

We, faculty and affiliated faculty members of the Russian Department at Bowdoin College, are profoundly dismayed at the ongoing war against the sovereign nation of Ukraine, and as scholars of the region, we are deeply saddened by the historical distortions and outright falsehoods that have been mustered to justify and advance Vladimir Putin's military campaign. We support Ukraine's independence, territorial integrity and right to self-determination, and we stand in solidarity with the people in Ukraine, Russia, and around the world who oppose this senseless violence and work towards peace.

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