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Friday, April 6th

9:30-10:00 a.m.  Coffee and Opening Remarks
- Jenifer Presto (University of Oregon)

10:00-11:30 a.m.  Old Believers in Oregon and Alaska
Session Chair: Heghine Hakobyan (University of Oregon)
- Tamara Morris (University of Oregon): “Cultural and Linguistic Transformations of Russian Old Believers of Oregon since their Resettlement in the United States”
- Amir Khisamutdinov (Central Scientific Library, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences): “From Russia with God: Old Believers in Oregon and Alaska”

1:00-2:30 p.m.  Russian America
Session Chair: Susanna Lim (University of Oregon)
- Ilya Vinkovetsky (Simon Fraser University): “The Pacific Northwest and Its Peoples in the Reports of the Russian-American Company”
- Ryan Jones (University of Oregon): “Conservation and ‘Creoles’ in Russian America”

2:30-4:00 p.m.  Russia, Art, and the Pacific Northwest
Session Chair: Julie Hessler (University of Oregon)

4:00-5:00 p.m.  Public Reception

Saturday, April 7th

9:30-10:00 a.m.  Coffee and Opening Remarks
- Jenifer Presto (University of Oregon)

10:00-11:30 a.m.  Keynote Address
“Social Policy in Russian America”
Introduction: Ryan Jones (University of Oregon)
- Andrei Grinev (St. Petersburg Polytechnic University)

1:00-2:30 p.m.  California and Fort Ross in the Russian Imagination
Session Chair: Roy Chan (University of Oregon)
- Nina Bogdan (University of Arizona): “Space and Memory: Fort Ross in the Russian Diaspora’s Imaginary”
- Robin Joy Wellman (Gold River, CA): “The California Connection: Identifying Pomo and Coast Miwok Basketry in Peter the Great’s Kunstkamera”

2:30-4:00 p.m.  Metini-Fort Ross
Session Chair: Katya Hokanson (University of Oregon)
- Hank Birnbaum (Fort Ross Conservancy): “Metini-Fort Ross: Then and Now”
- Sandra Hollimon (Santa Rosa Junior College): “Ethnicity and Identity in Colonial Russian America: A Fort Ross Case Study” (prepared jointly with the late Daniel F. Murley, President of the Sonoma County Heritage Network)

4:00-5:00 p.m.  Roundtable
Conclusions and Further Research