



THE SIXTH ANNUAL MARGARET MORRISON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

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THE SOVIET WOMAN AS CITIZEN SOLDIER A PARADOX OF 20TH CENTURY WOMEN'S HISTORY

In her lecture, Professor Krylova explores the unprecedented historical phenomenon of Soviet young women's en masse volunteering for World War II combat in 1941. She asks how a largely patriarchal society with traditional gender values such as Soviet Russia in the 1920s and 1930s managed to merge notions of violence and womanhood into a first conceivable and then realizable agenda for the cohort of young female volunteers and for its armed forces. To answer this question, she invites us to consider the Soviet woman soldier as a critical subject of historical analysis, intricately connected not only to the peculiarities of Russian history but also to radical trends within Western feminist thought, women's grassroots movements, and military experimentation of the mid-twentieth century.

Anna Krylova is the author of *Soviet Women in Combat: A History of Violence on the Eastern Front* (Cambridge University Press, 2010). Her book was awarded the 2011 Herbert Baxter Adams Prize from the American Historical Association.

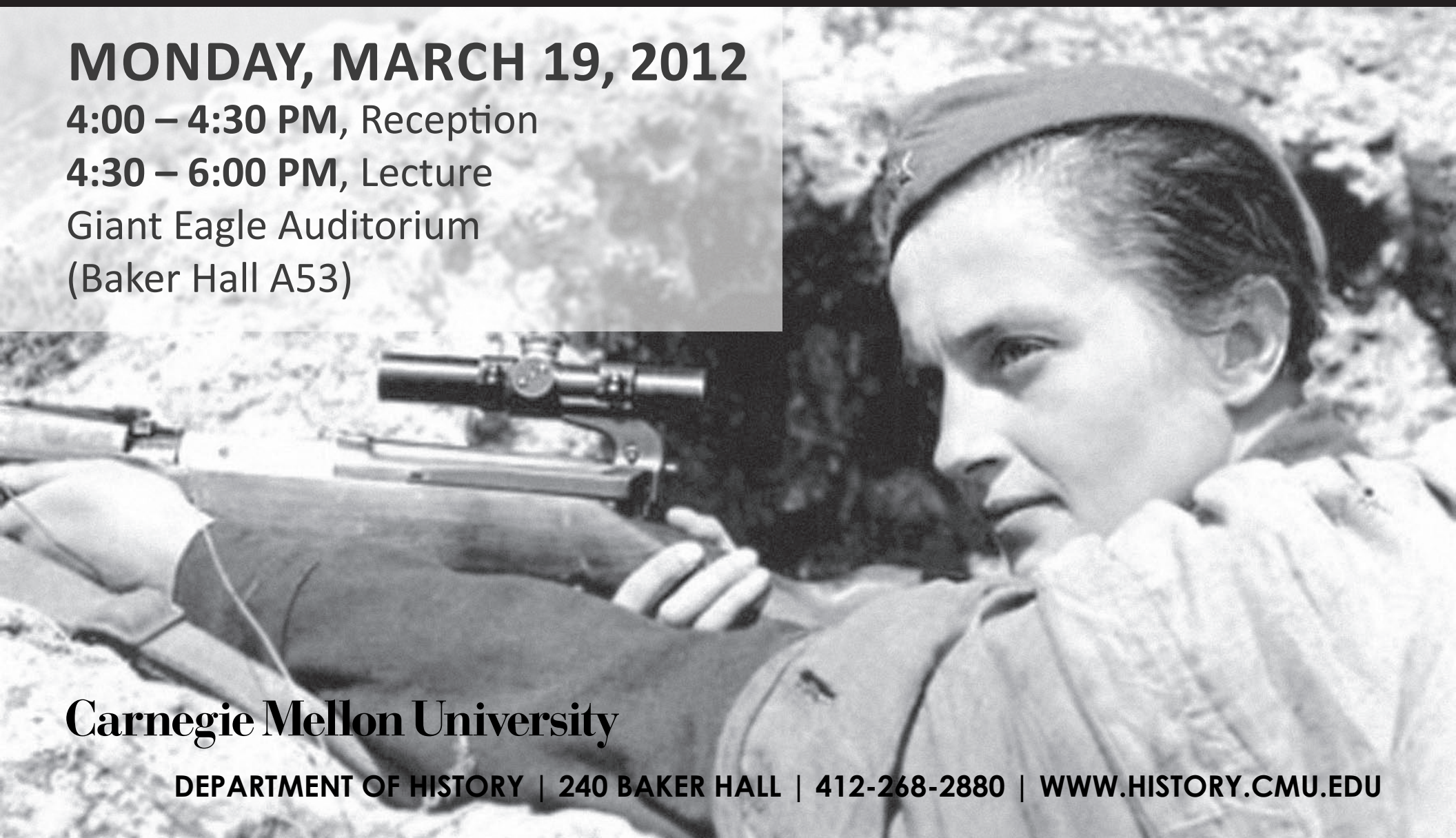
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

4:00 – 4:30 PM, Reception

4:30 – 6:00 PM, Lecture

Giant Eagle Auditorium

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