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REECAS NW 2017

The 23rd Annual Northwest Regional Conference

Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies

Conference Schedule

REECAS NW 2017 is held in the Performing Arts Building at Reed College

Coffee and Registration/
Check-in 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Session 1 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

BREAK 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Plenary Session 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

LUNCH 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Session 2 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

BREAK 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Session 3 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

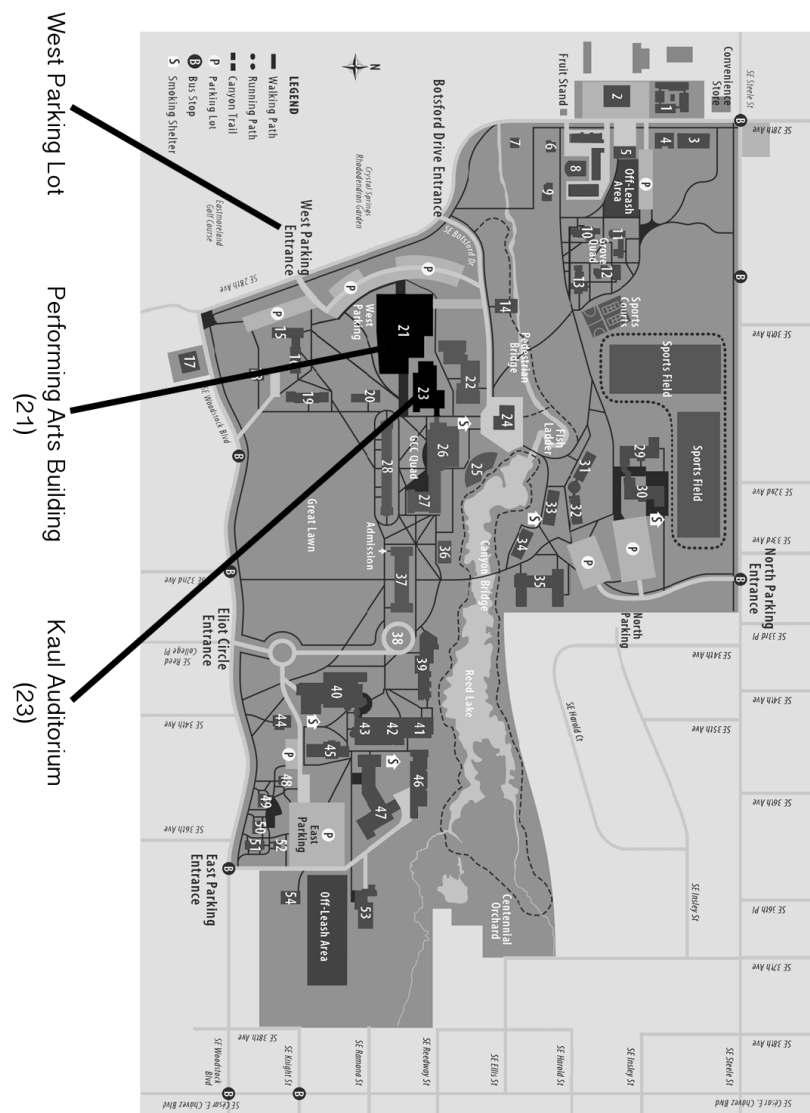
Reception/Networking 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Shuttle bus back to UW 6:00 p.m.

The Ellison Center extends a special thank you to Evgenii Bershtein, Professor and Chair, Russian Department, and Colby Westhead, Event Manager at Reed College, for their generosity and hospitality hosting the 23rd annual REECAS NW Conference.

Reed College Map

6 p.m. Shuttle bus back to UW departs from the West Parking Lot



Panel 3B – PAB 131

Approaches to Teaching Russian at the Intermediate and Advanced Levels

Chair: **William Comer**, Associate Professor, Portland State University

- **Daria Aleeva**, PhD Student, Portland State University, "Charting a New Path: Materials and Approaches to Teaching Third-Year Russian"
- **Anna Alsufieva**, Assistant Professor, Portland State University, "Engaging Students in Intercultural Learning through Community Based Service Projects"
- **William Comer**, Associate Professor, Portland State University, "Dealing with All Those Words"
- **Marina Tsykina**, Instructor of Russian, Portland State University, "Approaches to Teaching a Content-Based Language Course on an Advanced Level"

Panel 3C – PAB 105

Graphic Novels and Literature as a Lens on Power and Empire

Chair: **Cassio de Oliveira**, Assistant Professor and Director of Russian Flagship Program, Portland State University

- **Jose Alaniz**, Associate Professor, Slavic Department, University of Washington, "History and Czech Comics: Saudek's 'Atentat'"
- **Katya Hokanson**, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Russian, University of Oregon, "Motifs of Empire in 'Crime and Punishment'"
- **Eugene Lemcio**, Professor Emeritus, Seattle Pacific University, "The Lion-Lamb of Lviv (A Fantasy in Verse)"
- **Rebecca Pyatkevich**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Russian, Lewis & Clark College, "Occupied Words: Lev Loseff's Military Texts and the Emigre's Authority"

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

Join us for refreshments in the PAB 3rd Floor Atrium (and terrace, weather permitting)

6 p.m. – Shuttle leaves for UW from the West Parking Lot

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. COFFEE AND REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN
Performing Arts Building (Third Floor Atrium)

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SESSION 1

Panel 1A – Performing Arts Building (PAB) 332

Jewishness in Soviet Literature: Rhetoric, Translation, Allegory

Chair: **Evgenii Bershtein**, Professor and Chair, Russian Department, Reed College

- **Cassio de Oliveira**, Assistant Professor, Portland State University, "Gangsters, Bolsheviks, and Storytellers: The Rhetoric of the Revolution in Isaak Babel's 'Odessa Tales'"
- **Nila Friedberg**, Associate Professor, Portland State University, "The Cryptic Messages of Soviet Yiddish Verse: On Leyb Kvitko and His Russian Translators"
- **Marat Grinberg**, Associate Professor, Reed College, "The Strugatsky Brothers, the Soviet Jewish Bookshelf, and the Meaning of Holocaust in Russian"

Panel 1B – PAB 131

Socialist Legacies and Contemporary Challenges in 21st Century Europe

Chair: **Philip Lyon**, Ellison Center Managing Director, Jackson School, University of Washington

- **Kevin Aslett**, PhD Student, Political Science, University of Washington, "Joining the Euro Club: Explaining the Variation in Euro Adoption in Central and Eastern Europe"
- **Rodica Rusu**, Visiting Scholar, Ellison Center, Jackson School, University of Washington, "Socialist Parties in Moldova"
- **Michael Seraphinoff**, Independent Scholar, International Baccalaureate Organization, "The Documentation of Human Rights Violations in the Goli Otok Prison Camp of Communist Yugoslavia"
- **Sara Tomczuk**, PhD Candidate, Sociology, University of Washington, "Supporting Equality or Emphasizing Difference? State Policy on Interethnic Relations and Conflict in Central Europe"

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **PLENARY SESSION**

Plenary – PAB 320

Keynote: **Glennys Young**, Professor, Jackson School of International Studies and Department of History, University of Washington: **"The Russian Revolution and the Making of the 20th Century: Global Perspectives at the Centennial"**

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **LUNCH** in Kaul Auditorium (See page 6)

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **SESSION 2**

Panel 2A – PAB 332

Security and Leadership Power Structures in the Soviet Union and Ukraine

Chair: **Scott Radnitz**, Ellison Center Director, Associate Professor, Jackson School, University of Washington

- **Chris Collison**, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "Two Maidans: How Competing Power Bases During Ukraine's 2013-2014 Revolution Paved the Way for a New Civic Culture"
- **Calvin Garner**, PhD Student, Political Science, University of Washington, "Careerism, Cooptation, and Coattails: Central Committee Promotion and Duration Patterns in the Soviet Union After Stalin"
- **Chris Jones**, Associate Professor, Jackson School, University of Washington, "Information War in the Warsaw Pact: Soviet Nuclear deceptions of allies and adversaries"
- **Matthew Newton**, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "The Burden of the Brezhnev Doctrine: New Perspectives on the Collapse"

Panel 2B – PAB 131

Soviet High Culture, the Avant-garde, and the Censor

Chair: **Jose Alaniz**, Associate Professor, Slavic Department, University of Washington

- **Teofila Cruz-Urbe**, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "Following The Black Square: The Transformative and The Avant-Garde in Russian Museology - Soviet & Now"
- **Leah Goldman**, Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Humanities, Reed College, "Too Big to Fail: Hope, Despair, and Cultural Politics in Herman Zhukovskii's 'With All My Heart'"
- **Maya Larson**, PhD Student, Comparative Literature, University of Oregon, "Between the Lines of Free Verse: Translating Varlam Shalamov's Aesopian Texts"
- **Veronica Muskheli**, PhD Candidate, Slavic Department, University of Washington, "Lyudmila Petrushevskaya's Representation of Mother-Daughter Relationship as a Continuation of a Pre-October Revolution Tradition"

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **SESSION 2 (Continued)**

Panel 2C – PAB 105

Buddhist, Jewish, and Mongol Identities Shaping Soviet Art, Film, and History

Chair: **Marat Grinberg**, Associate Professor, Reed College

- **Robert Bedeski**, Affiliate Faculty, Jackson School, University of Washington, "Mongol Foundations of the Russian State: Space, Life Security, Sovereignty and War from the Golden Horde to the Civil War"
- **Eric Benjaminson**, MA Student, History, University of Oregon, "The Soviet Critique of a Liberator's Art: Zinoviev Tolstachev and the Anti-Cosmopolitan Persecutions of the Late Stalinist Period"
- **Dana Halfhill**, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "Mapping the Buddhist Lands of the Russian Federations: Understanding the Post-Soviet Sangha and Its Connections to Politics and National Identity"
- **Anatoliy Klots**, PhD Student, Slavic Department, University of Washington, "Life of Polish Jews Through Soviet Eyes: Mikhail Dubson's The Border"

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **SESSION 3**

Panel 3A – PAB 332

The Lingering Cold War in Media, Politics and Education

Chair: **Chris Jones**, Associate Professor, Jackson School, University of Washington

- **Celia Baker**, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "The Freedom to Fracture: Universal Human Rights as a Security Threat to the Russian Federation"
- **Chris Collison**, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "Russia's 21st Century Information War: Old Strategies, New Tools: What the West can Learn from the Ukraine Experience"
- **Christina Sciabarra**, Adjunct Faculty, Bellevue College, "Truth or Dare? Analyzing Russia in Undergraduate International Relations Courses"
- **Carol Williams**, Foreign Affairs Writer and Former L.A. Times Moscow Bureau Chief, "Why the US and Russia Are Fighting a New Cold War"