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# April 2026 Newsletter

## President's Corner

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 50th AHEA Conference was a great success! We thank those who attended, participated, presented, worked as session chairs or came along to join us at our social events. We received exemplary hospitality from Cleveland State University, the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society Museum, and Fulbright Hungary.

The presentations were of high quality, and we all felt that the conversations taking place in the sessions and in the breaks contributed greatly to cementing the community of Hungarian studies scholars who feel that AHEA is their natural home.

We would like to call attention to the publication opportunities offered by our journal, [Hungarian Cultural Studies](#). We also welcome expressions of interest from those members and friends who want to be more closely involved in the work of AHEA.

It is my special pleasure to confirm that AHEA 2027 will be hosted by Bloomington University, Indiana. Please follow our website for further details.

With best wishes,  
Zsuzsanna Varga  
AHEA President

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## Katalin Kadar-Lynn Receives 2026 Péter Basa Award



Photo credit: Hungarian Heritage Expo

The Péter Basa Award is given every other year to an AHEA member who has given sustained, extraordinary service to our association. It is named in memory of Péter Basa, one of AHEA's founders, who embodied the organization's mission and spirit for a quarter-century.

The 2026 Basa Award honoree is **Katalin Kadar-Lynn**, in recognition of her numerous contributions to AHEA over several decades. She has served as Chair of the Membership Development Committee for two terms. She recognized the need to review and rewrite our bylaws, initiated and funded numerous scholarship opportunities for our members, and has generously served on the Board of Directors for many years.

Congratulations, Kati!

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# 2026 Conference Prizewinners Announced

In addition to the Basa Award, we were delighted to confer prizes in two other categories at our Cleveland conference. Congratulations to the recipients!

**Research Presentation Award** - ([For more information, click here](#))  
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Each of the following individuals received \$500 to defray travel expenses related to presenting their work at the AHEA annual conference.

- **Jackie Bodily Biggs** (Brigham Young University)
- **Zina Bozzay** (independent scholar)
- **Zsolt Csutak** (NUPS-Ludovika)
- **Mónika Fodor** (University of Pécs)
- **Marie-Therese Grunwald** (ELTE)
- **Bálint Kovács** (University of Szeged)
- **Zsolt Máté** (University of Pécs)
- **Brigitta Molnár** (Apor Vilmos Catholic College)
- **Anita Pfeifer** (Munkácsy Mihály Magyar Ház)
- **Dávid Szolláth** (ELTE)
- **Beatrix Visy** (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

**Best Student Presentation Award** - ([For more information, click here](#))

- **Jackie Bodily Biggs** (BYU) was this year's winner, receiving \$200.

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## LAST CALL! Scholarship Deadlines: May 15

AHEA is proud to offer two research scholarships, provided by generous donors. Both applications are due on **May 15**.

### **Helena History Press Scholarship**

Deadline: May 15, 2026

Purpose: To support the research of a scholar in any field of the humanities who specializes in work related to or about Central and Eastern Europe

Amount: \$2,500 USD

[Details and application form at this link.](#)

### **Steven Béla Várdy and Ágnes Huszár Várdy Legacy Scholarship**

Deadline: May 15, 2026

Purpose: To support the research of a scholar in the fields of history or literature

Amount: \$2,500 USD

[Details and application form at this link.](#)

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## 2027 Conference Venue Revealed: Indiana University-Bloomington



Photo credit: Niche.com

### **Back after 21 years!**

Thanks to the support of the Department of Central Eurasian Studies of the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, AHEA 2027 will meet at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

The precise dates are to be announced, but members should expect Thursday-Saturday in mid-to-late April.

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## Award-Winning Filmmaker Seeks Collaboration with AHEA Members

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AHEA is not directly affiliated with the program described below.*

**70 for 70  
SEVENTY FOR SEVENTY**

**Join the International 70TH ANNIVERSARY Commemoration Series  
of the Hungarian Revolution and Freedom Fight of 1956 with**

**TORN FROM THE FLAG - A FILM BY KLAUDIA KOVÁCS**



Our Oscar-contender, multi-award-winning, ever-green TORN FROM THE FLAG documentary film production started a new initiative: we're working on a "70 for 70" commemoration series around the world for the upcoming 70th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and Freedom Fight.

With your and the Hungarian Consulate in Los Angeles' help, our goal is to organize:

- **70 film screenings\*\*\* and talks, and**
- **70 original art and film poster exhibitions**
- Required **digital upgrade** of film
- **PBS** television screening

to remind people and spread the inspiring message of this powerful event.  
We also would like to get the DVD into:

- **70 libraries and universities.**

Our non-profit status 501(c)3 charitable coalition is looking for:

- **HOSTS** (libraries, universities, museums, organizations) for screenings\*\*\*
- **PUBLIC SPACES** to exhibit the *Torn from the Flag Etching and Poster*
- **DONORS, SPONSORS, and IN-KIND DONORS** to offset expenses.

**Hosts, in-kind donors, and public spaces** book a public screening with the filmmakers [HERE](#) or send your message [HERE](#).

**Donors and sponsors** donate your tax-deductible contribution [HERE](#).

We're also offering 70 signed posters with a lovely message to you for no charge (shipping not included). All we ask is that you display your poster in a frame (26" x 39") in your public and indoor area until the 70th anniversary (October 23, 2026) and send us a nice photo.

**Additional information:** [www.TornFromTheFlag.com](http://www.TornFromTheFlag.com)

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# Call for Applications: Debrecen Summer School

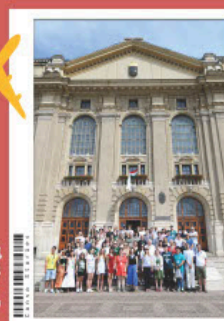
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Date: 20 -31 July 2026

Location: DEBRECEN, HUNGARY

60 classes, 3 ECTS credits

## DEBRECEN SUMMER SCHOOL



### Structure of the Course:

- 3 blocks of classes (3 × 90 min) a day
- examination offered at the end of the course (ECTS credits)

### Cultural Activities:

- opening ceremony
- guided tour in Debrecen
- weekend excursion
- Hungarian gastronomy and foodways
- folk dances and folk songs
- quiz
- farewell party

### Leisure Activities:

- disco, karaoke night
- sports

### EXTRA Program:

- traditional handicrafts
- sightseeing tour by night
- bike tour

### Program Director:

Dr. Róbert Barta  
Professor of History (University of Debrecen)

### Accommodation & Meals:

- Accommodation: Kossuth Lajos Dormitory (single and double rooms)
- Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

### Dates & Reminders

- registration: 19 July (Sunday), 14–18
- course starts: 20 July (Monday)
- daily schedule: 9–10:30; 11–12:30; 14–15:30
- tuition ends: 31 July (Friday)
- check-out time: 1 August (Saturday), before 10:00



# Have a New or Upcoming Publication?

We would love to help share news of the impressive and diverse work that AHEA members are doing! If you have a recent book, article, or other scholarly/artistic work you would like your fellow members to know about, send a brief description/promotional blurb and a link to further information to [aheanews@gmail.com](mailto:aheanews@gmail.com). Requests will appear in the order in which they were received and may be edited for space.

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