Above: Dario Gaggio, Veton Surroi, Gerard Libaridian, and Douglas Northrop / Right: Veton Surroi and Gerard Libaridian (Photo by Peter Smith)
From the WCEE Directors’ Council

Over two years have passed since the signing of the gift agreement with Ambassador Ronald Weiser and Eileen Weiser that led to the establishment of the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE) and the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED) at the University of Michigan (U-M) in September 2008.

Since then, WCEE and its affiliates—the Center for European Studies-European Union Center (CES-EUC); the newly-renamed Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREES); and WCED—have continued to thrive and develop. Following the unexpected departure of inaugural WCEE/WCED director Michael D. Kennedy in July 2009 to lead the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University, the Weiser Center successfully navigated its first leadership transition and has carved out a distinctive place both in the International Institute and across the University. The Directors’ Council, comprised of Dario Gaggio, CES-EUC director; Douglas Northrop, CREES director; Gerard Libaridian, interim WCED director and director of the Armenian Studies Program (ASP); and Marysia Ostafin, WCEE program manager, has provided interim leadership this year. Under their guidance, the Weiser Center affiliates have pursued an intensive series of programs, curricular innovations, and events in support of WCEE’s mission to promote interdisciplinary knowledge and public engagement with the full range of institutions, cultures, and histories of Europe and Eurasia.

In the spirit of collaboration and innovation all of the WCEE centers, along with other U-M partners, presented a Fall 2009 series entitled, “The Nines: Brinks, Cusps, and Perceptions of Possibility—from 1789–2009.” These programs explored the relationship between world-historic events and the alternative futures they inspired. From the explosion of alternatives in 1919 to the normalization of democratic destinies in 1989, from the crisis of 1929 to the anxieties of 2009, this series delved into many of the iconic “nines” of the modern era. Beginning in September 2009, the series focused on Eastern Europe (Poland, East Germany/Berlin, Czechoslovakia, Kosovo, and Romania), and culminated in a cross-center conference that drew comparisons of the revolutions in Eastern Europe with other world regions, including China, Africa, South Asia, and Russia. “The Nines” also included lectures by Aleksander Kwaśniewski, former president of Poland and a member of the WCED Advisory Council; the University of Chicago’s William Sewell; former CREES director Katherine Verdery; author Andrei Codrescu; and journalist and politician Veton Surroi; as well as films, art installations, and a performance by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. During Winter 2010 CES-EUC and WCED featured Spain’s transition to democracy since Franco’s death in 1975, culminating with the country’s full integration in the EU. Other particularly notable programs were lectures by Ambassador John Beyrle, U.S. Ambassador to Russia; German politician Cem Özdemir; and Angelos Pangratis, the EU’s Acting Ambassador to the U.S. To view or listen to these and other events in this year’s Weiser Center public programs on Europe and Eurasia and emerging democracies, please visit our media archives on U-M’s page on iTunes U (itunesu.umich.edu) and click “International.”

The Weiser Professional Development Awards Program this year hosted seven scholars from
Armenia, Georgia, Lithuania, Slovakia, and Ukraine; the program has since expanded to include several Yugoslav successor states (Bosnia-Hercegovina, Macedonia, Serbia, and Kosovo). In addition, with support and encouragement from the U-M Provost’s Office, we have added a faculty exchange with Stockholm University. WCED provided funding for Emerging Democracies Fellowships to six students and offered a year-long graduate workshop on emerging democracies led by interim WCED director Gerard Libaridian. The Centers recruited a number of new faculty associates specializing in human rights, public health, and international business, and in collaboration with CES-EUC and CREES, WCEE and WCED made a second round of faculty awards for innovative projects extending the missions of all our centers.

This second WCEE Annual Report showcases the achievements in 2009-10 of CES-EUC, CREES, and WCED, both as centers and through their affiliated students and faculty. These rosters continue to grow, attesting to the remarkable strength of European and Eurasian studies at U-M and its International Institute. If you wish to contribute to this momentum, please consider a donation to one of our gift funds—a very significant way you can help us secure U-M’s long-term leadership in all the fields we support, across the full range of European and Eurasian studies, including history, culture, politics, and language, and also [through WCED] including work broadly related to democratization.

To learn about the various ways you can support the programs of the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and its affiliated centers, please visit www.ii.umich.edu/wcee/support.

In reviewing the accomplishments of the past year, we are humbled by the variety and intensity of work done by a large number of individuals, including visitors from other campuses as well as our own students, alumni, faculty, and staff, all of whom participated whole-heartedly in our work. We look forward with anticipation to your continued involvement in the future.

The WCEE Directors’ Council

Dario Gaggio
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Interim WCED Director and ASP Director

Douglas Northrop
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Marysia Ostafin
Program Manager
Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2010

Grants awarded to faculty and artists at institutions of higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Russia (Kaliningrad District), Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Slovakia, and Ukraine for short visits to Ann Arbor to promote research collaboration with U-M faculty.


Dainius H. Pauza, professor and principal investigator, Institute of Anatomy, Kaunas University of Medicine, Kaunas, Lithuania. “The Intrinsic Cardiac Innervation in Nav1.6 Knock Out Mice.” U-M host: José Jalife, Center for Arrhythmia Research, UMHS. Apr 5-30, 2010.

Weiser Faculty Grants, 2009-10

Awarded to U-M faculty for projects addressing historical or current articulations of cultural, economic, political, and social life in Europe and Eurasia. Projects engaging WCED’s thematic concern for emerging democracies were especially welcomed.

Peter Sparling, Dance, for “The Bodytalk Template,” a comparative, intercultural study of male dancers around the world. Jindrich Toman, Slavic, for continuation of the project “(Un)managed Memory,” a study of the status and functioning of cultural-heritage associations in the Czech Republic after the Velvet Revolution. Anca Trandafirescu, Architecture, for the design, construction, and installation of an inflatable monument commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Romanian revolution in Timișoara, Romania. Geneviève Zubrzycki, Sociology, for a comparative research project on religion, nationalism, and democratization in Poland and Quebec.

Weiser Faculty
The following are significant accomplishments in 2009-10 reported by faculty affiliated with CES-EUC, CREES, and/or WCED.

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CES-EUC engaged in a series of conversations on Europe's extremely delicate current political and economic juncture in the wake of the Lisbon treaty and the global financial crisis. We were treated to two radically different perspectives on these issues, one by Angelos Pangratis, acting head of Delegation of the EU to the U.S., and the other by Cem Özdemir, chair of the German Green Party. These visitors reminded us of the vitality and diversity of political debate in today's Europe.

Dario Gaggio
Modern European Studies Minor Graduates, 2009-10

Summer 2009/Jennifer Cunningham.
Winter 2010/Lauren Altschuler, Arlene Colvin, Laura Kupe, Daniel StawiarSKI.

EUC Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows, 2010

Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from the European Commission and U-M’s Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.


CES-EUC Summer Research and Internship Grants, 2010

Awarded to U-M undergraduate and graduate students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration with support from the European Commission and CES-EUC.

Cassandra Ballert, BSE Chemical Engineering/BS German [Germany]; Janna Bray, PhD Political Science [Germany]; Christopher Davis, PhD Comparative Literature [France]; Jacqueline Doremus, PhD Natural Resources & Environment [France]; Karen Fan, BA Economics/Political Science [France]; Martha Fedorowicz, BA French/Political Science [France]; Juliet Guzzetta, PhD Romance [Italy]; David Kline Jones, PhD Health Management & Policy/Political Science [France]; Gregory Kohler, BA German [Germany]; Erika Mayer, BA Political Science [England]; George Nardis, PhD Communication Studies [Ann Arbor]; Courtney Ritter, PhD Screen Arts & Cultures [Italy]; Christian Runge, MLArch Landscape Architecture [Germany]; Leslie Tse, BBA Business Administration [Germany]; Joel Vikrant, MPH Health Management & Policy [Scotland].

EUC/Ford School of Public Policy Summer Internship Grant, 2010

Awarded to Ford School of Public Policy MPP students for summer internships in Europe with support from the European Commission.

Christopher Murillo, MPP Public Policy. Internship at the Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin, Germany.
Graduate Workshop on European Studies, 2010
An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum for advanced graduate students working on issues of contemporary Europe and the EU convened in Winter 2010 with support from the European Commission and CES-EUC.

Faculty convenor: Dario Gaggio, CES-EUC/History.

Graduate student coordinator: Monica López-Lerma, PhD Comparative Literature.

Participants: Avraham Astor, PhD Sociology [best paper for “Toward a Relational Approach to Studying Intergroup Conflict: The Origins of Mosque Opposition in Spain”]; Janna Bray, PhD Political Science; Frank Castiglione, PhD Near Eastern, Studies; Alexandra Gerber, PhD Sociology; Cassandra Grafström, PhD Political Science; Susanne Unger, PhD Anthropology.

EUC Faculty Projects, 2009-10
Faculty research and workshops on the EU and European integration with support from the European Commission.


EUC Jean Monnet Post-doctoral Fellows, 2010
Awarded to junior scholars affiliated with universities in the EU or in countries with an accession prospective who are researching European integration in any scholarly discipline or professional field with support from the European Commission.

Netherlands Visiting Professors, 2009-10
The Netherlands Visiting Professorship at U-M brings Dutch scholars to U-M for semester- or year-long residencies with support from the U-M Office of the Provost, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, CES-EUC, International Institute, and U-M host department.


Linda Senden, professor and chair of European Union Law, European and International Public Law Department, Tilburg University, Tilburg, Netherlands; Netherlands Visiting Professor of Law. Courses taught: Law 664 European Legal Order; Law 418 Seminar: Governance of the EU. U-M host department: Law School. Winter 2010.

The Stockholm University-University of Michigan Collaboration in Research and Education Recipients, 2010
Awarded to one U-M and one Stockholm University faculty member for a short-term research visit with support from U-M’s Office of the Provost and Stockholm University.

Along with adopting a new name in January 2010 ("Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies"), CREES undertook a comprehensive redesign of its academic programs and submitted an application for renewed U.S. Department of Education Title VI support, which if successful will expand support for area language instruction, Central Asia studies, and K-12 teacher training. Teacher training was also featured in the Center’s Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Seminar in Russia.

Douglas Northrop
REES Graduates, 2009-10

Summer 2009/REES BS: Monica Sendor. East European Studies minor: Kori Crockett.
Fall 2009/Russian Studies minor: Sairah Husain, REES Graduate Certificate: Deborah Michaels.

Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 2009-10
Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education and U-M.

Amanda Getty, MA REES (Russian); Jodi Grieg, PhD Slavic (Polish); Deborah Jones, PhD Anthropology (Ukrainian); Kimberly Powers, PhD Anthropology & History (Uzbek); Sarah Sutter, PhD Slavic (Russian); Theodora Trimble, MA REES (Russian); Maria Wathen, PhD Sociology & Social Work (Russian).

Graduate Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 2010
Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Meghanne Barker, PhD Anthropology (Kazakh); Jamie Carlisle, MA REES (Ukrainian); Lynn Eckert, PhD History & Women’s Studies (Macedonian); Meagan Elliott, PhD Sociology (Polish); Amanda Getty, MA REES (Russian); Jodi Grieg, PhD Slavic (Polish); Kelly Trimble, MA REES (Russian).

Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 2010
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Robert Feller, BA REES/Comparative Literature (Russian); Emma Foley, BA REES/History/Linguistics (Polish).

CREES Research, Internship, and Fellowship Awards, 2010
Awarded to students in REES-related undergraduate and graduate degree programs for summer or semester-long research projects or internships at institutions and businesses in Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union.

Meghanne Barker, PhD Anthropology (Kazakhstan); Aleksandar Bošković, PhD Slavic (Croatia & Serbia); Bryn Hauk, BA Linguistics/Russian (Russia); Deborah Jones, PhD Anthropology (Ukraine); Scott Kalafatis, MS Natural Resources & Environment/MUP Urban & Regional Planning (Romania); Dumitru Minzarari, PhD Political Science (Czech Republic & Germany); Kimberly Powers, PhD Anthropology & History (Kazakhstan); Colin Quinn, PhD Anthropology (Romania); Alban Rushiti, BA Economics/Political Science (Slovakia); Maria Smith, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Kazakhstan); Sarah Sutter, PhD Slavic (Russia); Jessica Zychowicz, PhD Slavic (Ukraine).
Copernicus Fellowship for Incoming Graduate Students in Polish Studies, 2009-10
Awarded to an incoming doctoral or master’s level student expecting to focus graduate work on Polish Studies who has been nominated by the student’s department.

Jodi Grieg, PhD Slavic.

Graduate Student Instructors, REES 395 & 396/397, 2009-10
Awarded for teaching positions in REES undergraduate courses: REES 395, Survey of Russia: The Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and the Successor States [fall]; REES 396/397: Eastern Europe in Transformation [winter].


CREES Alumni/ae
Please send news on your activities since graduation to crees@umich.edu.

Ryan Aiken [MA REES ’09] joined the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer in October 2009; he began his first assignment as a public diplomacy officer in Chisinau, Moldova in April 2009. Richard Aishton [MA REES/MS Natural Resources & Environment ’96, PhD Natural Resources & Environment ’99] works for the International Union for Conservation of Nature in Brussels, where he is project coordinator of Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) East. Gregory Allar [PhD Slavic ’77], program associate at the School of Management at U-M Flint, accompanied a group of U-M Flint MBA students to Russia in May 2010. Janice Brummond [MA REES/MS Natural Resources & Environment ’97, PhD Natural Resources & Environment ’04] is a program officer in the Multi-Regional Programs Division of the State Department’s International Visitor Leadership Program. Brigette Buchet [MA REES ’94], a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department, was posted to Azerbaijan in June 2010. Eva-Marie Dubuisson [PhD Anthropology ’09] is a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. Rebecca Friedman [PhD History ’00], associate professor of history at Florida International University, became director of the Miami-Florida EU Center for Excellence in 2009. Emil Kerenji [PhD History ’08] is an Applied Research Scholar at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Anna Lembryk [BA REES/German ’09] received a 12-month Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals scholarship supporting study at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt an der Oder, Germany and an internship at the German Marshall Fund of the United States office in Berlin. Sonja Luehrmann [PhD, Anthropology & History ’09] is Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia. Douglas Rogers [MA REES ’99, PhD Anthropology ’04], assistant professor of anthropology at Yale, is the author of The Old Faith and the Russian Land: A Historical Ethnography of Ethics in the Urals. Monica Sendor [BS REES/Psychology ’09] is pursuing a master’s degree at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies Bologna Center. Timothy Stubbs [JD Law ’85, MA REES ’86], a partner in the international law firm Salans and head of the firm’s Russian Banking and Finance Department, hosted a March 2010 lecture in Moscow for U-M MBA students on a study tour and U-M alumni/ae. In July 2010, he will meet with CREES’s Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Seminar participants. Vibeke Brask Thomsen [MA REES/MPP Public Policy ’06] is programme officer for the International Security Information Service (ISIS-Europe) in Brussels. Alexei Tsvetkov [PhD Slavic ’83] is a freelance writer and poet based in New York City. In Fall 2010, Ryan Voogt [MA REES ’10] begins doctoral
studies in history at the University of Kentucky, where he will work with Karen Petrone (PhD History ’94). Lenny Urena Valerio (PhD History ’10) received the 2010 PIASA Dissertation Award for “The Stakes of Empire: Colonial Fantasies, Civilizing Agendas, and Biopolitics in the Prussian-Polish Provinces, 1840-1914.” Ewa Wampuszyc (MA REES ’96, PhD Slavic ’04) has accepted an assistant professorship in Slavic languages and literatures at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In August 2009, Pamela Young (PhD Education ’01) left a position with CARE in Atlanta to become senior education advisor at Plan USA in Washington, DC. Joy Ziegeweid (MUP Urban Planning/Graduate Certificate in REES ’06) received an Alfa Fellowship in 2006 and worked in the Moscow office of Mott MacDonald prior to enrolling at Columbia Law School in 2009.

CREES Visiting Scholars

CREES regularly collaborates with American Councils for International Education, IREX, NCEEER, Fulbright, and other external sponsors to host visiting scholars from Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

WCED Graduate Student Workshop participants met individuals from a variety of backgrounds who had experienced the implementation of democratic reform and the development of democratic institutions and practices. Hearing directly from practitioners about the pitfalls, problems, and difficult choices that are made by local and international actors, students gained insights relevant to their research topics and about "emerging democracies" as an academically relevant and practically significant theme.

Gerard Libaridian
WCED Student Fellows, 2009-10

Awarded to incoming and continuing graduate students at U-M who expect to focus their graduate work around the theme of “emerging democracies past or present” in Europe, Russia, or Eurasia.


WCED Graduate Student Workshop, 2009-10

An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum convened for graduate students working on issues related to emerging democracies in Europe and Eurasia.

Faculty convenor: Gerard Libaridian, WCED/History.

Participants: Jamie Carlisle, MA REES; Adriana Chira, PhD Anthropology & History; Danielle Czarnecki, PhD Sociology; Lynn Eckert, PhD History & Women’s Studies; Meagan Elliott, PhD Sociology; Jessica Fisher, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; Rutherford Hubbard, MA REES/JD Law; Lavrentia Karamaniola, PhD Anthropology; Corina Kesler, PhD Comparative Literature; Katherine Langer, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; Maria Smith, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; Kelly Trimble, MA REES; Maria Wathen, PhD Social Work & Sociology; Claire Whitlinger, PhD Sociology.

Presenters: Daniel Brady, entrepreneur and active participant in International Republican Institute democracy programs with experience in Central America, the Caribbean, and Africa; Ambassador John Beyrle, U.S. ambassador to Russia; Aleksander Kwaśniewski, President of Poland (1995-2005); Ambassador Melvin Levitsky, professor of international policy and practice, Ford School of Public Policy, U-M; and Michael Ochs, Policy Advisor, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission) of the U.S. Congress.
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September


Sept 16 CREES Brown Bag. "Russia: Who’s in Charge?" Paul J. Saunders (BA Political Science ’90, MA REES/Political Science ’92), The Nixon Center. Sponsor: CREES.


October


Oct 21 Lecture and Book Signing. The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution. Alex Storozynski, author, journalist, and President of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Co-sponsor: CE.

Oct 22 WCED Lecture. “Purity and Danger in Romania’s ‘Transitional Justice’: Purging Enemies through the Securitate Files.” Katherine Verdery, CUNY Graduate Center. Sponsors: WCED, CES-EUC, CREES.

Oct 22-23 Conference. “Central European Jewish Culture: Revisions & Revisualizations.” Sponsors: FCJS, History, CREES, Comparative Literature, EIHS, GLL.

Oct 25 ARF Concert. American Romanian Festival Octet. Works by Shostakovich, Read, and Enescu performed by Vasile Beluska, Penny Kruse, Laura Roelofs, Marian Tanau, violins; Eva Stern, Megan Fergusson, violas; Alan Smith, Paul Wingert, cellos. Sponsors: ARF; U-M’s UMMA, CES-EUC, CREES.


November


Nov 3-7 Project HOT AIR. Installation of an inflatable monument commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Romanian revolution; workshop and lecture for the architecture students of Timișoara Polytechnic University. Anca Trandafirescu, U-M. Sponsors: U-M’s WCED, CES-EUC, CREES, TCAUP; City of Timișoara.


Nov 5 Conversations on Europe/CREES Lecture. “Kosovo from NATO’s Intervention to Independence: An Appraisal.” Veton Surroi, journalist and politician. Sponsor: CES-EUC, CREES, WCED.


Nov 9 Frankel Center Lecture/Demonstration. “Petersburg vs. Moscow: Two Big Differences in Russian Klezmerland.” Pavel Lion (Psoy), songwriter, singer, performer, and philologist. Sponsors: FCJS, CREES, WCED.


Nov 20 Project. “Collapsing Borders—Einstürzende Grenzen.” A trans-Atlantic live digital audio-video jam session with Markus Guentner (Regensburg, Germany) and nospectacle (Detroit-Ann Arbor, USA). Sponsors: Screen Arts & Cultures, CES-EUC, Digital Media Commons, WCED.

Dec 2 WCEE Student Presentations on Summer Research and Internships. Jessica Fisher, CRIF, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; Monica López-Lerma, JMF, PhD Comparative Literature; Mark Rudolf, CES-EUC Summer, BSE Biomedical Engineering. Sponsors: CES-EUC, CREES.

Dec 3 Nines Keynote Lecture. “China as Eurasian Subcontinent: Perspectives on the Past and Future.” James A. Millward, Georgetown University. Sponsors: CCS, CREES, WCED.


Dec 7 Zell Visiting Writers Series. Poetry reading by Piotr Sommer, poet, translator, anthology editor, and essayist. Sponsors: U-M’s ELL, CREES, Comparative Literature, Office of the Provost; Helen Zell.


January


Jan 26 Conversations on Europe. “What Do America and Europe Owe to the World’s Least Healthy People?” Lawrence Gostin, Georgetown University. Sponsors: CES-EUC, CICL, Psychiatry.


February


Feb 18 Conversations on Europe. “Enhancing Democracy in the EU: Merits and Deficiencies of the Union’s Multi-Track Approach.” Linda Senden, Tilburg University and Netherlands Visiting Professor of Law, U-M. Sponsors: CES-EUC, CICL.


March


Mar 23 Russian Language Tea. Informal gathering for the Maly Drama Theater, Ann Arbor’s Russian-speaking community, and U-M students of Russian. Sponsors: CREES, SLL, UMS.


April

Apr 5 CCS/CREES Lecture. “Contemporary Xinjiang: What Do We Know? What Don’t We Know?” Gardner Bovingdon, Indiana University. Sponsors: CCS, CREES.

Apr 8 Conversations on Europe. “Driving on a Dead End Road: Why Germany Fell Behind and What it Takes to Get Back to the Forefront of Progress.” Cem Özdemir, German Green Party National Co-Chairman and Member, German Parliament. Sponsors: CES-EUC, GLL.

Apr 9 CREES Colloquium. “Rosenberg’s Russia.” Anne Gorsuch [PhD ’92], Heather Hogan [PhD ’81], Diane Koenker [PhD ’76], Anna Kuxhausen [PhD ’06], U-M History alumnae; Francis Blouin, U-M. Lectures in tribute to William G. Rosenberg, U-M professor of history. Sponsors: CREES, History, II, IH.

Apr 12 China Data Center/CCS/CREES Lecture. “Contemporary Chinese Migration to Central Asia: Focus on Kazakhstan.” Elena Sadovskaya, Georgetown University. Sponsors: China Data Center, CCS, CREES.

Apr 12 Zell Visiting Writers Series Roundtable with Sylva Fischerová, Charles University, Prague. Sponsors: U-M’s ELL, CREES, Office of the Provost, WCED; Janey Lack; Helen Zell.


Apr 15 Conversations on Europe. “Materialities of State Socialism and Postsocialism.” Zsuzsa Gille, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Sponsors: CES-EUC, CREES.


Apr 21 Film. Coffee Futures. Zeynep Devrim Gürsel, U-M, director [2008]. Sponsor: CES-EUC.
Apr 21 CES-EUC End of Semester Luncheon. “A Roundtable Discussion on the EU and Turkey.” Convener: Dario Gaggio, U-M. Presenters: Frank Castiglione, U-M; Zeynep Devrim Gürsel, U-M; Akin Ünver, Sabanci University and Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsor: CES-EUC.


May


OUTREACH TO EDUCATORS & SCHOOLS

Cross–Center Projects
- Teachers’ Global Education E-Newsletter, including information about opportunities for teachers, sent to over 2,400 teachers twice monthly.
- “Globalization” calendar prepared by outreach coordinators at International Institute area centers to be distributed to K-12 teachers in Southeast Michigan.
- “An Afternoon of World Performance” at the Ann Arbor District Library featured Pavel Lion (Psoy), Russian musician; Sylvia Meloche, international folkdance instructor (Dec 6).
- Aleksander Kwaśniewski, former president of Poland, discussed EU enlargement and the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with 12th-grade students at Huron High School in Ann Arbor (Oct 12). Trisha Paul, Huron High senior, wrote an article for annarbor.com titled, “Former President of Poland Aleksander Kwaśniewski comes to Huron High School”[Oct 13].

CES–EUC Projects
- Bianca Stoica, senior at International Academy Central (Bloomfield Hills), was presented with the High School Social Studies Student of the Year award at the Michigan Council for the Social Studies state conference for her participation in EURO Challenge 2009 (Nov 2).
- Steve Eschrich, International Academy Central (Bloomfield Hills); Amy Medearis, EU Delegation, Washington, DC; and Jennifer Miller-Gonzales, PhD Political Science, presented a seminar on the European economy and the Euro Challenge 2010 Competition for high school teachers (Nov 12).
- Teams from four Michigan High Schools recruited and trained by EUC participated in a regional EURO Challenge 2010 competition about the euro and the European economy (Mar 26); International Academy Central (Bloomfield Hills), winner of the regional competition, placed 5th in the national competition in New York City (Apr 27).

CREES Projects
- A Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant from the U.S. Department of Education supported a seminar in Krasnodar and Moscow, Russia for 12 K-12 teachers from eight states (Jun 18-Jul 17).
  Group leaders: Alexander Knysh, Near Eastern Studies; Olga Maiorova, Slavic. Curriculum specialist: Kelly Miller (PhD Slavic ’02), University of Virginia. Participants: Bonnie Brush, English, East Kentwood High School (Kentwood, MI); Bridget Cooley, World History, Grosse Pointe North High School (Grosse Pointe Woods, MI); Vinton Eberly, Russian/English, Central Valley High School (Spokane Valley, WA); Sean Flanigan, English, Loyola Blakefield High School (Towson, MD); Attilia Gogel, History, Signature School (Evansville, IN); Paul Kaliszewski, Social Studies, Cranbrook Middle School (Bloomfield Hills, MI); William Linser, Contemporary World Affairs, Robinswood High School (Bellevue, WA); Natalie O’Neal, English, George Nettels Elementary School (Pittsburg, KS); Julie Phillips, Russian, Papillion-La Vista High School (Papillion, NE); Wendy Pilichowski, English/Social Studies, Moline High School (Moline, IL); Rachel Wilkinson, English, Loyola Blakefield High School (Towson, MD); Amy Wojcik, Russian, Abington Heights High School (Clarks Summit, PA). Pre-departure workshop presenters: Barbara Anderson, John Branch, Kirill Kalinin, Alexander Knysh, Olga Maiorova, Sylvia Meloche, William Zimmerman, U-M; Amy Bloom, Oaklond County ISD; Chuck Hatt, Ann Arbor Public Schools; Kelly Miller; Aaron Retish, Wayne State University (Jun 15-17).
- Grants to support short visits to U-M to develop REEE-focused curriculum were awarded to Richard Arnold, Muskingum University; Christi Scott Bartman, Bowling Green State University; Matthew Todd Bradley, Indiana University, Kokomo; Amy Elman, Kalamazoo College; Brian Jones, Johnson C. Smith University; Mila Shevchenko, Bowling Green State University.

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