Midwest Russian History Workshop

Fall 2009 Meeting

All meetings will be held in McKenna Hall, Room 100-104.

**Friday, September 25**

2:00-3:20 **Panel 1: Culture in the 1930s**

Chair: Sheila Fitzpatrick (University of Chicago)

Scott Kenworthy (Miami University of Ohio),

Samantha Lomb (doctoral student, University of Pittsburgh),
“Voices from the Village: Sel’kory, Stengazety and Popular Discussion of the Draft Constitution, June-December 1936”

3:20-3:40 Break

3:40-5:00 **Panel 2: Home Life and Culture in the Post-Stalin Era**

Chair: **TBA**

Christine Varga-Harris (Illinois State University),
“‘House’ and ‘Home’ and the Quest for Normalcy” (chapter for *Building the Soviet Hearth: Home, Citizenship and Socialism in Russia, 1956-1964*)

Christine Evans (doctoral student, UC Berkeley),

6:00-9:00 Dinner at the Martins’
1201 East Wayne Street North
South Bend
Saturday, September 26

Continental breakfast will be available from 8:00 on.

8:30-10:00  **Panel 3: Dissent in the Late Soviet Period**

Chair: Lewis Siegelbaum (Michigan State University)

Michael Westrate (doctoral student, University of Notre Dame),
“The Opposite End of the Identity Spectrum: Valery Abramkin and the Dissident Subject under the late Soviet Regime”

Sergei Zhuk (Ball State University),

10:00-10:20 Break

10:20-12:00  **Panel 4: Empire**

Chair: Ronald Grigor Suny (University of Michigan)

Roundtable on the book project *People of Empire*
- Stephen Norris (Miami University of Ohio)
- Willard Sunderland (University of Cincinnati)
- Valerie Kivelson (University of Michigan)

12:00-1:30 Buffet Lunch and Planning Meeting

1:30-3:00  **Panel 5: Family and Society in Pre-Modern Russia**

Chair: David Ransel (Indiana University)

Daniel Kaiser (Grinnell College),
“Making New Families—Marriage in Early Modern Russia”

Charles Steinwedel (Northeastern Illinois University),
“Explaining an Anomaly of Empire: The Formation of a Muslim Nobility in Ufa Province, 1550-1917”

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00  **Panel 6: Belief**

Chair: Olga Maiorova (University of Michigan)

Randall Poole (College of St. Scholastica),
“Freedom of Conscience in Russian Philosophical Liberalism: The Controversy of Vladimir Solov’v”

Theodore R. Weeks (Southern Illinois University at Carbondale),
“Belief” (chapter for *Across the Revolutionary Divide: Russia 1861-1945*)
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