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AWSS IN NEW ORLEANS (AAASS National Conference, 15-18 November 2007)

It's hard to believe, but the 39th National Convention of the AAASS is little more than a month away. The convention is one of our organization's most prominent venues, and we encourage you to join us for our luncheon and business meeting, celebrate our annual prize recipients, or attend our conference roundtable (see announcements below). Remember also to stop by the AWSS booth in the exhibit hall, where you can pick up pre-ordered luncheon tickets, verify your membership status, renew for 2008, or send others to become first-time members!

Annual AWSS 2007 Luncheon and Business Meeting

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies is hosting its annual luncheon at AAASS on Saturday, November 17th, 12:15 p.m. in La Galleries 2 of the New Orleans Marriott, with our annual business meeting and prize awards to follow. We invite you to join us for good food and good company.

Luncheon tickets are \$34.79. Ice water will be available at the lunch at no cost. Soft drinks will also be available but must be paid for in advance; for those wishing a soft drink with the luncheon, please include \$3.50 in your check for a total amount of \$38.29. Please also note if you would like a vegetarian meal.

Please send your check made out to **MARGARET BEISSINGER** for a luncheon or luncheon + drink ticket and send it to:

Prof. Margaret Beissinger
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NB: YOUR CHECKS SHOULD ARRIVE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26!

Pick up your ticket in advance at the AWSS Booth in the AAASS Exhibit Hall or immediately before the luncheon.

We have set aside 10 free luncheon tickets for graduate student members of AWSS. These are available on a first come, first serve basis. E-mail Margaret Beissinger (mhbeissi@Princeton.edu) if you are eligible (that is, a graduate student and a member of AWSS) and interested.

AWSS Roundtable: Women Navigating Academia

Session 10-34: Saturday, 4:15-6:15 (see AAASS program for location)

Following up on the success of last year's roundtable, Michelle denBeste (chair)

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✎ It's never too early to renew your AWSS membership for 2008!

Mail-in renewal forms are available in every issue of WEW; you may also renew at AWSS table at AAASS.

and fellow AWSS members Angela Brintlinger, Sharon Kowalsky, Denise Youngblood, and Maria Bucur will discuss issues facing academic women at various stages of their careers. We encourage you to invite your graduate students and younger colleagues to join us.

Call for submissions: AWSS Graduate Research Prize

Deadline: October 15, 2007

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) is currently seeking nominations for the 2007 Graduate 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 Studies by either a woman or a man. Graduate students who are at any stage of master's or doctoral level research and were admitted to graduate school in 2002 or later 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 c.v., 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 October 15, 2007**. Send them to all three of the GRP committee members:

1. Dr. Magdalena Vanya at: mvanya@ucdavis.edu (Chair of committee)
2. Prof. Kristen Ghodsee at: kghodsee@bowdoin.edu
3. Prof. Lynn Hooker at: lhooker@indiana.edu

Call for nominations: AWSS Outstanding Achievement Award

Deadline: October 15, 2007

The Outstanding Achievement Award Committee of the Association of Women in Slavic Studies invites nominations for its 2007 prize. 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 October 15** to all three committee members:

1. Prof. Margaret Beissinger at: mhbeissi@Princeton.edu (Chair of committee)
2. Prof. Elizabeth Elliott at: eelliott@northwestern.edu
3. Prof. Jill Irvine at: jill.irvine@ou.edu

Call for nominations: 2007 Zirin Prize

Deadline: November 1, 2007

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies announces its annual competition for the Zirin prize. This prize of \$500 is named for Mary Zirin, founder of *Women East-West*. Working as an independent scholar, Zirin produced and encouraged many of the fundamental works in Slavic Women's Studies. The Zirin Prize aims to recognize the achievements of independent scholars and to encourage their continued scholarship and service in the field of Slavic Women's Studies.

The Zirin Prize Committee will accept nominations, including self-nominations, for the award until November 1, 2007. Nominations should include a two-page, double-spaced narrative outlining the nominee's achievements and the nominee's CV. Describe the nominee's past and present contributions and relevant work in progress.

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 (1) who is not employed at an institution of higher learning, or (2) who may be employed by a university or college but 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 urge nominations of worthy scholars from the CIS and from Central and Eastern Europe.

Nominations should be sent to Martha Kuchar at kuchar@roanoke.edu, or via mail to Martha Kuchar, Dept. of English, Roanoke College, 221 College Lane, Salem, VA 24153 (phone: 540-375-2320).

 ***Submission deadline for Winter WEW***

If you would like to submit items to "News of Members" or "General Announcements," for the Winter issue of *WEW*, please send your items to monniern@missouri.edu by *December 20th*.

Books for Review

Below is a list of additional books open for review which will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We would like to see more non-English language books, but it has been difficult to obtain books from publishers outside of North America. As always, if you have a particular book in mind—or in hand—that you would like to review, please communicate with the book review editor. (And when you travel, please keep your eyes open for appropriate books).

—Betsy Jones Hemenway (ehemenway@luc.edu)

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Carrying Linda's Stones: An Anthology of Estonian Women's Life Stories. Editors: Suzanne Stiver Lie; Lynda Malik; Ilvi Jõe-Cannon; Rutt Hinrikus. Foreword by H. E. Aldona Vos, US Ambassador to Estonia. Tallinn: Tallinn University Press, 2006. 594p.

Freeman, Joseph. *Kingdom of Night: The Saga of a Woman's Struggle for Survival*. Lanham, MD; Boulder, CO: University Press of America, 2006.

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Book Review

***They Fought for the Motherland: Russia's Women Soldiers in World War I and the Revolution*. By Laurie S. Stoff.** Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2006. x + 294 pp. Appendices. Notes. Bibliography. Index. Cloth \$34.95.

Although Russian women have a long history of military participation (one well-known example is Nadezhda Durova, who fought in male disguise during the Napoleonic Wars), the Great War marked the first widespread enlistment of women for combat, both as individuals in ordinary regiments and as members of several women's "battalions of death" that formed after the February 1917 Revolution. The numbers of female soldiers and the creation of the women's battalions made the Russian war experience unique when compared to the other belligerent powers. *They Fought for the Motherland* explores the experiences of Russia's women soldiers during World War I. Setting this phenomenon

within the context of the emerging women's movement and the revolutionary upheavals of the time, Laurie Stoff examines the motivations of these women, their experiences as soldiers, and the public and international reactions to the female soldiers. She argues that women's participation in combat, condoned only in the extraordinary circumstances of war, offered some women an alternative path to express their patriotism and civic duty, and contributed to arguments for women's equality.

Stoff emphasizes the gendered nature of the military experience and its impact on the women soldiers. Before 1917, women who wanted to fight joined regular units. While some women disguised themselves as men, others served openly, gaining the respect of their officers and comrades through their actions. In most cases, however, such women had to discard their femininity. This de-sexing of female soldiers continued even within the all-women battalions. The members of Maria Bochkareva's

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famous First Women's Battalion of Death, for instance, shaved their heads, donned male uniforms, and engaged in "male" behavior to become real soldiers (84). Yet despite the masculine appearance of these women, their sex remained the most important aspect of their service. Indeed, these battalions were formed precisely because the military authorities thought that women soldiers would restore proper gender roles by shaming men into fighting. Stoff finds that despite their efforts, the women's battalions failed to have a significant impact on male soldiers who had little desire left to fight for any reason.

Stoff identifies the widespread enthusiasm for and interest in female military service as a social movement in its own right. Women from all social classes participated, for various reasons. Many believed that female military service—proof of their patriotic devotion and the value of their social contributions—would be rewarded with greater rights and equality for all women. Societies such as the Women's Military Union provided the impetus and support for creating women's combat battalions, even when military officials and the Provisional Government remained skeptical. Yet few of these battalions saw actual combat, the exceptions being Bochkareva's unit that fought on the front lines in the June Offensive and the similarly-named First Petrograd Women's Battalion that helped defend the Winter Palace in October 1917. Stoff points out that the Bolsheviks generally condemned these all-female units for contributing to the imperialist war. Once the Provisional Government collapsed, the women's battalions usually disbanded, and the female soldiers returned to civilian life. Stoff concludes that despite the failure of this movement to effect any significant or long-term transformation in gender roles, women's interest in military service reflected a clear sense of civic responsibility, citizenship duties, and patriotism

among women, revealing the enthusiasm and increased expectations for change that accompanied the February Revolution and encompassing an important, if short-lived, dimension of women's struggle for equality.

They Fought for the Motherland contributes to a growing body of new scholarly works that seek to rehabilitate World War I from neglect suffered during the Soviet period. Based on archival research, contemporary publications, and memoirs, this volume is meticulously researched, descriptive, and clearly written. It tells the stories of individual women soldiers and clarifies the role that the women's battalions and the women's military movement played in the war and the revolution. It also includes a comprehensive series of appendices identifying the members of the women's battalions and their fates. Its focus solely on women soldiers means that the study ignores the other ways that women participated in the war effort, yet by giving a voice to these often-ignored women it highlights an alternative path for asserting women's rights and renegotiating gender roles. Surprisingly, Stoff says very little about the notion of volunteerism. Since female military service was purely voluntary, one wonders how this may have shaped their attitudes and expectations compared to male conscripts and male volunteers. Nevertheless, Stoff's work exposes an important element of Russia's wartime experience and highlights the significance of the war for the prerevolutionary Russian women's movement. The volume should appeal to a wide audience of scholars and enthusiasts of military, Russian, and women's studies.

—Sharon A. Kowalsky, *Texas A&M - Commerce*



News of Members

Submissions for "News of Members" for the Winter edition should be sent directly to the editor (monniern@missouri.edu) by December 20th.

Elaine Weiner (Sociology, McGill University) has received a 3-year \$86,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada for the project, "'Gender' Travels and Translations: The European Union, Equal Opportunities and the Czech Republic" (2007-2010).

Her first book, *Market Dreams: Gender, Class and Capitalism in the Czech Republic*, has just been published by the University of Michigan Press.



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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CFP: Thinking Gender, Annual Graduate Student Research Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, February 1, 2008

Thinking Gender is a public conference highlighting graduate student research on women, sexuality and gender across all disciplines and historical periods. We invite submissions for individual papers or preconstituted panels. We especially welcome feminist research on women of color, the premodern, queerness, and the sciences.

The deadline for submissions is October 29, 2007 by midnight. Note that only complete submissions emailed by the deadline will be accepted. Proposals should be sent to thinkinggender@women.ucla.edu.

- Please do not submit an application for both a preconstituted panel and to the open call. Individuals may appear in only one capacity at the conference.
- For individual papers, please submit an abstract (250 words), a CV (2 pages maximum), and a

brief bibliography (1 page maximum).

- For preconstituted panel submissions, please submit a 250-word description of the panel topic in addition to the materials required for the individual paper submissions.
- Panels should consist of no more than three participants, and panel proposals cannot have more than one person from the same academic program. For example: Panels consisting of all UCLA students from the English Department would not qualify. If you have questions as to whether your panel meets these guidelines, please contact the Thinking Gender coordinator: thinkinggender@women.ucla.edu.
- If your panel or paper presentation requires any visual media, please plan your panel or presentation based on the available equipment: VHS player, DVD player, computer (for displaying web images)
- Organizers of panels are responsible for submitting the entire panel proposal by the deadline: Monday

October 29, 2007 by midnight. *No late submissions will be accepted under any circumstances.*

CFP: The Eighth Annual Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International History, “Gender in International History,” Cambridge, MA, March 14-15, 2008

Gender is a fundamental unit of organization in all societies, influencing human behavior at all levels, yet scholars of international relations have paid surprisingly little attention to questions of gender. Because gender issues are at stake around the globe and cross multiple boundaries, it would seem only natural to examine gender issues and systems with an international scope. ConIH aims to further the serious treatment of gender in international history, while inspiring specialists in gender studies to take further account of transnational and comparative topics.

The conference committee welcome submissions that examine international gender relations historically and analytically. Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to, intersections of gender and national self-definition; gender and mass or pop culture; gender and conflict; war crimes; gender and human rights; international activism; transnational exploitation; modern slavery; gender and transnational ideology (e.g., anti-abortion, feminism, ‘family values’); gender and space; gender and the ‘international order’: notions of subjugation, submission, alliances of convenience, colonial relations, etc.

There are no temporal or geographic limits to this theme. The conference will cover a diversity of topics that will look at populations from all parts of the world, as well as at ancient, pre-modern, modern, and contemporary contexts. Papers will be selected on the basis of their strength, novelty of subject and interpretation, and utility as bases for historical comparison.

ConIH welcomes innovative research approaches and agendas. Particular attention will be given to papers developing comparative perspectives and utilizing multi-archival research bases. We actively encourage students to reach beyond the immediate conclusions of their research to consider gender as a conceptual tool in international, world and global history. Commentary on papers will be provided by specialists from Harvard and beyond. The conference will conclude with a plenary session, at which several leading scholars in the field of international &

world history will discuss broad issues pertaining to the theme of the conference.

Graduate students who are interested in participating in the conference should submit a one-page paper proposal and one-page curriculum vita (in Word, RTF, or PDF format) to conih@fas.harvard.edu. *Proposals must be received by November 16, 2007 in order to be considered.* Notification of acceptance will be made by early December. For additional information about the conference, please contact the conference organizers at conih@fas.harvard.edu or visit the conference website at <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~conih>.

CFP: 31st Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, New York University, March 29, 2008

The Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference (MASC) is soliciting submissions for its regional conference of the AAASS. Proposals should include the paper’s title, a very brief abstract, any request for technical support, the surface and email address of the presenter as well as their institutional affiliation. Room assignments for the panels are based in part on knowing needs for technical support when the Executive Board meets in mid-January. The Conference will be held at New York University in New York City on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Panels and papers are welcome on any appropriate scholarly aspect of Slavic and East European Studies.

Please send your proposals by *December 14, 2007* to Dr. Mary Theis theis@kutztown.edu, or by hard copy to:

Dr. Mary Theis, MASC Executive Secretary
Department of Modern Language Studies,
Kutztown University
PO Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530.

Note: A juried award of \$200 is made annually for the best graduate paper presented at the MASC.. The winning paper is then entered in the national AAASS competition, where the rewards are more significant. A second place prize of \$175 is also awarded.

CFP: 46th Annual Meeting, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 27-29, 2008

The 46th annual meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS) will take place in Atlanta, GA on March 27-29, 2008. The purpose of SCSS is to promote

scholarship, education, and in all other ways to advance scholarly interest in Russian, Soviet, and East European studies in the Southern region of the United States and nationwide. *The deadline for submission of proposals is January 15, 2008.* Whole panel proposals (chair, three papers, discussant) are preferred, but proposals for individual papers are also welcome. Whole panel proposals should include the titles of each individual paper as well as a proposed title for the panel itself and identifying information on the discussant and chair. Proposals for individual papers should include a brief (one paragraph) abstract to guide the program committee in the assembly of panels. Email (preferably) your proposal to Sharon Kowalsky at sharon_kowalsky@tamu-commerce.edu or you can also send it by conventional post to:

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This year's conference is hosted by Emory University and will be held at the Emory Conference Center on the Emory University Campus, 15 miles from Hartsfield International Airport, 8 miles from downtown and 3 miles from Buckhead entertainment district.

CFP: 15th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, March 22-23, 2008

ACES invites panel and individual paper proposals for the Fifteenth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference to be held Saturday, 22 March and Sunday, 23 March 2008 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Graduate students, professors, and independent scholars are cordially invited to submit abstracts of papers covering all topics pertaining to Central Eurasian Studies. For the purposes of this conference, Central Eurasian Studies is defined as the study of the historical and contemporary Afghan, Balto-Finnic, Hungarian, Mongolic, Persian, Tibetan, Tungusic, and Turkic peoples, languages, cultures, and states.

Submission of pre-organized panels is strongly encouraged. Individual papers are also welcome and will be assigned by the Conference Committee to a suitable panel. An honorable distinction of best paper will be awarded. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Please include the following information on all submissions:

- Names of all authors (note name of the person

presenting the paper);

- Institutional affiliation and title/position;
- Contact information, including e-mail address, postal address, and telephone/fax numbers;
- Curriculum Vitae (1 page);
- Paper title;
- An abstract of no more than 300 words, to be included in the Conference Program;
- Geographic location and thematic panel preference. Thematic panel preferences include, but are not limited to: socio-economic issues, nationalism and identity, natural resources management, music and culture, politics, history, education, and archaeology;
- Any audio-visual equipment needs (overhead, slide projector, PowerPoint, etc.)

Due to space constraints, abstracts exceeding 300 words cannot be accepted. ACES regrets that it cannot provide any funding to participants. *Submission deadline: 18 January 2008.* Applicants will be notified of acceptance by 15 February 2008.

Submissions may be sent via e-mail as an attachment (pdf, .doc or .rtf formats preferred) to: aces@indiana.edu or by hardcopy to:

The Fifteenth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference
The Association of Central Eurasian Students (ACES)
Goodbody Hall 157
Indiana University
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Bloomington, IN 47405-7005
Fax: (812) 855-7500

For more information, see website: <http://www.indiana.edu/~aces>

CFP: *Journal of the History of Sexuality*

The Journal of the History of Sexuality is soliciting articles for a special issue on sexual labors throughout the world, under diverse economic and state systems, and in all historical periods. This special issue, guest edited by Eileen Boris, Stephanie Gilmore, and Rhacel Parrenas, will appear in late 2008. The guest editors seek manuscripts on all types of sexual labor—paid and unpaid as well as legalized and criminalized forms—with the understanding that what constitutes “sex” and “work” varies from culture to culture across time and space. The editors seek analytically and historically grounded

submissions that deal with sexual labor within the family or household; as part of public entertainment or space; rights of sex workers as laborers; relations of power and authority vis-à-vis sexual labor; globalization and sexual labor; representations and subjectivities of sexual labor; the relationship between sex and work; and the politics of sex work historically (including reform, regulation, and abolition). They are also interested in the difference that age, race, gender, sexuality, and citizenship status make in sexual labors and the discourses around them.

The deadline for submissions is 31 January 2008. The editors will review manuscripts and have decisions regarding publication by 15 June 2008. Please submit your manuscript via email (preferred) to Stephanie Gilmore at stephanie.gilmore@trincoll.edu or via postal mail to:

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CFP: *Studies in Slavic Cultures VII*

How can gender, nationality or identity be performed? What separates the performance of an idea from its reality? How do more traditional performances—on stage or in film—reflect cultural tropes?

The graduate student journal *Studies in Slavic Cultures* is now accepting submissions for the 2008 issue. The theme of this issue is “Performance,” and we welcome graduate student submissions investigating any aspect of this topic in relation to theatre, film, literature, music, or other areas of contemporary or non-contemporary culture in Russia and Eastern Europe.

The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2007. Queries and submissions should be sent to Alyssa DeBlasio and Julie Draskoczy sisc@pitt.edu. Please visit the following link for detailed submission and formatting guidelines: www.pitt.edu/~slavic/sisc

SISC is published by members of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Pittsburgh, with support from the Center for Russian and East European Studies. The journal consists entirely of analytical articles by graduate students, appears annually, runs to approximately 120 pages, and is devoted to Slavic culture. *SISC* is an image-friendly publication, and the editors encourage applicants to submit visuals to accompany their work. *SISC* is indexed in ABSEES.

CFP: Academic Studies Press

The new publishing house Academic Studies Press has announced a Slavic Studies series and the publisher, Igor Nemirovsky, well-known pushkinist and founder of the St. Petersburg press “Akademicheskii proekt”, has expressed an interest in translating works by Russian women writers. Please contact him directly with ideas at Igor.Nemirovsky@academicstudiespress.com.

Funding opportunity: The Wolfsonian-FIU Fellowship Program, Florida International University, Miami Beach, FL

The Wolfsonian–Florida International University is a museum and research center that promotes the examination of modern visual and material culture. The focus of the Wolfsonian collection is on North American and European decorative arts, propaganda, architecture, and industrial and graphic design from the period 1885–1945. The United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands are the countries most extensively represented. There are also smaller but significant collections of materials from a number of other countries, including Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Japan, the former Soviet Union and Hungary. The Wolfsonian library has approximately 50,000 rare books, periodicals, and ephemeral items, as well as standard reference materials.

Fellowships are intended to support full-time research, generally for a period of three to five weeks. The program is open to holders of master’s or doctoral degrees, Ph.D. candidates, and to others who have a significant record of professional achievement in relevant fields. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the Fellowship Coordinator prior to submission to ensure the relevance of their proposals to the Wolfsonian’s collection. For more information about The Wolfsonian and its collection, visit the website, <http://www.wolfsonian.fiu.edu/education/research>, call 305-535-2613, or email to research@thewolf.fiu.edu. *The application deadline is December 31, for residency during the 2008-2010 academic years.*

Funding opportunity: US Holocaust Memorial Museum Fellowships 2008-2009, Washington, DC

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum awards fellowships to support significant research and writing about the

Holocaust. Awards are granted on a competitive basis. The Center welcomes proposals from scholars in all relevant academic disciplines, including history, political science, literature, Jewish studies, philosophy, religion, psychology, comparative genocide studies, law, and others.

Fellowships are awarded to candidates working on their dissertations (ABD), postdoctoral researchers, and senior scholars. Applicants must be affiliated with an academic and/or research institution. Immediate post-docs and faculty between appointments will also be considered.

The specific fellowship and the length of the award are at the Center's discretion. Individual awards generally range up to nine months of residency; a minimum of three consecutive months is required. Fellowships of five months or longer have proven most effective. Stipends range up to \$3,000 per month. Residents of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area receive a modified stipend and term of residency.

Fellowship applications and supporting materials must be received by November 30, 2007.

For complete fellowship competition guidelines and to download a fellowship application please visit the website at <http://www.ushmm.org/research/center/fellowship>. Please direct fellowship inquiries to:

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Funding opportunity: Scholars Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies - Princeton, NJ

The Institute is an independent private institution founded in 1930 to create a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry, without the obligations and distractions associated with the teaching of undergraduates. Open to all fields of historical research, the School of Historical Studies' principal interests are the history of western, near eastern and far eastern civilizations, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, the history of art, the history of science, modern international relations, and music studies. Scholars from around the world come to

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Funding opportunity: University of Chicago Library Special Collections Research Fellowship, Chicago, IL

The University of Chicago Library announces a program of short-term research fellowships for 2008-2009. Any visiting researcher residing more than 100 miles from Chicago whose project requires on-site consultation of materials in the Special Collections Research Center is eligible. Support for beginning scholars is a priority of the program. Up to \$3,000 of support will be awarded to help cover projected travel, living and research expenses. Applications from women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are encouraged.

Applications are due February 15, 2008. For application guidelines see <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/>.

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Prize announcement: Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2007 Book Prize

The Berkshire Conference invites submissions from presses or authors for its First Book Prize, which carries with it a \$1000 award to the author. The prize is for a first book in any field of history written by a woman who is normally resident in North America. Books need not focus on women's history, and many past winners have not. Only books published in 2007 (as indicated on the title page or

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Stephanie Camp
Department of History
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Please note that only one copy of the book is requested for the first round. Presses are not required to send a nomination letter, but each press must include a cover letter indicating that the book or books are prize submissions, and bearing the name, telephone number and e-mail of the appropriate contact person on the staff. If your press's book reaches the shortlist we will contact the press and ask that they submit another four (4) copies.

The 2008 award will be announced at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women in Minneapolis in June 2008, and in a full-page advertisement in *Perspectives*, the newsletter of the American Historical Association. For more information on the book prize please contact Professor Camp at stcamp@u.washington.edu.

Prize announcement: Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2007 Article Prize

The Berkshire Conference announces its Article Prize, which carries with it a \$500 award to the author. The prize is for an article in any field of history written by a woman who is normally resident in North America, published during 2007. Articles need not focus on women's history, and many past winners have not.

Entries may be submitted either by an author or by the journal. Journals are limited to three nominations. *The deadline for submitting entries is January 15, 2008.* Please be sure to send three xerox copies (or offprints) of the article. Do not send the entire journal in which the article appears. Jointly published articles are acceptable, as are

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Announcement: Virtual Library "Slavistics Portal, Berlin State Library"

The Virtual Library Slavistics "Slavistics-Portal" at <http://www.slavistik-portal.de/en.html> is the central point of access for subject information for Slavistics via the internet. The Portal is designed for scholars, students, teachers, translators, journalists, cultural managers and all those, who are interested in Slavistics in general or Slavic languages, Slavic literatures and Slavic folklore in particular.

The Slavistics-Portal offers the following modules:

- Subject Gateway covers the relevant online resources.
- Alerting Service Slavistics keeps users up to date on new acquisitions of the Berlin State Library.
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