The Michael B. Kreps Memorial Readings (Крепсовские Чтения) were inaugurated at Boston College in the Fall of 1997 and named so after the late Professor Michael Kreps (Михаил Крепс), a Russian poet in his own right, who was a professor of Slavic languages and literatures at Boston College from 1981 until his death in 1994. A native of St. Petersburg (Leningrad at the time of his birth), Kreps emigrated from Russia to the United States in 1974 and did his graduate work at Berkeley. As a critic, Kreps is known for three monographs, Pasternak and Bulgakov as Novelists (1984), On Brodsky’s Poetry (1984; reprint 2007)—which was the first book about Joseph Brodsky, and Zoshchenko’s Technique of Comical (1986). Author of several books of poetry, Kreps is best remembered for his collection of Russian palindromes, Mukhi i ikh um (Flies and Their Intelligence, 1993).

The Michael B. Kreps Memorial Readings (Крепсовские Чтения) feature contemporary Russian émigré writers from around the world. Professor Maxim D. Shrayer (Boston College) serves as the curator and moderator of the series. All readings are in Russian and are free and open to the public.
The readings are sponsored by the Department of Slavic and Eastern Languages and Literatures and the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. Beginning with 2009, video recordings of the events are available at Boston College Front Row: http://frontrow.bc.edu

The Readings

6 December 1997
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Aleksandr Andronov — Александр Андронов
Vladimir Gandelsman — Владимир Гандельсман
Irina Mashinski — Ирина Машинская
Valentina Sinkevich — Валентина Синкевич
David Shrayer-Petrov — Давид Шраер-Петров

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4 April 1998
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Aleksandr Aleinik — Александр Алейник
Katya Kapovich — Катя Капович
Igor Mikhalevich-Kaplan — Игорь Михалевич-Каплан
Marina Temkina — Марина Темкина
Maxim D. Shrayer — Максим Д. Шраер

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13 November 1999
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Ina Bliznetsova — Ина Близнецова
Dmitri Bobyshev — Дмитрий Бобышев
Ilya Kutik — Илья Кутик
Marina Eskina — Марина Эскина
4 November, 2000
Devlin 101, Boston College

Yuz Aleshkovsky — Юз Алешковский
Philip Isaac Berman — Филипп Исаак Берман
Ludmila Shtern — Людмила Штерн

2 February 2002
Devlin 101, Boston College

Michail Bezrodnij — Михаил Безродный
Vasilii Agafonov — Василий Агафонов

29 April 2006
Gasson 100, Boston College (in conjunction with the Boston College Arts Festival)

Leonid Bulanov — Леонид Буланов
Pavel Grushko — Павел Грушко
Petr Ilyinskii — Петр Ильинский
David Shrayer-Petrov — Давид Шраер-Петров

April 5, 2008
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Mikhail Shishkin — Михаил Шишкин

April 28, 2009

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Vera Pavlova — Вера Павлова

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December 12, 2009
Fulton Debating Room, Boston College

Polina Barskova — Полина Барскова
Margarita Meklina — Маргарита Меклина

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April 30, 2011
Devlin 101, Boston College (in conjunction with the Boston College Arts Festival)

Gennady Katsov — Геннадий Кацов
Leon Kogan — Леон Коган
Leopold Epstein — Леопольд Эпштейн

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February 8, 2014
Devlin 101, Boston College

Evgeny Bukhin — Евгений Бухин
Olga Simonova-Partan — Ольга Симонова-Партан
Alexei Tsvetkov — Алексей Цветков

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April 26, 2014
Devlin 101, Boston College

The Michael B. Kreps Memorial Readings at Boston College
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Philip Isaac Berman — Филипп Исаак Берман
Leonid Bulanov — Леонид Буланов
Pavel Grushko — Павел Грушко
Irina Muravyova — Ирина Муравьева
David Shrayer-Petrov — Давид Шраер-Петров

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April 25, 2015
Devlin 101, Boston College

Spring Festival of Russian Poetry

Alexander Gabriel — Александр Габриэль
Vladimir Druk — Владимир Друк
Ian Probstein — Ян Пробштейн

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April 30, 2016
Devlin 101, Boston College

Spring Festival of Russian Literature

Anna Agnich — Анна Агнич
Bakhyt Kenjeev — Бахыт Кенжеев
Igor Kuras — Игорь Курас

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