CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Room 5604, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
8:30 – 9:00 A.M.

PANEL 1 – RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY
Room 3610, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
9:00 – 10:25 A.M.

• “Putin's Foreign Policy Capitalizes on Russia's Inherent Strengths”
  Khongorzul Khosbayar, University of Virginia

• “Russia's Neo-Imperialism through Economic Means and Coercion”
  Joshua Kohnstam, Muhlenberg College

• “Perceptions and Realities: Russian-American Foreign Policy and Popular Perception Since Vladimir Putin's 2012 Reelection”
  Jason Port, East Carolina University

Discussant: Dr. Lena Surzhko-Harned, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 2 – LITERARY STUDIES
Room 5604, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
9:00 – 10:25 A.M.

• “The Inside Out and the Upside Down': Shakespeare's Liberated World through the Lens of Bakhtinian Carnivalesque”
  Nancy Conroy, University of Pittsburgh

• “D. H. Lawrence's 'Things': Serious Satire and Comic Introspection”
  Roman Druzdzel, University of Pittsburgh

• “Grammatical Seeing' in Thomas Pynchon's The Crying of Lot 49 and Anatoly Gladilin's Tomorrow Forecast”
  Joy Zhu, Middlebury College

Discussants: Dr. Carol Bove, Department of English, University of Pittsburgh;
Trevor Wilson, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh
PANEL 3 – TUMULTUOUS TIMES
Room 5702, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
9:25 – 10:25 A.M.

• “Attitudes on Conscription: A Comparison of French and British Trends Leading to WWI”
  Emma Schroeder, George Washington University

• “Success and Implications of Nazi Propaganda for the Middle East and North Africa”
  Falon Weidman, Wheeling Jesuit University

Discussant: Dr. Andrew Behrendt, Department of History / Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 4 – LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY
Room 3610, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
10:35 – 11:35 A.M.

• “Policy versus Reality and the Challenges of Minority Language Groups in the Post-Socialist Sphere”
  Solookhuu Bat-Erdene, University of Pittsburgh

• “Sorbian Language and Its Role in Maintaining Contemporary Sorbian Identity: A Study in the Relationship of Sorbs to Their National Language”
  Maria Travnitskaya, Charles University in Prague

Discussant: Dr. Abdesalam Soudi, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 5 – THE MEDIEVAL/EARLY MODERN PERIOD
Room 5604, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
10:35 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

• “The Nun of Watton: Sex, Mercy, and Miracle in Medieval England”
  Joshua Hanley, University of Pittsburgh

• “More than a Mistress: Political Agency and Representation of Mistresses in Early Modern Italy”
  Victoria Maatta, University of Pittsburgh

• “The Succession Struggle of Philip I of Castile”
  McKenna Williamson, West Virginia University

Discussant: Dr. Elizabeth Archibald, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh
PANEL 6 – EUROPEAN POLITICS
Room 5702, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
10:35 – 11:35 A.M.

• “Changing Allegiances: Policy Incongruence in the European Parliament”
  Joseph Bebel, Brigham Young University

• “Radical Right-Wing Populism in Finland: A Case Study of the Finns Party”
  Sonam Kotadia, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussant: Dr. Bob Donnorummo, Department of History / Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

LUNCH FOR PRESENTERS, DISCUSSANTS, AND FACULTY SPONSORS
Room 4130, Wesley W. Posvar Hall, 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Remarks by Katherine Pompeani, PhD Candidate,
Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 7 – POST-SOVIE IDENTITIES
Room 3610, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

• “Cultural Educational Trends in Kyrgyzstan”
  Austen Dowell, Dickinson College

• “Ascetics in Vogue: Religiosity in Contemporary Russia”
  Kirill Tighe, Muhlenberg College

Discussant: Dr. Ainur Begin, Department of Anthropology / Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh
PANEL 8 – RUSSIAN POWER IN EURASIA
Room 5702, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

• “Transcending Paradigms: The Sino-Russian Relationship in Central Asia”
  Ryan Donovan, Portland State University

• “Democratization and Wars on Ethnic Targets: Examining the Intersection between
  Diversionary War Theory and Democratization in the Context of the Second Chechen War”
  Joseph Millman, Swarthmore College

Discussant: Dr. Jonathan Harris, Department of Political Science,
University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 9 – SOVIET AND RUSSIAN INFRASTRUCTURE
Room 5604, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

• “Mechanisms and Problems of Waste Management in Post-Soviet Russia”
  Philip Krasovsky Decker, Swarthmore College

• “The Underground Soviet: State Narratives in the Leningrad Metro”
  Ian Gilchrist, Oberlin College

Discussant: Dr. Patryk Reid, Department of History / Center for Russian and East
European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 10 – NATIONALISM AND NATIONAL IDENTITY
Room 5604, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
2:20 – 3:45 P.M.

• “The Resurgence of Ukrainian Nationalism”
  Nina Cairns, University of Pittsburgh

• “A Muslim Pole? The Lipka Tatars as a Model of Assimilation”
  Mark Neuhengen, Loyola University Chicago

• “Making Germans: The Failure of ‘Germanization’ in German Ruled Alsace-Lorraine”
  Kieran Coffey, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants: Dr. Irina Livezeanu, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh;
Barry Bookheimer, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh
PANEL 11 – HISTORY AND MEMORY
Room 3610, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
2:20 – 3:45 P.M.

- “Soviet Perceptions of World War II”
  Stacie Hestand, Wheeling Jesuit University

- “Reimagining Amir Timur in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan: Visions of the State in Regime Historiography”
  Pablo Lindsay, University of Pittsburgh

- “Polish-Jewish Relations and the Memory of the Second World War”
  Rebekah Valentine, Wheeling Jesuit University

Discussant: Dr. Katja Wezel, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh

CLOSING RECEPTION, AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES, AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
Room 5604, Wesley W. Posvar Hall
3:45 – 5:00 P.M.