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ROBERT CHANDLER

ON

VASILY GROSSMAN

JOURNALIST, HISTORIAN, ARTIST

Monday, January 25, 4 PM

College Avenue Campus, Van Dyck Hall 301

Robert Chandler's talk explores the subtlety of Grossman's perceptions and the artistic brilliance of his literary and historical work.

Vasily Grossman (1905-1964) was a towering Russian novelist and an acerbic commentator of the Stalinist regime. As a journalist Grossman reported from the front throughout WW II, he witnessed the Red Army's liberation of Nazi concentration camps, and chronicled the Holocaust on Soviet soil. His novel, *Life and Fate*, a World War II epic modelled on Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, was suppressed by the Soviet authorities.

Robert Chandler is the editor of *Russian Short Stories from Pushkin to Buida* and the author of *Alexander Pushkin*. His translations from Russian include the works of Vasily Grossman, Nikolai Leskov and Alexander Pushkin. Chandler's translations of Andrey Platonov and Hamid Ismailov won the American Association of Teachers of Slavonic and East European Languages prize in 2004 and 2007.