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Introduction

The publication of Volume 67 of *Russian Language Journal* is marked by great sadness at the passing of our friend and colleague, Olga Kagan. Professor Thomas Garza, president of the American Council of Teachers of Russian has written about Professor Kagan's many accomplishments as well as her service to the profession. *RLJ* will publish an issue in her honor; look for a call for papers in the coming months.

In addition to remembering the service of Olga Kagan, the new editorial team of *Russian Language Journal*, wishes to thank our outgoing editors, Dr. William Rivers, editor in chief of *RLJ* from 2008 through 2016, and Dr. Michael Gorham, associate editor for book reviews since 2014. Under their leadership, *RLJ* has grown in reputation and visibility. The new editorial team, including Dr. Cori Anderson of Rutgers University as associate editor for book reviews, assures our readers that we will continue to uphold the standards set by our predecessors.

With apologies for the delay, we introduce to you Volume 67 of *Russian Language Journal*. Our delay in publication for Volume 67 derives from the very high standards for *RLJ*, upheld by our Editorial team, reviewers, and the American Council of Teachers of Russian. Our acceptance rate remains below 30%. In an effort to maintain our standards and in a year without a special issue, we took somewhat longer to assemble the articles in this issue.

This volume of *RLJ* includes three articles received through our regular, double-blind peer review process, and two book reviews. In our first section, Pedagogy and Practice, Andrea Liebschner describes an approach to teaching Russian media at the advanced level, grounded in theories of multiliteracies. Olesya Kisselev and Anna Alsufieva utilize a large corpus of student writing for an in-depth analysis of syntactic development in Russian language learners. The Linguistics section features one article focused on the social and cultural aspects of Russian advertisements, examining the qualities that make them uniquely Russian.

Finally, on behalf of the editorial team, let me express our thanks to all who submitted and reviewed this year for the *Russian Language*

Journal , as these contributions and our reviewers' careful reading make the publication possible. It is my personal view that the *Russian Language Journal* fulfills an important mission in our field, serving a diverse audience and providing a place for serious scholarship on Russian language. In closing, I commend to you the work of our colleagues as collected here in Volume 67 of the *Russian Language Journal*.

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