Postscript

As we approach the end of 2020, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* can be proud of more than a half century of publishing innovative research in Slavic history, politics, culture, religious studies and more. The journal's first editor, Charles Schlacks Jr., who served for fifty years, and Russell Martin, the second and now-departing editor, have built, maintained and enlarged on that tradition with expertise, enthusiasm and effectiveness. Since joining Brill Publications, the journal has acquired a distinguished and multi-national Editorial Board and a Book Review Editor. The journal publishes in several languages (predominantly in English, but also in Russian, French and German); it has added new features, diversified its approach to encompass growing fields in East European and Eurasian studies, and encouraged absorbing special issues. Russ Martin's final issue as editor (vol. 54 #1–3) is a tour-de-force, featuring an impressive 9 research articles on religion in early modern Russia guest-edited by the historian Paul Bushkovitch of Yale University, a review essay and 10 book reviews (commissioned and assembled by Erika Monahan at the University of New Mexico).

In view of this recent history, it is an exhilarating challenge to assume the editorship of *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* as of vol. 54 no. 4. It is certainly a propitious time to participate in the publication of highly-regarded research in Slavic studies – the world of the former USSR and Eastern Europe is undergoing rapid change, changes that transform the very way that our fields are defined. This is a moment in which interest in the East European, Russian and Eurasian world is growing, and I look forward with enthusiasm to encouraging, participating in and supporting expansion and redefinition in Slavic and Eurasian studies.

At the same time, as the journal moves forward, I am grateful to be working with such generous and willing support from a considerable community. Russ Martin, who now joins the Editorial Board, and Erika Monahan, who I am pleased to report will continue as Book Review Editor, have already offered valuable advice and assistance. Suggestions for publications, reviews and other inputs have been forthcoming from members of the Editorial Board, colleagues, and others. Those with whom I have been working at Brill – the Senior Acquisitions Editor, Dr. Diethard Sawicki, and the very helpful and supportive Desk Editor for this and other journals, Ms. Iedske van Coevorden –

have provided key information and encouragement as I start my tenure as the journal's third editor. I will endeavor not to exhaust their patience and good will!

And thus a (somewhat) new era begins. You are invited to contact me and the journal with reactions, suggestions and advice. We hope that the articles, book reviews, and other materials that the journal publishes will spark prolonged conversation and debate across fields. We look forward to your participation in that conversation and encourage you to send us your work. May the next years be testimony to our burgeoning and vibrant fields and to the productive years of Russ Martin's editorship. Thanks, Russ!

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