

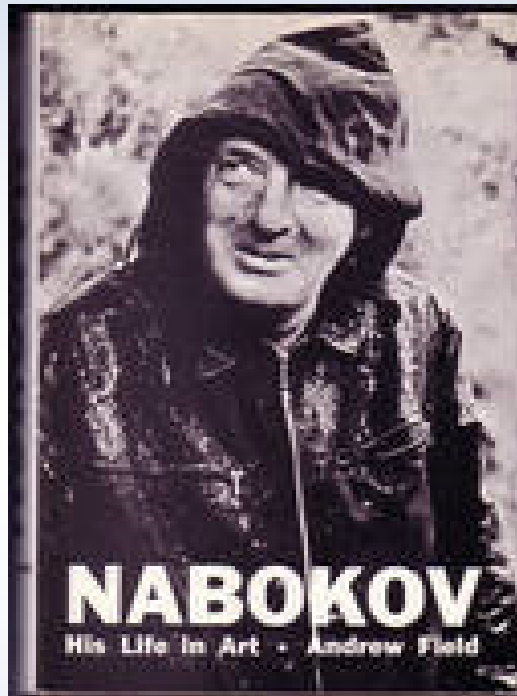
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THE PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE PRESENTS:

Graduate Colloquium

"Punster Pnin and the Yellow-Blue Vass: The  
Multilingual Characters of Nabokov's American Novels"

*Led by Maria Kager*



November 16, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Colloquium and Thanksgiving Potluck

195 College Avenue

This talk explores Vladimir Nabokov's famous "Conradical" switch from writing in Russian to writing exclusively in English. Maria will analyze the way in which Nabokov develops characters, arguing that their linguistic complexities would have been unthinkable had Nabokov not experienced a language switch himself. That is, Nabokov's linguistic background determines the creation of his fictional characters, and this distinguishes him profoundly from monolingual authors.

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