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I am delighted to report that the Weiser Centers have had a wonderful year, expanding our vibrant global programming and launching new initiatives.

We began the year by welcoming Ambassador Michael McFaul (Russia, 2010-12). Other prominent lectures included a lecture on the Greek crisis by Stathis Kalyvas in February, and on “Putin’s Kleptocracy” by Karen Dawisha in April. We also heard from experts on the oil curse, the punitive prison culture in the United States, immigration and national identity, and different understandings of “freedom of speech.”

We launched two new programs this year. First, in collaboration with the William Davidson Institute and the Slovak-based Pontis Foundation, we organized an NGO Leadership Training Program in Bratislava, Slovakia, which built up the managerial and organizational capacity of these very important civil society actors. Representatives of 20 NGOs from countries ranging from Albania to Tunisia participated. Second, we have launched the Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellowship. This was a highly competitive program, with over 150 applicants, and we will welcome our first cohort of fellows this fall. In May, WCED capped off the year with a very successful conference entitled “The Contemporary Interpretation of Historical Legacies in East Central Europe” at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in collaboration with CPPS, POLIN, and the Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies at the University of Warsaw.

WCED continues to support a new generation of researchers through the Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowships and Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, where students engage directly with scholars and practitioners. Efforts continue to expand our undergraduate travel and research fellowship program.

This is an exciting time at the Weiser Centers, as new initiatives build on the success of our existing programs. We look forward to continuing our collaborations with U-M partners and those at other institutions. We thank the many faculty, students, and colleagues both at the university and in the community for their participation and support.

Anna Grzymala-Busse
Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies
WCEE/WCED Director
Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2016

Grants awarded to faculty and artists at institutions of higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kaliningrad (Russia), Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine for short visits to Ann Arbor to promote research collaboration with U-M faculty.

Hanna Dęb ska, assistant professor of law, Pedagogical University of Cracow, and PhD candidate in sociology, Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland. Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. July-August, 2016.


Kabcenell New Europe Grants, 2016

Awarded to undergraduate students for summer experiences to study or conduct research in the New Europe—countries that have joined or will join the European Union, with a preference for new member and candidate countries.

Lorena Balic, BS Health & Fitness (Croatia); Maura Drabik, BS Informatics (Slovakia).
**Albanian Community Summer Fellowships, 2016**
Awarded to undergraduate students to support study, research, or internships in Albania and in neighboring countries preparing to join the European Union.

*Claire Johnson,* BS Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience.

**Weiser Faculty Grants, 2015-16**
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.

*Tatjana Aleksić,* Comparative Literature/Slavic, for the project “Slobodna Dalmacija: Feral Tribune.”
*Samer Ali,* Near Eastern Studies, for the project “Abad Humanism in the Arabo-Islamic Middle Ages: Public Participation and Nonviolent Resistance.”
*Dan Brown,* Natural Resources & Environment, to support travel for researchers from Mongolia to attend the conference “Socio-environmental Research on the Mongolian Plateau.”
*Rita Chin,* History, for the project “Britain’s Socialist Worker’s Party: A Multiethnic Political Experiment.”
*Krisztina Fehérváry,* Anthropology, for the project “Commodified Teeth and Individuating Tattoos: Self-branding Practices in Contemporary Hungary.”
*A llen Hicken,* Political Science, for the project “Electoral Dynamics in the Philippines.”
*Shazia Iftekhar,* Communication Studies, for the project “Mediating Frenchness: How French News Covered the Veil Debates.”
*Gergana Kodjebacheva,* Health Science and Administration (U-M Flint), for the project “Folic Acid Use among Romani Women in Bulgaria: Knowledge and Behaviors.”
*Oksana Malanchuk,* Research Center for Group Dynamics, for the project “Development of Ukrainian Identity in Eastern Ukraine.”
*Katherine Mendeloff,* Residential College, to attend the Gogol Theater Festival Collaboration in Kyiv, Ukraine.
*B rian Min,* Political Science, for the project “Not Performing and Winning: Why Disengaged Legislators Win Elections.”
*Rudolf Mrazek,* History, for the project “Forgetting and Celebration in Post-War Europe: The Case of Terezin.”
*A nna Muller,* History (U-M Dearborn), for the photo exhibition and workshop “From Estonia to Hamtramck.”
*Scott Spector,* German/History/Judaic Studies, for the project “Invisible Empire: Memory and Forgetting in Post-Hapsburg East Central Europe.”
*Yuri Zhukov,* Political Science, for the project “Crisis in Ukraine: Violence, Corruption, and Politics.”
*William Zimmerman,* Political Science, for the project “Russian Foreign Policy Perspectives: The Seventh Wave.”

**Weiser Faculty**
The following are significant accomplishments in 2015-16 reported by faculty affiliated with CES, CPPS, CREES, ISP, and/or WCED.

**Books**

*Islam: History, Culture and Practice. An Introductory Course,* co-ed. w/ A. Matochkina (Prezidentskaia biblioteka, 2015).
*Julia Sonnevend,* Communication Studies. *Education and...*

Grants, Awards, & Promotions

WEISER CENTER FOR EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

WCED Student Fellows, 2015-16
Awarded to students at U-M who focus their work around the theme of “emerging democracies past or present.”

Graduate Academic Year Fellows

Steven Cederquist, MA Higher Education. Access to and success in American universities for international students from emerging economies, role of higher education in the development of civil society, and the response of higher education to changing labor markets.

David Fahs, MA REES. Eurasian and East European politics, U.S. national security interests.

Miriam Gleckman-Krut, PhD Sociology. Transnational activism and scholarship amid global unevenness.

Alexandra Jason, MA REES. The effects of technology usage in Ukrainian democratization movements.

Lanora Johnson, PhD Sociology. Participation of young women and the development of youth political efficacy within the Arab Spring, Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, and other millennial movements.

Aleksandra Marciniak, PhD Slavic. Patriotism and nationalism in Russia, Polish-Russian relations.

Saouda Nabukenya, PhD History. African political and constitutional history; identity, culture, ethnic diversity, federalism, and centralized political institutions under different constitutional designs.

Matt Schissler, PhD Anthropology. Mobilization of religious violence and telecommunications infrastructure in Myanmar.

Roya Talibova, PhD Political Science. Post-Soviet and Turkish imperial legacy in violent nationalist movements that lead to ethnic civil wars.

Summer Fellows

Michael Abrahamson, PhD Architecture (Germany/Italy/Latvia); Abbas Alawieh, MPH Health Management & Policy (Denmark); Rachel Barr, JD Law (England); Tara Bayer, BA International Studies/Russian (Ukraine); Cody Cai, BA Art & Design (Denmark); James Carter, PhD Italian (Italy); Che Chan, BSE Materials Science & Engineering (Germany); Nina Chen, BS Computer Science (Ireland); Anne Desiderio, MA Higher Education/ Middle Eastern & North African Studies (Georgia); Ines Hadziegric, BA Psychology (Spain); Michelle Helner, BA German (Germany); Kate Marciniak, BA LSA (England); Anil Ramachandran Menon, PhD Political Science (Belgium/England/Italy); Brianne Recker, BA International Studies (Spain); Caroline Gina Saab, BSE Computer
Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, 2015-16
An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum convened for graduate students working on issues related to emerging democracies.

Conveners: Anna Grzymala-Busse, WCED/Political Science; Zana Kwaiser, WCED.

Participants: Steven Cederquist, MA Higher Education; David Fahs, MA REES; Miriam Gleckman-Krut, PhD Sociology; Alexandra Jason, MA REES; Lanora Johnson, PhD Sociology; Einar David Manki, MA REES; Aleksandra Marciniak, PhD Slavic; Sauda Nabukenya, PhD History; Matt Schissler, PhD Anthropology; Roya Talibova, PhD Political Science.

Presenters: Sasha de Vogel, PhD Political Science; Özge Korkmaz, PhD Anthropology; Stephanie Skier, PhD History; Kirill Zhirkov, PhD Political Science.

WCED Research Fellows, 2015-16
WCED Research Fellows are specialists or practitioners of emerging democracies who teach or hold non-teaching positions at U-M.

Corina Kesler, (PhD Comparative Literature ’11) for work on a project titled “Step by Step, the New Aesthetics of the Romanian Presidency: An Analysis of the Challenges and Promises of Klaus Iohannis’ Cultural and Literary Politics.”

(clockwise from left) Konstantin Sonin; Amb. Michael McFaul with students; Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop participants
From the Director

CES programming focuses on the past, present, and future Europe and the European Union. This year we collaborated with the Islamic Studies Program on a series of lectures focusing on Islam in Europe, including talks on European jihadis, Islamic TV programming in Europe, and migrants across the Mediterranean. We co-hosted an International Institute Roundtable on refugees and the migration crisis in Europe in response to contemporary events. CES also sponsored talks of interest to scholars of European culture, including presentations on Byzantine literature and on Greece and the Eurozone. We continue to support an undergraduate minor and a graduate certificate in European Studies, and we award Jean Monnet Fellowships and CES Summer Research and Internship Grants to students studying Europe. CES is proud to support established scholars and rising stars continuing the long tradition of European Studies at U-M.

Karla Mallette
CES Director
Modern European Studies Minor Graduates, 2015-16

Fall 2015 | Natalie Paul.

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows, 2016

Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from CES, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and WCED.


CES Summer Research & Internship Grants, 2016

Awarded to U-M students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration.

Nur Amriah Amer Hamzah, BA Economics/Political Science (Belgium); Tameekia Imani Cooper, PhD Comparative Literature (France); Sheila Coursey, PhD English (Italy); Emine Kayim, PhD Architecture (Germany); Caroline Kelly, BA LSA (Belgium); Katarzyna Klasa, MPH Health Management & Policy (Germany); Sarah Leeson, BA Communication Studies (France); Elizabeth Nijdam, PhD German (Germany); Adrian Shin, PhD Political Science (Norway/Sweden); Samuel Shuman, PhD Anthropology (Belgium/Netherlands); Elizabeth Snook, MSW Social Work (Germany); Sofia Squatriti, BA French (France); Laura Suzuki, BA International Studies (Belgium); Anne-Coleman Webre, PhD Educational Studies (Germany).

(clockwise from top left) Maurizio Albahari; Vassilis Lambropoulos and Stathis Kalyvas; Kenan Malik; Karla Mallette and Emily Greble
This has been another rich and stimulating year at CREES. A well-attended lecture series on “Buying and Selling, States and Markets” focused on issues of economic policy and social exchange in the region in both the state socialist era as well as in the present. We also devoted attention to the refugee crisis, the role of comedy in authoritarian regimes, and the history of Russian feminism, all while covering over a dozen countries from the region. As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially the Department of Anthropology, Ford School of Public Policy, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Institute for the Humanities, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University Musical Society, and University of Michigan Museum of Art. Beyond our public programming, CREES supports students through fellowships that enhance their study and deeper understanding of the region. Our exceptional faculty are the heart of the community of scholars that make U-M the ideal place to study Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

Krisztina Fehérváry
CREES Acting Director
REES Graduates, 2015-16
Fall 2015 | East European Studies Minor: Ilana Lieberman.

Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2015-16
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.

Golriz Farshi, PhD Near Eastern Studies (Russian); Alexandra Jason, MA REES (Ukrainian); Grace Mahoney, PhD Slavic (Ukrainian); Michael Martin, MA REES (Uzbek).

Graduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016
Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Ian Bratcher, PhD Sociology (Polish); Alexander Craver, MA REES (Russian); Ana Gabriela Guzman, MA REES (Georgian); Brett Hine, MA Chinese Studies (Russian); Aleksandra Marciniak, PhD Slavic (Polish); Alexander McConnell, PhD History (Russian); Andrew Snow, MA REES (Russian); Janna Waters, MA REES (Czech).

Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2015-16
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Mia Kataisto, BA International Studies/Russian (Russian); Mark Kennedy, BA Russian/BMus Music (Russian); Erica Lignell, BA REES (Russian); Katherine Wilcoxson, BA International Studies/Political Science (Russian).

Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Alexandria Bodfish, BA LSA (Russian); Claudia Lahr, BA REES/History (Russian); Alexandra Newton, BA Anthropology/Political Science (Russian); Kathryn Orwig, BA LSA (Russian); Eugene Stayt, BA International Studies (Russian).

Graduate Student Instructors, REEES 395 & 396/397, 2015-16
Awarded for teaching positions in REEES undergraduate courses: REEES 395 — Russia and the Soviet Union: Reform, Revolution, and the Socialist Experiment (fall); REEES 396/397 — Communism and Capitalism in Eastern Europe (winter).

Luciana Aenăsoaei, PhD Anthropology & History, REEES 396/397; Alina Charniauskaya, JD Law, REEES 395; Leigh Saris, PhD Anthropology, REEES 396/397; William Lamping, MPP Public Policy, REEES 395.
**CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards, 2016**

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.

Maja Babic, PhD Architecture [Bosnia and Herzegovina/Croatia/Serbia]; Cristian Capotescu, PhD History [Hungary]; Arooshe Giroti, BA LSA [Bosnia and Herzegovina]; Alexandra Jason, MA REES [Ukraine]; Grace Mahoney, PhD Slavic (Ukraine); Alexander McConnell, PhD History [Russia]; Hannah Selig, MPH Global Health Epidemiology [Georgia]; Yllka Veseli, BA Economics [Kosovo]; Janna Waters, MA REES [Czech Republic/Slovak Republic].

**Ukrainian Research Grant, 2016**

Awarded to students to support summer or semester-long research projects focused on Ukraine with support from the Ukrainian National Women’s League of America.

Anna Whittington, PhD History.

**Alfred G. Meyer Prize, 2015-16**

The Meyer Prize is awarded at the end of each academic year in recognition of distinguished undergraduate research and writing in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.


**Undergraduate Language Prizes, 2015-16**

CREES annually awards prizes to the top undergraduate students studying several languages in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

Tara Bayer, BA International Studies/Russian [Ukrainian]; Eva Fall, BA Linguistics [Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian]; Alexis L’Esperance, BA Arts & Ideas in the Humanities [Czech].

**CREES Visiting Scholars, 2015-16**

CREES regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host visiting scholars from Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

CREES Alumni

Please send news on your activities since graduation to crees@umich.edu.

Lewis Bagby (PhD Slavic ’72) is the author of First Words: On Dostoevsky’s Introductions (Academic Studies Press, 2015). George Breslauer (BA Political Science ’66, MA Political Science/Russian Studies Graduate Certificate ’68, PhD Political Science ’73) has been appointed as the first faculty director of UC-Berkeley’s Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life. Anna Cichopec-Gajraj (PhD History ’08) was awarded the 2015 Barbara Heldt Prize (honorable mention) for the best book by a woman in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian Studies for Beyond Violence: Jewish Survivors in Poland and Slovakia, 1944-48 (Cambridge UP, 2014). She also received the 2016 Shofar Zakhor Award from the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors’ Association for exhibiting and carrying out the work of Holocaust education, Holocaust remembrance, and community interaction. Sean Cotter (PhD Comparative Literature ’04) was awarded the Society for Romanian Studies 2015 Book Prize for Literary Translation and the Idea of a Minor Romania (U of Rochester Press, 2014). Robert Donia (PhD History ’76) is the author of Radovan Karadžić: Architect of the Bosnian Genocide [Cambridge UP, 2015]. Sara Feldman (Near Eastern Studies ’14) is a Hebrew and Yiddish lecturer at the Program in Jewish Culture and Society at the University of Illinois. Edin Hajdarpasic (PhD History ’08) was awarded the 2016 Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies by the Association for the Study of Nationalism for Whose Bosnia? Nationalism and Political Imagination in the Balkans, 1840-1914 (Cornell UP, 2015). Erik Herron (BA REES ’90) is the Eberly Family Professor of Political Science at West Virginia University. John-Paul Himka (BA Slavic ’71, PhD History ’77) co-authored The World to Come: Ukrainian Images of the Last Judgment (Harvard UP, 2015) w/ L. Berezhnaya. Owen Johnson (MA History ’70, PhD History/REES Graduate Certificate ’78) received the 2015 Czechoslovak Studies Association Winter’s Award for Distinguished Contribution to Czechoslovak Studies. Eric Anthony Jones (MA Political Science ’76, PhD Political Science ’88) is senior watch officer in the Nuclear Risk Reduction Center, Bureau of Arms Control Verification and Compliance, at the U.S. Department of State. David Kostelancik (MA Political Science/REES ’88) is deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary. Sonja Luehrmann (PhD Anthropology & History ’09) is the author of Religion in Secular Archives: Soviet Atheism and Historical Knowledge (Oxford UP, 2015). Michael MacQueen (BA Economics ’80, MA REES ’83), senior historian, Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, received ICE’s Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award for lifetime achievement in the area of investigating human rights violators. Nancy Bikoff Pettit (MA REES ’77) is U.S. Ambassador to Latvia. Eion Power (MA REES ’15) is an analyst at Avascent, a strategy consulting firm where his projects focus on commercial aerospace, government procurement policy, and naval and airborne platforms. Benjamin Rifkin (PhD Slavic ’90) left his position as Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at The College of New Jersey to take up the responsibilities of Provost and Vice President for Educational Affairs at Ithaca College. Monica Sendor (BS Psychology/REES ’09) is economics officer at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. Dina Smeltz (MA REES ’92) is senior fellow for public opinion and foreign policy at the Chicago Council for Global Affairs. Alice Weinreb (PhD History ’09) is assistant professor of history at Loyola University Chicago. Jessica Zychowicz (PhD Slavic ’15) is a postdoctoral fellow at the University Toronto’s Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies/Munk School for Global Affairs in the Petro Jacyk Program for Ukrainian Studies.
This has been another remarkable year at CPPS. Focusing on theatre and literature, we welcomed the world renowned Theatre of the Eighth Day (Teatr Osmego Dnia) to Michigan. The troupe worked with faculty and students in the Department of Theatre and Drama, performed the play The Files, and Ewa Wójciak, the Theater’s artistic director, delivered the Annual Copernicus Lecture. We remain involved in the rapidly developing field of Polish-Jewish studies. In February 2016, we hosted Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, who presented the core exhibition of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. We also co-organized with WCED a conference on Historical Legacies, which was held at POLIN in Warsaw in May.

We sent U-M students on internships to POLIN, the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw, and its affiliate Culture.pl, and continue to support the student community by awarding numerous fellowships to study Poland and the Polish language.

As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Department of Theatre and Drama, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, and all of our partners at various institutions in Poland.

Geneviève Zubrzycki
CPPS Director
Copernicus Summer Grants, 2016
Awarded to students for summer or semester-long research, study, or internships focused on Poland.

Alena Aniskiewicz, PhD Slavic; Paulina Duda, PhD Slavic; Edith Jiang, BA International Studies; Ethan Kennedy, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; Jessica Longe, BA History; Joanna Mazurkiewicz, PhD Slavic; Jacqueline Saplicki Lausell, BA International Studies; Stephanie Skier, PhD History; Gabrielle Wasilewski, BA Women’s Studies; Katherine Wilcoxson, BA International Studies/Political Science.

Amelia Kulesa Konopka Fellowship, 2016
David Beck, BA History.

Michigan Polish Student Association Fellowship, 2016
David Beck, BA History.

Marjorie and Maxwell Reade Graduate Fellowship, 2016
Ian Bratcher, PhD Sociology; Mary Wroblewski, PhD History.

Copernicus Polish Language Award, 2015-16
Awarded to the top undergraduate students studying Polish in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

David Cichocki, BA Economics.

(clockwise from top left) Theatre of the Eighth Day, Ewa Wójciak, CPPS/WCED conference participants
ISP programs represent the past and present of global Islamic culture and Muslim societies worldwide. This year we collaborated with CES to present a series of lectures on Islam in Europe, with talks on Sharia law in Europe, the architectural design of European mosques, and the response of European healthcare policy to the refugee crisis. We partnered with the university’s Museum of Art and with the Penny Stamps Speaker Series to host events on Islamic visual cultures, and hosted a conference on medieval translation movements titled “After Alexander: Classical Texts in Arabic, Persian, Armenian, and Turkish.” Graduate students in the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar hosted speakers, workshops, and an international conference on vernacular Islam. The Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC), funded by the Mellon Foundation, offered distance-learning courses in collaboration with partner universities and featured their first annual Distinguished Lecture. We provided support for Muslim student groups and activities focused on the Islamic world, and we awarded summer travel and internship grants to students. ISP continues to grow and to provide services and programming for all our constituencies—undergraduate and graduate students and faculty from across the disciplines.

Karla Mallette
ISP Director
Islamic Studies Minor Graduates, 2015-16
Winter 2016 | Syed Ferdous.

ISP Summer Fellowships, 2016
Awarded to undergraduate students for summer projects in the U.S. or abroad in the field of Islamic studies.

Nur Amirah Amer Hamzah, BA Economics/Political Science (England); Noah Attal, BS Earth & Environmental Sciences (Michigan); Alaa Hajeissa, BS Neuroscience (Michigan); Edda Hanafi, BS Economics (Malaysia); Timothy Peterson, BA Comparative Literature/BMus Composition (Morocco); Muhammad Amier Zaryff Razali, BA Economics/History (Malaysia).

ISP Graduate Awards, 2015-16
Awarded to graduate students to support research and conference engagements that focus on the Islamic world with a broader thematic focus on Islam and Muslim communities.

Sahin Acikgoz, PhD Comparative Literature; Roxana Maria Aras, PhD Anthropology & History; Maja Babic, PhD Architecture; Niloufar Emami, PhD Architecture; Angubeen Gul Khan, MPH Health Behavior & Health Education; Matthew Schissler, PhD Anthropology.

ISP Internships, 2015-16
Offered to students to intern with U-M’s Chaplain at the Felicity Foundation, an Islamic-centered, service-oriented, campus community.

Shahnur Ahmed, BS Microbiology; Alaa Hajeissa, BS Neuroscience; Shaima Khandaker, MS Physiology; Eman Ahmad Qureshi, BA LSA.

Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar
The Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar (IISS) engages students and faculty who are interested in the study of Islam and Muslim societies in an interdisciplinary and cross-regional conversation.

Student coordinators: Golriz Farshi, PhD Near Eastern Studies; Samiah Haque, MFA Creative Writing; Lamin Manneh, PhD History.

Presenters: Jonathan Brack, PhD student in history, U-M; Cameron Cross, assistant professor of Near Eastern Studies, U-M; Emine Evered, associate professor of history, Michigan State University; Tarfia Faizullah, Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professor of Poetry, U-M; Gershon Lewental, Schusterman Visiting Assistant Professor of History and International and Area Studies, University of Oklahoma; Driss Maghraoui, professor of history, Al-Akhawayn University; Matthew Schissler, PhD student in anthropology, U-M; Saloua Zerhouni, associate professor of juridical, economic, and social sciences, Mohammed V University.
ISP Undergraduate Co-sponsorship Awards, 2015-16
Awarded to undergraduate student organizations to support events that engage part of the Islamic world with a broader thematic focus on Islam and Muslim communities on the U-M campus.

Ann Arbor Palestinian Film Festival, Indonesian Student Association, Malaysian Students Association, Muslim Students’ Association.

Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum, 2015-16
The Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC) offers Islamic studies courses to university members of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation using synchronous-learning technology, with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Director: Pauline Jones Luong, Political Science.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Video recordings of programs organized by WCEE affiliates are available on our websites and YouTube.

SEPTEMBER


Sep 16 Zell Visiting Writers Series. Dimiter Kenarov Reading. Dimiter Kenarov, writer. Sponsors: ZELL, CREES.

Sep 17 Q&A Session. “Literary Journalism and Translation.” Dimiter Kenarov, writer. Sponsors: ZELL, CREES.


Sponsors: UMMA, CREES, WCED.

OCTOBER

Oct 2-3 Concert. Slavic Wonders: Feasts and Saints in Early Russia, Poland, and Bohemia. The Rose Ensemble. Sponsors: Academy of Early Music, CPPS.


Oct 14 CREES Noon Lecture. “The Value of Labor, the Science of Commodification, or ‘How Did the Work Unit Get Made?’” Martha Lampland, University of California, San Diego. Sponsors: CREES, CES.


Oct 28 CREES Noon Lecture. “Corruption as a Last Resort: Adapting to the Market in Central Asia.” Kelly McMann [PhD Political Science ’00], Case Western Reserve University; CREES research associate, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, ISP, WCED.


NOVEMBER


**Nov 9 Symposium.** "Secularization as Historical Process." Sponsors: Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, CES, EIHS, others.

**Nov 13 CREEES Symposium.** "Peace or Ceasefire? Bosnia Twenty Years after Dayton." Moderator: Pamela Ballinger, U-M. Presenters: Robert J. Donia [MA History ’74, PhD History ’76], CREEES Research Associate, U-M; Edin Hajdarpasic [MA History ’02, PhD History ’08], Loyola University Chicago; Michael MacQueen [BA Economics ’80, MA REES ’83], Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Paula Pickering [PhD Political Science ’01], College of William and Mary. Sponsors: CREEES, CES, Department of History, Human Rights Initiative, IPC, WCED.

**Nov 13-15 22nd Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival.** Sponsors: Polish Cultural Fund - Ann Arbor, CPPS, others.

**Nov 17 WCED Lecture.** "The Russian Economy in 2015." Konstantin Sonin, University of Chicago. Sponsors: WCED, CREEES.


**Nov 18 WCEE Student Information Session.** Alexandra Jason, Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowship, MA REES; Muhammad Amier Zaryff Razali, ISP Summer Fellowship, BA Economics/History; Nadiya Vandergiff, WCED Summer Fellowship, MS Natural Resources & Environment; Alon Yakter, Jean Monnet Fellowship, PhD Political Science. Sponsors: CES, CPPS, CREEES, ISP, WCED.

**Nov 18 Lecture.** "Movements of People, Money, and Cultures: Migration and Its Effects on the Post-Soviet Transition Processes in the South Caucasus." Alina Poghosyan, Manoogian Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: ASP, CREEES.
DECEMBER


JANUARY


Jan 21 Lecture. “Longing to Stay or Go? East-West Migration and the Making of the ’Free World.’” Tara Zahra (PhD History ’05), University of Chicago. Sponsors: EIHS, CREE S.

Jan 25 Policy Talks @ the Ford School. “Dayton to Pyongyang: A Conversation with Christopher R. Hill.” Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, University of Denver. Sponsors: FSPP, WCED.

Jan 25 Film. The Diplomat: The Life and Legacy of Richard Holbrooke. David Holbrooke, director [2015]. Sponsors: FSPP, WCED.


FEBRUARY

Feb 1 International Institute Round Table. “Europe’s Right Turn? The Political Shift in Hungary, Poland, and France.” Moderator: Geneviève Zubrzycki, U-M. Speakers: Joshua Cole, Krisztina Fehérváry, Anna Grzymala-Busse, Brian Porter-Szűcs, U-M. Sponsors: II, CES, CREES, CPPS, Department of Political Science, RLL, WCED.


Feb 8 Conversations on Europe. “Cutting Water with a Knife: Refugees and Europe’s Mediterranean Question.” Maurizio Albahari, University of Notre Dame. Sponsors: CES, CMENAS, WCED.

Feb 9 WCED Lecture. “Greece and the Eurozone: Where To?” Stathis N. Kalyvas, Yale University. Sponsors: WCED, CES, MGP.


Feb 15 Lecture. “Contesting Antiquity in Egypt.” Donald M. Reid, Georgia State University and University of Washington. Sponsors: NES, ISP.


Feb 24 CREES Noon Lecture. “Sarajevo, My Dearest City, We Fixed You for the Olympics: Representations of Sarajevo, 1979-87.” Zlatko Jovanovic, University of Copenhagen; CREES Visiting Scholar, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

MARCH


APRIL


Apr 11 Interview. “Arab and Muslim Stereotypes over the Last Four Decades.” Jack Shaheen, writer; interviewed by Evelyn Alsultany, U-M. Sponsors: Arab & Muslim American Studies, ISP, others.


Apr 20 Concert. Grażyna Auguścik and Jarosław Bester. Sponsors: Kerrytown Concert House, CPPS.

MAY


JUNE

Jun 3-12 Cinetopia International Film Festival. Sponsors: MT, WCEE, others.


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