



Deaths in the Slovak Studies Family

Two of our distinguished members died in the last year. The first was Victor S. Mamatey (1917-2007) who passed away on January 16, 2007. He was a former president of the Slovak Studies Association and was the “Dean” of Czech and Slovak Studies in North America. A graduate of the Sorbonne, for many years he taught at the Florida State University and at the University of Georgia where he was a Distinguished Research Professor. The author or editor of many books and articles, he will perhaps best be remembered by the edited volume (with Radomir Luza) *A History of the Czechoslovak Republic* (1973).

The second was Thomas D. Marzik (Mrazik) (1942-2007), who died on October 24, 2007. Tom was one of the founding members of the Slovak Studies Association and for a while served as its vice-president. A graduate of Columbia University, he taught history at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia and will best be remembered for his edited two-volume work (with Jan Rychlik): *R.W. Seton-Watson. Dokumenty, Documents, 1961-1951* (1995-1996). At the time of his death, he had recently been appointed American Administrator of the Agreement on Co-operation between St. Joseph’s University and the Masaryk Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences concerning scholarly research on the relationship of TG Masaryk and his family with the United States. This was the first such agreement between the Masaryk Institute and a North American academic institution.

Obituary from the local newspaper

MARZIK Thomas D. Marzik, Ph.D., age 65 of Merion Station, Pa., died peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. Born in Bridgeport, he was the son of the late Cyril D. Marzik and Maragret (Pavlik) Marzik. He was a graduate of Fairfield Preparatory School, College of the Holy Cross and Columbia University. For 36 years, he taught as a professor of European History at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia. He was an internationally respected scholar in East Central European history and was past officer of the Slovak Studies Association and the Czechoslovak History Conference. In 1998, the President of the Slovak Republic honored him for his contributions as a historian of Slovaks and Slovakia. Dr. Marzik is survived by his wife, Anna; a stepson, Philip; a brother, Robert K. Marzik and his wife, Alice M. Caldwell; and a nephew, Timothy D. Marzik; along with several cousins. In accordance with Dr. Marzik's wishes, a private funeral service was held in the Pistey Funeral Home with burial in St. John Cemetery, Stratford. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Thanks to Mark Stolarik for providing this sad information. And to June Granatir Alexander, and to Anne Hudak Pollock for conveying the obituary for Thomas Marzik.

From the President

The deaths of Thomas Marzik and Victor S. Mamatey are watersheds in the profession, in Slovak studies and for the SSA itself. I would invite those who knew them well to contribute memories and tributes to the next newsletter edition. Their deaths in the same year made me realize that, although the SSA is a relatively young organization, we now must be increasingly aware that some of the founding generation of our organization are passing away, and that these landmarks should somehow be observed.

One thought that I had is that our association prize (see p.) has no name. For example, what if we renamed it the Founders Prize in Slovak Studies, and specifically remembered recent deaths or perhaps honored lifetime achievement each time it was awarded? When my much loved father died, I started a Yaro Skalnik prize on the University of Illinois campus for the best graduate and undergraduate papers in Slavic Studies each year. I present the prize money each year at the graduation reception at the Russian, East European and Eurasian Center, and preface it by saying something about the prize's namesake, and find that it helps evoke a personality and its worth. Perhaps we can discuss this at the annual meeting.

Soviet-bloc Protest Movement - Mardi Gras Ballroom E

“Politics and Arts from Marxist to Chartist: Democratization, Authenticity and Opposition in Czechoslovakia and East Central Europe from 1968 to 1977”

Michael Kilburn, Endicott College

“Anti-Political Politics and Anti-Poetical Poetics: Negotiating Political Opposition and Aesthetic Freedom during Normalization in Czechoslovakia”

4-32 Rusyn Identity in Folklore and Folk Life - Expressed and Concealed - Preservation Hall Studio 9

Robert Carl Metil, Chatham U “Rusyn Song and Identity in Eastern Slovakia”

Maria Silvestri, Seton Hall U, “Rusyns on Display in Slovakia: The Museum of Ukrainian Culture and The Museum of Rusyn Culture”

Friday • Session 5 • 10:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.**5-17 Issues in Slavic Oral Poetry - Mardi Gras Ballroom A**

Sponsored by: Slavic and East European Folklore Association

Patricia Ann Krafcik, The Evergreen State College “Slovak Folk Ballad: Love, Death, Brigands, and Magic”

5-21 The Czechoslovak Republican (Agrarian) Party in Power and in Exile, 1918-1951 - Mardi Gras Ballroom E

Chair: James Mace Ward, Stanford U

Friday • Session 6 • 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**6-02 Religion and Nationalism in the Expanded Europe - Balcony I**

Nadya Nedelsky, Macalester College “Slovak Nationalism after EU Accession”

Saturday • Session 7 • 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**7-01 Parallel Societies and Networks of Resistance - Bacchus Suite**

Jirina Siklova, Charles U (Czech Republic)

“Smuggling Texts out of Czechoslovakia: Techniques and Contacts with Exiles”

7-04 Nation, Community, Self: Post-Imperial Identities in Independent East Central Europe, 1918-1939 - Balcony K

Tatjana Lichtenstein, U of Toronto (Canada) “Lessons of Empire: Jewish Identity and the Politics of ‘Neutral Loyalty’ in Interwar Czechoslovakia”

7-14 Reception of the Holocaust in Postcommunist Europe - La Galerie 4

Nina Paulovicova, U of Alberta (Canada) “Slovakia”

Saturday • Session 8 • 10:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.**8-21 Charter 77 Thirty Years Later: Human Rights Against the Empire – Mardi Gras Ballroom E**

Miroslav Vanek, Inst of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences (Czech Republic) “Charter 77 through the Eyes of the Communist Elite”

Vilem Precan, Czechoslovak Documentation Centre (Czech Republic)

“Charter 77 through the Eyes of Western Diplomacy”

Saturday • Session 10 • 4:15 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.

10-17 Contrastive Studies in Less Commonly Taught Languages of Eastern Europe - *Mardi Gras Ballroom A*

George M. Cummins, Tulane U

“Nominal Word-Formation in Contemporary Czech and Slovak: Thoughts on Historical Development and Suffixal Differentiation”

10-22 Architecture and the Cultivation of Mass Consciousness in Postwar Stalinist Cities - *Mardi Gras Ballroom F & G*

Kimberly Elman Zarecor, Iowa State U

“A Modern Phalanstère?: Spaces of Socialist Community in Nova Dubnica, Slovakia (1951-1958)”

Conceptualizing and Coping with Postcommunist Populism: International, Party System, and Elite-Level Dynamics - *Preservation Hall Studio 4*

Kevin Deegan-Krause, Wayne State U and Tim Haughton, U of Birmingham (UK)

“Postcommunist Europe’s New Parties & the Dilemmas of Routinized Populism”

Sunday • Session 12 • 10:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

12-05 How Right is the Left: Political Self-Identification in Slovakia - (*Roundtable*) - *Balcony L*

Chair, Susan Maria Mikula, Benedictine University

Tim Haughton, U of Birmingham (UK)

Karen Henderson, U of Leicester (UK)

Stanislav Jozef Kirschbaum, York U (Canada)

Martin Votruba, U of Pittsburgh

12-24 Jewish Culture and Politics in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe and the Russian and Soviet Empires - *Preservation Hall Studio 1*

Anna Agnieszka Cichopek, U of Michigan “New Terms of Belonging: State Intervention and Citizenship in Poland and Slovakia, 1944-1948”

Church and State in East Central Europe in the Communist Era – *Balcony K*

James Ramon Felak, U of Washington “Nation, Church, History: John Paul II’s First Pilgrimage to Poland, June 1979”

Disc.: David Doellinger, Western Oregon U

2006 ANNUAL MEETING, AAASS CONVENTION, WASHINGTON DC

RECEPTION AT THE SLOVAK EMBASSY



The new chancery building of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic officially opened in Washington on Friday, June 8, 2001. It is designed by the Slovak architectural firm Bogar Fischer Kralik Lizon Urban.

Thanks to the coordination of Pat Krajcik and Helen Fedor among others, and Helen's magnificent orchestration in particular, the reception at the Slovak Embassy during last year's AAASS convention in Washington played to a full house—which included scholars from the convention but representatives from local organizations. I particularly enjoyed meeting Jan Simko and George Mesko for the first time, after years of knowing them on paper.

His Excellency Rastislav Kacer, Slovak Ambassador to the United States, was there to welcome us to the festivities, which included regional folk music and abundant appropriately ethnic food and drink.

The most elegant couple at the reception was undoubtedly the Magocsis in full evening dress, and I would welcome it if anyone has electronically transmissible pictures of the occasion but especially of the guests of honor. Before and during the general reception, Professor Magocsi was honored for his life work in fostering Rusyn history, culture and language. A further tribute was the newly released festschrift volume, *The Carpatho-Rusyns and Their Neighbors: A Collection of Essays in Honor of Paul Robert Magocsi* (Pat Krajcik co-edited this volume).

The event was co-sponsored by The Slovak American Society of Washington and the National Capital Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, and the Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center. I don't want to call this the event of a lifetime, because we can hope it might be repeated in the future. Again, thanks to all who made it possible, because it wasn't easy and we have had difficulty getting the stars aligned for this in the past.

SSA ANNUAL MEETING 2006

The 2006 annual SSA meeting made the following decisions:

1. Approving the issuance of a new membership directory, which as in the past will not be on line or circulated electronically, and will not be released to other individuals, organizations or institutions.
2. Agreeing to begin to develop a plan for additional projects, now that the electronic version of the newsletter as well as other communications has reduced costs. Suggestions included
 - A specifically targeted graduate student prize to encourage engagement in Slovak studies at an earlier phase of the academic career
 - A regularly scheduled featured publication and speaker on Slovak Studies in the Library of Congress speaker series—under this plan, SSA would cover travel expenses. SSA member Helen Fedor at the Library of Congress would be in a position to facilitate this initiative
 - A Slovak studies workshop that would convene periodically, on an appropriate campus for an Intensive two-day session of panels and speakers

SSA ANNUAL MEETING 2007

The primary item on the agenda will be to continue our discussion of more active programming, In this regard, Kevin Deegan-Krause will talk about ideas he has for our website, for example ways in which it can be configured so that members can update their own information without plaguing Mark Lauersdorf about it.

SSA ELECTIONS

Around Thanksgiving, ballots will go out with the slate of SSA officers for the next term. The ballot will contain submission instructions, but should be returned to SSA Secretary John Berta. Contact information will be on the ballot.

Slated for President:
University

Kevin Deegan-Krause, Wayne State

Vice President
Secretary

Susan Mikula, Benedictine University
Carol Skalnik Leff, University of Illinois

SLOVAK STUDIES ASSOCIATION PRIZE-- LOOKING AHEAD

The SSA prize in Slovak Studies for best book or article published in a refereed journal relating to Slovakia and published between 2004 and 2007 will be awarded in 2008.

The prize is for outstanding contribution to Slovak studies by a scholar working outside the Slovak Republic. It is for scholarship, not artistic creation, and the work should deal with some aspect of Slovakia or with Slovaks at home or abroad. The language of publication is limited to English or Slovak.

Eligibility is limited to members of the SSA in good standing. Interested non-members or lapsed members should be encouraged to join SSA. The book prize is \$250, and the article prize is \$100.

Martin Votruba will chair the prize committee (votruba+@pitt.edu). The prize jury will be comprised of two additional SSA members, and I encourage you to contact me (Carol Leff leffc@uiuc.edu) if you would be interested in serving-- and aren't planning to submit! Notify either of us as well if you have a submission, to find out what the submission process will be.

Deadline for submissions will be 1 June 2008, with the prize determination to be made next fall in time for the Philadelphia convention.

If you do not intend to submit yourself, please think about recent books and articles that have impressed you and make a nomination. We will in turn contact the nominee.

MEMBER NEWS

June Granatir Alexander has published *Daily Life in Immigrant America, 1870-1920*. (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007) as part of their Daily Life through History Series

(Editor's note: go on line to look at the book jacket—the cover picture is wonderful)

Marcel Cerny has left his position teaching religious studies at Felician College in New Jersey and he and his family have moved to the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona, where he is currently teaching world cultures and geography at Greyhills Academy High School. He recently participated in the Arizona Social Studies Conference in Tempe Arizona. His new address is listed below in member address changes.

David Cooper organized the Czech studies workshop in the spring of 2007 at the University of Illinois, two days of panels and interaction that featured the work of young scholars. This workshop long resided at University of Michigan, but will be rotating from now on. David's successful stewardship represented the workshop's debut on the road.

Keynote speaker was SSA Vice President **Martin Votruba**, who put on a dazzling display of powerpoint pyrotechnics, and more importantly, demonstrated that Old and New Europe are constructs that do not really map onto European space.

Gregory C. Ference wrote the introduction to the English edition of Konštantín Čulen, *The History of Slovaks in America* (St. Paul, MN: Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, 2007). It was originally published as *Dejiny Slovákov v Amerike* in two volumes in 1942, by Bratislava by the Slovak League Publish House.

Pat Krajcik has a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant to spend 6 weeks in Bratislava teaching alongside Marta Botik in her class "Ethnicities in Slovakia." She will be discussing Rusyns in Slovakia and in immigration. She will also be also working with a folklorist on the brigand heroes, including Janosik, but also want to add our American equivalents to this (Billy the Kid, Jesse James). She asks: Don't you think Slovaks might be a bit tired of hearing only about Janosik, after all?

Kevin Deegan Krause, now tenured at Wayne State University, will spend the spring semester 2008 from January to July on a Fulbright in at Comenius University in Bratislava. He is researching the governing political party Smer and why voters choose certain parties over others.

Project Title: Taking Sides and Making Sides: How Leaders Shape Political Conflict in New Democracies

Stanislav J. Kirschbaum, is editor of *Central European History and the European Union. The Meaning of Europe*, Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007, xxii and 258 pages (includes a chapter entitled "European Roots: the Case of Slovakia"). His current research is on the Slovak dissident movement under communism.

James Krapfl has started his first semester as Assistant Professor in the Department of History at McGill University in Montreal. His new office address is listed under member address changes below

Jonathan Larson is now visiting assistant professor in Anthropology at Miami University (Ohio). His office address and new e-mail is listed under member address changes below.

Konstantin Lifanov has published two articles this year in the journal Slovenská reč:

1. Základné neurčité zámená vo vývine spisovnej slovenčiny (I). In: Slovenská reč 72, 2007, č. 1. S. 3 – 20.
2. Základné neurčité zámená vo vývine spisovnej slovenčiny (II). In: Slovenská reč 72, 2007, č. 2. S. 71 – 86.

Margarete Minar is a new member, with interests in Slovak Folk Culture. Her contact information is given under member addresses. Take a minute to look at her lovely and interesting website, which is a foreigner's guide to living in Slovakia. modra101@gmail.com
Website: www.fgslovakia.com

George Z. Mesko's memoir, *The Silent Conspiracy*, originally published in Slovakia in 1999 and in the East European Monograph series through Columbia University Press in 2003, has now appeared in German and Hungarian translations.

M. Mark Stolarik has recently published two articles and book chapters:

- 1 "The Slovak League of America and the Canadian Slovak League in the Struggle for the Self-Determination of the Nation, 1907-1992," in *Emigration to the English Speaking World*, ed. by Janka Kaščaková and Dalibor Mikuláš (Ružomberok, Slovakia, 2006, 185-217.

1 "Slovenský archív na Ottawskej univerzite," *Slovenská archivistika* (Bratislava, Slovakia), Vol. XLII (No. 1, 2007), 188-95.

He also presented a conference paper this fall, entitled "Slovak Immigrants Come to Terms with Religious Diversity in North America, 1880-2006," at the Conference of the Commission Internationale d'Histoire et d'Etude du Christianisme (CIEHC), Lublin-Lviv, September 8, 2007.

Stanley B. Winters has co-authored "'African Tragedian' in Golden Prague. Some unpublished Correspondence," in *Ira Aldridge: The African Roscius*, ed, Bernth Lindfors (University of Rochester Press, 2007), pp. 73-78.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: FORM ON LAST PAGE

We have periodically published a membership directory and are currently overdue. We agreed at the last membership meeting to issue a new directory. It is always in hard copy, because we have a longstanding policy about posting membership lists online, or circulating them in any other way to outside sources, however worthy those sources might be. Yet obviously part of the point of an SSA is to allow scholars and students of the region to interact and to know who else is interested—hence the directory. At the end of this edition of the newsletter you will find the membership information form for the directory, which you may send to me as newsletter editor either at the address mentioned, or by e-mail at leffc@uiuc.edu. Use this opportunity to update your mailing address for our general records as well. I repeat: the membership list is NEVER given to anyone but the membership. We have discussed and reaffirmed this policy on several occasions. The directory will come out next semester.



Member Address Changes

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News and notes

AASS Conference Deadlines

Call for papers for the 2008 conference in Philadelphia is at
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass/convention/cfp.html>

Deadline for individual paper proposals is 7 December 2007

Deadline for panels and roundtables is 11 January 2008.

"The scholarly annual ***Slovakia 2007*** has just come off the press. It features articles by Vladimir Baumgarten, David Doellinger, Patricia Krafcik, Igor Lukes, Mark Stolarik and Martin Votruba plus review articles and book reviews. It may be ordered for \$10.00 from the Slovak League of America, 205 Madison Street, Passaic, NJ 07055.

Mark Stolarik, the editor of ***Slovakia*** is now soliciting articles for the next issue. He can be reached at: 22 Bren-Maur Road, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2J 3Z7 or by e-mail: stolarik@uottawa.ca"

**2007-2008 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS FROM SLOVAKIA
(OMITTING THOSE WHOSE STAY IS OVER)**

Caplanova, Anetta

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Faculty of National Economy, University of Economics, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Research: Impact of Educational Reforms on Access to Higher Education: Case of Slovakia and Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University--Stillwater, Spears School of Business, Department of Economics and Legal Studies in Business, Stillwater, OK, c/o Dr. Ronald L. Moomaw

February 2008 - May 2008

Polakova, Marta

Lecturer, Department of Music and Dance, Academy of Music and Performing Arts, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Research: The Use of Laban Movement Analysis in Choreographic Process

The Laban/Bartenieff Institute of Movement Studies, New York, NY, c/o Ms. Regina Miranda

September 2007 - May 2008

Zabka, Marek

Lecturer, Department of Musicology, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Research: Mathematization of Musical Structures: Comparison of Modern American and European Mathematical Music Theories

Yale University, Department of Music, New Haven, CT, c/o Prof. Richard Cohn

February 2008 - June 2008

For present or future reference, the Fulbright Occasional Lecturer Program

Faculty and professional staff of U.S. colleges and universities can identify scholars to invite to their campuses for OLP visits by consulting the [Directory of Fulbright Visiting Scholars](#), which lists all visiting scholars in the United States for the current academic year. Institutions may contact scholars directly via the faculty associates and departments provided or they can also contact [CIES staff](#) to obtain scholars' telephone numbers or e-mail addresses.

Occasional Lecturer Awards are provided directly to scholars who apply for and receive an OLP Travel Award. To apply for an award, the Visiting Scholar must submit to CIES at least one month before the visit is to take place a formal letter of invitation from an institution, in which the institution indicates the dates of the OLP visit and the lecture topic. Within one week of receiving the application, CIES will inform the scholar whether or not the OLP Travel Award has been approved. The scholar is responsible for purchasing an airline ticket or arranging some other means of transportation, such as a train, bus or rental car. The Fulbrighter will then receive the award after the OLP visit. See the Fulbright Website <http://www.cies.org/sir/olp/#arranging>

National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library Spring 2008 Conference

1968–1980: Prague Spring, Normalization, and Charter 77

March 6, 7, & 8, 2008

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Cedar Rapids, IA

The NCSML has been covering the twentieth century in a series of conferences on successive periods in Czech and Slovak history. The next conference, covering the Prague Spring and Normalization period, will be held in March. The final conference in that series will deal with the events surrounding the post-communist transition and dissolution of the state (I think in 2010). The formula is a mixture of scholars of the period and eyewitnesses to it. There is also an accompanying exhibit.

Description from the NCSML Website:

Mar 6, 7, & 8, 2008: **Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference, *The 20th Century in Retrospect. 1968 – 1980: Prague Spring, Normalization, and Charter 77***. Take a closer look at the twelve volatile years in Czechoslovakia from 1968 – 1980. Socialism with a human face...Alexander Dubcek and the Prague Spring...Warsaw Pact invasion...Normalization...the anticommunist movement that culminated in Charter 77, these topics and more will be examined by top scholars and through first-hand accounts. Events held at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Cedar Rapids.

Mar. 7, 2008: **1968**. Volatile, dynamic, tragic...1968, the most extraordinary year in human history. It was the year when one man, Alexander Dubcek, sought to create “socialism with a human face” by lifting the Iron Curtain to Western influences. Ultimately, this was the catalyst that led to the Prague Spring and its untimely end with the devastating Warsaw Pact Invasion. Illustrating life in a former Soviet satellite state, this original exhibition examines several elements of communist Czechoslovakia including controversial politics, daily shortages, dissident art, rampant propaganda, blatant censorship, and the suspicion that comes with living in a controlled society. Closes January 25, 2009.

The full program isn't yet on-line, but you can watch for it at the web-site:

www.NCSML.org or

you can put your name on the conference mailing list by e-mailing Jan Stouffer at Jan@NCSML.org

(By the way, I noticed that the NCSML bookstore now has on-line shopping! Truly the internet age has arrived.)

Slovak studies association



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Name

Preferred mailing address

Position, academic or other, note if retired

Email address

Phone number

Fax

Website

Research interests

SLOVAK STUDIES ASSOCIATION
Membership Application / Renewal Form



- 1) fill in the information requested below
- 2) Send one copy of this form with your payment (payable to "Slovak Studies Association") to: Dr. Patricia A. Krafcik; SSA Treasurer; The Evergreen State College; Olympia, WA 98505; USA
- 3) keep a second copy for your records.

New member? Yes No **Address change?** Yes No

Preferred title: None Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Fr. Rev.

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Affiliation:

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**Areas of
interest
in Slovak
studies:**

Please indicate: \$ membership dues (\$5.00 per year)
 \$ contribution to SSA prize fund
 \$ general contribution
 \$ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**