2014 Mary Zirin Prize

Recipient: Galina Mardilovich

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies is pleased to announce Galina Mardilovich as recipient of the 2014 Mary Zirin Prize.

Dr. Mardilovich received her PhD. from the University of Cambridge (Pembroke College) for her thesis “Printmaking in Late Imperial Russia.” While working on this degree, she served as an intern at Christie’s Russian Art Department, a research assistant in the Department of Drawings and Prints and a pre-doctoral fellow at New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art. The quality of her scholarship has led to grants from the American Philosophical Society, the Getty Research Institute, the Francis Haskell Memorial Fund, Pembroke College, the Gates Cambridge Fund, and Kettle’s Yard Travel Fund. Dr. Mardilovich’s history of convening academic seminars, chairing panels and presenting at conferences extends to post-degree, invited lectures in London, Oxford, St. Petersburg, and New York, this last lecture scheduled for February 2015.

In awarding the Zirin Prize to Galina Mardilovich, the committee recognizes the high degree of scholarship demonstrated in the essay submitted for our consideration, “Russkie Akvafortisty: The Society of Russian Etchers and Early Artistic Organisation in the Russian Art World, 1871-1875.” Dr. Mardilovich’s scholarship advances our knowledge of Russian art beyond the well-known schools of painting and into the broader societal structures which fostered, or inhibited, the advance of art in Russia. Of particular interest to the AWSS is her attention to women, expanding our appreciation for the justly celebrated position of women artists in Russia.

Note: Dr. Mardilovich will be presenting her paper “Deserted Cities and Gardens in Anna Ostroumova-Lebedeva's Woodcuts” at the ASEEES panel on “Prints and the Eighteenth-Century Garden,” Thursday, November 20, 1:00 to 2:45pm, Marriott San Antonio Rivercenter, 3rd Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon I.

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