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**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**Opening Reception – 6:00 PM**

Hotel Lobby, AC Marriott

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

**Session 1 –8:00-9:45**

**1.1 – Room 3009**

Panel – Ukraine and the World

Chair - Brendan Mooney, Miami University, mooneybg@miamioh.edu

Vita Golod, A. Krymskyi Institute of Oriental Studies (Ukraine), [vitagolod@gmail.com](mailto:vitagolod@gmail.com) – “Ukraine-China: The Evolution of the Relationship Before 2014 and Afterword”

Wei-chin Lee, Wake Forest University, leewei@wfu.edu - "US-China-Ukraine Relations in the Russian War in Ukraine"

Iryna Tofan, New York University, [it2228@nyu.edu](mailto:it2228@nyu.edu) – “Aesthetic Choices in Representation of War in Ukraine across American Art Institutions”

Discussant - Lidiya Zubytska, Ave Maria University, lidiya.zubytska@avemaria.edu

**1.2 – Room 1005**

Panel – WWI the Aftermath: Poland and the Baltic States

Chair: John Steinberg, Austin Peay State University, steinbergj@apsu.edu

Matthew Schwonek, Air Command and Staff College, matthewschwonek@gmail.com - “Major Elbert E. Farman’s Polish-Soviet War, 1919-1921”

Olavi Arens, Georgia Southern University, oarens@georgiasouthern.edu - “Socialism in Estonia, 1917-1919”

Matthew Adams, Savannah State University, adamsm@savannahstate.edu - “The American Relief Administration Retreat during the Polish/Soviet War”

Discussant: John Steinberg, Austin Peay State University, steinbergj@apsu.edu

**1.3 – Room 4003**

Panel – Religion, Environment, and Colonialism in Tsarist and Soviet Central Asia

Chair: Nurlan Kabdylkhak, UNC-Chapel Hill, [nurlan@live.unc.edu](mailto:nurlan@live.unc.edu)

Nurlan Kabdylkhak, PhD Student, UNC-Chapel Hill, [nurlan@live.unc.edu](mailto:nurlan@live.unc.edu) - “Patrons of Islamic Institutions in Tsarist Central Asia (1820s-1850s)”

Nicholas Seay, Ohio State University, [seay.27@osu.edu](mailto:seay.27@osu.edu) - “Wastewater Problems: Nitrogen Fertilizer Production and Pollution in Cotton-Growing Tajikistan”

Alexandr Shtumpf, UNC-Chapel Hill, [ashtumpf@unc.edu](mailto:ashtumpf@unc.edu) - “Managed Exploitation: Imperial Environmentalism in the Late-Nineteenth Century Kazakh Steppe”

Eren Tasar, UNC-Chapel Hill, [etasar@email.unc.edu](mailto:etasar@email.unc.edu) - “Muslim Atheism during Khrushchev's Antireligious Campaign”

Discussant – Steve Barnes, George Mason University, sbarnes3@gmu.edu

**1.4 – Room 2010**

Panel – Complications of Elite Governance in Muscovite and Imperial Russia

Chair – Steven Jug, Baylor University, [Steven\_Jug@Baylor.edu](mailto:Steven_Jug@Baylor.edu)

Christopher Ely, Florida Atlantic University, cely@fau.edu – “Religious Outsiders and the Origins of Swedish and Russian Imperial Ideals”

Steven Jug, Baylor University, [Steven\_Jug@Baylor.edu](mailto:Steven_Jug@Baylor.edu) – “Mercy, Merit, and Manliness? Gender and Military Medicine in Besieged Sevastopol, 1854-55”

Anna Arkhina, Bocconi University (Italy), anna.arkhina@phd.unibocconi.it - “Dynamics of Elite Access and Mobility in the 19th-Century Russian Empire"

Discussant – Marina Saidukova- Romanova, Independent Scholar, temsaiduk@yahoo.co.uk

**1.5 – Room 3024**

Panel – Short Horizons: Russian Near-Future Security Challenges

Chair – James Bowron, Air University

Jon Nesselhuf, Air University, [franklin.nesselhuf.1@au.af.edu](mailto:franklin.nesselhuf.1@au.af.edu) - "Russian Air Power: Future Prospects & Limitations"

Michelle Harbergersolano, Air University, [michelle.c.hartbergersolano.mil@au.af.edu](mailto:michelle.c.hartbergersolano.mil@au.af.edu) - "Climate Change and Russian Arctic Strategy"

Chris Edlund, Air University, [christopher.edlund.1@au.af.edu](mailto:christopher.edlund.1@au.af.edu) -"Russian Arctic Infrastructure Strategy"

James Lancaster, Air University, james.lancaster.2@au.af.edu, "Regeneration and the future of Russian Foreign Military Sales"

Discussant – James Bowron, Air University

**1.6  – Room 1009**

Panel – Lenin’s Tomb, Balkan Mass Graves, and Ukrainian Warriors: Constructing Masculinity and Leadership

Chair - Betsy Jones Hemenway, Loyola University Chicago, ehemenway@luc.edu

Oleh Petrus, Ukrainian Fulbright Scholar, Loyola University Chicago, opetrus@luc.edu - “From Underrated to Unbreakable: Zelenskyy's (re)Rise and the Redefinition of Masculinity in Wartime Ukraine”

Marko Dumančić, Western Kentucky University, marko.dumancic@wku.edu – “Through the Eyes of Genocide Perpetrators: The Case of Three Bosnian Serb War Criminals and Their Politics of Victimhood”

Betsy Jones Hemenway, Loyola University Chicago, ehemenway@luc.edu – “Lenin Batiushka: From Revolutionary to Imperialist Father”

Discussant – Tony Makowski, Delaware County Community College, [amakowski@dccc.edu](mailto:amakowski@dccc.edu)

**1.7  – Room 2008**

Panel - The Language of Scientific Cognition of the World in the Slavic Mass Media, I

Chair - Alexandre A. Strokanov, Vermont State University, alexandre.strokanov@vermontstate.edu

Alexandre A. Strokanov, Vermont State University, alexandre.strokanov@vermontstate.edu – “Massification of Historical Science Terms in Mass Media Texts”

Wang Xu, Nanjing University (China), [wangxu2008@mail.ru](mailto:wangxu2008@mail.ru) – “Specifics of Translation of Terms in Media Texts”

Lilia Duskaeva, & Liubov Ivanova, St Petersburg University, l.duskaeva@spbu.ru, [l.y.ivanova@spbu.ru](mailto:l.y.ivanova@spbu.ru) – “Scientific Objection Presentation in Mass Media”

Discussant - Ina Minchuk, Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno (Belarus), i.minchuk@grsu.by

**Session 2 - 10-11:45**

**2.1** **– Room 2010**

Panel – Research Trends and Translation Wars

Chair – Olga Makarova, UIUC, [olgam2@illinois.edu](mailto:olgam2@illinois.edu)

Olga Makarova and Katherine Ashcraft, UIUC, [olgam2@illinois.edu](mailto:olgam2@illinois.edu) and kashcr2@illinois.edu – “Research Trends and Knowledge Dissemination: A Review of the Past Decade of Scholarship in Russian, East European, and Eurasian (REEE) Studies”

Curtis Richardson, Western Governors University and University of North Carolina, curtis.richardson@wgu.edu - “The Cold War through Primary Sources in the Digital Space”

Discussant – Sue Rupp, Wake Forest University, rupp@wfu.edu

**2.2 – Room 2008**

Roundtable– Institutionalization and Thematization of China-Balkan Relations Research

Chair - Liang Zhanjun, Capital Normal University (China), [cnuliang@cnu.edu.cn](mailto:cnuliang@cnu.edu.cn)

Zvonimir Stopić, Capital Normal University (China), z\_nanook@yahoo.com – “The Historical Development of China-Balkan Relations”

Ivica Bakota, Capital Normal University (China), bakotaivic@gmail.com – “The Thematization of Key Issues of the China-Balkan Relations from the 1950s to the Present”

Liang Zhanjun, Capital Normal University (China), [cnuliang@cnu.edu.cn](mailto:cnuliang@cnu.edu.cn) – “Institutional Building and Development of Balkan Studies in China (1955-2022)”

**2.3 – Room 3009**

Panel – The Personal and Political in Twentieth-Century East-Central Europe

Chair – Chad Bryant, UNC-Chapel Hill, [bryantc@email.unc.edu](mailto:bryantc@email.unc.edu)

Chad Bryant, UNC-Chapel Hill, [bryantc@email.unc.edu](mailto:bryantc@email.unc.edu) – “Reading as a Political Act: Newspapers and the Wartime Diary of Vojtěch Berger”

Annika Frieberg, UC San Diego, [afrieberg@sdsu.edu](mailto:afrieberg@sdsu.edu) – “Revolutionaries and Rosehip Soup: Polish-Swedish Relations, Politics, and Humanitarianism in the 1980s”

Natalia Aleksiun, University of Florida, [natalia.aleksiun@ufl.edu](mailto:natalia.aleksiun@ufl.edu) - "’And Here Stood a Famous Bakery’”: Visiting Former Jewish Hometowns in Poland and Ukraine after 1989”

Discussant - Karen Auerbach, UNC-Chapel Hill, kauerbach@unc.edu

**2.4 – Room 1005**

Panel – Russian Literature in the Nineteenth Century

Chair – Judith Kalb, University of South Carolina, [KALBJ@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:KALBJ@mailbox.sc.edu)

Brendan Mooney, Miami University, mooneybg@miamioh.edu - “How Nikolai Danilevskii made an anti-Darwinist of Nikolai Strakhov”

Judith Kalb, University of South Carolina, [KALBJ@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:KALBJ@mailbox.sc.edu) - “Tolstoy, Turgenev, and Homer: Differing Epic Echoes in *War and Peace* and *On the Eve*”

Jessica Ginocchio, UNC-Chapel Hill, jessgino@live.unc.edu - “Chekhov's Animal Psychology: "An Incident" as a Case Study in Umwelt”

Radislav Lapushin, UNC-Chapel Hill, lapushin@email.unc.edu - “The Alternative Lives of Chekhov: From Science Fiction to Biographies”

Discussant – Daria Smirnova, University of South Carolina, SMIRNOVA@email.sc.edu

**2.5 – Room 3033**

Panel - The Language of Scientific Cognition of the World in the Slavic Mass Media, II

Chair - Lilia Duskaeva, St Petersburg University, l.duskaeva@spbu.ru

Elena Stojanova, Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen (Bulgaria), elvikstoyanova@abv.bg – “The Cognitive Potential of Metaphor in Mass Media Texts”

Ugo Persi, University of Bergamo (Italy), [u.persi@gmail.com](mailto:u.persi@gmail.com) – “A Product of Difficult Advertising: Features of Drug Advertizement in the Media”

Ina Minchuk, Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno (Belarus), i.minchuk@grsu.by – ‘Evaluation of a Scientific Idea in Media Speech”

Discussant - Liubov Ivanova, St Petersburg University, l.y.ivanova@spbu.ru

**2.6  – Room 1009**

Panel – Wartime Stalinism

Chair – Donald Raleigh, UNC-Chapel Hill, draleigh@unc.edu

Oleg Budnitskii, National Humanities Center, [oleg.budnitski@gmail.com](mailto:oleg.budnitski@gmail.com) – “Soviet Soldiers' Violence against Civilians during World War II”

Anna Krylova, Duke University, [anna.krylova@duke.edu](mailto:anna.krylova@duke.edu) – “"We are Talking not about Individual Female Volunteers, but about Thousands": Women, War, and Feminism”

Daniel Giblin, The Citadel, [dfgiblin@gmail.com](mailto:dfgiblin@gmail.com) – “Memory of Childhood and Trauma: Experiencing Occupation and War in Kursk Oblast, 1941-43”

Seth Bernstein, University of Florida, [sethbernstein@ufl.edu](mailto:sethbernstein@ufl.edu) – “National in Form, Fascist in Content: The Propagandist Camp at Wustrau, Germany”

Discussant – Tracy McDonald, McMaster University, tmcdon@mcmaster.ca

**2.7 – Room 3024**

Panel – Setting Up the Soviet 1980s

Chair – Emily Baran, Middle Tennessee State University, emily.baran@mtsu.edu

Elena Osokina, University of South Carolina, osokina@mailbox.sc.edu - "Soviet Encounters with Capitalism"

James Heinzen, Rowan University, Heinzen@rowan.edu - "The Making of a Soviet Entrepreneur"

Jeffrey Jones, UNC-Greensboro, JWJONES@uncg.edu - "'I brought my truth back in a plastic bag': Soviet Soldiers in the Soviet-Afghan War"

Martin Blackwell, Stetson University, mjblackwell@stetson.edu - "The State Enterprise Law of July 1987 and the Soviet Collapse"

**2.8 – Room 4003**

Panel - Decolonizing the Colonists: Liberating the Russian Revolution from Usurpers

Chair - Boris B Gorshkov, Kennesaw State University, boris.gorshkov@yahoo.com

Boris B Gorshkov, Kennesaw State University, boris.gorshkov@yahoo.com - “Decolonizing the Bolshevik: Official Discourse and Unofficial Realities of the Early Bolshevik Government”

Michael S Melancon, Auburn University, Emeritus, melanms@yahoo.com - "Nothing could be more unsoviet than one-party soviets"

Alice Pate, Kennesaw State University, apate9@kennesaw.edu - “Autonomy and Authority in 1917”

Discussant – Clayton Black, Washington College, cblack2@washcoll.edu

**Executive Council Lunch Meeting – 12:00-1:00 – Room 3033**

**Session 3 - 1:15-3:00**

**3.1  – Room 1005**

Panel – Culture in Wartime and Postwar Ukraine

Chair - Mayhill C. Fowler, Stetson University, [mfowler@stetson.edu](mailto:mfowler@stetson.edu)

Mayhill C. Fowler, Stetson University, [mfowler@stetson.edu](mailto:mfowler@stetson.edu) - Performing War: “Theater in Wartime Ukraine, Then and Now”

Christina Crawford, Emory University, [christina.crawford@emory.edu](mailto:christina.crawford@emory.edu) – “Building Expertise: Architectural Education for a Postwar Ukraine”

Oksana Kis, University of Richmond, oksana.kis@richmond.edu – “Hybridization of Normative Femininity in Public Discourse in Wartime Ukraine”

Discussant: Eliza Rose, UNC-Chapel Hill, elizacr@email.unc.edu

**3.2 – Room 3024**

Panel – Polish Art and Culture

Chair – Matthew Schwonek, Air Command and Staff College, matthewschwonek@gmail.com

Beth Holmgren, Duke University, beth.holmgren@duke.edu - “A Polish Gor’kii Films Putin’s Russia: Hanna Polak’s *Something Better to Come* (2014)”

Oskar Czendze, UNC-Chapel Hill, [oskar.czendze@unc.edu](mailto:oskar.czendze@unc.edu) - “East and West: Galicia Through the Eyes of Folklorist Benjamin W. Segel”

Pierre Van Cutsem, University of Silesia (Poland), pierre.van\_cutsem@us.edu.pl - “Polish Gothic Fiction: Between Liminal Spaces and Borderlands”

Sofia Lago, The Cooper Union, lago.sofie@gmail.com - “Every Winter Change to Spring: Death and Winter Rituals, Poland, and Evolutionary Theory in Nineteenth-Century Britain"

Discussant - Matthew Schwonek, Air Command and Staff College, matthewschwonek@gmail.com

**3.3 – Room 3009**

Roundtable: Decentering Russian History through Central Asia

Eren Tasar, UNC-Chapel Hill, [etasar@email.unc.edu](mailto:etasar@email.unc.edu)

Jeff Jones, UNC-Greensboro, [jwjones@uncg.edu](mailto:jwjones@uncg.edu)

Zulfiya Tursunova, Guilford College, [tursunovaz@guilford.edu](mailto:tursunovaz@guilford.edu)

**3.4  – Room 1009**

Panel – American Representations in (and of) Russia

Chair – Jessica Ginocchio, UNC-Chapel Hill, jessgino@live.unc.edu

Erik Zitser, Duke University, [ernest.zitser@duke.edu](mailto:ernest.zitser@duke.edu) – “The Catherinian Equine Myth in Josef von Sternberg's "The Scarlet Empress"”

Jeanie M. Welch, UNC-Charlotte (ret.), jeaniemwelch@gmail.com - “He Said What?!?!  American Reactions to Khrushchev's Secret Speech”

Oleksiy Fitel, Independent Scholar, oleksiyfitel@gmail.com - “The Legacies of Ivan Mazepa and Pylyp Orlyk in American Textbooks”

Elena Yushkova, Visiting Fulbright Scholar, University of Kentucky, [evyu222@uky.edu](mailto:evyu222@uky.edu) - “Isadora Duncan and Russian Culture”

Discussant – Marjorie Hilton, Murray State, mhilton@murraystate.edu

**3.5 – Room 2008**

Panel – The Shaping of Europe: The Past, Presence, and the Future

Chair – Anna Stallings, American Public University, anna.stallings@mycampus.apus.edu

Ionut Traistaru, Babes-Bolyai University (Romania), ionutztraistaru@gmail.com - “A Controversial Relationship: The EU Discourses towards Member States in a Historical Perspective”

Anna Stallings, American Public University, anna.stallings@mycampus.apus.edu – “Analyzing the Implementation of Anti-Financial Crime Regime in Global Governance”

Austin S. Matthews, East Carolina University, matthewsa22@ecu.edu and Edward Goldring, Lecturer at the University of Melbourne, edward.goldring@unimelb.edu.au - “Does the Revolution Devour its Own Children? Social Revolution, Political Purging, and Elite Cohesion in Communist Eastern Europe”

Discussant – Zsolt Nagy, University of St. Thomas, nagy4291@stthomas.edu

**3.6 – Room 2010**

Roundtable: The Army's Last Gasp: The Imperial Russian Army in World War I

John W. Steinberg, Austin Peay State University, steinbergj@apsu.edu

Bruce Menning, University of Kansas and U.S. Command Staff and General Staff College, bmenning@aol.com

Ronald P. Bobroff, Bryant University, [rbobroff@bryant.edu](mailto:rbobroff@bryant.edu)

David McDonald, University of Wisconsin, Emeritus, dmmcdon1@wisc.edu

**3.7 – Room 4003**

Panel – Political Culture in the Russian Empire and Soviet Union

Chair - Elaine MacKinnon, University of West Georgia, emcclarn@westga.edu

Mara Kozelsky, University of South Alabama, mkozelsky@southalabama.edu – “Ivan Savvich Nikitin's Kulak”

Luke Jeske, UNC-Chapel Hill, ljeske@live.unc.edu – “Tsargrad, Constantinople, Istanbul: Nineteenth-Century Russian Views on the Ottoman Capital”

Cadra Peterson McDaniel, Texas A&M U-Central Texas, cadra.mcdaniel@tamuct.edu – “Unhealthy Art: Perceptions of Modern Art and Societal Ills in Late Imperial Russia”

Martha Calhoun Brown, Texas A&M U-Central Texas, mc172@my.tamuct.edu – “Социализмди Курдук! Soviet Transformations in Kyrgyzstan as Studied Through Art”

Discussant - Elaine MacKinnon, University of West Georgia, emcclarn@westga.edu

**Business Meeting – 3:15-4:00 – Room 1005**

All members are encouraged to attend.

**Special Session – 4:15-6:00 – Nelson Mandela Auditorium - Room 1015**

Roundtable: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of SCSS: Memories of our Past

Chair - Steve Barnes, George Mason University, [sbarnes3@gmu.edu](mailto:sbarnes3@gmu.edu)

George Munro, Virginia Commonwealth University, gmunro@vcu.edu

Sue McCaffray, UNC-Wilmington, Emerita, mccaffrays@uncw.edu

Don Raleigh, UNC-Chapel Hill, Emeritus, djr@email.unc.edu

Harold Goldberg, University of the South, Emeritus, hgoldber@sewanee.edu

**6:00-7:00 – Happy Hour**

Carolina Inn

**7:00-10:00 – Banquet**

Carolina Inn, Old Well

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**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

**Session 4 - 8-9:45**

**4.1 – Room 3009**

Panel – Unstable Home Front: Russian Domestic Challenges after the Ukraine Invasion

Chair - Andy Akin, Air University, andrew.akin@au.af.edu

Frank Turek, Air University, [frank.turek.1@au.af.edu](mailto:frank.turek.1@au.af.edu) - "Crisis of Faith: The Russian Orthodox Church in the Ukraine Invasion."

Tonis Parn, Air University, [tonis.parn.en@au.af.edu](mailto:tonis.parn.en@au.af.edu) - "Evaluating Russian Military Industrial Capabilities."

Justin Child, Air University, [justin.child.3@au.af.edu](mailto:justin.child.3@au.af.edu) - "Probabilities of Russian Military Force Reconstitution."

Discussant – Andy Akin, Air University, andrew.akin@au.af.edu

**4.2 – Room 1005**

Panel – Resistance in Soviet Eastern Europe

Chair – Joseph Bradley, University of Tulsa, Emeritus, joseph-bradley@utulsa.edu

Susanna Weygandt, Sewanee: The University of the South, esweygan@sewanee.edu – “Transnational Docudrama & Art of Resistance in Eastern & Central Europe”

Mira Markham, UNC-Chapel Hill, miram@live.unc.edu – “The Nedašov Affair: Investigating a Riot and its Aftermath in Czech Archives”

Nicole Harry, UNC-Chapel Hill, harryn@email.unc.edu – “For Church and State: The Catholic Community and State Legitimacy in the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic”

Liana Kirillova, Baylor University, liana\_kirillova@baylor.edu – “’Communism Cannot Be Built with a Shovel’: The Experiences of Soviet and Czechoslovak Student Construction Brigades in 1968”

Discussant – Cadra Peterson McDaniel, Texas A&M U-Central Texas, cadra.mcdaniel@tamuct.edu

**4.3 – Room 2010**

Panel – Health, Disease, and Medicine in Russian and Soviet History

Chair – Tom Ewing, Virginia Tech, etewing@vt.edu

Tricia Starks, University of Arkansas, [tstarks@uark.edu](mailto:tstarks@uark.edu) – “Russian and Soviet Public Health in Global Perspective”

Marek Eby, New York University, mre287@nyu.edu – “Socialist Statistics and Soviet Medicine: Data Collection in Central Asian Malaria Epidemics, 1920s-1930s”

Tom Ewing, Virginia Tech, etewing@vt.edu – “The Influenza Epidemic of 1889-1892 in the Caucasus”

Discussant – Jennifer Carroll, North Carolina State University, jjcarro3@ncsu.edu

**4.4  – Room 1009**

Panel – Women at War

Chair: Luke Jeske, UNC-Chapel Hill, ljeske@live.unc.edu

Colleen Moore, James Madison University, [moor23cm@jmu.edu](mailto:moor23cm@jmu.edu) - “‘Russian Women Are Not Weak’: Soldatki’s Contributions to the First World War.”

Edith W. Clowes, University of Virginia, clowes@virginia.edu - “Akhmatova Groupie Becomes Passionate Patriot: The Life-Writing of Nurse Vera Gadziatskaia in the Great War

Adrienne M. Harris, Baylor University, Adrienne\_Harris@baylor.edu - “Recentering Zoia: Representations of War Martyr Zoia Kosmodemianskaia in the 2020s”

Discussant: Sharon Kowalsky, Texas A&M, Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu

**4.5 – Room 2008**

Panel - Security and Society in Post-Soviet Space

Chair – Mayhill Fowler, Stetson University, [mfowler@stetson.edu](mailto:mfowler@stetson.edu)

Yuliia Balan, Stetson University, [ybalan@stetson.edu](mailto:ybalan@stetson.edu) - "The nuclear deterrence in state-to-state conflicts in the 21st century"

Lee Sullivan, Stetson University, [hsullivan@stetson.edu](mailto:hsullivan@stetson.edu) - "Cybersecurity on the brain: Estonians' reactions to cybersecurity policy and strategy since Russia's invasion of Ukraine"

Diana Nasreddine, Stetson University, [dnasreddine@stetson.edu](mailto:dnasreddine@stetson.edu) - "Deciphering differences in the effects of Russia’s autocracy promotion in the post-Soviet region"

Discussant - Yvonne Howell, University of Richmond, yhowell@richmond.edu

**4.6 – Room 4003**

Panel – Topics in Eastern Europe, 20th c

Chair – Jessica Cousins, King's College London, Jessica.dorsch@kcl.ac.uk

Evgeny Tikhonravov, Georgia Institute of Technology, etikhonravov@inta.gatech.edu - “The Soviet Annexation of the Baltic States and its Deceptive Justifications”

Jessica Cousins, King's College London, Jessica.dorsch@kcl.ac.uk – “The Breakdown of Norms”

Olga Kyrylova, University of Kansas, ok1@ku.edu – “Decolonizing the Film History in East Slavic Studies”

Discussant – Beth Holmgren, Duke University, beth.holmgren@duke.edu

**4.7 – Room 3024**

Roundtable: Pitching the Cold War: Propaganda and the Utility of the Enemy

Margaret Peacock, University of Alabama, [mepeacock@ua.edu](mailto:mepeacock@ua.edu) - “The Evolution of the Enemy in Soviet Radio Broadcasting to the Middle East, 1947-1967”

Rósa Magnúsdóttir, University of Iceland, [rm@hi.is](mailto:rm@hi.is) - “Meeting the Enemy: Reevaluating Soviet-American Academic Exchanges during the Cold War”

Karl Brown, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, brownk@uww.edu - “Suspicious Packages, Consuming Freedom: Transnational Exchanges in the early Cold War, 1951-1956”

Emily Baran, Middle Tennessee State University, [emily.baran@mtsu.edu](mailto:emily.baran@mtsu.edu) - “Unwitting Propagandist?: Billy Graham’s 1982 visit to Moscow and the American Media Firestorm.”

Mike Paulauskas, Middle Tennessee State University, [Michael.Paulauskas@mtsu.edu](mailto:Michael.Paulauskas@mtsu.edu) – “"Burn This Book": The Writing of Robert Conquest and Jon Manchip White's *What To Do When the Russians Come: A Survivor's Guide*”

**4.8 – Room 3033**

Panel – Women's Search for Identity across Historic, Cultural, and Generational Borders

Chair - Angelina Rubina, University of South Carolina, arubina@email.sc.edu

Angelina Rubina, University of South Carolina, arubina@email.sc.edu – “Little people” in revolt or in defense? Intersections between the lives of Lydia Chukovskaya and her protagonist Sofia Petrovna in the context of the Russian history”

Svitlana Jaroszynski, Florida State University, [ssk1698@fsu.edu](mailto:ssk1698@fsu.edu) - Creating the Self: Teodora Verbitskaya’s Memoir and Intergenerational Search for Identity

Curtis Richardson, Western Governors University and University of North Carolina, curtis.richardson@wgu.edu - “TEZHE: The Soviet Cosmetics Trust and the Revolution from Above”

Discussant - Liubov Kartashova, University of South Carolina, LIUBOV@email.sc.edu

**Session 5 – 10:00-11:45**

**5.1 – Room 3009**

Roundtable: Slavic Library and Archival Resources

Isabelle Schenkel, UNC-Chapel Hill, ischenk@unc.edu – “Reclassification of Ukrainian Materials at UNC Libraries”

Kirill Tolpygo, UNC-Chapel Hill, [ktolpygo@unc.edu](mailto:ktolpygo@unc.edu) – “Access to Ukrainian and Russian LGBTQIA+ gray literature”

Alaina Economus, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University, aeconomu@unc.edu – “Analysis of Duke University Library's Ukrainian Collection”

Kimmi Kresica, UNC-Chapel Hill, [kkresica@gmail.com](mailto:kkresica@gmail.com) – “Research Potential in the South, A Slavic Survey”

**5.2  – Room 1009**

Panel – The Khrushchev Era

Chair – Boris Gorshkov, Kennesaw State University, boris.gorshkov@yahoo.com

Sean McDaniel, Cumberland University, smcdaniel@cumberland.edu – “The Second Tselina - Khrushchev's Livestock Production Campaign”

Cathleen Lewis, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, [LewisCS@si.edu](mailto:LewisCS@si.edu) - “Inventing a New Iconography for Cosmonauts: Gagarin with Arms Open”

Benjamin Zajicek, Towson University, bzajicek@towson.edu – “Psychiatric Disability in the Khrushchev Era: Pension Reform, Labor Therapy, and the Psychopharmacology Revolution”

Discussant – Boris Gorshkov, Kennesaw State University, boris.gorshkov@yahoo.com

**5.3 – Room 2008**

Panel – Imperial Borderlands of the Caucasus: Multiethnic Experiences in the 18th-20th Centuries

Chair - Colleen Moore, James Madison University, [moor23cm@jmu.edu](mailto:moor23cm@jmu.edu)

Stephen Badalyan Riegg, Texas A&M, [sriegg@tamu.edu](mailto:sriegg@tamu.edu) - "Russia’s Civilizing Mission under Western Eyes"

Kevin Gledhill, Sacred Heart University, [gledhillk@sacredheart.edu](mailto:gledhillk@sacredheart.edu) - “A Russian Merchant with Persian Roots: Reza Mekhtaev and the Russian Mission at Rasht in the 1730s."

Charalampos Gappas, UNC-Chapel Hill, [gappas@unc.edu](mailto:gappas@unc.edu) - “The Greek mission in Caucasus in 1919 and the Exodus of the Greek population.”

Discussant - Mara Kozelsky, University of South Alabama, [mkozelsky@southalabama.edu](mailto:mkozelsky@southalabama.edu)

**5.4 – Room 1005**

Panel – Exploring Genocide, Mass Killing and Terror in the Soviet Union

Chair – Lee A. Farrow, Auburn University at Montgomery, lfarrow@aum.edu

David Crowe, Elon University, Emeritus, [crowed@elon.edu](mailto:crowed@elon.edu) - “Raphael Lemkin and the Evolution of His Concept of Genocide”

Oleh Wolowyna, UNC-Chapel Hill, olehw@aol.com – “Did the 1932-1934 Famine in Ukraine Target Ukrainians as a National Group or all Residents of Soviet Ukraine?”

Barbara Allen, La Salle University, allenb@lasalle.edu - "The Accidental Oppositionist: Konstantin Mazanov and the Case of the Workers' Opposition in Ukraine During the Great Terror"

Discussant – Michael David-Fox, Georgetown, md672@georgetown.edu

**5.5 – Room 2010**

Panel – Deconstructing Russia's Imperial Memory Narratives and (Mis)use of Language and History

Chair: Cynthia R. Nielsen, University of Dallas, cynthia.nielsen@gmail.com

Nataliya Shpylova-Saeed, Harvard University, nataliya\_shpylova-saeed@fas.harvard.edu - "Mnemonic Space of the Russo-Ukrainian War: Contested Memory"

Cynthia R. Nielsen, University of Dallas, cynthia.nielsen@gmail.com - "Putin's Use and Abuse of History as a Political Weapon"

Andreea Balan, University of Dallas, andreeanbalan@gmail.com - "Autocracy, Alienation, and Art: The Fragility of Hermeneutics in Totalitarian Regimes"

Discussant – Sue McCaffray, UNC-Wilmington, Emerita, mccaffrays@uncw.edu

**5.6 – Room 3024**

Panel – Beyond Russian Borders: Security Engagement Regionally and Globally

Chair – Andy Akin, Air University, andrew.akin@au.af.edu

Frank Gasca, Air University, [frank.m.gasca.civ@au.af.edu](mailto:frank.m.gasca.civ@au.af.edu) - "Russian Information Operations in the Baltic States"

Paul Driggers, Air University, [paul.driggers.1@au.af.edu](mailto:paul.driggers.1@au.af.edu) - "Russian Regional Relations: The Southern Border."

Vladimir Ikonomov, Air University, [vladimir.ikonomov.bu@au.af.edu](mailto:vladimir.ikonomov.bu@au.af.edu) - "Russia's use of Ethnic Minority Soldiers."

Discussant – Andy Akin, Air University, andrew.akin@au.af.edu

**5.7 – Room 4003**

Panel – From Guide Dogs to Downward Dog: Changing World Views through Sport, Physicality, and Yoga

Chair – Cathleen Lewis, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, LewisCS@si.edu

Suzanne Ament, Radford University, seament@radford.edu - “Dog Guides in the USSR: A History and a Memoir”

Andy Kapinos, University of Kansas, a.kapinos@ku.edu - "Cold War, Hot Sport: The Soviet Illustrated Sports Press and the Olympic Games, 1977-1985"

Yvonne Howell, University of Richmond, yhowell@richmond.edu – “Why Ukrainian Yoga Matters: Andrei Lappa and the Ukrainian Yoga Federation”

Discussant – Cathleen Lewis, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, LewisCS@si.edu

**5.8 – Room 3033**

Panel – Borders and Empire, Past and Present

Chair - Sally Stocksdale, Towson University,sstocksdale@towson.edu

Mark Darius Juszczak, St Johns University, juszczam@stjohns.edu – “Visiginas, Lithuania - Negotiating Identity and Culture at the Border of Empire Projects”

Zora Piskačová, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, zora.piskacova@unc.edu – “When National Economies Meet the Periphery: A Micro-Study of Cross-Border Economic Relations in Cieszyn and Český Těšín, 1920-1926”

Sally Stocksdale, Towson University,sstocksdale@towson.edu – “A Jewel in the Crown of Russian Landscape History: A Discussion of the Simbirsk Defensive Line as a Sacred Emblem”

Alena Eskridge Kosmach, Francis Marion University, Aeskridgekosmach@fmarion.edu – “Berlin Congress and the Foreign Policy of Bismarck Through the Eyes of the Russian Public Opinion”

Discussant – True Sweetser, Stanford CREEES, nsweetse@stanford.edu

**Lunch on Your Own – 11:45-1:15**

**Session 6 - 1:15-3:00**

**6.1 – Room 2010**

Panel – Topics in 19th and 20th Century Eastern Europe

Chair – Christine Ruane, University of Tulsa, christine-ruane@utulsa.edu

True Sweetser, Stanford CREEES, nsweetse@stanford.edu – “Đilas, Njegoš, and the Permanent Yugoslav Revolution”

Zsolt Nagy, University of St. Thomas, nagy4291@stthomas.edu – “Borders, Tourists, and the "Loosening" of the Hungarian Socialist State”

Ivaylo Tiholov, Charles University (Czech Republic), 19527875@fsv.cuni.cz – “The Integrity of the Bulgarian Nation in Macedonia in the Seventies of the Nineteenth Century according to the Theory of Miroslav Hroch”

Alison Curry, UNC- Chapel Hill, [curryal@live.unc.edu](mailto:curryal@live.unc.edu) – “Negotiating Identity and Considering Tradition: Jewish Burial Practices in Early 20th Century Poland”

Discussant - Tony Makowski, Delaware County Community College, [amakowski@dccc.edu](mailto:amakowski@dccc.edu)

**6.2 – Room 3009**

Panel – Industry, Agriculture, and Energy in Central Asia

Chair – Alexandr Shtumpf, Alexandr Shtumpf, UNC-Chapel Hill, [ashtumpf@unc.edu](mailto:ashtumpf@unc.edu)

John B. Seitz, Tennessee Wesleyan University, [jseitz@tnwesleyan.edu](mailto:jseitz@tnwesleyan.edu) – “Revolutionary Power: The Oil Industry in Western Kazakhstan 1916-1921”

Liu Peng, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, peng0334@umn.edu - “The Political Imprints of Soviet Industrialization in the Long Run: Evidence from Kazakhstan”

Discussant – Mark Darius Juszczak, St Johns University, juszczam@stjohns.edu

**6.3  – Room 1009**

Panel – Women’s Voices, I

Chair – Elizabeth Skomp, Stetson University, eskomp@stetson.edu

Liubov Kartashova, University of South Carolina, LIUBOV@email.sc.edu – “The Suffering Body: Women and Nature in Svetlana Alexievich's Chernobyl Prayer”

Olena Kolupayeva, Stetson University, okolupayeva@stetson.edu – “Media Coverage of Gender-Based Violence During the War in Ukraine”

Didara Kassymova, Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), didara.kassymova@nu.edu.kz – “Decolonizing GULAG experience: Untold Stories of Kazakh Female Prisoners of Akmola Camp for the wives of traitors to the Motherland (ALZHIR)”

Discussant – Elizabeth Skomp, Stetson University, eskomp@stetson.edu

**6.4 – Room 2008**

Panel – Russia’s History of Intervention

Chair – Curtis Richardson, Western Governors University and University of North Carolina, curtis.richardson@wgu.edu

Mohamed Mohamady, Independent Scholar, [Mohamady.Africa@gmail.com](mailto:Mohamady.Africa@gmail.com) – “The Soviet Strategy in Africa: Warsaw Pact as a Proxy During the Cold War”

Galina Bogatova, Florida International University, gboga002@fiu.edu – “Russian Colonialism: Household Despot or Regional Hegemon?”

Dmitrii Blyshko, University of Houston, dblyshko@CougarNet.UH.EDU – “Does Genealogy Matter for Deep History? - Anti-colonial Thought of the Early Soviet Archaeology”

Discussant – Benjamin Zajicek, Towson University, bzajicek@towson.edu

**6.5  – Room 1005**

Panel – New Research on the History of Stalinism

Chair - Sharon Kowalsky, Texas A&M University Commerce, Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu

Steven Barnes, George Mason University, [sbarnes3@gmu.edu](mailto:sbarnes3@gmu.edu) – “Prisoner-Staff Relations in the Alzhir Gulag Women's Camp”

David Brandenberger, University of Richmond, [dbranden@richmond.edu](mailto:dbranden@richmond.edu) – “The Rules of the Game: What Was the Difference between Clientelism and Conspiracy within Stalin’s Inner Circle after the Great Terror?”

Stuart Finkel, Dartmouth University, [Stuart.D.Finkel@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Stuart.D.Finkel@dartmouth.edu) - "What happened to petitioning for politicals after the 1938 liquidation of the Political Red Cross"

Discussant - Sharon Kowalsky, Texas A&M University Commerce, [Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu](mailto:Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu)

**6.6 – Room 3024**

Panel – “Opium for the Masses: Drugs, Food, and Religion in 20th-century Russia”

**Chair:** Edith W. Clowes, University of Virginia, eec3c@virginia.edu

Nyusya Milman-Miller, Virginia Tech, [nmilman@vt.edu](mailto:nmilman@vt.edu) - "*Book of Tasty and Healthy Food* as Stalin’s Political Weapon"

Aaron M. Thompson, University of Virginia, [amt3ad@virginia.edu](mailto:amt3ad@virginia.edu) - "After Good and Evil: Orthodoxy, Atheism, and a Changing Reality in Russia."

Evangelina Demina, University of Virginia, [ed5pa@virginia.edu](mailto:ed5pa@virginia.edu) - “Forbidden or Forgiven? The Evolution of Narcotics in Soviet Social and Cultural Realms”

Discussant - Sue Rupp, Wake Forest University, rupp@wfu.edu

**6.7  – Room 4003**

Panel – "Care for Bodies, from the Personal to the National: Innovative Research Methods"

Chair - Jehanne Gheith, Duke University, gheith@duke.edu

Michele Rivkin-Fish, UNC-Chapel Hill, mrfish@unc.edu - “Birthing Narratives of Abortion in late Soviet culture: An Anthropologist Looks to Literature for Insights"

Jehanne Gheith, Duke University, gheith@duke.edu - "Out of the Underground: Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, and End of Life Care"

Caroline Prout, UNC-Chapel Hill, caprout2@unc.edu – “Cinema as a Drug: Messages of Nationalism in Russian Orthodox Film”

Emily Curtin, UNC-Chapel Hill, ejcurtin@unc.edu - "Facing Another Day: Exercise as a Form of Social Reproduction in Contemporary Minsk"

Discussant: Jennifer Flaherty, Duke University, jennifer.flaherty@duke.edu

**SCSS “Beach Party” – 5:00 – 7:00 PM**