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**During
The 46th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East
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Marriott San Antonio River Center, 3rd Floor, Conference Room 1

Saturday, November 22, 2013 12:00-1:00 pm



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Message from the President

Greetings from Germany! I am writing this from Jena, where I am spending six months at the Imre Kertész Kolleg, an institute for the study of 20th century Eastern Europe from a transnational or interdisciplinary perspective. I am very excited to have this opportunity to engage in dialogue with scholars of Eastern Europe from around the world and hear about their work. Although I have only been here a few weeks, I have already heard two excellent presentations at the Kolleg's weekly colloquium: Peter Haslinger (Herder Institute, Marburg) spoke on his research comparing the role of experts in the creation of spatial knowledge in interwar Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia and Piotr Oseka (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences) gave an overview of his work on the private and public lives of career officers in the Polish security service. While extraordinarily different, both presentations pointed to an effort to use

the methods of intellectual and social history to shed new light on questions of national politics or state power.

This week, the Kolleg hosted a conference that addresses a crucial area of new research: the place of Eastern Europe in the wider world. This conference, "Alternative Encounters: The 'Second World' and the 'Global South', 1945-1991," looked at the interactions and exchanges between Eastern Europe and Asia, Africa and Latin America during the era of decolonization. One important theme of many presentations was to consider the countries of the Soviet Bloc as independent actors on the global stage, not merely Soviet proxies. Another theme was the tension between exchange and export, considering the extent to which East European experts or development workers simply tried to impose their sense of a generic socialist model on other countries. One panel, for example, took up the topic of East European contributions to development economics and economic transformations in the developing world. Another considered the dynamic between industrial and cultural exchange by looking at the work of East European architects in Africa and elsewhere, while a third examined imaginaries of race and revolution via international interactions between Hungary and Cuba or the GDR and Africa. The only problem with this thought-provoking conference was the complete absence of Czechoslovakia on a program that did include research on Bulgaria,

Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Yugoslavia and the USSR! There are many ways in which scholars of the Czech lands and Slovakia can contribute to this growing interest on Eastern Europe's relationship to the Global South and to projects on global interactions more generally. Perhaps some enterprising CSA member will be inspired to take up this challenge.

Melissa Feinberg



Czechoslovak Studies Association

Annual Meeting, ASEEEES, San Antonio

Marriott San Antonio River Center, 3rd

Floor, Conference Room 1

Saturday, November 22, 2013 12:00-1:00 pm

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from 2013 Meeting
2. Report of Secretary/Treasurer
3. Report of Newsletter Editor
4. Pech Prize Committee Report
5. Report on new website (Kimberly Zarecor)
6. New Business
 - a. Volunteers for Book Prize Committee (for books published in 2013-2014) (3 people)
 - b. Volunteers for Program Committee (2 people)
 - c. Volunteers for Newsletter Contributors
 - d. Other
7. Old Business
 - a. Any?
8. Announcements
 - a. Nominations open for Stanley B. Winters Distinguished Achievement Award (anyone interested in nominating someone should contact Melissa Feinberg)
 - b. Other announcements?

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NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Chad Bryant

Publication:

Co-editor, with Paul Readman and Cynthia Radding, *Borderlands in World History, 1700-1914* (Palgrave, 2014).

Zdenek V. David

Publications:

“Václav Havel and the Legacy of Tomáš Masaryk,” *Kosmas: Czechoslovak and Central European Journal*, Vol. 26, no. 2 (Spring 2013), 24-49.

“Václav Havel’s View of the Virtues and Dangers of Globalization,” Selected Papers from the Twenty-Sixth World Congress of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, University of Žilina, Žilina, Slovakia, July 1-6, 2012, eds. Zdeněk V. David, Eugene G. Martin, Dalibor Mikuláš, and Karel Raška, Jr., with the assistance of Suraiya Banu az-Zubair and Katia Esarey. 2

vols. New York, N.Y.: The Publishing House of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, 2013, 1:37-55.

“Nationalism and Universalism in Ecclesiology: Utraquists and Anglicans in the Latter Sixteenth Century,” in *The Bohemian Reformation and Religious Practice*. Vol. 9, published under the auspices of Collegium Europaeum [Papers from the IX. International Symposium on Bohemian Reformation and Religious Practice, held in Prague, June 22-25, 2010], eds. Zdeněk V. David and David R. Holeton. *Filosofický časopis: Special Issue No. 1* (2014), 198-220.

Papers presented:

“Jan Hus in Austro-Bohemian Enlightenment,” Bohemian Reformation and Religious Practice, Eleventh Symposium, at Philosophical Institute of the Academy of Sciences ČR, Prague, June 18-20, 2014.

“Jan Patočka’s Critique of T. G. Masaryk’s Views on Politics and History,” Czechoslovak Society for Arts and Sciences/ Společnost pro vědy a umění, World Congress, University of Plzeň, Plzeň, Czech Republic, June 29-July 4, 2014.

Misha Griffith

Job Change:

Currently teaching at Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun, VA.

General News:

He will be presenting at the ICCEES 2015 World Conference in Makuhari, Japan, on

the topic of television in Czechoslovakia during the Prague Spring and occupation of 1968.

Anna Hajkova

Publications:

“Murky Waters in London and Prague: The Jewish Politics of the Czechoslovak Government, 1938-1948,” review of Jan Láníček, “Czechs, Slovaks and the Jews: Beyond Idealization and Condemnation,” *Yad Vashem Studies*, 42,1 (2014).

“Lotka Burešová and her Terezín Friends,” *Leo Baeck Institute Newsletter*, Spring 2014, <http://www.lbi.org/2014/03/buresova/>

“To Terezín and Back: Czech Jews and their Bonds of Belonging between Theresienstadt and Postwar Czechoslovakia.” *Dapim* (March 2014), 38-55.

Owen V. Johnson

Recognitions:

He retired from teaching on May 31, which will give him a lot more time for research and especially writing.

General News:

Has been invited by the journalism faculty at Moscow State University to give two seminars in the last 10 days of October.

Publications:

“English-Language Bibliography of Albanian & Bulgarian Mass Media Research,” *Global Media Journal-Slovak Edition* 2:1 (2014), pp. 137-43.

Mills Kelly

Recognitions:

Named Presidential Fellow for the academic year of 2014-2015 at George Mason University.

Michael Kopanic, Jr

Recognitions:

Beginning in Fall 2014 semester, he was appointed as Chair of all European History and Western Civilization courses at UMUC, the University of Maryland University College.

In summer of 2014, he received a scholarship from the Slovak Ministry of Education to continue advanced studies in the Slovak Language at Studia Academica Slovaca, the summer language and culture course at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Jonathan Larson

Publication:

“The Authorial Self and Acquiring a Language of Neoliberalism in Slovakia,” in Nicolette Makovicky (ed.), *Neoliberalism, Personhood, and Post socialism: Enterprising Selves in Changing Economies*, Ashgate Publishers.

74, 228-232, 422-427, 437-442, 562-563, 568, 574, 575. ISBN 978-80-7422-190-3.

“Vereinshäuser in Brünn und in den national gemischten Städten Mährens vor 1914” In: Haslinger, Peter – Hein-Kirscheer, Heidi-Jaworski, Rudolf (eds.): *Heimatstätten der Nation, Ostmitteleuropäische Vereins – und Gesellschaftshäuser im transnationalen Vergleich*. Marburg, Verlag Herder-Institut 2013, pp. 13-49. ISBN 978-3-87969-369-6.

Jiří Malíř

Publications:

(with Petr Bělík, Lukáš Fasora, Markéta Malá, Martin Markel, Martin Rája, Zdeňka Stoklásková and Jan Dvořák), *Biografický slovník poslanců Moravského zemského sněmu*. Brno, Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury 2012, 888 pages. ISBN 978-80-7325-272-4.

Občanská Společnost na Moravě. Spolky, strany, elity. Brno, Matice moravská 2014. ISBN 978-80-87709-06-1.

“Zemský sněm na Moravě v letech 1861-1918.” In: Malíř, Jiří a kol.; *Biografický slovník poslanců Moravského zemského sněmu*. Brno 2012, pp. 11-55. ISBN 978-80-7325-272-4.

“Egbert Belcredij; Johann Chlumecký; František Staněk; Adolf Stránský.” In: *Tomeš, Josef a kolektiv: Tváře našich parlamentů 1861-2011. 150 let parlamentarismu v českých zemích*. Praha, Nakladatelství Lidových novin 2012, pp. 69-

“Moravští advokáti a první světové války.” *Studia historica Brunensia* 60, 2013, pp. 339-352. ISSN 1213-4449.

“Role periodického tisku při přechodu od honoračních stran ke stranám masovým na příkladu Moravy.” *Acta Universitatis Carolinae – Studia Territoria* 13, 2013, č. 1-2, s. 81-108. ISSN 1213-4449.

“Moravian Diet and the political Elites in Moravia 1848-1918.” In: Pál, Judit - Popovici, Vlad (eds): *Elites and Politics in Central and Eastern Europe (1848-1918)*. Frankfurt am Main et. al., Peter Lang GmbH Internationaler Verlag der Wissenschaften 2014, pp. 101-128. ISBN 978-3-631-64939-8 (Print); E-ISBN 978-3-653-04031-9 (E-Book).

Kevin McDermott

Recognitions:

Completing a book provisionally entitled *Communist Czechoslovakia, 1945-1989: A Political and Social History*, to be published by Palgrave Macmillan in summer/fall 2015.

Daniel E. Miller

Paper presented, with Philip J. Howe and Thomas A. Lorman:

“The Creation of the Conditions for Consociational Democracy and its Development in Interwar Czechoslovakia,” at the conference “Between Politics and Culture: New perspectives on the History of the Bohemian Lands and the First Czechoslovak Republic (1880s-1930s)” organized by the Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Academy of Sciences of Czech Republic and the Department of German and Austrian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, in Prague, on May 30, 2014.

Martin Nekola

Recognition:

He is a researcher from the Czech Republic focused on Czech exile community in the USA during the Cold War.

Last year he spent several months in New York as a post-doc fellow affiliated with

Columbia University (Professor Ference kindly wrote his reference letter), and now he is doing research at the Archives of Czechs and Slovaks at the University of Chicago.

Publication:

A book on the Czechoslovak politician and leader of Cold War exiles in the USA, Petr Zenkl, was recently published.

Thomas Ort

Promotions:

Honorable Mention: *Art and Life in Modernist Prague: Karel Capek and his Generation, 1911 – 1938*. The book was nominated for the Austrian Studies Biennial Book Prize.

Papers Presented:

“Art and Life in Modernist Prague: Karel Čapek and his Generation: 1911 – 1938.” Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, World Congress, University of West Bohemia, Plzeň, ČR, July 2014.

“How the Heydrich Assassination Became Good: Czech History and Memory since 1989,” Council European studies, 21st International Conference of Europeanists, Washington, D.C., March 2014.

Jim Peterson

Symposium:

He took part in a Symposium on Ukraine in Savannah on October 16 and 17. He presented remarks on the role of NATO and the US in the crisis at Armstrong State University, Georgia Southern University, and the Savannah World Council.

Louis Reith

Promotions:

Retired from Georgetown University, Lauinger Library, as Rare book Cataloger after 27 ½ years, in January 2013.

Publications:

Book review - *A Companion to Venetian History, 1400-1797*. Ed, Eric R. Dursteler. Brill's Companions to European History 4. Leiden: Brill, 2013 Xxii+ 970 pp. In: *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. XLV, No. 2 (Summer 2014), pp. 560-562.

Papers presented:

SVU World Congress 2014, Plzen, Czech Republic, July 2014.

1. "Czech and Slovak Holdings in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Archives and Special Collections."
2. "Magic Prague: The Golem of Prague as inspiration for Superman Comic Books-An Exercise in Popular Culture."

As I look forward to completing my fifth consecutive class for credit in the Czech Language at UNL, I would like to prepare a paper for the SVU World Congress 2015 in North America, based upon archival materials which I have discovered in the Dept. of Archives and Special Collections of the Love Library of University of Nebraska in Lincoln. I am interested in sermons and other memorabilia by John Pastorak (1894-1979), a Roman Catholic priest who came to the United States with his mother from Slovakia in 1897, at the age of three. From 1935 until his retirement in 1973, Father Pastorak preached many sermons, some in Slovak, most of them in English. The majority are typed, with handwritten notes in the margins, the date when he first preached them, and the dates when he "recycled" them. In this sermon, he talks about such topics as the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico, persecution of the Jews throughout history, prohibition in the United States and general themes like love, joy, sin, death, poverty, and hypocrisy. Often he used contemporary news to illuminate his text and even attached newspaper clippings to the sermons. Among the more unusual topics are sermons on Pontius Pilate's wife Claudia (from 1970).

Ursula Stohler

Promotions:

She is now on a post-doc funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), August 2014 – August 2015.

Publications:

“The Czech Reception of the German Woman Writer Luise Múhlbach (1814 – 1873),” *The New Zealand Slavonic Journal, Special Issue: The Czechs and their Neighbors*, vol. 46, 2014, pp. 23 – 39.

“Der Faktographische Literaturunterricht an tschechischen Schulen and Seine Kritik (1820 – 2011): together with Ondřej Hník, *Wiener Slavistisches Jahrbach*, 2014, 2, pp. 129-42.

Papers presented:

“Contributions to the Education of Czech Readers: Božena Němcová’s Travelogues and Ethnological Studies,” *New Horizons: Reassessing Women’s Travel Writing, 1660 – 1990*, Chowntan House Library, Alton, UK, July 11, 2014.

“Kanon, Identität, and literarisches Lernen in tschischen Literaturlehrwerken, 1948 – 2009”, *Múnchner Bohemisten – Treffen 2014*, Collegium Corolinum, Múnchen, Deutschland, March 7, 2014.

Radio Program: “Kanon, Identität, and literarisches Lernen in tschechischen Lesebüchern, 1948 – 2010”, *Radio Lora*,

Program: FÖNixen: Schreibende Frauen lesen, April 2016.

“Transcultural Influences of Popular Literature by Women in 19th Century Europe: The Case Story of the Czech Lands, Workshop on Gender Studies in Eastern Europe with Dr. Agnieszka Mrozik, Department for Slavonic Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland, May 16, 2014.

M. Mark Stolarik

Publications:

“Building Ethnic Archives in the United States and Canada since the 1960’s,” in *Identity Palimpsests: Archiving Ethnicity in the U.S. and Canada*, (Sacramento, CA: Litwin Books, 2014), 59-68.

Marián Stolárik, “Matica slovenská pod dohľadom Štátnej bezpečnosti,” in *Matica slovenská v národných dejín*, ed. By Imrich Sedlák (Martin: Matica slovenská, 2013), 2013), 174-78.

New Member

Dr. David Schriff:

He is with the Institute for Modern and Contemporary Research in Vienna. David received his Ph.D. from the University of Vienna in 2009, and his Thesis was *Austrian-Slovak relations from 1945-1968*.

Cooperative neighbours or impassable border? He is currently conducting research on Austrian-Slovak Relations and Austrian-Portuguese Relations.