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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

2009 AWSS Prizes: Call for Submissions

AWSS is still accepting submissions for most 2009 AWSS awards. (Only the Heldt competitions have closed.) See pp. 2-3 of this issue of *WEW* or our website (http://www.awsshome.org/) for submission information and deadlines.

Save the Date: November 14th, AWSS Luncheon and Business Meeting

The annual AWSS luncheon and business meeting will be Saturday, November 14th, at the 2009 AAASS National Convention in Boston. Details on menu options and cost will be coming soon on the listsery, webpage, and in the fall *WEW*.

Gender, Citizenship and Empire: 4th Biennial AWSS Conference

In April, AWSS held its fourth biennial conference at The Ohio State University in conjunction with the annual Midwest Slavic Association, an AAASS affiliate. It was a combination that meant a lot of productive crossover for an already successful event, reported Angela Brintlinger, one of the organizers and faculty member of the OSU Slavic Department. Brintlinger and Jennifer Suchland are currently editing a conference volume under the auspices of the Ohio Slavic Papers with an expected publication date of 2010. *Conference progam follows on pp. 3-4.*



Front: Yana Hashamova, Beth Holmgren, Irene Masing-Delic, Todd Armstrong. Back: Angelique Leszczawski-Schwerk, Magdalena Grabowska, Galina Siarheichyk

2009 AWSS GRANTS AND PRIZES

While the deadllines for the Heldt Prizes have passed, all of the other AWSS 2009 prizes are still accepting nominations and self-nominations.

AWSS GRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE

Deadline: September 1st, 2009

The Graduate Essay Prize will be awarded to the best dissertation chapter or article-length essay in any field or area of Slavic/East European/Central Asian Studies written by a woman *or* on a topic in Slavic/East European/Central Asian Women's or Gender Studies written by a woman or a man. This competition is open only to current doctoral students or to those who defended a doctoral dissertation in 2008-2009. If the essay is a seminar paper, it must have been written in 2008-2009. If the essay is a dissertation chapter, it should be accompanied by the dissertation abstract and table of contents. Previous submissions and published materials are ineligible. Essays should be no longer than 50 pages, including reference matter, and in English (quoted text in any other language should be translated). The award carries a cash prize of \$250; the winner will be announced at the AAASS national convention in November.

Please send a copy of the essay and an updated CV to each of the three members of the Prize Committee postmarked no later than *September 1st*, 2009:

Prof. Margaret Beissinger
Department of Slavic Languages

249 East Pyne Princeton University Princeton, NJ 08544 Dr. Dunja Popovic Prof. Cathy Frierson 86 Buckingham St. #4 7 Charland Terrace Cambridge, MA 02138 Waterville, ME 04901

AWSS GRADUATE RESEARCH PRIZE

Deadline: September 1, 2009

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) is currently seeking nominations for the 2009Graduate Research Prize. The Prize is awarded biennially to fund promising graduate level research in any field of Slavic/East European/Central Asian studies by a woman *or* on a topic in S/EE/CA Women's or Gender Studies by either a woman or a man. Graduate students who are at any stage of master's or doctoral level research are eligible.

The grant can be used to support expenses related to completion of a dissertation, as well as travel, services, and/or materials. The award carries a cash prize of \$1,000. Nominations and self-nominations are welcome. In addition to two letters of recommendation, please send a CV, a letter of application in which you outline how the money will be used and why it is necessary for progress on the project and, if appropriate, a list of archives and/or libraries or other research resources that you plan to use.

Completed submissions must be received by September 1, 2009 by the committee chairperson, Nicole Monnier (your recommenders may send their letters as emails OR as email attachments) at monniern@missouri.edu.

AWSS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Deadline: September 15, 2009

The Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes the work of a scholar in the field of Slavic Studies, who has also served as a mentor to female students/colleagues in this field. To nominate, please 1) write a letter detailing what your candidate for this award has achieved in Slavic Studies in terms of a) scholarship or other professional accomplishment and b) mentoring of female students/colleagues; 2) provide a short list of references with accompanying email addresses so that the committee can contact these referees discreetly for further information. We'd recommend that this list include both peers and students/staff.

Please email your letter and list by September 15, 2009 to Maria Bucur at: mbucur@indiana.edu (chair); Margaret Beissinger at: mbbeissi@Princeton.edu; and Adele Lindenmeyr at: adele.lindenmeyr@villanova.edu.

2009 ZIRIN AWARD

Deadline: September 1, 2009

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies announces the annual competition for the Mary Zirin Prize. The award of \$500 is named for Mary Zirin, the founder of *Women East-West*. Working as an independent scholar, Zirin produced or encouraged, fundamental works in Slavic/East European Women's Studies and has been instrumental in the development of the AWSS. The Prize aims to recognize the achievements of independent scholars and to encourage their continued scholarship and service in the fields of Slavic or Central and Eastern European Women's Studies.

The Zirin Prize Committee will accept nominations (including self-nominations) until *September 1, 2009*. Nominations should be no more than two-pages double-spaced plus the CV of the person nominated and must include consideration of the scholar's contribution to the field as well as work in progress. The candidate's major publications and supporting reviews should be submitted as well.

The Committee urges the nomination of candidates at all career stages. For the purpose of this award, an independent scholar is defined as a scholar who is not employed at an institution of higher learning or an employee of a university or college who is not eligible to compete for institutional support for research (for example, those teaching under short-term contracts or working in administrative posts). We welcome nominations from CIS and Central and Eastern Europe.

Nominations should be sent to Irina Livezeanu at irinal@pitt.edu, or via fax to 412-648-9074, or by postal mail to the Department of History, 3520 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.



CONFERENECE PROGRAM: 4th Biennial Conference of the AWSS "Gender, Citizenship and Empire"

The Ohio State University, April 17-18, 2009

Friday, April 17th

Panel 1: Conceptualizing Citizenship in the Context of Postsocialism

Elena Gapova, Western Michigan University, European Humanities University

"The gender of postcommunist citizenship: on the political significance of the sexual division of labour"

Magdalena Grabowska, Rutgers University
"Bringing the second world in: Polish feminism between East and West"

Stefanie Friedrich, Leibniz University Hanover "Women's representation and their influence on Serbian transitional politics"

Panel 2: Women and the Politics of Transition

Nadia Shapkina, Kansas State University
"Maternalist politics of anti-trafficking NGOs in
Russia and Ukraine: the pedagogy of the 'proper'
womanhood"

Molly Goodwin-Kucinsky, The Ohio State University "Filling the gaps: how women's groups meet changing needs in post-soviet Russia"

Susan Linz, Michigan State University
"Perceptions of the glass ceiling in transition economies: an analysis by gender and generation"

Carolyn Smith Keller, The Ohio State University
"Gender differences of meritocratic allocation in Poland: 1988-2008"

Panel 3: Gender, Nation, Culture

Melanie Beaudette, The Ohio State University "Waste management: post-Soviet angst and irony in TATU's *upravlenie otbrosami/vesyolye ulybki*"

Mary Childs, University of Washington "Beyond Medea: literary representations of Georgian women"

Angelique Leszczawski-Schwerk, University of Vienna "Spaces of criticism and national power: female voices in Polish and Ukrainian women magazines and journals in Austrian Galicia at the beginning of 20th century"

Galina Siarheichyk, University of Colorado at Boulder "Polish national identity and women writers"

Friday's events also included a luncheon reception and talk with Beth Holmgren, and an evening reception with keynote address by Rosalind Marsh, entitled "Post-Soviet = Post-Imperial? Gender, Citizenship, Empire in Post-Soviet Women's Writing."

Saturday, April 18th

Panel 4: Gender and State Regimes

Kristin Collins, The Ohio State University
"Negotiating honor and deciding fault: cases of rape in the 19th century Caucasus"

Erin Biebuyck, Indiana University

"Instinct and conscience: the ge

"Instinct and conscience: the gendering of the communist subject in post-1966 Romanian Sex advice"

Panel 5: Making Empire – Making Nation

Natalia Chernyayeva, Univeristy of Iowa

"Known even to savages": colonialist discourse in the Soviet advice literature on childrearing, 1917-1941"

Tcholpon Akmatalieva and Christopher Stromberg, Brigham Young University

"Women in Soviet and post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan"

Oleksandra Shchur, U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign "Performing the nation in post-Soviet Ukraine: gendered trauma of imperial conquest"

Saturday's events also included a final conference round-table summary and luncheon.

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MEET THE AWSS BOARD: ANASTASIA KAYIATOS

This is a new occasional feature to introduce WEW readers to the members of the AWSS Board. Anastasia was elected this January as our newest graduate representative. Her term runs from 2009 to 2011.



Anastasia Kayiatos is a doctoral candidate in Slavic Languages and Literatures with a Designated Emphasis on Women, Gender and Sexuality at U.C. Berkeley, where she runs the Socialisms and Sexualities Working Group. She has just begun a dissertation called "Defective: Soviet Abnormals after Stalin," and is presently composing a chapter on avant-garde pantomime of the unimpaired in the contact zone with "deaf-mute" theatrical and queer subcultures.



NEWS OF MEMBERS

Submissions for "News of Members" for the Fall WEW should be sent to monniern@missouri.edu by Sept. 15th

Elaine Weiner (Sociology, McGill University) was promoted on July 1, 2009 from Assistant to Associate Professor.

Martha Kuchar (Literature, Roanoke College) has been awarded a Fulbright grant to teach literature and other subjects at the Precarpathian University in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine in spring 2010.

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We want your ideas and submissions! Have an idea for a new column? Attended a conference you'd like to share with others? Is there a book you'd like to see reviewed in WEW? Have a query you'd like to post to fellow scholars? Send these and other ideas to the editor at monniern@missouri.edu.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN WEW

Listed below are books available for review for publication in future issues of *WEW*. If you are interested in reviewing one, please contact Betsy Jones Hemenway, book review editor, at ehemenway@luc.edu for availability and review guidelines. And as always, if you know of an appropriate book that you would like to review (or would like to see reviewed), please let her know.

Are All Warriors Male? Gender Roles on the Ancient Eurasian Steppe. Edited by Katheryn M. Linduff and Karen S. Rubinson. Lanham: AltaMira Press, 2008.

Beyond Little Vera: Women's Bodies, Women's Welfare in Russia and Central/Eastern Europe, Ohio Slavic Papers, vol. 7, ed. Angela Brintlinger and Natasha Kolchevska, Columbus, Ohio, September 2008.

Feminist Conversations: Women, Trauma, and Empowerment in Post-Transitional Societies. Edited by Dovile Budryte, Lisa M. Vaughn, and Natalya T. Riegg. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2009.

Masquerade and Femininity: Essays on Russian and Polish Women Writers. Edited by Urszula Chowaniec, Ursula Phillips, and Marja Rytkönen. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars, 2008.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CFP: "Gender and the City": A Special Issue of Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies

Deadline: August 15, 2009

Guest Editors: Maureen A. Flanagan (Department of History, Michigan State University)

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This special issue of *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* will explore reciprocal relationships between gender and the city. For many decades feminist scholars in numerous and diverse fields have studied the importance of gender in constituting cities and the role of urban places in constructing gender. We want to develop a vigorous cross and inter-disciplinary conversation about these relationships of gender and the city. We therefore call for papers and creative works that analyze urban political, social, economic, and cultural experiences, institutions, and representations; the urban environment, including interior and exterior spatial arrangements and architecture; and the role of women in this dynamic relationship of gender and the urban.

An inter- and multidisciplinary journal, *Frontiers* welcomes submissions of creative works such as artwork, fiction, and poetry, as well as scholarly papers. Works must be original, and not published or under consideration for publication elsewhere. We encourage those interested in contributing to the special issue to email the guest editors. *Due date for receipt of papers is August 15, 2009*. Submissions should be sent as email attachments to frontiers@asu.edu or on disc according to submission guidelines at http://www.asu.edu/clas/history/frontiers/submit.html. Author names should not appear on the manuscript; list contact information separately.

Funding opportunity: Institute of European History: Research fellowships for PhD students and Postdoctoral students

Deadline: August 22, 2009

The Institute of European History (IEG) awards 10 fellowships for international PhD students for a research stay in Mainz and 2 fellowships for international postdocs

for a research stay in Mainz from January 2010. The IEG promotes research on the historical foundations of Europe - comparative or transnational resp. transcultural projects dealing with European communication and transfer processes, as well as projects on concepts and perceptions of "Europe" and "Europeaness" in the period since c. 1450. The intellectual, religious and philosophical dimensions of European history are covered as well.

The proposed projects should require a research stay in Mainz for at least 6 months. Funding is 1.000/month for PhD students and 1.600/month for postdoctoral students. A health insurance subsidy as well as a family subsidy (if applied for in advance) are granted as well.

The linguae academicae at the IEG are German and English; fellows must have a passive command of both and an active command of at least one of the two languages so as to participate in the discussions at the Institute.

Application form and more information for both fellowships available at http://www.ieg-mainz.de/stipendienprogramm.

CFP: Edging Forward, Acting Up: Gender and Women's History at the Cutting Edge of Scholarship and Social Action, Vancouver, August 12-15, 2010

Deadline: August 24, 2009

The Canadian Committee on Women's History/Comité canadien d'histoire des femmes invites you to our first national Gender and Women's History conference in Vancouver—a city that is, itself, situated at the edge of ocean and continent. This conference will bring together historians from a wide range of interests to explore the state of the art in women's and gender history. In particular, we seek papers that position gender at the intersection of race, ethnicity, sexuality, age, class, disability, region, religion, community, citizenship and/or nationality. We also welcome discussions that situate the field at the leading edge of social activism.

Questions to consider include: To what extent have intersectional approaches had an impact on feminist historical scholarship? Where have women's and gender historians engaged most fruitfully with theoretical tensions and innovations in the field? What is the link between activism, scholarship, and community-based feminist projects? How have scholars in gender and women's history situated themselves within a transnational and/or international context? What is the role of feminist pedagogy in women's and gender studies classrooms? What is the role and influence of feminist theory in public history

environments? How can women's and gender historians better disseminate their findings to wider audiences? How has women's and gender history contributed to methodological innovation in the discipline of history?

Seeking to be as inclusive as possible, we encourage paper or panel proposals to be submitted in either English or French, and we welcome proposals from a diversity of individuals concerned with women's and gender history, including graduate students, junior and senior scholars, independent scholars, public historians, authors, artists, archivists, and local and community historians. We also invite feminist activists to present critical reflections on the past or future directions of their organizations and activities.

Full panel proposals are preferred, although individual papers will also be considered. To apply as a panel, please submit a title and abstract of the panel session (2 pages maximum), including the names of the chair and each of the panel members as well as a 250-word biography or one-page CV for each participant. To submit individual proposals, please provide a paper title and an abstract of no more than 250 words, along with a 250-word biography or one-page CV. *Proposals must be received by August 24, 2009*. Please send all proposals via email to the Chair of our Program Committee, Professor Lisa Chilton, University of Prince Edward Island, at lchilton@upei.ca.

CFP: 2009 AATSEEL-WI Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 16-17 October 2009 *Deadline: August 31, 2009*

Abstracts for 20-minute papers on any aspect of Slavic literatures and cultures (including film, music, the visual arts, and language pedagogy) are invited for the annual conference of the Wisconsin chapter of AATSEEL (The American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages). Comparative topics and interdisciplinary approaches are welcome. The conference will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Friday and Saturday, 16-17 October 2009.

Recent conference programs and guidelines for preparing abstracts are posted on the AATSEEL-WI website at http://slavic.lss.wisc.edu/new_web/?q=node/7. Please send proposals by email to Melissa Miller at mmiller8@wisc.edu by August 31, 2009. A complete proposal consists of:

- Author's contact information (name, affiliation, postal address, telephone and email).
- Paper title
- 300-500 word abstract
- Equipment request (if necessary)

CFP: "Gender, Place and Space: An Interdisciplinary Conference," The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, March 25-27, 2010

Deadline: September 1, 2009

This conference aims to bring together scholars from across the disciplines to investigate the many intersections and problematics of gender, place, and space. Space, place and gender have been key topics in areas such as architecture, law, history, sociology, urban studies, area studies, literary criticism, cultural studies, film studies, and gender. Scholars are invited to address the issue of gender, place and space through a variety of disciplinary approaches, investigating a wide range of real and imagined places and spaces.

Scholars might consider masculine spaces, feminine spaces, queer spaces, or virtual spaces; spaces such as the home, the office, the railroad, the apartment, the museum, the store, the church; the urban, the rural, the suburban; spaces as represented in various texts and discourses; uses of space; theories of space, and more.

Proposals should consist of a 200 word abstract of the paper, a list of three keywords, and a brief biographical statement listing your title, the name of your college or university, and your areas of research and writing Please indicate technology needs, such as PowerPoint or DVD.

Proposals are due by September 1, 2009. Send proposals to Pamela Wojcik, Director of Gender Studies, The University of Notre Dame, by email: Pamela.Wojcik.5@nd.edu.

CFP: "21st-Century European Literature: Mapping New Trends"

St Andrews University, Scotland, September 15-17 2010 *Deadline: September 1, 2009*

This major international conference offers scholars from six disciplines the rare opportunity to come together to discuss what is happening in European literatures now. We are seeking to map out emerging trends in a range of national literatures with a view to putting together inter-disciplinary panels that will reveal significant convergences, divergences and cross-fertilisations in literary trends across Europe.

The focus will be on post-2000 literature only. We invite you to tell us what is new, right now, in the national literature you research; what patterns are already discernible; what clusters of texts exploring common themes, ethical or aesthetic imperatives, theoretical or generic

preoccupations, can be identified in the new millennium. This extreme contemporary approach opens up fields of enquiry that inevitably have to be explored speculatively. We encourage colleagues to take risks whilst adhering to good practice in literary scholarship. The aim is to position each literary text, author or topic presented in each paper within today's cultural landscape. What is the trend? Why might it have emerged? What next?

The following list, which comprises just some of the possible trends which might be explored, should be regarded as neither exhaustive nor in any way prescriptive:

Writing the future: Responding to global risk; (Post-) apocalyptic fictions; Understanding time; A new ethics; Atheism and the messianic.

Dealing with trauma: The event; Re-viewing WWII; Archiving and memorialising the past; Historical revisionisms; 9/11 and after.

Re-working genres: Literary engagements with the canon; Return to modernism - the end of postmodernism; Science fiction in the mainstream; New takes on old genres (crime, thriller, romance, historical novel, saga, fairy-tale); Literary engagements with theory; Skeuomorphism.

Re-positioning Identities: (Post-) Autofictions; Blogosphere narratives: between essay and fiction; New sexualities - Post-queer; Family configurations; Urban / rural dialogues; Immigrant fictions; New (post-) nationalisms; Diasporic identities; The question of the animal; Science and technology.

Submissions for papers and panels on any aspect of 21st- century literature are welcome. This includes prose, drama and poetry. The St Andrews Poetry Forum will be running panels concentrating on the newest developments in European poetry. Topics may include: Musicality and poetry; Poetry and ethics; Self-poetry and autobiographisms; New mysticism; Political, performative and heteroglossic poetry; Gnoseological poetry; Reworking poetic classics. All poetry proposals should be send to Dr Rossella Riccobono (rmr8@st-andrews.ac.uk).

All proposals are due September 1, 2009. Individual proposals should be 300-400 words, and must be in English. Please also supply a short bio-bibliographical statement. Individual proposals should be submitted electronically to the appropriate subject convenor [Ed. Note: for Russian, this is Dr Claire Whitehead (cew12@st-andrews.ac.uk).] Panel proposals must cover at least three of the subjects (e.g. "post queer literature in France, UK and Germany"). One proposal (in English) of 400-500 words as well as a

short bio for each proposed speaker should be submitted electronically to the conference convenor Prof. M-A Hutton (mh80@st- andrews.ac.uk).

CFP: NeMLA (Northeast Modern Language Association) Convention, Montreal, Quebec, April 7-11, 2010

Deadline: September 30, 2009

Panel Title: "Russian Women Writers: New Views". This panel invites examinations of 18th-21st century Russian women writers in the present critical environment. A "post-post-" modernist cultural climate has re-energized feminist criticism. Those who are interested in the specificities of women's writing are now less likely to be labeled essentialists, while being able to take advantage of both the theoretical concepts of post modernism, post colonialism, queer theory, gender studies, and also those of earlier feminist criticism. This new, rich critical environment is particularly useful for examining women's writing of Russia a country that has been described as selfcolonized (Dragan Kujundzic) and in which gender has been constructed somewhat differently from a generically defined West (Irina Savkina). This session is intended to inspire new interpretative strategies and interpretations of the works of canonical and noncanonical 18th-21st century Russian women writers. Some possible questions: How have works of Russian women writers been influenced by Western thinking and feminism of various periods? How have Russian women writers resisted such influences? How are the specifics of gender construction in various periods of Russian history reflected in the work of Russian women writers? How do Russian women writers respond to each other? To the concept of women's writing? Should concepts of periodization, national literature, gender and genre be problematized in discussions of writing by women?

Send 250-word abstracts to <u>diana.greene@nyu.edu</u> by Sept. 30, 2009. Please include with your abstract: Name and affiliation, email address, postal address, telephone number, and A/V requirements (note that A/V requires a \$10 handling fee). Details and the complete Call for Papers for the 2010 Convention are available at www.nemla.org.

Interested participants may submit abstracts to more than one NeMLA session; however, panelists can only present one paper (panel or seminar). Convention participants may present a paper at a panel and also present at a creative session or participate in a roundtable. Also note that travel to Canada now requires a passport for U.S. citizens. Please get your passport application in early.

Call for submissions: 2008-2009 Zora Kipel Prize Competition

Deadline: October 1, 2009

The North American Association for Belarusian Studies and the family of the late Zora Kipel are pleased to solicit entries for the 2008-2009 Zora Kipel Prize competition. The prizes, \$500.00 for books and \$200.00 for articles, will be awarded to the authors of outstanding new publications in the fields of Belarusian cultural studies, linguistics, literature, history and politics.

Books and articles published between 2005 and 2009 in either English or Belarusian are eligible. We particularly encourage scholars based in North America to enter the competition (entrants need not, however, be members of NAABS). Winners will be selected by a panel of judges made up of NAABS officers and members. To enter the competition, please send a copy of your book or article to the following address *by October 1, 2009*: Dr. Curt Woolhiser, Harvard University, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Barker Center 327, 12 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA 02138-3804. Winners will be announced in March of 2010.

Funding opportunity: The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Fellowships

Deadline: October 1, 2009

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is announcing the opening of its 2010-2011 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals 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. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience. Fellows are provided stipends (which include round trip travel), private offices, access to the Library of Congress, Windows based personal computers, and research assistants.

For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at: Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; E mail: fellowships@wilsoncenter.org. You can apply online or download the application from the Center's website at http://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowships.

Funding opportunity: Society for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowships 2010-2011

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Fellowships are open to scholars of any age and rank, from this country or abroad. The stipend is \$45,000 per annum. Fellows spend most of their time in research but are asked to teach one seminar on a related topic. All applicants must be working on topics related to our annual Focal Theme: Global Aesthetics (description below). The Society for the Humanities calls for scholarly reflection on aesthetics from a global and interdisciplinary perspective. We seek projects on aesthetics that reflect on the history and practice of artistic form in the context of historical cross-cultural exchange, economic and cultural flows, and contemporary global transformation.

The Society wishes to open the question of what constitutes an aesthetic approach to culture, politics, community, and being. The humanities have a long tradition of situating aesthetics in relation to the judgments of sentiment and taste, the pleasure of imitation, the force of the sublime, and the theory of interpretation. Whereas the modernist tradition might be said to have celebrated the autonomy of the work of art, the legacies of semiotics and poststructuralism situate autonomy in the framework of histories of textuality and signifying systems. Similarly, psychoanalysis has positioned the aesthetic in relation to homosocial expressivity as sustained by sublimation, an assumption of critical importance to subsequent theories of sexuality and gender. Of equal influence is the tradition of dialectical materialism for which aesthetics has been understood in relation to cultural superstructures and sociocultural conditions. Rather than seeking the soothing release of catharsis, this approach emphasizes the heuristic value of artistic

alienation and social production.

Of particular interest to this discussion will be reflection on global approaches to aesthetics that have been articulated in dialogue with, independent of, or in contention with the Occidental tradition of aesthetics. How does the aesthetic function in Latin American, Asian, and African contexts? How might the global practices of Marxism, religion, anthropology or communal social systems dialogue with the Occidental philosophical tradition? And how might procedures of criticism and translation enable or enhance cross-cultural expressions of aesthetic difference?

Artistic form and practice themselves also play an authoritative role in setting the terms of aesthetic norms, goals, and customs. How might global artistic production contribute to an ongoing understanding of aesthetics? Do contemporary experiments in performance, film, new media, literature, music, and architecture articulate aesthetic ideals that depart from the historical norm?

Might new electronic and digital networks, mobilities, and artistic projects alter the terms of the global aesthetic? These questions are meant to suggest, not limit, possible approaches to the focal theme. Scholars are encouraged to investigate transformations of global aesthetics and interdisciplinary practices across geographies, historical periods, disciplinary boundaries, and social context. The Society for the Humanities invites applications from scholars and practitioners who are interested in investigating this topic from the broadest variety of international and disciplinary perspectives. For more information, visit the website at http://www.arts.cornell.edu/sochum.

CFP: The Socialist 1960s: Popular Culture and the Socialist City in Global Perspective, 2010 Fisher Forum, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 24-26, 2010

Deadline: October 15, 2009

The 1960s witnessed an explosion of cross-cultural fertilization in a time of world competition for the hegemony of two enduring "systems" - capitalism and socialism. As a moment when decolonization created immense possibilities for liberation movements throughout the world, the 1960s became the heyday of the "Second World" appeals to the newly decolonized societies of the "Third World," as well as the reemergence of a European "First World" as a postwar consumer society in reaction to American hegemony. This was the moment when the "orderedness" of the three worlds was arguably the most prominent in popular discourse and culture, and a moment when that order was contested and destabilized. patterns that first emerged in the 1960s - cultural contest, political mobility, urbanization and the rise of urban youth movements, women's rights, the hegemony of popular over "high" culture driven by technology - form the bases of today's discussions of globalization, its challenges, dangers, and contestation.

The purpose of this conference will be to use the Second World, the socialist societies of the 1960s, as the center from which to explore global interconnections and uncover new and perhaps surprising patterns of cultural crosspollination. This forum will be structured around cities as the units of analysis, and it will focus on the arena of popular culture as played out in these city spaces. More specifically, we invite paper proposals that focus on one of three realms of urban popular culture - media (including cinema, television, popular music); material culture (including spaces and their uses as well as commodities), and leisure (including tourism and other activities). We

consider these exemplary of the circulation of objects, images, sounds, and impressions on a level different from political programs, literature and "fine arts." Several thematic threads will tie together this consideration of the circulation of popular culture around and through the Second world: mobility and cultural transmission; youth cultures and student movements; gender; consumerism and hedonism; the state and cultural exchange; technology and cultural dissemination; cosmopolitan political mobilization. Our aims will be to consider what the "1960s" meant in socialist countries, and to discuss the balance in the 1960s between cultural global integration and continuing political differentiation.

The core of the forum will be the socialist societies of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, but the forum would be enriched by participation from scholars who study other socialist societies. We anticipate that the conference will result in a published volume: submissions should be original work, not previously published.

The conference organizers are Diane P. Koenker, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (dkoenker@illinois.edu) and Anne E. Gorsuch, University of British Columbia (gorsuch@interchange.ubc.ca). We welcome advance inquiries.

Please send proposed paper title and abstracts to each of the organizers by October 15, 2009. Proposals should indicate which of the conference themes the paper addresses, and the term "Sixties" or "1960s" should be explicit in the paper title. Selection of participants will be made by November 30, 2009, and conference papers should be submitted by April 1, 2010.

The Ralph and Ruth Fisher Forum is held in conjunction with the Summer Research Laboratory on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. The conference is made possible by Mary and Hal Zirin's generous gift to the Ralph and Ruth Fisher Endowment Fund in honor of Professor Ralph Fisher and his wife Ruth. Ralph Fisher is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Illinois and founder of the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center and the Summer Research Lab.

Funding opportunity: ACLS Humanities Program in Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine

Deadline: November 17, 2009

ACLS announces a competition for short-term grants in the humanities in Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine for academic year 2009-2010. Grants will be awarded on the basis of peerreview of written proposals by an independent commission

of distinguished scholars from the region and from western countries. Grants will identify outstanding scholarly work that stimulates and enables the work of others. The longterm objective of this program is to assure the continued development of humanities scholarship in Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine. Funds must be used in the region, not for residence or travel outside the region. All disciplines and topics within the humanities are eligible including history, literature, languages and linguistics, philosophy, cultural studies, religious studies, studies of visual and performing arts, and gender studies. Applications in social sciences such as political science, sociology, economics, international relations, and psychology, are not eligible unless they are based on study of history or culture and use qualitative methods. Eligible projects include archival or field research intended for presentation in a booklength monograph, collections of source materials, or other substantial scholarly products work on archival or museum collections making them more useful for specific research projects.

Applicants must hold "kandidatskaia" degree, or show evidence of equivalent professional experience must be a citizen of, and a resident of, Belarus, Russia, or Ukraine. Fluency in English is not required. Recipients of previous ACLS grants are not eligible but all who applied in the past without success are welcome to apply again. Collaborative projects are encouraged (individuals should apply on behalf of teams): http://www.acls.org/grants/Default.aspx?id=544.

Funding opportunity: IREX Grants for research on Eastern Europe and Eurasia

Deadlines: various (see individual programs)

IARO - The Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program provides graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and professionals with funding to conduct field research in up to three of the Title VIII sponsored countries for up to nine months. *Applications for 2010-2011 IARO will be due November 17, 2009.*

STG - The Short-Term Travel Grant Program is a program designed for scholars who currently possess an applicable graduate degree. STG grants provide funding for up to two months of research in up to two countries in the region. *Applications for 2010-2011 STG will be due February 2, 2010.*

For detailed information and to apply visit http://www.irex.org/programs/us scholars/index.asp

Call for reviews: "Gender, Sport and the Olympics" for *thirdspace*

Deadline: December 1, 2009

thirdspace: a journal of feminist theory and culture invites reviews for its forthcoming issue on gender, sport and the Olympics. We welcome reviews of books, films and other media forms that explore the key themes of the issue (http://www.thirdspace.ca/journal/announcement/view/5). If you are the author of a book you would like considered for review, or someone who wishes to submit a suggestion for a book to review, please contact the review editors Lizzie Seal (lizzie.seal@durham.ac.uk) and Joni Palmer (joni.palmer@colorado.edu). If you would like to contribute to this issue as a reviewer but do not have a book, film, or other media in mind, contact one of the review editors for available titles. The deadline for submission of the review is December 1, 2009.

Book reviews should range from 650 words to 850 words (about 4-5 paragraphs or 1-2 pages). Review essays (reviewing two or more books in a field) or an in-depth review of an anthology are also welcome, and should be no more than 2000 words (about 7 pages).

Reviews of films, performances, exhibitions, computer games and other media forms that concern women and/or gender issues are encouraged. Reviews of this nature should be informed by feminist thinking and demonstrate scholarly criticism. Reviews should range from 650 words to 850 words (about 4-5 paragraphs or 1-2 pages).

We welcome submissions from a wide range of disciplinary and geographical perspectives. Submissions from researchers working within, or among, the disciplines of geography, sociology, literature, area studies, cultural studies, film/media studies, art, history, education, law, and womens/gender studies are particularly encouraged. We accept the submission of work from scholars of any rank or affiliation, and encourage submissions from emerging feminist scholars, including graduate students.

All submissions in this category undergo an internal editorial screen and review process and must conform to our style guide. Please email editor Lizzie Seal for a list of books available for review: lizzie.seal@durham.ac.uk.

CFP: Beyond Citizenship: Feminism and the Transformation of Belonging, University of London, 30 June-2 July 2010

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Deadline: December 1, 2009

The language of citizenship has, in recent years, been mobilized by feminists to articulate a wide range of claims

and demands. The notions of economic, political, social, cultural, sexual/ bodily, and intimate citizenship, for example, have all been developed and explored in terms of their normative potential and their actual realization. In Europe, in particular, there has been a strong steer from research funders and policy makers towards research agendas which address the question of citizenship in the context of increasingly diverse and multicultural societies.

But, can the concept of citizenship encompass the transformations that feminist politics seek? What are the restrictions and exclusions of contemporary forms and practices of citizenship? How does the concept of citizenship deal with power, inequality, and difference? What are the problems with framing our desires and visions for the future in terms of citizenship in a globalizing world of migration, mobility, armed conflict, economic crisis and climate change? Does the concept of citizenship restrict our imaginations and limit our horizons within nationstate formations? Can it ever really grasp the complexity of our real and longed-for attachments to communities, networks, friends and loved ones? Is it able to embrace the politics of embodiment and of our relationships with the non-human world? How have feminists historically and cross-culturally imagined and prefigured a world beyond citizenship? Is a feminist, queer or global citizenship thinkable, or should we find a new language for new forms of belonging?

We invite proposals for papers that address these questions and the broad theme of the conference. We particularly welcome papers which explore the interface between the feminist academy and feminist activism, and which are interdisciplinary and innovative in method and approach. Individual paper proposals (max. 200 words) or proposals for panels of three or four related papers (max. 300 words) should be submitted by 1st December 2009 to: abstracts. beyondcitizenship@bbk.ac.uk. The conference will take place in central London. A limited number of bursaries will be available. For further information about the conference, visit: http://www.bbk.ac.uk/bisr/beyondcitizenship.

CFP: "Gendered Perspectives on International Development"

Gendered Perspectives on International Development (GPID) publishes scholarly work on global social, political, and economic change and its gendered effects in the Global South. GPID cross-cuts disciplines, bringing together research, critical analyses, and proposals for change. Our previous series, MSU WID Working Papers

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Individual papers in the series address a range of topics including gender, violence, and human rights; gender and agriculture; reproductive health and healthcare; gender and social movements; masculinities and development; and the gendered division of labor. We particularly encourage manuscripts that bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice. Published *WID* papers can be accessed at: http://www.wid.msu.edu/resources/publications.htm.

The *GPID* "Working Papers" are article-length manuscripts by scholars from a broad range of disciplines. They disseminate materials that are at a late stage of formulation and that contribute new understandings of women and men's roles and gender relations amidst economic, social, and political change.

The *GPID* "Forum" features short research and project reports and policy analyses of importance in the field. It disseminates papers that are brief or at an early stage of development and that contain insights that can inform scholarship and influence development policy and programs. The Forum also publishes methodological papers and reflections on the state of feminist, gender, development and globalization scholarship.

If you are interested in submitting a manuscript to the *Working Papers* series, please send a 150 word abstract summarizing the paper's essential points and findings to Dr. Anne Ferguson, Editor, or Anna Jefferson, Managing Editor, at papers@msu.edu. If the abstract suggests your paper is suitable for the Working Papers, the full paper will be invited for peer review and publication consideration.

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