

# The Wolfe Institute

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*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
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presents*

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## A Whiting Seminar

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# Teaching and Research



### Let us Work and Hope! Esperanto, Citizen Diplomacy, and Internationalism in Russia, 1887-1939

**Brigid O’Keeffe**, assistant professor of history, specializes in the social and cultural history of late imperial Russia and the Soviet Union. Her first book, *New Soviet Gypsies: Nationality, Performance, and Selfhood in the Early Soviet Union*, was published by The University of Toronto Press in 2013. She is currently at work on a new research project that, through the lens of Esperanto, seeks to understand how subjects of the tsarist empire and citizens of the Soviet Union looked beyond national boundaries in search of solutions to ethnic, political, and ideological conflicts both at home and abroad.

### The Literary Form of Plato’s *Republic*

**David Schur**, assistant professor of classics, is a Hellenist with a background in comparative poetics. His research centers on metaphors of method as they relate to literary interpretation. His second book, *Plato’s Wayward Path*, will be appearing this coming fall, and he is currently completing a guide to the practice of close reading. Previous publications include *The Way of Oblivion: Heraclitus and Kafka*, and articles on authors including Homer, Sophocles, and Freud.

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**Thursday, May 8, 2014**

**12:15 to 2:15 p.m.**

**Maroney-Leddy, 4th Floor**

**Brooklyn College Student Center**

**Campus Road and East 27th Street**

**Lunch will be provided**

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