



The SUNY Russia Programs Network (RPN) is pleased to announce the winner of the **2016-2017 Travel Award** to St. Petersburg, Russia, for SUNY Faculty, Dr. Elizabeth Johnston, of Monroe Community College.

Dr. Johnston is an Associate Professor of English at Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY, where she has been teaching writing, literature, and gender studies courses since 2003. In 2014 she won the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Her research interests include 18th Century British Literature, Gender Studies, and Popular Culture, and her creative and scholarly works have been widely published (you can read more about her work and the writer's group she co-founded here: <http://strawmatwriters.weebly.com>). When she's not writing or grading, she's hiking and Adirondacks, running, and will move her feet to Chili with her husband, two camping with her family in the dancing (she prefers Salsa but anything). She lives in North daughters, three cats, and a dog.



In St. Petersburg, Elizabeth female iconicity in popular Barbie, Medusa, and Lolita imagination, specifically in will consider why these icons staying power as well as analyze how their meanings shift over time and across cultures. She will also discuss the design and implementation of her Honors Course, "Female Icons in Popular Culture."

will draw from her research on culture, lecturing on how take shape in the cultural film and television. Her talks rose to fame and explain their