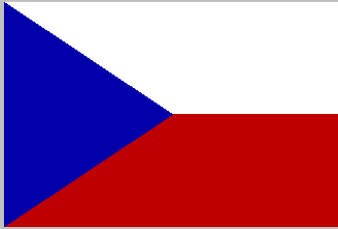


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**Newsletter of the Czechoslovak Studies  
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**The Annual Meeting of the Czechoslovak Studies Association will take place on Sunday, November 24, from 6:45 to 8:15 pm, on Lower B2 level, Salon 3, of the San Francisco Marriott Marquis**



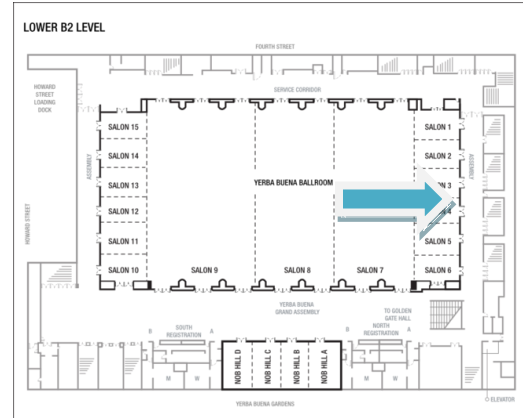
**Also in this issue: Message from the outgoing President; Election results; Calls for papers or applications; Twentieth Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop; Book Prize announcement; Stanley B. Winters Distinguished Service award to Greg Ference; News of the Membership; Minutes of 2018 General Meeting; Financial Annual Report**

## Czechoslovak Studies Association General Meeting in San Francisco

The annual meeting of the Czechoslovak Studies Association will take place, following our usual practice, at the ASEES convention. This year it will be held in San Francisco, and the conference hotel is the Marriott Marquis downtown. Our meeting takes place on Sunday, November 24 from 6:45 to 8:15 pm on the Lower B2 level in Salon 3 (see map below).

The minutes of last year's meeting are printed in this edition of the newsletter, along with the financial statement. Hard copies will be available at the meeting. The agenda will be distributed at the meetings, but as you are all aware from CSA President Kimberly Zarecor's message to the membership earlier this fall, we are facing a number of important issues and urge all CSA members present in San Francisco to make every effort to attend the meeting and provide their input. We will be discussing matters that will have a strong impact on the future of the association.

On happier notes, we will also be announcing the results of this year's CSA Book Prize competition, the results of the election of officers for the next term (this was already distributed by email as well), and recognizing some significant retirements.



### A Message from the Outgoing President

As some of you know, CSA is at a crossroads. **Our longtime Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Gregory Ference has resigned his position effective this fall.** Greg has served CSA in this capacity for 27 years! In this time, he managed all of the finances, membership information, elections, by-laws, and helped with the annual meeting. As President for the last three years, I have relied on Greg for most of the work that needs to be done. I think previous board members would say the same. We all owe Greg a huge thank you and I hope that some of you will reach out to him to acknowledge all that he has done: [GXFERENCE@salisbury.edu](mailto:GXFERENCE@salisbury.edu).

We also had another longtime contributor, Dr. Jim Peterson, step down after retiring a few years ago. Jim managed the newsletter for decades. Since 2016, the newsletter has gone out sporadically, an effort led by Hugh Agnew, but he has not been able to get one out recently or to people who want them in the mail. The CSA website is also not live for the moment. This is a longstanding problem as I have been in

charge of this for 8+ years and I've only been able to do the most minimal updates for the last few years. This needs urgent attention.

Items for the near term:

- 1. Transition to an electronic system to collect dues and hold elections (options include Google Forms, PayPal, SurveyMonkey, and Wufoo).**
- 2. Divide the Secretary-Treasurer work into two positions and/or assign some work to existing board positions.**
- 3. Recruit a CSA member to become Treasurer and transition the CSA bank account ASAP.**
- 4. Recruit CSA members to work on a website (we have some funds set aside for this) and a newsletter/new communication format.**
- 5. Update or end the CSA listserv.**

Some positive news.

We have active pages on Facebook:

CSA: <https://www.facebook.com/czechoslovakstudies/>

CSA Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/group/czechoslovakstudies/>

Our Book Prize and Pech Prize for articles receive numerous excellent submissions.

We meet every year at ASEES and have had about 40 people in attendance in recent years.

I am working with Karla and Jacob on transition planning. Greg has sent out dues notices one last time. To be eligible for the Book Prize and Pech Prize, authors need to be CSA members.

**Most important requests:**

1. If you are interested to **become more involved with CSA work** (treasurer, website design (not programming, we'll hire someone), newsletter), please reach out to me, [zarecor@iastate.edu](mailto:zarecor@iastate.edu).
2. If you have any **expertise in setting up online forms for payments and surveys**, and you are willing to help us, please let me know (recommendations are welcome even if you cannot do the work yourself).
3. Fundraising for our prizes - we discussed a proposal at the last CSA annual meeting to do some **fundraising to shore up our prize accounts**. We need someone to help us lead this effort.

If you have any thoughts for us, please feel free to reach out to me and/or the incoming board members.

Regards,  
Kimberly

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## **Results of Executive Board and Officers Elections**

The results of this year's election are as follows:

President: Karla Huebner, [calypsospots@gmail.com](mailto:calypsospots@gmail.com)

Vice President: Jacob Labendz, [jlabendz@ysu.edu](mailto:jlabendz@ysu.edu)

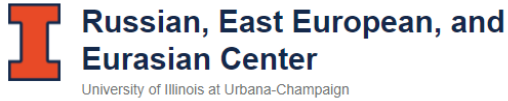
At-Large:

Muriel Blaive, [mblaive@gmail.com](mailto:mblaive@gmail.com)

Kateřina Čapková, [capkova@usd.cas.cz](mailto:capkova@usd.cas.cz)

Tom Ort, [Thomas.ort@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:Thomas.ort@qc.cuny.edu)

Jindrich Toman, [ptydepe@umich.edu](mailto:ptydepe@umich.edu)



### **Apply Now: Open Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign**

Deadline quickly approaching! REEEC is accepting applications from regional specialists (including advanced graduate students, faculty, independent scholars, and library science or other professionals with appropriate qualifications) to conduct short-term research concerning all aspects of Russian, eastern European, and Eurasian studies in conjunction with the spring Open Research Laboratory, which **will take place from January 21 – May 1, 2020**. Those applicants who are US citizens and whose research holds relevance for US foreign policy may also apply for US Department of State Title VIII fellowships to support their visits.

*The application deadline is December 1, 2019.*

#### WHAT THE LAB OFFERS:

- Full access to the physical and electronic collections of the University of Illinois Library.
- Use of the Library's technological resources, including advanced scanning equipment and other resources.

- Consultations with the Slavic Reference Service.
- Opportunities to participate in REEEC programming (lectures, workshops, conferences, etc.).
- The help of REEEC staff in answering logistical questions related to your stay.
- Informal meetings with local scholars as desired.

#### FINANCIAL AID: US DEPARTMENT OF STATE TITLE VIII FELLOWSHIPS

Applicants who are U.S. citizens and who are conducting policy-relevant research may apply for a Title VIII fellowship to support their visits. These fellowships provide:

- A housing award furnishing accommodation on campus for up to 5 days,
- A travel award of up to \$500 to offset transportation costs to and from Urbana-Champaign,
- A stipend of \$500 to cover food, incidentals, and other costs associated with the research visit.

For more information and to apply, please go to the following URL: <https://reeec.illinois.edu/programmin-g-and-events/open-research-laboratory/>

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### **Call for Contributions: *Slovo* Special Issue on Art and Activism**

*Slovo*, the journal of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa is soliciting contributions for its upcoming issue on art and

activism. Summaries written for this audience from previously published work will be considered. This message is from David Muhlena, the Library Director at NCSML.

The overarching theme for our upcoming issue of *Slovo* is the Czech and Slovak artistic and political response to oppression from without and from within, starting from the mid-nineteenth century through the current day. We are interested to receive contributions from scholars of Czech and Slovak studies. This issue is somewhat tied to an upcoming exhibit, *Artists as Activists*. Note that “artistic” is not just the visual arts but also the creative arts (including language, literature, theater, poetry, music); and political is not strictly politics but those long-term efforts to advance the freedom and identity of all Czechs and Slovaks. Those themes are compelling but a little fuzzy, so we are open to suggestions for possible topics. Word length can be between 1,000-1,500 words, depending upon the topic. And we are fine with repurposing content that has already been produced.

Note: *Slovo* is received by the NCSML’s members; the writing style is similar to what you find in *Smithsonian Magazine*, so less academic but still rigorous. Deadline would be after Thanksgiving (still working on a drop dead date). Let me know if you have questions or need clarifications.

Thanks!!

Dave Muhlena

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**Call for Papers: University  
College of London, School of  
Slavonic and East European  
Studies (SSEES) Biennial  
Postgraduate Conference**

What is truth? This question has been proposed by humanity since biblical times. Our conference will focus on the concepts of truth, reality, perception and imagination across the post-Socialist communities of Russia, Eastern and Central Europe.

There are many examples from the region showing how truth is malleable, ranging from official propaganda to interpersonal discourse. The dissolution of the Soviet Union and the transition to capitalism challenged perceptions of reality. Consequently, we see that interpretations of the past and understanding of the present in post-socialist societies are in a state of flux.

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We are looking to bring together early-career scholars from across academic disciplines, including but not limited to politics, international relations, economics, history, sociology, social anthropology and inter-disciplinary fields in order to spur discussion across disciplines on issues of reality and imagination in the (re)construction of past and present in Eastern and Central Europe. We therefore welcome paper and panel discussion proposals linked to the broad themes of truth, reality and imagination.

Paper and panel discussion proposals could address, but are not limited to, the following questions:

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- How are social identities constructed in Central and Eastern Europe?
  - What are popular ideas of the true/false dichotomy?
  - How is history re-addressed in post-Communist East European societies?
  - What are East European Imagined Communities?
  - How do East European societies perceive Self and Other?
  - How does current news and social media challenge our understating of truth?
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We hope that this conference will provide an opportunity for postgraduate students and early career researchers to present their research to a broad, cross-disciplinary audience, as well as to network with other scholars of the Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet countries.

Please send your proposals to: [sseespconference2020@gmail.com](mailto:sseespconference2020@gmail.com).

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**The deadline is Monday 16th December.** The conference will take place 19th-20th February 2020 at UCL SSEES, London

Paper proposals should not exceed 300 words and panel proposals should be up to 700 words. Please, include your name, e-mail and university affiliation. The presentations should take no more than 20 minutes. The language of the conference is English.



### **Call for Papers: Twentieth Annual Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop**

University of Pittsburgh  
March 19-21, 2020

The Twentieth Annual Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop will be held at the University of Pittsburgh on March 19-21, 2020. The program committee welcomes proposals for papers on Czech and Slovak topics, broadly defined, in all disciplines. In the past, the areas of interest have been: anthropology, architecture, art, economics, education, film, geography, history, Jewish studies, linguistics, literature, music, philosophy, politics, religion, society, sociology, and theater.

The Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop aims to bring together researchers, scientists, faculty members and advanced graduate students to exchange their experiences, research results, and ideas. New work in progress is appropriate for our workshop format. Each speaker is typically allotted a 50-minute slot divided between a presentation and active discussion.

This year's keynote speaker will be Pavol Demeš, an internationally recognized NGO leader who opened German Marshall Fund (GMF) of the United States office in Bratislava, Slovak Republic, in 2000 in order to oversee GMF's activities in Central and Eastern Europe. Before joining GMF, Demeš was executive director of the Slovak Academic Information Agency – Service Center for the Third Sector, a Slovak NGO committed to enhancing civil society. Previously, he served his country as foreign policy advisor to the president of the Slovak Republic (1993-1997), minister of international relations (1991-1992), and director of the Department of Foreign Relations in the Ministry of Education (1990-1991).

The workshop is a collaboration of the University of Pittsburgh, the Czechoslovak Studies Association, and the Slovak Studies Association.

Some funding for Ph.D. candidates traveling from universities in the United States and Canada may be available. Faculty accepted to present at the workshop are encouraged to cover their airfare from their own travel and research budgets.

**The deadline for submitting proposals is December 20, 2019.**

Submissions should include:

- Name, institutional affiliation and contact details of each author (full mailing address, email address, daytime telephone)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement indicating in which years the applicant has previously submitted proposals to and/or participated in the Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop
- Presentation title
- Keywords
- An abstract of approximately 250 words, outlining the presentation

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to [michalkova@pitt.edu](mailto:michalkova@pitt.edu) or by mail to:

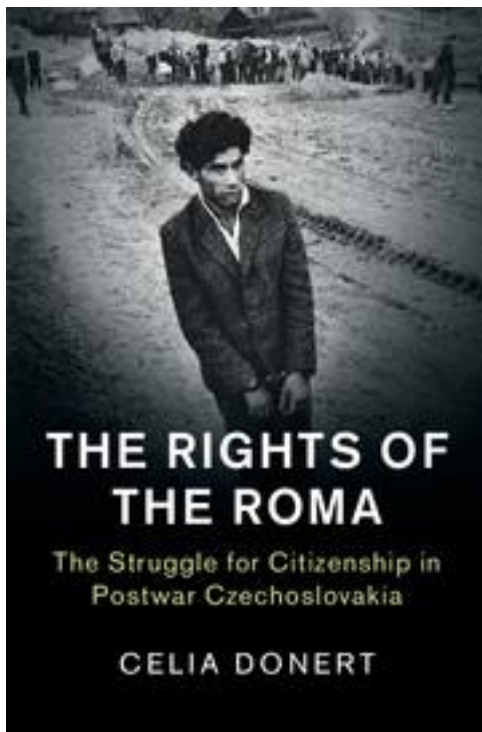
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Any questions can be sent directly to Marcela Michálková at [michalkova@pitt.edu](mailto:michalkova@pitt.edu)



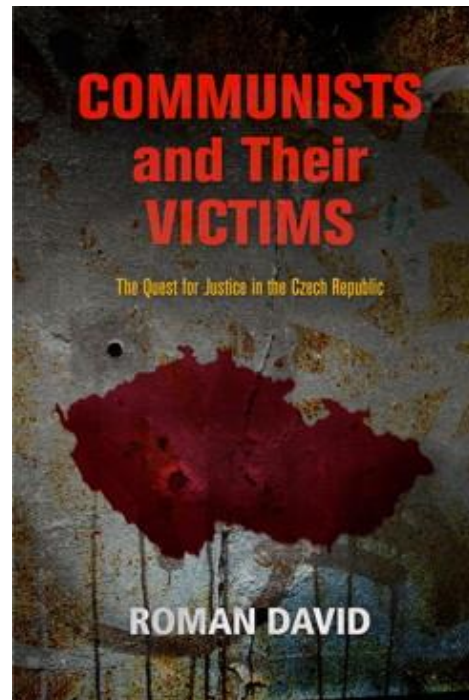
**Czechoslovak Studies  
Association Book Prize  
Announcement**

The Czechoslovak Studies Association is pleased to announce that this year's biannual book prize has been awarded to Celia Donert for her book, *The Rights of the Roma: The Struggle for Citizenship in Postwar Czechoslovakia*.

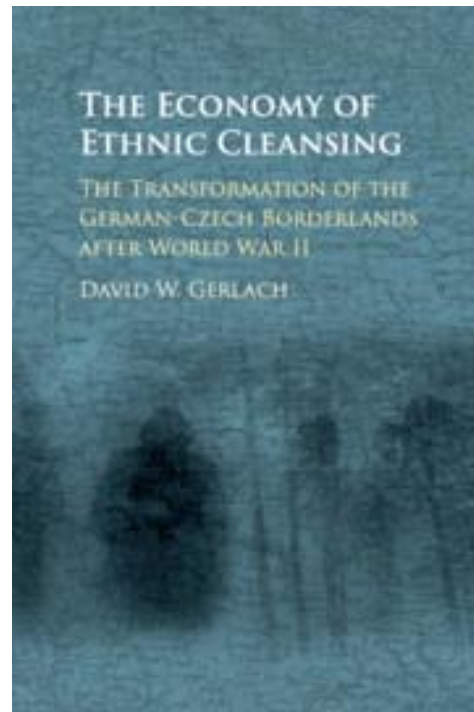


The committee decided to give honorable mention to two other entrants: *The Economy of Ethnic Cleansing: The Transformation of the German-Czech Borderlands after World War II*, by David Gerlach, and *Communists and their Victims: The Quest for Justice in the Czech Republic*, by Roman David.

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Congratulations to all three of our colleagues for this recognition of their fine work!





**Stanley B. Winters  
Distinguished Service  
Recognition  
2019**

**Gregory C. Ference**

The Czechoslovak Studies Association is proud to award the Stanley B. Winters Distinguished Service Award to Gregory C. Ference, Professor of History at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland. He has served with distinction as Secretary-Treasurer of the Czechoslovak Studies Association for 27 years. In that capacity, he has written up detailed notes on each annual meeting of the CSA at the ASEEES meetings. In so doing, he has created an interesting living history of the discussions and issues that have preoccupied the meetings. He has also done a commendable job of managing the finances of the Association and has ensured that its expenditures have served its purposes and projects well.

He teaches courses on European history with a special focus on the Habsburg period, World War I, and Central Europe. He published a book entitled *Sixteen Months of Indecision: Slovak American Viewpoints toward Compatriots and the Homeland from 1914 to 1915 as Viewed by the Slovak Language Press in Pennsylvania*, with Susquehanna University Press (Selinsgrove) and with Associated University Presses (London) in 1995. In 1996 he authored *Chronology of Twentieth-Century Eastern European History* (Gale, 1996). There were two publications in 2006. He was co-author of *Books, Bibliographies, and Pugs: A Festschrift to Honor Murlin*

*Croucher* (Slavica, 2006). In addition, he edited and co-authored an important book entitled *The Portrayal of Czechoslovakia in the American Print Media 1938-1989*, an East European Monograph with Columbia University Press. He put together an author team that included Owen V. Johnson, A. Paul Kubricht, James W. Peterson, and Gregory C. Ference. The book covered the 1938 Munich Crisis, the 1948 Communist Rise to Power, the 1968 Prague Spring, and the 1989 Anti-Communist Revolution.

His service to the CSA has been remarkable, consistent, attentive to details, and greatly beneficial to the organization for a long time. He has taken a personal approach to his responsibilities that has enhanced the fellowship within the organization, as it pulls together the work of so many scholars who center their professional studies on the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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**Looking for a “Service to the Profession” Opportunity for your Annual Report?**

As the above notice suggests, the Czechoslovak Studies Association now urgently needs a secretary-treasurer (or possibly a treasurer with a separate secretary position).

To follow Greg Ference’s footsteps will not be easy, but it is a vital service and an opportunity to get to know your colleagues in the Association as well.

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Please contact the incoming Executive (President, Karla Huebner) to volunteer for this important position!

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## News of the Membership

### Hugh L. Agnew

#### *Presentations:*

“Variations on Czech Nationalism since 1989,” presented at the conference “November ’89 – 30 Years After,” organized by the Historical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, November 14-15, 2019.

### Cathy Albrecht

Cathy reports that she retired from Ohio Northern University in May, 2019.

### Karl Bahm

#### *Publications:*

“The Constitution of Personal Identity in Crisis: The Consequences of the 1848 Revolution for Uffo Horn’s ‘National Hermaphroditism’,” *Bohemia: Jahrbuch des Kollegium Karolinum* (Munich) 59 (2019), 77-101.

### Jakub Beneš

#### *Job Changes:*

Jakub has taken up a new position, as Lecturer in Central European History at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College, London. His work email is [j.benes@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.benes@ucl.ac.uk).

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#### *Publications:*

“The colour of hope: The Legacy of the ‘Green Cadres’ and the Problem of Rural Unrest in the First Czechoslovak Republic,” *Contemporary European History* 28:3 (2019).

### Zdeněk David

#### *Presentations:*

“Pavel Bydžovský’s *Historiae aliquot Anglorum martyrum: A Commentary*,” Bohemian Reformation and Religious Practice, International Symposium (BRRP 13), Philosophical Institute of the Academy of Sciences ČR, Prague, June 22-25, 2018.

“A Problematic Relationship: Jan Patočka and Václav Havel View President Edvard Beneš,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, Boston, December 6-9, 2018.

“Beneš and Stalin within the Context of Czech Political Tradition,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, San Francisco, November 2019.

#### *Publications:*

“Masaryk’s Philosophical and Political Globalism,” *Kosmas: Czechoslovak and Central European Journal*, n.s. 2 (2018), 1-20.

“Jan Patočka and Václav Havel View Edvard Beneš,” *Comenius: Journal of Euro-American Civilization*, 6, no. 1 (2019), 190-210.

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“Religious Contacts between Bohemia and England during the Bohemian Reformation,” *Bohemian Reformation and Religious Practice*, Vol.11./2018, 157-176.

### **Robert K. Evanson**

#### *Publications:*

Robert, who is Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Missouri-Kansas City, has co-edited (with Robin Alison Remington) a new book, *Globalization and Regime Change: Lessons from the New Russia and the New Europe* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2020). He wrote two of the book’s chapters: “The Czech Republic and the Sudeten Germans: The End of Conflict?” and “Conclusions” and co-authored (with Paul Wallace) a third chapter, “Terrorism or Non-Violence: Competing Paradigms for Post-Cold War Europe and Russia.”

### **Chris Harwood**

#### *Appointments, Promotions*

Chris notes that on July 1 he began a two-year term as director of Columbia University’s East Central European Center. He is lecturer in Czech in the Department of Slavic Studies at Columbia.

### **Frank Henschel**

#### *Job and address changes:*

recently moved from Leipzig to Kiel in order to take a position as researcher and lecturer at the University Kiel in the department for Eastern European History headed by Prof. Martina Winkler. My e-

mail address stays the same (henschel@oeg.uni-kiel.de), for letters or packages please use: Frank Henschel, Osteuropäische Geschichte, Olshausenstraße 40 24098 Kiel (letters), 24118 Kiel (books/packages)

#### *Presentations:*

Workshop "Researching the History of Adoption", 28th-29th of November, MPI for Educational Research, Berlin.

Annual Convention of Collegium Carolinum Munich, 7th-10th of November, Fischbachau.

Workshop “South-Eastern, Eastern, and Central European Histories of Science and the Humanities”, 12th of July 2019, University of Erfurt.

Colloquium “Modern History and Eastern European History”, 4th of July 2019, University of Munich.

#### *Publications:*

Embodiment of Deviance. Defectology, the State and “Difficult Children” in Socialist Czechoslovakia. In: Lehmann, Maik/ Oberländer Alexander (Hg): *Family, sexuality and ‘dis/abled’ bodies in the Eastern Bloc after 1953* (=East European Politics, Society and Culture – EEPS 2020) (accepted).

(w/ Schmidt, Victoria) Defectology, the State, and Eugenic Biopolitics in Czechoslovakia 1938-1989. In: Schmidt, Victoria (Hg.): *The Politics of Disability in Interwar and Socialist Czechoslovakia. Segregating in the Name of the Nation*, Amsterdam: AUP 2019, 109-144.

**Karla Huebner**

*Publications:*

Review of Derek Sayer, *Prague: Crossroads of Europe*. H-Urban, H-Net Reviews. July, 2019.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=54231>

*Presentations:*

“Moving-Going in Interwar Prague,” HoMER (History of Moviegoing, Exhibition and Reception), Nassau, June 2019

“Toyen as a Founding Central European Surrealist,” ISSS (International Society for the Study of Surrealism), in panel Double Jeopardy: Women Surrealists in Central and Eastern Europe, Exeter, UK, August 2019.

“Surrealists on Foot: Nezval and Štyrský as Prague Flâneurs,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco, November 2019.

**Mills Kelly**

*Job changes:*

Mills has been appointed Executive Director of the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University

**Michael Kopanic, Jr.**

*Job changes, new positions:*

Michael’s employer has changed its name to University of Maryland Global

Campus. There, is is course coordinator since 2019.

Regional Ambassador, Global Slovakia, Sept. 2019-present.

Editorial Board of the journal, *Kulturné dejiny* (Cultural History) at the Catholic University in Ruzomberok (<http://www.ku.sk/>), since 2019.

Host of “Slovak Spotlight” on online radio podcast, *Notes of Slovakia*, March 2019-present. Listen anytime at: <https://notesofslovakia.com>

*Website:*

<https://umgc.academia.edu/MichaelKopanic>

*General News Items:*

Dr. Zuzana Palovic and Dr. Gabriela Bereghazyová of Global Slovakia will be coming to the US in January-February 2020, and plan to make some presentations about their work in the East and Midwest. Look for upcoming announcements when the timeline of their trip is more definite. Here is a website with a preview of the book and the authors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvV7YXGpk6o>

Marcela Michalková is the new Director of the Slovak Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh. Since 2006, she served as a Lecturer in Slovak Language and Culture, and a Lecturer in Czech Language and Culture for the University of Pittsburgh's Slavic and East European Summer Language Institute.

From 2012-2016, Dr. Michalkova was an Assistant Professor at the Institute of British and American Studies at Prešov University in Slovakia. Her research specialties include linguistics and gender studies.

She has also served as a Lecturer in Slovak Language and Culture at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (2012 – 2013) and at The Ohio State University (2010-2012), where she taught Russian.

Ján Golian of the Catholic University in Ružomberok invites contributions of articles and reviews in English to the journal *Kulturné dejiny* (Cultural History). See:

<http://kulturnedejiny.ku.sk>

*Presentations:*

“Industrialization in Slovakia before and after the Great War,” Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI), Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct. 18, 2019.

"Remembering the Fallen: Your Czech, Slovak and Rusyn Ancestors and World War I Cemeteries," and "General Milan Rastislav Štefánik: The 100th Anniversary of his Tragic Death," Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International online symposium, June 8, 2019.

Dr. Milan Rastislav Štefánik: The 100th Anniversary of his Tragic Death," Slovak League of America, New York City, May 19, 2019

*Publications:*

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“The Milan R. Štefánik Statue in Paulhan, France,” *Naše Rodina*, vol 31, no.3 , Sept. 2019: 116-125.

Contributing author for Rechcigl, Miloslav, *Notable Slovak Americans*, (Bloomington, IN: AuthorHouse, Spring 2019.

Translations of summaries for books published by The Beskyds War History Club (*Klub vojenskej histórie Beskydy*).

**Carol Skalnik Leff**

*Publications:*

“Building Democratic Values in the Czech Republic,” in *Central and Southeast European Politics since 1989*, Revised second edition, Sabrina Ramet, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 3 October 2019), pp. 162-182.

“Slovakia and the Making of Czechoslovakia: Controversies and Legacies,” *Kosmas, Czechoslovak and Central European Journal*, New Series 2:1 (Spring 2019), 128-142, conference proceedings.

“In the Nick of Time: Slovakia and the Domestic Politics of Accession to the European Union,” in Robin Remington, and Robert Evanson eds., *Globalization and Regime Change: Lessons from the New Russia and the New Europe* (Rowman and Littlefield Pres,s November 2019)

With Olena Betlii, “Negotiating Europe: EU Membership and the Evolution of the Czech Party system,” in Robin Remington, and Robert Evanson eds ., *Globalization and Regime Change: Lessons from the New Russia and the*

*New Europe* (Rowman and Littlefield, November 2019)

**Kevin McNamara**

*Publications:*

“Fragments of Shattered Empire,” *The University Bookman: A Quarterly Review*, June 16, 2019.

<https://kirkcenter.org/reviews/fragments-of-shattered-empire/>

A review of *Last Days in Old Europe: Trieste '79, Vienna '85, Prague '89*, by Richard Bassett. (Allen Lane, 2019).

“From Brussels, with Love,” *The National Interest*, no. 163 (September/October 2019): 41-50.

Online: “How America's European Allies Got Stuck In a Foreign Policy Triangle,”

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-americas-european-allies-got-stuck-foreign-policy-triangle-74211>

“Tomas G. Masaryk: A Life at the ‘Bloody Crossroads’,” *Academic Questions*, vol. 32, issue 1 (March 2019): 123-131.

<https://rdcu.be/bjNQH>

**Daniel E. Miller**

*Presentations:*

“Four Patterns of Multiparty Cooperation: Appointments to the 1928 Czechoslovak Provincial Assemblies.” Paper for a workshop on “Democracy and Ethnicity in Interwar Central Europe” at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) in Paris, France, on 15 November 2019.

“Continuity and Cooperation in post-Habsburg Czechoslovak Politics.” Paper for the ASEEES summer conference at Zagreb, Croatia, on 15 June 2019.

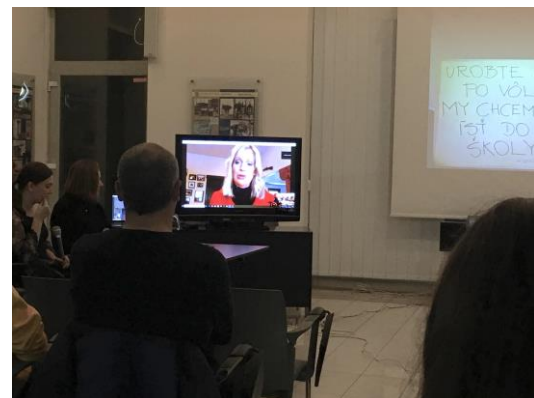
“Consociational Proportionality in the 1928 Czechoslovak Provincial Assemblies.” Paper at a conference and workshop titled “Habsburg Austria’s Consociational Legacies: New Research on Political Representation in Interwar Central Europe,” School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College London, UK, on 21 March 2019 (invited participant).

“The 1928 Czechoslovak Provincial Assemblies: A Study in Proportional Representation,” Paper for the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies in Mobile, AL, 15 March 2019.

**Marty Manor Mullins**

*Presentations:*

Marty presented a lecture via the internet to the State Scientific Library in Kosice, Slovakia) where she discussed the unique way the 1989 Velvet Revolution transpired in eastern Slovakia. Approximately 30+ attended the event in Slovakia on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the collapse of Communism in Czechoslovakia.



**Ellen Paul**

*Publications:*

“Imagining a Separate Slovakia: Anti-Communist Slovak Exiles’ Struggle for an Independent Homeland,” *Slovakia* 2019: 55-71.

“Cold War Migration: Czechoslovakia,” in *East Central European Migrations During the Cold War: A Handbook*, co-written with Michael R. Cude, ed. Anna Mazurkiewicz. De Gruyter, 2019.

**Molly Pucci**

*Job Changes:*

Molly was granted tenure at Trinity College, Dublin

*Publications:*

Her book is due to come out in 2020, as *Security Empire: the Secret Police in Communist Eastern Europe, 1945-1954*. It will be published as part of the Yale-Hoover Series at Yale University Press. Molly also has a chapter forthcoming in an edited volume called “Constructing a Confession: The Language and Psychology of Interrogations in Stalinist Czechoslovakia,” in *Revising Stalin and Stalinism*, eds. James Ryan and Susan Grant (New York: Bloomsbury, 2019).

**Nicholas Sawicki**

*Professional Activities:*

Nicholas Sawicki continues to teach at Lehigh University, where he will soon be taking on the role of chair of the university's Department of Art,

Architecture and Design. In spring 2019, he was in residence as Distinguished Scholar at the Leonard A. Lauder Research Center for Modern Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where he advanced work on a new book project and completed a study of the cubism collector and curator Douglas Cooper, with additional support from a fellowship at the Getty Research Institute. He has also recently collaborated with colleagues at the Leonard A. Lauder Research Center and the Institute of Art History of the Czech Academy of Sciences on an online digital edition of previously unpublished archival documentation from Pablo Picasso’s exhibition at the Moderne Galerie in Munich in 1913, the artist’s first retrospective.

**Mark Stolarik**

*Presentations:*

“Six Waves of Slovak Immigration to Canada” at the International Conference on “Transatlantic Dreams: Understanding Central European Immigration to Canada,” sponsored by the Wirth Institute of the University of Alberta and held at the Pier 21 Canadian Museum of Immigration in Halifax, Nova Scotia on October 27-30, 2019.

*Work in Progress:*

The Collegium Carolinum in Munich, Germany, commissioned Mark to write a chapter on the efforts of Slovaks abroad to help the Roman Catholic Church in Slovakia in the twentieth century. It will be a part of a *Handbook on the Religious and Church History of Slovakia in the Twentieth Century*.

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*Other Professional Activities:*

Mark would like to report that two scholars from the Slovak Republic and one from the Czech Republic came to do research in the Slovak Archives of the University of Ottawa during the summer of 2019. They were all awarded Research Bursaries by the University of Ottawa courtesy of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture. The three scholars were: Dr. Dalibor Mikuláš, Masaryk University in Olomouc, Czech Republic; Dr. Ladislav Lenovský, University of Trnava, Slovak Republic, and Dr. Katarina Valčová, Comenius University in Bratislava. Dr. Mikuláš came to study linguistic changes among Canadian Slovaks; Dr. Lenovský studied cultural changes; and Dr. Valčová religious changes. Mark Stolarik hosted all three

**Jonathan Zorach**

Retired from his position with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and recently travelled with his wife (retired from her position at Franklin & Marshall) to Bulgaria and the former GDR region of Germany.

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**Minutes of the Czechoslovak  
Studies Association  
Boston Marriott Copley Place  
Saturday, December 8, 2018**

Lacking a quorum, the meeting began following a waiting period in accordance with the CSA Bylaws. President Kimberly Zarecor called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM with approximately 30 people in attendance. She welcomed all and after a brief discussion of the 2017

minutes from the last meeting in Chicago, called for its approval; those in attendance did so unanimously without any changes.

Secretary-Treasurer Gregory Ference gave his report with a handout noting the financial state of the CSA. (See elsewhere in the *Newsletter* for a copy.) Ference noted the Operating Fund (which includes the book prize monies since there are not enough funds to warrant a separate account) and Pech Prize Fund accounts continue at healthy levels. However, he noted that both prizes have not been self-sustaining recently: this past year, three members contributed \$40 to the Pech Prize Fund, while three gave \$65 to the Book Prize. Membership stands at 122 including 17 new or rejoining members and 6 institutional members. 91 have paid their 2018 dues while 6 members were dropped from the roles since they failed to pay dues for two consecutive years, while one member passed away. Ference noted that changes to the Book Prize bylaws passed with 32 yeses and three nos. The Book Prize will now be in line with the Pech Prize with awarding only going to the organization's members.

CSA's *Newsletter* "interim" editor, Hugh Agnew noted the *Newsletter* recently came out in a combined format for Spring and Fall 2018. He asked for the membership to contribute information for inclusion. He also asked if there was anyone who would be willing to take over as permanent editor.

Since no one from the Pech Prize Committee was able to attend, President Zarecor read the committees report with the 2016-2017 prize going to Jakub



Beneš for "The Green Cadres and the Collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918," *Past and Present*, Volume 236, Issue 1 August 2017, Pages 207-241.

Under **Announcements**, President Zarecor talked about the Czech Studies Workshop. It will be held in April 2019, at the University of Texas at Austin. It is co-sponsored by the Slovak Studies Association and the CSA.

Jindřich Toman talked about a new book edited and translated by Vice President David Cooper: *The Queen's Court and Green Mountain Manuscripts With Other Forgeries of the Czech Revival* (Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 2018).

Zarecor then asked the audience for notable achievements, events, and publications with a number of members citing their accomplishments.

In **New Business**, Zarecor asked for volunteers to serve on the Book Prize Committee. Karla Huebner, Frank Henschel, and Karen Uslin agreed to serve.

A lengthy discussion ensued over the possibility of naming the Book Prize. President Zarecor was approached by a member who offered to give a sum of money to the prize with the stipulation that it be named after the member and also the late Czech scholar Jan Havranek. It was noted that an earlier attempt to name the fund after Havranek failed in a vote of the membership. Also in the past, the membership voted to name the article prize after the death of member Stanley Pech and the achievement award after Stanley Winters for their contributions to the organization. The possibility was raised to name the prize after a historical figure like Comenius or Dobrovsky. The mood

of the meeting felt that donations should be accepted with no strings attached. A straw poll was taken whether to name the prize with no definite majority. Zarecor would bring the issue to the board for further discussion.

Under **Discussion Points**, Zarecor stated that there was no progress on the organization's website and that there has been minimal updating. Lastly, President Zarecor noted that there appeared to be no need any longer for a program committee. If anyone requires help forming a panel, contact her.

With business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory C. Ference



**CZECHOSLOVAK STUDIES ASSOCIATION**

Financial Statement

For the Period 6 November 2017 to 6 November 2018

**BALANCES**

6 November 2018

Cash Balances in:

Operating Fund (includes \$1,112 in Book Prize Funds)	\$16,012.76
Pech Fund (includes a CD at 0.10% interest)	\$ 4,899.11

**OPERATING FUND**

Opening cash balance	\$ 15,327.32
Receipts for the period	<u>\$ 1,432.44</u>
	\$ 16,759.76
Disbursements for the period	- <u>\$ 747.00</u>
Closing cash balance	\$ 16,012.76

**RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD**

Dues & contributions (includes Book Fund [\$65] and Pech Fund [\$40] receipts)	\$ 1,417.10
Interest	<u>\$ 15.34</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,527.68

**EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS FOR THE PERIOD**

Czech Studies Workshop (Includes a \$1 Money Order)	\$ 501.00
Book Prize (Includes a \$1 Money Order)	\$ 201.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 5.00
Transfers to Pech Fund	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 747.00

**STANLEY Z. PECH PRIZE FUND**

Opening cash balance	\$2,546.75
Contributions	\$ 40.00
Interest	+ <u>\$ 2.54</u>
	\$2,589.29

CD at 0.10% due 21 September 2019 (\$2,307.54 plus interest of \$2.28 added at maturity 9/21/18)	+ <u>\$2,309.82</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,899.11</u>

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