The SUNY Russia Programs Network (RPN) is pleased to announce the winners of the Summer Travel Award to St. Petersburg, Russia, for SUNY Faculty in the Humanities or Social Sciences. Each award winner will participate in the 12th New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (NYI), to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, July 14-August 1, 2014. Each faculty member teaches one 3-week seminar and typically gives one general lecture and one short mini-conference presentation.

The awardees are:

- **Barbara LeSavoy**, Director and Assistant Professor, Women and Gender Studies at The College at Brockport (SUNY). Professor LeSavoy is a theorist whose teaching and scholarly work examine sex and gender representations across cultures with an increasing focus on identity politics and activist movements as read in popular culture. Using interdisciplinary examples from history, art, film, and literature, her lectures will examine social constructions of sex and gender identity and cross-cultural perspectives on gender equality and gender equality movements.

- **Kathleen O'Connor-Bater**, Associate Professor and Chair of Modern Languages, SUNY College at Old Westbury. Professor O’Connor-Bater has published articles in cognitive linguistics particularly with respect to the system of ontological metaphor in Spanish; and in the literary ideal of modernism from a cognitive perspective. Kathleen's seminars will explore 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.
The SUNY Russia Programs Network (RPN) is pleased to announce the winners of the Spring Travel Award to St. Petersburg, Russia, for SUNY Faculty in the Humanities or Social Sciences. Each award winner will travel independently to St. Petersburg, Russia, in the Spring of 2014, to provide approximately one week of lectures and pro-seminars (in English) at St. Petersburg State University and other secondary institutions.

The awardees are:

- **Derek Craig Maus**, Associate Professor, Department of English and Communication, SUNY College at Potsdam. Professor Maus, the author of *Unvarnishing Reality: Subversive American and Russian Satire During the Cold War*, has nearly two decades of experience in making scholarly comparisons between the literature of Russia and that of the United States. His lectures will touch upon a diverse and frequently international assortment of contexts and subjects within the inherently interdisciplinary topic of satire.

- **Steven M. Schneider** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication and Humanities, and Coordinator of the Communication & Information Design program, at the SUNY Institute of Technology. Professor Schneider’s scholarly career has focused on Internet studies and Web archiving, with a more recent turn to include an exploration of hypertextuality. He will be offering lectures that intersect with interdisciplinary topics in Cultural Studies, Media/Film Studies, and History and Political Science.