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<[Yet another \(and very imposing\) Festschrift for a major senior scholar:](http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-earlyslavic&month=1205&week=d&msg=BE/bSjOv5K1798UgnwJQiQ&user=&pw=></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Kniga i literatura v kul'turnom prostranstve epokh (XI-XX veka). Posviashchaetsia 45-letiiu nauchno-pedagogicheskoi deiatel'nosti Eleny Ivanovny Dergachevoi-Skop. Sostaviteli i otvetstvennye redaktory O. N. Fokina, V. N. Alekseev (Novosibirsk, 2011; ISBN: 978-5-94560-165-9). 1056 pp.

The essays in the book have been accumulating for several years now and include papers from a conference Dergacheva-Skop organized on "The Province in Russian Culture" in 2007. I mention this with particular reference to my own contribution here, which contains some less than flattering remarks on the then American president, ones with which I would not wish to demean the current American president. Such things become dated quickly...

The introductory essay by Fokina on the honoree makes for interesting reading about intelligentsia families, career patterns, intellectual genealogies, etc. which are all so important if we are to understand Russian scholarship. Dergachev-Skop is known especially for her work on Remizov and more generally on Siberian literature and archaeography.

The large number of essays, some of them very substantial, precludes my listing them here. Contributors to the volume include a few non-Russian scholars. The essays are grouped under the following headings:

"Provintsiia i tsentr--problemy vzaimodeistviia"
"Sibir' kak provintsiia: literatura, iksusstvo, byt"
"Literatura v istoriko-kul'turnom kontekste"
"Drevnerusskoe nasledie v kul'turnom prostranstve epokh"
"Literaturnaia 'provintsiia' v kul'turnom prostranstve epokh"
"Staroobriadchestvo: literatura i knizhnost', arkhografiiia"

Full TOC can be found here:

<http://faculty.washington.edu/dwaugh/rus/knigailiteraturacontents.pdf>

For self-advertisement (perhaps a kind of apologia), my essay is entitled "Kto na samom dele 'provintsialen'? Razmyshleniia o kontseptsii provintsial'nosti na primerakh Rossii rannego Novogo vremeni, Zapadnoi Evropy i Ameriki." It is an un-revised version of the perhaps irresponsibly general paper I prepared for the 2007 conference and which was read there for me by V. G. Vovina-Lebedeva (to whom I am grateful for her editorial ministrations on my Russian). The book indicates my affiliation as Uppsala University, where I was at the time of the conference, but I am now back home in Shoreline, a very provincial suburb of provincial Seattle in provincial USA. I very much regretted not making it to Siberia for the event, on account of the "provincial" authorities' delay in producing the bureaucratic paper

needed for me to obtain my visa and make the necessary travel arrangements in time. I will post a pdf file of the article (with some corrections of typos) to my personal website when I can get to it.