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## The Russian Nanny: History, Culture, Mythology

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Noon to 1:00pm

Oldenborg Dining Hall, south side



The Russian nanny casts a shadow – or is it a spell? – over a broad swath of the Russian past. Nannies open up vistas on Russia and her history from several viewpoints; they shed light on some deep-seated Russian attitudes and thinking. Steve Grant will talk about how one or another Russian nanny reportedly (a) changed the course of Russian history, (b) contributed greatly to the development of Russian language and literature, (c) played a significant role in the evolution of Russian national music, (d) was an inspiration for or played a major role in the lives of a fair number of leading Russian political figures, and (e) had a great impact on the work of Sigmund Freud. Steve Grant's book on nannies is part of his larger interest in Russian social history, with a focus on Russian families and Russian childhood.

Steve Grant attended Pomona College (B.A., History, 1966) and Harvard University (Ph.D., Russian History, 1973). He taught for several years at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and has served as an assistant cultural affairs officer at the American Embassy in Moscow. He is the author of two reference works: *A Scholars' Guide to Washington, D.C. for Russian/Soviet Studies* and *The Russian Empire and Soviet Union: A Guide to Manuscripts and Archival Materials in the United States*, as well as numerous articles.

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