

Vasilij Petrovich Mazurin (1872-1936), who had known Tolstoy personally and had corresponded with Romain Rolland. She returned home in March 1989 to meet Boris Vasil'evich, and with his cooperation she is now preparing for publication a new and enlarged edition of his father's poems. During that visit he gave her my address; and when she learned through our correspondence of my interest in getting personally acquainted with him, her parents made it possible, to my surprise and delight, by inviting me to be their house guest in Novokuznetsk.

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#### NEH SUMMER SEMINAR ON RUSSIAN LITERATURE: A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

An NEH Summer Seminar for college teachers, directed by Gary Saul Morson, will be held this summer at Northwestern University, June 24 to August 16, 1991. Entitled "The Counter-Tradition of Russian Literature," the seminar will first explore Bakhtin's literary theories and then examine major works by Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, and Chekhov. The basic idea will be to understand Russian literature as a tradition of formally anomalous works and to develop a poetics--more accurately, a "prosaics"--of Russian literature. Also, the seminar will consider the prosaic values of many Russian thinkers, especially Tolstoy. Approximately one-third of the seminar will be devoted to Anna Karenina.

Participants receive a stipend of \$3,750 each. A friendly group atmosphere--discussions among colleagues--characterizes the seminar. Specialists in Russian literature and in other fields (history, English, other foreign languages) are welcome. Knowledge of Russian is not necessary. For further information, write: Gary Saul Morson, Director, NEH Summer Seminars, Department of Slavic Languages, Kresge Hall, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60208-2206.