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## Dear AHEA Friends and Colleagues,

The pandemic has caused tremendous disruptions and prompted deep reflection. Suddenly, our busy, hectic, frenetic schedules came to a screeching halt. We are riveted by the evening news reports night after night, watching in trepidation over what is happening in our country and around the world. Covid-19 affected each of us in specific, personal ways, and it also has had a very substantial impact on education. We are very fortunate to have a community of colleagues through AHEA who continue to inspire us with their scholarship, support, collaboration, and connection during these past months.

I am very pleased to report that next year's AHEA Conference will be held in Pécs, Hungary on June 24-26, 2021.

As far as submissions go, accepted abstracts for AHEA 2021 will be carried over from those accepted in 2020. We will contact authors of accepted abstracts early next year to ask whether they plan to attend AHEA 2021 and present the abstracts previously submitted.

Authors may choose to:

- Present their abstract at AHEA 2021 as submitted

- Submit a different abstract for AHEA 2021 (depending upon space on the program and following peer review).
- Submit the abstract (in journal article form) to Hungarian Cultural Studies, AHEA's eJournal for consideration for publication.
- Withdraw their abstract from consideration on the AHEA 2021 program.

These are not mutually exclusive options. Authors may both present their work at the AHEA Conference in 2021 and submit the paper this year for consideration for publication to our eJournal. If you have questions or seek clarification, do not hesitate to reach out to our Editor-in-Chief, Louise Vasvari <[lvasvari@icloud.com](mailto:lvasvari@icloud.com)>

Please check our website (AHEA.net) periodically for additional information.

I want to thank you, the members and the leadership of AHEA, for your continued support, collaboration, and community. May you be happy, healthy, and succeed in your pursuit of your scholarly endeavors. May we all meet again in Hungary in 2021. Wishing you all the best,



Klara Papp, PhD, AHEA President

## AHEA Membership Awards

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AHEA Executive Director

**Enikő M. Basa**

Awarded the Knight's Cross of the Hungarian Order of Merit



We are extremely proud to report that our Executive Director, Enikő M. Basa, was honored with a Knight's Cross of the Hungarian Order of Merit (Magyar Érdemrend lovagkeresztje) on March 15, 2020. The medal was granted in recognition of her many years championing Hungarian studies in the United States, including her role in founding AHEA and working with other scholarly institutions, such as the Modern Language Association, the Southern Comparative Literature Association, and the Library of Congress, where she was long employed.

Founded in 1991, the Knight's Cross is awarded annually "in recognition of outstanding, exemplary activity in the service of the nation, in fostering the development of the country, in promoting the interests of the homeland, and in enriching universal human values" ([source](#)). It is one of the highest honors that a civilian can receive from the Hungarian state.

On behalf of all AHEA members past and present, and the countless others who have benefited from Dr. Basa's long and accomplished career, we send our heartfelt congratulations on this great achievement. Gratulálunk!

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2020 AHEA Péter Basa Award Winner

**Judit Kesserű Némethy**



Judit Kesserű Némethy, Professor Emerita at New York University, is the recipient of the 2020 [Peter Basa Award](#). This award is given to a member with significant contributions to AHEA, an active member for at least a decade who has made significant contributions and worked on behalf of our programs. The chosen recipient also makes contributions as an active participant in other Hungarian American cultural matters. As a two-term President, longtime chair of the Education section of the program planning committee, current chair of the Nominating Committee, and member of the Executive Committee, Dr. Némethy's tireless work on behalf of AHEA far exceed the criteria of the award. In addition to

these efforts and her numerous scholarly publications, Dr. Némethy has distinguished herself as an active member of the Hungarian Scout Association in Exeteris.

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## Steven Béla Várdy Legacy Scholarship

[The Steven Béla Várdy Legacy Scholarship](#) recognizes a scholar in the field of history who exemplifies the high standards of original research and historical writing set by Steven Béla Várdy for members of the historical profession.

This year's awardee is **Mari Réthelyi** (Louisiana State U). The scholarship will support her [ongoing research](#) into the influence of race theories of Hungarian nationalism among the Neolog Jews of Hungary at the turn of the 20th century. She received her PhD from Jewish Studies at the University of Chicago and currently teaches at Louisiana State University in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Her research interest include Modern Hungarian History and literature, with special emphasis on Hungarian Jewish intellectual history.



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## Research Presentation Awards

The [AHEA Research Presentation Award](#) supports graduate students and junior faculty by contributing to expenses related to attendance at our annual conference. We are pleased to spotlight three winners for this year's award, which will be used to attend the [rescheduled Pécs conference in 2021](#).



**Katalin Beck**  
(Clemson U.), who will present "[Competence-Based Language Teaching and Testing in Digital Environments.](#)"



**Anna Székely**  
(U. of Szeged), who will present "[Folk Dance and Music Camps in Transylvania as a Subject for a Dance Anthropological Research.](#)"



**Attila Virágh** (UC Berkeley), who will present "[An Intimate 'Rhetoric of Empire': Sándor Márai's Embers.](#)"

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## Helena History Press Scholarship Winner



[The Helena History Press Scholarship](#) is an annual prize established by Helena History Press to recognize a scholar in any field of the humanities, who specializes in scholarship related to or about Central and East Europe. It is our pleasure to announce the inaugural awardee, **Teodóra Dömötör** (Károli Gáspár U), who will be undertaking a [research trip to the United States](#) to work on the book manuscript arising from her dissertation, "Hemingway's *In Our Time*: Masks, Silences, and Heroes."

## 2021 Conference in Pécs



The COVID-19 pandemic has prevented us from meeting this year, but the **Pécs conference has been rescheduled for 2021!** Here are the updated guidelines for participation:

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These are not mutually exclusive options. Authors may both present their work at 2021 and submit this year for consideration for publication to *Hungarian Cultural Studies* (see <https://ahea.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/ahea/about/submissions> for [Submission Guidelines](#)).

Check our website periodically for additional information about AHEA 2021.

## Renew Your Membership!

### AHEA Membership Dues Renewal

Dues are payable for the calendar year. All members are urged to send dues for the current year if not yet paid. Check out your entry under Members, <http://ahea.net/members>, for last time we received dues from you, changes you wish to make, additional information, etc.

*Dues: Regular members: \$30.00, Couples/Joint members: \$50.00, Students: \$10.00*

Make checks payable to: AHEA and send to AHEA, 4515 Willard Ave. Apt. 2210 Chevy Chase, MD 20815. You may also pay on-line with PayPal at <http://ahea.net/members/membership-information>

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