

НОВОСТИ NOVOSTI

Гриннеллы всех стран, соединяйтесь!

Весна, 2010 ~ Spring 2010

GRADUATION EDITION

Farewells! До свидания!

**Congratulations and
farewell to
Russian
majors of the
class of 2010!**



**Alexi Brooks
Steve Hoff
Pippa Hoover
Janna Niehaus
Mikel Shybut**

**Поздравляем! Желаем
всего наилучшего!**

**Anastasia Selemeneva, Russian Language
Assistant**

We will miss Anastasia, who has been invaluable in many ways, from her teaching in our first-year Russian courses to her work in our Russian Conversation class and Russian Lab. We've also appreciated her work in



sponsoring Russian films in Russian House, and everyone has enjoyed her bliny! While at Grinnell, Anastasia decided to pursue an advanced degree in Russian/Slavic Studies, and next year she will

enter the graduate program at prestigious

Brown University. We wish her every success in the future. Good luck, Anastasia!

Welcome to new Russian Language Assistant!

**Olesya Valger (Олеся
Вальгер)** will be coming to us from Novosibirsk, Russia. We look forward to welcoming Olesya to campus and working with her in 2010-2011. Novosti has been in touch with Olesya, who writes from Russia:



*Привет! Меня зовут Олеся Вальгер. Я из Новосибирска, большого сибирского города, который также называют Столицей Сибири. Я с отличием закончила Новосибирский Педагогический Университет и сейчас преподаю английский язык студентам. Я интересуюсь+ всем, и надеюсь, нам будет о чем поговорить!
Жду встречи!*

*Hello. My name is Olesya Valger. I am from Novosibirsk, a large Siberian city which is also called the Capital of Siberia. I graduated from Novosibirsk Teacher Training University with distinction and currently teach English to undergraduate students. I am interested in everything, and hope we will have a lot to talk about!
Look forward to meeting you!*

AWARDS НАГРАДЫ

Pippa Hoover '10 receives ACTR Post Secondary Russian Scholar Laureate Award. A double major in Russian and Mathematics, Pippa earned this prestigious national award for her leadership in promoting Russian language and culture on a number of fronts. In addition to being an outstanding student in her Russian language courses, both at Grinnell and in her summer study program in Russia, Pippa has been an avid attendee of



Русский стол, an active resident of Русский дом, and fearless leader of Кружок русской песни (Russian Song Circle). She also bakes amazing vegan muffins! We will miss Pippa's enthusiasm, steady resolve and love for things Russian.

John Mohan Study Award



The Award is intended to enable Grinnell College students to pursue a study program or a project of their own design after graduation.

The purpose of the Russian Study Award is to provide students who have seriously pursued the study of Russian with an opportunity to develop their language skills in the Russian speaking world.

This year's John Mohan Study Award recipients are **Brooke Weber '10**, and **Steve Hoff '10**. Brooke will attend a Russian language program in St Petersburg, and Steve will study the Russian language intensively in the former Soviet satellite state of Kyrgyzstan, at the London School of Bishkek.

For more information, please see the departmental page for the [John Mohan Study Award](#).

Anne Hanson '86 Summer Study Award

This endowed scholarship was established in 1989 in memory of Anne K. Hanson '86 by her friends and family. Anne Hanson was a Russian Studies major who went on the Grinnell College Interim Tour of the USSR during her senior year.

The Anne Hanson Award recipient this year is **Alana Vogel '12**. Alana will attend a summer Russian language program at Beloit College.

For more information, please see the departmental page for the [Anne Hanson '86 Summer Study Award](#).

Off-Campus Study News

Addie Anderson '13 will be studying at the summer Russian School at Middlebury College this summer. Удачи!

We also want to take this opportunity to wish safe travels and returns home to students who have been studying abroad during the Spring 2010 semester. **Annie Brothers '11**, **Juan Яша Garcia '11**, and **Andrew Mullins '11** have all been studying in Moscow on the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) program there.



We also want to wish our students heading off to Russia and Central and Eastern Europe next fall. **Jared Dye '12** will be studying in Vladimir, Russia, on an ACTR program next fall. and **Cary Speck '12** will travel to Prague, Czech Republic to attend a Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) program . **Счастливого пути! Hezký výlet!**

Spring 2010 Events and News

Slavic Coffeehouse 2010

On Saturday May 8th, Russian Department faculty and students hosted our annual coffeehouse. A huge crowd gathered in Joe Rosenfield Center 101 to enjoy a wide variety of delicious Slavic foods prepared by faculty and students. Proceeds benefited the



Russian House (Русский дом).



Slavic Coffeehouse also featured a concert by Кружок русской песни (Russian Song Circle), under the wonderful leadership of Pippa Hoover '10, who was tireless in her efforts to convene Kruzchok every Wednesday evening. Accompanied by Grant Dissette '12, and with the third appearance of Dima Shklyarov, the group played a number of Russian songs that they have practiced all year.



Grinnell College Russian Department continues to expand its presence on Facebook!



The Russian Department has established a group-page on Facebook; at last count, there were **175 members**. We welcome past and current students to join the group, and to take a look at the pictures and videos from Slavic Coffeehouse 2010! We invite alums to consider adding to the collection of photos, and we also be posting some pictures from the past, as well as some discussions about employment opportunities in Russian and Slavic studies. Visit our Facebook site at [Grinnell College Russian Department](#)

Upcoming Events and News

SUMMER 2010 MAP (Mentored Advanced Project) News

Kelly Herold will direct four MAPs this summer in her group MAP project “**Emigration of Cultural Thought: The Russian Experience, 1800-2000**”

Intercultural influence and the appropriation of ideas from abroad is not a unique phenomenon, but the way in which this process has worked for Russian culture, literature, and ideas is different from anywhere else because of Russia’s history of secretive, dictatorial states and its history of emigration, or exile, from Russia and the Soviet Union. **Kelly Jacobazzi '12**; **Dmitriy Glumov '12**, **Claire Reeder '11**, and **Patrick Stuchlik '11** will examine in depth the intercultural contact and change and the results of this contact and change on Russian culture, subsequent Russian literature, and political thought. **Kelly** will discuss the development of a cultural exchange and dialogue between the Soviet Union and the United States, from the Revolution of 1917 until the Great Purges of the late 1930s. **Dmitriy** will analyze major Russian works of the 19th and 20th Centuries that portray the Cossacks, as well as the historical accounts of Cossack lives. By investigating these accounts and comparing them with literary depictions, he hopes to establish the literary transformations of the Cossacks over time—while observing the

actual events from Russian history that had led to those transformations. **Claire** will study a colony of Russian émigré writers in Paris in the interwar (1918-1939) period. Claire will explore how French and Russian as languages, literatures, cultures, and nations met and interacted in this space and produced creative texts which returned back to Russia and the Russian literary tradition. **Patrick** will examine the role Tolstoy's writings on peace and pacifism played for Mohandas Gandhi and, ultimately, on the non-violent resistance movement in South Africa. Patrick will combine his work in Russian, Russian literature and history at Grinnell, and his studies on the Non-Violence movement while abroad in South Africa last fall.

Ed Cohn will direct a MAP entitled "**Soviet Society of the Stalin Era**"; **Alex McConnell '12** and **Cary Speck '12** will be doing research using the Harvard Project, an oral history project from the early 1950s that compiled lengthy interviews with 705 refugees from the USSR, touching on nearly all aspects of Soviet life. Alex and Cary will be writing a research paper on a topic of interest to them, while working as research assistants to Professor Cohn (finding material from the Harvard Project that's relevant to his book project.)

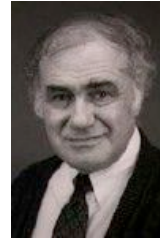
Ed Cohn will also be spending the month of June in Kiev, doing research in the former Communist party archives of Kiev Province and the Ukrainian republic. He'll be looking for material to use in revising his dissertation for publication as a book manuscript; all the research deals with expulsion from the Communist party after World War II, but he'll be especially interested in cases of Communists expelled for collaborating with the Nazis during the German occupation of Ukraine or for living on German-occupied territory when they were ordered by the party to leave.

AUMNI REUNION EVENT

Красота спасёт мир! (Ф. М. Достоевский)

Alumni Gathering to honor
John Mohan

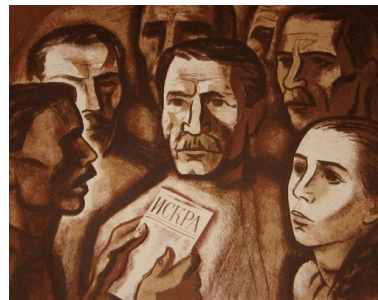
Joan Mohan will host a gathering for alumni who knew and worked with our dear colleague John Mohan at **11 a.m. on Saturday, June 5th**, at Faculty House (1303 Park Street).



COMING IN FALL 2010

LAUGHING MATTERS: SOVIET PROPAGANDA IN KHRUSHCHEV'S THAW, 1956-1964

The Russian Department, in conjunction with Faulconer Gallery and the Burling Print and Drawing Room, will host an exhibit of Soviet posters and art comprised of selected works from



Grinnell's collection of Soviet Socialist Realist graphic art (thanks to **Eric Johnson '88** and **Brenda Horrigan '88**), as well as pieces from a collection owned by Monroe E. Price, Director, Center for Global Communications Studies, Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. This exhibit is currently at Penn, and then the exhibit will come to **Grinnell College**, and will be here **September 10-November 19, 2010**. Watch future Novosti for more information on the exhibit.

SPECIAL CURRICULAR OFFERING IN RCEES and PEACE STUDIES

Russian and East European Studies 295.01 “Special Topic: Non-Violent Actions and Strategies.”

Mr. Popović is a former leader of the Serbian student activist group

OTPOR (the group that was a key player in bringing down Slobodan Milosević) and executive Director of the Centre for Applied Nonviolent Action And Strategies (CANVAS; <http://www.canvasopedia.org/>), an international network of trainers and consultants dedicated to training others in non-violent resistance to authoritarianism. CANVAS has worked with activists from 37 countries including US, Egypt, Iran, Lebanon, Georgia, Ukraine, Belarus, Zimbabwe, Burma, Venezuela, Vietnam and other countries to train them in organizing and developing non-violent resistance movements. This special topics course is based on the CANVAS core curriculum and their book



has both theoretical and practical aspects, engages in interdisciplinary inquiry, with content stemming from the particularities of the Serbian experience and the processes of post-Communist identity conflict and change, which saw arising from the ashes of Yugoslavia seven new nations that struggled through three wars and numerous



“Nonviolent Struggle, 50 crucial points” which has already been distributed to activists from 13 countries and published in English, Serbian, Spanish, French, Arabic and Farsi. This course, which

nonviolent movements. The CANVAS curriculum applies lessons learned from the past decade in a global context. This is a **Peace and Conflict Interdisciplinary Study Theme** course, and sponsored by RCEES, Peace Studies and the Center for International Studies.

We look forward to welcoming Mr. Popović to Grinnell College next fall!

Music from the Republic of Georgia

We are excited to announce the appearance on campus next September of **Zedashe Ensemble**, a Georgian folk group (<http://www.zedashe.org>). **Claire Griffith '12** made the successful proposal to bring Zedashe Ensemble to the College; she has done extensive work with the group both in Georgia and in the United States, where she is one of their primary organizers. Co-sponsored by the Department of Music, the Rosenfield Program, and RCEES, the event will appeal to students from across campus.

FALL 2010 ROSENFELD SYMPOSIUM

Next fall the Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations, and Human Rights will host a symposium September 21-23, entitled “**Beyond the Cold War: The World Since 1989.**” Russian and RCEES students can expect a number of lectures and presentations of interest during that event.

Поздравляем с концом учебного года!

***Желаем хорошо провести летние каникулы!
До встречи осенью!***