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## From the President

We hope that you are all well and that your individual projects are going favorably. This has been a hectic year, causing us to delay a number of projects. Our intention is to get back on track this fall, beginning with a business session at the AAASS meeting in Salt Lake City on Friday, November 4, 2005, 2:15 pm in my hotel room.

Please make a note of this important gathering as we need to map out the next three years for the society.

I have appointed a nominating committee consisting of Fred Kellogg (University of Arizona), Jim Niessen (Rutgers University), and Katherine Verdery (University of Michigan).

Their list of nominations for President and Vice President for terms beginning in 2006 has just been received. We will be sending out a ballot (including information on the nominees) to all paid up members, probably in early December. NB: If you haven't paid your dues for 2005, you will need to do so before then if you want to receive a ballot. And why not send in your 2006 dues at the same time?

I have also set up a conference planning a committee of Paul Michelson (Huntington University) and Skip Carey (Georgia State University) to help us sort out meeting possibilities for the immediate future. Two conferences can be confirmed at this point. The first will be a Spring 2006 gathering at the Association for the Study

of Nationalities meeting in New York, March 25, 2006. We will sponsor three or four sessions and have a general SRS meeting at the ASN. An announcement has already been circulated to our eMail list and details are provided below in this newsletter by Chip Carey.

Secondly, we decided to postpone our next International Congress on Romanian Studies to 2007. This was primarily due to our inability to

do a site visit last summer. We have confirmed that this meeting will be held in the summer of 2007 hosted by Ovidius University of Constanta. We will be beginning the program committee process at Salt Lake. Any suggestions you may have are welcomed.

I hope to see you at Salt Lake!

James Augerot, SRS President,  
University of Washington



## CALL FOR PAPERS ASN/SRS Meeting, New York, March 2006

by Henry (Chip) Carey (Georgia State University)

On Saturday, March 25, 2006 at the ASN congress (Association for the Study of Nationalities) at Columbia University in New York, the SRS will be able to organize up to three or four panels, as well as hold a meeting during the 1 & 3/4 hour lunch break. This will reprise the mini-conferences held a number of years ago in New York and Washington DC. We also hope to hold a cultural event at the Romanian Cultural Center in New York that weekend as well.

We will need your prompt cooperation. Individual papers and panels must be submitted through the normal ASN channels. While the deadline is very quickly approaching, we may be able get an extension. You (and we) might also consider inviting scholars of Hungary and other related countries to join us for some of these panels. We will try to wrap this up at our Salt Lake meeting.

The PDF of the ASN Call for Papers is attached. The relevant URL is

[http://www.nationalities.org/2006\\_cfp.pdf](http://www.nationalities.org/2006_cfp.pdf).

If you have questions, contact Henry (Chip) Carey <[polhfc@langate.gsu.edu](mailto:polhfc@langate.gsu.edu)> ASAP or call me at 404/651-4845. This is an excellent occasion for us to get together; let's all make it happen. (For further information on the ASN conference, see pp. 7-8 below.)

# AAASS NATIONAL CONVENTION

## SALT LAKE CITY, November 3-6, 2005

The 37th national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies will have a fair number of Romanian and Moldovan interest panels. We have tried to list these below. We will also be having an important SRS business meeting on Friday, November 4, at 2:15 in Jim Augerot's luxurious suite. Please try to make it if at all possible. We haven't had a chance to meet for over a year, so this meeting will be important in getting things rolling for the next couple of years. Check with the Convention Info Center for details on the location of this meeting; we will also try to have poster announcements up. Registration begins at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 3. The principal convention hotels are the Grand America and the Little America. For more information on the convention, see the AAASS web site at: [www.aaass.org](http://www.aaass.org).

### SESSION 2, Thursday, November 3, 2005, 4:15-6:15 pm

#### **2-31 Spies, Files and Lies – Central Europe – Grand Ballroom B (Little America Hotel)**

Chair: Momchie Metodiev, Centre for Liberal Strategies (Bulgaria)

Papers: Tamara Kotar, Carleton U (Canada)

"Slovenia"

Lavinia Stan, St. Francis Xavier U (Canada)

"Poland"

Renata Uitz, Central European U (Hungary)

"Hungary"

Disc.: Larry L. Watts, Umea U (Sweden)

#### **2-32 From Notorious to Celebrated: Publishing and Print Culture in Post-Communist Russia and Eastern Europe – Grand Ballroom C (Little America Hotel)**

Chair: Miranda Beaven Remnek, U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Papers: Michael Edward Biggins, U of Washington

"A Bibliometric Survey of Post-1991 Czech Scholarship on Rehabilitated Topics"

Daniel M. Pennell, U of Pittsburgh

"Today's Heroes, Yesterday's Villains: Publishing and Print Culture in Romania"

Ruth Wallach, USC, Los Angeles

"Still Execrable? Whither 'Bulvarnyi roman'?"

Disc.: Irina Livezeanu, U of Pittsburgh

## SESSION 4, Friday, November 4, 2005, 10:15 am-12:15 pm

### **4-01 Spies, Files and Lies – The Balkans – Ambassador (Grand America Hotel)**

Chair: Michael Kraus, Middlebury College

Papers: Robert C. Austin, U of Toronto (Canada)

“Albania”

Momchie Metodiev, Centre for Liberal Strategies (Bulgaria)

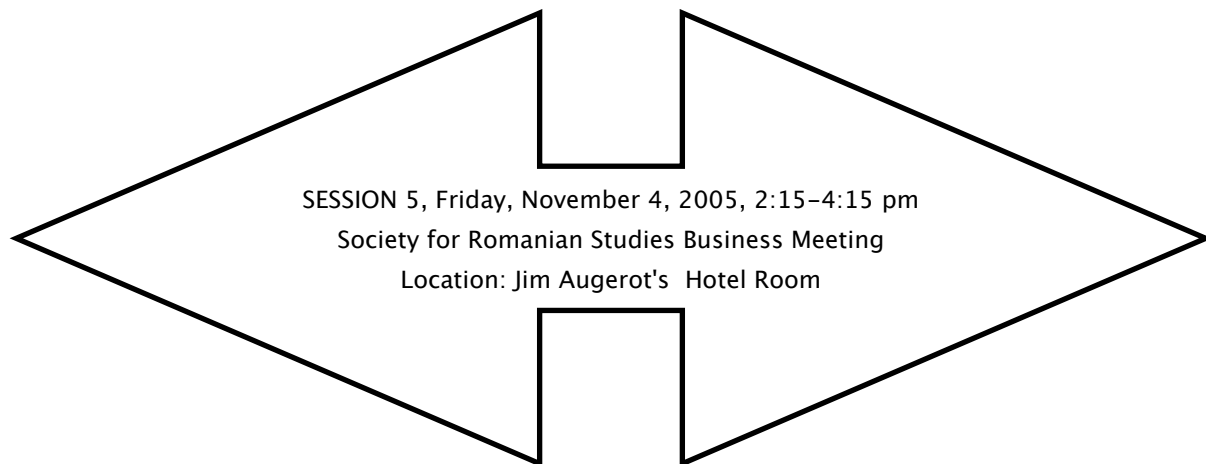
“Bulgaria”

Larry L. Watts, Umea U (Sweden)

“Romania”

Disc.: Nadya Nedelsky, Macalester College

Lavinia Stan, St. Francis Xavier U (Canada)



## SESSION 6, Friday, November 4, 2005, 4:30-6:30 pm

### **6-15 Regional Approaches to the Holocaust – Milano (Grand America Hotel)**

Chair: Vladimir Tismaneanu, U of Maryland

Papers: Holly Case, Cornell U

“The Holocaust and the Transylvanian Question”

Vladimir A. Solonari, U of Central Florida

“Global Vision and Regional Practice: The Holocaust in Bessarabia and Bukovina”

James Mace Ward, Stanford U

“The 1938 First Vienna Award and the Holocaust in Slovakia”

Disc.: Peter Black, US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Irina Livezeanu, U of Pittsburgh

## SESSION 7, Saturday, November 5, 2005, 8:00-10:00 am

### **South East European Studies Association Business Meeting, Sinclair (Little America Hotel)**

**7-05 European Integration: Romania and Moldova – (Roundtable) – Embassy (Grand America Hotel)**

Chair: Radu R. Florescu, Boston College

Part.: Joseph F. Harrington, Framingham State College

Ernest H. Latham, Jr., US Foreign Service Institute

Paul D. Quinlan, Providence College

Robert L. Weiner, U of Massachusetts, Boston

**SESSION 8, Saturday, November 5, 2005, 10:15 am-12:15 pm**

**8-28 Life as It Might Have Been: Nostalgia, Consumption, and Social Relations in Southeast Europe – Cheyenne (Little America Hotel)**

Chair: Jean Robinson, Indiana U

Papers: Kristen R. Ghodsee, Bowdoin College

“Potions, Lotions, and Lipstick: The Political Economy of Perfumery and Cosmetics in Communist and Post-Communist Bulgaria”

Jill Massino, Indiana U

“Identities in Transition: Gender, Nostalgia, and Everyday Life in Post-Socialist Romania”

Tulbure S. Narcis, U of Pittsburgh

“Liminal Nostalgia and the Social Imagination in Contemporary Romania”

Disc.: Jennifer Renea Cash, U of Pittsburgh

**SESSION 9, Saturday, November 5, 2005, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**9-14 Licensing Issues for Slavic and East European Materials: The Sequel – Hermitage (Grand America Hotel)**

Chair: Daniel M. Pennell, U of Pittsburgh

Papers: Stephen David Corrsin, The New York Public Library

“Talking to the Lawyers”

Olga Tabolina, East View

“Solving the Copyright Dilemma as a Micropublishing and Digitization Vendor: EastView’s Approach”

Nicholas Thorner, Library of Congress

“Licensed to Collect: Acquiring E-Journals”

Disc.: Janice T. Pilch, U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**9-22 Nouns, Sounds, and Bounds: The Construction of Linguistic Borders in the Balkans – (Roundtable) – Venezia Garden Salon (Grand America Hotel) – Sponsored by the South East European Studies Association (SEESA)**

Chair: James E. Augerot, U of Washington

Part.: Ronelle Alexander, UC, Berkeley

Donald L. Dyer, U of Mississippi

Victor Allen Friedman, U of Chicago

Brian Daniel Joseph, Ohio State U

Saturday Evening, November 5, 2005, 6:30 pm, Location: TBA

AAASS Presidential Address by Katherine M. Verdery (University of Michigan)

“What Can Anthropology Offer Slavic Studies?”

SESSION 10, Sunday, November 6, 2005, 8:00 am-10:00 am

**10-17 Bessarabia in the Twenty-First Century: Multiple Identities, New Citizenships, and Other Challenges (I) – Provence (Grand America Hotel)**

Chair: Donald L. Dyer, U of Mississippi

Papers: Elizabeth Anderson, New York U

“Whose Nation? Citizenship and History Education in Moldova”

Rebecca Anne Chamberlain-Creanga, London School of Economics

“Identity and Imaginings of the State in the Self-Proclaimed Transnistrian Republic”

Katherine Sorrels

“The Threat of the Powerless: Bessarabian Jewish Youth and the Romanian Siguranta”

Disc.: Paul E. Michelson, Huntington U

SESSION 11, Sunday, November 6, 2005, 10:15 am-12:15 pm

**11-08 The Changing Meaning of Borders in Domestic and International Eurasian Politics – Grand Ballroom A (Grand America Hotel)**

Chair: Henry E. Hale, Indiana U

Papers: Kimitaka Matsuzato, Hokkaido U (Japan)

“Differing Dynamics of Semipresidentialism across Eurasian Borders: State-Bound Context and Institutions in Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland, Moldova and Armenia”

Lucan Way, Temple U

“Transborder Influences on Political Regime Change in the Western Post-Soviet States”

Akihiro Iwashita, Hokkaido U (Japan)

“A New Era of Eurasian Cooperation: Beyond the Sino-Soviet Border Disputes”

Disc.: Marc Morje Howard, Georgetown U

Gulnaz Sharafutdinova, Miami U

**11-22 Bessarabia in the Twenty-First Century: Multiple Identities, New Citizenships, and Other Challenges (II) – Venezia Garden Salon (Grand America Hotel)**

Chair: Ilya Prizel, U of Pittsburgh

Papers: Jennifer Renea Cash, U of Pittsburgh

“Is Moldova a Nation of Villages? Ethnic Politics and Authentic Identities”

Ludmila Cojochari, Free International U of Moldova

“Between Visible and Invisible Borders: Collective Memory in Post-Soviet Moldova”

Monica Heintz, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

“Republic of Moldova versus Romania: The Cold War of National Identities”

Disc.: Vladimir A. Solonari, U of Central Florida

Edward Wagner, U of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

# ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NATIONALITIES (ASN) CONVENTION

## Nationalism in an Age of Globalization

The Eleventh ASN world convention will be March 23-25, 2006, at Columbia University, sponsored by the Harriman Institute. The convention will feature over 100 panels on the Balkans, the Baltics, Central Europe, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Romania, Moldova, the Caucasus, Central Asia, Turkey, Greece, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kurdistan, China, and Mongolia. It will include a special section on Theoretical Approaches to Nationalism along with thematic panels on Islamic Movements, Genocide and Ethnic Violence, Anthropology of Identity, Citizenship and Nationality, Conflict Resolution, Gender, and EU Expansion.

The convention also will have awards for Best Graduate Student Papers and special screening and discussion of new films and documentaries. The ASN Convention is probably the most widely attended international and inter-disciplinary scholarly gathering of its kind, and welcomes proposals on a wide range of topics related to national identity, nationalism, ethnic conflict, state-building and the study of empires in Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, Eurasia, and adjacent areas. Disciplines represented include political science, history, anthropology, sociology, economics, geography, socio-linguistics, psychology, and related fields. The deadline for proposals is November 2, 2006.

Special Awards for Best Graduate Student Papers in five sections: Russia/Ukraine/Caucasus, Central Asia/Eurasia, Central Europe, Balkans, and Nationalism Studies

For a third consecutive year, the 2006 Convention will feature a section devoted to theoretical approaches to nationalism, from any of the disciplines listed above. The papers in this section do not necessarily have to be grounded in an area of the former Communist bloc usually covered by ASN, provided that the issues examined are relevant to a truly comparative understanding of nationalism-related issues. In this vein, we are welcoming theory-focused and comparative proposals, rather than specific case studies from outside Central Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

The 2006 Convention invites proposals for INDIVIDUAL PAPERS or PANELS. A panel includes a chair, three presentations based on written papers, and a discussant. Proposals using an INNOVATIVE

format are also particularly encouraged. Examples of new formats include a roundtable on a new book, where the author is being engaged by three discussants; a debate between two panelists over a critical research or policy question, following rules of public debating; or special presentations based on original papers where the number of discussants is equal or greater than the number of presenters.

The 2006 Convention is also welcoming offers to serve as DISCUSSANT on a panel to be created by the program committee from individual paper proposals. The application to be considered as discussant can be self-standing, or accompanied by an individual paper proposal.

**PROPOSALS:** There is NO APPLICATION FORM to fill out in order to send proposals to the convention. All proposals must be sent by email to Dominique Arel at [darel@uottawa.ca](mailto:darel@uottawa.ca). INDIVIDUAL PAPER PROPOSALS must include the name and affiliation of the author, a postal address for hard mail, the title of the paper, a 500 word abstract and a 100 word biographical statement that includes full bibliographic references of your last or forthcoming publication, if applicable (graduate students can indicate the title of their dissertation and year of projected defense)

PANEL PROPOSALS must include the title of the panel; a chair, three paper-givers, and a discussant; and the name, affiliation, postal address and 100 word biographical statement of each participant (same specifications as above).

PROPOSALS USING AN INNOVATIVE FORMAT must include the title of the panel; the names, affiliations, postal addresses and a 100 word biographical statements of each participant (same specifications as above) and a discussion on the proposed format.

INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS TO SERVE AS DISCUSSANT must include the name, affiliation, postal address, and areas of expertise of the applicant and a 100 word biographical statement (same specifications as above).

All proposals must be included IN THE BODY OF A SINGLE EMAIL. Attachments will be accepted only if they repeat the content of an email message/proposal, and if all the information is contained IN A SINGLE ATTACHMENT.

Participants are responsible for covering all travel and accommodation costs. ASN has no funding available for panelists. Applicants will be notified in December 2005 or early January 2006. Information regarding registration costs and other logistical questions will be communicated afterwards.

# From the Secretary-Editor

Catching up seems to be the mode of the day for the SRS. A series of unfortunate circumstances has slowed our plans for the next International Congress on Romanian Studies, originally projected for 2006. However we are back on track, with the ICRS moved to 2007 and what should be exciting programs of events planned for New York in March of 2006 and Washington DC for November 2006's AAASS meeting. Our thanks to Chip Carey for taking the initiative in regard to the ASN March meeting, which I urge you to 1) submit a paper or panel proposal for, 2) or volunteer for a discussant spot, and 3) plan to attend in any case. We hope to have not only a business-type session at the ASN meeting, but also some kind of activity at the Romanian Cultural Center.

Looking further ahead, you will want to begin to think about Washington 2006 for the AAASS meeting. (Materials for submitting proposals may be found on line at [www.aaass.org](http://www.aaass.org).) Here, too, we hope to have a series of Romanian studies panels along with an additional cooperative session with the Romanian Embassy.

Planning for the Fifth International Congress on Romanian Studies has been underway for some time. We have a firm commitment from Ovidius University of Constanta and are getting ready to set up the program committee and the local events committee. Volunteers will be given thoughtful consideration as will panel proposals. Let me know. The date will likely be mid-summer (early July), but we want to discuss this at Salt Lake before firming it up. I hope to be able to make a site visit this coming summer.



Our collaboration with the South East European Studies Association has been useful. Both Jim Augerot and I serve on the SEESA board. Our joint membership arrangement has brought new members into both the SRS and SEESA, not to mention saving a few bucks for wiley area studies consumers.

We have been pleased to see the emergence of some new people on our membership roll. I hope that the next ICRS will cement the interest and participation of the next generation in our organization.

Lastly, let's not forget to get those news items in. Many thanks. See you in Salt Lake City.

Paul E. Michelson, Secretary

# NEWS and NOTES



Ilinca Zarifopol Johnston (1952-2005) passed way in January 2005 after a long battle with cancer. She was Associate Professor of Comparative Literature at IU-Bloomington, where she had served as director of both Undergraduate and Graduate Studies. We join her husband, Kenneth R. Johnston, and her extended family in mourning their loss.



It is with regret that we announce the death in September of long-time SRS member and frequent conference participant, Demetrius Dvoichenko-Markov (1921-2005). He was Associate Professor Emeritus at Monmouth University in New Jersey.

Our congratulations to Katherine Verdery (University of Michigan) on her service as AAASS president for 2004-2005. A well-deserved honor.

SRS stalwart and former President, Rodica Botoman (Ohio State University), has retired, but not from Romanian Studies. She and Ghita have moved from the chaotic and severe weather of Ohio to the balmy climes of Naples, Florida. Oops!

Another former SRS President, Joe Harrington, has retired from Framingham State College after 37 years and was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus. However, he notes, "the coffee still costs the same." For some reason, he continues to show up and teach a course each semester. He also received the annual Kidger Award from the New England History Teachers' Association which recognizes a college or university professor in greater New England for their excellence in teaching, research and contributions to the profession. Kudos. (Ed Note: Why I can remember when Joe was just a kid...)

Maria Bucur (Indiana University) is the associate editor of the *American Historical Review*, located at Indiana. This is a remarkable achievement; congratulations.

Adam J. Sorkin (Penn State-Delaware County) and Lidia Vianu were honored with the well-deserved 2005 Corneliu M Popescu Prize for European Poetry Translation 2005 presented by the Ratiu Foundation of London. Their work was Marin Sorescu's *The Bridge*, the author's farewell to life, a book of wryly quizzical poems composed from his sickbed over five weeks as he waited for death to take him, a testament not just to human mortality and pain but to resistance and creative transformation. *The Bridge* is available from Bloodaxe Books, January 2004, Paperback, 96 pages, ISBN: 1852245778. Adam has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts, Literature Fellowship (in Translation) for 2005-2006. In addition to *The Bridge*, he published translations in 2004 of *The Past Perfect of Flight*. 188 selected poems by Marin Sorescu (translated with Lidia Vianu, Gabriela Dragnea, Bogdan Stefanescu,).

Bucuresti: The Romanian Cultural Institute Publishing House; and *Lunacies*. 65 poems by Ruxandra Cesereanu (translated with the poet and with Claudia Litvinchievici). New York: Spuyten Duyvil / Meeting Eyes Bindery imprint, 2004. 52 pp. He also gave lectures at the Romanian Writer's Union Festival and Colloquium in Neptun, Romania, and placed translations of Romanian poets in American literary magazines including *Poetry Daily*, *Jubilat*, *Words Without Borders*, *Fence*, *Crazyhorse*, *Hotel Amerika*, *Seneca Review*, *River City*, and abroad including *Prague Literary Review* and *Apostrof*.

Paul Michelson (Huntington University) published "Romania, the Great Powers, and the Jewish Question, 1866-1868," in Veniamin Ciobanu, ed., *East-Central Europe and the Great Powers Politics (19th-20th Centuries)* (Iasi: Editura Junimea, 2004), pp. 290-320.

Mark Pinson recently donated his impressive Balkan collection of some 6,000-7,000 volumes to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The collection is primarily history (from the early Middle Ages to latter XXth century) with a sprinkling of social sciences, and represents over 40+ years of assiduous collecting. The collection includes a fair number of items which would have been missed in standard collection development as well as dictionaries from the 19th and early 20th centuries of most of the vernacular languages of the region.

Dorin Dobrinu (Xenopol Institute of Iasi) has edited *Proba infernului: Personalul de cult in sistemul carceral din Romania potrivit documentelor Securitatii, 1959-1962* (Bucuresti: Editura Scriptorum, 2004), xxxvi + 155 pp., dealing with the fate of religious leaders in Communist Romania. He is also the editor, along with Constantin Iordachi (Central European University) of *Taranimea si puterea. Procesul de colectivizare a agriculturii in Romania [1949-1962]* (Iasi: Polirom, 2005), 502 pp., a collection of articles that is the result of a remarkable interdisciplinary, international collaborative project on "Transforming Property, Persons, and State: Collectivization in Romania, 1949-1962 led by Gail Kligman (UCLA) and Katherine Verdery (University of Michigan). In addition to the editors and the project directors, contributors to this volume included Dumitru Sandru, Roberty Levy, Marius Oprea, Octavian Roske, Linda Miller, Eugen Negrici, Smaranda Vultur, Vigiliu Tarau, Sandor Olah, Razvan Stan, Michael Stewart, Calin Goina, Puiu Latea, Julianna Bodo, Liviu Chelchea, and Catalin Augustin Stoica. The volume concludes with an extensive bibliography by the editors.

Marina Cap-Bun is the author of *Criss-Cross. Essays in Romanian and Comparative Literature* (Munich: Verlag Radu Bărbulescu, 2004, 120 pp. This is a collection of essays dealing with papers given at international conferences and at various Romanian cultural manifestations.

WANT TO BUY ROMANIAN BOOKS WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR ARMCHAIR? Katherine Verdery (University of Michigan) writes that "Doina Niculescu provides a superb service through her company DEREK, in Bucharest. She emails out monthly lists of books and has a combined listing of

over 2000 titles; she will also take orders for things not on her list. Her prices include a postage and handling fee that gets the book to you in about 7-10 days (the service, TNT, is cheaper than DHL and more reliable than the regular Romanian mail). Those of us who have used her find her totally reliable. She'll also take payment by personal check, a big plus. For more information, write her at [doinicu@yahoo.com](mailto:doinicu@yahoo.com)."

The Romanian Association for the History of Religions now had a website at [www.rahr.ro](http://www.rahr.ro). It describes the activities of RAHR, the Centre for the History of Religions (Bucuresti), and the two academic journals: *Archaeus* (founded 1997), and *Studia Asiatica* (founded 2000). They particularly welcome researchers in the fields of Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages. For further information, you can contact them via eMail at <[secretary@rahr.ro](mailto:secretary@rahr.ro)>.

Michael S. Jones has defended a 400 page+ dissertation at Temple University on the relevance of Lucian Blaga's philosophy to contemporary Anglo-American philosophy. His research was funded by the Fulbright Commission and was largely conducted at Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai in Cluj-Napoca.

Ion Ghinoiu and Alina Ciobanel of the Romanian Ethnographic Institute (Bucuresti) were the guests of Dan and Katherine Dimancescu for a series of meetings to recognize the publication of Volume I of their five-volume *Atlas of Romanian Ethnography*. The publication culminates 35 years of effort (18,000 interviews in 536 localities) and extensive collaboration with a wide number of individuals in Romania. They were hosted at the Harvard Faculty Club, Brown University, the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. and George Washington University. Dimancescu is also the editor of a recent publication (in English) by Humanitas of Bucuresti entitled *ROMANIA REDUX: A View From Harvard*. This compiles the work of seven individuals with ties to Harvard University as ex-students or faculty. For more information, contact <[tsgdd@aol.com](mailto:tsgdd@aol.com)>.

The American Bible Society hosted a significant Romanian exhibition entitled "Rites of Passage" last fall. The exhibit was curated by Ena Heller (ABS) with the assistance of Dinu Giurescu (University of Bucuresti/Museum of the Romanian Peasant). The exhibit explored how Christian spirituality has framed traditional village life in Romania. More than 150 works of folk art and traditionally crafted objects reflect the amalgam of influences — sacred to secular, pagan to Christian, Byzantine to European — distilled into the country's millennia-old culture. A lecture series accompanied the exhibition.

The Romanian Cultural Institute of New York/East-West Gallery presented "Cu bine si cu noroc ! Romanian Photographs by L a u r e n c e S a l z m a n n," last fall. Salzman's extensive work in Romania started in 1974 as a Fulbright fellow. At that time he dedicated himself to study and photograph what remained of the Jewish community in Radauti, in Romania's Bucovina region. Also included in the Cu Bine si cu Noroc show are works from Salzman's Miorita and La Baie series and lesser known

works that depict a Romania of the nineteen-seventies. He recently received a Pew Fellowship in Photography and a Pennsylvania State Council in the Arts Grant for his work.

The Central European University Press has published an English translation of *The Roma in Romanian History* by Viorel Achim, called “the most comprehensive text to have been written on the history of Roma in Romania. It is also by a long stretch, the best and most important and sets a new standard for the production of historical monographs on Romany populations...” (*Romani Studies* review). For more information, see [www.ceupress.com](http://www.ceupress.com).

The Ratiu Foundation UK ([www.ratiufamilyfoundation.com](http://www.ratiufamilyfoundation.com)) was established in 1979. Its main objective is to promote and support projects which further education and research in the culture and history of Romania and the Romanian people. It does this through the Ratiu Scholarships for Romanian students to study a wide range of subjects in the UK; scholarships in Romania at schools, professional training schools and universities; the Enterprise Fund helping young Romanian entrepreneurs to start their own businesses; and other projects including theatrical and musical productions and tours, translations from and into Romanian, new writing, book publishing, CD and CD-ROM publishing, the European Poetry Literary Translation Prize, the establishment of the Ratiu Chair at Georgetown University, historical preservation, and so forth. Check their web site for more information.

The Center for Transylvanian Studies of Cluj has published two books on modern Transylvania. The first, by Gelu Neamtu (Barit Institute Cluj) and Ioan Bolovan (Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj) is *The Revolution of 1848-149 in Transylvania: Contributions to the History of Mentalities and of the Social Imaginary* (Cluj-Napoca, 2004), viii + 178 pp. Particular useful is a chronological presentation of the Transylvanian 1848. The second book, by Sorina Paula Bolovan and Ioan Bolovan (both of Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj), is *Transylvania in the Modern Era: Demographic Aspects* (Cluj-Napoca, 2003), 308 pp. It is a mine of demographic information for the 1850-1914 period, with numerous tables and a 365 item bibliography.

## CONFERENCE DOCKET

### **3-6 November 2005**

The 37th National Convention of the AAASS, Salt Lake City, Utah. There will be an important SRS Business meeting at this convention, on Friday, November 4, 2:15. See the story above on pp. 3 ff.

### **2-4 March 2006**

The Midwest Slavic Conference meeting will be held at The Ohio State University in Columbus, at the Blackwell Hotel and Conference Center. For more information, contact [csees@osu.edu](mailto:csees@osu.edu).

### **23-25 March 2006**

The 11th Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University. Deadline approaching for proposals. We will have an SRS meeting in conjunction with this conference, including panels and activities at the Romanian Cultural Center of New York. For information, contact Chip Carey <[polhfc@langate.gsu.edu](mailto:polhfc@langate.gsu.edu)>, and see pp. 2, 7-8 above.

### **16-19 November 2006**

The 38th National Convention of the AAASS will be held in Washington, DC 2006. For those planning way ahead, subsequent AAASS conventions are tentatively scheduled for:

New Orleans, LA, 15-18 November 2007

Philadelphia, PA, 20-23 November 2008

Boston, MA, 12-15 November 2009, and

Los Angeles, CA 18-21 November 2010.

### **Summer, 2007**

The Fifth International Congress on Romanian Studies will be hosted by Ovidius University of Constanta in Constanta, Romania. More info to come!

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS, please send them to the editor.

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# NEWSLETTER



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# The Society For Romanian Studies

The Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) is an inter-disciplinary academic organization, founded in 1973 to promote professional study, criticism, and research on all aspects of Romanian culture and civilization. It holds meetings to promote Romanian studies, publishes newsletters to keep its membership informed, and carries out other activities designed to foster advancement of the field of Romanian studies. The SRS Home Page is located at: [www.huntington.edu/SRS](http://www.huntington.edu/SRS)

The SRS is generally recognized as the premier professional organization for North American scholars concerned with Romania. It is affiliated with the South East European Studies Association (SEESA), the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), the American Historical Association (AHA), and the American Political Science Association (APSA).

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