## Upcoming Events

Academic Festival May 2, 2018 Periclean Scholars Awards May 18, 2018 Honors Forum Seníor Awards May 18, 2018

## Skidmore College Periclean Honors Forum

# HF Newsletter

## Ramsey Lecture & Honors Forum Induction

March 8, 2018

This year was the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Ramsey Lecture. We combined the lecture with the HF induction in order to showcase the kind of lectures that Honors Forum members have access to. Thirteen sophomores and 51 freshmen were inducted. Prof. Kate Greenspan of the English department gave a talk addressing "the ways in which uncritical acceptance of generalizations like "medieval women were oppressed, robbed of their voices, persecuted as witches" distorts our understanding of what we really know about them; obliterates not just nuance, but any sense that nuance is necessary; and teaches us that a single key opens all locks." Following the talk, there was a Q&A and dinner for the new inductees.





## Policy Debate

January 31 - February 1, 2018

The Periclean Honors Forum sponsored a 2-day event on the future of Russia. Vladimir Kara-Murza, a Russian democracy activist and author, screened his film Nemtsov—a profile of Boris Nemtsov, the Russian opposition leader who was murdered in February of 2015 in front of the Kremlin—on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Kara-Murza described the film as "a portrait. It is not about death. It is about the life of a man who could have been president of Russia." On Thursday, February 1, 2018, there was a panel discussion on the future of Russia with Kara-Murza and Jonathan Brent, a scholar of Russian literature and politics. Kate Graney, Professor and Joseph C. Palamountain Chair in Political Science, moderated the discussion.

### **Executive Committee Update**

The HF Executive Committee is working with the HF Faculty Council to expand the types of Honors courses offered in the academic departments.

If any HF students are interested in joining the executive committee and getting more involved, please reach out to Dylan Quinn or Izzy Hernandez via email for more information. We love new voices!

### 2018-2019 Executive Committee

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