

# **DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, & CULTURES**



**Recognition of Excellence**



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Recognition  
for  
excellence  
at the  
Intermediate  
level

**Katelyn Flaherty  
(Afia)**



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THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES,  
LITERATURES & CULTURES

The Arabic Program



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# GRETHEL AGUILA

Foreign Languages and Literatures  
Arabic Specialization (FAR)  
& Journalism

**J.F. MOHAMMED ARABIC LANGUAGE  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDEE**

**UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS  
PROGRAM AWARDEE**

Current Project: Codeswitching in Arabic-  
language media?

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# LAYLA ADAMO

Foreign Languages and Literatures  
Arabic Specialization (FAR)  
&  
International Studies  
Focus on the Middle East

**Elected to  
The Phi Beta Kappa Society**



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# Alan Ameer Hakki

Political Science & Arabic

## Excellence in Arabic at the Intermediate Level

Courteous, thoughtful and kind, with a well-developed sense of humor. To Alan, learning Arabic is equivalent to learning about his family and the Iraqi culture that has shaped who is he today.





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# Munir Ben Jemaa

Mathematics and Statistics & Arabic

## **Excellence in Arabic at the Intermediate Level**

Munir is a conscientious, hard-working student and exceeds expectations with the quality of his work. He is kind, polite, helpful to everyone in the classroom and he actively participates in the outside Arabic activities.



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For their ONLINE ARABIC TUTOR initiative and all their hard work, we recognize and thank ...

**Natalie Fernandez**



**Katie Mann**





Chinese

# LLC - Chinese Awards (2020-21)

恭喜！

Outstanding Intermediate Chinese 2 Students :  
Jared Baker and Lily Kalandjian

Chen Xiangmei Award for Outstanding  
Graduating Chinese Major :  
Natalie L. Lyons



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# French & Francophone Studies- 2021



▶ **Awardees for Intermediate French:**

▶ Outstanding Students in Intermediate French II (AY 20-21):

▶ Brittney Curulli -- Nathalie Ciesco's section

[Brittney was also selected as a member in Phi Beta Kappa-an Honors society]

▶ Karina LaRubbio -- Rori Bloom's section



# Hauptman Medal for excellence in French awarded to a graduating senior

- ▶ **Felipe Quiñones (BA French May 2021)**

- ▶ Michael Hauptman Medal for Academic Excellence by a Graduating Major in French

- ▶ History

- ▶ Manuel and Helen Hauptman established this scholarship in 1982 in loving memory of their son, Michael, who died on November 10, 1981. Michael was a student at the University of Florida at the time of his death. A magazine rack in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was also dedicated in his memory by his parents and still carries many of his favorite magazines.

- ▶ Criteria for selection: Worthy students.

- ▶ This indeed applies to Felipe Quiñones. Felipe is a major in French and Francophone Studies on a Pre-Med track. He has been a Teaching Assistant in Chemistry, and his experience as a volunteer in the medical and clinical field is as impressive as his extracurricular service, which includes contributing to earthquake relief in Ecuador as a construction volunteer. The Hauptman medal especially recognizes Felipe's achievements in French and Francophone studies. Felipe is an intelligent, thoughtful student, informed and energetic. He is graduating this Spring and will start medical studies in one of several schools where he has been admitted, which the University of Florida and Georgetown University. Congratulations to Felipe!





# Honors thesis- French

## **Ethan Crauwells :**

- ▶ *The fake market: a conversation between fashion East and West. Le marché noir: dialogue de la mode entre l'Occident et l'Orient.*

*[Thesis Director Dr. Sylvie Blum-Reid]*

- ▶ Ethan is a dual language major: Chinese/French as well as a Statistics Major. (BA & BS degree May 2021)

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- USPS awardee: Kristin Souliere
  - Students joining us for the MA program with a BA (UF 2021):
  - Geoffrey S. Tacinelli, and Ethan Crauwels
  - Congrats. to Skylar Johnson, MA French! (May 2021)





UF awards  
to our  
majors &  
minors

**Julia E. Paoli:** UF  
Outstanding Scholar award  
and UF Honors Hall of Fame  
inductee

Alejandra Carrasquilla. [U.S  
Department of State Gilman  
International Scholarship](#)-  
[funds used to study in Nice]



# Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society

New inductees

# Fall 2020



Claire Ewoldt



Andrea Hummel



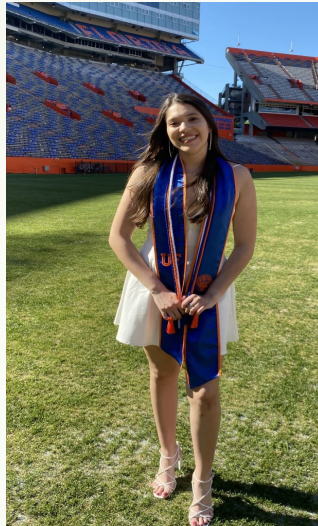
Grace Tovkach

► Not pictured: Jillian Miller

# Spring 2021



Megan Colbeck



Denise Collins



Sophia Prendiville




Katerina Quintela

► Not pictured: Madelyn Markman



# Modern Hebrew



## Excellence in Modern Hebrew at the Intermediate Level:

➤ Ariel Titensky





# Italian

Excellence in Italian at the Intermediate Level

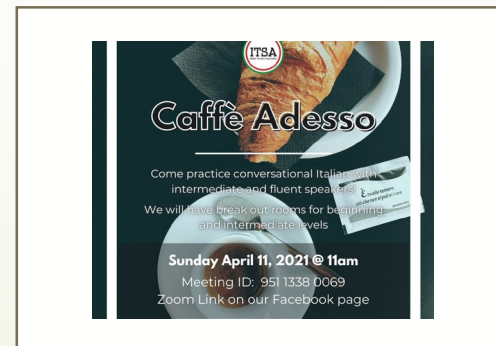
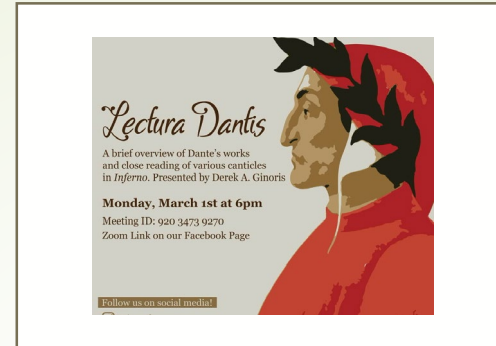
# Alessandro Leo

▶ Alessandro is a third year student majoring in biochemistry with a minor in Materials Engineering. He plans to graduate in 2022 and continue his studies in Pharmacy or Immunology.





➤ Special thanks to **Derek Ginoris**, who has served as President of the **Italian Student Association** for the past three years. Under Derek's leadership, ITSA has grown and prospered. We will miss you!





Japanese



# Japanese studies

- ▶ Excellent Performance Students, Intermediate Japanese 2
  - ▶ Erica Garcia
  - ▶ Lina Barrera
  - ▶ Julia Nguyen



# Japanese studies

- ▶ Japanese National Honor Society
  - ▶ James Boultinghouse



# Japanese studies

- ▶ The Alice M. Zirger Scholarship
  - ▶ Claire Roffi



Russian





*2020–2021 LLC AWARDS CEREMONY*

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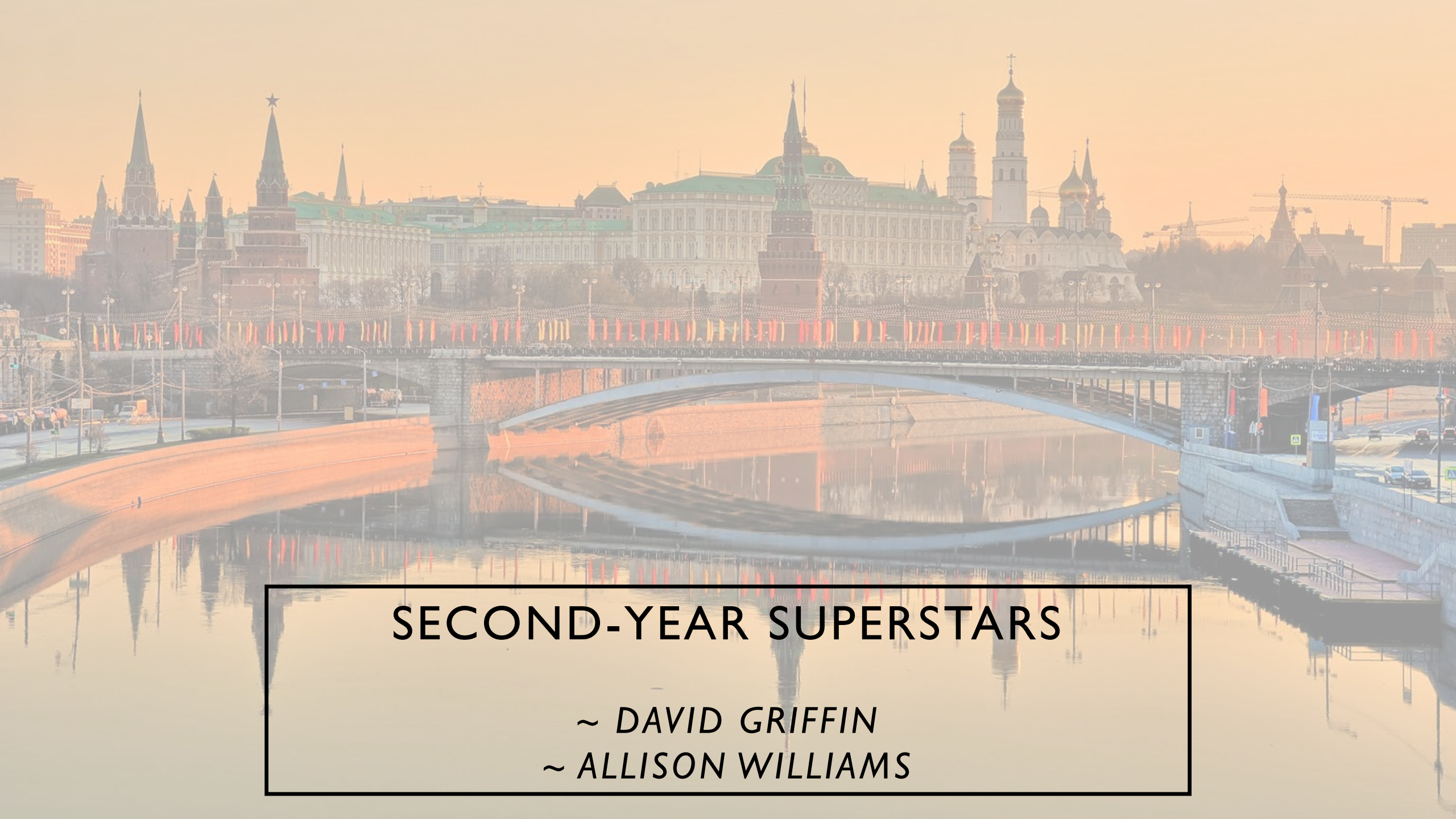
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*PHI BETA KAPPA ELECTEEES FROM  
RUSSIAN STUDIES*

- ~ DAVID ELLIOT GRIFFIN*
- ~ JARRETT THOMAS HILL*
- ~ KYLE CORBY LEONARD*
- ~ ARIANA PATRICIA MIRANDA  
GRACE LYDIA TOVKACH*
- ~ AUSTIN DAVID WYATT*
- ~ BRANDON SHANE YEN*





## SECOND-YEAR SUPERSTARS

~ *DAVID GRIFFIN*  
~ *ALLISON WILLIAMS*



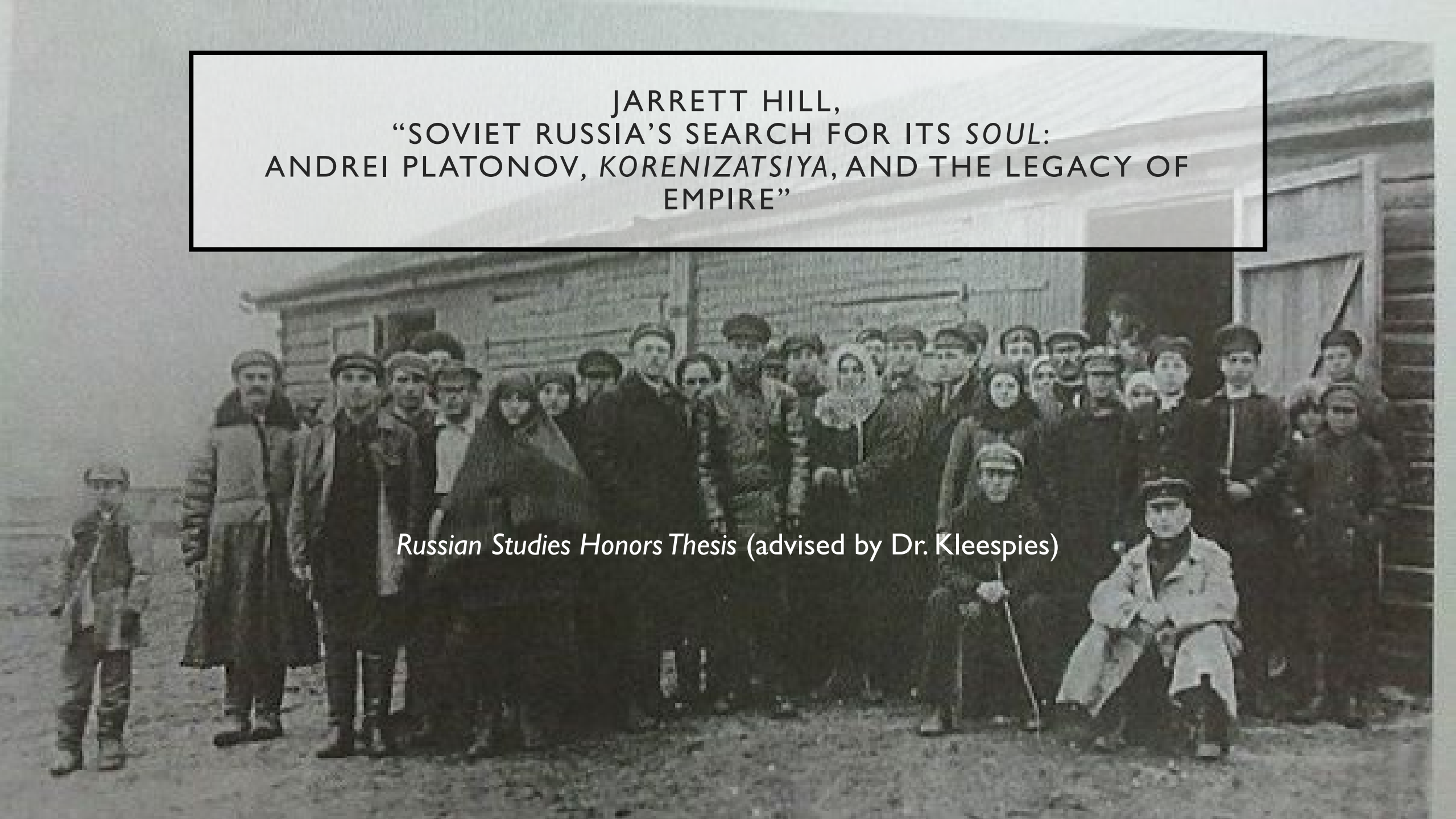
AMERICAN COUNCILS OF TEACHERS OF RUSSIAN  
POST-SECONDARY  
RUSSIAN SCHOLAR LAUREATE AWARD

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*CHEYENNE STONICK*

JARRETT HILL,  
“SOVIET RUSSIA’S SEARCH FOR ITS SOUL:  
ANDREI PLATONOV, KORENIZATSIYA, AND THE LEGACY OF  
EMPIRE”

*Russian Studies Honors Thesis (advised by Dr. Kleespies)*




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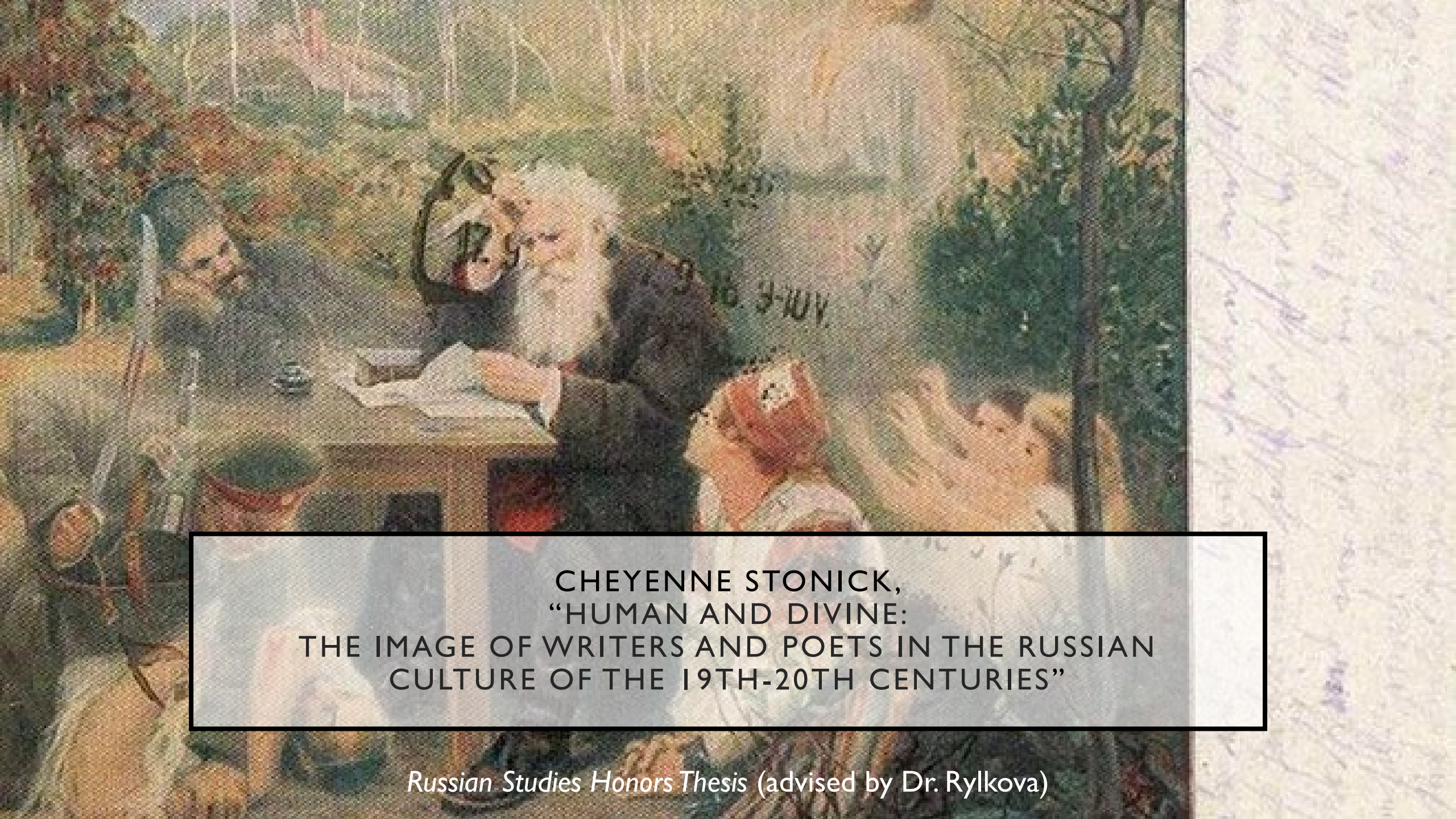
KYLE LEONARD,  
“SELECTIVE MEMORY AND THE GEOPOLITICS OF HISTORY:  
ANTI-WESTERN RHETORIC IN PUTIN-ERA WORLD WAR II  
NARRATIVES”

*Russian Studies Honors Thesis (advised by Dr. Gorham)*

A high-angle photograph of the International Space Station (ISS) in orbit above Earth. The station's complex structure, including multiple modules and large solar panel arrays, is clearly visible against the blue and white curvature of the planet. The background is the deep black of space.

ELANA SIECK,  
“UNITED STATES-RUSSIAN SPACE COOPERATION:  
ENEMIES OR PARTNERS?”

*Russian Studies Honors Thesis (advised by Dr. Goodwin)*



CHEYENNE STONICK,  
“HUMAN AND DIVINE:  
THE IMAGE OF WRITERS AND POETS IN THE RUSSIAN  
CULTURE OF THE 19TH-20TH CENTURIES”

*Russian Studies Honors Thesis (advised by Dr. Rylkova)*



CARLY TOZIAN,  
“PLATONOV’S ‘REAL SOCIALIST REALISM’:  
REPRESENTING THE STALINIST EXPLOITATION OF THE  
NATURAL WORLD”

*Russian Studies Honors Thesis (advised by Dr. Goodwin)*



Swahili





# Lauren Gilbertsen

- Recipient of the Foreign Languages Area Studies Scholarship (FLAS)
- Academic Year 2021-2022, Advanced Swahili
- Senior, anticipated graduation 2022
- Major: Animal Science
- Minor: African Studies
- Favorite Swahili Proverb: “Wema Hauozi”

Jina langu la Kiswahili ni Imara



# DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, & CULTURES



- **Disciplinary Specializations**
- **Because of its diverse collective expertise in over twenty cultural, linguistic, and literary traditions, the LLC faculty brings unique transnational insight and perspectives to broader issues in a variety of sub-disciplines, including:**
- **Culture/Cultural Studies**
- **Film and Media Studies**
- **Language Pedagogy**
- **Linguistics**
- **Literature**
- **Medieval & Early Modern Studies**
- **Translation Studies**
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- **Areas of Study:** [Akan](#), [Amharic](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Czech](#), [Dutch](#), [French and Francophone Studies](#), [German](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Hebrew](#), [Hindi-Urdu](#), [Italian](#), [Japanese](#), [Lingala](#), [Polish](#), [Russian](#), [Scandinavian / Swedish](#), [Swahili](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Wolof](#), Yiddish, [Yoruba](#), [Xhosa](#).
- **Award Committee members:** Gianfranco Balestriere (Chair), Galina Wladyka,