

# S. Spencer Robinson

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Professional employment:

- Graduate Academic Assistant, University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, The Ohio State University, June 2009-present
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University, September 2006 – August 2009
- Coordinator for the Russian Individualized Instruction Program, The Ohio State University, September 2007 – August 2008
- Freelance Russian-English translator, 2005 – present
- Freelance editor, June 2009-present
- Russian Language Instructor at the Summer Intensive Language Program, The Monterey Institute of International Studies, summer 2005

### Education:

- M.A. Slavic Linguistics, The Ohio State University, June 2008
- M.A. Russian Translation, The Monterey Institute of International Studies, May 2008
- B.A. Russian, Brigham Young University, April 2004
- B.A. Linguistics, Brigham Young University, April 2004

### Service:

- American Council of Teachers of Russian New Chapter Admission Committee, January 2009 – present
- Graduate Student Representative to the Cultural Studies Candidate Search Committee. The Ohio State University, September 2007 – February 2008
- Video Conference Organizing Committee, Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University, February 2009 – present

## **Honors:**

- Distinguished Graduate Student Leadership Award, The Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University, May 2009
- Nominated for Graduate Associate Teaching Award, The Ohio State University, December 2008
- Dobro Slovo Slavic Honor Society member 2000 – present
- Graduate Teaching Fellow Summer Quarter 2008 – Spring Quarter 2009

## **Grants:**

- 2009-2010 Seed Grant for GTA Program Enhancement. University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, The Ohio State University, June 2009
- Bringing It Home Grant. Department of Faculty and TA Development. August 2008. Maria Alley, the Russian Language Coordinator in the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, applied for and received this grant to revise our GTA summer orientation.

## **Fields of specialization:**

- Language teaching
- The genitive of negation in Russian
- Corpus linguistics
- Historical morphology

## **Courses taught:**

### First Year Russian

- Russian 101, The Ohio State University, Winter Quarter 2007
- Russian 102, The Ohio State University, Spring Quarter 2008
- Russian 103, The Ohio State University, Spring Quarter 2007
- Russian 110, (Russian 101 and 102 in one quarter), The Ohio State University, Summer Quarter 2009 (Team-taught course)
- Intensive Introductory Russian, The Monterey Institute of International Studies, summer 2005
- Intensive Introductory Russian, Brigham Young University, July 2001 – March 2003

### Second Year Russian

- Russian 104, The Ohio State University, Autumn Quarter 2008 and Winter Quarter 2009
- Russian 405/407 Intensive, The Ohio State University, Spring Quarter, 2009 (Team-taught course)

### Culture

- Introduction to Russian Culture, The Ohio State University, Summer Quarter 2007

## **Presentations:**

- “Getting Students onto Target-Language Websites.” Teaching Share Fair, The Ohio State University, May 2009
- “Shifting Cases: Changes in Russian Case Usage After Negated Verbs between the 1800s and 2005.” 2009 Midwest Slavic Conference, Columbus, OH, April 2009
- “Corpses in the Corpus of Polish Literature from Kochanowski to Mickiewicz.” 2009 Midwest Slavic Conference, Columbus, OH, April 2009
- “Word Order and Negated Verbs: How Inverted Direct Objects Influence the Selection of Case in Russian.” AATSEEL Conference, San Francisco, December 2008
- “Before or After: Does the Location of the Direct Object Before or After a Negated Verb Influence the Choice Between Genitive and Accusative?” Sixth Graduate Colloquium on Slavic Linguistics, The Ohio State University, October 2008
- “Revisiting Timberlake: A Look at the Role of Word Order in Genitive of Negation in Russian.” SLS-3, The Ohio State University, June 2008
- “Prepared Cards: Helping Students Use Vocabulary and Grammar in the Classroom.” Teaching Share Fair, The Ohio State University, May 2008

## **Knowledge of foreign languages:**

- Russian: fluent
- Bulgarian: reading knowledge
- Czech: some conversation and reading ability
- Old Church Slavonic, German: can read with the assistance of a dictionary

## **Foreign travel and residence:**

- Lived in Moscow, Russia, October 1997 – August 1999

## **Member of professional organizations:**

- Member American Association of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures (AATSEEL) 2007 – present
- Member Slavic Linguistics Society 2009 – present
- Member American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) 2009 – present

## **Miscellaneous:**

- Competent with Carmen, OSU’s learning management system
- Producer for video conferences between The Ohio State University and Russian university, April 2008 – March 2009.

## **Bibliography:**

### **a. Articles**

- “Teaching Students How to Use Russian Internet Resources: Helping Students Become Independent Language Learners” (*To appear*). *ACTR Letter*. Winter 2009 (v. 36 no. 2).

### **b. Translations:**

- *Jazz Quad*, 2004, “Ron Kaplan Jazz Ambassadors”, Joint translation with Eya Tkachenko.  
[http://www.ronkaplan.com/Reviews\\_JazzAmb/jazzAmbRussianRevEnglish.html](http://www.ronkaplan.com/Reviews_JazzAmb/jazzAmbRussianRevEnglish.html).