



The State University
of **New York**
Russia Programs Network

Every year, the SUNY Russia Programs Network (RPN) supports Traveling Lecturer Awards for SUNY Faculty in the Humanities or Social Sciences to travel to Russia to lecture, meet students and colleagues, and develop future partnerships. Spring Awardees travel independently to St. Petersburg, Russia to provide approximately one week of lectures and pro-seminars (in English) at St. Petersburg State University and other local institutions. Summer Travel Awardees teach one 3-week seminar and typically give one general lecture for the New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (NYI), held in St. Petersburg. Below are the past awardees, from 2013 to 2016, in alphabetical order.

James Castracane

**Head of the Nanobioscience Constellation, SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Spring, 2015**

Prof. James Castracane's spring 2015 RPN Award focused on the emergence of nanotechnology as a major engine driving global research, education, and economic development. Dr. Castracane lectured at St. Petersburg State University and met with students and colleagues at the St. Petersburg Nanotechnology Research Center.



Heather D. DeHaan

**Director of Russian and East European Studies
Associate Professor of History, Binghamton University
Summer, 2015**

In addition to the "Modern Cities, Modern Selves" seminar offered at the 2015 summer Institute, Professor Heather De Haan continues her research on Russian and Soviet cities. She has recently published a monograph about the politics of urban planning in Stalin's Russia and has conducted a study of neighborhood life in Baku, Azerbaijan, in the Soviet period.



Thomas Graf

**Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Stony Brook University
Fall, 2015**

Professor Thomas Graf visited the Mathematical Linguistics Dept. at St. Petersburg State as well as the Theoretical Linguistics Dept. at Moscow State, where he lectured on his recent Computational Linguistics research. He also launched discussions of a joint degree in Computational Linguistics between Stony Brook and St. Petersburg universities



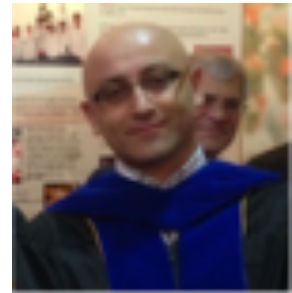
John Hartsock
Professor of Communication
SUNY Cortland
Fall, 2016

The most recent RPN Visiting Scholar Award brought Prof. John Hartsock to the School of Journalism at St. Petersburg State University, with a focus on Literary Journalism and themes of international journalism.



Nikolay Karkov
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
SUNY Cortland
Summer, 2016

Prof. Nikolay Karkov, a member of New Left Perspectives, a group of radical intellectuals and activists in Eastern Europe, taught Decolonial Theory in the 2016 summer Institute through an RPN Award. His current work is at the intersection of radical European Marxism and decolonial thought.



Barbara LeSavoy
Director, Women and Gender Studies
The College at Brockport
Summer, 2014

Using examples from history, art, film, and literature, LeSavoy's RPN sponsored 2014 summer Institute seminar crossculturally examined social constructions of sex and gender. She later brought eight Women's and Gender Studies majors from Brockport to interact with Russian peers.



Derek Craig Maus
Associate Professor, Department of English and Communication
SUNY Potsdam
Spring, 2014

Prof. Derek Maus gave RPN Award lectures on comparative aspects of satirical literature at the Dept. of Foreign Literature at St. Petersburg State University in spring 2014, as well as at the Higher School of Economics and the European University. He taught twice at the NYI summer Institute.



Ulises Mejias
Associate Professor of Communication
SUNY Oswego
Summer, 2013

Professor Ulises Mejias taught Digital Media Studies through the RPN award at the SUNY-St. Petersburg summer Institute in 2013, returning voluntarily on three subsequent occasions in the summers of 2014-2016, and is now developing a Study Abroad opportunity to Russia for Oswego students.



Robert Muhl nickel
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Monroe Community College
Spring, 2016

Prof. Robert Muhl nickel's RPN Award was the first to bring a SUNY scholar to the School of Philosophy at St. Petersburg State University. Muhl nickel gave three open lectures at the Department of Ethics and discussed development of joint SUNY – St. Petersburg courses in the future.



Kathleen O'Connor-Bater
Chair of Modern Languages, SUNY College at Old Westbury
Summer, 2014

Professor O'Connor-Bater's seminars explored the nature of the cognitive processing of metaphor in the communication of ideas that grow from the landscapes of nature and the modern city; and explore the role the sound of words plays in sensory perception in poetic language and in everyday language.



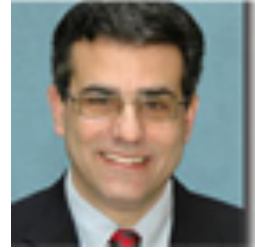
Michaela Porubanova
Assistant Professor of Psychology at Farmingdale State College
Spring, 2015

Prof. Michaela Porubanova lectured in spring 2015 at an international conference and at the St. Petersburg State University Department of Psychology through RPN, discussing the effects of short and long term deprivation on visual cognition. She then launched a series of visual cognition experiments with her new-found Russian colleagues.



Steven M. Schneider**Chair of the Department of Communication and Humanities****SUNY Institute of Technology****Spring, 2014**

Prof. Steven Schneider's Spring 2014 RPN award brought him to the Schools of Philology, International Relations, Journalism, and Sociology at St. Petersburg State University and to the Higher School of Economics, where he lectured on hypertextual reading and writing in the 21st century.



Jonathan Titus**Professor of Biology****SUNY Fredonia****Fall, 2015**

Professor Jonathan Titus spent 10 days on an RPN Visiting Scholar Award at new RPN partner institution, Astrakhan State University in Fall 2015. He lectured on Botany in both University and public forums, meeting with students and colleagues, and being featured in local media. SUNY and ASU are pursuing continued joint programs.

