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OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

- Dec. 2 (Friday): Meeting of all faculty associated with the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 3:00 P.M., Room 09 (basement), Dulles Hall.
- Dec. 6 (Tues.): Teacher Workshop: "Understanding the Soviets". Sponsored by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. Limited to 150 teachers. Write to CCWA, 601 Rockwell Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114.

SOVIET TV AT OSU

As one use of its facilities for receiving Soviet TV broadcasts by satellite, OSU is experimenting with the Soviet news program Vremya. The program is recorded every other Monday and made available in the Center of Teaching Excellence's language lab in Cunz Hall by Thursday of the same week. Study guides, geared for intermediate and advanced classroom students, are available via BITNET and CompuServes's FLEFO. The guides are prepared by Professor Richard Robin of George Washington University. This project is supported by a grant from the Annenberg/CPB project and is available free of charge to any school or college with the necessary equipment. General inquiries may be directed to Professor Richard Robin, George Washington University, (202) 994-7081.

FACULTY NEWS

RICHARD HERRMANN, Assistant Professor of Political Science, addressed the November 14th meeting of the Columbus Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility on the subject "Soviet and

American Approaches to the Rise of Islam."

FR. MATEJA MATEJICH, Professor of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures and Director of the Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies at OSU, attended the opening of the Ivan Duichev Center for Byzantino-Slavic Studies in Sofia, Bulgaria, in September. The Third International Hilandar Conference, of which the Resource Center is a co-sponsor, will be held in Sofia in March, 1989.

JOHN QUIGLEY, Professor of Law and Adjunct Professor of Political Science, is presenting "New Soviet Perceptions of the U.S.-USSR Rivalry" at a conference entitled "Superpower Commerce: Economic Relations with the USSR and U.S. National Interests" at Brown University, January 2, 1989.

NEW BOOKS FROM COLUMBUS PUBLISHERS

American Contributions to the Tenth International Congress of Slavists, Sofia, September, 1988, Linguistics, ed. Alexander M. Schenker (Columbus: Slavica Publishers, 1988). \$27.95.

American Contributions to the Tenth International Congress of Slavists, Sofia, September, 1988, Literature, ed. Jane Gary Harris (Columbus: Slavica Publishers, 1988). \$27.95.

Mircea Eliade, Youth without Youth and Other Novellas (Columbus: The Ohio State University Press, 1988). \$18.95.

The USSR Today: Perspectives from the Soviet Press, 7th ed. (Columbus: Current Digest of the Soviet Press, 1988). \$20.00 (single copy); \$13.00 (more than five copies to one address).

BROWN BAG REPORT

At the October 26th, 1988, Brown Brown discussion, Dr. Irene Masing-Delic spoke on "Pushkinian Allusions in Leonov's The Thief."

Dr. Delic argued that, while Leonov is usually classified as a Soviet Dostoevskian, the intertextual links in The Thief, published in 1927, are predominantly with A. Pushkin. The latter, according to Soviet evaluations at the time of Gorky, offered the "sound and healthy counterbalance" to the "perverted and cruel talent" of Dostoevsky.

Gorky himself was at times touted as a Soviet Pushkin. As a member of the "Gorky pleiade," Leonov integrated Pushkinian

motifs in his novel (also following the example of Bely as author of Petersburg). In The Thief, Leonov addresses the question of the right to rule the Soviet state in equestrian episodes which allude to well-known Pushkin texts. These examine statesmanship in terms of ridership. As Dr. Delic's title asks: "Who is to Ride the Proud Steed?"

In one equestrian episode, the protagonist of Leonov's novel, the thief Mitya Vekshin, a red guard and eventual NEP drop-out, murders a white guard prisoner to avenge the death of his stallion, Sulim, who was shot by a white guard. It is disclosed towards the end of the novel, however, that Vekshin had actually stolen Sulim from the very prisoner whose skull he crushed. The incident poses the question of ridership and ownership.

Another equestrian anecdote is about the monstrously fat jelly-consuming Count Pototsky and the narrator of the anecdote, the vodka-swilling declass  aristocrat Manyukin. Pototsky had recently acquired a mare, Brigundi, whom no one could break in. Manyukin, himself rather corpulent, offered to do the job but had his skull crushed instead, as the mare threw him into an abyss. The allegorical anecdote clearly deals with the downfall of the "parasitic" aristocracy, of which the narrator is a chance survivor.

A successful rider is found in yet another equestrian episode. A female aristocrat successfully drives away puny property-hungry commissars on her mare, Blokha. She is eventually arrested and sentenced to be executed, but is rescued at the last moment by her faithful mount.

The key to understanding these episodes can be found in Pushkin's treatment of successful and unsuccessful riders, and of steeds which are equated with Russia itself in need of a capable rider (ruler). In the drama Boris Godunov both the quasi-legitimate Tsar Boris and the usurper Dmitri (described as a "brave thief") are thrown off the "frisky steed" of Russia. In The Bronze Horseman Tsar Peter emerges as a superbly successful rider. In Leonov's interpretation, this is due not to his legitimate claims to the throne, but to the fact that he is hardworking, strong-willed and capable, whereas both Boris and Dmitri lack these qualities. Leonov uses Pushkin texts to demonstrate his concept of the successful "rider". It is not one who relies on legitimacy only (Pototsky, Manyukin), nor is it an undisciplined usurper and "thief", like Dmitri Vekshin. It is someone who is worthy of the "proud steed", as the woman aristocrat is, but only on a minor scale.

Who is truly worthy then? Leonov suggests that it is Vekshin after all, the Proletarian who "stole" Russia. At any rate, he will be worthy once he learns how to labor collectively. Happily a "teacher of collective labor" has been found. It is

the one who instituted the five-year plans: Joseph Stalin. In Stalin's Russia, Leonov apparently saw a land in which heroes of labor would be formed, capable of mounting and riding the "proud Steed" of power. Logically, Leonov's following novels belong to the genre of the "five-year plan novel."

(Synopsis by William Bulson, Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University.)

DATABASE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION RESEARCHERS

Researchers in foreign language education have established a database to enable them to locate and communicate with other researchers of like interests. Initially the database includes researchers at fourteen institutions in ten states. Because the database is stored electronically on an international online network (CompuServe), it is constantly being updated and is accessible at any time. Self-additions are welcome, and may be submitted three ways: via BITNET (to: TS6926@OHSTVMA), via CompuServe (to: 76703,2063), or via mail (to: Gerard Ervin, 944 Farnham Road, Columbus, OH 43220). Please provide the following information: Last name; first name; institution; address; city; state; zip code; country; telephone; BITNET address (if any); CompuServe PIN (if any); and up to 25 key words describing your research interests. There is no charge for being listed. The database may be consulted and/or downloaded (either as a database or as a text file) from CompuServe's Foreign Language Education Forum (FLEFO). For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (business-sized) to: Gerard Ervin, 944 Farnham Road, Columbus, OH 43220.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Munich announces its Research Intern Program for the Summer of 1989. The program, open to graduate students and exceptionally well-qualified undergraduates, brings students to Munich for a period of eight to twelve weeks to engage in full-time research and write papers (suitable for use in broadcasting) on topics of current interest. A full description of the program is available in the Center office, 344 Dulles Hall. The deadline for applications is February 21, 1989.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Allegheny College, Department of Modern Languages. Assistant Professor, Comparative Literature with a concentration in

~~Russian. Possible tenure-track position teaching courses in Russian language, literature and civilization for an undergraduate modern languages department and humanities courses in the Liberal Studies Division. Ph.D. preferred; native or near-native fluency in Russian and English; some teaching experience preferred. Application deadline: December 1, 1988.~~

Interested candidates should send application letters and supporting credentials including at least three references to: Jochen Richter, Department of Modern Languages, Box 30, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. Applications will be acknowledged. Allegheny College is an equal opportunity employer.

Hamilton College. Visiting Instructor or Assistant Professor in Russian with strong commitment to Russian language teaching at all levels. Native or near-native fluency in Russian and English. Non-tenure track appointment (2/3 time) for 1989-1990. Renewable twice. \$18,000 - \$20,000. ABD preferred. Application deadline Nov. 20, 1988. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. Hamilton College is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Send application to Sydna Weiss, Dept. of Germanic and Slavic Languages, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY 13323.

University of London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies. Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER IN RUSSIAN from 1 April 1989 or a date to be agreed. The lecturer will be required to have expertise in 19th- and 20th-century Russian literature, and have a thorough command of the Russian language, in order to be able to teach it at all levels. He/she will also be expected to contribute actively to the development of new teaching methods. The lecturer will in particular be required to develop undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the history of Russian thought.

Salary according to age, qualifications and experience on Lecturer 'A' scale £9260-£1450 London Allowance. Membership of USS is available.

Further details can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, to whom applications, with full curriculum vitae and naming three referees, should be sent by 28 November 1988.

Louisiana State University. Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Nominations and applications are

~~invited for a distinguished scholar and teacher to head department of 32 faculty in Spanish, German, Classics, and Russian, beginning Aug. 4, 1989. Candidates should represent one of the above disciplines and be eligible for appointment at full professor; area of specialization open, administrative experience preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Dept. offers M.A. in Spanish, undergraduate degree in Spanish, German, Latin, and Russian. The chair of this growing department will work closely with interdepartmental graduate programs in Comparative Literature and in Linguistics. Send CV, dossier and the names of three referees to: Chair Search Committee, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Prearranged interviews at MLA. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled. LSU is an Equal Opportunity Employer.~~

Miami University. Job opening for winter semester, January 9-May 5, 1989. To teach 1st and 2nd year Russian courses temporary part-time lecturer position. For additional information call: Prof. Robert Boyie, Miami University, Russian Section, Oxford, Ohio, 1 (513) 529-2526.

North Carolina State University. I. Asst. Prof. Russian, tenure-track, fall 1989, pending funding. Ph.D.; native or near-native fluency. Specialization open. Commitment to research, publication or teaching. Application and dossier, including three letters of reference, by **December 19, 1988**, to Professor J.H. Stewart, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Box 8106, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-8106.

Northwestern University. Assistant Professor, 19th or 20th Century Russian Literature. Tenure track. We are looking for evidence of scholarly originality and excellent teaching. Include CV. Application deadline: **December 1, 1988**. Interested candidates can apply by sending a letter of application and supporting credentials including letters of reference to Prof. Marvin Kantor at the above address. Northwestern University is an equal opportunity employer.

The Department of German and Russian at Oberlin College invites applications for a full-time, continuing faculty position in the College of Arts and Sciences. The position, which has been authorized for a term of four years, beginning July 1, 1989, will carry the rank of Assistant Professor. The incumbent will teach

~~courses in language and literature at all levels (including literature courses taught in Russian). He or she will also be expected to participate in the full range of faculty responsibilities and sustained scholarly research. Among the qualifications required for appointment is the Ph.D. degree in hand or expected by July 1989. Candidates must demonstrate interest and potential excellence in undergraduate teaching. Successful teaching experience at the college level is desirable. To be assured of consideration, letters of application, including a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, and at least three letters of reference, should be sent to Sidney Rosenfeld, Chair, Department of German and Russian, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio 44074, by November 28, 1988. Application materials received after that date may be considered until the position is filled. The base annual salary rate will depend on qualifications and experience.~~

The Ohio State University is seeking applications for the position of Vice Provost for International Affairs. The Vice Provost provides overall leadership to the Office of International Affairs and its reporting units: University Center for International Studies, Office of International Students and Scholars, English as a Second Language and American Language Programs, and the area studies centers. Applicants should have a Ph.D., extensive experience in international education and administration, record of recognized scholarship, academic and overseas experience and meet qualifications for a tenure position. For information, contact: Vice Provost Search Committee, Office of the Provost, Ohio State University, 203 Bricker Hall, 190 N. Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1358

Trinity University. Assistant Professor of Russian, tenure-track. Teaching three undergraduate courses per semester, including possible participation in the First Year Seminar program. Ability to teach Russian language and literature from the beginning level through senior advanced courses. Area of specialization open. Research activity, including presentation of papers and publications; participation in professional and scholarly activities, including attendance at professional meetings. Student advisement; service to the department, the university, the profession, and the community. Recent Ph.D. in Russian or an appropriate field desirable with native or near-native fluency in Russian. Must have a strong commitment to teaching undergraduates; evidence of potential as a scholar; ability to relate well to student at small liberal arts and sciences university. Salary competitive. The Department of Foreign Languages offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in French, German, Russian, and Spanish, and consists of 15 full-

~~time faculty members. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae and/or dossier, three or more letters of reference, final or up-to-date graduate institution transcript, and teaching evaluations, if available, by November 15, 1988, to: Dr. Sarah Burke-Lupinski, Chair, Russian Search Committee, Department of Foreign Languages, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive - Box 46, San Antonio, TX.~~

The University of Vermont. Assistant Professor of Russian. Tenure-track position, Ph.D. required, proficiency in Russian and English. Three courses per semester in Russian language, culture and literature on the undergraduate level. Applications due by **December 15, 1988.** AA/EO employer. Minority and women candidates encouraged to apply. Please write to: Prof. Wolfgang Mieder, Chairperson, Department of German and Russian, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405-0160.

The Soviet and East European Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison wishes to make one regular three-year tenure track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in Sociology or Anthropology beginning the 1989 fall semester. The person would teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses involving the above fields and the Soviet Union. Research interests should be focused on one of these fields in the Soviet area. Ph.D. or early assured completion is desired in one of the above or related fields. The salary will be competitive on a national basis. Interested candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and at least three letters of recommendation to the appropriate address below by December 1, 1988. The university of Wisconsin is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

1988

December 28-30, 1988. Annual Meeting of AATSEEL will be held in Washington, D.C. Contact: Professor Sanford Couch, Russian Department, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona 85287, (602) 965-6394.

1989

April 1, 1989. The Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference (AAASS Regional Affiliate), annual meeting at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA. Proposals for papers or panels on any topic related to Slavic studies are welcome. Send by December 31, 1988, to: Helen Segall, Dept. of Russian Language, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA 17013, or Jeffrey Hahn, Dept. of Political Science, Villanova U., Villanova, PA 19085.

April 13-15, 1989. Music City beckons you to join your colleagues from the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association at the 1989 joint conference. Outstanding speakers, over a hundred conference sessions, and scores of exhibits of the newest and best in language teaching texts, materials, equipment, travel-study programs, fund-raising ideas, and more. Conference preregistration - \$30 (\$40 on-site); workshops - \$15/\$30; hotel accommodations - \$62 per night single or double in a luxurious new hotel. Exhibitor and advertiser packets available now. Conference program, registration, and hotel reservation materials available in February, 1989. For information, please write: Jody Thrush, CSC Executive Director, Madison Area Technical College, 3550 Anderson Street, Madison, WI 53704.

April 14-15, 1989. The New England Slavic Association (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting, Russian Research Center, Harvard University. Contributions from all disciplines welcome; complete panel proposals preferred. Send proposals by January 10, 1989, to: Carol Saivetz, NESA Program Chair, Russian Research Ctr., Harvard U., 1737 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

April 26-29, 1989. The Rocky Mountain Association for Slavic Studies (AAASS Regional Affiliate), annual meeting in conjunction with the Western Social Sciences Association at the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Proposals for panels, papers, and roundtables on any topic in Slavic Studies invited. Submit panel proposals by December 10, 1988, to: Prof. Valery J. Assetto, Dept. of Political Science, Colorado State U., Fort Collins, CO 80523.

June 30-July 4, 1989. Cultural Conference on Carpathian

~~Mountains including Poland, the Ukraine and Transylvania, at Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, PA. For information, contact: Basia Dziewanowska, 41 Katherine Road, Watertown, MA 02172, (617) 926-8048.~~

July 22-29, 1989. The 7th International Dostoevsky Symposium on the theme "Dostoevsky and the XXth Century," sponsored by the International Dostoevsky Society, held in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. Those interested, especially members of the International Dostoevsky Society and the North American Dostoevsky Society, should submit papers and requests for participation to: Prof. Nadine Natov, Slavic Dept., George Washington U., Washington, DC 20052.

August 30-September 5, 1989. The VI International Congress of the International Association for the Study of Southeast Europe will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria. For information, contact: Prof. Gale Stokes, History Dept., Rice U., Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251.

October 6-7, 1989. The annual meeting of the Central Slavic Conference (AAASS Regional Affiliate) at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Proposals on any topic are welcome, especially those devoted to the rise of Russian studies in the US since Sputnik. Charles E. Timberlake, History Dept., U. of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.

October 27-28, 1989. The 13th Annual Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and Literatures will be held at Youngstown State University. The Committee is soliciting proposals for either workshops (2-1/2 hours), or other presentations (50 minutes or 30 minutes), on topics related to the teaching of foreign languages. The deadline for proposals is March 10, 1989. Send proposals or inquiries to: Foreign Language Conference, Department of Foreign Languages, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio 44555.

November 2-5, 1989. The 21st National Convention of the AAASS, hosted by the Midwest Slavic Conference, will take place in Chicago at the Palmer House Hotel. The deadline for proposals is Jan. 1, 1989. For information, call Marianna Tax Choldin at (217) 333-1244 or Keith Hitchens at (217) 333-9891.

November 3-4, 1989. The second annual conference on Research Perspectives in Adult Language Learning and Acquisition (RP-ALLA II). Research papers on any aspect of adult language learning are invited. Send a 3-page abstract no later than April 15, 1989, to: RP-ALLA II, Foreign Language Center, Ohio State University, 155 Cunz Hall, 1841 Millikin Road, Columbus, OH 43210.

1990

July 23-28, 1990. The IV World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies will convene in Harrogate, UK. Deadline for receipt of papers is January 1, 1989. Contact: Mr. J.D. Morrison, Dept. of Russian Studies, U. of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, England.

October 18-21, 1990. The 22nd National Convention of the AAASS, hosted by the Washington Chapter, will be held in Washington, DC at the Washington Hilton.



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Center Faculty Meeting

The year's first meeting of the Center faculty will be held on Friday, December 2nd (the last Friday of classes) at 3:00 P.M., in Room 09 (basement), Dulles Hall. Please plan to attend to discuss current developments affecting the Center and plans for the future.

Funds for Faculty Travel Abroad

OSU's Office of International Affairs is again accepting applications for grants (maximum \$650.00) to defray the expenses of faculty travel abroad. The travel must be for research or for participation in a conference that is directly related to the applicant's field of scholarship or teaching. The recipient cannot have received an award from OIA or Research and Graduate Studies within the past 24 months, and must obtain some matching funds from his or her home academic unit and/or college. No grants will be made for travel in North America. In the event that available funds will not cover all eligible requests, the selection committee will give preference to junior faculty and to those who have never received a travel grant from OIA. For further information, call the Office of International Affairs at 2-3821.

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Jim Scanlan