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From the Director

The Weiser Centers celebrated an exciting milestone in 2013–14: our fifth anniversary! We inaugurated the year with a visit from former President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine, accompanied by the First Lady, Kateryna Yushchenko, for a series of highly successful lectures, seminars, and meetings with students. Our other distinguished guests included specialists on Balkan politics, analysts of women's rights, legal experts, and scholars of nationalism. The topics of their lectures ranged from EU conditionality to the Arab Spring to the erosion of the Russian legal system.

WCED continues to support a new generation of vital research with Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowships and the Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, in which students engage directly with scholars and practitioners. Thanks to the generosity of Nick Kabcenell, this year we expanded our undergraduate travel and research fellowship program. WCEE also develops scholarly and policy expertise through its Weiser Professional Development Program and Weiser Faculty Grants, as well as a newer collaboration with the Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies (ISS) at the University of Warsaw.

We look forward to developing and expanding all of these programs in the years to come. We would also like to thank the many faculty, students, and colleagues both at the university and in the community for their participation over the past five years. Here's to a vibrant future of exciting intellectual exchanges, curricular innovation, and international collaborations!

Anna Grzymala-Busse

Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of
European and Eurasian Studies
WCEE/WCED Director



Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2014

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

Aurelia Braguta, associate professor of business administration, Academy of Economic Studies and State University of Moldova. "The Impact of Social Entrepreneurship on Community Development." U-M host: George Siedel, Business. November, 2014.

Marta Brković, teaching and research associate in architecture, Union University Nikola Tesla, Serbia. "Research and Design Methods in Architecture Schools." U-M host: Linda Groat, Architecture/Women's Studies. September, 2014.

Mišo Dokmanović, assistant professor of law, Cyril & Methodius University, Macedonia. "U.S. Foreign Policy Decision Making Process and the Balkans." U-M host: Willam Clark, Political Science. April, 2014.

Maia Mestvirishvili, associate professor of psychology, Tbilisi State University, Georgia. "Antecedents and Consequences of Rejection Sensitivity in Youth." U-M host: Ethan Kross, Psychology. September, 2014.

Marija Milenkovska, assistant professor of international law, St. Kliment Ohridski University, Macedonia. "War Crimes Prosecution in the Republic of Macedonia." U-M host: Steven Ratner, Law. September, 2014.

Selma Raljević, assistant professor in literature, Dzemal Bijedic University, Bosnia and Herzegovina. "American Teaching Procedures, Educational Methods, and Methodology." U-M host: Tatjana Aleksić, Comparative Literature/Slavic. April, 2014.

Danylo Sudyn, assistant professor of sociology, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine. Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. July–August, 2014.

Eugeniy Trushliakov, professor and vice-rector, Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding, Ukraine. "The Experimental Research of VIVACE Converter Model." U-M host: Michael Bernitsas, Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering/Mechanical Engineering. April–May, 2014.

Archil Zhorzholiani, lecturer in social and political science, Tbilisi State University, and program advisor in international development and management, German International Development Cooperation, Georgia. "Optimal Administrative-Territorial Structure for Encouraging Public Participation in Georgia." U-M host: John Jackson, Political Science. March–April, 2014.

Kabcenell New Europe Grants, 2014

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.

Benjamin Newman, BA German/History (Bulgaria/Germany); **Elliot Slowiczek**, BA International Studies (Poland); **Alexandra Talovich**, BA International Studies/Spanish (Poland).

Weiser Faculty Grants, 2013-14

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

Natalie Bakopoulos, English, for a collection of essays on Greece and her book "Take Water with You." **Rita Chin**, History, for the London- and Berlin-based project "The Rise and Fall of Multiculturalism in Europe." **Zvi Gitelman**, Political Science/Judaic Studies, for his book project, "The Consequences of Politicized History: World War Two and the Holocaust in the USSR." **Christopher House** and **Linda Tesar**, Economics, for the project "The Transmission of the Great Recession." **Gergana Kodjebacheva**, U-M Flint School of Health Professions & Studies, for her study "Eye Care among Romani Children: Focus Groups with Parent and Eye Care Providers," taking place in Bulgaria. **Josh Newell**, Natural Resources & Environment, for a study of forest consumption in the Russian Far East and Northern Eurasia titled "On the Trail of the Global Russian Pine Tree." **Damani Partridge**, Afroamerican & African Studies/Anthropology, for the course "Filming the Future of Detroit" and residency of Berlin filmmaker Silvana Santamaria.

Weiser Faculty

The following are significant accomplishments in 2013-14 reported by faculty affiliated with CES, CREES, and/or WCED.

Books & Recordings

Tatjana Aleksić, Comparative Literature/Slavic. *Sacrificed Body: Balkan Community Building and the Limits of Freedom* (U of Pittsburgh Press, 2013). **Barbara Anderson**, Sociology. *World Population Dynamics: An Introduction to Demography* (Pearson, 2014). **Giorgio Bertellini**, Romance/Screen Arts & Cultures. *Italian Silent Cinema: A Reader*, ed. (John Libbey, 2013). **John Branch**, Business. *Learning in Higher Education—Contemporary Standpoints*, co-ed. w/ C. Nygaard and C. Holtham (Libri Publishing, 2013). **Timothy Cheek**, Music. *Song of a Czech: Dvořák and Janáček for Men's Voices*, audio-recording w/ professional men's chorus Cantus (Cantus Recordings, 2013). **Geoff Eley**, History. *Nazism as Fascism: Violence, Ideology, and the Ground of Consent in Germany, 1930-1945* (Routledge, 2013). **Kenneth Kollman**, Political Science. *Perils of Centralization: Lessons from Church, State, and Corporation* (Cambridge UP, 2013). **Mikhail Krutikov**, Judaic Studies/Slavic. *Translating Sholem Aleichem: History, Politics, and Art*, co-ed. w/ G. Estraiikh et al. (Legenda, 2012). *Joseph Opatoshu: A Yiddish Writer between Europe and America*, co-ed. w/ S. Koller and G. Estraiikh (Legenda, 2013). *Uncovering the Hidden: The Works and Life of Der Nister*, co-ed. w/ G. Estraiikh and K. Hoge (Legenda, 2014). **Karla Mallette**, Near Eastern Studies/Romance. *A Sea of Languages: Rethinking the Arabic Role in Medieval Literary History*, co-ed. w/ S. Akbari (U of Toronto Press, 2013). **Peggy McCracken**, Comparative Literature/Romance/Women's Studies. *Gui de Cambrai, Barlaam and Josaphat: A Christian Tale of the Buddha*, trans. from French (Penguin Classics, 2014). *In Search of the Christian Buddha: How an Asian Sage Became a Medieval Saint*, w/ D. Lopez (Norton, 2014). **Anita Norich**, English/Judaic Studies. *Writing in Tongues: Translating Yiddish in the 20th Century*

[U of Washington Press, 2013]. **Brian Porter-Szűcs**, History. *Beyond Martyrdom: A History of Poland in the Modern World* (Wiley/Blackwell, 2014). **Margaret Somers**, Sociology. *The Power of Market Fundamentalism: Karl Polanyi's Critique*, w/ F. Block (Harvard UP, 2014). **Jeffrey Veidlinger**, History/Judaic Studies. *In the Shadow of the Shtetl: Small Town Jewish Life in Soviet Ukraine, 1919-1953* (Indiana UP, 2013). **William Zimmerman**, Political Science. *Ruling Russia: Authoritarianism from the Revolution to Putin* (Princeton UP, 2014).

Grants, Awards, & Promotions

Tatjana Aleksić, Comparative Literature/Slavic. Promoted to associate professor. **Pamela Ballinger**, History. President-elect, Society for the Anthropology of Europe, 2012-14. **Matthew Biro**, History of Art. Ansel Adams Research Fellowship, Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona, 2013. **Ted Brader**, Political Science. Promoted to professor. **Rita Chin**, History. Faculty Fellow, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, U-M, 2013-14. Faculty Seed Grant, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, U-M, 2014. **Krisztina Fehérváry**, Anthropology. Promoted to associate professor. **Karen Fournier**, Music. Promoted to associate professor. **Robert Franzese**, Political Science. Fellow, Society for Political Methodology, 2014. **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, Political Science. Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence, 2014. **David Halperin**, Classical Studies/Comparative Literature/English/Women's Studies. Finalist, Lambda Literary Award in LGBT Studies, Lambda Literary Foundation, *How To Be Gay* (Harvard UP, 2012), 2013. **Jarrold Hayes**, French. Steelcase Research Professor, Institute for the Humanities, U-M, 2013-14. Promoted to professor. **Gabrielle Hecht**, History. Robert K. Merton Prize, American Sociological Association, 2013; Susanne M. Glasscock Humanities Book Prize, 2013; Herskovits Prize Honorable Mention, African Studies Association, 2013, *Being Nuclear: Africans and the Global Uranium Trade* (MIT Press and Wits UP, 2012). **Valerie A. Kivelson**, History. Appointed Thomas N. Tentler Collegiate Professor of History, 2013-18. **Janet H. Lawrence**, Education. Promoted to professor. **Karla Mallette**, Near Eastern Studies/Romance. Promoted to professor. **Rudolf Mrazek**, History. Faculty Fellow, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, U-M, 2013-14. **Anita Norich**, English/Judaic Studies. Appointed Tikva Frymer-Kensky Professor of English and Judaic Studies, 2013-18. **John O'Shea**, Anthropology. Appointed Emerson F. Greenman Collegiate Professor of Anthropological Archaeology, 2013-18. **Scott Spector**, German. Fulbright Senior Visiting Fellow, International Research Center for Cultural Studies, Vienna, 2013-14. **Ronald G. Suny**, History. ASEEES Distinguished Contributions to Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Award, 2013. Everett and Marian Gordon Fellowship, United States Holocaust Museum, 2013. Berlin Prize, Anna-Marie Kellen Fellow, American Academy in Berlin, Spring 2014. **Mark Tessler**, Political Science. Franklin Fellowship, U.S. Department of State, 2014. **Jeffrey Veidlinger**, History/Judaic Studies. Appointed Joseph Brodsky Collegiate Professor of History and Judaic Studies, 2013-18. Canadian Jewish Book Award, *In the Shadow of the Shtetl: Small Town Jewish Life in Soviet Ukraine, 1919-1953* (Indiana UP, 2013), 2014.



Eileen Weiser, President Viktor Yushchenko, Ambassador Ronald Weiser, Kateryna Yushchenko; Pavel Ivlev; Milada Vachudova; Yushchenko lecture audience

WCED Student Fellows, 2013-14

Awarded to students at U-M who focus their work around the theme of “emerging democracies past or present” in Europe or Eurasia.

Graduate Academic Year Fellows

Cristian Capotescu, PhD History. Cultural, political, and socio-economic effects of transnational human rights from the 1970s to the early 1990s with an emphasis on Romania. **Colleen Fitzharris**, MA REES/JD Law. Free speech, police misconduct, and juries in Russia and countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States. **Eoin Power**, MA REES. Role of national and supranational institutions in democratization, ethics of humanitarian intervention, and international finance in Southeast Europe. **Pietro Shakarian**, MA REES. Dissident and civil society movements in Soviet and post-Soviet Armenia; Russian and Soviet literature and film.

Summer Fellows

Dumitru Minzarari, PhD Political Science (Belgium/Norway/Sweden); **David Schafer**, BA LSA (Bosnia-Herzegovina).

Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, 2013-14

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

Faculty conveners: **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, WCED/Political Science; **Joshua Cole**, WCED/History.

Participants: **Cristian Capotescu**, PhD History; **Katie Collins**, MPP Public Policy; **Adrian Deoanca**, PhD Anthropology; **Rebecca Dulemba**, MA REES; **Colleen Fitzharris**, MA REES/JD Law; **Dustin Gamza**, PhD Political Science; **Victoria Garcia**, MA REES; **Ruoxi Lu**, MA REES; **Paula Osborn**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; **Eoin Power**, MA REES; **Pietro Shakarian**, MA REES; **Benjamin Sweeney**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; **Anna Whittington**, PhD History.

Presenters: **Jean-Thomas Arrighi**, European University Institute Visiting Scholar, U-M; **Milada Vachudova**, associate professor of political science, University of North Carolina.

WCED Research Fellows, 2013-14

WCED Research Fellows are specialists or practitioners of emerging democracies with doctorates or other terminal degrees who teach or hold non-teaching positions at U-M.

Zuzanna Brunarska, Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland, to attend U-M's Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research 2014 Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. **Patrick O'Mahen** (PhD Political Science '09) for research on the interaction between media institutions and political knowledge and participation in democratic countries. **Jessica Robbins-Ruszkowski** (PhD Anthropology '13) for research on aging and memory in postsocialist countries, particularly Poland.



From the Director

At CES we once again examined pressing issues in contemporary Europe from a wide variety of disciplinary and historical perspectives. Our signature Conversations on Europe series featured presentations examining the persistence of strong national identities in integrated Europe, the worldview of central bankers, and Greek perspectives on the ongoing economic and political crisis in southern Europe. The annual distinguished lecture was given by Lauren Benton, professor of history and law at New York University, who gave a fascinating account of the development of international law in European empires over the last 500 years. Highpoints of the year also included our series marking the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. In the winter term, we welcomed Jean-Thomas Arrighi as the European University Institute visiting scholar, and I taught the EURO 600 graduate seminar as part of the offerings of our graduate certificate program, which graduated its first student in 2014. CES support for students remains strong, with significant funds awarded in the form of Jean Monnet Fellowships and CES Summer Research and Internship Grants. I invite you to join me in welcoming Professor Karla Mallette, who takes over as director of the center next year.

Joshua Cole
CES Director



CES Graduates, 2013-14

Winter 2014 | European & European Union Studies Graduate Certificate: **Jordi Prat Tuca**. Modern European Studies Minor: **Paul Braverman, Melinda Stang**.

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows, 2014

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.

Cristian Capotescu, PhD History, "Campaigning for Humanity: The Work of Human Rights Grassroots Movements after the Fall of Communism." **Benjamin Pearson**, PhD Communication Studies, "Developing Global Culture: The Emergence of EU Aid to Audiovisual Industries in the Global South." **Dimitrije Ruzic**, PhD Economics, "Eurozone Membership and the Effectiveness of Fiscal Stimulus." **William Stroebel**, PhD Comparative Literature, "The Book Unbound: A Material History of Modern Greek and Turkish Literary Production."

CES Summer Research & Internship Grants, 2014

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

Mariam Abdulghani, BS Neuroscience (Spain); **Maia Farrar-Wellman**, PhD English (England); **Eric Ferguson**, BA Public Policy (Belgium); **Charles Gish**, JD Law (Greece); **Sarah Hanner**, BS Chemistry (Spain); **Mark Kluk**, MD Medicine/MPH Public Health (Scotland); **Andrew Loeb**, BA History/Political Science (Belgium); **James Nadel**, BA History (Spain); **Peter Shahin**, BBA Business/BA Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (Cyprus); **David Spreen**, PhD History (Germany); **Layne Vandenberg**, BA International Studies/Spanish (Portugal); **Matthew Woodbury**, PhD History (England); **Marisa Xheka**, BA History/Political Science (Albania/England); **Tianli Zhu**, BA Economics (Belgium).

EUI Visiting Fellow, 2013-14

The Postdoctoral Fellowship for European University Institute (EUI) PhDs was introduced in 2011 to foster teaching and research on European integration. Applicants from any of the four EUI programs (Political and Social Sciences, Economics, History, and Law) are welcome to apply. While in residence in Ann Arbor, EUI Postdoctoral Fellows teach one undergraduate course and pursue their research.

Jean-Thomas Arrighi de Casanova, PhD Social and Political Sciences. Current research: territorial politics, comparative politics, migration and diaspora studies, regionalism, nationalism. Course taught: Political Science 497 — Migrations and the Changing Frontiers of Citizenship in Europe. U-M host department: Political Science. Winter 2014.

(clockwise from top left) EU Study Tour participants (© Council of the European Union); **Katherine Man; Joshua Cole and Michelle Moyd**; Conversations on Europe audience; **Lauren Benton; Chloe Bell and Kyle Luebke** (photo by Nika Bacic)





From the Director

This year, CREES provided an extensive series of public events focused on unfolding developments in the region and its complicated past. CREES co-sponsored a U-M faculty panel on Russia's annexation of Crimea, and CREES Noon Lectures covered topics as varied as everyday law in Russia, racial politics in Central Europe, Jews and Ukrainians in the Soviet shtetl, and media and identity in Uzbekistan. A highlight of the year was the symposium "Ann Arbor in Russian Literature: Revisiting the Carl R. Proffer and Ardis Legacies," organized in collaboration with the Slavic Department, WCED, and other units across campus. Twenty panelists and discussants—including Ardis co-founder Ellendea Proffer Teasley—reflected on the extraordinary role U-M Professor Carl Proffer (1938-84) and his legendary publishing house (1971-2002) played in promoting Russian literature and culture in the West. For decades the activities of the Polish studies faculty and staff have enhanced our work at CREES, and in January 2014, the Copernicus Program in Polish Studies was officially established. CREES remains an ideal venue for responding to current developments and for interdisciplinary research and pedagogy. By bringing prominent scholars, experts, and practitioners to campus, we strengthen our degree programs and introduce our students to professional paths inside and outside of academia. The broad scholarly expertise of our own faculty and the success of our recent graduates prove that U-M continues to be a remarkable institution for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

Olga Maiorova

CREES Director



REES Graduates, 2013-14

Summer 2013 | REES MA: **Jasmine Arpagian, Frank Hennick, Kwangkeun Park.** REES MA/JD: **Matthew Parelman.** REES MA/MPP: **Brendan Reardon.** REES BA: **Julia Hlavac, Oyumaa Walker.**

Winter 2014 | REES MA: **Ruoxi Lu, Reina Saco.** REES Graduate Certificate: **Krista Goff.** REES BA: **Allison Hester, Victor Ivanov, Lesley Kucharski, Andrew McIntyre, Kaitlin Mikatarian, Anastasia Tkach.** Russian Studies Minor: **Yasmeen Naoum.**

Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2013-14

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.

Alena Aniskiewicz, PhD Slavic (Ukrainian); **Rebecca Dulemba**, MA REES (Polish); **Christopher Fort**, PhD Slavic (Persian); **Victoria Garcia**, MA REES (Russian); **Merrybelle Guo**, MPH Public Health (Uzbek); **Haley Laurila**, PhD Slavic (Russian); **James Meador**, PhD Anthropology (Russian); **Eoin Power**, MA REES (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian); **Benjamin Sweeney**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Armenian).

Graduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2014

Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Alena Aniskiewicz, PhD Slavic (Polish); **Erica Feldman**, PhD Anthropology (Krygyz); **Victoria Garcia**, MA REES (Russian); **Bradley Goerne**, PhD Slavic (Czech); **Haley Laurila**, PhD Slavic (Russian); **Nevila Pahumi**, PhD History (Turkish); **Eoin Power**, MA REES (Serbian).

Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2013-14

Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education

Samuel Gladstone, BA International Studies (Russian); **Trevor Picard**, BS Astronomy & Astrophysics (Russian); **Rachel Reed**, BA Political Science (Czech).



2014 REES MA graduates: **Ruoxi Lu, Benjamin Sweeney, Reina Saco, Victoria Garcia, Rebecca Dulemba; Anastasia Tkach;**

2014 REES BA graduates: **Lesley Kucharski, Victor Ivanov, Andrew McIntyre, Anastasia Tkach, Kaitlin Mikatarian**

Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2014

Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Mark Adamaszek, BS Engineering (Polish); **Melissa Kucemba**, BA History/Psychology (Polish); **Mark Lemanski**, BA LSA (Polish); **Trevor Picard**, BS Astronomy & Astrophysics (Russian); **Alexis Springer**, BA English (Russian); **Justin Zemaitis**, MA REES (Russian).

Copernicus Fellowship for Incoming Graduate Students in Polish Studies, 2013-14

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.

Joanna (Jana) Mazurkiewicz, PhD Slavic.

Graduate Student Instructors, REEES 395 & 396/397, 2013-14

Awarded for teaching positions in REEES undergraduate courses: REEES 395, *Survey of Russia: The Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and the Successor States* (fall); REEES 396/397, *Eastern Europe in Transformation* (winter).

Rebecca Cassidy, MPP Public Policy, REEES 395. **Colleen Fitzharris**, MA REES/JD Law, REEES 396.

CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards, 2014

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.

Dias Amreyev, MA Applied Economics (Kazakhstan); **Alena Aniskiewicz**, PhD Slavic (Poland); **Iliria Camaj**, BA LSA (Albania); **Adrian Deoanca**, PhD Anthropology (Romania); **Paula Fradkin**, BA LSA (Russia); **Elspeht Geiger**, PhD Anthropology (Hungary/Romania); **Rachel Harkai**, MFA Creative Writing (Poland); **Minh Huynh**, PhD Educational Studies (France/Italy/Poland/Spain); **Ejona Korcari**, BS Neuroscience (Albania); **Melissa Kucemba**, BA History/Psychology (Poland); **Enxhi Merpeza**, BA International Studies/Spanish (Albania); **Colin Quinn**, PhD Anthropology (Romania); **Elana Resnick**, PhD Anthropology (Bulgaria/Romania/Turkey); **Margaret Traeger**, MPH Public Health (Mongolia); **Marisa Xheka**, BA History/Political Science (Albania/England); **Kledia Xhelilaj**, BA History/International Studies (Albania).

Konopka Endowment Grants, 2014

Awarded to students to support summer or semester-long research projects focused on Poland.

Paulina Duda, PhD Slavic; **Katarzyna Rymar**, BA History/International Studies.

Ukrainian Research Grants, 2014

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.

Deborah Jones, PhD Anthropology.

Alfred G. Meyer Prize, 2013-14

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.

Anastasia Tkach, BA REES/Political Science. "Democratic Borderlands: The European Union and Conditionality in Ukraine."

Undergraduate Language Prizes, 2013-14

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

Gojko Kilibarda, BSE Civil Engineering (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian). **Salvatore Parenti III**, BS Mathematics (Polish).

CREES Visiting Scholars, 2013-14

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

Martina Čaić, lecturer and program coordinator, Department of Marketing, Zagreb School of Economics and Management (Croatia). Developing new curricular, technological, and teaching methods. U-M host: John Branch. Oct 1, 2013–Jan 15, 2014. **Diana Pauna**, associate professor, Department of Business and Management and pro-rector, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga (Latvia). Baltic-American Freedom Foundation Research Scholar. "Exploring Entrepreneurial Education in Undergraduate Business Studies." U-M host: John Branch. Oct 1, 2013–Aug 31, 2014.



Svitlana Rogovyk; Jindrich Toman, Jeffrey Veidlinger, Mikhail Krutikov

CREES Alumni

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

Guntra Aistara (MA REES/MS Natural Resources & Environment '98, PhD Natural Resources & Environment '08) is assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at Central European University in Budapest. **Jonathan Bolton** (PhD Slavic '01) received the Modern Language Association's 11th Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures for *Worlds of Dissent: Charter 77, the Plastic People of the Universe, and Czech Culture under Communism* (Harvard UP, 2012). **Paul Duffy** (PhD Anthropology '10) is a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Research Fellow in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto. **Ina Ganguli** (MPP Public Policy/REES Graduate Certificate '04) is assistant professor at the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics at the Stockholm School of Economics. **Brian Grodsky** (PhD Political Science '06) is the author of *Social Movements and the New State: The Fate of Pro-Democracy Organizations When Democracy Is Won* (Stanford, 2012). **Jesse Johnston** (BMus Music History/Performance '02, MA Musicology '04, PhD Musicology '08, MSI Archives & Records Management '12) is a program officer in the National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Preservation and Access. **Lori Khatchadourian** (PhD Classical Art & Archaeology '08) is assistant professor of Near Eastern studies at Cornell University. **Claudia Koziol** (MPP Public Policy '09) is a Foreign Service officer with USAID. **Jonathan Larson** (PhD Anthropology '07) published *Critical Thinking in Slovakia after Socialism* (U of Rochester Press, 2013). **Erika Lehrer** (PhD Anthropology '06) is the author of *Jewish Poland Revisited: Heritage Tourism in Unquiet Places* (Indiana UP, 2013). **Anna Mirkova** (PhD History '06) is assistant professor of history at Old Dominion University. **Charles Myers** (PhD Political Science '02) is director of the University Press of Kansas. **Seth Oppenheim** (JD Law '03) is associate deputy counsel in the FBI's National Security Law Branch. **Karen Petrone** (PhD History '94) received the 2013 Heldt Prize for the Best Book in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian Studies for *The Great War in Russian Memory* (Indiana UP, 2011). **Alice Weinreb** (PhD History '09) is assistant professor of history at Utah State University.



Marek Probosz and graduate students; Proffer symposium panel; Robert G. Kaiser, Barbara Heldt, Gerald S. Smith; Lesley Kucharski



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Bohdan Soroka Exhibition (photo by Ian Donaldson)

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(clockwise from top left) **Ellendea Proffer**; **President Viktor Yushchenko**; **Karima Bennoune**; Yushchenko lecture audience; **President Viktor Yushchenko** and **Ambassador Ronald Weiser**; **Solomia Soroka** and **Arthur Greene** (photo by Viktor Burlaka)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

AUGUST

Aug 5-9 Workshop. *"Faiths under Fire in Muslim Central Asia."* **Eric Freedman**, Michigan State University; others. Sponsors: Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, CREES.

SEPTEMBER

Sep 11 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Visions of Society: Discourse on Etiquette, Ethics, and Adyg Identity in the Northwest Caucasus."* **Julie Fairbanks**, Coe College. Sponsors: CREES, Eurasia Collective.

Sep 12-Dec 5 Lusophone Film Festival. Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.

Sep 17 Lecture. *"Making Human Rights a Reality."* **Emilie Hafner-Burton**, University of California, San Diego. Sponsors: HRI, II, PICS, WCED.

Sep 19 Conversations on Europe. *"Democratization as Exclusion: Postmigrant Youth, Young Neo-Nazis, and the Future of Work and Welfare versus Revolution in the New Germany/Europe."* **Damani Partridge**, U-M. Sponsors: CES, WCED.

Sep 20-21 Symposium. *"Ann Arbor in Russian Literature: Revisiting the Carl R. Proffer and Ardis Legacies."*

Workshop. *"Ardis Publishers and the Russian Literary Canon."*

Tribute. *"Ann Arbor on the Map of Russian Literature: A Tribute to Carl R. Proffer."*

Exhibit. *"Ardis: Safe House on Russia's Literary Underground Railway."*

Sponsors: CREES; SLL; WCED; Department of Comparative Literature; Department of English; Department of History; Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies; IH; II; LSA; Office of the Vice President for Research; RACK; University Library's Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Collection and Special Collections Library; Zell Visiting Writers Series.

Sep 25 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Election Fraud and Preference Falsification in Russia's 2012 Presidential Election."* **Kirill Kalinin**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, WCED.

OCTOBER

Oct 1-31 Exhibit. *"Ukrainian Wooden Churches."* Linocuts by **Bohdan Soroka**, artist. Exhibit designed by U-M architecture students **Ashish Bhandari, Joe Diamond, Martin Elliot, Daniel Glick-Unterman, Phil Marcantonio, Nathan Orleskie, Dwight Portocarrero, and Roger Salinas.** Sponsor: WCEE.

Oct 3 WCED Lecture. *"Shades of Orange: A Decade of Ukrainian Democracy."* **Viktor Yushchenko**, President of Ukraine (2005-10). Sponsors: U-M's WCED, CREES, II, LSA, RACK, SLL; Ukrainian Future Credit Union.

Oct 4 Seminar. *“Ukrainian Society, Culture, and Politics: A Conversation with Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine 2005–10, and First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko.”* **Viktor Yushchenko** and **Kateryna Yushchenko**. Sponsors: SLL, WCED.

Oct 8 Lecture. *“Researching the Protocols of the Elders of Zion: Do We Know the Russian Author of the Forgery?”* **Henryk Baran**, SUNY, Albany. Sponsors: FCJS, CREES.

Oct 9 WCEE Student Presentations on Summer Research and Internships. **Maria Hadjipolycarpou**, Jean Monnet Fellowship, PhD Comparative Literature; **Katherine Man**, CES summer grant, BS French/Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience; **Alice Sullivan**, CRIF, PhD History of Art; **Anastasia Tkach**, CRIF, BA REES/Political Science. Sponsors: CES, CREES, WCED.

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Nov 1-2 Symposium. *“Advancing Omry Ronen’s Legacy in Russian Literary Studies.”* Sponsors: SLL, CREES, others.

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Nov 2 Concert. *"Niech Żyje Polska: Long Live Poland!"* **New Comma Baroque.** Sponsors: Academy of Early Music, Arts Midwest, CPPS.

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Nov 7 WCED Lecture. *"Is It Time to Stop Calling It the 'Arab Spring'? Reconsidering North Africa through the Eyes of Women's Rights Defenders."* **Karima Bennoune** (JD '94), University of California, Davis. Respondent: **Fatma Müge Göçek,** U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CMENAS, ISP.

Nov 11 Annual Copernicus Lecture. *"Making History: An Intellectual Journey into the Hidden Polish Past."* **Jan Gross,** Princeton University. Sponsors: CPPS, CES, CREES, FCJS, WCED.

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Dec 4 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Ambivalent Consumers and the Limits of Certification: Organic Foods in Postsocialist Bulgaria."* **Yuson Jung,** Wayne State University. Sponsor: CREES.

Dec 5 Conversations on Europe. *"Sovereignty in the Imperial Mediterranean: The Case of Tunisia."* **Mary Lewis,** Harvard University. Sponsors: CES, CMENAS.

Dec 6 Student Panel. *"Eastern Partnership: Prospects for Integration and Democratization after Vilnius."* Sponsors: CREES, SLL, WCED.

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Jan 9 Conversations on Europe. *"With One Color, We Cannot See": Building Pluralism through Jewishness in Contemporary Poland.* **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, U-M. Sponsors: CES, CPPS, CREES, FCJS.

Jan 14 Russian Law Workshop. *"Too Much of a Good Thing? Assessing Access to Civil Justice in Russia."* **Kathryn Hendley**, University of Wisconsin. Sponsor: CREES.

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Feb 10 Copernicus Lecture. *"Bruno Schulz's Sanatorium: Reflections on the Uneasy Afterlife of National Literatures."* **Karen Underhill**, University of Illinois at Chicago. Sponsors: CPPS, FCJS.

Feb 12 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Weapons of the Watchtower: Jehovah's Witnesses and Resistance to Soviet Power."* **Emily Baran**, Middle Tennessee State University. Sponsors: CREES, Eurasia Collective, WCED.

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Feb 26 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Jews and Ukrainians in the Soviet Shtetl: Memories of Small-Town Life."* **Jeffrey Veidlinger**, U-M. Sponsor: CREES.

MARCH

Mar 11 Lecture/Concert. *"The Litvak Jewish Musical Tradition."* **Dmitri Slepovitch**, The New School. Sponsors: FCJS, CREES, CWPS, IH, RACK.

Mar 12 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Separated by a Common Language: Soviet Experts and Indian Planning in the Cold War."* **David C. Engerman**, Brandeis University. Sponsor: CREES.

Mar 13 International Institute Round Table. *"Crisis in Ukraine: Domestic and International Implications."* Moderator: **Pauline Jones Luong**, U-M. Speakers: **Zvi Gitelman**, **Mikhail Krutikov**, **Oksana Malanchuk**, **Ekaterina Mishina**, **Svitlana Rogovyk**, and **Greta Uehling**, U-M. Sponsors: II, CES, CREES, WCED.

Mar 18 Film. *The Death of Captain Pitecki.* **Ryszard Bugajski**, director (2006). Sponsors: CPPS, FCJS.

Mar 18 Lecture. **Marek Probosz**, actor, director; University of California, Los Angeles. Sponsors: CPPS, FCJS.

Mar 20 Conversations on Europe. *"Centering a Sideshow: World War One in German East Africa as Local Experience."* **Michelle Moyd**, Indiana University. Sponsors: CES, African Studies Center.

Mar 21 Video Conference. Conversation with Ukrainian students live via video conference about current events in Ukraine. Moderators: **Viktor Susak**, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv; **Paula Osborn**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Mar 26 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Poetry and War: Vilnius Cityscape in Translation."* **Laimonas Briedis**, Vilnius University. Sponsors: CREES, CPPS, FCJS.

Mar 28 Lecture. *"The Legacy of Jan Karski: The Mission Continues."* **Krzysztof Hoffmann**, U-M and Adam Mickiewicz University. Sponsors: U-M's Polish Club, CPPS, SLL; Polish American Congress-Ann Arbor Chapter.

Mar 29 Concert. *A Benefit for Victims of the EuroMaidan Conflict.* **Arthur Greene**, piano; **Solomia Soroka**, violin. Sponsors: WCED, Kerrytown Concert House.

Mar 31 Workshop. *"Digital Islam: How the Internet and Social Media are Reshaping the Islamic Marketplace in Central Asia."* Convener: **Pauline Jones Luong**, U-M. Sponsors: ISP, CMENAS, CREES.

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Apr 2 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Origins of the Concept of 'Crimes against Humanity': Precedents, the Allied 1915 Note on the Armenian Genocide, and Legacies."* **Peter Holquist**, University of Pennsylvania. Sponsors: CREES, ASP, CES.

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Apr 8 WCED Lecture. *"The Power of Weak States in Central Asia."* **Baktybek Beshimov**, Northeastern University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Apr 9 ASP Lecture. “*Mass Violence from the Balkans to Anatolia into the Caucasus, 1912-23.*” **Ugur Ümit Üngör**, Utrecht University. Sponsors: ASP, CREES.

Apr 11 Film and Discussion. *On Sufferance (Status geduldet).* **Silvana Santamaria**, director (2008). Sponsors: Alanya: Transnational German Studies, CES, CWPS, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, WCED.

Apr 15 Lecture. “*American Literature in Bosnia and Herzegovina.*” **Selma Rajević**, University of Mostar; Weiser Professional Development Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: SLL, WCEE.

Apr 17 Conversations on Europe. “*Can Nationalism Be Multicultural? Comparative Insights from Contemporary Scotland and Catalonia.*” **Jean-Thomas Arrighi**, EUI Visiting Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: CES, WCED.

MAY

May 9-10 Conference. “*Dominant Party Systems.*” Convener: **Allen Hicken**, U-M. Sponsors: CSEAS, CREES, WCEE, others.

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