Midwest Russian History Workshop

March 27-28, 2015

Michigan State University

East Lansing Michigan

Please access all papers [here](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dbsozxmu8411ghc/AAAkqnlUCx3azb7DMtptakVWa?dl=0).

All workshop sessions will be held in the Lake Superior Room on the 3rd floor of the MSU Union.

Friday, March 27th

2:00-2:15 Introductions

2:15-3:45 **Session 1: Constructing Historical Narratives and Discourses**

Chair: Dr. Diane Koenker, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign

* Dr. Olga Maiorova, University of Michigan

“A Revolutionary and the Empire”

* Michael Hancock-Parmer,Indiana University Bloomington **“**Historiography of the Bare-Footed Flight of the Kazakhs”

4:00-5:30 **Session 2: Clashing Cultures**

Chair: Dr. Kevin Bartig, Michigan State University

* Leah Goldman, University of Chicago

“Negotiations and Love Songs: Soviet Composers’ Petitions to the Committee on Arts Affairs”

* Douglas Priest, Michigan State University

“Searching for Socialist Ballet: The Bolshoi Ballet and the Cultural Revolution”

6:30 **Dinner at the Kellogg Center, 419 S. Harrison Road**

Saturday, March 28th

**8:30-9:00 Breakfast**

9:00-10:30 **Session 3:** **Encounters and Comparisons with the United States**

Chair: Dr. Matthew Pauly, Michigan State University

* Dr. Sergei Zhuk, Ball State University

“One Year in the Life of One Soviet Americanist, or American Influences at Home and Abroad during the Geopolitical Crisis of the Cold War”

* Kathleen Conti, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Decay on Display: Mourning and Modernity in the Funeral Trains of Abraham Lincoln and Tsar Alexander III”

10:45-12:15 **Session 4: Garden Variety Empires**

Chair: Dr. Valerie Kivelson, University of Michigan

* Dr. Christine Ruane, University of Tulsa

“The Kitchen Garden Campaign in World War I Russia”

* Dr. Rachel Koroloff, Harvard University

“Branches and Berries: Juniper and Russian Medicine in the 17th Century”

12:15-2:00 **Lunch on the Town**

2:00-3:30 **Session 5: Nationalism in the Soviet Union**

Chair: Dr. Ronald G. Suny, University of Michigan

* Kathleen Hiatt, Indiana University Bloomington

“Politics, Priests, and Paranoia: A Comparative Perspective on the Stalinist Religious Repression of the Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, 1921-1938”

* Patryk Reid, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign “Ambition, Economic Development, and Soviet Logistics on the Vakhshstroi Railroad of 1930s Tajikistan”

3:45-5:00 **Session 6: The Fate of *Seventeen Moments in Soviet History***

Chair: Dr. Lewis Siegelbaum, Michigan State University

6:00 **Dinner at Dr. Lewis Siegelbaum’s home, 453 Rosewood Ave.**