant recipients are required to be in residence at the Institute in Washington, D.C., for the duration of their grant, which usually lasts between three to nine months.

Research Scholarships are available to academic participants in the early stages of their career (before tenure) or scholars whose careers have been interrupted or delayed. For non-academics, an equivalent degree of professional achievement is expected. Eligibility is limited to the post-doctoral level for academic participants, although doctoral candidates in the process of completing a dissertation may apply (the dissertation must be successfully defended before scholars takes residence at the Kennan Institute). Awards are limited to scholars who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents upon commencement of their scholarship. One round of competitive Title VIII Research Scholar selection is held per year. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 1. Decisions on appointments will be made in February; grantees are able to commence their appointments as early as July. In past years, the Kennan Institute awarded Research Scholarships to one in eight applicants. The Research Scholarship Program is supported by the Russian, Eurasian, and East European Research and Training Program of the U.S. Department of State (Title VIII). Continuation of the Re-

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The Kennan Institute also offers **Short-Term Grants** to scholars whose research in the social sciences or humanities focuses on the former Soviet Union (excluding the Baltic States), and who demonstrate a particular need to utilize the library, archival, and other specialized resources of the Washington, D.C., area. Policy-relevant research is preferred. Academic participants must either possess a doctoral degree or be doctoral candidates who have nearly completed their dissertations. For non-academics, an equivalent degree of professional achievement is expected. Short-term Grants provide a stipend of \$100 per day. The Kennan Institute cannot provide office space for Short-Term scholars. Travel and accommodation expenses are not directly covered by this grant. There is no official application form for Short-Term Grants. The applicant is requested to submit a concise description (700-800 words) of his or her research project, a curriculum vitae, a statement on preferred dates of residence in Washington, D.C., and two letters of recommendation specifically in support of the research to be conducted at the Institute. All of these materials may be submitted via e-mail except for the letters of recommendation. The letters should be sent, with signature, either by fax or post. Applicants should also note their citizenship or permanent residency status in their materials. Applications should be submitted in clear dark type, printed on one side only, without staples. Grant recipients are required to be in residence in Washington, D.C., for the duration of their grant. Four rounds of competitive selection for Short-Term Grants are held each year. Closing dates are December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1. Applicants are notified of the competition results roughly seven weeks after the closing date. U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and non-Americans are eligible for Short-Term Grants, although funding for non-American applicants is limited. Approximately one in three American applicants and one in six non-American applicants are awarded Short-Term Grants in each of the four competition rounds. The Short-Term Grant Program is supported by the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the former Soviet Union (Title VIII) of the U.S. Department of State and the Kennan Institute endowment. Continuation of the

Short-Term Grant Program in 2008-2009 is contingent on future funding. Non-US citizen Short-Term grant winners must be outside of the U.S. before coming to Washington, DC to accept the grant in order to be issued a J-1 Visa. J-1 Visas cannot be issued to individuals in the US on a different visa. Please send all application materials to: The Kennan Institute, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004-3027. For more information, please e-mail edita.krunkaityte@wilsoncenter.org, call (202) 691-4100, or fax (202) 691-4247. More information on this grant program can be found at www.wilsoncenter.org/kennan.

The Ohio State University Center for Slavic and East European Studies

In connection with the 2009 Midwest Slavic Conference (see the "News from AAASS Affiliates" for more information), the Center for Slavic and East European Studies at OSU would like to announce the first annual CSEES Short Film Competition. This competition is designed to showcase the top short films produced by students from all Russian, East European and Central Asian National Resource Centers and universities/colleges from throughout the Midwest. Films must meet the regulations stated below and will be judged by a panel from OSU. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top rated entries and will be showcased during the 2009 Midwest Slavic Conference.

Pieces must be independently produced (no professional assistance) by current students, no longer than 20 minutes in length, and shot between April 20, 2008 and February 1, 2009. All film dialogue must be in a Slavic, East European, Central Asian, or Caucasian language and include English sub-titles on screen. Entries must be submitted on DVD. All entries must be received by February 1, 2009. Send entries by mail to: CSEES, 303 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. Please contact CSEES@osu.edu for additional details or questions on the conference or the film competition.

Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America (PIASA)

Philadelphia's Historic District was the site of PIASA's 66th Annual Meeting held June 13-14, 2008, attended by approximately 200 participants. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Polish American Cultural Center. The main banquet address was delivered by Poland's Ambassador to NATO in Brussels, Dr. Boguslaw Winid who spoke on "Poland's Participation in NATO's Afghanistan Operation."

The 2008 Ambassador Kazimierz Dziwanowski Memorial Award, jointly sponsored by the Polish Institute of Arts

& Sciences of America (PIASA) and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, DC, was presented to Paul Milliman for his Ph.D. dissertation "Disputing Identity, Territoriality, and Sovereignty: The Place of Pomerania in the Social Memory of the Kingdom of Poland and the Teutonic Ordensstaat" completed at Cornell University in 2007 under the direction of the distinguished American medievalist Paul R. Hyams. The presentation of the \$1000 prize was made on Saturday, June 14, 2008 during the banquet which closed the annual meeting. In his dissertation Dr. Milliman presented a subtly argued and deeply researched analysis of issues relating to state formation, historical consciousness, and identity construction for the 14 century Kingdom of Poland and the Ordensstaat of the Knights of the Teutonic Order. He made an impressive contribution to the understanding of a crucial stage in the history of the medieval Polish state. The Annual Award was established to honor the memory of Ambassador Kazimierz Dziwanowski, the first Polish Ambassador to the U.S. from post-Communist Poland.

Each year PIASA Members elect 1/3 of the Board of Directors for a term of three years. The results of the 2008 election were announced during the banquet by the election supervisor, Dr. Richard J. Hunter. Dr. Thaddeus V. Gromada was elected President for a three year term, replacing Dr. Piotr S. Wandycz, who served as President for the past nine years until his recent retirement. Dr. Gromada received his Ph.D. in East Central European History from Fordham University under the mentorship of the world renowned Polish historian, Oskar Halecki. He served as secretary general of the Institute from 1971 to 1988 and then became Vice President for Academic Affairs. Since 1991, he has served as the Institute's Executive Director -- a position which he will continue to hold.

Dr. Piotr S. Wandycz, Yale University (emeritus) gave his farewell address during the banquet. Earlier, during the general business meeting of the membership, the title of "President Emeritus" was bestowed on him at the recommendation of PIASA's Board of Directors in recognition of his outstanding leadership and achievements. He was further honored by the creation of a special "Prof. Piotr S. Wandycz Fund" endowed by an anonymous donation of \$50,000 plus a \$5000 administrative fee. This fund will enable the Institute to make grants of \$2500 each year to a Polish scholar conducting research in the U.S.

PIASA members also elected two Vice Presidents, namely Dr. M.B. Biskupski, Professor of History and holder of the Dr. Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish American History at Central Connecticut State University, and Dr.

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Grants for Research and Language Training in Russia, Eurasia, and Southeastern Europe

Funding available through American Councils from U.S. Department of State (Title VIII), National Endowment for the Humanities, U.S. Department of Education (Fulbright-Hays), and Institute of International Education (IIE) grant support.

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Title VIII Special Initiatives Fellowship Program

Fellowships for post-doctoral scholars. Awards up to \$35,000 for field research on policy-relevant topics in Central Asia and the South Caucasus. Deadlines: October 1 (Spring & Summer); January 15 (Fall & Academic Year).

NEH Collaborative Research Fellowship

Fellowships for post-doctoral scholars. Awards up to \$40,000 for four to nine months of humanities research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Proposals must include plans to work with at least one collaborator in the field.

Title VIII Research Scholar Program and Combined Research & Language Training Program

Awards of \$5,000 to \$25,000 for field research, or for 10 hours per week of intensive language training in addition to field research in Russia, Central Asia, the South Caucasus, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova. Deadlines: October 1 (Spring & Summer); January 15 (Fall & Academic Year).

Title VIII Southeast Europe Research and Language programs

Support for three to nine months of intensive language study or research throughout Southeast Europe. Deadlines: October 1 (Spring & Summer); January 15 (Fall & Academic Year).

Advanced Russian Language & Area Studies and Eurasian Regional Language programs

Intensive, immersion-based language instruction in Armenian, Azeri, Buryat, Chechen, Dari, Georgian, Kazkh, Kyrgyz, Persian, Romanian, Russian, Tajik, Tatar, Turkmen, Tuvan, Ukrainian, Uzbek, and Yakut. Deadlines: October 1 (Spring); March 1 (Summer); April 1 (Fall & Academic Year).

Contemporary Russia Program

Area-studies program for teachers, university students, and professional at all levels of Russian-language proficiency, including those with no prior language training. Program hosted at the State University: Higher School of Economics in Moscow for five weeks during the summer. Deadline: March 15.

Overseas Flagship Language Program

Intensive language training for U.S. students who wish to attain "distinguished" or "superior" (ILR 3, 3+, 4) language skills. Programs available for the study of Arabic (12 months), Central Asian languages (Academic Year), Persian (Academic Year), or Russian (Academic Year). Deadline: January 31.

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Susanne S. Lotarski, who until her recent early retirement was Director of the Office of Eastern Europe, Russia and Independent States at the U.S. Department of Commerce. The following were elected to the Board of Directors: Dr. Jakub Grygiel, Assistant Professor of Politics, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Donald E. Pienkos, Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Dr. Jan Napoleon Saykiewicz, Professor of International Marketing, Duquesne University; and Dr. Anne Hermanowski-Vosatka, Director of Research, Merck Research Laboratories. Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Counselor at the Center of Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC was elected to PIASA's Advisory Council. For more information about the Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America (PIASA), please visit: www.piasa.org.

Social Science Research Council

The Social Science Research Council is pleased to announce its new Title VIII Fellowship Award Recipients. Eurasia Program, that aims to expand and strengthen the field of Eurasian studies through the support of research, writing and advanced-training. All fellowships support work on or related to the New States of Eurasia, the Soviet Union and/or the Russian Empire, regardless of the awardee's discipline within the

social sciences or humanities. Funding for these fellowships is provided by the U.S. Department of State under the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII).

The following individuals were recommended to receive funding by our Title VIII Selection Committee, which is an interdisciplinary panel of regional experts. Awardees are selected through a national competition and are judged based on the academic strength of their proposals, clarity of their argument, purpose, theoretical background and methodological approaches.

Predissertation Training Fellowships

John Edward Reuter Oro, Political Science, Emory University, "Parties of Power and Commitment Problems: United Russia as a Dominant Party" (DECLINED)

Maria R. Sonevtsky, Ethnomusicology, Columbia University, "My Crimean Tatarness: Music, Home, and the Politics of Indigeneity"

Dissertation Write-up Fellowships

Margarethe A Adams, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, Ethnomusicology, "Returning the Friendship of the Peoples: Nation-building and Globalism in Post-Soviet Kazakhstani Holiday Celebrations"

Lale Can, New York University, History, "Subjects of the Tsar, Brothers of the Sultan:

The Central Asian Experience of Ottoman Politics in the late 19th Century"

Eva-Marie Dubuisson, University of Michigan, Linguistic Anthropology, "Poetic and Political Authority in Kazakhstan's Aitus"

Karrie J Koesel, Cornell University, Political Science, "Belief in Transition: Religious Revival and the Local State in Russia and China"

Elizabeth A McGuire, University of California, Berkeley, History, "The Sino-Soviet Romance, 1920-2008"

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Michael D. Frachetti, Washington University, Anthropology, "Nomadic Networks and the Inner Asian Mountain Corridor: Documenting the Earliest Spread of Domestic Animals and Pastoralism in Inner Asia"

The SSRC is also pleased to offer **Dissertation Development Workshops** open to graduate students at all stages of their write-up work (including students who have only recently submitted their dissertation prospectus and those individuals already planning to defend their dissertations). These workshops offer approximately 10 graduate students the opportunity to receive feedback from a group of peers and to benefit from the combined expertise of 5-6 leading faculty mentors in a small interdisciplinary environment. This year's upcoming workshop themes and application instructions will be announced in the fall.

For additional information, deadlines, and application materials for upcoming activities see the Eurasia Program web site: www.ssrc.org/programs/eurasia or contact the SSRC Eurasia Program staff: Social Science Research Council, Eurasia Program, 810 Seventh Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10019, tel.: 212-377-2700, fax: 212-377-2727, e-mail: eurasia@ssrc.org.

University of North Carolina Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies

The University of North Carolina Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies (CSEES) will host an interdisciplinary academic conference entitled "The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide: Reflections After 75 Years" on September 12, 2008 at UNC's FedEx Global Education Center. Relevant for scholars, graduate students, high school and community college educators, as well as individuals interested in Ukrainian and Soviet history, the conference will place the famine-genocide in the context of Ukrainian and Soviet history. Selected readings for the Historiography of the Famine-Genocide Workshop will be distributed ahead of time. The conference is free but advanced registration is encouraged. For more information, contact CSEES Associate Director, Jacqueline M. Olich at jmolich@email.unc.edu. ♦

Macalester College Assistant Professor of Russian

Macalester College seeks to appoint an Assistant Professor in Russian Studies, to begin September 2009. Ph.D. by time of appointment, and native or near-native fluency in Russian and English required. The position entails teaching five courses per year, including two in Russian language, and three in literature and/or culture, including survey courses, seminars in area of specialization, and courses with a strong interdisciplinary component (e.g. cultural studies, gender studies). We are looking for a dynamic, theoretically informed scholar-teacher, committed to the study of Russian culture as an integral part of the undergraduate liberal arts curriculum. Enthusiasm for co-curricular program building activities is expected. For more information about the Macalester College Russian Studies program, visit: <http://www.macalester.edu/russian>.

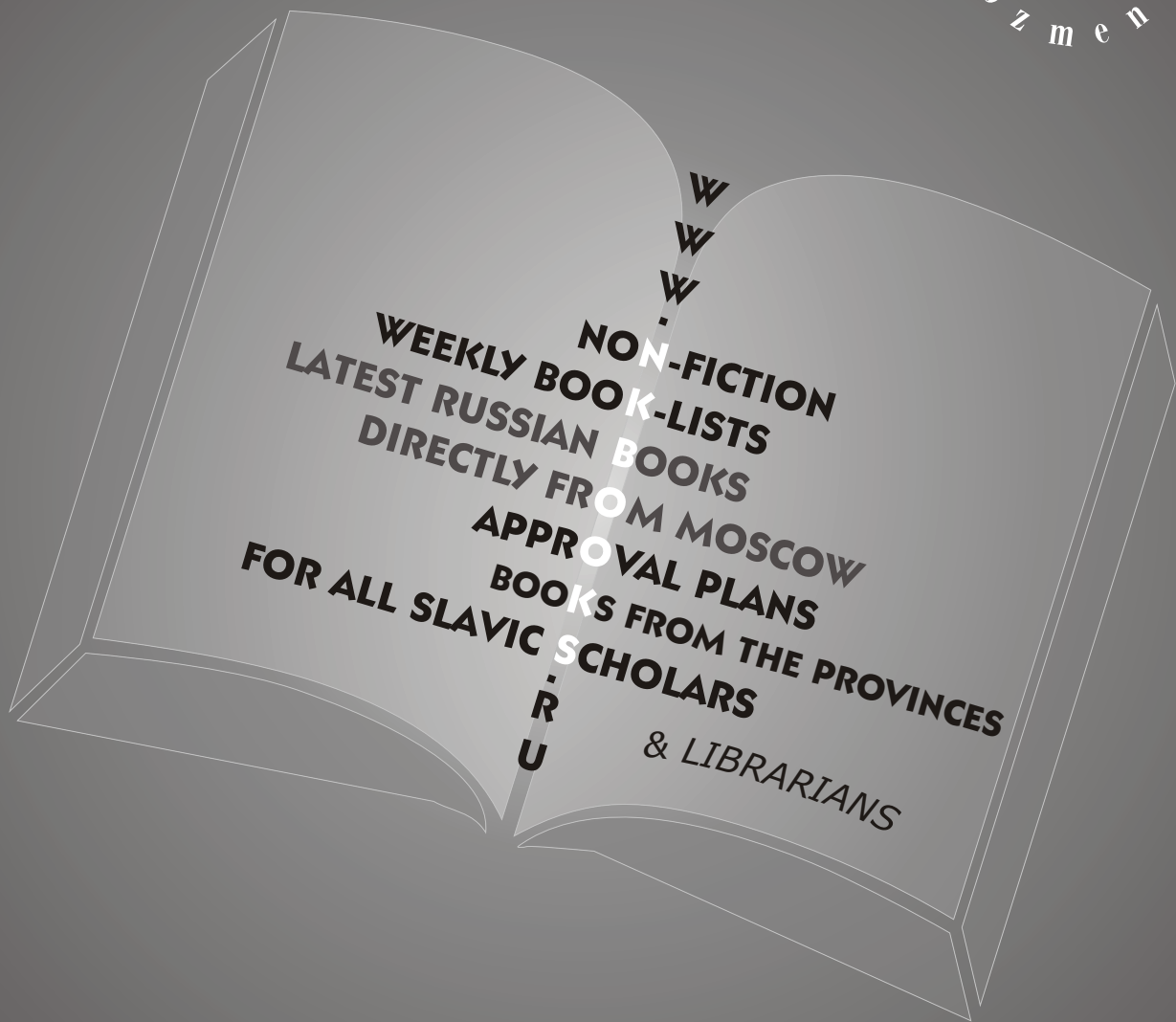
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Send a letter detailing your teaching and research interests, CV, teaching portfolio if available, and arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to James von Geldern, Chair, Russian Studies, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55104. We will begin reviewing applications on November 1 and will interview at the AAASS conference, November 20-23.

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PERSONAGES

Jonathan Bolton was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University.

Ethan S. Burger (American University & Georgetown University Law Center) and **Mary S. Holland** (NY University Law School) are finalizing several articles (including for a forthcoming issue of *The Columbia Journal of East European Law* (CJEEL) concerned with the politicalization of the Russian procuracy in connection with the Russian government's policy to gain control (directly or indirectly) over the country's natural resources. Their research is related to rule of law and human rights, corruption, and economic crime developments in Russia. This recent effort builds on their past collaboration on corruption issues, as reflected in the article "Why the Private Sector is Likely to Lead the Next Stage in the Global Fight Against Corruption," 30 *FORDHAM INT'L L. J.* 45 (2006).

Ellen Carnaghan was promoted to Professor of Political Science at Saint Louis University.

Edith W. Clowes, professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures, has been appointed as the Director of the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. Her primary research and teaching interests span the interactions between literature, philosophy, religion, and utopian thought. Among her recent publications are a discursive history of Russian philosophy, *Fiction's Overcoat: Russian Literary Culture and the Question of Philosophy* (Ithaca, 2004), and an editorial collaboration, *Sbornik "Vekhi" v kontekste ruskoj kul'tury* (Moscow, 2007). In 2006-2007 Professor Clowes spent a research year on an ACLS Research Fellowship to draft her current book project, "The Center at the Periphery: Imagined Geographies and the Debate about Post-Soviet Russian Identity."

J.A. Dickinson has been promoted to Associate Professor of Anthropology with tenure at the University of Vermont.

Effective September 2008, **Paul du Quenoy** will leave his position at the American University in Cairo to join the Department of History and Archaeology at the American University of Beirut. Professor du Quenoy has also recently been appointed Senior Advisor at Criterion Global, with responsibility for strategic planning in Russia and Ukraine.

Amanda Ewington was awarded tenure at Davidson College with promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective August 1, 2008.

Theodore H. Friedgut, Professor Emeritus of Russian and Slavic Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been invited to inaugurate the recently endowed Switzer-Cooperstock Family Lectureship at the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada in Winnipeg. The lecture will take place on September 8, 2008 and Professor Friedgut's topic will be "Jewish Pioneer Farmers in Western Canada: The Lipton Agricultural Colony, 1901-1951."

Frank Garrett was recently elected as a board member of the North Texas Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

Kristen Ghodsee has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at Bowdoin College and has been granted a Cultural Anthropology Scholars Award by the National Science Foundation for continued research on Bulgaria.

Brian Grodsky will be a Research Scholar at East European Studies, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars from September 2008 through December 2008.

Henry Hale was promoted to associate professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University.

Sonia Hirt, Assistant Professor in Urban Affairs and Planning at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, was invited by the Policy Headquarters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) in Nairobi, Kenya, to write a report on the state of urban planning in the 28 post-communist countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The report is part of the preparation of the UN-HABITAT's biannual volume entitled the

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Global Report on Human Settlements. Sonia Hirt's report, which is co-authored with Dr. Kiril Stanilov from the School of Planning at the University of Cincinnati, was formally accepted by the UN-HABITAT in June 2008 and will be published in 2009.

Steven L. Hoch, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Kentucky, has been appointed Provost and Executive Vice President at Washington State University.

Peter Holquist, Associate Professor in the History Department at the University of Pennsylvania, will be working next year on his project, "By Right of War," examining the surprisingly important role of Imperial Russia in developing and practicing the international law of war from 1868 to 1917. In Fall 2008 Holquist will be a fellow at the School for Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton. He will continue research and writing in Spring 2009, with support from a Harry Frank Guggenheim Research Fellowship and an ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Grant.

Idil P. Izmirlı, a PhD candidate at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, received the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board award to the Ukraine for 2008-2009. The award was granted by the IIE (Institute of International Education) and the United States Department of State.

Krzysztof Jasiewicz was appointed to the William P. Ames, Jr. Professorship in Sociology and Anthropology at Washington and Lee University.

The National Council for Eurasian and East European Research has awarded \$50,000 to fund **Debra Javeline's** and **Vanessa A. Baird's** project, "After Violence: Participation over Retaliation in Beslan."

Emily Johnson, Associate Professor of Russian at the University of Oklahoma, received a grant from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research to fund work on her current book project: "Private Correspondence from the Soviet GULAG: Intimate Communication and Family Relationships in a Time of Terror."

Pamela Kladzyk presented "Spiritually Charged Light and Shadow" at the Subtle Technologies Festival 2008 – "Light" Symposium (www.subtletechnologies.com), which took place in Toronto, May 24 - June 1, 2008. The session presented research findings on off-grid lighting and shading practice along Poland's borders with

Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia and Moravia and was funded by Parsons the New School for Design in NYC, as well as by IREX.

Maria Ch. Kokkori is a Caroline Villers Fellow at the Courtauld Institute of Art, London. She completed her PhD, entitled "Russian Avant-Garde: A historical contextualization of selected paintings by Kazimir Malevich, Ivan Kliun and Liubov Popova c.1905-1925" at the Courtauld in 2006. The aim of the research fellowship is the study of Alexander Rodchenko's works from the perspective of technical art history.

Anne Lounsbery received tenure and was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Russian and Slavic Studies at New York University.

David Moon, professor of Russian history at the University of Durham, UK, will be a member of the IAS at Princeton for the academic year 2008-2009. He will be working on a monograph on the environmental history of the Russian steppes, under contract to Oxford University Press, and researching connections between the steppes and the Great Plains.

Joanna Nizynska was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University.

Renee Perlmutter will join the Slavic Department at the University of Kansas in Fall 2008 with a joint appointment in Jewish Studies. Her primary teaching responsibilities will be in Yiddish language and Jewish secular culture.

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye was promoted to Professor of History at Brock University on Canada Day (July 1) 2008.

Louise Shelley has been appointed to the Global Agenda Council for illicit trade of the World Economic Forum.

Sergei I. Zhuk at Ball State University was awarded IREX Summer Research Grant for his research, "The West in the Closed City," in Russia and Ukraine during June-August 2008. ♦

NEW FROM SLAVICA PUBLISHERS

Michael C. Finke and Julie de Sherbinin, eds. *Chekhov the Immigrant: Translating a Cultural Icon*, 364 p., 2007 (ISBN 978-0-89357-340-9), \$29.95.

Comprising the proceedings of an NEH-funded symposium, *Chekhov the Immigrant* features articles by literary scholars, contemporary authors of fiction and criticism, theater directors, and translators; transcripts of forums on translating Chekhov and Chekhov and medicine; and a DVD recording of a conversation about Chekhov with the eminent physician and author Robert Coles.

Page Herrlinger. *Working Souls: Orthodoxy and the Problem of Religious Identity in Revolutionary St. Petersburg, 1870-1917*, 310 p., 2007 (ISBN 978-0-89357-339-3), \$29.95.

An exploration of the extent to which worker religious identity was transformed by the experience of urban factory life, *Working Souls* also examines how the spiritual needs and demands of working-class laity precipitated changes in the practice of Orthodoxy, enabling the faith to "survive" in the urban factory environment—not just as a remnant of rural consciousness and practice, but as an evolving and sometimes essential dimension of worker culture.

Alexander Galich. *Dress Rehearsal*, trans. Maria R. Bloshteyn, 238 p., 2008 (ISBN 0-89357-338-8), \$24.95.

Written in 1973, one year before Galich's forced emigration from the USSR, *Dress Rehearsal* reflects not only on its author's life, but on the psyche of his Soviet contemporaries. Despite the collapse of the USSR and the radical transformation of its society, *Dress Rehearsal* remains more relevant than ever for anyone who wants to acquire an insight into post-Soviet mentality and the acute identity crisis facing post-Soviet society today.

Stephen Marder. *A Supplementary Russian-English Dictionary (ASRED 2)*, 2nd ed., xxv + 736 p., 2007 (ISBN 978-0-89357-327-0), \$33.95.

Intended to supplement existing bilingual dictionaries, *ASRED 2* includes words not included in standard works, as well as additional (usually new) meanings for existing words.



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2007–2008 GRADUATES IN RUSSIAN, EURASIAN, AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

The data below show the number of graduates majoring and minoring in Russian, Eurasian, and East European fields who received their degrees during the previous academic year (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008). PLEASE NOTE: The data were provided by the departments and are accurate, but not all universities and departments that grant degrees in Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies were contacted, and from among those that were contacted, not all responded. As a result, data about some schools may be incomplete if information received was about only one group of students—only Ph.D., M.A., or B.A. recipients, or if information was submitted by only one department at the school. In disciplines other than languages and literatures (e.g. history, economics, or political science), we received data about only a few departments. The results of this survey should then be seen only as *informal* and showing *general* trends of enrollment in the field, and not as a complete and comprehensive survey of all universities granting degrees in Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies. Data from past surveys can be seen at our Web site: www.aaass.org, in the “additional resources” section.

If you are an administrator of a program that was not contacted, and would like to be included in next year’s survey, please send a note to the editor of *NewsNet*, Jolanta Davis, e-mail: newsnet@fas.harvard.edu, and ask to be put on the mailing list.

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SLAVIC (OR RUSSIAN) LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES MAJORS (coursework focuses primarily on language and literature or linguistics)

| College Name..... | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|---|
| Amherst College | Russian | 7 | no further information available |
| Arizona State U | School of International Letters & Cultures | 9 | degrees in Russian from the Slavic program |
| Bard College..... | Russian and Eurasian Studies | 4 | three students graduated with a track in Language and Literature and one graduated with a track in Area Studies and Language; one will be pursuing a graduate degree in Russian Literature at Harvard U; one has received a Fulbright to teach English in Russia |
| Bates College | German and Russian Studies | 1 | graduate looking for work in government or non-government social work |
| Beloit College | Modern Languages and Literatures | 9 | one graduate is entering an Anthropology Ph.D. program at Princeton; one is completing a Russian M.A. program at Middlebury; one is going to teach English in Moscow; one is entering a Philosophy Ph.D. program |
| Boston U | Slavic Languages..... | 7 | no further information available |
| Brigham Young U | Germanic and Slavic Languages | 43 | Russian language majors, includes double majors; three graduates will go to a graduate school in Russian, one will go to USC to study international relations, four will go to law schools, four will go to medical schools, three will go to dental schools, one will work for border patrol, three will go to business school |
| Brown U | Slavic Languages..... | 7 | major in Slavic Studies; one student received dual major in French language, literature, and culture |
| Bryn Mawr College | Russian | 2 | major in Russian, one graduate studying full-time in Russia for a year; the other one is working for Teach for America |

| College Name..... | Department Name..... | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|---|
| Carleton College | German and Russian | 3 | Russian language & literature majors; one graduate is teaching English at American home in Vladimir, Russia; one is working as a translator for UBS Financial services in Moscow; one is planning to apply to a graduate nursing program |
| College of Wooster | Russian Studies | 1 | degree in Comparative Literature with a Russian Emphasis; graduate was awarded Fulbright fellowship to teach English in Russia; plans to pursue a career in teaching writing |
| Columbia U | Slavic Languages..... | 4 | degrees in Slavic Languages and Literatures |
| Georgetown U | Slavic Languages..... | 7 | Russian language and literature majors |
| Harvard U | Slavic Languages and Literatures..... | 6 | concentration in Slavic Literatures and Cultures |
| Indiana U | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 11 | two graduates will attend graduate school |
| Middlebury College | Russian | 7 | degrees in Russian; five students were double majors (Economics, English, International Politics and Economics, and Philosophy); one graduate won the Alexandra T. and Robert L. Baker award for Excellence in Russian Language and Literature |
| Ohio State U | Slavic and EE Languages and Literatures | 9 | no further information available |
| Pennsylvania State U | Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures..... | 2 | degrees in Slavic Languages; one graduate will be a research fellow in the Laboratory of Neuropsychology at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD; the other one is working for the German food company Aldi |
| Pomona College | German and Russian | 1 | B.A. in Russian Linguistics; graduate entering an M.A. program in Education |
| Randolph College | Russian Studies | 2 | degrees in Russian Language and Literatures |
| Sarah Lawrence College | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 3 | Sarah Lawrence College does not have majors. This number represents the students who did significant amount of work in Slavic Languages and Literatures. One graduate is returning to Russia to teach English, the other is planning to study Yiddish with a possible interest in translation studies |
| Sewanee: U of the South..... | Russian | 4 | degrees in Russian language and literature; one graduate will teach English at the American Home in Vladimir next year; another will begin law school at UNC-Chapel Hill |
| St. Olaf College | Russian Language and Area Studies..... | 4 | BA in Russian language; no further information available |
| U of California, Berkeley | Slavic Languages & Literatures..... | 12 | includes two majors: Slavic Languages and Literatures as well as Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies |
| U of Kansas | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 8 | one graduate has a job in public relations, four are in graduate school (librarianship, meteorology, medicine), one is teaching English abroad |
| U of Michigan..... | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 6 | includes two BA degrees and three BS degrees in Russian language |

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| College Name | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
| U of Montana | Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures | 5 | one graduate is entering graduate program in Russian; two are planning to apply to law school this year; one will teach English in France next year |
| U of South Carolina | Languages, Literatures, and Cultures | 5 | degrees in Russian Language and Literature, one graduate won a Fulbright to St. Petersburg, one will be starting a graduate school in Slavic at Ohio State |
| U of Texas-Austin | Slavic and Eurasian Studies | 4 | one graduate will continue with the M.A. in Slavic in Texas |
| U of Vermont | German-Russian | 1 | BA in Russian language and literature; |
| U of Virginia | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 1 | BA in Slavic Languages and literatures |
| U of Washington | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 16 | two students were general majors in Slavic languages and literatures, one of them is working in a private sector, one in the tourism industry; nine students were in the in Russian language and literature track, one is working in private sector, one is in the military, one teaching ESL abroad, one going to law school, four not reporting plans, one traveling abroad; four students were in the Eastern European Languages, Literature and Culture track, one is working in the private sector, one entering a graduate program, on teaching ESL abroad, one working for Peace Corps in Central Asia |
| Wesleyan U | Russian | 4 | Russian major |
| Williams College | German and Russian | 2 | degrees in Russian language; one graduate has received a Fulbright to teach English in Russia for 2008-2009; one will be teaching English in Russian independently. |

RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES MAJORS (coursework includes disciplines such as history, geography, political science, etc.)

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| College | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
| Arizona State U | Interdisciplinary Studies | 1 | concentration in Russian |
| College of William and Mary | Modern Languages | 4 | majors in Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, one graduate works for a US government contractor in DC area, one works for a bank in Moscow, one works for a computer company, one works for Mariner's Museum |
| George Mason U | Modern and Classical Languages | 8 | degrees in Russian Studies; one graduate will attend Law School at GMU; one will pursue an M.A. in translation and interpretation at the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies, one will pursue an M.A. in Foreign Language Educational Technology at GMU |
| Grand Valley State University..... | Modern Languages & Literatures | 7 | Russian Studies majors: one, currently studying in Astrakhan on a Department of Defense Fellowship, will enter the U of Chicago in Russian and Central Asian area studies with full funding, one entering government service, one entered the Officer Candidate Training Program of the U.S. Navy to use her Russian in intelligence work, one, a former Marine, entering the Army to work in the intelligence, two double majors in history will begin graduate studies at Loyola U-Chicago and U of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies; one will pursue graduate studies at a later date. |

| College Name | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
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| Hobart and William Smith | Russian Area Studies | 3 | degrees in Russian and East European Studies; one graduate will pursue graduate work in international studies having received a DACOR scholarship |
| Lafayette College | Russian and East European Studies | 2 | one graduate has accepted a junior fellowship at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; the second one is a Fulbright alternate for Ukraine awaiting a final decision |
| Middlebury College | REES track of International Relations | 3 | one graduate received the Berthe O. Normanno Prize for the best thesis in the field of Russian and East European Studies |
| Pomona College | German and Russian | 2 | B.A. in Russian and East European Studies; one graduate is going to law school; the other is going to Russia to study Georgian and plans to work for the government after that |
| Sarah Lawrence College | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 1 | Sarah Lawrence College does not have majors. This number represents the students who did significant amount of work in Russian and East European Studies. |
| St. Olaf College | Russian Language and Area Studies | 4 | degree in Russian Area Studies |
| Stetson U. | Russian Studies | 4 | one graduate is working for rule of law project; one will teach English in Spain for a year before entering graduate school in Creative Writing; one will work for a year in the US before entering a graduate school |
| St. Louis U | Russian and East European Studies | 5 | no further information available |
| U of Illinois – UC | Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center | 2 | no further information available |
| U of Michigan | Russian and East European Studies | 11 | one graduate will be an IIE Fulbright fellow in Croatia 2008-2009 and will begin Ph.D. program in History and Women's studies at U of Michigan in 2009; one will enter an M.A. program in Modern Jewish Studies at Jewish Theological Seminary of America |
| U of Texas-Austin | Russian and East European Studies | 7 | two graduates will continue with M.A. in REEES at Texas; three are working in the private sector; one in the military |
| U of Virginia | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 5 | degree in Russian and East European studies |
| U of Vermont | German-Russian/Russia/EE Area Studies | 1 | degree in Russia/East European area studies |
| U of Washington | Jackson School of International Studies | 4 | Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies program; two students were in the Euro Studies Program track; two students were in the International Studies program track, one working in the private sector, one in media for Associated Press |
| Wesleyan U | Russian | 2 | Russian and East European studies degree |
| Wittenberg U | Russian and Central Eurasian Studies | 3 | one graduate going to graduate school at Ohio U (International Relations); one attending graduate school in U of Berlin |
| Yale U | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 3 | degrees in Russian and East European Studies |

MINORS/CERTIFICATES/CONCENTRATIONS

| College Name | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
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| Arizona State U | Melikian Center / Russian, Eurasian & EE Studies | 2 | one minor in Russian, one Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Russian Concentration, three Russian and East European certificates |
| Arizona State U | Languages and Literatures | 3 | Russian and East European Studies Certificates |
| Bates College | German and Russian Studies | 5 | minors |
| CA State U, Fresno..... | Armenian Studies | 10 | minors in Armenian studies |
| CA State U, Long Beach | Romance, German and Russian | 10 | seven minors in Russian language and three certificates in Russian and East European Studies |
| College of William and Mary | Modern Languages | 10 | one graduate teaches English in St. Petersburg, one got a Fulbright to do research in Kazakhstan, one teaches at a middle school, one works for Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, one interning at Inova Health System Foundation, one working for Teach for America. one went to law school, one attending the school of education at William and Mary, one is a graduate student at Monterey Institute of International Studies |
| Columbia U | Slavic Languages | 1 | concentrator in Slavic Languages and Literatures |
| Eckerd College | Russian Studies | 3 | future plans uncertain; one is planning to study at a seminary; the other two are planning to go to a graduate school in another subject area |
| George Mason U | Modern and Classical Languages | 1 | minor in Russian |
| Grand Valley State University..... | Modern Languages & Literatures | 2 | Russian studies minors, both accepted for graduate studies at Wayne State U and Ball State U |
| Indiana U | Russian and East European Studies..... | 18 | no further information available |
| Sewanee: U of the South..... | Russian | 1 | minor in Russian language and literature, no further information available |
| Lafayette College..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 1 | minor in Russian and East European Studies; attending law school |
| Middlebury College..... | Russian | 2 | minors in Russian |
| Ohio State U | Slavic and EE Languages and Literatures | 17 | no further information available |
| St. Louis U | Russian and East European Studies..... | 2 | no further information available |
| Stanford U | Center for Russian, EE, and Eurasian Studies..... | 2 | minor in interdisciplinary Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies |
| U of Illinois UC..... | Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center..... | 1 | no further information available |
| U of Michigan..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 2 | both minors in Russian Studies; one with a major in Political Science; one with a major in Industrial and Operational Engineering |
| U of Michigan..... | Slavic Languages and Literatures..... | 8 | five minors in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture; 3 minors in Polish Language, Literature, and Culture. |
| U of Montana | Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures | 2 | minor in Russian studies; one graduate is working for a local non-profit; the other one will be attending law school |

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| College Name | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
| U of Pittsburgh..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 23 | no further information available |
| U of Rhode Island..... | Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures | 1 | B.A. in History with a minor in Russian Studies; applying to a law school for 2009 |
| Williams College | German and Russian..... | 2 | certificates in Russian language |

MASTER OF ARTS / SCIENCE / PHILOSOPHY

SLAVIC (OR RUSSIAN) LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES MAJORS (coursework focuses primarily on language and literature or linguistics)

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| College Name | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
| Boston U..... | Slavic Languages..... | 7 | no further information available |
| Columbia U..... | Slavic Languages..... | 11 | two degrees in Slavic cultures; three degrees in Russian translation; six degrees in Slavic languages and literatures |
| Indiana U..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 10 | three dual degrees with SPEA and one dual degree with Library Science; one graduate entering Foreign Service; one entering US government; one working in IU Library's Slavic Collection; two entering History Ph.D. programs (UNC and OSU); one entering Anthropology Ph.D. program in NYU; one entering law school; one working in private sector |
| Ohio State U..... | Slavic and EE Languages and Literatures..... | 4 | all continuing Ph.D. studies at OSU |
| U of Arizona..... | Russian and Slavic Studies..... | 5 | degree in Language, Literature, and Linguistics; some graduates are continuing in a graduate program |
| U of California, Berkeley..... | Slavic Languages & Literatures..... | 4 | MA's in Slavic Languages and Literatures, three in literature, one in linguistics; all graduates will continue in Ph.D. program |
| U of Kansas..... | Slavic Languages and Literatures..... | 5 | four graduates continuing in a Ph.D. program in Slavic (one at Northwestern U, three at Kansas U); one is doing freelance translating |
| U of Michigan..... | Slavic Languages and Literatures..... | 1 | MA in Russian |
| U of Texas-Austin..... | Slavic and Eurasian Studies..... | 3 | one graduate will continue with a Ph.D. program in Slavic at Texas |
| U of Virginia..... | Slavic Languages and Literatures..... | 2 | MA in Slavic languages and literatures |
| U of Washington..... | Slavic Languages and Literatures..... | 1 | graduate looking for work |

RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES MAJORS (coursework includes disciplines such as history, geography, political science, etc.)**College Name.....Department Name..... # of grads.....Notes on graduates**

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| Harvard U | Davis Ctr for Russian & Eurasian Studies | 8 | program in Regional Studies: REECA; one graduate participating in Russian Flagship program in St. Petersburg; one working as a linguist civilian contractor with the US army; one working as paralegal in Shanghai law firm, one working in an NGO in Eastern Europe, the rest are job hunting |
| Ohio State U | Center for Slavic and East European Studies | 6 | one graduate working for Chase Bank; one entering Peace Corps; one working as Research Assistant at OSU's Cognitive Systems Engineering Laboratory; one continuing on to a Ph.D. program in Art History at OSU; one continuing on an MBA program at the Fisher School of Business at OUS; one undecided. |
| Stanford U | Center for Russian, EE, and Eurasian Studies..... | 6 | no further information available |
| U of Arizona..... | Russian and Slavic Studies..... | 2 | degree in Russian and East European Studies; some alumni continuing in a graduate school |
| U of Illinois UC..... | Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center..... | 2 | one graduate is a Presidential Intern (in the department of Justice); other one works for the government |
| U of Michigan..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 3 | one graduate is entering a Ph.D. program in History and Anthropology at U of Michigan; one is working at USAID's Europe and Eurasia Bureau on New and Independent Media in SE Europe |
| U of Texas-Austin..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 3 | one graduate will continue with a Ph.D. in Slavic in Texas |
| U of Washington | Jackson School of International Studies | 12 | Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies program; four working in the NGO sector, one in journalism, one working in International Development, one in international education, five looking for work |

OTHER MAJORS / CERTIFICATES (with some coursework related to Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies)**College Name.....Department Name..... # of grads.....Notes on graduates**

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| Columbia U | Slavic Languages | 4 | MPhil degrees in Slavic Languages and Literatures |
| U of Michigan..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 1 | graduate certificate in Russian and East European Studies; student completed Ph.D. in Education and teaching at Hofstra U |
| U of Pittsburgh..... | Russian and East European Studies..... | 7 | three students received graduate certificate in Russian Studies and a Master of Public and International Affairs; four other students continuing in Ph.D. programs (Slavic Languages and Literatures, Anthropology, History, History of Art and Architecture) |

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / LAW

SLAVIC (OR RUSSIAN) LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES MAJORS (coursework focuses primarily on language and literature or linguistics)

| College Name | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
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| Bryn Mawr College | Russian | 1 | degree in Russian and Second Language acquisition; graduate received a full-time tenure-track Russian teaching job |
| Columbia U | Slavic Languages | 4 | one graduate teaching at West Point as an Assistant Professor, one teaching at the Defense Language Institute as an Assistant Professor |
| Harvard U | Slavic Languages and Literature | 3 | no further information available |
| Indiana U | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 1 | graduate accepted a tenure track position at University of Puerto Rico |
| Ohio State U | Slavic and EE Languages and Literatures | 1 | graduate taught spring quarter at OSU |
| U of California, Berkeley | Slavic Languages & Literatures | 3 | two degrees in literature, one in linguistics; two graduates have a tenure track position, one part-time non-tenure track teaching position |
| U of Kansas | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 1 | graduate accepted a tenure track position at Baylor U |
| U of Michigan | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 1 | graduate accepted an Assistant Professor position at the U of Southern California |
| U of Texas-Austin | Slavic and Eurasian Studies | 1 | graduate working in private sector translation work |
| U of Southern California | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 1 | graduate will work as a lecturer at Virginia Polytechnic and State U in the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures |
| U of Washington | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 1 | graduate looking for work |
| Yale U | Slavic Languages and Literatures | 2 | degrees in Slavic; no further information available |

OTHER MAJORS (with some coursework related to Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies)

| College Name | Department Name | # of grads | Notes on graduates |
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| U of Illinois UC | Political Science | 1 | Ph.D. in Political Science with a concentration in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies; Assistant Professor at BYU |

CALENDAR

2008

September 8–14. The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (Společnost pro vedy a umeni) 24th World Congress, Catholic University in Ruzomberok, Slovakia. For more information, see: www.svu2000.org.

September 18–21. Central Eurasian Studies Society Ninth Annual Conference. Georgetown University, Washington, DC. For more information, see: www.cess.muohio.edu/cesspg_conf_cfp.html.

September 19–20. International conference "Moscow in Russian Culture," Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. For more information, contact: Susanne Fusso, Chair, Russian Language and Literature, Wesleyan University, e-mail: sfusso@wesleyan.edu, or see: <http://www.wesleyan.edu/russian/moscowinrussianculture.html>.

October 2–4. Thirty-third annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. For more information, contact: Tatyana Novikov, Conference Coordinator, Department of Foreign Languages, ASH 301, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182; tel: (402) 554-4840, tnovikov@mail.unomaha.edu; www.unomaha.edu/esc.

October 8–10. International scholarly conference on "Prague Spring" and the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia. University of Ottawa, Canada. For additional information, contact Professor M. Mark Stolarik, Chair in Slovak History & Culture, University of Ottawa, Canada K1N 6N5, stolarik@uottawa.ca.

October 17–18. Annual conference of the Wisconsin chapter of AATSEEL (The American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages). For more information, contact: Victoria Kononova, e-mail: kononova@wisc.edu.

October 23–26. Havighurst Center for Russian & Post-Soviet Studies, Annual International Young Re-searchers Conference, "Legal Change in Context: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Law and the Trans-formation of Post-communist Politics." Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. For more information, contact: The Havighurst Center for Russian & Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University, Harrison Hall, Room 116, Oxford, OH 45056, tel.: 513-529-3303, e-mail: havighurstcenter@muohio.edu.

November 7–9. 47th Annual Meeting of the Central Slavic Conference. St. Louis, Missouri, Hilton at the Ballpark. For more information, please contact: Dr.

Kurt Jefferson, Department of Political Science, Westminster College, Fulton, MO 65251-1299, tel.: 573-592-5294, e-mail: kurt.jefferson@westminster-mo.edu or Dr. Robin Remington, Peacehaven International, 503 Taylor, Columbia, MO 65201, e-mail: remingtonr@missouri.edu.

November 13–15. International conference "Secret weapon or victims of the Cold War? Central and Eastern European Emigres." Lublin, Poland. For more information, contact: Dr Slawomir Lukaszewicz, Biuro Edukacji Publicznej IPN, Oddzial w Lublinie, ul. Szewska 2, 20-086 Lublin, e-mail: slawomir.lukaszewicz@ipn.gov.pl, web site: <http://www.ipn.gov.pl/portal/en/2/News.html>, click on news dated 20.12.2007.

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December 10–12. 8th Annual Aleksanteri Conference "Welfare, Gender and Agency in Russia and Eastern Europe." The Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland. For more information, see: <http://www.helsinki.fi/aleksanteri/conference2008/>.

December 27–30. Annual national meeting of American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures (AATSEEL), concurrently with MLA, San Francisco, California. For more information, see: <http://aatseel.org/>.

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January 2–4. British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Study Group on the Russian Revolution Conference. Queen's University, Belfast. For more information, see: <http://www.basees.org.uk/sgrusrev.shtml> or contact Katy Turton at: k.turton@qub.ac.uk.

January 2–5. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. For more information, see: www.historians.org.

January 5–7. Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia Meeting. High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. For more information, see: www.sgcr.co.uk.

January 29–30. Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies (AAACaPS) Ninth Biennial Conference. University of Sydney, Australia. For more information, contact: Professor Graeme Gill, Department of Government and International Relations, The University of Sydney,

Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia, e-mail: g.gill@usyd.edu.au.

March 28–30. Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. University of Virginia, Charlottesville. For more information, see: <http://www.sewanee.edu/scss>. For further information on local arrangements, contact Professor Bob Geraci, e-mail: rpg6e@virginia.edu.
March 28–30. Annual Conference of the British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES). Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, England. For more information, see: <http://www.basees.org.uk/conference.shtml>.

April 16–18. Midwest Slavic Conference (AAASS regional affiliate). The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. For more information, contact: CSEES, 303 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210, e-mail: CSEES@osu.edu.

June 18–20. Ralph and Ruth Fisher Forum, "Russia's Role in Human Mobility: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives," co-sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation. University at Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For more information, see: <https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/jwr/www/mobility2009/>, or contact Prof. John Randolph, e-mail: jwr@uiuc.edu.

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