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Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures

Dear Friends and Alumni,

It's not uncommon to hear students speak of our Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures in the superlative. As you certainly know already: it's all true. Our teachers and their classes really are some of the very best that Carolina has to offer. Our students are some of the brightest minds on campus. Perhaps unbeknownst to our students, our professors of Czech, Dutch, German, Russian, and Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian are also considered among the best and brightest scholars in their fields. What makes GSLL so exceptional, especially in recent months, is, however, its resolve to carry on the vision of our former chair Jonathan Hess. Indeed, all hands are on deck ensuring that the Department's teaching and research remain the very best just as Professor Hess would have wanted them.

Professor Hess was a firm believer that business as usual is never enough. What made a world of difference under his leadership was the support he found in GSLL's alumni and friends. With the help of donors, he provided students and faculty alike with incredible opportunities and resources otherwise out of reach. Take, for example, the merit-based study abroad scholarships we award undergraduates twice a year. Beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year, GSLL has underwritten the travel costs for two to three undergraduates going abroad. Private giving has also afforded our graduate students funds for bringing renowned speakers to campus. By bringing the brightest minds to speak at Carolina, we not only strengthen our intellectual climate but also showcase the talented doctoral candidates who choose to train and teach in Dey Hall. Lastly, benefactors have furnished faculty with research support, travel stipends for visiting archives, and subventions for publishing monographs. Stellar research goes the extra mile and this support has made all the difference for many of our colleagues.

What makes GSLL so exceptional is, in short, its people, and private support enables them to break boundaries. Even modest contributions help

underwrite programming like our weekly language hours, our undergraduate Slavic studies research journal *Degtiarniki*, and our German-American business summer internships. I hope you will consider [making your gift to GSSL today](#) to join us in making these and other life-changing opportunities possible.

On behalf of our colleagues and students, please know how grateful we are for the support we receive from our alumni and friends. If you would like to explore ways you can make a difference in GSSL, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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