Faculty News: Publications and Awards for REEEC Affiliates

The coming of spring brought many fine achievements for the REEEC affiliated faculty. Our faculty has represented exemplary accomplishments across the board from publication to awards. April's featured faculty are Professor of Law Peter Maggs, Professor of Slavic Literatures and Languages Valeria Sobol, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures and editor of *Slavic Review* Harriet Murav, Professor of History John Randolph, Professor of History Maria Todorova and Professor of English Catherine Prendergast.

Professor Peter Maggs recently published *Law and Legal System of the Russian Federation*, 6th Ed. (Huntington, N.Y.: Juris Publishing, 2015) along with his co-authors Olga Schwartz and William Burnham. Maggs also performed public service as a volunteer judge of student presentations in the annual VIS East International Arbitration Moot competition, in Hong Kong, in the month of March of 2015. Finally, also in March, Maggs made a public appearance to testify as an expert on Russian law in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in England.

Professor Valeria Sobol was awarded an NEH fellowship for 2015-16 for the book project “Visions of Empire in Russian Gothic Literature, 1790-1850.” In her interview by ASEEES, Sobol described her current research project which won her the NEH fellowship:

“...I am working on a book tentatively titled *Haunted Empire: The Russian Literary Gothic and the Imperial...*

Professor Harriet Murav and Sasha Senderovich of the University of Colorado at Boulder have recently published the first chapter of their translation of David Bergelson’s *1929 STRICT JUSTICE*. This chapter was published on the website http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/pakn-treger. Murav also received a CAS fellowship for 2015-2016 to work on her book project entitled, *A Strange New World: Untimeliness, Futurity, and David Bergelson*.

Professor John Randolph and Maria Todorova won Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH) fellowships for 2015-2016. Randolph's winning project is entitled, “When I served the Post as a Coachman: Empire and Enlightenment in Russia’s Eighteenth Century” and Todorova's winning project is entitled, “Life in the Times of Utopia: The Lost World of Early Socialists at Europe’s Margins.” Professor Todorova will also be the chair of the second session of the Center for Advanced Study Spring Symposium, Monday, April 20. Professor Catherine Prendergast will also be featured at the CAS Symposium as a presenter in the fourth...
session, Tuesday, April 21. Her presentation is entitled “Writer, Painter, Banker, Thief: The American Arts Colony in the Public Account.”

Congratulations to all of the REEEC affiliates on their wonderful achievements!

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