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Beyond Mosque, Church, and State

By Jordan Peters

Dr. Theodora Dragostinova (History) and Dr. Yana Hashamova (Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures) organized the *Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Negotiating Religious and Ethno-National Identity in the Balkans* conference October 6th through 8th at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. The international and interdisciplinary conference on negotiating ethno-national and religious identities in the Balkans, which engaged history, cultural studies, cinema, literature, political ideology, and international law, tackled important questions of how states, societies, and people manage national conflicts. Scholars from across the United States and Canada travelled to this unique two-day conference to engage in a spirited and enlightening dialogue related to issues of religion and ethno-national identity in the Balkans. Selected papers from the conference will be used to compile an edited volume publicizing the cutting-edge research on these issues.



The conference featured six panels ranging from “The Ottoman Legacy in the Balkans” to “Postsocialist Conflicts and Identities” and a concluding roundtable discussion to summarize and synthesize ideas discussed throughout the conference. Thursday evening a reception was held to mark the beginning of the conference and to allow members of the Ohio State community an opportunity to network with the visiting conference participants. Attendance for the conference, including two and a half days of panels and the Thursday reception, totaled one hundred and eight faculty, graduate students, and community members. *Beyond Mosque, Church, and State* would not have been possible without generous contributions from the Division of Arts and Humanities at the College of Arts and Sciences, the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, the Paissii Fund- Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, the Department of History, and the Center for the Study of Religion.

“The presentations were very well thought out, and given in a way that benefited both people with a wealth of knowledge on the region, as well as people who had just begun their study.” -Graduate Student

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“The papers were of uniformly high quality and, moreover, formed a dynamic conceptual whole across the region and the disciplines. The discussion was more than stimulating. So, a great event.”

- Conference Presenter

For a complete list of panels, participant biographies, videocasts, and post-conference updates, please visit <http://slaviccenter.osu.edu/beyondmosque.html>.



From the Director

Dear Colleagues, Students, Alumni, and Friends of Slavic,

Our Slavic Center at OSU has entered a new challenging stage of its existence. As I indicated to you in the spring, we had been expecting budget cuts

for our 2011-12 programs and activities. In June, we were informed by the U.S. Department of Education of a 46.53% budget reduction, unprecedented for the 45 years of CSEES history. At the same time, we are expected to continue meeting our objectives and priorities as defined in our grant proposal. These challenges demand strategic thinking, imagination, and creativity on our part. Although we have eliminated many of our programs, language instruction included, we have decided to focus on the strongest aspects of our work with new energy and inspiration.

Our FLAS grants continue to be one of the largest programs in the U.S. For this year, we awarded 18 academic-year FLAS fellowships and 11 summer ones. The disciplinary diversity of our applicants and recipients has been greater than ever. By combining forces with professional schools and utilizing the University Careers Services Committee, the Slavic Center is now able to promote its programs to students in schools such as engineering and the sciences.

We have already begun the recruitment of new M.A. students for our interdisciplinary program and for our dual M.A. degree with the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. In recent years, our graduate program has attracted exceptionally bright and capable students, evident in the high number of University and Graduate School Fellowships that they receive. Another, and perhaps the most reliable sign for the high quality of our degree program is the 81% placement since 2006 of our graduates, most of whom have utilized their language and area studies skills in their professional careers. In addition to the rigor and excellence of the education that our faculty offers, this success is due to the colossal efforts of the Center's Assistant Director Lance Erickson who relentlessly invests his energy into the professionalization of our students.

Persistently, CSEES promotes teacher training and reaches out to K-12 institutions. The Slavic Center played a leading role in the planning of the 2011 Global Institute, which took place at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. The Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator both worked on the planning committee and gave talks at the event. As a result, CSEES has started working with several new schools to offer targeted outreach programs. For the first time this year, Russian language is being offered at Columbus International High School and is being taught by our Outreach Coordinator, Jordan Peters.

The Slavic Center has significantly increased its activities with Community and Technical Colleges in the Midwest and initiated three important programs. Contacts and conversations with Maysville CTC, Cuyahoga Community College, Gateway CTC (Florence, KY) and Bluegrass CTC (Lexington, KY) have led to the creation of the following: 1) a Slavic Film and Lecture series, including the purchase of Russian and East European films and other materials for the colleges' libraries; 2) development grants for faculty; and 3) career development opportunities for students.

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Best Wishes Maria!

by Maryann Walther-Keisel

Maria Alley came to The Ohio State University to pursue a graduate degree from the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures fresh from obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree from Komi State Pedagogical Institute in northwestern Russia. She completed her Ph.D. in summer 2011, and accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

During her eleven years with the OSU Slavic Department, Maria has been an invaluable asset to both the Department and the Slavic Center for her many contributions beyond her immensely popular Russian language classes. Over the past decade she organized the annual Ohio High School Russian Olympiada; trained OPI evaluators and assessed incoming and outgoing students' Russian competency; lead Russian tables of all levels; directed the pedagogy area in the Slavic Department; provided guidance and advice for all Graduate Teaching Assistants; and administered on-site study abroad programs in Russia. Anyone who worked with or studied under Maria could count not only on her expertise, but on her gracious attitude and her smile.

Everyone at the Slavic Center will miss Maria, but we wish her the very best for success in her new academic endeavor in Pennsylvania!



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Careers in Translation with Brian Baer

Professor Brian Baer (Kent State University) spoke to students at OSU about possible careers in the field of translation. Dr. Baer received his Ph.D. from Yale University and is currently Professor of Russian Translation at Kent State University. His research interests include the translation and study of 19th and 20th century Russian literature, the use of discourse theory in translation studies, and the pedagogy of translation. He is the translator of *Stories by Mikhail Zhvanetsky* and *Not Just Brodsky* by Sergei Dovlatov. He is the author of articles on translation and translates works in the field of literature, political science and business. Currently, he is involved in editing and translating a volume of writings by Russian writers on translation for the Kent State University Press series in Translation Studies. Dr. Baer is a member of the American Translators Association.

Videoconference with Students in St. Petersburg

Along with the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, the Slavic Center hosted a videoconference with the School of Higher Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia on November 10th. Held at the Foreign Language Center's videoconference facility in Hagerty Hall, OSU's advanced Russian students were able to speak with students in St. Petersburg to discuss contemporary culture, society, and politics. The discussion took place in both Russian and English. The event was organized by Dr. Andrey Scherbak, a frequent visiting scholar at OSU, and Dr. Andrei Cretu (DSEELL).

From the Director (cont.)

Although CSEES was unable to support various conferences with funds, as earlier committed, we co-sponsored and co-organized three important conferences in the fall (CESS, ASEC, and "Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Negotiating Religious and Ethno-National Identities"). Again, the success of these programs is due in part to the expertise of Lance Erickson and Jordan Peters. Our Office Coordinator Maryann Walther-Keisel, as always, provided her invaluable assistance for these events and much more. The Slavic Center is already advertising our Midwest Slavic Conference to be held at the end of March 2012 at the Glenn School of Public Affairs' Page Hall.

Last but certainly not least, CSEES is investigating new development opportunities and I am appealing to you for your creative ideas and support in this matter. In order to pursue our mission and maintain the high standards of performance, we must seek and secure additional funding!

Yana Hashamova
Director

Graduate Student Report by Colleen Rankin

After welcoming a dynamic and brilliant group of first-year graduate students to the Center for Slavic and East European Studies family in early September, autumn quarter at The Ohio State University began with its usual vim and vigor. The CSEES graduate students are very excited about what this year holds for our group, the Center, and the university. We are pursuing our academic interests with gusto, and as this quarter comes to a close, it is evident that both the first and second year students will present themselves as some of the best and brightest scholars of Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies at OSU.

In addition to the majority of us continuing to build our knowledge of Russian history, politics, culture, literature, language and linguistics, students in our cohort are also studying Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS), Uzbek, Modern Greek, and Turkish languages and their related regional studies. On top of our standard course responsibilities, this year's group of CSEES students has been very actively participating in professional and volunteer opportunities that better us as individuals and give back to the community. From presenting at the Central Eurasian Studies Societies Conference, interning with the State Department, donating blood at the CSEES sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive, presenting to high school students at Columbus International High School, to attending the national Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference in Washington D.C., our graduate students have had a packed quarter.

As we prepare for final exams, papers, and the close of autumn quarter, the CSEES graduate students are excited for what the rest of this year holds. The second year students are actively seeking jobs with prestigious governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the State Department, the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Endowment for Democracy, and the United Nations, while the first year students are applying for summer internships and intensive language programs. We are looking forward to winter quarter's Student Choice Speaker event and the Midwest Slavic Conference in the spring. Without a doubt, this year holds great promise for our success as students and the future development of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies.

**Colleen Rankin is the Slavic Center's Graduate Student Representative for 2011-12, elected by fellow MA students in the program. Previous Representatives have included Eileen Kunkler (2009-10) and Shannon Potter (2010-11).*

Faculty and Students Representation

November 17-20, 2011

Thursday, November 17

Panel: Perspective of Regional History beyond National Histories: Southeast Europe and East Asia
Chair: Carole Rogel (History Emeritus)

Panel: The Sanatorium in Late Imperial Russia and the USSR: Health, Politics, and the Environment
Presenter: George Lywood (History)
“The All-Russian Sanatorium: Yalta, 1890-1914”

Panel: Radical Change and Women’s Health in Modern Russia
Discussant: David Hoffmann (History)

Friday, November 18

Panel: Pushkin and Tsarist Authority
Presenter: Anastasia Kostetskaya (DSEELL)
“*Narod Bezmolvstvuet*: Romanticizing Royal Cruelty and the Avoidance of Moral Responsibility in Pushkin’s ‘The Oprichnik’”

Roundtable: The Shifty Balkans: Debating Multinationality and Transient Loyalties in the (Post-) Ottoman Balkans
Participant: Theodora Dragostinova (History)

Panel: Language Decay or Language Revitalization? The Case of Minor Slavic Languages between the Languages of Authority
Chair: Matthew Curtis (DSEELL)

Panel: Expertise and the Transformation of Nature: Knowledge, Authority, and the Eurasian Environment
Chair: Nicholas Breyfogle (History)

Slavic Center and OSU Alumni Happy Hour
Friday, November 28, 4:30-7:00pm
Cafe Paradiso, 2649 Connecticut Avenue NW

Saturday, November 20

Roundtable: Empire and the City: A Roundtable in Honor of Patricia Herlihy
Participant: Nicholas Breyfogle (History)

Panel: Strategies of Using ‘Authorities’: Some Cases of Polish
Discussant: Jessie Labov (DSEELL)

Panel: New Research in South Slavic Linguistics
Presenter: James Joshua Pennington (DSEELL)
“Double-edged Allomorphy in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian: An ‘Official’ Novohrvatism and an ‘Unofficial’ Sociolinguistic Variable”
Discussant: Andrea Simms (DSEELL)

Panel: Soviet Values and Their Spaces in Olesha’s ‘Envy’”
Presenter: Kathleen Manukyan (DSEELL)
“Casting and Crashing the Two Bits: Theatricality in Olesha’s ‘Envy’”

Roundtable: Soviet Youth and Authorities
Participant: Gleb Tsipursky (History)

ASEC Biennial Conference

October 7-8, 2011

The Ohio State University hosted the Fourth Biennial Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture (ASEC) Conference at the Blackwell’s Pfahl Hall October 7-8, 2011. ASEC welcomed over 30 participants for two full days of panels, including such topics as *Viewing Orthodoxy as the “Other”*, *Developing Christian Communities: Architecture and Argument in the Middle Eastern and North African Christian Experience*, *Christian Identity in the Late Antique East*, and *Theological Debates of the Early Twentieth Century: Russia*. The keynote address on “Divine Craving: Insights on Food and Gluttony from Sixth-Century Palestine” was given by Reverend Doctor John Chryssaygis. The conference was organized by Dr. Jennifer Spock (Eastern Kentucky University) and co-sponsored by the Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies, the Hilandar Research Library, the Slavic Center, the Slavic Department, and the Eastern Kentucky University Department of History.

The Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture is a scholarly organization with no religious affiliation, dedicated to facilitating research on all aspects of the Christian tradition derived from Byzantium. The Fifth Biennial ASEC conference will take place autumn 2013 at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. For more information, please contact Dr. Jennifer Spock at Jennifer.Spock@eku.edu.



OSU at ASEEES Conference

2011 in Washington, DC

Panel: The Other 'Other Europe': Queer Studies in Poland and Russia

Chair: Jessie Labov

Presenter: David McVey (DSEELL)

"The Death Drive of Social Desire in Gombrowicz's 'The Marriage'"

Panel: Film Screening: Bitter Taste of Freedom:

Anna Politovskaya

Participant: Helena Goscilo (DSEELL)

Panel: Moscow's Most Faithful Ally?: Revisiting Socialist Bulgaria's Unexceptionalism

Chair: Yana Hashamova (CSEES)

Presenter: Theodora Dragostinova (History)

"Commemorating the Nation: Was There a Public Sphere in Late Socialist Bulgaria?"

Panel: International and Comparative Approaches to Russian History: Hunters, Abolitionists, and Lovers

Presenter: Mollie Cavender (History)

"Guns, Dogs, and Countryside in Comparative Context: Hunting as Noble Past-time"

Panel: Soviet Youth and Authorities: Sport Culture, Music Culture, and Agriculture

Presenter: Gleb Tsjursky (History)

"Universities of Culture and Thaw-era Culturedness"

Sunday, November 21

Panel: A Gay Time for All: Eurovision and the Post-Soviet Experience

Discussant: Helena Goscilo (DSEELL)



Omni Shoreham Hotel

ASEEES 2012

November 15-18, 2012

Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana

Deadline for proposals is January 15, 2012.

Central Eurasian Studies Society National Conference

September 15-18, 2011

The Slavic Center helped organize and co-sponsored the national Central Eurasian Studies Society conference that took place at the Blackwell's Pfahl Hall on the OSU campus September 15-18, 2011. Organized by Dr. Scott Levi (History) and Dr. Morgan Liu (NELC), the CESS conference welcomed over 200 participants from all over the U.S. and Central Eurasia. Dr. Peter Perdue (Yale) gave the Plenary Address on "When Central Eurasia was not Central: Strange and Familiar Parallels, 1350-1750" to a full crowd in the Blackwell's ballroom. The Presidential Panel on Central Asia in World History was chaired by Dr. Levi and featured Dr. Carter Findley (History), Dr. Peter Golden (Rutgers emeritus), and Dr. Daniel Prior (Miami). Conference participants enjoyed an opening reception that featured a sitar performance with OSU's own Hans Utter, as well as a conference banquet in the ballroom. Co-sponsors included the College of Arts and Sciences, CSEES, EASC, the History Department, MESAC, the Mershon Center, and NELC.

The Central Eurasian Studies Society is a private, non-political, non-profit, North America-based organization of scholars who are interested in the study of Central Eurasia, its history, languages, cultures, and modern states and societies. The 2012 CESS conference is scheduled to take place at Indiana University. For more information, please contact CESS at cess@muohio.edu.

Community & Technical Colleges and HBCUs

As a Title VI National Resource Center, the Center for Slavic and East European Studies offers programs for Community and Technical Colleges (CTCs), as well as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other Minority Serving Institutions throughout the Midwest. These programs are offered at no expense to the CTCs or HBCUs and are aimed at raising the awareness of issues related to Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia (REE&E). Programs specifically designed for CTCs and HBCUs include:

Slavic Film or Lecture Series: The Slavic Center offers CTCs and HBCUs a wide range of film or lecture series opportunities covering all disciplines and regions of REE&E. Graduate students and faculty can be sent to a class or event to speak to students should a teacher need added expertise or first-person insight into a specific topic or event. Film series can be tailored to supplement specific courses or themes. For a specific need, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Jordan Peters, at CSEES.Outreach@oia.osu.edu. For a speaker or film series in general, please contact the Assistant Director at erickson.107@osu.edu.

Development Grants for Faculty: The Slavic Center offers faculty at CTCs and HBCUs development grants to help support the seeding of new courses, participation at Slavic Conferences, or the purchase of new classroom materials specific to REE&E. For more information, please contact erickson.107@osu.edu.

Career Development Opportunities: The Slavic Center offers students at CTCs and HBCUs numerous career development opportunities. CSEES staff and students can offer information sessions and talks on locating and securing international careers with the government, nonprofit organizations, international business, and international education. We can tailor these talks to fit existing career advising programs or create new series specifically focused on students' interests and needs. Talks in the past have focused on utilizing foreign language skills and international experience to secure global careers. The Slavic Center can work with job recruiters to bring specific opportunities to a campus. For more information on international career resources, please contact erickson.107@osu.edu.

The Slavic Center has been active with community college outreach thus far in 2011. Collaboration on an East European film course is already in the works with Professors Michael Denton and Gerald Adair of Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington, Kentucky. Both professors visited the Slavic Center this quarter to discuss additional plans including an international film series with guest lecturers from OSU. Slavic Center staff also visited and met with colleagues at Gateway CTC in Florence and Boone, Kentucky, and have discussed possible collaboration with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System's International Working Group chaired by Professor Gerald Napoles at Bowling Green CTC.

CSEES once again participated in the Maysville CTC (Maysville, Kentucky) International Day on December 2nd. The Assistant Director gave two keynote talks to over 300 students about the importance of foreign language skills and how to gain international experience through study abroad and internship opportunities. Jordan Peters, CSEES Outreach Coordinator, met with students to discuss contemporary Russian culture, politics, history, and the gulag system under Stalin. Erika Colijn, Outreach Coordinator for the Center for Latin American Studies at OSU, also participated in the event and spoke to students about Peruvian culture and the Quechua language.

CSEES is a co-sponsor of the 5th annual conference on Conflict Resolution Education hosted by Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in Cleveland. The conference will take place March 16-18 at the Parma branch campus. We look forward to collaborating with our colleagues from Tri-C on this outstanding event next spring. For more information about the conference, please visit http://www.creeducation.org/cre/global_cre/about_global_network/5th_intl_cre_summit_2012/.

If any student, faculty, or staff member of a CTC, HBCU, or other Minority Serving Institution would like to discuss further ways of collaborating with the Slavic Center, please contact CSEES.Outreach@oia.osu.edu or (614) 292-8770.



Jordan Peters speaking to students at Maysville CTC
(Photo courtesy E. Colijn)



Lance Erickson giving keynote address to students at Maysville CTC
(Photo courtesy E. Colijn)



OSU Welcomes New Faculty Member Gleb Tsipursky



The Slavic Center would like to welcome Assistant Professor Gleb Tsipursky to OSU's History Department and Newark campus. Gleb received his Ph.D. in History in 2011 from the University of North Carolina. He teaches modern European and global history. His research is in the field of modern Russian and Eurasian history, with a particular interest in socialist modernity, youth, consumption, popular culture, emotions, the Cold War, crime, violence, and social controls. His publications have appeared in the United States, France, Germany, Canada, England, and Russia.

Currently, Dr. Tsipursky is completing a research project on Soviet youth and popular culture during the early and mid-Cold War period, entitled *Socialist Fun: Youth, Consumption, and State-Sponsored Popular Culture in the Cold War Soviet Union, 1945-1970*. While completing this study, Gleb is also starting a new project on volunteer militias and youth violence that extends from the Cold War Soviet Union into post-Soviet Russia.

S. Spencer Robinson Named New Language Coordinator



S. Spencer Robinson has been named Acting Language Coordinator in the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures (DSEELL). He is a Ph.D. student in the Slavic Department and is returning there after working in the University Center for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT) here at Ohio State for the past two years.

Spencer's interest in pedagogy and language learning makes this position a very exciting prospect for him. He looks forward to his continued work with the graduate students and lecturers in the department.

When asked about his vision for this position, Spencer responded that he hopes to support all DSEELL instructors to help them become the best teachers they can be and assist them in their job search endeavors. If you have any questions for Spencer, please email him at robinson.970@osu.edu. We look forward to collaborating with Spencer and making use of his exceptional background and training.

OIA Welcomes Elise Burgess

The Office of International Affairs welcomes Elise Burgess as the new OIA Advancement Officer. Elise will be responsible for identifying and tracking alumni, including Ohio State graduates living outside of the U.S., and international graduates around the world.

Elise comes to OSU from the Children's Hunger Alliance, where she has worked in a variety of capacities since 2007. Most recently she has served as their development manager, managing fundraising activities and campaigns, developing giving strategies and coordinating volunteer support. Elise holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ohio State, and a minor in international studies. She has extensive international experience, including participating in an AIESEC exchange program in Egypt as a student, and travel to France, Germany, Holland, Nepal, Thailand and Uganda. Elise can be reached at burgess.103@osu.edu. Welcome to OIA!



Student News

Andrea Atkins (CSEES) is interning with the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC.

Sophia Papadimos (CSEES) is interning for the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT), hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna, Austria. UN.GIFT is the first global inter-agency initiative to fight human trafficking.

Emma Pratt (CSEES '11) will return to Georgia in January as part of the Teach for Georgia program.

Sunnie Rucker-Chang (DSEELL) accepted a tenure-track position at Florida State University. Her co-edited book (with Felix Chang) *Chinese Migrants in Eastern Europe* (Routledge, 2011) was just published.

Faculty/Staff News

Nicholas Breyfogle (History) organized a symposium on Eurasian Environments at the 2011 CESS conference.

Helena Goscilo (DSEELL) was invited for talks on "Putin, Kisses, and Desire: Power in Subject-Object Relations" and "Putin as Macho Icon: The Performance of Masculinity" at Miami University (OH) in October. She also published the article "La russificazione del raziocinio: Donne detective, o la supremazia Marinina-Doncova" ["Ratiocination under Russification: Detecting Women, or the Marinina-Dontsova Supremacy"] in *Giallo Rosa Slavo*. Eds. Sara Dickinson et al. Pisa: Edizioni ETS, 2010/pd. 2011.

Yana Hashamova (DSEELL) gave a workshop on "New Developments

in the Humanities" at the Higher Institute for Taste and Food Industry in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. She also published "Knowledge and Attitudes towards Trafficking in People: Cross-Cultural Differences," co-written with R. Bozhinova and E. Tair in the *Bulgarian Journal of Psychology* (Vol. 1.4: 41-51).

David Hoffmann (History) published *Cultivating the Masses: Modern State Practices and Soviet Socialism, 1914-1939* (Cornell University Press, 2011).

Brian Joseph (Linguistics, DSEELL) gave a paper in September at the 10th International Conference on Greek Linguistics in Komotini, Greece, entitled "Some Preliminary Observations on the Greek of South Albania", co-authored jointly with Dr. Christopher Brown (Greek and Latin). He and Dr. Brown also did fieldwork on the Greek of Southern Albania after the conference, visiting villages and interviewing speakers in the regions of Saranda and Gjirokaster.

Jessie Labov (DSEELL) was awarded an OSU Gateway Grant by the Office of International Affairs to establish a new study abroad program in Hungary on "Globalizing Media in Central/Eastern Europe."

Scott Levi (History) was awarded a NEH grant to conduct a Summer Institute for Teachers on Central Asia in World History in 2012. (<http://hti.osu.edu/centralasia>) He was co-organizer of the 2011 Central Eurasian Studies Society National Conference held at OSU (see page 5).

Morgan Y. Liu (NELC) published "Central Asia in the Post-Cold War World" in the *Annual Review of Anthropology* (40:115-131). He was co-organizer of the 2011 Central Eurasian Studies Society National Conference held at OSU (see page 5).

Students, faculty, and the general public are encouraged to borrow (free of charge) any of 2,000+ film titles.

A complete list of films is available on the CSEES website or you can stop by Oxley Hall 303 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Margarita Mazo (Music) was invited to present a paper on "Stravinsky and Diaghilev in 1913-1923: an Uneasy Collaboration" at the International musicological conference "In Diaghilev's Circle: Impresario in Dialogue with Composers." The conference was part of the Second International Festival Diaghilev. Postscript, produced jointly by the Hermitage Museum, Russian Arts Museum, St. Petersburg's Museum of Theater and Music, Alexandrinskiy Theater, St. Petersburg Capella, Philharmonic Orchestra, A.Ya. Vaganova Russian Ballet Academy, St. Petersburg Conservatory, N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov Memorial Museum-Apartment, and the gallery Anna Nova.



Film Additions to the CSEES Library

English

The Dessert of Forbidden Art - Documentary (2010)
 Fallen Idol: The Yuri Gagarin Conspiracy - Documentary (2009)*
 The Sun - Drama (2005)*

Czech

How to Train Your Dragon - Cartoon (2010)*

Hungarian

Camembert Rose - Comedy (2009)
 Cantata - Drama (1963)
Csapid le Csacsi! - Comedy (1992)
 De Kik Azok a Lumnitzer Noverek - Comedy (2006)
 Edy Szoknya, Edy Nadrag - Comedy (2005)
 Film - Drama (2000)
 Fluke - Comedy (2009)
 Mit Csinalt Felseged 3-tol 5-ig? - Comedy (1964)
 Panic - Comedy (2008)
 Poligamy - Comedy (2009)

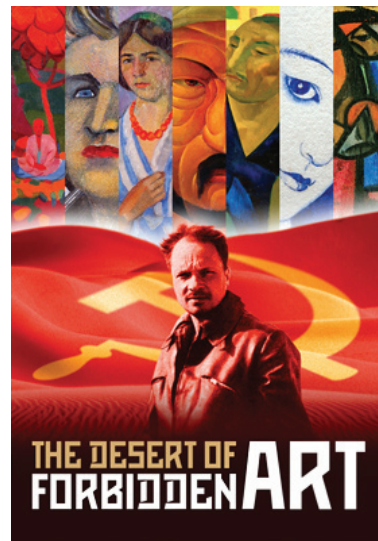
Polish

Debt Collector - Drama (2005)
 The Little Moscow - Drama (2008)

Please Note: Titles in Italics do not contain English subtitles.

Russian

The Borthers Karamazov - Drama (2009)*
 Master and Margarita - Drama (2006)*
 Mermaid - Comedy (2010)*
 My Fair Nanny - Comedy (2004)
 Not by Bread Alone - Drama (2006)*
 Our Own - Drama (2004)*
 Sunrise/Sunet - Documentary (2008)*
 The Vanished Empire - Drama (2008)*
 Ward No. 6 - Drama (2010)*



*Thanks to the Slavic Department, B. Milbaugh, and M. Walther-Keisel for their support and contributions to the CSEES Film Library!

Myroslava Mudrak (Art History) is curator of the first comprehensive exhibition of avant-garde artist Borys Kosarev, on view at the Ukrainian Museum in New York City. The show, *Borys Kosarev: Modernist Kharkiv, 1915-1931*, includes 82 works on paper by Kosarev, an outsider of the Eastern European Modernist movement and a survivor of Stalin's intellectual purges in 1930s Ukraine. The exhibition runs December 4, 2011, through May 2, 2012.

Gleb Tsipursky (History) published a book chapter in an edited volume, entitled "Celebration and Loyal Opposition: Youth and Soviet Elections, 1953-68," in Ralph Jessen and Hedwig Richter eds., *Voting for Hitler and Stalin: Elections under 20th Century Dictatorships* (Frankfurt and Chicago: Campus and University of Chicago Press, 2011), 81-102. In May, he traveled to Bremen, Germany to present a paper on "Komsomol Patrols: Volunteer Youth Militias in

the Post-Stalin Soviet Union," at "The End of the Soviet Union? Origins and Legacies of 1991" workshop. In June, he presented "Free Time and the Soviet Authorities: Organized Leisure Activities for Adolescents in the Early Cold War USSR, 1945-53," at the Society for the History of Children and Youth Biennial Conference in New York. This summer, he also received a Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant from the American Historical Association.

Fellowship Recipients

Academic Year FLAS 2011-12

Graduate and Professional Students

Kelly Bryant (CSEES) Advanced Russian
Kathryn Clark (CSEES) Intermediate Serbo-Croatian
John Elliott (Political Science) Intermediate Uzbek
Christopher Fort (CSEES) Advanced Russian
Michael Furman (DSEELL) Intermediate Polish
Ian Johnson (History) Advanced Russian
David Kiel (CSEES) Intermediate Serbo-Croatian
Benjamin Owens (Business) Advanced Russian
Sophia Papdimos (CSEES) Intermediate Greek
Jeffrey Parker (DSEELL) Intermediate Serbo-Croatian
Derek Peterson (CSEES) Advanced Russian
Alex Radsky (CSEES) Advanced Russian
Colleen Rankin (CSEES) Intermediate Serbo-Croatian
Robert Reynolds (DSEELL) Int. Serbo-Croatian
Sara Schwalm (CSEES) Intermediate Serbo-Croatian
Jaclyn Tipton (Law) Advanced Russian

Undergraduate Students

Sarah Keyes (International Studies) Intermediate Uzbek
Graham Welling (City Planning) Advanced Russian

CSEES would like to thank the **Graduate School** at **OSU** and the **U.S. Department of Education** for their continued support. Thanks to their assistance, CSEES is able to offer one of the largest FLAS programs in the U.S.

Summer FLAS 2011

Graduate and Professional Students

John Johnson (History) Advanced Russian
Moscow, Russia
Sanja Kadric (History) Intermediate Turkish
University of Wisconsin
Brenna Miller (History) Intermediate Serbo-Croatian
SLI, University of Pittsburgh & Podgorica, Montenegro
Jennifer Paskett (Political Science) Advanced Czech
Prague, Czech Republic
Colleen Rankin (CSEES) Elementary Serbo-Croatian
SLI, University of Pittsburgh & Podgorica, Montenegro
Catherine Walworth (Art History) Advanced Russian
Moscow, Russia

Undergraduate Students

Heidi Bowles (DSEELL) Advanced Russian
Moscow, Russia
Katie Hall (Int'l Business) Advanced Russian
Moscow, Russia
Danielle Moore (DSEELL) Advanced Russian
Moscow, Russia
Michael Niday (UISP/DSEEL) Advanced Russian
Moscow, Russia
Brian Rinz (UISP/DSEEL) Advanced Russian
Moscow, Russia

60th Anniversary Midwest Slavic Conference

March 30 - April 1, 2012

The Midwest Slavic Association and The Ohio State University's Center for Slavic and East European Studies are proud to announce the 60th Anniversary of the Midwest Slavic Conference, to be held at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs' Page Hall March 30 - April 1, 2012.

Conference organizers invite proposals for panels or individual papers addressing all disciplines related to Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Caucasus. The conference will open with a keynote address and a reception on March 30, followed by two days of panels. The conference will also include a K-12 teacher workshop on the topic of "Islam Outside the Middle East" (see page 14 for more information).

Please send a one- to two-paragraph abstract and brief C.V. to csees@osu.edu by January 15, 2012. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit presentations. Limited funding will be available to subsidize student hotel lodging. For more information, contact the Center for Slavic and East European Studies at (614) 292-8770 or csees@osu.edu.

TIMELINE:

Application Deadline: **January 7**
Notification of Acceptance: **February 7**
Panels Announced: **March 1**
C.V. and Paper Submission Deadline: **March 15**



CSEES Welcomes New MA Students

Christopher Antjas graduated from OSU with a B.A. in Modern Greek. He plans on studying the Balkans with an emphasis on culture and development.

Kelly Bryant graduated summa cum laude from West Virginia University with two B.A. degrees in Russian Studies/Slavic and East European Studies with a minor in Foreign Literature in Translation, and International Studies with an emphasis on national security. In addition to studying Russian language, she is also taking Uzbek. Kelly's area of focus is security studies in the Former Soviet Union, and she plans on a government career upon graduation.

Taylor Cluff is an alumnus of Brigham Young University where he studied Exercise Science. He spent time overseas in Slovenia and is currently studying Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian at OSU.

Brittany Cotrell returns to OSU where she graduated with a B.A. in Russian and History. She spent a summer studying intensive Russian in Tomsk, Russia. Brittany is interested in human rights and hopes to work for a non-profit organization after graduation.

Sarah "Jessi" Jones graduated with a B.A. in International Studies from the University of Denver, with concentrations in international security and humanitarian organizations. She studied abroad in Turkey and traveled throughout Southeastern Europe. Jessi volunteered with a children's shelter in Istanbul, the UNICEF Tap Project, and Project C.U.R.E. Her area of focus is development in the Balkan region.

Derek Peterson graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in History and Russian. He studied intensive Russian at Herzen State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, Russia. Derek is also beginning his study of the Uzbek language and is interested in the history of the Soviet Union in the Stalin era as well as the Soviet-Afghan War. He is preparing for a career in higher education.

Alex Radsky graduated from Davidson College with a degree in Political Science and is interested in studying economic development and inter-ethnic conflict in Central Asia and the Caucasus. In addition to continuing Russian language study, Alex is beginning the Uzbek language. He plans to work overseas after graduation.



From L to R: D. Peterson, S. Jones, B. Cotrell, K. Bryant, T. Cluff, C. Antjas, and A. Radsky.
(Photo courtesy V. van Buchem)

Development Campaign for

The Slavic Center is pleased to announce a new development campaign to raise funds for future programming. Due to recent budget cuts, CSEES has been forced to cut lecture series, conferences, and support for Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs). It will be important for the Center to secure additional sources of funding outside of the U.S. Department of Education to insure stability during these times of continued budgetary hardship.

Development funds are being sought for specific purposes such as student travel to conferences and internships, lecture series and conferences, community and K-12 outreach, Center staffing, and other general programming.

Types of Gifts: Alumni and friends of The Ohio State University who wish to make a contribution are encouraged to consider the following giving options:

Cash is often the most convenient form of giving. Cash gifts are fully deductible for federal income tax purposes, provided deductions are itemized. Donors may make a gift online via **credit card**, or print out a giving form and mail payment to the Slavic Center. If sending a check, please make payable to The Ohio State University.

Pledges enable a donor to plan a personal giving program that is both convenient and tax-wise. A pledge may enable a donor to consider a more significant gift than would have otherwise been possible. Terms for payment on pledges are flexible and at the option of the donor.

Securities may be made as outright gifts or as a payment on a pledge. Stock certificates may be reassigned directly to The Ohio State University Foundation or may be transferred through the donor's broker. The mean market value on the date of the transfer will determine the value of the gift for tax purposes. It is best to consult with a Development Officer before a transaction is made. Gifts of appreciated securities may be tax deductible, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. The deduction is based on the full fair market value, and capital gains tax is not due when the stock is transferred to the university.

Planned Gifts: In certain instances, it may be preferable from an estate, financial, and tax planning perspective to consider long-term planned giving as the best way to make a gift. This can be accomplished through various gift instruments, such as charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, charitable lead trusts, and bequests.

Endowments: Once established, an endowed fund is a dependable and perpetual source of support, since the principal is invested and only a portion of

Alumni Profile - Kimberly Strozewski

The Slavic Center is pleased to announce a new series of articles in our newsletters focusing on CSEES alumni. Having graduated 115 M.A. students since the master's program began in 1990, we hope to recognize our numerous alumni and their high achievements since leaving Columbus. For our first Alumni Profile, we highlight Kimberly Strozewski from the class of 2001.

Kimberly Strozewski graduated from Ohio State's Slavic Center with a dual M.A. in History and Slavic Studies. Her historical research focused on the experience of Roma (Gypsies) in the Protectorate of Bohemia during the Second World War. While completing coursework towards her Ph.D. in Central/East European History at the University of Michigan, Kim taught courses on the Holocaust and World War II as well as European History. She was awarded the Václav Havel Fellowship in Czech Studies in 2001, a FLAS fellowship for Polish language study in 2000, and a FLAS fellowship for Czech language study in 1997. She has lived and researched in Prague (Czech Republic), Krakow (Poland), and Budapest (Hungary), and has worked for International Human Rights organizations

in the region. Kim is dedicated to helping her students discover Prague and adjust to living in the Czech Republic.

Kim is currently the Director of Prague Programs for CET Academic Programs. CET is a study abroad organization based in Washington, DC, that has been designing and administering innovative educational programs abroad since 1982. Originally "China Educational Tours," CET began operations in Beijing, later expanding to other cities in China and then to other countries around the world. Today, CET offers semester and summer study abroad programs in China, the Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Syria and Vietnam, as well as short-term, customized programs worldwide. CET is known for high academic standards, innovative approaches to teaching and careful student management. CET offers several programs in Prague including Central European Studies, Jewish Studies, and Film Studies. Kim is able to work with both American and Czech students, as well as top faculty from the local universities. Current CSEES students interested in career options in international education are encouraged to contact Kim for insight and advice. Her email is cetprague@fhs.cuni.cz.



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the earnings is spent annually. A minimum gift of \$25,000 is needed to establish an unrestricted endowment, while \$50,000 is needed for a restricted endowment.

Matching Gifts: Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. To see if your company has a matching gift policy, visit the Matching Gift web area.

Gifts in Memoriam/Gifts in Honor of: Honoring a family member, friend, colleague, classmate, or faculty member with a gift is a touching way to pay tribute to that loved one.

Gifts in Kind: Alternatives to monetary gifts such as equipment or books are always appreciated.

For assistance with any of these types of contribution, please contact the Office of International Affairs' Advancement Officer, Elise Burgess, at burgess.103@osu.edu. The Slavic Center's Development Fund number is #313858. Please use this code when donating. Donations made before December 31, 2011 may be eligible for deductions this year!



The Slavic Center in September 2011
(Photo courtesy V. van Buchem)

The Slavic Center would also like to thank all our supporters who have made donations in the past. One of CSEES' first donors was **Dr. Jennifer Spock**, Professor of History at Eastern Kentucky University. Dr. Spock has long been a supporter of the Slavic Center and we truly appreciate the contributions she has made to our Center's success!

Alumni Happy Hour in Washington, DC



CSEES Alumni chat during the Alumni Happy Hour

The Slavic Center hosted its first Alumni Happy Hour during the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) national conference November 18, 2011. The event was held at Cafe Paradiso in Washington, DC, only a few blocks from the conference hotel. The Happy Hour was an opportunity for current and former CSEES students, as well as faculty and friends of the program, to meet and catch up on recent happenings, current research, family situations, and even the latest gossip. With 25 people attending, the get together lasted well beyond the anticipated end time. CSEES alumni in attendance currently work for the federal government, in higher education, and in international education. We hope to offer more alumni events in the near future to bring generations of CSEES graduates together. For more information, please visit <http://slaviccenter.osu.edu/events.html>.

New Russian Language Program at Columbus International High School

by Jordan Peters

Columbus International High School (CIHS), the newest addition to the Columbus City School district, now offers Russian language instruction for its students taught by Jordan Peters, the Slavic Center's Outreach Coordinator. In the inaugural year for the Russian program, nineteen freshmen and sophomores are learning first year Russian. The class will cover the material in *Nachalo*, Book 1. Additionally, once a week students will have a cultural, historical, or political lesson. Many of these lessons are given by the Slavic Center's graduate students; in October, Alex Radsky discussed minorities in Russia with the class. Derek Peterson is scheduled to present to the class on one of its favorite topics- football- in January. In November, a Russian delegation of school administrators and social workers from Buryatia visited the Russian class. The students asked the delegation about life in Russia, particularly Russian food, and answered questions from the delegation about their favorite and least favorite subjects in school.

For many of the CIHS students, Russian is their third or fourth language. The students have a wide range of reasons for their interest in Russian language study: career goals, Russian heritage, travel plans, cultural appeal, friends who speak Russian, or a general interest in languages.

Established in 2010, Columbus International High School is home to three hundred and eighty freshman and sophomore students from across Columbus. Each year a new freshman class will be added until the school reaches its capacity of

nearly eight hundred students and fifty staff members. In August, CIHS moved from its temporary location at Fort Hayes to its permanent building on Karl Road in the old Clinton Middle School building.

CIHS emphasizes a global curriculum and the study of world languages. Each student chooses to major in Spanish, French, or Mandarin Chinese. Students must take courses in the major language all four years of high school, with the intent of reaching advanced low proficiency upon graduation. Additionally, students select a minor language, Spanish, French, Mandarin, or Russian, and must have two years of instruction in the minor language to graduate. Spanish and French immersion classes are also offered to students in United States History. With the expansion of the staff and study body, CIHS hopes to increase the number of languages and the levels of each language available to its students. As part of the globalized curriculum, a seminar, focusing on an international issue or problem, is offered for the students. This semester the theme of the seminar is international energy use.

More information about Columbus International High School is available on its website, <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/international>. To find out more information about the Russian program at CIHS, please contact Jordan Peters at peters.398@osu.edu.

Midwest Slavic K-12 Teacher Workshop "Islam outside the Middle East" April 1, 2012

CSEES is pleased to announce the Midwest Slavic K-12 Teacher Workshop on Saturday, April 16th, which is open to all current and pre-service K-12 teachers of all subjects and grade levels. The topic of the 2010 Workshop is "Islam Outside the Middle East" and will include panels of interest to language teachers as well as those from history, world literatures, political science, and general social studies. This K-12 Workshop will be held in collaboration with other colleges and universities throughout Ohio, and the Russian and East European Institute at Indiana University.

For more information, contact the CSEES Outreach Coordinator at CSEES.outreach@oia.osu.edu.



Inaugural Russian class at Columbus International High School



Global Institute Held at Ohio University by Jordan Peters

In a continuing effort to encourage teachers and school districts to globalize their classrooms, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), in conjunction with the Office of International Affairs and Area Studies Centers at OSU, the Gerald H. Read Center at Kent State University, and the Ohio Geographic Alliance hosted the third annual Global Institute this summer at Ohio University (OU) in Athens.

More than 100 educators and administrators from school districts throughout Ohio attended the three-day institute, which featured speeches and presentations by OU faculty and staff and breakout sessions that illustrated specific examples of internationalized lesson plans. The Title VI centers, as part of the breakout sessions, discussed resources available to schools, ways to support educators in their efforts to internationalize classrooms, and opportunities for collaboration between centers and educators. Additionally, participants were divided into teams and created a lesson plan to implement during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Global Institute presents educators with an opportunity to discover ways to internationalize their classrooms through technology, collaboration among schools and districts, and organizations that provide resources. Without generous contributions from the Martha

Holden Jennings Foundation, Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education, and contributions from the partner organizations this event would not have been possible. A special thanks to Barbara Trube (OU) and Ryan Wertz (ODE) for their tireless efforts to make the Institute a success!

The next Global Institute is scheduled for August 2012 and will be hosted by Kent State University.



Ryan Wertz, Ohio Department of Education
(Photo courtesy Ohio University)

Prehistoric Farming in Hungary

by Richard Yerkes

With funding from the National Science Foundation, the OSU College of Arts and Sciences, and the OSU Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, five Ohio State undergraduate students participated in the spring, 2011 field season of the Körös Regional Archaeological Project in Hungary. Megan Luthern, Kyle Olson, Jackie Lipphardt, Patrick Druggan and Brittany Krichbaum joined Prof. Richard Yerkes (Anthropology), Dr. William Parkinson (Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago), and Dr. Attila Gyucha (Hungarian National Museum) and a Hungarian, Greek, and American team in studies of ancient farming villages and tells on the Great Hungarian Plain 7000-6000 years ago. The OSU students helped with magnetic surveys, surface collections, and test excavations in agricultural fields near the Szeghalom-Kovácsshalom tell.

In addition to the test excavations, the Körös Regional Archaeological Project team surveyed an additional 90,000 square meters (107,639 square yards) of the Szeghalom-Kovácsshalom site with ground penetrating radar, magnetometers, and a handheld hyper-spectrometer to locate and map ancient structures and features beneath the ground. The team collected artifacts from the surface of 33 hectares of cultivated fields (that's about 70 football fields), and also took soil cores, soil chemistry, and radiocarbon samples that will be analyzed to reconstruct activities in different locations at Szeghalom-Kovácsshalom, and to learn when the different loci were occupied. The results of preliminary investigations confirmed and challenged our findings from the 2010 season. Future studies by OSU students will also help identify social and environmental factors that may have contributed to the community's rise and decline. Funding has been requested to support these, and other, OSU students in spring, 2012 when we will begin large-scale excavations and learn more about the relationships between the tell, flat settlements, and longhouses. Our long-range goal is not only to reconstruct life at Szeghalom-Kovácsshalom, but also to understand why and how prehistoric people began congregating together and establishing large farming settlements in this region of southeastern Europe.

New t-shirts from the Slavic Center



As part of its development campaign, the Slavic center will be selling t-shirts with proceeds going toward student programming and travel support for internships, research, and study abroad. T-shirts are available in S, M, L, and XL and can be purchased for \$10 at the Slavic Center office in Oxley Hall. Shirts are currently available in Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian, Czech, Georgian, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, and Russian. Additional donations are still appreciated and can be made to OSU Development Fund #313858. As always, thank you for your continued support!

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