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Director's Notebook

by David L. Ransel

I am pleased to announce that Indiana University has won a three-year grant from the European Commission to establish a European Union Center of Excellence. The grant will run from 2005-2008. The award was the result of a combined effort by the Russian and East European Institute and the West European Studies Center at IU. The mission of the Indiana University EU Center is to train future generations of scholars and professionals in advanced, interdisciplinary European Union studies with an emphasis on competency in the least commonly taught languages of the EU member and candidate countries. In addition to these goals, the EU Center will help support the activities of current IU faculty and students engaged in EU studies, as well as support outreach activities for primary and secondary teachers, government officials, media, business and other public groups. Fritz Breithaupt of the West European Studies Center and I will co-direct the EU Center, which will be housed on the fifth floor of Ballantine Hall in close proximity to the REEI and WEST offices. We are now in the process of hiring a professional staff person to assist in running the EU Center. We plan to publish an item in the next issue of REEIfication giving more detail on the new center and its work.

The annual REEI reception kicked off the fall semester with a tribute to our Slavic bibliographer, Murlin Croucher. Murlin retired in August after 25 years of dedicated service to Indiana University and to the faculty and students affiliated with our many programs in Russian and East European studies. Several of Murlin's past students and assistants contributed stories about their time under Murlin's tutelage, and these statements were organized into an album by Denise Gardiner and the staff of REEI. While Murlin is concentrating on his research and adjusting to his new found freedom from long hours on Mount Wells, the library is preparing a national search to find a worthy replacement for him. The strength of our outstanding collections and their continuous development over the past 25 years is a monument to Murlin's tireless efforts. We are very appreciative.

We were also pleased to welcome two new faculty affiliates to our group. Justyna Beinek, a recent graduate of Harvard University, has joined us as a specialist in Polish literature and language. She comes with high praise from leading experts on Slavic literature here and abroad. Her fascinating book manuscript on albums in nineteenth-century Poland and Russia is nearly complete and destined to make a

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College Distinguished Alumni
1998 Stephen Cohen
College Distinguished Alumni
1999 James F. Collins
Honorary Doctorate
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Distinguished Alumni Service

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1998 Alexander Rabinowitch
1988 Charles Gati
1995 Gale Stokes
2000 Helena Goscilo
2002 Howard I. Aronson
2002 William Hopkins

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1988 Theofanis Stavrou
1988 Robert F. Byrnes
1989 Karen Niggle
1996 Robert W. Campbell
1997 Charles Jelavich
1997 Janet Rabinowitch
2000 William B. Edgerton

Congratulations!*MA Defenses*

Che Clark (REEI) defended his essay “Integration Inaction: The Czech Republic, Domestic Politics, and Accession to the European Union.” Dina Spechler chaired his committee.

Matthew Curtis (REEI) defended his essay “Petar II Petrovic Njegos and Gjergj Fisha: Composers of National Epics.” Henry Cooper chaired his committee.

Philip Hart (REEI) defended his essay “Red Dusk? The Defeat of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation in the 2003/04 Elections.” Henry Hale chaired his committee.

Jacquelyn Henderson (REEI/SPEA) defended her essay “Human Development and Human Rights in Belarus: Key to a More Secure Europe.” Henry Hale chaired her committee.

Jonathan Hudgens (REEI/SPEA) defended his essay “Right-Wing Movements in the State and Civil Society in Post-Soviet Russia: Implications for Democracy.” Henry Hale chaired his committee.

Aron Liptak (REEI/SPEA) defended his essay “The Impact of Educational Corruption on Culture in the Newly Independent States.” Patrick O’Meara chaired his committee.

Leslie Lutz (REEI/SPEA) defended her essay “Russian Nonprofit Tax Law: A Call for Reform.” Michael Alexeev chaired her committee.

Lyndsay Miles (REEI) defended her essay “Russo-Georgian Post-Soviet Relations and the Impact of the Rose Revolution.” Dina Spechler chaired her committee.

Steven Page (REEI/SPEA) defended his essay “Conditionality and the Czech Administrative State: The European Union’s Influence on Czech Reform.” Beate Sissenich chaired his committee.

PhD Dissertations

Adam Ehrlich (History) defended his dissertation “Between Germany and Poland: Ethnic-Cleansing and Politicization of Ethnicity in Upper Silesia under National Socialism and Communism (1939–1950).” Maria Bucur chaired his committee.

Mara Lazda (History) defended her dissertation “Gender and Totalitarianism: Soviet and Nazi Occupation of Latvia, 1940–1945.” Toivo Raun chaired her committee.

Matthew Pauly (History) defended his dissertation “Building Socialism in the National Classroom: Education and Language Policy in Soviet Ukraine, 1923–30.” Hiroaki Kuromiya chaired his committee.

Anna Danielova (Business) defended her dissertation “Three Essays on Exchangeable Debt Financing.” Scott Smart and Charles Trzcinka co-chaired her committee.

Matthew Loveless (Political Science) defended his dissertation “The Mediated Transition: Mass Media and Political Socialization in Central and Eastern

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Upward Bound Introduces Russian Training for High Schoolers

by Heather Rice

The Upward Bound Project at Indiana University offered Russian as its foreign language component this summer. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Upward Bound provides support to high school students from low-income families with the potential to become first generation college graduates. The program aims to increase college enrollment and completion rates among relatively disadvantaged students.

Sixty-three students completed the program this summer, representing four different areas of Indiana, including Indianapolis, Bloomington, Gary/East Chicago/Hammond, and New Albany. During the school year students from these regions enrolled in long-distance courses, and for six weeks this summer they came together on the IU Bloomington campus to take part in an intensive college-preparatory session. Courses this year included standard math, English, and writing, while the program also introduced anthropology, astronomy, and, for the first time, Russian.

The students live on campus and attend classes and required tutoring sessions after each class. Upward Bound's staff, instructors, tutors, and resident

advisors cooperate to ensure that the students make the most of their time on campus. The courses run only six weeks, which limits the amount of material that teachers can cover, but its main goal is to expose the students to college life and to classes that are typically not



Students and teachers enjoyed learning Russian this summer

offered in high school.

The summer Russian course introduced students to both language and culture. Two IU Bloomington graduate students designed and taught the class: Olga Rybakova, a PhD student in the IU School of Education, and Heather Rice, a PhD student in the Departments of Linguistics and of Slavic Languages and Literatures. Both Olga and Heather have taught in the past, but Upward Bound offered them their first opportunity to teach Russian. Since this was the first time Upward Bound offered Russian, no curriculum or course syllabus had been developed. With the help of Denise Gardiner

from REEI and Jeff Holdeman from the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Olga and Heather designed what they hoped would be an appropriate and interesting class plan. "It's difficult to know how much we can expect the students to learn in

the amount of time they have here. We designed the syllabus, keeping in mind that it would probably change as the course progressed. It did – quite dramatically," says Heather.

The tutoring sessions allow the students to catch up on homework or missed assignments and to work individually with someone knowledgeable in each subject. This year's tutors for Russian were

REEI graduate student Thomas Fiske and undergraduate Russian major Jean Morrison.

Each of the four groups of students learned the Cyrillic alphabet, some basic vocabulary, and some "survival dialog." A few of Heather's students even recognized spoken Russian outside of class and engaged strangers in conversation in Russian. "They lambasted me for having taught them *privet* instead of *zdravstvuite* for 'hello.' They were apparently embarrassed to have used the less formal term with their new Rus-

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U.S. - Russia Nuclear Nonproliferation Efforts or How I Learned to Start Worrying and Hate the Bomb

by Philip Hart

Proliferation of nuclear weapons has emerged as a major threat to international security. To counter this threat, nations worldwide, particularly the United States, have implemented comprehensive nonproliferation programs. Nonproliferation can be defined as efforts made to prevent resources and technology necessary for the production of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) from falling into the hands of terrorists and so-called "rogue states." These groups usually lack the means to develop WMDs on their own and are much more likely to obtain nuclear materials and information from existing sources.

International nonproliferation efforts are directed primarily towards Russia's vast stores of nuclear materials. During the Cold War, the United States and the Soviet Union produced thousands of nuclear weapons in the race to attain nuclear supremacy. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Russia inherited the world's largest store of nuclear missiles and WMD materials, as well as an active chemical and biological weapons industry. Worsening economic conditions, coupled with the deterioration of traditional Soviet methods of WMD security, increased the likelihood of theft and prompted the creation of comprehensive nonproliferation programs.

The Russian Federation

has the largest stockpile of WMDs in the world. It is estimated that in 1991 Russia had 30,000 nu-



Russia inherited the world's largest stockpile of nuclear weapons and materials

clear weapons, a vast network of intercontinental WMD delivery systems, 40,000 metric tons of chemical weapons, and about forty research institutes devoted to the development and production of chemical and biological weapons. In addition, the country inherited 603 metric tons of highly enriched uranium and plutonium, enough to create approximately 40,000 nuclear bombs. These weapons and resources were stored at nearly 300 sites throughout the country.

The international community faces a formidable challenge in the nonproliferation of this massive stockpile. The United States is easily the largest contributor to this effort, both in terms of funding

and implementation. Over the past decade the U.S. government has provided the Department of Energy and Department of Defense with \$6.4 billion for the establishment of both long- and short-term nonproliferation programs in Russia.

Nonproliferation efforts in Russia fall under four main categories. The first is the installation of modern security systems at nuclear material storage sites. This includes the construction of physical protection systems, establishment of material control systems, and the creation of material accounting systems, such as inventories and computerized databases of nuclear material. Operational assistance is the second major responsibility. Advanced security systems can be rendered virtually worthless if they are not properly operated and maintained, and Russian sites often lack the financial, technological, and human resources necessary to ensure the integrity of these systems over time. The third duty is to assist Russia in the elimination of its strategic nuclear delivery systems and components (nuclear ballistic missile submarines, long-range bombers, and intercontinental missiles) as required by the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START). The final responsibility is the reduction of proliferation risks associated with underemployed and highly-trained

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scientists who could potentially sell their expertise to terrorists or hostile countries. In 1994 the Department of State helped establish the International Science and Technology Center in Moscow to fund peaceful research by underpaid weapons scientists.

Nonproliferation efforts in Russia have achieved some success. Modern security systems have been installed at sites protecting approximately 32% of Russia's nuclear material. Operational assistance programs have been successfully implemented at many of these sites. Hundreds of Russia's strategic nuclear delivery systems have been eliminated. Over the last decade the program has supplemented the incomes of thousands of Russian weapons scientists by sponsoring research projects that are both commercially viable and socially beneficial, such as developing vaccines and devising environmental cleanup techniques.

Despite these successes, nonproliferation efforts in Russia face serious challenges. First and foremost, the Russian government often fails to adhere to its financial commitments to nonproliferation programs. A notable example is the proposed plutonium storage facility in Mayak. Construction was expected to start in 1999, but the Russian government failed to provide its share of the costs, and the Department of Defense was forced to redesign the facil-

ity. Another major problem is the lack of access to nuclear material storage sites. The DOE cannot install security systems in 104 buildings because Russia's Ministry of Atomic Energy (MINATOM) restricts access to these buildings on the basis of Russian national security concerns and laws on



U.S.-funded fencing protecting a nuclear storage site in Russia

the protection of state secrets. A third problem concerns the efforts to prevent Russian weapons scientists from selling their skills abroad. While the program has certainly achieved some degree of success in providing the scientists with peaceful alternatives to weapons research, the employment opportunities provided are often only part-time, and it is impossible to guarantee that these scientists will not seek illegal, more profitable sources of income elsewhere.

Increased Russian cooperation is necessary for the future success of nonproliferation efforts. Russia, a superpower only fifteen years ago, remains a major military force and does not usually react positively to U.S. activities on its soil, particularly those involving its nuclear program. Russian commitment to nonproliferation projects fluctuates greatly depend-

ing on the situation, ranging from enthusiastic cooperation to direct violations of project guidelines. While Russia has cooperated with the U.S. in eliminating much of its older nuclear military equipment and warheads and securing some of its nuclear materials, it is fully committed to remaining a powerful nuclear state. Russia realizes that the threat of terrorists and rogue states is genuine, but they consider the preservation of their nuclear complex to be a higher priority, especially because this powerful weapon is often the primary bargaining chip for a state that more and more resembles a developing country.

Despite Russia's reluctance to fully cooperate with U.S. programs, nonproliferation will continue to be a significant aspect of Russo-American relations. Current programs are scheduled through 2020 and more are being developed. Russia's lengthy borders and proximity to unstable countries make the security of its nuclear weapons and materials a priority, if not for Russia, then at least for America and the western states. While poor security at many of Russia's nuclear sites has not led to any known proliferation of nuclear materials, the risk of transfers to terrorist groups remains and ensures that nonproliferation will remain a major concern for the U.S. in the foreseeable future.

Philip Hart graduated from REEI in May 2005. He currently teaches high school psychology in Tampa, Florida.

Welcome to New MA Students

Leigh Bernstein is originally from Colorado and graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 2000 with a degree in Russian and Eurasian Studies. She worked as a Peace Corps volunteer near Vladivostok, Russia, and has spent time studying at the Moscow Institute for Advanced Studies. Leigh is interested in national security issues between Russia and the countries of Central Asia.

Brant Beyer grew up in Montana and graduated from Carleton College in 2002 with a degree in International Relations.

He spent the past two years working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Romania. Brant is interested in international and interethnic relations of Southeastern Europe, and in particular between Hungary and Romania.

Patrick Burlingame is originally from Philadelphia and comes to IU after living in Washington DC. He graduated from Colby College in Maine with a degree in International Studies. Patrick worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Romania for two years prior to becoming a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Szeged in Hungary. He is studying for the dual MBA degree with the Kelley School of Business and is interested in the interna-

tional business sector, focusing on Hungary.

Joseph Crescente grew up in New Jersey before graduating from The Evergreen State College in 2003 with a degree in Russian and Journalism. He lived and studied in St. Petersburg, Russia, before



From left, Natasha Hicks, James Young, Brant Beyer and Elizabeth Raible enjoy the annual REEI fall picnic.

coming to IU. Joe is interested in international communications, Post-Soviet Russian pop culture, and journalism.

Natasha Hicks graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a degree in Psychology and minor in Religion. She is originally from the state of Washington, but she has also spent a considerable amount of time working with



Andrew Ringlee (left) greets Joe Roberts, as Joe Crescente looks on.

youth in Romania. Tasha is interested in improving the efforts of nonprofit groups working in transitional nations, specifically Romania, and building the inter-

national community at large.

Richard Holmes is originally from Utah and graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in History and Russian. He has lived in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Estonia and traveled extensively throughout the region. Rich is interested in the relationship of the Soviet state to non-Russian nationalities and post-Soviet politics in Belarus and Ukraine.

Elizabeth Raible graduated from Brown University in Rhode Island with a degree in European History, focusing on Southeastern Europe. She comes most recently from Louisville, Kentucky. Elizabeth is interested in the sociology and development of the Balkan region.

Major Joseph Roberts is currently a Eurasian Foreign Area Officer in the U.S. Army. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in Business Management. Major Roberts has served in Estonia and Uzbekistan and has traveled to almost all of the countries of the former Soviet Union. His interests include the history and politics of Eurasia and the former Soviet states.

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Armstrong Awards presented at REEI Fall Reception

A large group of faculty and students turned out for the Fall Reception hosted by the Russian and East European Institute on September 7. The annual gathering honors the memory of former professor of Slavic languages and literatures, Daniel Armstrong (1942 –



Ransel congratulates Milianta as Dina Spechler looks on.

1979). David Ransel began the awards ceremony by congratulating Murlin Croucher on his 25 years of service as Slavic Bibliographer. Ransel then introduced the new and visiting faculty members joining REEI this fall, and he welcomed the members of the Armstrong family who traveled to Bloomington to enjoy the reception and recognize the winners. Ransel then formally presented the Armstrong awards. These awards are given to the students who submitted the most thorough and well-written papers concerning Russia and Eastern Europe in the previous academic year.

This year's first place award at the graduate level went to **Philip Hart**, who completed his studies in May with an MA degree from REEI. His paper, "Red Dusk? The Defeat of the

Communist Party of the Russian Federation in the 2003/04 Elections" was written for Professor Ransel's Interdisciplinary Colloquium in Russian and East European Studies as his MA thesis. The paper analyzes the internal and external factors that brought down the post-Soviet Communist Party. Hart's thesis advisory committee included Henry Hale, Dina Spechler and Jack Bielasiak.

Leslie Lutz and **Lyndsay Miles** shared the second place graduate level award for their papers. Lutz wrote "Russian Nonprofit Tax Law: A Call for Reform," and Miles wrote "Russo-Georgian post-Soviet Relations and the Impact of the Rose Revolution." Both writers produced their works for the Interdisciplinary Colloquium in Russian and East European Studies.

Sarah Milianta received the undergraduate award for her paper, "The Chernobyl Catastrophe: Stalin's Influence and Glasnost's First Test." She wrote the paper for Dina Spechler's Force and Diplomacy in Nuclear Age course. The paper analyzes the Soviet policies that allowed the accident to happen and how it affected Gorbachev's move toward glasnost.

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Robert Arnove (Education) published "Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Facing the Twenty-First Century: Challenges and Contributions" in *Education in Siberia*, vol. 12, no. 1, 2004.

Matthew R. Auer (SPEA) published "Prospects for Improved Air Quality at the Regional Level in Poland" in *European Urban and Regional Studies*, vol. 12, no. 2, 2005.

Jack Bielasiak (Political Science) published "Party Competition in Emerging Democracies: Representation and Effectiveness in Post-Communism and Beyond," in *Democratization*, vol. 12, no. 3, 2005. As Distinguished Fulbright Chair at Warsaw University he presented lectures on "Party System Competitiveness in Emerging Democracies" at the Social Science Faculty Colloquium, Higher School of Social Psychology, Warsaw, January 2005 and on "Party Systems and EU Accession: Euroscepticism in East Europe" at the Higher School of Public Administration, Bucharest, November 2004.

Maria Bucur (History) was in Romania from May to June, for the launching of the translation of her book, *Eugenics and Modernization in Interwar Romania*, at the Bucharest International

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Book Fair. She also gave a talk titled “The Violence of Memory and the Memory of Violence” at the New Europe College. In July she presented the paper “Fallen Women and Necessary Evils: Cultural Representations of and Legal Battles over Prostitution in Twentieth Century Romania” at the Congress of International Historical Studies in Sydney. This essay will also appear in a collection titled *‘Blood and Homeland’: Eugenics and Racial Nationalism in Central and Southeast Europe, 1900–1940*, forthcoming from Central European University Press. At the end of July she was a guest on the History Channel’s talk show “Global View.”

Robert Campbell (Economics) spent ten days in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in early June to advise the Kazakh National University named for al Farabi on the requirements for establishing a successful PhD program in Economics. He also presented a paper at a World Bank conference in Budapest in June on the experience of the Economics Education and Research Consortium in carrying out programs of economics MA training and research in Ukraine and in Russia.

Ronald Feldstein (Slavic) delivered a lecture titled “On the Aspectual Derivation of ‘Dual Simplexes’” at the Second International Conference on the Meaning-Text Theory in Moscow

in June. He also received an REEI Mellon Endowment Grant-in-Aid for international travel to the International Workshop on Balto-Slavic Accentology that took place in Zagreb, Croatia, where he presented his paper “Russian Phonological Desinences as a Conditioning Factor in Accentual Paradigms.”

William Fierman (CEUS) published “Kazakh Language and Prospects for Its Role in Kazakh ‘Groupness’” in *Ab Imperio*, No. 2, 2005.

Bernd J. Fischer (History, IPFW) published “A Brief Historical Overview of the Development of Albanian Nationalism” in the September–October 2005 edition of *East European Studies News*.

Steven Franks (Slavic) taught this summer in Wrocław, Poland, as part of the Eastern European Summer School in Generative Linguistics.

Halina Goldberg (Musicology) received a Fulbright-Hays award for 2005–06 to conduct research in Poland on “National Identity, Assimilation, and Jewishness in Nineteenth-Century Polish Music.”

Charles J. Halperin (REEI) presented a paper titled “Russian Sources on the History of the Golden Horde and Its Successor States,” at the Second International Conference on “The Golden Horde and Its Successors” in Istanbul, Turkey, April 22, 2005. The

paper will be published in *Studies On The Golden Horde And Its Successors*, Timur Kacaoglu and Uli Schamiloglu (eds.), (Istanbul, 2006).

Lynn Hooker (CEUS) presented a paper titled “Hungarian Music or Gypsy Music? An Old Question Revisited” during the 30th Anniversary Conference of the American Hungarian Educators’ Association, held at Central European University in Budapest.

Mark T. Hooker (REEI) presented the paper “Tanya Grotter: A Russian Harry Potter Knock-off or Parody?” at Nimbus-2003, the first North American Harry Potter Conference. The paper was published in the *Selected Papers from Nimbus-2003 Compendium* (ISBN: 1413497039) and prompted *HVG*, Hungary’s foremost economic and political weekly news magazine, to interview Hooker on the copyright controversy of Harry vs. Tanya for an article that appeared in September 2005.

The two-volume *History of the Balkans* (Cambridge University Press) authored by the late **Barbara Jelavich** (History) was translated and published in Hungarian, Romanian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, and Ukrainian. It will also appear soon in Albanian, Greek, Turkish and Polish.

Owen V. Johnson (Journalism/History) completed his year as Acting Director of Polish Stud-

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Please support REEI through a contribution today

The many program activities and outreach events that REEI sponsors each year would not be possible without the generous donations of our friends and alumni. We hope you will take a moment and make a contribution to our funds, described below:

Robert F. Byrnes Memorial Fellowship – This fellowship preserves the memory of the first director of REEI by supporting an outstanding incoming student. The current award consists of a stipend and fee remission for the first year of study and is renewable for a modest stipend in the second year.

Daniel Armstrong Memorial Research Paper Awards – This competition is dedicated to the memory of IU Slavics alumnus, teacher, scholar, and administrator, Professor Daniel Armstrong (1942-1979). Awards are presented to students for papers written for a class in Russian, East European, or Central Eurasian studies taken during the previous year.

IU McCloskey Fund – This fund commemorates the life and work of former Congressman and REEI master’s degree student Frank McCloskey, who dedicated himself to extending peace and democracy in the Balkans. The fund supports an exchange program that sends an IU student to study in the Balkans and a student or scholar from the Balkans to study in Bloomington and Washington, DC.

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- Robert F. Byrnes Memorial Fellowship Fund
- Daniel Armstrong Memorial Research Paper Awards Fund
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sian friends. It was my proudest moment. It was just so wonderful that they were actually speaking Russian!" Olga adds, "my experience with Upward Bound-2005 was a most rewarding one. I was very much looking forward to it, and it paid off in a most wonderful way: the friendships that we have established and especially this *ogoněk v glazakh* of the students when they could first say something in Russian is really precious. Also, the learning process was definitely mutual with a great (and fun) introduction to teen culture in this country. It is a lot to take back home and share with my students in Russia. I also wanted to thank all the hardworking staff (academic and resident assistants) of the Upward Bound program

and the program director Marshal Chaifetz for the all the work they are doing to make this project happen."

The course succeeded in arousing students' interest in Russian. Derriona Anderson said, "Russian was the best class I have ever taken! I usually find myself trying to teach others, so after this I'm considering learning more myself. Thank you, Heather and Jean!"

The students completed the academic portion of the summer session a week early. Successful students were treated to a week-long field trip to St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri.

Heather Rice studies phonetics and phonology in the Departments of Linguistics and of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

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big impact on the field.

The second addition to our tenure-track faculty is Joshua Malitsky, a recent graduate of Northwestern University, who is joining the Department of Communication and Culture. Joshua's interests cover a lot of the world. He is writing about the visual representations of revolutions and compares this expression in Russia of the 1920s, Cuba of the 1960s, and West Africa of the same period. Joshua covers a field of great interest to scholars and students in recent times and one that we have not until now been able to teach. We are delighted to be able to offer work on this important intersection of culture and politics.

In addition, we welcomed

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Europe." Robert Rohrschneider chaired his committee.

Heather McDougall (Political Science) defended her dissertation "From the Individual to the World: Global Citizenship in Education, Thought, and Practice." Jean Robinson chaired her committee.

REEI Undergraduate minors

Daniel Beben graduated in May with a BA in Political Science.

Deanna Bolkema graduated in May with a BA in History.

Colin Connor graduated in May with a BA in Political Science and Spanish.

Nathan Gilbert graduated in May with a BA in Folklore.

Jennifer Gubitz graduated in May with a BA in Jewish Studies and English.

Blake Hulet graduated in May with a BA in Psychology and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

John Ippoliti graduated in May with a BA in Slavic Languages and Literatures.

Andriana Ivanovic graduated in May with a BA in Political Science.

Michael Kogan graduated in May with a BA in History.

Valentin Milkov graduated in May with a BA in Anthropology and Political Science.

Mallery Neff graduated in May with a BA in Biology.

Rita Nelson graduated in May with

a BA in Fine Arts.

Charles Norton graduated in May with a BA in the Individualized Major Program and Comparative Literature.

Miriam Osadchey graduated in May with a BA in Psychology and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

Alexander Platte graduated in May with a BA in Computer Science.

Justin Smith graduated in May with a BS in Business.

Kyle Springman graduated in May with a BA in Business and History.

Joseph Tally graduated in May with a BM in Music.

Brett Warnke graduated in May with a BA in Political Science and History.

IU Participants in the AAASS Convention

The 37th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, November 3–6, 2005.

Faculty Papers

Owen Johnson (Journalism/History): “Creating a Slovak Collective Memory in the Communist and Post-Communist Press”

Ann Livschiz (History – IPFW): “Aristocrats and Plebeians: On Class, Gender, and Children’s Friendships in the 1930s”

Jeffrey Veidlinger (History): “Aspects of Jewish Ukraine from Yiddish Ethnography and Oral History”

Charles Halperin (REEI): “The Metamorphosis of Ivan IV into Ivan the Terrible”

Student Papers

Jill Massino (History): “Identities in Transition: Gender, Nostalgia, and Everyday Life in Post-Socialist Romania”

Deanna Gayle Wooley (History): “Remembering the Great November Revolution: Student Revolutionaries and the First Anniversary of November 17 in Czechoslovakia”

Panel Chairs

Charles Jelavich (History): The Politics of Access: Patronage, Power, and Identity in the Habsburg Empire

Nina Perlina (Slavic): The Russian Family Novel: 1840s–1880s

David Ransel (REEI/History): At Home in the Empire: Domestic Space, Modern Interiors and the Moral Perimeters of the Russian Home

Jean Robinson (Political Science): Life as It Might Have Been: Nostalgia, Consumption, and Social Relations in Southeast Europe

Andrea Rusnock (Art – South Bend): View from the Edge: Life on the Periphery of Russia and the Soviet Union

Jeffrey Veidlinger (History): Russian-Jewish Cultural Association

Panel Discussants

Justyna Beinek (Slavic): How Minor is “Minor”? New Integrative Approaches to Slavic Literatures

Charles Halperin (REEI): Names, Politics, and Kinship in Kievan Rus’ and Muscovy

Marci Shore (History): Soviet, National, and Religious Culture in Twentieth-Century Ukraine

Roundtable Participants

Bernd J. Fischer (History – Ft. Wayne): The 2005 Albanian Parliamentary Elections: An Analysis

Owen Johnson (Journalism/History): The Struggle for the Soul of the Nation

Edward Lazzarini (CEUS): Islam and the Boundaries of the “AAASS Region”

David Ransel (REEI/History): Crossing Sources, Methods, and Theories: Historians Doing Fieldwork, Anthropologists in the Archive

Alumni News

Note: Because REEI solicited alumni news this summer as part of our 2006 Title VI grant application, we received many more updates than usual. As a result, summer alumni news will be shared between this issue and the upcoming December edition. If you don’t see your news below, please look for it in the next issue!

Joshua Abrams (MA REEI/MPA SPEA 2001) is Director of the Civic Advocacy Initiative at the International Research and

Exchanges Board (IREX) in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Barbara Allen (PhD History/REEI minor 2001) received a tenure track position as Assistant Professor of Central and East European History at La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA. She published “Alexander Schliapnikov and the Origins of the Workers’ Opposition, March 1919 – April 1920” in *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, Vol. 1, No. 3, 2005.

Suzanne Ament (PhD History/REEI certificate 1996) is Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Radford University in Radford, VA. In May 2005 she presented a lecture/concert for the Stanford Russian, East European and Eurasian Center on the history and legacy of Soviet World War II songs.

Craig Bell (MA REEI 1993) is the

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Welcome to Visiting Faculty

Frances Trix joins the IU faculty this fall as Visiting Associate Professor in the Departments of Linguistics

and Near Eastern Languages & Cultures.

Her major research interests include Albanians and Islam in Southeastern Europe. She has recently written on the non-violent movement of Kosovar Albanians in the 1990s. She is currently co-editing the volume, *Muslim Voices, Muslim Lives*, and she is working on a biography of an Albanian Sufi leader. Trix earned her PhD from the University of Michigan



Trix

in 1988 and comes to IU after more than ten years of teaching at Wayne State University. This semester she is teaching Language in Disasters, a Topics in Language and Society course in the Department of Linguistics.

Tomasz Bilczewski is the Kosciuszko visiting Polish language and literature instructor for 2005–06. His research interests include comparative literature and literary theory, and he recently completed



Bilczewski

his MA thesis on “Existential and Epistemological Dimensions of the Motif of Journey

in the Poetry of A. A. Mickiewicz and J. Keats—a Comparative Study.” When he is not with IU, Bilczewski is an assistant in the Department of International Polish Studies at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

Lidija Cvikic is the visiting instructor for intermediate and advanced Croatian and Serbian in 2005–06.

She is a research fellow at the University of Zagreb, Croatia, in the Department of Croatian Language and Literature. Her research interests include the Croatian language and second language acquisition.



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Senior Presidential Translator for the Washington-Moscow Direct Communications Link.

Martin Blackwell (PhD History 2005) has accepted a renewable visiting assistant professorship in the Department of History, University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas.

Hilary Brandt (BA Slavic/REEI certificate 1991) works in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural

Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. This fall she will serve in a two-month assignment in the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Melissa Caldwell (MA REEI 1993) is Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Jennifer Cash (PhD Anthropology/REEI minor 2004) is Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh.

She received an NEH-collaborative grant and an NCEEER travel grant to conduct research in Moldova during summer 2005 and again in 2006.

Che Clark (MA REEI 2005) is International Account Manager, International Division at Weaver Popcorn in Indianapolis, IN.

Dianne Davenport (MA REEI 1997) is Copy Editor at The International Herald Tribune in Paris, France.

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Catherine Drew (BA Political Science and French & Italian/REEI minor 2004) will begin a master's program this fall in Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies at Harvard University.

Michael Finke (PhD Slavics 1989) has published *Seeing Chekhov: Life and Art* (Cornell University Press, 2005).

Simone Giger (MA REEI 2003) is a consultant for LFS Financial Systems GmbH. She has worked on credit issues and the training and advising of local staff in Azerbaijan, Senegal and Tajikistan.

Brad Gutierrez (MA REEI 1995) earned a PhD in Political Science

from the University of California, San Diego in 2002 and then taught political science at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He will retire from the air force in 2006 to begin a new career.

Richard Andrew Hall (PhD Political Science/REEI minor 1997) prepared the article "The 1989 Romanian Revolution As Geopolitical Parlor Game: Brandstater's "Checkmate" Documentary And The Latest Wave In A Sea Of Revisionism" for Radio Free Europe's East European Perspective, edited by Dr. Michael Shafir. The article is now available at: <http://homepage.mac.com/khallbobo/RichardHall/pubs/checkmate040405.html>.

Philip Hart (MA REEI 2005) teaches psychology at Durant High School in Plant City, Florida.

Erik Hartten (MA REEI 1990) is Regional Manager for Northwest Russia of British/International Development Corporation, specializing in renovation, preservation and construction of large industrial and corporate buildings.

David Hickcox (MA REEI 2003) is on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

"The Shortest Route to the Truth: Decentralisation of Discourse in Fazil Iskander's fiction," authored by the late **Marina Kanevskaya** (PhD Slavics 1997), appeared in *Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie*, 2005, vol. 2.

Matthew Kelley (MA REEI 2004) has been accepted into the IU law school where he plans to

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The Robert F. Byrnes Memorial Fellowship Fund: Supporting Academic Excellence Today and Tomorrow 2005 Contributors

We would like to thank all of those who contributed in 2005 to the Robert F. Byrnes Memorial graduate student fellowship fund. This fund is named in honor of Robert F. Byrnes, a founder, and for many years the director, of REEI. Bob Byrnes believed strongly in the importance of preparing qualified area specialists. Students of REEI continue to benefit from the legacy of Byrnes' leadership while the nation as a whole benefits from the number of REEI graduates employed in government and non-governmental organizations involved in humanitarian,

educational, and aid missions in Russia, Eastern Europe, and the Newly Independent States.

Eleanor Byrnes and her children are the principal contributors, but many others are helping out as well. The following individuals have donated to the fund thus far in 2005: Jean and Donna Creek, Charles and Kathleen Frazee, Michael Gould and Allison Ritter, Joan and Lloyd Jordan, Edward O'Day, Carl and Colette Reddel, Theo and Freda Stavrou, Richard Sutton and Susan Willey.

IU CIBER Hosts BRIC 2005 Symposium on Business in Emerging Markets

On June 24th Indiana University's Kelley School of Business hosted 256 attendees in Indianapolis for an Executive Symposium on business in the emerging markets of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC).

The purpose of the symposium was to discuss the importance and potential of these markets and to help local business leaders and educators understand the opportunities these emerging markets provide. Projections through the next forty years indicate that these BRIC economies will grow into some of the largest forces in the world economy.

The keynote speaker

sponsored by REEI was Steven McVeigh, former CEO of Sakhalin Energy Investment Company, a joint venture operated by The Royal Dutch Shell Group to explore oil and gas opportunities in Russia's Far East. McVeigh's speech on "The Importance of Russia in the World's Energy Future" described his experience of having worked for Shell in Russia. His discussion included historical information about previous projects in Russia as well as some of the new ventures currently in progress in the Sakhalin region. In particular McVeigh spoke of the Sakhalin II project, which at approximately \$10 billion in direct

investment is the largest integrated oil and liquid natural gas project in the world. His conclusion was that Russia can play a leading role in meeting the energy needs of tomorrow, but in order for Russia to do this many changes still need to take place. Some of the key requirements will be continued large capital investments, the creation of a fair and level playing field for foreign companies, reduction of corruption in government and business, simplification of government regulations, improvement of the export infrastructure for oil and gas, and fiscal incentives to large companies to take on the risks of

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REEI Welcomes New Faculty

Joshua Malitsky joins the Department of Communication and Culture this fall as a specialist in non-fiction film. A student of diverse languages,

Malitsky studied Russian for a number of years at the high school and university level, using his language skills for his study of Russian and Soviet non-fiction film following the 1917 Russian Revolution. He has recently published a journal article on theoretical issues in Soviet documentary



Malitsky

film from 1925 to 1928 and an analysis of Esfir Shub's *The Fall of the Romanov Dynasty* for *The Encyclopedia of Documentary Film*. He earned his PhD from Northwestern University in 2005, and prior to that he studied at the University of North Carolina and the University of Wisconsin.

This semester he is teaching courses on documentary history as well as on film and propaganda.

Justyna Beinek is the latest addition to the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. Her research interests include Polish

and Russian literatures, comparative approaches to literary studies, Romanticism, and film, among others. She is currently finishing a book manuscript under the working title *The Album in the Age of Romanticism: Memory, Nation, Authorship*. Beinek earned her PhD from Harvard University in

2001, and before that she studied at the University of California at San Diego and at Lublin Catholic University in Lublin, Poland. This semester she is teaching the Survey of Polish Literature & Culture and also Intermediate Polish.



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Joseph Baird (Slavic) earned second place among advanced, non-heritage learners in the American Council of Teachers of Russian National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest.

Richard Bakewell (REEI/SPEA) interned with the International Affairs & Trade Team of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in Washington, D.C. where he studied U.S. Public Diplomacy to the Muslim world. On August 21st, Richard was married to Diana Corrigan in Atlanta, GA.

Andrew Burton (REEI) interned at the U.S. Embassy in Hungary during the summer, where he reported on the struggles of Hungary's Roma minority. He co-authored an Op-ed article with the U.S. Ambassador titled "Together Against Inequality," which ran in the Hungarian daily newspaper *Magyar Hírlap*. He also presented his paper "Roma and the Ethnopolitics of Democratic Transition in Hungary: Political Efforts to Overcome Legacies and Secure Equality" during the 30th Anniversary Conference of the American Hungarian Educators' Association, held at Central European University in Budapest.

Richard Fitzmaurice (REEI/SPEA) interned at the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

Neil Gipson (REEI/SPEA) interned in the Press Office of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. He worked on issues related to U.S. support for democracy development in Russia and international adoption of orphans.

Stephanie Hockman (REEI/SPEA) interned for the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan over the summer. She evaluated their School Connectivity Program, which has provided computers and internet connections to 60 primary schools in 6 regions around the country. She conducted focus groups in Russian and Uzbek and reported on her findings for the program's donors. She also consulted on new web content for the program's multi-lingual homepage. Results of the program can be viewed at <http://www.connect.uz>.

Michelle Metro-Roland (Geography) received a Fulbright-Hays award to study "The Prosaic Local/Tourist Landscape in Budapest: National Cultural Identity in a Globalized City." She will spend the 2005–06 academic year in Budapest.

Andrew Moody (Slavic) won first place among advanced, non-heritage learners in the American Council of Teachers of Russian National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest.

Justin Moore (Slavic) earned second place among advanced, non-heritage learners in the American Council of Teachers of Russian National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest.

Nanaho Sawano (CEUS) received honorable mention for level 2, non-heritage learners in the American Council of Teachers of Russian National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest.

Alice Tobin (REEI/SPEA) conducted research on human trafficking in Western Ukraine during May and June. She delivered a paper titled "Reclaiming Women from the Underground Marketplace: Counter-Trafficking Efforts in Ukraine" in June at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign international conference on "Commodity, Consumer, Entrepreneur? Women and the Marketplace."

James Young (REEI/Law) worked in Bloomington with the Center for Constitutional Democracy in Plural Societies, which promotes constitutional democracy by assisting reformers in Burma, Liberia, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan. James led a research group that produced a report on legal issues affecting the Kazakh government. He also studied Russian at Indiana University's SWSEEL program.

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Joshua Ruegsegger was born in Utah and grew up in Washington. He graduated from Eastern Washington University with a degree in International Affairs. He spent two years in Russia on a mission for the Church of Latter-day Saints. Joshua is interested in foreign policy and would like to work for the federal government and improve US-Russian relations.

James Young was born and raised in Michigan and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in Interdisciplinary Studies. He studied German in Goettingen, Germany, and also spent a year teaching

English in Krasnoyarsk and Sochi, Russia. He also worked in the U.S. for a company that manufactures concealable body armor. James is pursuing a dual JD degree with the School of Law and is interested in national security and possibly applying his international law skills in the private sector.

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large long-term investments.

In addition to the other keynote speeches on Brazil, India and China, the symposium featured a round table discussion and interactive panel to allow attendees an opportunity to ask specific questions about how these markets will affect businesses here in Indiana.

The Title VI-funded IU Center for International Business Education and Research (IU CIBER) was the primary organizer of the event. David Ransel and Michael Alexeev of REEI assisted in the planning of the Russian segment of the program, and Ransel introduced McVeigh at the symposium.



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Leslie Lutz (MA REEI/MPA SPEA 2005) published her MA thesis under the title "Economic Constraints, Political Motives: Contemporary Russian Nonprofit Tax Law" in *The International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law*, Vol. 7, No. 3, June 2005. The article is available at: http://www.icnl.org/JOURNAL/vol7iss3/ar_lutz.htm.

Lyndsay Miles (MA REEI 2005) received a Fulbright Grant to study economic cooperation and business development between the Russian Far East and the U.S. Pacific Northwest. She will study at Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service from September 2005 to June 2006.

Beth Pelloso (MA REEI 1995) was recently promoted and relocated to become director of the White Plains Berlitz Language Center in White Plains, NY.

Edgar Peyronnin (MA REEI 1990) is IT Coordinator for the College of Arts and Sciences at Colorado State University.

Milos Puaca (BA Political Science/REEI certificate 1975) is a Strategist/Management Consultant for MP Consulting in Valparaiso, IN. He is conducting research for a historical novel based on medieval Balkan events in the life of Olivera Lazarevic.

William Raisner (MA REEI 1991) is a Project Manager with

Freddie Mac in the Washington, DC area.

Emily Rich (BA History and Political Science/REEI minor 2004) is a second year law student at Indiana University, where she works with the Center for Constitutional Democracy in Plural Societies.

Robert Sharlet (PhD Political Science/REEI certificate 1968) is Chauncey Winters Research Professor of Political Science at Union College in Schenectady, NY.

Nate Turner (BA English/REEI minor 2001) is an Associate In Missions at the United Pentecostal Church International in Hazelwood, MO. He earned a Master of Theological Studies from Urshan Graduate School of Theology, Florissant, MO. He was married to Ingunn Bakke of Kristiansand, Norway in December, 2004.

Timothy Usowski (BA History/REEI minor 2004) is a mortgage banker with First Omni Mortgage in Louisville, KY.

Kathryn Weathersby (PhD History 1990) is now Senior Associate of the History and Public Policy Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC.

Martin Woll (BA Political Science/REEI minor 2004) is a Pricing Analyst at Alliance Bernstein Capital Management in White Plains, NY.

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a new senior staff member, Lance Erickson. Lance replaces Lisa Giullian in the job of REEI assistant director for student service/advisor. Lisa's husband Jon graduated with a degree from the IU School of Library Science and accepted the job of Slavic Librarian at the University of Kansas, and he and Lisa are starting a new life in Kansas. Lance comes to REEI from a career in the business world that took him frequently to Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union. Before his business career he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois (he is an Illinois native) and a master's degree in Russian and East European studies from the University of Texas.

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The Zeta Zeta chapter of the Dobro Slovo National Slavic Honor Society inducted eleven new student members on April 19: **Joshua Bloom** (REEI); **Neil Gipson** (REEI/SPEA); **Catherine Kaas** (University Division); **Wanda Sofia Kolodziejczyk** (Sociology/Anthropology); **Kelly Lostroschio** (Slavic/Criminal Justice); **Jean Morrison** (Slavic/Economics); **Elizaveta Moussinova** (Slavic); **Adam Michael Pate** (Slavic); **Katherine Ross** (International Studies); **Thomas James Schafbuch** (Slavic/Political Science); **Kristen Stolt** (Slavic/English).

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ies. Last spring he presented a paper titled “Journalists in Slovakia 1948–1970: A Force for Change,” at the conference, “Czechoslovakia Behind the Iron Curtain, 1948–1970,” held at the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 11–12. He also presented “Serving the State, Serving the Nation: Slovak Radio in World War II and the Cold War (1938–1968)” at the conference “Central & Eastern European Media under Dictatorial Rule in the 1940s and 1950s” at the Center for the Study of Soviet History, University of Tartu, Estonia, April 22–25.

Gyorgy Kara (CEUS) taught at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), University of Budapest in the spring semester during his leave of absence. He received the Labor Merit Order from the President of Mongolia. His Russian book about the history of Mongol writing was translated into Chinese and published by the Inner Mongolian People’s Publishers in Huhehot, China. *More than Eight Centuries of Writing Mongolian* was published this year in the Indiana University Uralic and Altaic Series. His paper “A Western Khalkha Benediction for a New Round Tent” is published in *Journal de la Societe Finno-Ougrienne*, vol. 90, 2004.

Dodona Kiziria (Slavic) received the Slavic Department’s annual

Teaching Award in May. She received an REEI Mellon Endowment Grant-in-Aid to travel to the conference “Language, History and Cultural Identities in the Caucasus” that took place in Sweden, where she presented her paper “Semiotics of Naming: Literary Names of Streets in Tbilisi.” This summer she taught a five-week intensive Georgian course at Duke University.

Robert Kravchuk (SPEA) published “Kuchma as Economic Reformer” in *Problems of Post-Communism*, vol. 52, no. 5, 2005.

Hiroaki Kuromiya (History) was awarded an Overseas Conference Fund grant from the Office of International Programs to assist him in traveling to the VII World Congress of International Council for Central and East European Studies from July 25–30, in Berlin, Germany. He delivered a paper titled “Stalin and Ukraine.”

Terrence Mason (Education) published a study on Macedonia, “Building Citizenship in the Midst of Ethnic Conflict” in *Democracy at Large*, vol. 1, no. 4, 2005.

Martha Nyikos (Education) delivered the paper “Creating a Linguistic-Cultural Microcosm in the Immigrant Experience” at the American Hungarian Educators Associate 2005 conference at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

Csaba Pléh (2004–05 IU Visiting Hungarian Chair) was elected

in May to the position of Deputy Secretary General of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

William Pridemore (Criminal Justice) edited *Ruling Russia: Law, Crime, and Justice in a Changing Society* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005).

David Ransel (History) co-edited the volume *Polish Encounters, Russian Identity* (Indiana University Press, 2005).

Natalia Rekhter (SPEA, IUPUI) and **Al Anderson** (SPEA) received a 2005–06 IREX Policy-

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In Memoriam: David Griffioen

David A. Griffioen, 41, of Indianapolis, IN, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at his home in Indianapolis.

David was the son of Rev. Donald Griffioen and his wife, Martheen.

He graduated from Calvin College, Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, and was all but dissertation for a doctorate in musicology at Indiana University, where he had already completed all his requirements for the PhD Minor in REEI. His doctoral work was under the supervision of Malcolm Brown and focused on Shostakovich's controversial opera *Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District*.

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Connect grant to study "Policy Development for AIDS Literacy among Adolescents and Educators in Rural Russia." The grant will fund development of an HIV/AIDS education curriculum for students at the middle and high school levels in the Ivanovo area of Russia.

Jean Robinson (Political Science), Suzanna Walters (Gender Studies), Mary Gray (Communication and Culture), Heidi Ross (Education), and **Maria Bucur** (History) have received an award from IU's Multidisciplinary Ventures and Seminars Fund in support of their year-long lecture series and forum on "Homeland Insecurities: Sexuality, Citizenship, and Empire."

Marci Shore's (History) translation from the Polish of Michał Głowiński's memoir appeared this August from Northwestern University Press under the title *The Black Seasons*.

Dina R. Spechler (Political Science) and **Martin C. Spechler** (Economics, IUPUI) have just published "Cooperation and Conflict in Central Asia," in Ariel Cohen, ed. *Eurasia In Balance* (Ashcroft, 2005). Martin Spechler presented this material at a conference of the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., in June.

Martin C. Spechler's (Economics, IUPUI) paper, "Gradual

Economic Reform in Uzbekistan" will be published by NATO soon. Spechler's new project, conducted jointly with several Uzbek economists, is on poverty reduction and pension reform in three Central Asian countries. This research is sponsored by EERC and the Eurasia Foundation. His review of Andrei Shleifer's *Russia: A Normal Country* will appear soon in *The Russian Review*.

Frances Trix (Near Eastern Languages & Cultures/Linguistics) was an invited participant in Tirana, Albania, at the workshop, "Toward a National Action Plan on Migration for Albania in Partnership with the European Union," sponsored by the International Organization for Migration of the European Union, the Community Assistance for Reconstruction Development and Stabilization program, and the Government of Albania, February 21–22, 2005.

Bronislava Volkova (Slavic) published the bilingual *Ze tmy zrozená/ Born out of Darkness* (Explorer Editions, 2004) and presented two papers at The III World Congress on Czech Literary Studies, Prague, June 2005: "Death as a Semiotic Event: Èapek vs. Kundera" and "Jakobson's Role in Forming the Slavic Studies in the U.S." She also contributed to *Only the Sea Keeps*, a volume of poetry published to raise funds for the victims of the December tsunami disaster. Additionally, she performed a number of poetry readings and multi-media events in the U.S. and Europe.

Charles Wise (SPEA) and the Parliamentary Development Project for Ukraine (PDP) received \$500,000 in the form of a cooperative agreement from the United States Agency for International Development. The PDP will focus its efforts to advance the role of parliament under Ukraine's new constitution and proportional system of election set to take place in January 2006. PDP staff will assist parliament in four areas including legislation to combat corruption, administrative reform, local government reform, and legislation facilitating integration into international protocols such as the World Trade Organization, Palermo Convention, and European Union. Wise also recently coauthored "The Ukrainian Orange Revolution Brought More Than a New President: What Kind of Democracy Will the Institutional Changes Bring?" in *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, vol. 38, pp. 207–230, 2005.

Christina Zarifopol-Illias (Slavic) was awarded honorary citizenship in Ipotesti, the birthplace of Mihai Eminescu, Romania's national poet. She was also guest of honor at a meeting of ambassadors of all the countries where Eminescu's work has been translated. She lectured at the Bucharest Rotary Club on the Romanian Studies program at Indiana University and collaboration between IU and Romania's cultural and educational institutions.

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