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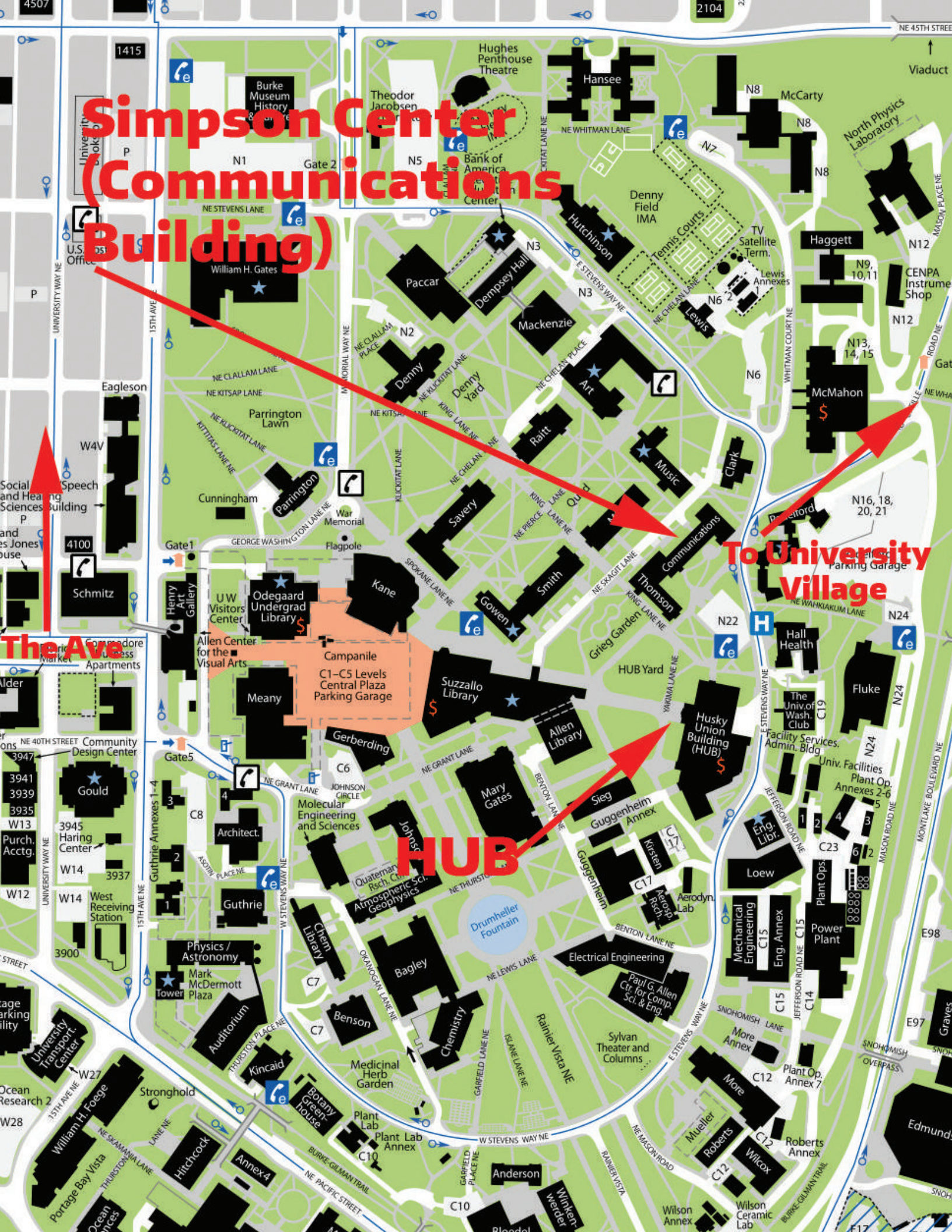


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The Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS) is honored to host the 24th annual REECAS NW conference at the University of Washington. Now the northwest affiliate conference of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), REECAS NW has become a fixture in the academic landscape of the Pacific Northwest during the past quarter century. In addition to its frequent home at the University of Washington, in recent years the conference has been held at Reed College and Portland State University in Oregon, and at the University of Puget Sound and Western Washington University in Washington State. We are pleased to welcome scholars and students from as far away as the East Coast and up and down the West Coast, including Canada.

The Ellison Center carries on the legacy of its famous benefactor Dr. Herbert J. Ellison, who for half a century was one of the preeminent figures in Soviet and post-Soviet studies. Born in Portland, Oregon, Herbert Ellison earned both his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Washington and earned his Ph.D. under Hugh Seton-Watson on a Fulbright fellowship in the United Kingdom. He devoted his life to not only scholarly pursuits, but also to building bridges between peoples, in the process holding a variety of important administrative positions including Director of the Jackson School of International Studies, Director of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Research and Exchanges (IREX) Board, Director of Eurasian Research for the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), and Vice President of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), now known as ASEEES. The program that Herb Ellison built continues to thrive under the direction of the Ellison Center, a Federally-funded Title VI National Resource Center for the study of Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

UW's Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies program includes excellent professors but also depends on the strength of its staff. I want to thank the Ellison Center staff for their many weeks of hard work and dedication in organizing this conference, namely Managing Director Philip Lyon, Program Coordinator Marion Ferguson, and Program Assistant Eileen Slesman-Calderon.

Seattle is a vibrant, global city, and has been at the forefront over the past year in advocating for policies to ensure that America remains open, welcoming, and internationally engaged. We at the Ellison Center are particularly proud of the University of Washington's history of global engagement and the special role of Dr. Herbert Ellison. We welcome you to Seattle and we wish you a very successful conference!

Scott Radnitz
Director, Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies
Associate Professor, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington



Oleg Brovko

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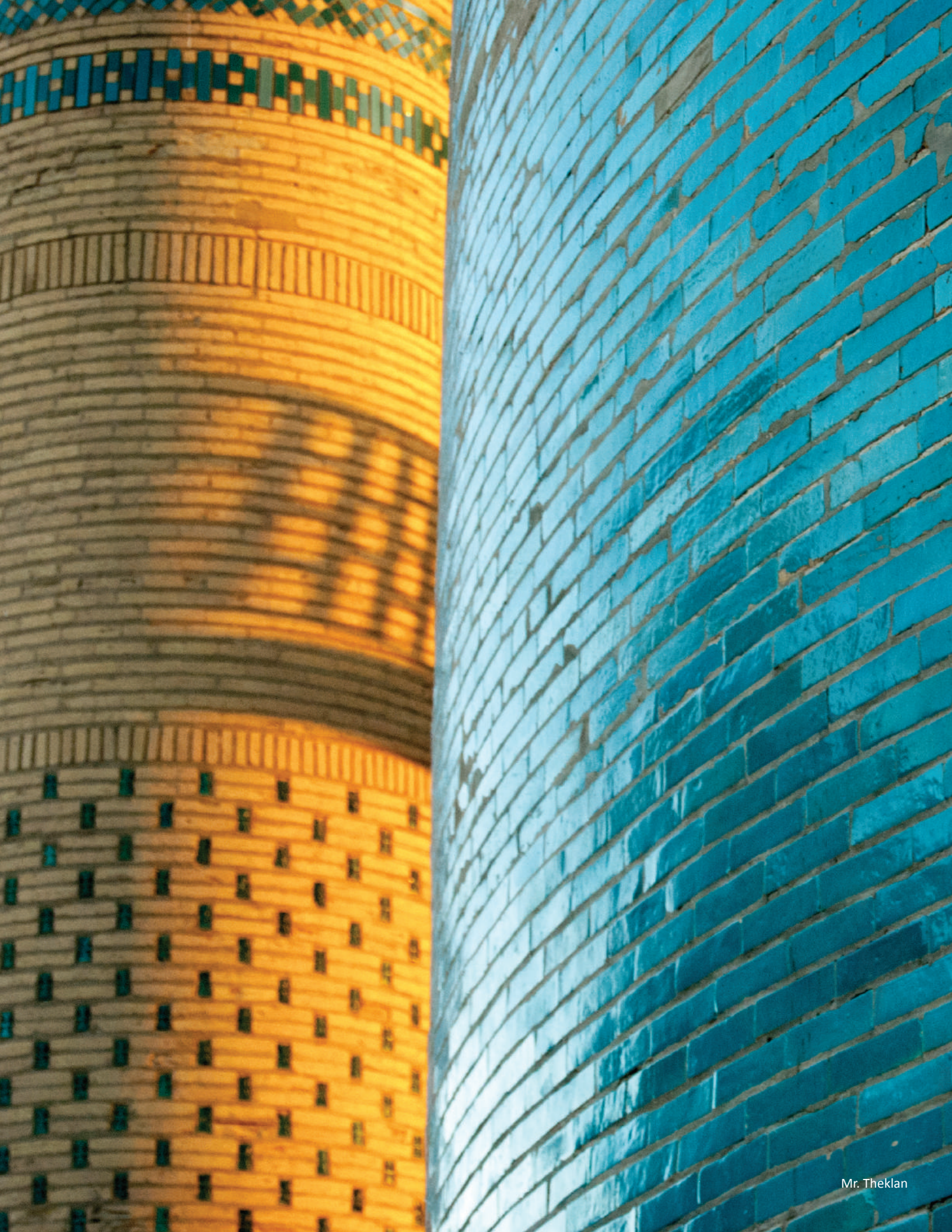
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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

9:00 – 9:30 Registration, CMU 204

9:30 – 11:00 Session 1

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30 Plenary Session, CMU 120

12:30 – 1:45 Lunch, CMU 204

1:45 – 3:15 Session 2

3:15 – 3:30 Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 Session 3

5:00 – 6:00 Reception, CMU 204

**ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SIMPSON CENTER,
LOCATED ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE UW
COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING (CMU).**



PROGRAM

SESSION 1 SATURDAY, APRIL 28 9:30 - 11:00

Panel 1A ♦ Conflict and Transformation in Tsarist Russia's Final Century

Location: CMU 202

Chair: Benjamin Tromly, University of Puget Sound

♦ **Michael Brinley**, PhD Student, University of Pennsylvania

"Populist History and Popular Legend: The Kuz'mich-Alexander Story and Russian Historical Science, 1881-1917"

♦ **Elena Campbell**, Associate Professor, History, University of Washington

"'Country of Eternal Ice' or 'Land of the Future'? The Problem of 'Revitalization' of the Russian North in the Second Half of the 19th - early 20th Centuries"

♦ **Rebecca Hastings**, PhD Student, University of Oregon

"Understanding the 1905 Violence in Baku: A New Assessment"

♦ **Paul Werth**, Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

"A Problem with Khiva: Russian Captives and Chastisement of the Khanate in the 1830s"

Panel 1B ♦ New Approaches to Russian Language and Culture

Location: CMU 218D

Chair: Nathan Marks, PhD Student, University of Washington

♦ **Matthew Ellett**, PhD Student, University of Washington

"'Them's Fightin' Words!': Morphology and Semantics of Neologisms Associated with the Russia-Ukraine Conflict"

♦ **Nathan Marks**, PhD Student, University of Washington

"'That is Not Standard Russian!': A Study into the Language Attitudes of Heritage Russian Speakers"

♦ **Liudmila Listrovaya**, PhD Student, University of Oregon

"'Brift'": A New Approach to Studying corruption. A Case of Russia."

♦ **Jesse O'Dell**, PhD Student, University of California, Los Angeles

"Stagnant Stereotypes: Roadside Picnic and the Dissident Intelligentsia"

Coffee will be served in CMU 204 between sessions.

PLENARY SESSION

11:15 - 12:30

CMU 120

FORMAL WELCOMING

brief remarks by

Scott Radnitz

Director, The Ellison Center

DISCUSSION

The End of the Bromance?

A Serious Discussion on U.S.-Russia Relations
in Times of Tension

featuring

Scott Radnitz, Ellison Center Director, University of Washington

Benjamin Tromly, University of Puget Sound

Yoonhee Kang, Kookmin University, Korea; Visiting Professor, UW

Nicole Jackson, Simon Fraser University

SESSION 2

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

1:45 - 3:15

Panel 2A ♦ Fake News and Real Nukes

Location: CMU 226

Chair: Christopher Jones, Associate Professor,
University of Washington

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**“From Nuclear Maskirovka to New Thinking
Information War, Soviet Military Doctrine and Nuclear
Arms Control: The Deceptions of Soviet Nuclear Policy,
1961/62 to 1986/87”**

♦ **Matthew Newton**, MA Student, University of Washington

“Political-Information Warfare in Russia”

♦ **Jared Rowe**, MA Student, University of Washington

“The Future of the INF Treaty”

♦ **Fatih Jon Thompson**, MA Student, University of Washington

“The Rise of Rosatom & Russia’s Nuclear Revival”

Panel 2B ♦ Social Media and Online Representation for Sexual Minorities and Gender in Eurasia

Location: CMU 218D

Chair: José Alaniz, Associate Professor, University of Washington

♦ **José Alaniz**, Associate Professor, University of Washington

“TranSiberia and Queer Comics in Russia”

♦ **Dana Donohoe**, MA Student, University of Washington

“Gelins Go Online: Understanding How Women in Azerbaijan Seek Social Support Online”

♦ **Abigail Mayhugh**, MA Student, University of Washington

“Is Visibility Worth it?: LGBTQ Projects of Belonging in Kazakhstan”

Panel 2C ♦ Democracies and the Undemocratic: International and Internal Relations in Russia

Location: CMU 202

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

♦ **Nicole Jackson**, Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University

“NATO and Canada’s Responses to Russia since the Crimea Annexation of 2014”

♦ **Calvin Garner**, PhD Student, University of Washington

“Electoral Institutions in Authoritarian Russia: Theory and Evidence”

♦ **Seonhee Kim**, PhD Student, University of Washington

“The Shape and Causes of Government Repression of Civil Society in Russia”

♦ **Malkhaz Saldadze**, MA Student, University of Washington

“Russia and the Europeanization of its Neighbors: How Should the EU Approach Its Eastern Partners?”

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PLENARY SESSION FOR
LUNCH IN ROOM 204**

SESSION 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

3:30 - 5:00

Panel 3A ♦ Outside Pressures on the USSR in the Cold War

Location: CMU 202

Chair: Paul Werth, Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

♦ **Scott Montgomery**, Lecturer, University of Washington “Falling Oil Prices and the Collapse of the USSR”

♦ **Glennys Young**, Professor, University of Washington “Spain, the USSR, and the Early Cold War: The ‘Isolation Paradigm’ Revisited”

♦ **Benjamin Tromly**, Associate Professor, University of Puget Sound
“A Messy Divorce: Russian Émigrés, Radio Liberation, and the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism in the 1950s”

Panel 3B ♦ Identity and Nationalism in Post-Communist Eastern Europe

Location: CMU 218D

Chair: Kevin Aslett, PhD Student, University of Washington

♦ **Murad Jalilov**, MA Student, University of Oregon
“Deconstructing Azerbaijani Nationalism through Folklore”

♦ **Viktorija Benaityte**, MA Student, University of Washington
“‘Dusting off’ Traditional Values – The Rise of Nationalist and Populist Voices in the Lithuanian Political Discourse”

♦ **Eugene Lemcio**, Professor Emeritus, Seattle Pacific University
“Religious Orientation and Public Policy in Modern Ukraine”

♦ **Michael Seraphinoff**, PhD Slavic Studies, International Baccalaureate Organization

“Today’s Macedonian Name Dispute and the Macedonian Question”

♦ **Mirko Savkovic**, MA Student, University of Glasgow, Dublin City University, & Charles University Prague
“Kantakuzina Katarina Branković Serbian Orthodox Secondary School in Zagreb and the role of Religious Communities in Reconciliation in Yugoslavia”

Panel 3C ♦ New Lenses on Security and Connectivity in Modern Eurasia

Location: CMU 226

Chair: Elena Campbell, Associate Professor, History, University of Washington

♦ **Nora Webb Williams**, PhD Student, University of Washington
“Colonial Policy, Social Trust, and Economic Resilience: Evidence from Kazakhstan”

♦ **Brandon Ray**, MA Student, University of Washington
“Human Security: The History and Future of Russia and its Indigenous Peoples”

♦ **Raymond Pun**, PhD Student/Academic Librarian, Fresno State University
“Changing Nature of Academic Libraries in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan”

♦ **Revaz Janashia**, MA Student, University of Washington
“E-Governance and its Applications: Case of Kazakhstan and Georgia”

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ABOUT THE JACKSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Dan Lundberg

Situated in the Pacific Northwest, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies offers unique access to a major hub of innovation and activity in the Pacific Rim, U.S., and globally.

The School is named for the late Senator Henry M. Jackson, in recognition of his interest and support for the School and the field of international affairs. Alumni have graduated to work in a range of fields, including the U.S. government; The White House; major corporations such as Boeing, Microsoft, Starbucks, and CNN; international agencies including The World Bank, United Nations, and the biggest foundation in the world, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; think tanks; universities, and diplomatic missions of foreign governments.

The Jackson School hosts the most U.S. Department of Education-funded National Resource Centers in the country dedicated to public education activities. Our National Resource Centers also award Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships to students throughout the UW, thanks to U.S. Department of Education support.

Jackson School faculty represent a broad spectrum of social science disciplines. They are also associated with other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and other schools and colleges at UW, including the College of the Environment, School of Law, and the Michael G. Foster School of Business. Jackson School Director Dr. Reşat Kasaba is the current President of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA).

The Jackson School offers leading-edge research in global and area studies. Our internationally prominent faculty represent a range of fields in the social sciences and humanities, including anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, religion, sociology, and gender, women & sexuality studies. Some notable research projects include: the effects of free-trade agreements on human rights; public health and environmental security; nuclear non-proliferation in Asia; civil society in Asia; Latin America and Europe; defense industrialization in China; the relationship between religion and violence; U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East; history of U.S. foreign policy; the Mexican Revolution; political economy of India, post-Soviet politics; and, politics of indigenous communities.



Oliver Bacquet

ABOUT THE ELLISON CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN & CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES

The Ellison Center is a leading National Resource Center funded by the Title VI Program of the US Department of Education. Housed in the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies, the center works to advance scholarship and educate students about Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia through historical understanding, innovative teaching, and interdisciplinary research. This mission flows out of Professor Herbert Ellison's commitment to building connections with the diverse peoples of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

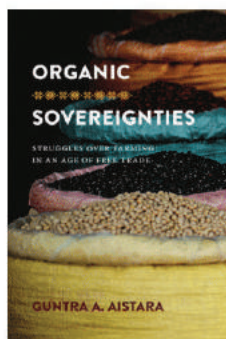
Long known only as the REECAS Center, the Herbert J. Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies was christened as such in 2004 to honor Dr. Ellison's legacy with the generous financial support of the Ellison family and other program supporters.

As its long name indicates, the Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies region is expansive and diverse, counting 29 countries. REECAS countries include the following: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

The Ellison Center offers a Master's Degree in Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies as well as an undergraduate minor. We also offer an Accelerated REECAS MA to US Military Foreign Area Officers (FAOs). We sponsor lectures, conferences and exchanges covering the entirety of Eastern Europe and Eurasia; and we sustain a dynamic program of outreach to local schools, colleges and community organizations interested in our region. With over 60 participating UW faculty, the Ellison Center represents a unique intellectual resource for faculty, students, and professionals living in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Professor Ellison served as a mentor to thousands of undergraduate and graduate students over 40 years. Instilling in them a love for the people and regions of the former Soviet Union and communist Europe, he devoted his career to the belief that educational exchange programs open doors and minds for all citizens of the world, and especially for those who long suffered behind the Iron Curtain.

Now, with public interest in Russia, East Europe and Central Asia higher than any time since the Soviet Union's demise, the Ellison Center supports innovative research, student programs and community outreach to promote learning about this region of the world and carry on Herb Ellison's legacy.



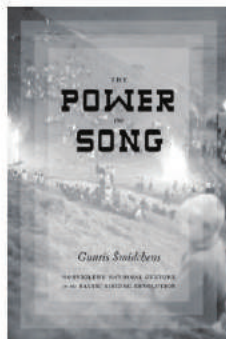
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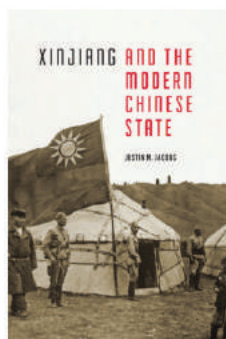
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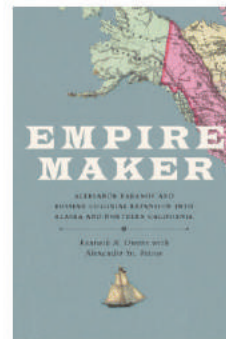


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- Highest number of federally-funded National Resources Centers and Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships in the country
- Ninety-three percent of our Class of 2016 were employed within six months of graduation

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- Four-year bachelor's degree in international studies
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TIMETABLE ♦ SATURDAY

	CMU 120	CMU 202	CMU 204	CMU 218D	CMU 226
Registration 9:00 - 9:30			Registration		
Session 1 9:30 - 11:00		Panel 1A		Panel 1B	
Break 1 11:00 - 11:15					
Plenary Session 11:15 AM - 12:30	Plenary				
Lunch 12:30 - 1:45			Lunch		
Session 2 1:45 - 3:15		Panel 2C		Panel 2B	Panel 2A
Break 2 3:15 - 3:30					
Session 3 3:30 - 5:00		Panel 3A		Panel 3B	Panel 3C
Reception 5:00 - 6:00			Reception		

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One of the Association's core activities is the annual convention. This international forum makes possible a broad exchange of ideas, stimulating further work and sustaining the field's scholarly excellence.

Convention Theme: Performance

2018 marks both the organization's 50th Annual Convention and 70 years since ASEEEES' founding as a scholarly society. This anniversary invites us to consider past performance, as individual scholars and an organization devoted to Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, as well as the roles we can perform in the future.

MEMBERSHIP

ASEEES has approximately 3,200 individual members in the US and abroad. Membership is open to anyone interested in furthering ASEEEES' scholarly objectives.

Members receive:

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- Access to ASEEEES Commons, an integrated online discussion platform and document repository
- Access to job, funding, and event announcements
- Eligibility to apply for travel grants, dissertation research funding, and first book subventions
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