



# The ASEC Newsletter

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## From the President

Greetings, ASEC Colleagues!

I hope this message finds you well and wrapping up the various activities expected of all of us at the end of the semester and academic year. I also hope that each of you has planned for the summer a satisfying combination of research and rest tailored to your desires. My summer plans will be enhanced by a sabbatical this fall and a Rhodes College internal grant I've been awarded. Two of my projects that are in progress—an article on the relationship between the Roman Papacy and Moscow Patriarchate in the early twenty-first century, and volume 1 of a two-volume biography of Sergei Rachmaninoff—will take me to London, Milan, and Rome for five weeks this summer. In Milan I will work in the archives at La Scala and also attend some operas. I am very grateful for these professional opportunities. I am also grateful for the strength, collegiality, and high level of expertise that each of you contributes to our organization. As is the case for each of you, I believe, my work is made richer by my encounters with the products (books, articles, reviews) of the hard work of ASEC's members.

By mid-summer you will receive an announcement via email from the ASEC Secretary, Prof. Eugene Clay, of the specific dates for our next conference. It will take place during a long week-end in September or October of 2015 in Memphis, Tennessee, with Rhodes College as one of the sites for the conference activities.

Good wishes to all of you for a productive and enjoyable summer!

Valeria Z. Nollan  
President

## Announcements

**Call for Papers:** Religious and Sexual Nationalism in Eastern Europe: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives Forthcoming 2015: The Amsterdam Centre for the Study of Lived Religion invites proposals for articles for the volume Religious and Sexual Nationalism in Eastern Europe: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives (<http://www.livedreligion.org/>).

Editors: Srdjan Sremac (VU University Amsterdam), R. Ruard Ganzevoort (VU University Amsterdam)

One of the prominent and fiercely contested issues in Eastern European societies regards the position of religion and homosexuality. The volume will focus on the strategic and ideological assumptions, interests, and effects of present-day constructions of (homo)sexuality and religion in public arenas of Eastern Europe. Areas of interest for this volume include, but are not limited to, the following topics: - Religious and sexual nationalism: Theoretical perspectives - Methodological issues - Case studies from different countries - Media discourse analysis - Religion and the rights of sexual minorities in post-communist Eastern Europe - Religion, violence and homosexuality on social media - Effects of public discourse on LGBT communities - Contextual theological developments regarding sexual diversity - The relationship between ethno-nationalism and religion in Eastern Europe - Analysis of religious and sexual nationalism in popular culture.

Please send all proposals (300 words) to [sexualnationalism@livedreligion.org](mailto:sexualnationalism@livedreligion.org). Deadlines: Submission of proposals: May 15, 2014 Notification of acceptance: June 15, 2014. Completed manuscripts (7,000 words): October 15, 2014

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**Upcoming Conference:** Chris Stroop, Dmitry Uzlaner, and Alexander Agadjanian have organized a second “Varieties of Russian Modernity” conference this year at RANEPa (The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration), “The Varieties of Russian Modernity II: Religion, State and Approaches to Pluralism in Russian Contexts,” which will take place May 14-16 in Moscow. Please contact Chris Stroop at [cstroop@gmail.com](mailto:cstroop@gmail.com) for details.

## Recent Events of Interest

**Festschrift for David Goldfrank:** The latest issue of the journal *Russian History* (vol. 41, no. 1, 2014) contains a festschrift for David Goldfrank, entitled “Russia beyond the Traditional Boundaries,” with several articles by ASEC members. Article titles, authors, and page numbers are listed below in the order they appear on the journal’s website (<http://www.brill.com/russian-history>).

“Moscow’s Lost Petition to the Tsar, 2 June 1648” by Matthew P. Romanello (pp. 119 – 125).

“From Heresy to Humor: The Kiev Academy Spoofs the Uniate Church” by Barbara Skinner (pp. 23 – 38).

“New Israel Counters Napoleon: The Religious Language of Russian Poets in 1812” by James N. Class (pp. 39 – 54).

“How the Jews of Eastern Europe Read the Bible: The Tsene-rene and Purim Plays” by Jeffrey Veidlinger (pp. 55 – 67).

“The Pastoral Dilemma” by Daniel Scarborough: Clerical Mutual Aid and Famine Relief during Russia’s Crop Failure of 1905 by Daniel Scarborough (pp. 68 – 83).

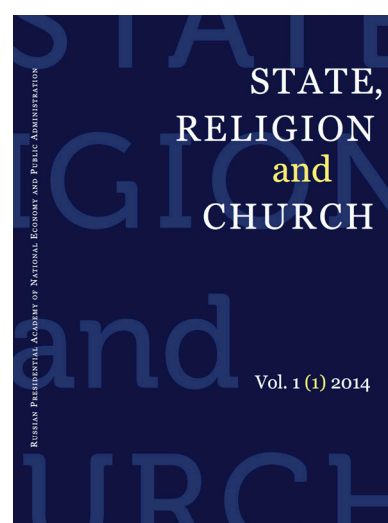
“Introduction: Part I: Languages of Power and the Sacred in the Russian Lands” by Isaiah Gruber (pp. 7 – 7).

“From Bethlehem to Beloozero: Biblical Languages and National-Religious Boundaries in Muscovy” by Isaiah Gruber (pp. 8 – 22).

“The Baltic Finnic People in the Medieval and Pre-Modern Eastern European Slave Trade” by Jukka Korpela (pp. 85 – 117).

**New Electronic Journal:** *State, Religion, and Church* - just out this year – look up at <http://srch.ranepa.ru/>

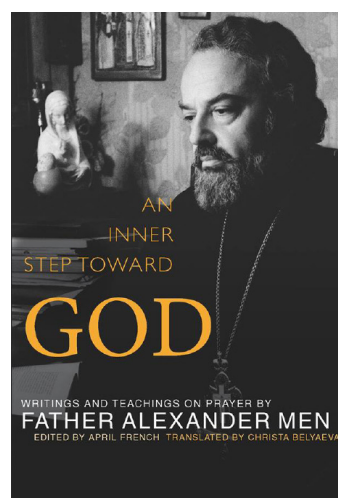
*State, Religion, and Church* is an open-access electronic journal of religious studies published twice yearly in English by the International



Institute of Public Administration and Management at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration in Moscow. Our mission is to bring Russian contributions to religious studies into conversation with global developments in the field. To this end, we publish both original material and translations of articles and book reviews that originally appeared in our parent journal, *Gosudarstvo, religiia, tserkov' v Rossii i za rubezhom*. We welcome the submission of original manuscripts covering the broad thematic range of religious studies (our interests

are by no means limited to Russia) and from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. If selected for further consideration after an

initial screening, a manuscript will go through double-blind peer review, after which the editors will decide whether to pursue it further. Prospective authors should adhere to our modified APA style. Inquiries and submissions to *State, Religion, and Church* may be sent to [religion@rane.ru](mailto:religion@rane.ru) or [cstroop@gmail.com](mailto:cstroop@gmail.com)



**New Translation of the Work of Alexander Men:** *An Inner Step Toward God: Writings and Teachings on Prayer by Father Alexander Men*. Edited and with an Introduction by April French, translated by Christa Belyaeva. Published in March 2014 by Paraclete Press.

## Member Activities

**Eugene Clay, Arizona State University**

Articles: “The Orthodox Church of the Sovereign Mother of God / The New Cathar Church.” In *Revisionism and Diversification in New Religious Movements*, ed. Eileen Barker. 93-109. London: Ashgate, 2013. “Russian Spiritual Christianity and the Closing of the Black-Earth Frontier: The First Heresy Trials of the Dukhobors in the 1760s.” *Russian History* 40 (2013): 221-43. “Jewish Studies in Contemporary St. Petersburg.” *Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia* 11 (2013): 47-53.

I also have two articles that have been accepted and are forthcoming: “Drama in the Service of Orthodoxy: Dimitrii of Rostov’s Theatrical Investigation of the Schism.” *Arizona Studies in the Middle Ages and Renaissance* (forthcoming). 25 pp. typescript. “A Religious Innovator in Paris: Mother Maria (Skobtsova, 1891-1945).” *Women in French Studies*, forthcoming. 20 pp. typescript.

In November, Sichuan University in Chengdu, China, invited me to give a paper on “Problems of Church and State in the United States and Russia.” I was invited to give a paper at the London School of Economics in February 2014 on “Religious Liberty in Russia after 1917.” I will be delivering a paper in May at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration in Moscow on “Multiculturalism and Religious Education in the Russian Federation: The Fundamentals of Religious Cultures and Secular Ethics,” which explores Russia’s latest effort to introduce moral education into the elementary classroom.

**Lucien J. Frary, Rider University**

Co-edited (with Mara Kozelsky) and contributed to *Russian-Ottoman Borderlands: The Eastern Question Reconsidered* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2014). He completed two essays “The Two-Headed Russian Eagle over the Bosphorus: The Eastern Question and Russian Historiography,” *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 30 (2014); and “Modernity and Local Agency in the Ottoman Borderlands,” *Balkanistica* 27 (2014); and a review of O. V. Sokolovskaia, *Grecheskaia koroleva Ol’ga Konstantinovna – Pod molotom sud’by*. Moscow: Institut slavianovedeniia RAN, 2011. Istorein (June 2014). His book manuscript on Russian relations with independent Greece during the 1820s-1840s is under contract.



## Paul L. Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas

Book: *Georges Florovsky and the Russian Religious Renaissance* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013). Russian, Romanian and Greek translations are in preparation.

Recent articles: 'Vladimir Lossky's Reception of Georges Florovsky's Neo-Patristic Theology', in Justin Mihoc and Leonard Aldea, eds., *A Celebration of Living Theology: A Festschrift in Honour of Andrew Louth* (London: T&T Clark, 2014), 191-202; 'G. V. Florovsky. Russkaia filosofia v emigratsii' ['G. V. Florovsky. Russian Theology in Emigration' (a newly discovered manuscript)], *Istoriko-filosofskii ezhegodnik* (2013), 314-337; 'Neizvestnaia stranitsa istoriko-filosofskogo nasledii G.V.Florovskogo' ['An Unknown Aspect of G. V. Florovsky's History of Modern Russian Philosophy'], *Istoriko-filosofskii ezhegodnik* (2013), 304-313; 'Avtorskii tekst dissertatsii prot. Georgiia Florovskogo "Istoricheskaia filosofia Gertsena": novyi arkhivnyi material i rekonstruktsiia kompozitsii', *Vestnik PSTGU* 50/1 (2013), 63-81; 'Deviatnadtsat' tezisov dissertatsii protoiereia Georgiia Florovskogo "Istoricheskaia filosofia Gertsena" ['The Nineteen Theses of Georges Florovsky's Dissertation Herzen's Philosophy of History'], *Vestnik PSTGU* 52/ 3 (May-June 2013), 126-32. Co-authored with Matthew Baker.

## Christopher Johnson, University of North Dakota

I am currently teaching as Assistant Professor of Global Christianity in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of North Dakota in a yearly position with hopes for a more permanent place here or elsewhere in the near future. This year, I have several upcoming publications. First, my article "'He Has Made the Dry Bones Live': Orientalism's Attempted Resuscitation of Eastern Christianity," should be published in the *Journal for the American Academy of Religion*. Another article, "'Base, but Nevertheless Holy': Lessons in Liminality from Symeon the Holy Fool," is scheduled to be published in *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*. I had another chapter on holy foolishness published in 2013 in *Studia Patristica* 68. Recently, I have been researching the relationship between Gerald Palmer, the editor of the English Philokalia, and the Russian hermit Fr. Nikon Strandtman in relation to the study of pilgrimage, spiritual direction, mysticism, and transcultural religious exchange. I plan to hopefully publish the correspondence between Palmer and Fr. Nikon and eventually write a monograph on this material. I am giving or have given papers on this research at the 2013 Sophia Institute for International Orthodox Thought and Culture Annual Conference, the 2014 Upper Midwest Regional AAR-SBL, the 2014 North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, and an invited paper at St. Mary's University of Minnesota. In 2013, I also gave papers on Orthodoxy and Orientalism at the Orthodox Theological Society of America Annual Meeting and the Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture Biennial Convention.

## Russell E. Martin, Westminster College

Publications:

"Russia and Muscovy." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Renaissance and Reformation*. Ed. Margaret King. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

"Truth and Fiction in Suladadzev's 'Chronograph of the Marriages of Tsar Ivan Vasil'evich,'" *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 47, no. 4 (2013): 436-58.

"Foreword" to Cornelia Soldat, *Die Testamente Ivans des Schrecklichen*. Lewiston, NY, Queenston, Ont., and Lampeter, UK: Edwin Mellen Press, 2013, iii-vi.

Conferences:

"Импровизируя династической преемственности: ритуал и династия в свадьбах первых царей дома Романовых" [Improvising Dynastic Continuity: Ritual and Dynasty in the Weddings of the First Romanovs Tsars], at the international conference "The 400th Anniversary of the Romanovs: The Politics of Memory and the Monarchical Idea, 1613-2013," at the European University of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Russia, March 27-28, 2014

"A Throne which 'not for an instant might become vacant': Law Succession, and Familial Order in the Romanov Dynasty after 1917," at the annual conference of the Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES, Boston, November 21, 2013). Organizer of the panel in which this paper was a part: "Four Hundred Years: The Romanovs in Power and Exile."

"Boiarskii rod i tsarskaia dinastiia: Pominovanie usopshikh i legitimnost' v pervye desiatiletiia Doma Romanovykh [Boyar Clan and Royal Dynasty: Commemoration of the Dead and Legitimacy in the First Decades of the Rule of the House of Romanov]," during the plenary session at the conference "Chetyre veka Doma Romanovykh v mirovom sotsiokul'turnom prostranstve: Istoricheskii, istochnikovedcheskii, biograficheskii diskursy [Four Centuries of the House of Romanov a Global Social-Cultural Perspective: A Historical, Documentary, and Biographical Discussion]," at the Russian State Humanities University (RGGU), Moscow, March 6, 2013.

Current projects:

Books: *Romanov Dynasty, Romanov Family: Law, the Imperial Family, and Succession in Modern Russia* (in preparation).

*The Tsar's Happy Occasion: Ritual and Dynasty in the Weddings of Russia's Rulers, 1526-1894* (in preparation).

Articles/Book Chapters: "Choreographers of Power: State Secretaries and the Muscovite Royal Wedding Ritual, 1500-1671." In Paul M. Dover, ed., *Secretaries, Ministers and Statecraft in the Early Modern World*

(with Boris N. Morozov). "Tsar' i arkhiepiskop: Russkaia gramota semnadtsatogo veka v Bakhmetevskom arkhive Kolumbiiskogo universiteta, v N'iu-Iorke, SSHA." ["Tsar and Archbishop: A Russian Charter in the Bakhmeteff Collection of Columbia University, New York, USA"].

Other: Appointed to the Advisory Board, 2012-present: *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*.

## Valeria Nollan, Rhodes College

Lecture: "The Italian-Russian Connection: Catherine the Great's Patronage of Italian Writers, Composers, and Architects at Her Court," John Cabot University, Rome, Italy (May, 2013)

"Obedient to Beauty": The Aesthetic Universes of Vladimir Soloviev and Sergei Rachmaninoff," *Muzyka: Russian Music Past and Present* (forthcoming, November, 2014).

## Edward Wynot, Florida State University

I presented a paper entitled "The Politics of Autocephaly in the Orthodox Church: The Polish Case" at the recent Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (Atlanta).

My book, *Prisoner of History: The Polish Orthodox Church in the 20th Century and Beyond*, is forthcoming from Lexington Books