"The Shadow of a Dragonfly: Dreams and Despair in Contemporary Russian Literature." In *Reemerging Russia: Search for Identity* Emil Draitser, Taking Penguins to the Movies: Ethnic Humor in Russia

"Geroi-detektivy Borisa Akunina i Leonida Iuzefovicha." Annual Meeting of the British Association of the Slavic and Eastern European Studies, Cambridge University, England, March 2009 "Turgenev i Nelidova: istoriia nesostoiavshegosia romana." Annual meeting of AAASS, Honolulu, November 1993.

"Neizvestnaia perepiska I. S. Turgeneva s O. D. Nelidovoi." International Conference Dedicated to the 175th Anniversary of the Birth of I. S. Turgenev, Budapest, August 1993.

"The Narrator and the Hero in Evgenii Popov's Stories." Annual meeting of AAASS, Miami, November 1991.

"Creating a Shattered World: Towards a Poetics of Evgenii Popov." Conference on Contemporary Soviet-Russian Literature, Texas Tech University, October 1990.

"Peculiarities of Humor in Contemporary Soviet Literary Culture." Annual meeting of AATSEEL, Washington, December 1988.

"Evgenii Zamiatin's 'Peshchera' and Leonid Leonov's 'Konets melkogo cheloveka': Two Views of the End of the World." Annual meeting of AAASS, Honolulu, November 1988.

"Happy Ever After Gone Sour': Fairy-Tale Elements in the Stories of Evgenii Popov." Annual meeting of AATSEEL, San Francisco, December 1987.

"Demonic Games, or the Hidden Plot of Mikhail Lermontov's 'Kniazhna Meri'." Annual meeting of AATSEEL, New York, December 1986.

"The Hero of the Story and the Story of the Hero: How Shklovskii's *Zoo* is Made." Annual meeting of AATSEEL, Chicago, December 1985.

"Unconventional Literature in a Society of Conventions." The III World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies, Washington, November 1985.

"'Ironicheskaia proza' as a Subgenre of the Humorous Short Story in the 1960s-1970s." Annual meeting of AATSEEL, Washington, December 1984.

"The Meaning of Literary Parody in Daniil Kharms' *Komediia goroda Peterburga*." Annual meeting of AATSEEL, New York, December 1983.

"Use of Media Clichés as a Source of Irony in Recent Works of Vasilii Aksenov." Annual meeting of AAASS, Kansas City, October 1983.

GUEST LECTURES AND INTERVIEWS:

Fall 2012 – Reading from novella "Sobach'e delo," Dobriansky Municipal Library, Chernivtsi, Ukraine (with Boris Briker).

Fall 2007 – "On irony in Russian literary culture of the 1960s-1970s," at the Harriman Institute at Columbia University.

Co-organized with colleagues from Harriman Institute at Columbia University the Conference on "Narratives of Jewish-Slavic Encounters in Twentieth-Century Eastern and Central Europe," Prague, Czech Republic, May 2007.

Chaired the panel "Identity and Self-Representation in Post-Soviet Russian Literature" at the Regional European Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies, Berlin, Germany, August 2007.

Chaired the panel "Russian-German Art Connections" at the 7th World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies, Berlin, Germany, July 2005.

Participant in the round-table discussion "Popular and 'High' Literature in Contemporary

Member of the Board of Directors, The Greater St. Louis-Samara Sister City Committee, 1992-1994.

Interviewer for the CIEE semester and year programs in the Soviet Union, 1987-1992.

Chaired the panel "Russian Prose of the 1920s" at the annual meeting of AATSEEL, New York, December 1992.

Organized and chaired the panel "Russian Literature and Thought" at the annual meeting of Central Slavic Conference of AAASS, St. Charles, October 1992.

Organized and chaired the panel "The New and the Old in the Literature of the Period of *Glasnost*" at the annual meeting of AAASS, Chicago, November 1989.

Chaired the panel "Fantastic and Supernatural in Russian Literature" at the annual meeting of AATSEEL, Washington, December 1988.

Organized and chaired the panel "Russian Prose of the 1920s" at the annual meeting of AATSEEL, New York, December 1986.

Participant in the "Teaching for Proficiency Workshop," Middlebury College, June 1986.

Participant in the "Language Proficiency Workshop," The Ohio State University, May 1986.