Conference Registration

Pre-register for the 2014 AATSEEL Conference at www.aatseel.org

**PRE-REGISTRATION RATES (BY NOVEMBER 30):**

- Nonstudent, AATSEEL member ................................$125
- Nonstudent, nonmember ............................................$150
- Student, AATSEEL member .........................................$55
- Student, nonmember ......................................................$70

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION RATES:**

- Nonstudent, AATSEEL member................................ $175
- Nonstudent, nonmember ........................................ $200
- Student, AATSEEL member ....................................... $80
- Student, nonmember .....................................................$95

The deadline for conference presenters was October 15. All conference presenters must be current AATSEEL members.

Pre-registration for others closes on November 30. Registration for the conference after that date is on-site.

Hotel and Accommodations

**The Drake**

140 East Walton Place
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone 312.787.2200
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Toll-free Reservations 800.553.7253

Conference room rates: $129/night single-double occupancy

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**EXHIBITORS AND PROGRAM ADVERTISERS**

Reserve a table in the Exhibit Hall or place an advertisement in the AATSEEL Conference Program by November 30, 2013.

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Dear Colleagues,

Chicago, for all its legendary winds, welcomes us warmly to the Drake Hotel for our 2014 conference. I invite you all to turn from the culinary abundance of the holidays to the even richer intellectual fare of the annual AATSEEL gathering.

I want to draw your attention in particular to some of the exceptional events we have scheduled for this year’s conference. There will be three Presidential panels on recent books of interest, aimed at stimulating further discussion of the topics the books address:

- Rebecca Stanton’s *Isaac Babel and the Self-Invention of Odessian Modernism*;
- Tim Harte’s *Fast Forward: The Aesthetics and Ideology of Speed in Russian Avant-Garde Culture, 1910-1930*;
- Kathleen Parthe’s edited and translated volume, *A Herzen Reader*.

We also offer two advanced seminars which have been organized for us by our vice president Katya Hokanson:

- “Poetry and Biography” led by Clare Cavanagh (Northwestern)
- “Icon, Index, Symbol: Reading the Signs of Medieval Rus’” led by Michael Flier (Harvard)

These are free and open to all AATSEEL members but require registration in advance. Information on how to sign up for them will be distributed shortly. Benjamin Rifkin (College of New Jersey) will also offer a workshop on “Strategies and Tactics for Facilitating Discussion: Approaches for Language, Literature, and Culture Classes”—a topic of importance across all the subjects that we teach. The conference includes much more besides these events—not least the regularly scheduled panels and papers, together with the discussions they generate and the collegial friendships they facilitate, which at the end of the day provide so much of what is rewarding in our field.

Our four days of intellectual exchange and conviviality in Chicago will return us all rejuvenated to our home institutions for the semester (or quarters) that lie ahead. I invite all AATSEEL members to join me at the members’ meeting on Saturday, January 11th at 10:00 am featuring the keynote address by Stephanie Sandler (Harvard) and the President’s Reception and Awards Ceremony from 9:00 to 11:00 pm, Friday, January 10.

With best wishes,

Thomas Seifrid, AATSEEL President (2013-14)