I am pleased to report on a busy and productive year at the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. We began the year with a separation of the Weiser Center into two distinct entities—the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED) and the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE). This change has allowed each center to focus on a core set of activities, while preserving the close collaboration between the two centers. I am grateful to the director of WCEE, Geneviève Zubrzycki, and the Weiser staff for working to make this transition a success.

This year marked the inauguration of the WCED Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. In the fall we welcomed our first cohort of outstanding fellows: Elizabeth Kaknes (University of Virginia), Pellumb Kelmendi (Brown University), and Jennifer Schaefer (Emory University). During the year they each gave a public lecture in our speaker series and served as valuable mentors for the graduate student recipients of the Weiser Emerging Democracies Graduate Fellowship.

In December 2016 we collaborated with the William Davidson Institute and the Slovak-based Pontis Foundation to organize our second annual NGO Leadership Workshop in Bratislava, Slovakia. The program offers management training to help NGO leaders more effectively engage with the general public, government stakeholders, and international partners. This year we expanded the program to include representatives of 25 NGOs from countries ranging from Albania to Ukraine. We also secured a grant from the National Endowment for Democracy to fund a third round of the program.

WCED offered an exciting array of programming throughout the year. We opened with a roundtable on the crisis in Turkey, featuring several experts from U-M. Building on that model we offered similar roundtables on the Philippines under President Duterte, Russia and U.S.-Russian Relations in the Age of Trump, and Communal Violence in Myanmar. Prominent lectures this year were presented by Nobel Prize recipient Shirin Ebadi (co-sponsored with the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum); Amre Moussa on the future of the Arab world (co-sponsored with the International Institute); and former Ukrainian Finance Minister Natalie Jaresko on Ukraine’s transition (co-sponsored with WCEE). We also heard from experts on memorializing violence in Argentina, democratic diffusion, rebel successor parties in the Balkans, politics and poverty in Brazil, and revolutionary violence and the prospects for democracy.

Thank you to our partners and collaborators across the university and around the world. We are excited about the foundation we have laid this year and we look forward to expanding the reach and reputation of WCED in the year to come.

Allen Hicken
Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies
WCED Director
Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellows, 2016-17
Awarded to postdoctoral scholars in support of research on the broad historical, political, economic, and societal conditions under which democracies emerge—and autocracies endure. Fellows focus on their own research, participate in WCED workshops and events, and present one public lecture during their fellowship year, while in residence at U-M.

Elizabeth Kaknes, PhD Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia. "Politics, Poverty, and Policy in Brazil."

Pellumb Kelmendi, PhD Political Science, Brown University. "When Rebels become Politicians: The Transformation of Rebel Organizations into Political Parties and their Performance in Post-conflict Elections."


WCED Student Fellows, 2016-17
Awarded to graduate students at U-M who focus their work around the theme of "emerging democracies past or present."

Graduate Academic Year Fellows

Maria Aristizabal-Ramirez, PhD Economics. Applied microeconomics, focusing on topics related to income inequality, productivity, and determinants of the wage premium in developing economies.

Jeffrey Bilik, PhD Political Science. The interplay of religious belonging and policy in Central Asia.

Anthony Castaneda, MA REES. Democratization and generational studies in the post-Soviet space.

Jonathan Denton-Schneider, PhD Economics. International economics, economic history, and political economy.

Kristin Foringer, PhD Sociology. The cultural implications of state formation in young Latin American democracies.

Graham Liddell, PhD Comparative Literature. Personal migration narratives of the ongoing refugee crisis in the Middle East North Africa region and Europe.

Eitan Paul, PhD Political Science & Public Policy. Political development and mobilization and the effects of aid conditionality and foreign democracy, human rights, and governance assistance in competitive authoritarian regimes in the Global South, particularly Southeast Asia.

Rebecca Savelsberg, PhD Political Science. How international interventions such as economic sanctions, military intervention, and foreign aid affect state repression and conflict.

Anna Wozny, PhD Sociology. How the culture of late capitalist societies influences familial and intimate relationships.
Summer Fellows

Andrew Cabaniss, PhD Art & Architecture (Greece); Vivienne Chi, BS Cognitive Science (Germany); Thomas Cotten, MFA Creative Writing (Germany/Netherlands); Claire Denton Grenchik, BA LSA (Portugal); Genevieve Hummer, BA Economics/Spanish (Spain); Nora Kuo, BS Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (Albania); Wayne Li, BA Comparative Literature/German (Germany); Chen Liang, BA Public Policy (Macedonia/Portugal); Chelsea Lisiecki, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Greece); Peter Meisenheimer, PhD Materials Science & Engineering (Switzerland); Emily Moll, BSE Electrical Engineering (Germany); Carrie Ann Morgan, PhD Anthropology (Albania/Kosovo); Molly Ng, PhD Earth & Environmental Science (China/Denmark/England/France/Germany); Anil Ramachandran Menon, PhD Political Science (England); Rachael Rowley, BS Movement Science (Germany); Anna Schepele, BS Information (Germany); Kellie Spahr, BS Biochemistry (England); Yilun Zhao, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Greece).

Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, 2016-17
An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum convened for graduate students working on issues related to emerging democracies.

Conveners: Elizabeth Kaknes, Pellumb Kelmendi, Jennifer Schaefer, WCED Postdoctoral Fellows.

Participants: Maria Aristizabal-Ramirez, PhD Economics; Jeffrey Bilik, PhD Political Science; Anthony Castaneda, MA REES; Jonathan Denton-Schneider, PhD Economics; Kristin Foringer, PhD Sociology; Graham Liddell, PhD Comparative Literature; Eitan Paul, PhD Political Science & Public Policy; Rebecca Savelsberg, PhD Political Science; Anna Wozny, PhD Sociology.

WCED Research Fellows, 2016-17
WCED Research Fellows are specialists or practitioners of emerging democracies who teach or hold non-teaching positions at U-M.

Jessica Zychowicz (PhD Slavic ’15) to complete her first book, Generation 2004: Art, Gender, and Activism in Contemporary Ukraine, which is under contract with U of Toronto Press.

[left to right] Elizabeth Kaknes; Pellumb Kelmendi and Jennifer Schaefer
**Weiser Faculty Grants, 2016-17**

*Awarded to U-M faculty for research projects that address themes related to democracy, broadly understood.*

- **Fatma Müge Göçek**, Sociology/Women’s Studies, for the project “Trajectory of Collective Violence: From the Armenian Genocide to Kurdish Massacres in Turkey.”

- **Elizabeth King**, Public Health, for the project "Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of Female Labor Migrants in St. Petersburg."

- **Stuart Kirsch**, Anthropology, for the project "Diplomacy for a Nation in Waiting: The West Papuan Independence Movement in Post-Suharto Indonesia."

- **Mike McGovern**, Anthropology, for the project "Culture and Contestation: Non-violent Challenges to the State by Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar."

- **Robyn Meeks**, Natural Resources & Environment, for the project "The Impacts of Smart Meters on Losses in Electricity Distribution in the Kyrgyz Republic." 

- **Benjamin Paloff**, Comparative Literature/Slavic, for the project "Richard Weiner’s Traumatic Prose," on the first literary representations of the combat experience in WWI by this Czech author.

- **Ronald G. Suny**, History/Political Science, for the project "The Crisis of Contemporary Democracy: The Fate of an Experiment in the Age of Nationalism, Populism, and Neo-Liberalism."

- **Yuri Zhukov**, Political Science, for survey research in Eastern Ukraine on the project “The Political Legacy of Violence.”

- **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, Sociology, for the project “Jewish Revival, Philo-Semitism, and Pluralism in Contemporary Poland.”

*The following are significant accomplishments in 2016-17 reported by faculty affiliated with CES, CPPS, CREES, ISP, and/or WCED.*

**Books**

  **Geoff Eley**, History/German. _German Modernities from Wilhelm to Weimar: A Contest of Futures_, co-ed. w/ J. Jenkins, T. Matysik (Bloomsbury Academic, 2016).  
  **Webb Keane**, Anthropology.

Grants, Awards, & Promotions

[clockwise from top] Allen Hicken, Erdem Cipa, Christiane Gruber, Fatma Müge Göçek; Pauline Jones; Tatjana Aleksić; Svitlana Rogovyk
From the Director

The Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE) and its affiliated centers—the Center for European Studies (CES); Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREES); and Copernicus Program in Polish Studies (CPPS)—had a very stimulating year. WCEE hosted six scholars from Eurasia as part of our Professional Development Program, and awarded numerous research grants to faculty working on Europe and Eurasia. WCEE centers worked together to produce a lecture series focused on the fates and challenges facing various minorities in the region, from ethnic and racial groups to people with disabilities and members of LGBT communities. In addition, WCEE organized and co-sponsored events on topics as varied as the economic reform in Ukraine, the centennial of the Russian Revolution, and Brexit. We collaborated with the University Musical Society (UMS) on performances by the Prague Philharmonia, the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, and the Ukrainian folk-punk band DakhaBrakha.

WCEE is pleased to continue our partnership with the Robert B. Zajonc Institute of Social Studies (ISS) at the University of Warsaw by supporting participation of the ISS’s graduate students and faculty at U-M. We are expanding student internship opportunities: 23 undergraduate students from LSA and beyond are in the region this summer pursuing internships with organizations including POLIN: The Museum of the History of Polish Jews and the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw, the Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Zagreb, the Fulbright Commission in Bratislava, and the Slovenian National Institute of Biology Marine Biology Station in Piran.

As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially WCED, the Department of History, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, UMS, and the Michigan Theater. We look forward to the 2017-18 academic year in our new space in Weiser Hall!

Center for European Studies

CES programming focuses on the past, present, and future of Europe and the European Union. In addition to lectures on minorities, we organized an International Institute Roundtable on Brexit and hosted Mabel Berezin, expert on French politics, to discuss the rise of the National Front. We were honored to have best-selling author China Miéville give the Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe, and to participate in the events surrounding the European Court of Justice Conference visit at the Law School, hosted by CES faculty affiliate Daniel Halberstam.

CES continues to support an undergraduate minor and a graduate certificate, 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.

Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies

CREES organized a rich and inter-disciplinary lecture series that spanned the entire region, showcasing the work of scholars on the Roma in Bulgaria, Jews in Ukraine and Russia, Tatars in Crimea, LGBTQ in Poland, Christians in Central Asia, and Afro-Germans in East Germany. We also sponsored a roundtable on U.S.-Russia relations under President Trump; a two-day symposium on “Nationalism, Genocide, and Revolution” inspired by the scholarship of CREES faculty associate Ronald G. Suny; and an international conference marking the centennial of the Russian Revolution.
Beyond public programming, CREES supports students through fellowships that enhance a deeper understanding of the region. We are proud to continue to offer prestigious Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, as well as grants for summer research and internships, and graduate student conference travel grants. Nine students are obtaining their MA this year, and our undergraduate major and minors are ideal for students looking to gain deep knowledge 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.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that CREES signed an agreement with the National Research University, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia, that will allow for continued and enhanced collaboration between our two institutions.

**Copernicus Program in Polish Studies**

The 2016-17 academic year was especially busy for CPPS. In the fall, we welcomed politician and presidential hopeful Robert Biedroń, who delivered the 2016 Annual Copernicus Lecture on the challenges sexual minorities face in today’s Poland. In April we organized the 4th Annual Polish Jewish Studies Workshop, “Generations and Genealogies,” hosting over 30 scholars, public intellectuals, and activists from North America, Poland, and Israel. The two-day workshop featured a reading by award-winning author Agata Tuszyńska and the 2017 Annual Copernicus Lecture delivered by Adam Michnik—political dissident, Solidarity activist, and editor-in-chief of Poland’s most important daily newspaper *Gazeta Wyborcza*—who spoke on the anti-Semitic purges of 1968 in Poland.

We continue to strengthen ties with partner institutions in Poland by sponsoring faculty and student initiatives with POLIN, the Adam Mickiewicz Institute, and the University of Warsaw. As always, we support the student community by awarding numerous fellowships to study the Polish language and to travel to Poland for research or internships.

**Geneviève Zubrzycki**

WCEE Director
**Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2017**

*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.*


**Kabcenell New Europe Grants, 2017**

*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*

Hana Berishaj, BA Political Science (Albania); Konrat Pekkip, BA LSA (Croatia).

**Albanian Community Summer Fellowship, 2017**

*Awarded to undergraduate students to support study, research, or internships in Albania and in neighboring countries preparing to join the European Union.*

Nora Kuo, BS Ecology & Evolutionary Biology.
**Student Internships, 2017**

Internship placements in Eastern Europe coordinated by WCEE for undergraduate students in the College of Literature, Science, & the Arts (LSA), in collaboration with the LSA International Internship Program.

CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

Modern European Studies Minor Graduates, 2016-17

Winter 2017 | Meghan Lieb, Jessica Ojeda.

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows, 2017
Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from CES, CPPS, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and WCED.

Ian Bratcher, PhD Sociology, “National Identities: Processes of Identification among Poland’s LGBT and Jewish Communities.”
James Carter, PhD Romance Languages & Literatures, “Capitalism, Communism, Community: Adriano Olivetti and the Third Way.”
Sam Shuman, PhD Anthropology, “Cutting Out the Middleman: A Hasidic Enclave in Economic Transition.”

CES Summer Research & Internship Grants, 2017
Awarded to U-M students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration.

Cristian Capotescu, PhD History (Germany/Romania); Sheira Ruth Cohen, PhD Classical Art & Archaeology (Italy);
Madeline Farron, MPH Health Behavior & Health Education (Switzerland); Heather Anne Harmon, MPH Health Management & Policy (Switzerland);
Marianthi Hatzigeorgiou, MHSA Health Management & Policy (Germany);
Emine Seda Kayim, PhD Architecture (Germany); Brenna Larson, PhD History of Art (Italy);
Tonhi Lee, PhD English (England); Brenna Katherine Murphy, MFA Art (France);
Saquib Ali Usman, PhD Anthropology (France/Mauritania/Morocco); Yuqing Xia, MSI Information (Greece);
Kirill Zhirkov, PhD Political Science (Germany).

(clockwise from left) Kira Thurman; Conversations on Europe audience; China Miéville, Karla Mallette, and Geoff Eley
CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES

REES Graduates, 2016-17
Summer 2016 | REES MA: Alexandra Jason, Justin Zemaitis.

Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016-17
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.

Anthony Castaneda, MA REES [Russian]; Nora Dolliver, MA REES/MS Information [Polish]; Clay Dibble, PhD Slavic [Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian]; Carrie Ann Morgan, PhD Anthropology [Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian]; Hannah Selig, MPH Public Health [Uzbek].

Graduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2017
Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Jeffrey Bilik, PhD Political Science [Russian]; Nora Dolliver, MA REES/MS Information [Russian]; Kája Lill, MA REES/PhD Music Theory [Czech]; Grace Mahoney, PhD Slavic [Russian].

Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016-17
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Tara Bayer, BA International Studies/Russian [Russian]; Sydney Bell, BA International Studies/REES [Russian]; Mark Kennedy, BA Russian/BMus Music [Russian]; Nathaniel Ojo, BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics [Russian]; Katherine Wilcoxson, BA International Studies/Political Science [Russian].

Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2017
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Victoria Peruski, BA LSA [Polish]; Cassandra Zavislak, BA International Studies/REES [Russian].
Graduate Student Instructors, REEES 395 & 396/397, 2016-17
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).

Emily Lina Grant, MA REES/MPP Public Policy, REEES 396/397; Huatse Gyal, PhD Anthropology, REEES 396/397; Michael Martin, MA REES, REEES 395; Natalie McCauley, Slavic, REEES 395.

CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards, 2017
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.

Diarra Brooks, BA Psychology (Macedonia); Vedran Catovic, PhD Comparative Literature (Bosnia & Herzegovina/France/Russia/Serbia); Elizabeth Ditullio, BA LSA (Croatia); Christopher Fort, PhD Slavic (Uzbekistan); Casey Haggerty, BS Environment (Albania); Sean Heyneman, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Kyrgyzstan); Carrie Ann Morgan, PhD Anthropology (Albania/Kosovo); Gyorgyi Parditka, PhD Anthropology (Hungary/Serbia); Ryan Schaller, BA International Studies/Romance Languages & Literatures (Kosovo); Kristefer Stojanovski, PhD Health Behavior & Health Education (Macedonia); Kimberly Truong, BA Sociology (Croatia); Alexander Tye, PhD Earth & Environmental Science (Azerbaijan); Amanda West, BA LSA (Albania).

Ukrainian Research Grants, 2017
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.

Haley Laurila, PhD Slavic.

Alfred G. Meyer Prize, 2016-17
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.

Helena Ratté, BA History, “Multiple Displacements: Bosnian Refugee Journeys to Germany and Back, 1992-2016.”

Excellence in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian Language Award, 2016-17
Awarded to the top undergraduate student studying Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

Tyler Loveall, BA Political Science.
Please send news on your activities since graduation to crees@umich.edu.

**Luciana Aenasoaie** (PhD Anthropology & History ’16) is assistant director of the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program at U-M. **Ryan Aiken** (MA REES ’09) is Political-Military Officer, U.S. Department of State, in Moscow, Russia. **Mary Cavender** (PhD History ’97) and **Karen Petrone** (PhD History ’94) co-edited *Everyday Life in Russia Past and Present* w/ C. Chatterjee and D. Ransel (Indiana UP, 2015). **Daniel Chardell** (BA History ’13) is a doctoral student in history at Harvard University. **Robert Donia** (PhD History ’76) received the 2016 Barbara Jelavich Book Prize (Honorable Mention), from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies for *Radovan Karadžić: Architect of the Bosnian Genocide* (Cambridge UP, 2015). **Lisa Fein** (MA REES ’94, PhD Sociology ’09) is associate professor of sociology at Westminster College. **Deborah Field** (PhD History ’98) co-authored *Russia’s Long Twentieth Century: Voices, Memories, Contested Perspectives* w/ C. Chatterjee and L. Kirschenbaum (Routledge, 2016). **Joshua First** (PhD History ’08), the author of *Ukrainian Cinema: Belonging and Identity during the Soviet Thaw* (I. B. Tauris, 2015), is now the Croft Associate Professor of History and International Studies at the University of Mississippi. **Meghan Forbes** (PhD Slavic ’16) is Czech lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin.
Brian Grodsky (PhD Political Science ’06) authored The Democratization Disconnect (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016). Julie Hansen (PhD Slavic ’00) co-edited Punishment as a Crime? Perspectives on Prison Experience in Russian Culture w/ A. Rogachevskii (Uppsala UP, 2014). Austin Jersild (MA REES ’89) co-edited Socialist Internationalism in the Cold War: Exploring the Second World w/ P. Babiracki (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). Pamela Jordan (MA REES ’91) is assistant professor of politics and global affairs at Southern New Hampshire State University. Jeffrey Kahn (JD Law ’02) received a Fulbright Research Grant to Norway to study Russian and British experiences with the European Court of Human Rights in 2017-18. Sonja Luehrmann (PhD Anthropology & History ’09) received the 2016 Waldo Gifford Leland Award given by the Society of American Archivists for Religion in Secular Archives: Soviet Atheism and Historical Knowledge (Oxford UP, 2015). Mary Elizabeth Malinkin (MA REES ’06) joined the staff of the Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia in November 2016 as academic program specialist for CREES and CPPS. Margarita Nafpaktitis (PhD Slavic ’03) joined Stanford University Libraries in September 2016 as curator for the Slavic and East European Collections. Amy Nicodemus (PhD Anthropology ’14) is assistant professor of archaeology at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Nevila Pahumi (PhD History ’16) is an Alexander Nash Fellow in Albanian Studies for 2016-18 at University College London School of Slavonic and East European Studies. Elana Resnick (PhD Anthropology ’16) is a postdoctoral fellow at the Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies and visiting assistant professor of international studies at Miami University. Douglas Rogers (MA REES ’02, PhD Anthropology ’04) received the 2016 Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies, 2016 Ed A. Hewett Book Prize, and 2016 Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize (Honorable Mention) from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies for The Depths of Russia: Oil, Power, and Culture after Socialism (Cornell UP, 2015). Jessica Fisher Shammami (MA REES/MPP Public Policy ’10) is deputy budget officer at National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging. Maria Smith (MA REES/MPP Public Policy ’12) is a Foreign Affairs Officer with the Department of State’s Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia. Keely Stauter-Halsted (MA REES ’87, PhD History ’93) received the 2016 Heldt Prize for the Best Book in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Women’s Studies from the Association for Women in Slavic Studies as well as the 2016 American Historical Association’s Joan Kelly Memorial Prize for The Devil’s Chain: Prostitution and Social Control in Partitioned Poland (Cornell UP, 2015). Maria Wathen (PhD Social Work/Sociology ’16) is assistant professor of social work at Loyola University, Chicago.
COPERNICUS PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES

Copernicus Fellowship for Incoming Graduate Students in Polish Studies, 2016-17
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.

Wojciech Owczarek, History.

Copernicus Summer Grants, 2017
Awarded to students for summer or semester-long research, study, or internships focused on Poland.

Alena Aniskiewicz, PhD Slavic; Matthew Harmon, BA LSA; Michael Keller, BA History/Political Science.

Marjorie and Maxwell Reade Graduate Fellowship, 2017
McKenna Marko, PhD Slavic.

Excellence in Polish Language Award, 2016-17
Awarded to the top undergraduate student studying Polish in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

David Beck, BA History/Polish.

Copernicus Polish Language Scholarships, 2016-17
Awarded to undergraduate students who successfully complete two semesters of Polish language courses at U-M.

David Beck, BA History/Polish; Theresa Dowker, BS Environment/Polish; Erik Gamm, BA LSA; Patrick Glista, BS Neuroscience; Jacqueline Saplicki Lausell, BA International Studies/Polish; Emily Lerner, BA LSA; Victoria Peruski, BA LSA; Ryan Sahijdak, BA German; Daniel Sanders, BA LSA; Chayne Rimkus, BA LSA; Kevin Turaczy, BSE Chemical Engineering; Gabrielle Wasilewski, BA Women’s Studies.
ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

From the Director

ISP programs bring together faculty and students studying the past and present of global Islamic culture and Muslim societies worldwide. We continue to work with partners across campus in order to host high-impact events. We collaborated with the University Musical Society on two performances: a musical exploration of the timeless love story of Layla and Majnun, and a meditation on being Muslim in 21st-century America. Along with the Department of Near Eastern Studies, we hosted the annual Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Lecture in Islamic Studies. We worked with Arab and Muslim American Studies on an event focusing on Islamic popular culture, “Muslim Beats in the New Millennium.” Along with History of Art, we sponsored a one-day workshop on the Qur’an and manuscript studies, “Qur’an Plus.” We also co-sponsored events with the Conflict and Peace Initiative and with our partners at the International Institute, the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum. Our graduate student workshop, the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar, continues to bring new voices to campus and hosted a year-end symposium, “Islamic Studies in the Trumpocene: Arts/Praxis/Ideas.” We offered grants to Muslim student groups and funded student activities focused on the Islamic world. And this year again we awarded summer travel and internship grants to undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty. ISP is at the heart of the study of Muslim communities and Islamic culture at U-M, and we remain focused on the future of Islamic studies at the university and in the broader community.

Karla Mallette
ISP Director
Islamic Studies Minor Graduates, 2016-17

ISP Summer Fellowships, 2017
Awarded to undergraduate students for summer projects in the U.S. or abroad in the field of Islamic studies.

Azhar Aboubaker, BA International Studies/Sociology (Ann Arbor); Edda Hanafi, BS Economics/Women’s Studies (Malaysia); Komel Khan, BA LSA (Ann Arbor); Zaryff Razali, BA Economics/History (Malaysia).

ISP Graduate Awards, 2016-17
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.

Layan Charara, JD Law; Matthew Schissler, PhD Anthropology.

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 coordinator: Saquib Usman, PhD Anthropology.

Presenters: Samer Ali, associate professor of Arabic language and literature, U-M; Cameron Cross, assistant professor of Iranian studies, U-M; Yasmin Moll, assistant professor of anthropology, U-M; Emilio Spadola, associate professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Civilization Studies, Colgate University; Denise Spellberg, professor of history, University of Texas at Austin; Ronald Stockton, professor of political science, U-M Dearborn; Dawud Walid, executive director, Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan Chapter; Rudolph Ware, associate professor of history, U-M.

ISP Undergraduate Co-sponsorship Awards, 2016-17
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.

Indonesian Student Association, Malaysian Students Association, Muslim Students’ Association.

ISP Faculty Grants, 2016-17
Awarded to faculty to support research, conference engagements, or on-campus events that focus on global Islamic culture and Muslim societies.

Erdem Cipa, History/Near Eastern Studies; Christiane Gruber, History of Art.
**Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum**

Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC) is an initiative that strives to define and implement a shared curriculum across the Big Ten Academic Alliance through dynamic virtual learning classrooms. The program offers a broad set of courses that investigate Islamic religion, cultures, ideologies, and historic traditions.

**DISC Courses, 2016-17**


**DISC Social Media & Communications Interns, 2016-17**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Video recordings of programs organized by the Weiser Centers are available on our websites and YouTube.

AUGUST


Aug 26-Sep 1 Film. The Innocents. Anne Fontaine, director (2016). Sponsors: MT, WCEE.

SEPTEMBER


Sep 18-Oct 23 First Annual Iranian Film Festival of Ann Arbor. Sponsors: NES, ISP, others.


Sep 29 Lecture. “Revolutionary Melancholy, Narratives of Paternity, and the Project of a ‘Perfect Biography’ in the Work of Danilo Kiš.” Tatjana Rosić Ilić, University Singidunum; Weiser Professional Development Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

OCTOBER


Oct 4 Reading. China Miéville, author; Zell Visiting Writers Series International Writer in Residence, U-M. Sponsors: CES, ZELL.

Oct 6 China Miéville In Conversation. Moderator: Joshua Miller, U-M. Sponsors: CES, ZELL.


Oct 7-Feb 22 Exhibition. “Of Love and Madness: The Literary History of Layla and Majnun.” Sponsors: University Library (Special Collections Library), ISP.


Oct 15 ISP Panel. “Layla and Majnun: From the Page to the Stage.” Cameron Cross, Christiane Gruber, U-M; Aida Huseynova, Indiana University. Sponsors: ISP, CMENAS, UMS.


Oct 24 Conversations on Europe. “Italian Style: Fashion and Film.” Eugenia Paulicelli, City University of New York. Sponsors: CES, Department of Screen Arts & Cultures, RLL.


**NOVEMBER**

**Nov 2 Annual Copernicus Lecture.** “Sexual Minorities and Civil Rights in Poland.” Robert Biedroń, LGBT activist and mayor of Stupsk, Poland. Sponsor: CPPS.


**Nov 18-20 23rd Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival.** Sponsors: PCF-AA, CPPS, others.

**Nov 19 CPPS Film and Discussion.** Karski & the Lords of Humanity. Stawomir Grünberg, director (2015). Sponsors: CPPS, PCF-AA.


**DECEMBER**


**JANUARY**

**Jan 11 Conversations on Europe.** “Hearing Race and Music in Communist East Germany.” Kira Thurman, U-M. Sponsors: CES, CREEES, GLL.

**Jan 13 ISP Lecture.** “Reconstructing History of African Slavery in Qajar Iran: Interplay between Photography and Anthropology.” Pedram Khosronejad, Oklahoma State University. Sponsors: ISP, CMENAS.


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**Jan 30 CREEES Film and Discussion.** Houston, We Have a Problem! Žiga Virc, director; Boštjan Virc, producer (2016). Sponsors: CREEES, CES, COMPLIT, SLL.

**Jan 31 WCED Lecture.** “Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Colonial, Alliance, and Neighbor Networks.” Michael Coppedge, University of Notre Dame. Sponsor: WCED.
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**Feb 6 Conversations on Europe.** "We Are All Republicans: Party Competition and the Production of Nationhood in France’s Face Veil Debate." Emily Laxer, U-M. Sponsors: CES, SOC.

**Feb 10 ISP Workshop.** "Qur’an Plus: Holy Scripture and Its Creative Expressions." Walid Saleh, University of Toronto; Ünver Rüstem, Johns Hopkins University; Travis Zadeh, Yale University. Sponsor: ISP.

**Feb 16 Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker.** "Ping Chong: Beyond Sacred." Ping Chong, theater director, choreographer, and video and installation artist. Sponsors: STAMPS, DISC, UMS.

**Feb 17 DISC Symposium.** "Investigating Islam: A Community Forum." Moderator: Pauline Jones, U-M. Presenters: Tiffany Yasmin Abdelghani, Kadin Herring, Amir Khafagy, Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity cast members; Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University; Rudolph Ware, U-M. Sponsors: DISC, UMS.

**Feb 18 Performance.** Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity. Ping Chong + Company. Sponsors: UMS, DISC.

**Feb 21 WCED/CREES Panel.** "Russia and U.S.-Russia Relations in the Age of Trump." Pauline Jones, Mikhail Krutikov, Ekaterina Mishina, James Morrow, William Zimmerman, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

**Feb 22 WCED Lecture.** "From Rebels to Politicians: Explaining the Electoral Performance of Rebel Successor Parties with Evidence from the Balkans." Pellumb Kelmendi, Weiser Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

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**Mar 7 Lecture.** "The Holocaust—And All that Jazz: Hitler’s Black Victims in the Literary Imagination." Eve Rosenhaft, University of Liverpool. Sponsors: Department of History, CES, DAAS, GLL.

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Mar 9 Recital. Music of Yevhen Stankovych. Solomia Soroka, violin; Arthur Greene, piano. Sponsors: School of Music, Theatre & Dance; CREES.


Mar 27 Lecture. "Communal Violence in Myanmar: Roundtable Discussion." Nick Cheesman, Australian National University; Mike McGovern, Matt Schissler, U-M. Sponsors: CSEAS, Department of Asian Languages & Cultures, WCED.


APRIL


Apr 6 ISP Discussion. “Muslim Beats in the New Millennium.” Moderator: Evelyn Alsultany, U-M. Panelists: Hisham Aidi, Columbia University; Su’ad Abdul Khabeer, Purdue University. Sponsors: ISP, Arab & Muslim American Studies.


Apr 13 Lecture. “Repossessing the Valley of the Fallen: The Case of Alex de la Iglesia’s ‘Balada triste de trompeta.’” Alejandro Yarza, Georgetown University. Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.


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