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Dear Alumni:

The Russian Area Studies Program faculty have prepared this annual newsletter to inform you of current events in the program. Whether you are working with Russian or not, we want to hear how you are and what is new in your life, and to inform you of program events. If you are planning to attend Reunion Weekend, please also consider letting us know: our faculty would be delighted to meet with you. Please direct news to jmck@hws.edu.

С уважением,

Judith McKinney
Russian Area Studies Program Coordinator

News Briefs:

- In March, 2005, the RAS Program was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This grant, in the amount of \$65,000, will fund a four-week trip for students and faculty to Lake Baikal in Siberia in summer, 2006. There, students will participate in a custom seminar entitled "Modern Siberia: Ecology, Economy, and Culture," which will address multiple topics relevant to Russian Far East development and sustainability.
- HWS Russian Students continue to compete in the Upstate Russian Competitions, founded in 2001 by HWS and Union Russian faculty. In April, 2005, our Russian students went up against other students from Union College, Syracuse University, SUNY Binghamton, the United States Military Academy, and Hamilton College. This annual competition tests first-year students' Russian ability in several events: recitation of a poem from memory, a simplified written grammar test, speaking about oneself, and reading aloud. In 2006, SUNY Binghamton will host the competition.
- The RAS Program is pleased to welcome Prof. Irina Mikhaleva, who will be teaching this academic year in place of Prof. Galloway, who is on leave. Prof. Mikhaleva received her Ph.D. from the Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences, in 1990, and has been teaching in the U.S. for the past six years. We're very happy to have her knowledge and expertise this year!

- The Russian language faculty have continued their “Russian Study Tour” —a ten-day trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg intended primarily for first-year language students as an introduction to the country and a springboard for longer study abroad programs. (A slide-show at <http://academic.hws.edu/russian/tour.html>) offers highlights of our 2003 and 2004 trips.)
- The faculty are very proud of Sarah H. Kapp '05, who this spring completed her Honors thesis entitled “Infinity, Revolution, and the Self in Zamiatin’s *We*.” Not only was Sarah’s paper the first Honors project in Russian in nearly a decade, but it received High Honors to boot! Two additional students are now beginning Honors, signalling a return to RAS participation in this vital aspect of the Colleges’ curriculum.

Updates from Alumni

We were excited to hear from the following graduates, who updated us on their whereabouts and careers since leaving HWS:

Jennifer Artley '92: works for Level 3 Communications in Colorado.

Jon Bradner '97: works for the U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation, focusing on the Former Soviet Union, and is applying to law school.

Adam Gagas '93: is currently in Russia on an Alfa Fellowship, a nine-month experience working in finance in Moscow.

Jessica Rooney '87: teaches high school in Farmingdale, New York.

Kevin Teborek '00: received his MBA and works for William Blair & Co., LLC in Chicago.

Sarah Turrel '98: teaches high school German in Storrs, Connecticut.

Rhiannon Wilson '01: works at an architectural firm in NYC and is completing an M.A. in forensic psychology.

If we haven't heard from you, please drop us a line! As always, you can find current information on the program and its faculty at: <http://academic.hws.edu/russian>