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**MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OH**

**9-11 MARCH 2017**

**March 9 Thursday**

**6 PM RECEPTION—Upham Hall Room 200**

**March 10 Friday—King Library Room 320**

**8:30-10:15 Session 1: Medieval Syriac and Egyptian Christianity**

**Chair:** Scott Kenworthy, Miami University

Darlene Brooks-Hedstrom, Wittenberg College

Grounding the Desert Fathers in Archaeology: Demythologizing Egyptian Monasticism

Alexei Muraviev, Higher School of Economics and Russian Academy of Sciences

Syriac Church of the East Facing the Conquest: Reforms and Other Tactics

Shawn McAvoy, Patrick Henry Community College

The Antichrist in the Ephraemic CPG 3946

J. Eugene Clay, Arizona State University

The Antichrist in the Slavonic Translation of the *Paraenesis*

10:15-10:30 Break

**10:30-12:15 Session 2: Reform and Reformation in Russia, Ukraine, and Romania**

**Chair:** Heather Bailey, University of Illinois Springfield

Barbara Skinner, Indiana State University

The Russian Reformation of the Early 19th Century: Biblical Studies and Scriptures in the Vernacular Come to Russia

Olga Tsapina, Huntington Library

Putting 'Reforming the Church' Back in the Church Reform of Peter the Great

Sergei Zhuk, Ball State University.

Stundism: Ukraine’s “Forgotten” Reformation?

Ryan Voogt, University of Kentucky

Reformed Church Culture and Church-State Battling in Communist Romania

**12:15-1:30 LUNCH**

**1:30-3:15 Session 3: Christianity in Russia’s Multinational Periphery**

**Chair:** Steven Norris, Havighurst Center, Miami University

Alison Kolosova, Independent Scholar

From Orthodox Mission to Church Reform and Revolution: The Impact of the Il`minskii Mission on the Volga-Kama Chuvash, 1900-1926

Aileen Friesen, University of Winnipeg

Religious Pluralism and Russian Orthodoxy on the Imperial Periphery

Agnes Kefeli, Arizona State University

From Krashen to Baptist: The Case of Nikolai Krysov (b. 1895)

Davit Ganjalyan, Justus Liebig University

German-Armenian Intellectual Encounters & the Armenian Church in the Russian Empire

3:15-3:30 Break

**3:30-5:00 Session 4: Orthodoxy in Education, Publishing, and Film**

**Chair:** Jennifer Spock, Eastern Kentucky University

Nicholas Chapman, Holy Trinity Publications

Arabic Language Orthodox Publishing: an Early 18th c. Ecumenical Endeavour

Amy Slagle, University of Southern Mississippi

Charlotte Mason: Protestant Saint to Orthodox Homeschoolers in the United States

Charles Halperin, Independent Scholar

The Atheist Director and the Orthodox Tsar: Sergei Eisenstein’s Ivan The Terrible

**5:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

**VERA SHEVZOV**

**SMITH COLLEGE**

**THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION AND THE ART OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

**Harrison Hall 204**

**March 11 Saturday—Harrison Hall 111**

**8:30-10:15 Session 5: Pilgrimage and Saints’ Cults**

**Chair:** Christopher Johnson, University of Wisconsin—Fond du Lac

Isolde Thyret, Kent State University

Miracle Stories as a Means to Trace Quantitative and Qualitative Changes in the Evolution of Saints’ Cults: A Study of Nil Stolobenskii’s Two 17th-Century Miracle Cycles

Charles Arndt, Vassar College

The Journal *Russkij Palomnik* (Russian Pilgrim): Articulating Pilgrim Identity and Orthodox Geography in Pre-Revolutionary Russia.

Olga Solovieva, Washington and Jefferson College

Literary Representations of Pilgrimage and the Construction of Religious Subjectivity in Pre-revolutionary Russia

Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby, University of Kentucky

Holy Springs as Religious Locus

10:15-10:30 Break

**10:30-12:15 Session 6: Eastern Christianity and the 1917 Revolution**

**Chair:** Vera Shevzov, Smith College

Adam A. J. DeVille, University of St. Francis

Revolutionary Forgetting

Margarete Zimmermann, Graduate School of Imre Kertész Kolleg (Jena)

“...and that Its Principles Are Shaking and Moldering” Reactions towards the February Revolution 1917 in Two Russian Dioceses.

Page Herrlinger, Bowdoin College.

Patterns of Religious ‘Othering’ before and after 1917.

Irina Paert, University of Tartu

Conciliarism during Revolutionary Times? The Orthodox Congresses in Riga diocese,1905-17.

**12:15-1:30 LUNCH**

**1:30-2:50 Session 7: Orthodoxy in Contemporary Russian Media and Culture**

**Chair:** Eugene Clay, Arizona State University

Paul Valliere, Butler University

“Pасцерковление” in Russian Media and Literature

Jacob Lassin, Yale University

Learning from the Digital Canon: The Case of Foma.ru

Hanna Stähle, University of Passau

Seeking A New Language: Patriarch Kirill’s Revised Media Strategy

2:50-3:05 Break

**3:05-4:25 Session 8: Kierkegaard and Eastern Christianity**

**Chair:** Page Herrlinger, Bowdoin College

Mark Flory, Metropolitan State University

Kierkegaard, the Fathers, and Prayer

Christopher D. L. Johnson, University of Wisconsin–Fond du Lac

The Silent Tone of the Eternal: Kierkegaard and Hesychasm on Silence

Ágúst Magnússon, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

The Passion of Peace: A Critical Comparison of Kierkegaard’s Lidenskab to Eastern Orthodox Writings on *Apatheia*.

4:25-4:40 Break

**4:40-6:00 Session 9: Orthodoxy in Western Europe and the USA**

**Chair:** Charles Arndt, Vassar College

Aram Gregory Sarkisian, Northwestern University

The Cross Between Hammer and Sickle: Excavating the Russian Orthodox Experience During America’s First Red Scare

Heather Bailey, University of Illinois Springfield

Prayers for the Tsar

Sebastian Rimestad, University of Erfurt

“With the help of Saint Sunniva:” Creating a Norwegian-style Orthodox Christianity

**7 BANQUET—Marcum Center**

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