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Director's Notebook

by David Ransel

The fall semester began with our annual reception and the awarding of the prizes for the Daniel Armstrong Memorial Essay contest. The prizes recognize the life and work of Dan Armstrong, a promising young Slavic linguist who received his doctoral degree from Indiana University and then returned after a short hiatus to Bloomington as an assistant professor and departmental administrator. Dan was much beloved by his colleagues and students for his energy, commitment to them and to his work, and his readiness to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever it was needed. Dan died of cancer in 1979. We were privileged to have in attendance at this year's reception, as we have on a number of previous occasions, Dan's parents, Jack and Elizabeth Armstrong, and Dan's daughter Nancy and her children. Dan's widow, Ann, is usually with us as well, but this year she was traveling in Romania on a charitable mission. The Armstrong family members have been the principal contributors to the Armstrong prize endowment, which provides a monetary award to accompany the valued recognition that the Armstrong essay competition confers on its winners. This year's winners were Siobhan Reardon for the undergraduate prize, Matthew Curtis, runner-up for the graduate prize, and Jennifer Maceyko, graduate first-place winner. You can read a bit more about their work elsewhere in these pages.

The reception also furnished an opportunity for us to introduce new and visiting faculty to the faculty and students of the Russian and East European studies programs. Aaron Beaver has joined the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures as assistant professor of Russian literature. William Pridemore, a specialist on Russian crime statistics, is a new assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. Both Beaver and Pridemore are graduates of IU degree programs, as is Gene Coyle, visiting professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, who will be teaching courses in the history of intelligence gathering and espionage. Coyle is on leave from his job as an officer of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. Two other visiting professors are Vlatka Stimac and Grzegorz Jankowicz, who will be teaching Croatian and Polish respectively in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. You can read more about them in the pages that follow.

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1988 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

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1989 Karen Niggle

1996 Robert W. Campbell

1997 Charles Jelavich

1997 Janet Rabinowitch

2000 William B. Edgerton

Congratulations!

MA Defenses

Matthew Atkins (REEI) defended his essay "The Conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh: A Look at the History, Recent Developments, and Possible Solutions." Dina Spechler chaired his committee.

Rebecca Bartlett (REEI/SLIS) defended her essay "Russian Journal Changes after 1991: Implications for Slavic Collections." Murlin Croucher chaired her committee.

William Eastwood (REEI) defended his essay "When Discourses Clash: Religious Violence in Georgia." Beverly Stoeltje chaired his committee.

Matthew Kelly (REEI) defended his essay "Khrushchev, Dissent and the Path to Dissidence." Dodona Kiziria chaired his committee.

Jennifer Maceyko (REEI) defended her essay "Political and Cultural Mobilization Among Ethnic Minorities in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Russians Poles, and Hungarians." Toivo Raun chaired her committee.

Emily Ray (REEI/SLIS) defended her essay "Prague Library Flood of 2002: Crisis and Experimentation." Murlin Croucher chaired her committee.

Naomi Wachs (REEI/SPEA) defended her essay "The Dramatic Rise and Fall of Russia's District Heating System or How Not to Run a Public Utility." Michael Alexeev chaired her committee.

PhD Dissertations

Dragos Paul Aligica (Political Science) defended his dissertation "The Spread of Economic Ideas and the Political Economy Paradigm Shift in Eastern Europe: Diffusion, Institutional Processes and Epistemic Choice" in April. Jeffrey Hart chaired his committee.

Jennifer Cash (Anthropology) defended her dissertation "In Search of an Authentic Nation: Folkloric Ensembles, Ethnography, and Ethnicity in the Republic of Moldova" in May. Anya Peterson Royce chaired her committee.

Amy Goldenberg (Folklore and Ethnomusicology) defended her dissertation "Polish Amber Art" in April. Henry Glassie chaired her committee.

Nathan Wood (History) defended his dissertation "Becoming Metropolitan: Krakow Popular Press and the Representation of Modern Urban Life 1900-1915" in June. Maria Bucur chaired his committee.

Sae-ra Yoon (Slavics) defended her dissertation "Mythical Imagination in Historical Fiction: Pushkin, Lermontov and Gogol" in April. Andrew Durkin chaired her committee.

REEI undergraduate minors

Erik Baaske graduated in May with a BA in History.

Christen Bleuer graduated in May with a BA in Political Science.

Mariana Cotromanes graduated in May with a BA in Political Science and Communication and Culture.

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In Memoriam: Alo Raun and Felix Oinas

Obituary from IU Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Alo Raun, 99, of Bloomington, died on Monday, June 14, 2004, at Bell Trace Health and Living Center in Bloomington. He was born May 8, 1905, in Tartu, Estonia, the son of Mihkel and Anna Reisman, and was Professor Emeritus of Linguistics and Uralic Studies at Indiana University. He taught at IU from 1952 until his retirement in 1975.

Raun grew up in Tartu and attended Tartu University, obtaining a Master of Philosophy degree in 1931 and a PhD in Finno-Ugric linguistics in 1942. He began teaching at Tartu University in the late 1930s and also served as scientific secretary of the Academic Mother Tongue Society and first secretary of the Estonian Learned Society. Toward the end of World War II, Alo Raun and his family fled Estonia as refugees in the face of the impending reimposition of Soviet rule. His early postwar years were spent in Germany, mainly at the Baltic University in exile near Hamburg, where he was an associate professor and also served as the Estonian rector toward the end of his stay there. In 1949, he immigrated to the United States with his family and taught Romance languages at Pacific Lutheran College for the first two years. In 1951, he came to Bloomington on a Guggenheim Fellowship and joined the IU faculty the following year.

His main academic specialty was Finno-Ugric linguistics, a field in which he published extensively and played a pioneering role. His work was recognized by numerous scholarly societies, as seen in his corresponding membership in the Finnish Literary Society and the Kalevala Society as well as honorary membership in the Societas Uralo-Altaica, the Finno-Ugric Society, and the Estonian Learned Society. The Finnish government made him a knight commander of the Order of the Finnish Lion, and the reestablished Estonian government recently awarded him the White Star II Class for his services to the Estonian state and people. His colleagues at Indiana University and around the world especially valued his cooperative spirit, integrity, and thoroughness as a scholar. He also had a lifelong passion for music, deepened by two years of study at a conservatory in Tartu in the 1920s, and as late as his 99th birthday he still played his beloved instrument, the piano.

Survivors include his children, Tiiu Robison and Toivo Raun. Raun is Professor of History and Central Eurasian Studies here at IU. A Remembrance by Amy Goldenberg

On March 6, 1997, I interviewed **Felix Oinas**. It was his 86th birthday. But that day was momentous for another reason: he had just received notification that President Lennart Meri was awarding him the Order of the State Coat of Arms, II class - the highest Estonian civilian honor. Only months before he was presented with the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship by AATSEEL.

Born in Tartu, Oinas had an early interest in literature, folklore, and languages. In school, he focused on Finno-Ugric and Slavic folklore and languages. In the 1930s he studied and taught in Estonia and Hungary. With war everywhere, Oinas and his family managed to leave Estonia and survive the Berlin blitz. After living in post-war Germany for several years, in 1949 he accepted a position in Wayne State University's Slavic Department in Detroit.

In 1950, Oinas and his family moved to Bloomington. He was drawn to IU because of the offerings in Finno-Ugric languages and folklore. He completed his dissertation in linguistics in 1952. Remaining at IU as a professor, he made significant contributions to the programs in Baltic and Finnic Studies, Slavic Languages and Literatures, and Folklore as well as to national and international organizations and scholarship.

At international conferences, his Soviet colleagues criticized his work, but he took it in stride. "Everybody understood. They didn't say they had to do that, of course, but it was clear that everybody had to... what else could they do?" He then pointed out in our interview that since the Soviet Union's collapse, his colleagues have praised his work.

His 1981 retirement did not seem to slow him down. He continued to research and write. At our interview, he handed me some recent articles and mentioned several studies in progress. "I'm constantly working," he said with a smile.

Oinas begins his memoirs, in a manuscript translated by his children in 1997, with this: "I was one of the lucky ones who was able to escape with my family ... to the West and to continue my life and work abroad. Although refugee life has been full of hardships, I have been able to live in freedom and to strive to reach my goals and aspirations."

Amy Goldenberg recently finished her PhD in Folklore, with a minor in REEI. Immediately after her interview with Felix Oinas, Amy's then-nameless kitten became Felix. He still has as much energy as his namesake did.

Faculty Profile: William Pridemore

by Philip Hart

William Pridemore is a recent addition to Indiana University's Department of Criminal Justice and is also an affiliate faculty member of REEI. Pridemore, a native of Indiana, began his academic

career with IU over a decade ago, earning his BA in Criminal Justice and Sociology in 1992 and his MA in Criminal Justice in 1994. Following his studies at IU, traveled he overseas to serve as Visiting Lecturer of Sociology and

Criminology for one

year at Kharkov State University in Ukraine. After returning to the states he embarked on a doctoral program at the State University of New York at Albany. He received his PhD in 2000 with a dissertation entitled "Social Strategies and Homicide in Post-Soviet Russia." Pridemore then began teaching at the University of Oklahoma in the Department of Sociology, where he taught criminal justice courses, including a course on social problems in contemporary Russia. In 2003 he accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at IU. Before returning to IU to assume this job, however, he won a competitive research fellowship at

Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies for the 2003-2004 academic year, where he researched the impact of social change and alcohol use on homicide and suicide rates.



William Pridemore, an alumnus of IU, joins the Department of Criminal Justice

Pridemore, who considers himself a criminologist who utilizes a sociological approach, focuses on the structural factors that affect social change and the influence of this change on crime. He seeks to discover what it is about social change, such as the breakdown of the family, increased unemployment, and reduced funding for schools, that causes increases in crime. He also researches the relationship between alcohol consumption and crime. While much of his research addresses these issues broadly, he also focuses on how these factors are at work in Russia.

He states that his interest in Russia began long before college. As a youth, he was greatly intrigued by Russia and the Soviet region in general. His experience teaching in Ukraine and traveling around Russia after earning his MA solidified his personal and professional interests, and he has focused much of his research on Russia ever since.

The study of Russia, particularly post-Soviet Russia, provides fertile ground for research on crime rates and alcohol consumption. The dissolution of the Soviet Union and subsequent transition not only had a significant impact on these phenomena, but also gave researchers access to information regarding Russian crime rates and social statistics that the government had long kept confidential. In fact, Pridemore attributes much of his success to his good fortune in being among the first to gain access to these newly-available documents.

Pridemore has published numerous articles over the past few years. Most notable are "Vodka and Violence: Alcohol Consumption and Homicide Rates in Russia" in American Journal of Public Health (2002) and "Weekend Effects on Binge Drinking and Homicide Mortality: Preliminary Evidence for the Connection Between Alcohol and Violence in Russia" in Addiction (2004). He has also edited a book, Ruling Russia: Law, Crime, and Justice in a Changing Society (Rowman & Littlefield), due out in March of 2005.

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Summer Internship in Uzbekistan

by Stephanie Hockman

When I initially told people that I would be going to Uzbekistan for my summer internship with the Department of State, many of them looked at me politely and tried to pretend that they knew what Uzbekistan was. After a while, I learned to start saying "Tashkent, Uzbekistan," but still this didn't often ring a bell, so I would add that it is a former Soviet republic near Afghanistan and Iran. Mentioning those countries usually perks people right up. Despite this expanded explanation, my sister-in-law was still convinced for a few weeks that I was going to Pakistan (she may still think that's where I spent my summer).

I arrived in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, at the end of May and started working as a political officer at the U.S. Embassy. My work focused on religious affairs in the country. This is a complex subject, as about 90% of the Uzbek population claims to be Muslim, but many of them are just discovering what this term means as they now enjoy a new freedom to practice religion since the collapse of the Soviet Union. In addition to the Muslims, Russian Orthodox members comprise about five percent of the population, and there are fifteen other smaller religious groups, including Jews, Catholics, a variety of Protestants, Hare Krishnas, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

I set to work meeting with as many religious leaders as I could.

As I gradually got to know people in the field, I started to hear about violations of people's religious rights. The government of Uz-



Hockman in the ancient Silk Road city of Khiva

bekistan is a dictatorship, and true to the reputation of such governments, many laws have been passed that are designed to keep the population under strict control, laws that make it illegal to proselytize or to meet in an unofficial location (like someone's home) to pray or discuss religion. People necessarily break laws such as these everyday in the course of observing their religion. Life is especially hard for the members of religions that regularly engage in missionary activities. They often run afoul of the government, and it is not unusual for authorities here to physically abuse people they have arrested.

Over the course of the summer

I filled two months at meetings and writing cables to be sent back to the State Department office in Washington, DC. I also had the opportunity to accompany the U.S. ambassador on a trip to the ancient Silk Road city of Bukhara, where we met with local business, political, and religious leaders.

Near the end of the summer I also attended the trial of 15 people accused of involvement in the March and April bombings that occurred in Tashkent and Bukhara. Attending these court proceedings was fascinating, as the legal system in this country is completely different from that in the U.S. I was struck by the fact that almost anyone in the courtroom could participate in the trial by questioning the defendants, including the three judges and all audience members.

On the day after I attended the trials, I went back to work as usual. Late in the afternoon I was working at my desk when I heard a loud sound come from outside the embassy. It was powerful enough that I actually felt a reverberation. I could not imagine what could have made such a noise – maybe a car backfiring? – until my coworker ran into my office and told me to follow her to a safe place because we had just been BOMBED!

I was in disbelief. This sort of thing only happens in movies and on the news, right? Not in peaceful

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countries that no one has ever heard of, and in which everyone has been nothing but extremely welcoming, hospitable, and curious about America. So, we went into "duck and cover" mode as sirens wailed throughout our

compound. I had flashbacks to the chemical weapons training I'd attended a few weeks before and thought futilely about the fact that



Hockman in front of the Registan in Samarkand

I had never picked up a protective hood. I had not taken the possibility of such attacks seriously. But, at that moment, anything seemed possible. Our embassy was under attack!

Before long, we heard that the Israeli embassy in Tashkent had also been bombed, which scared us even more—were all foreigners being attacked? Eventually, as time passed and nothing else happened, people began to calm down, and my section got back to work, as it fell to the six political and economic officers to call everyone we knew at other embassies and international NGOs to see if they had experienced any problems or if they knew anything else about what had happened. In the midst of this I managed to grab an international phone line out of the embassy to call my parents and warn them about these events before they had the chance to see a report on television and worry about my safety. Later, we learned that a third building had been bombed - the national prosecutor's office. When we learned this, it became chillingly apparent that the bombings were probably linked to the trial I had

attended the week before. With my own eyes and ears I had seen and heard men in court talking

about making suicide bomb belts and why it was glorious to conduct a jihad and sacrifice oneself in a holy war.

For many, a fateful day three vears ago in America made Muslim extremism and terrorism a reality. For me, it was feeling my workplace quake in the aftermath of an explosion that brought home the reality of the world we live in. I left Uzbekistan and returned to Indiana for two more years of graduate school, but I will never forget the many lessons and skills learned this summer, as I conducted public diplomacy in Russian, traveled in an official ambassadorial motorcade, made many new American and Uzbek friends, and finally, survived an embassy bombing.

Stephanie Hockman is an MA/MPA student in REEI and SPEA.

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His current research includes several interesting projects. He received a three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to research the impact of alcohol on crime. He is studying the impact of Gorbachev's anti-alcohol campaign, using interrupted time-series analysis to determine its influence on alcohol deaths and homicide and suicide rates. He is also working with a former student on the relationship between social cohesion within a community and violence. Finally, he is researching measurement issues, assessing the validity of the measurement methods used to collect statistics on crime and alcohol use.

This semester at IU, Pridemore is teaching a class on violent behavior, and in the future he will teach theoretical criminology and, hopefully, a course on crime and justice in Russia. He also serves as the Chair of the Colloquium Committee and as a member of the Nature of Crime Area Committee in the Department of Criminal Justice.

Pridemore encourages students interested in Russia to consider conducting research on crime in the country. Russia is a very interesting case, considering the recent social upheaval and unique cultural and historical characteristics of the country. The field is relatively open and there is no shortage of work to be done.

Philip Hart is an MA student in REEI.

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I am delighted to report on the extraordinary spurt in enrollments in the IU summer intensive language program, the Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages (SWSEEL). This program, now in its 54th year, had until 2002 been experiencing the dwindling of enrollments that afflicted all the language programs in our area of study during the late 1990s. The trend reversed two years ago for obvious reasons. This summer, for somewhat less obvious reasons, the increase in enrollments in Russian jumped at an unprecedented rate, over 40% (from 77 to 107). Enrollments in Georgian more than doubled, and in our first year of offering Yiddish (in cooperation with the U.S. Holocaust

Museum) we had nine students. We are proud of the marvelous work of the teachers and administrators in our summer program and hope that this trend will continue to reward their efforts.

The institute is cooperating in the organization of a number of scholarly conferences this year. The first has already taken place. It was a conference on "European Security and Ukraine" that was conducted in Odessa from September 24-27 under the direction of David Albright of the IU Center for the Study of Global Change and REEI. Denise Gardiner, the assistant director and outreach coordinator of REEI, did much of the organizational and administrative work for the conference.

We look forward to two conferences in the spring semester, this time on the Bloomington campus. The first is a conference of the

Soyuz Symposium, a subset of the American Anthropological Association that focuses on the study of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Sarah Phillips of our Department of Anthropology is serving as the coordinator. The conference will focus on comparative investigations of post-socialist societies in our usual area of study and also in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The conference will take place on March 4-5. The following month will see the next in our series of Round Tables on Post-Communism. The topic for this year is gender, and the Round Table, which features scholars and activists from Russia, Eastern Europe, and China, will analyze gender in economic and social life, in media and popular representations, and public policy. We hope to see you at these important events.

The Robert F. Byrnes Memorial Fellowship Fund: Supporting Academic Excellence Today and Tomorrow 2004 Contributors

We would like to thank all of those who contributed in 2004 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 the federal government and non-governmental organizations involved in humanitarian

and 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 2004: Joseph Augustyn, John and Christine Bushnell, Mary and Thomas Conroy, Michael and Allison Ritter Gould, Andrea Henson, Sarah Kent, Sharon and David Mason, Carl and Colette Reddel, Christine Rydel and Edward Cole, and Louis Wagner.

Teaching Economic Development in Ukraine

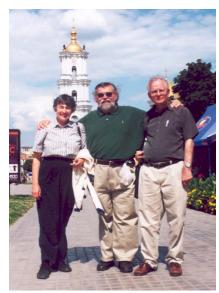
by Jerry E. Wheat and Brenda Swartz

We recently returned from our second trip to Ukraine. We first traveled there in 1998 on a grant given to the Louisville International Cultural Center (LICC) from the U.S./Ukraine Foundation. Under this U.S. State Department program called "Community Connections," Louisville was paired with Donetsk, Ukraine. The goal of the program was to give government officials in Donetsk the opportunity to learn about modern city management techniques and economic development. We led a needs assessment team of four people to Donetsk.

Although we had read about the problems command economies had in moving toward a capitalist system, our visit gave us the opportunity to witness firsthand systems that seemed destined to fail because they lacked the support structure necessary for capitalism to thrive. A report we composed after the visit suggested that the city needed significant assistance, and over a four year period the Louisville International Cultural Center sent several city officials and business people to help Donetsk develop new management approaches.

We are both board members and grant writers with LICC. Since 1994 we have been advisors to visiting government officials, business people and non-governmental organization (NGO) professionals who have visited Louisville under numer-

ous State Department programs. We routinely bring our visitors to campus to meet with students, faculty and administrators. It was in a discussion with students in an economics class that a woman who had a bakery in Tula, Rus-



Swartz, Wheat, and Jones in Sumy, Ukraine

sia first realized she needed to be nice to her customers or they might switch to her competitors. In discussions in another seminar a manufacturing manager realized that high employee turnover cost his company money and that training might be a good investment.

The most recent Community Connections groups visiting Louisville were from Sumy, Ukraine, an industrial center of 250,000 people, located 380 kilometers east of Kiev. One was a group of business professionals and the second a group of NGO managers. We conducted economic develop-

ment training sessions for each group, and we maintained contact with each participant via email when they returned to Sumy. Together with our Sumy partners, we conceived the idea of LICC doing an Economic Development workshop in Sumy as a follow-up to the work we had begun in Louisville, and we decided to make the program available to past participants and other interested parties. The U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (BECA) responded well to this "bottom up" initiative and agreed that such a program could be very valuable.

In August 2004, we met in Kiev with Ben Jones, the Executive Director of LICC. We were pleased to see the changes in Kiev since our 1998 visit. The route we took from the airport had numerous freshly painted government buildings, rehabilitated housing blocks, and new residential housing.

In Sumy, our Economic Development workshop audience consisted of past Community Connections participants, Peace Corps Volunteers working with Ukrainian NGOs, small business people and university professors. Some groups spent 14 hours on the train to get to Sumy for the workshop, which focused on presentation and discussion of the best practices in economic development as identified in a recent book released by the

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Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

In a U.S. State Department internet training laboratory in the Sumy State University (SSU) Scientific Library building we held a chat session on the Internet Access and Training Program (IATP) (www.iatp.org.ua) website. For two hours the three of us discussed economic development with government officials and NGO managers at 30 other IAPT sites located throughout Ukraine.

After returning to Kiev we held discussions with U.S. embassy officials about our trip. They expressed a wish to send a group of Ukrainian mayors to the Louis-

ville area next spring to discuss economic development.

Since our return to the U.S. we have started several different programs with our Ukrainian friends. LICC's Global Education Network has paired students from local high schools with high school students in Ukraine as email "pen pals." Jim St. Clair (Associate Professor, Journalism, IUS) and his students are assisting students at SSU in starting a student newspaper in Sumy. We are working with a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching photography in an orphanage in Sumy to arrange a showing of their photographs on our campus. Additionally, we sent them information about the March 2005 meeting of the Soyuz Symposium hosted by IU to SSU faculty in hopes that one or more might submit papers for presentation.

The State Department calls the programs we work with "Citizens Diplomacy," and we like to think of ourselves as two of IU's ambassadors to the world. We have learned much in our travels and interactions with people of other cultures; the experiences have added another dimension to our lives. We try to create similar opportunities for students, faculty and community members to experience other cultures.

Jerry Wheat is a professor of Business Administration in the School of Business at IU Southeast. Brenda Swartz is Director of the Regional Economic Development Resource Center at the University of Louisville and an adjunct lecturer in the School of Business at IU Southeast.

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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.

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Welcome to Visiting Faculty

Gene Coyle joins IU as the CIA Officer in Residence. Coyle is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and has affiliations with both the

West European Studies Center and the Russian and East European Institute. He will



Coyle

be visiting IU for the 2004-2005/2005-2006 AYs and teaching courses in SPEA and West European Studies. This semester he is teaching Major Events of International Espionage, and The American Intelligence Community. Coyle earned his MA in East European History and his BA

in American History and Political Science at Indiana University. He also spent time as an exchange scholar at the Stiftung Europa Kolleg in Hamburg, Germany. He has published in the CIA journal *Studies in Intelligence* and taught International Relations courses in Kyrgyzstan.

Grzegorz Jankowicz is the visiting Polish language and literature



Jankowicz

instructor for 2004-2005. He is a PhD candidate at the Institute of Polish Philology at Jagiellonian University in Krakow.

His academic work focuses on "The Ekphrastic Tradition in

Twentieth-Century Polish Poetry." He will conduct three courses: intermediate and advanced Polish language, and Survey of Polish Literature and Culture.

Vlatka Stimac is the visiting in-

structor for intermediate and advanced Croatian and Serbian during the 2004-2005 academic year. She is



Stimac

currently a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Zagreb. Her academic focuses include lexicology, semantics, and terminology. She is writing her dissertation on the terminology of fashion and clothing in Croatian from 1918 to 1941.

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Catherine Drew graduated in May with a BA in Political Science and French and Italian Languages.

Daniel Drugge graduated in August with a BA in Political Science and History.

Deena Fogle graduated in May with a BA in Linguistics and French and Italian Languages.

Megan Freyer graduated in May with a BA in History.

Sean Hillier graduated in August with a BA in History.

Stacy Janovski graduated in May with a BA in Classical Studies.

Ivey Kitchens graduated in May with a

BA in History and Classical Studies.

Eric Lewis graduated in August with a BA in Journalism and History.

George Bernard McGuan graduated in May with a BA in History.

Whitney Mills graduated in August with a BA in Psychology.

Tom Nicholson graduated in August with a BA in Political Science.

Tanya Obetkovski graduated in May with a BA in Economics.

Kelly Pedigo graduated in May with a BA in History.

Emily Rich graduated in May with a BA in Political Science and History.

David Rodich graduated in May with a BA in History.

Natasha Ruser graduated in May with

a BA in Slavic Languages and Literatures

Michelle Stevens graduated in May with a BA in Political Science.

Joshua Strange graduated in May with a BA in Criminal Justice.

Orrin Tabachnik graduated in May with a BA in History.

Tracy Tapscott graduated in May with a BA in History.

Timothy Usowski graduated in May with a BA in History.

Nathan Veith graduated in August with a BA in Political Science and History.

Anthony Wells graduated in August with a BA in History.

Martin Woll graduated in August with a BA in Political Science.

Welcome to New MA Students

Joshua Bloom is originally from New Jersey and graduated from Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania) in 2000 with a BA in English and a minor in Philosophy. After college, he served two years in the Peace Corps in the Russian Far East, teaching English as a

second language. He later worked in Washington, DC, as a paralegal at a civil rights law firm and also taught English at an international college. He is currently pursuing an MA in Rus-



New and returning students, staff, and visiting scholars enjoy the annual REEI Fall Picnic

sian area studies. In the future, he hopes to pursue an academic career, possibly via a PhD in Slavic Languages and Literatures.

Andrew Burton received his bachelor's degree in Music Theory from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music in June, 2004. During his undergraduate work, Andrew took a two-year break from his studies to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hungary. He is studying post-communist political and social trends in Eastern Europe. Andrew and his wife, Amanda, are both originally from Louisiana.

Meagan Call is currently pursuing

a dual MPA/MA degree. At SPEA her concentration will be policy analysis, and her REEI concentration is Romanian studies. Meagan moved to Indiana from Utah where she earned a BA in Marketing and French at Utah State University. She developed an interest in Ro-

mania while performing missionary work there for eighteen months. She is fluent in Romanian and seeks to deepen her understanding

of Romanian culture and history here at REEI. Meagan has lived all over the United States and the world, including four years in Cairo, Egypt.

Dawn Childress is originally from Austin, Texas. She received a BA in Philosophy and German from Washington University in St. Louis. She later attended university in Tübingen, Germany, and taught English at the German-American Institute in Tübingen. She is currently pursuing a dual MLS/MA. Her areas of concentration at REEI are the Czech Republic and Hungary.

Nicole Degli Esposti, originally from Oregon, received her BA

in Comparative Literature and French in 2001 from the University of Southern California. She has worked as a research assistant at the University of Oregon's English department and in Romania as an English editor. Most recently, she was editor of an international children's magazine and an English teacher to Korean children. Currently, she is in the REEI/ SPEA dual-degree program. She is interested in the role of young people in Romania/Southeastern Europe, education issues, and the creation of goodwill between this region and the USA.

Richard Fitzmaurice graduated in 2000 from McGill University with a Joint Honors degree in Philosophy and English Literature. He then served in the Peace Corps in Turkmenistan, where he taught English at a school in Turkmenbashy. In 2002-03, Richard studied International Relations at Kazan State University in Russia on IREX's Young Leadership Fellows program. Last year, he worked for ACTR/ACCELS in Kyrgyzstan, where he recruited students for the FLEX exchange program. This past summer, he helped direct the first P4L YES summer orientation camp for students from Afghanistan. At Indiana, Richard plans to pursue a dual MA/MPA degree with REEI and SPEA, and he is interested in studying politics and development issues in Russia and Central Asia. Upon graduation he

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hopes to find work in the region with the US government or NGOs.

Sarah Fogleman grew up in Minnesota, and attended college at Hamline University in St. Paul. She studied Russian language and literature there, spending one academic year in St. Petersburg, Russia. From 1998-2000 she taught English as a Peace Corps volunteer in a small town in Latvia. She later moved to New York to work at the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc., an organization that negotiates for and distributes monetary compensation to Jewish Holocaust survivors. She is interested in looking at rural communities in the FSU, specifically the Baltic states, and how the daily lives of rural dwellers are changing in the face of admission to the EU.

Jennifer Hylton is from Joplin, Missouri and received her BA from Saint Louis University in Urban Affairs and Economics. She is a dual SPEA/REEI degree student but has already completed her two years at SPEA. She is studying Romanian and is very interested in economic and democratic development in Eastern Europe. She is also interested in EU enlargement and its implications for Eastern Europe. She hopes to eventually work with the government or with a think tank, analyzing developments in the region.

Denise Mishiwiec is originally from New Haven, Connecticut, and received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College where she studied comparative literature (Russian and American), specifically socialist realist literature. After college, she worked for the American Civil Liberties Union, dealing with issues of

technology and privacy. Denise was an English-language teacher for three years in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Russia. She is currently pursuing an MA and MPA with REEI and SPEA. She plans to focus on social problems and solutions in Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Asia with the aim of working in the non-profit or non-governmental field in these regions.

Kristin Mixell, a dual degree REEI/SPEA student, is originally from Daytona Beach, FL, and received a BA in communications (advertising) from Florida State University. She studied language in St. Petersburg and worked in Moscow for an advertising agency as an intern. Her research interests include environmental policy and outcomes in market/transition economies. She plans on pursuing her PhD in the future.

Welcome to New Faculty

Aaron Beaver joins the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures this year. Beaver, who received his undergraduate degree from IU, returns to Bloomington from the University of Chicago, where he earned his PhD in 2003. His dissertation was entitled "Time in the Lyric Poetry of Joseph Brodsky." While his major interest is Russian literature, he has also studied Czech literature. Beaver was a lecturer at the University of Chicago during his PhD studies, teaching the

course Russian Through Pushkin to beginning Russian students.



Beaver

He will bring greater depth to an already diverse Slavic Depart-

ment. This semester he is teaching second-year Russian and 20th Century Russian Literature. He is currently writing an article on Pushkin and is working on publishing his dissertation as a book.

William Pridemore, a new member of IU's Department of Criminal Justice and affiliate faculty member of REEI, is featured in our Faculty Profile on page 4.

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 8. The annual gathering honors the memory of former professor of

Slavic languages and literatures, D a n i e l Armstrong (1942 - 1979).

David Ransel began the awards cer-



Ransel presents Curtis with award

emony by recognizing our two new faculty members and three visiting professors. He also introduced the members of the Armstrong family. some of whom traveled from Missouri to enjoy the reception and recognize the winners. Ransel then made the formal presentation of 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. Papers are read and considered over the summer by a faculty commit-

This year's first place award at the graduate level went to **Jennifer Maceyko**, who completed her studies in May with an MA degree from REEI. Her paper, "Political and Cultural Mobilization Among Ethnic Minorities in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Russians, Poles, and Hungarians," was written for

Professor Ransel's Interdisciplinary Colloquium in Russian and East European Studies as her MA thesis. The paper addresses the degree to which these three groups participate in ethnic orga-

nizations in present-day Ukraine and what factors influence the importance that ethnic identity has in their daily lives. Maceyko's thesis advisory committee included Toivo Raun.

Charles Wise, and Sarah Phillips.

Matthew Curtis received the second place graduate level award for his paper, "Small Nations, Tall Tales: Three Balkan Epics and National Identity in Slovenia, Serbia, and Albania." The paper, written for Mihály Szegedy-Maszák's Romanticism and Nationalism course, examines epics from these three nations and discusses their significance to their respective nation's identity.

Siobhan Reardon received the undergraduate award for her paper, "'Fascism Under the Blue Star': Constructions of the Holocaust under Khrushchev and Brezhnev," was written for Mark Roseman's History of the Holocaust course. The paper analyzes a variety of Soviet Russian and Ukrainian sources from the 1960s and 1970s and discussed the way in which the Holocaust was portrayed in these sources.

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Matthew Atkins (MA REEI 2004) is currently serving as a U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer (Treaty Enforcement) in Darmstadt, Germany.

Josh Abrams (MA REEI/ MPA SPEA 2001) is pleased to announce that his MA thesis from December of 2001 ("NGOs, Civil Society, and the Disappearance of Environmental Activism in the Former Soviet Union") has since been rewritten and included as a chapter in Matt Auer's recent volume Restoring Cursed Earth: Appraising Environmental Policy Reforms in Eastern Europe and Russia (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2004). He is currently working for IREX on a USAID Civil Society Strengthening Initiative (CSSI) in Tajikistan.

Eric Boyle (MA REEI/MPA SPEA 1999) accepted a position as Regional Director at the Eurasia Foundation, based in Kiev, Ukraine. He will oversee Eurasia's programs in Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus. The Eurasia Foundation is a privately managed grant-making and operating organization dedicated to funding programs that build democratic and free market institutions in the NIS.

Mariana Cotromanes (BA Political Science and Communications and Culture/REEI minor 2004) has accepted a position as

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a project assistant at Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney, and Priess law firm in Chicago.

Daniel Drugge (BA Political Science and History/REEI minor 2004) has recently started a graduate program in political theory at London School of Economics.

Alex Dunlop (MA REEI/MPA SPEA 2004) is working with The Services Group, an economic consulting firm in Arlington, Virginia.

William Eastwood (MA REEI 2003) married Jennifer Lynne Van Dusen on August 14th in Springfield, IL.

David Fisher (PhD History 2003) has accepted a two-year position as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University. He is currently teaching a survey course on Tsarist Russia and Western Civilization and in the spring he will teach a course on Revolutionary Russia, Western Civilization, and a senior research seminar titled "Exhibiting Culture and History."

Deena Fogle (BA French and Italian Languages and Linguistics/ REEI minor 2004) is starting a PhD program in linguistics at McGill University in Montreal.

Kenneth Guy (REEI MA 2001) was recently selected to work with PAE Government Services at the US Embassy in Moscow in the Consular Section of the embassy.

Hilarie Morozova Hutcheson (BA Slavics/REEI minor 2002) and her husband are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Daelan Alexander Morozov on April 20, 2004.

Stacy Jovanoski (BA Classics/ REEI minor 2004) is pursuing a MA in Eastern European history from the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies (SSEES) at University College London.

Matthew Kelly (MA REEI 2004) is working as Financial Manager at Slavica Publishers, Indiana University.

David Korfhage (MA REEI 1993) received his PhD in Politics (Political Science) from Princeton University in 2000. He currently teaches high school history at the Pingry School, an independent college-prep day school, in Martinsville, NJ.

Whitney Mills (BA Psychology/REEI minor 2004) is attending the University of South Florida in the PhD program for the School of Aging Studies.

Jennifer Maceyko (MA 2004) is working as Technical Editor at Slavica Publishers, Indiana University. She directs the preparation, copyediting, and pre-production layout for journal and book projects.

Kelly Moore (MA REEI 1994) recently served on the staff of the 9/11 Commission where she co-authored 9/11 and Terrorist Travel (Providence Pub-

lishing, 2004). She is currently working as a national security consultant in Washington, DC.

Thomas Nicholson (BA Political Science/REEI minor 2004) accepted a position in Moscow as Project Manager with Language Link, a London-based training and educational firm. His responsibilities include working on web-based services, performing translation, and working in the student welfare administration.

Emily Ray (MA REEI/MLS SLIS 2004) is working as a reference librarian at Florida International University.

Emily Rich (BA History and Political Science/REEI minor 2004) is attending law school at IU and plans to concentrate on international and human rights with a focus on Russia and Eastern Europe.

Michelle Stevens (BA Political Science/REEI minor 2004) is currently working as a field organizer on the Kernan-Davis gubernatorial campaign in Indiana in Laporte and Porter counties.

Naomi Wachs (MA REEI/MPA SPEA 2004) is currently working as a U.S. Coordinator for School Connectivity Programs in Armenia through Project Harmony.

Nathaniel Wood (PhD History 2004) accepted a two-year post-doctoral teaching and research fellowship at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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Matthew R. Auer (SPEA) edited Restoring Cursed Earth: Appraising Environmental Policy Reforms in Central and Eastern Europe and Russia (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004). The book includes a co-authored chapter by Joshua Abrams (MA REEI 2001).

Malcolm H. Brown (Musicology) has edited and contributed three articles to the anthology *A Shostakovich Casebook*, published in spring 2004 by IU Press. The book is part of his continuing series, *Russian Music Studies* (Indiana University Press 2004), of which he is founding editor. In August at this year's Bard Music Festival themed "Shostakovich and His World" he was a speaker on a panel titled "Contested Accounts: The Composer's Life and Career."

Henry Cooper (Slavics) is publishing three book reviews, one in Slavic Review, one in SEEJ, and one in Slovene Studies. He made a presentation in May to the faculty and students of the Slavic Department of the University of Padua in Italy titled "From Glagolitic to Gundulic With Protestants In between: The Earliest Writings of the Slovenes and Croats." He is preparing an anthology of Bulgarian literature in English translation as well as continuing his work on a survey of Slavic, Hungarian, and Romanian vernacular Bible translations. This past year he chaired the President's Committee on International Programs (PCIP) Enhancement Grant Committee and the Society for Slovene Studies' Slovene Study Center Committee.

Andrew Durkin (Slavics) participated in the 2004 Summer Symposium organized by the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University (Sapporo, Japan), July 14-16. The general theme of the Symposium was "Siberia and the Russian Far East in the 21st Century as Partners in the 'Asian Community." As a member of a panel on "Chekhov, Sakhalin, Japan," he presented a paper on "Transgression and Sakhalin: Dostoevskian Subtext in Chekhov's 'Murder.'" Papers from the Symposium will be published in the SRC's series of Symposium proceedings.

Henry Hale (Political Science) has recently published several articles, including "The Origins of United Russia and the Putin Presidency: The Role of Contingency in Party-System Development" in Demokratizatsiva: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization 12, no. 2 (Spring 2004): 169-94; "Divided We Stand: Institutional Sources of Ethnofederal State Survival and Collapse" in World Politics 56, no. 2 (January 2004): 165-93; and "Russia's Presidential Election and the Fate of Democracy: Taking the Cake" in AAASS NewsNet, Newsletter of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 4, no. 3 (May 2004): 1-6. He also

has had Russian versions of two older pieces published in Russia.

Mark T. Hooker (REEI) made two presentations this summer at MythCon XXXV (July 30 - August 2). His participation was made possible by a generous grant from the Mythopoeic Society. His first presentation was an examination of the eleven Russian translations of a short story by J.R.R. Tolkien, "Leaf by Niggle." His second was on the place names in Tolkien's Shire. The week before MythCon, Mr. Hooker was in Leiden, the Netherlands, giving a presentation on his recent book Tolkien Through Russian Eyes. Hooker also published an article in the July 2004 issue of Translation Journal, in which he reviews a thesis written on the two Chinese translations of The Lord of the Rings.

Michael Parrish (SPEA) published Sacrifice of the Generals: Soviet Senior Officer Losses, 1939-1953 (Rowan and Littlefield, 2004). The study was supported by a grant from the Indiana University Office of Research and University Graduate School. His future projects include A Slight Touch of Tiflis, A Medical Biography of Josef Stalin and You Can't Make a Silk Purse out of Tsar's Ears, Russia Since Glasnost.

Nina Perlina (Slavics) attended the XII Symposium of the International Dostoevsky

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Society (Sept.1-6, 2004) in Geneva, Switzerland, where she delivered a paper titled "Vasily Rosanov's 'I' Created in the Image of Dostoevsky and Dostoevsky's Heroes Viewed by this Imagined Alter Ego of the Author."

Sarah Phillips (Anthropology) received a NEH Collaborative Humanities Research Fellowship to conduct a research project in Ukraine titled "Disability Politics in Soviet and Post-Soviet Ukraine: Changing Trajectories of Difference, Empowerment, and Citizenship". She published "Waxing Like the Moon: Women Folk Healers in Rural Western Ukraine" in Folklorica 9, no.1 (2004): 13-45. Her ethnographic video "Shapes in the Wax: Tradition and Faith among Folk Medicine Practitioners in Rural Ukraine," produced with Tim Miller, was screened at the 9th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities in New York (April 15-17.) She also presented her paper titled "Accounting for Poverty, Accounting for Selves: Narratives of Loss and Social Worth among Women in Ukraine," at the inaugural conference of the Association for Women in Slavic Studies in Champaign-Urbana, IL, (June 24-25.)

Janet Rabinowitch (Indiana University Press) was appointed Director of Indiana University Press. She has served in many capacities for IU Press in the past, including senior sponsoring editor, editorial director, and interim director, and becomes the fourth director and first woman to head the organization. During her time at IU she has become one of the most distinguished editors in the field of Russian and Eastern European studies and won the IU Russian and East European Institute's Distinguished Service Award in 1997. In 2000 she was honored with the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association for Women in Slavic Studies

David Ransel (REEI) is serving this year as president of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. He delivered a paper titled "Russian Merchants: Citizenship and Identity," at the conference of the Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia in Wittenberg, Germany, in July. A forum on Ransel's book Village Mothers: Three Generations of Change in Russia and Tataria (IU Press, 2000), with comments by four Russian and one American scholar and a response by Ransel, appears in Russian in the November issue of Adam & Eve, no. 8, the yearbook of the Center of Gender Research of the Russian Academy of Sciences. His article "The Diary of a Merchant: Insights into Eighteenth-Century Life," Plebeian appeared this month in Russian Re-(October, view. vol. 63 2004), 594-608, in a forum on "Diaries and Intimate Archives."

Robert Rohrschneider (Political Science; West European Studies) has been awarded a research fellowship from the German Marshall Fund to conduct research during 2004-05 on Party Competition over European Integration in thirteen East-Central European Nations.

Anya Peterson Royce (Anthropology) has published a new book titled *Anthropology of the Performing Arts: Artistry, Virtuosity, and Interpretation in a Cross-Cultural Context* (AltaMira Press, 2004).

Marci Shore (History) is currently on leave in Vienna, Austria, at the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen. She is conducting research for her second project, which is about linguistic theory, "cosmopolitanism," and influences from both East and West among the East European avant-garde movements of the 1910s and 1920s. Her manuscript "Caviar and Ashes: A Warsaw Generation's Life and Death in Marxism, 1918-1968" was recently accepted for publication by Yale University Press.

Dina R. Spechler (Political Science) and Martin Spechler have written "Conflict and Cooperation in Central Asia," which will be published by Ashgate in a volume edited by Ariel Cohen, Security in Central Asia since 9/11. At the 2004 Mini-University Dina and Martin presented an article entitled "Middle East Update: Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism." She also

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presented her paper on Putin's foreign policy at IMEMO, Moscow, in June.

Martin Spechler (Economics, IUPUI) presented his paper, "Gradual Economic Reform in Uzbekistan: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back," at the NATO Advanced Research Workshop in Leiden, the Netherlands, on September 9. Spechler was the sole American representative at this international conference. His article, "Central Asia on the Edge of Globalization," was published in *CHALLENGE* (July-Aug 2004.)

Bronislava Volkova (Slavics) has recently returned from a poetry reading tour in the Czech and Slovak Republics. She read her poetry in the Czech and Slovak PEN Club, as well as bilingually at the World Congress of Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in June, where she also chaired the Creative Writing panel. Apart from these readings, she also presented a paper at the World Congress on the panel on Women's Issues. She contributed collages to the Bellevue exhibition Visual Jam and read her poetry on Sept. 10 in a program on World Peace in Bloomington. Two interviews with her were published in the Newsletter of the SVU Congress in Olomouc. She was also awarded a grant by the Indiana Arts Commission for her next book of poetry.

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Martin Blackwell (History) was awarded a Summer Dissertation Fellowship from the University Graduate School, in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences.

Matthew Curtis (REEI) and his wife Barbie are proud to announce the arrival of their third child, Matthew Alexander, on August 13, 2004.

Philip Hart (REEI) was married on May 21st in Sarasota, FL, to Lisa Pergament.

Thomas Howard (History) studied Ukrainian at Ivan Franko University in L'viv during the summer.

Jonathan Hudgens (REEI/SPEA) completed a summer internship with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in Washington, D.C., working in the Central and East European section.

Aron Liptak (REEI/SPEA) served as a State Department Intern in the Public Affairs Sec-

Charles Wise (SPEA), who also serves as Director of the Parliamentary Development Project for Ukraine, traveled to Kiev in June to plan activities for the Parliament, which reconvenes in September. He recently published with Trevor Brown "Constitutional Courts and Legislative-Executive Relations: The Case of Ukraine"

tion of the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia, this summer.

Matt Loveless (PhD candidate Political Science) accepted a one-year research position at Mannheim University, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung.

Casey Sieler (REEI/SPEA) recently completed a nine-month internship with REAP International (Rural Adaptation Enterprise Programs) in the Republic of Buryatia, Russia. Her project focused on helping students at rural schools start businesses to fund community activity centers. Her responsibilities included organizing and running workshops and seminars, writing grants, and helping create and implement business plans.

Angela White (PhD candidate, History) has been selected for a College Dissertation Year Research Fellowship for research on "Jewish Lives in the Polish Language: The Polish-Jewish Press, 1918-1939."

in Political Science Quarterly 119, no. 1 (Spring 2004.) He also published "Property Rights, Regulatory Takings, and Environmental Policy" in Robert Durant, Rosemary O'Leary, and Daniel Fiorino, eds. Environmental Governance Reconsidered: Challenges, Choices, and Opportunities (MIT Press, 2004): 89-321.

IU Participants in the AAASS Conference

The 36th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, December 4-7, 2004.

Presidential Address

David Ransel (REEI/History): "Portraiture and Merchant Corporate Consciousness in Imperial Russia"

Faculty Papers

Aurelian Craiutu (Political Science): "Romanian Intellectuals: Between Personalities and Institutions"

Ben Eklof (History): "Whose Empire Was It Anyway?: Russians and Their Textbooks"

Henry Hale (Political Science): "Federalism and Russia's Party System"

Jeffrey Holdeman (Slavics): "History of the Erie Russian Old Believers: Isolation, Migration, Coexistence"

Bogdan Rakic (Slavics – SWSEEL): "The Humanist as Cannibal: Borislav Pekic's 'How to Quiet a Vampire'"

Alexander Rabinowitch (Emeritus, History): "The Petrograd Bolsheviks in 1918"

Student Papers

Martin Blackwell (History): "New Research on the Jewish Experience in Kyiv: Ukraine after the Return of Soviet Power, 1943-1946"

Jill Massino (History): "Domestic Violence in Post-Communist Romania: Popular Perceptions and Responses"

Dana M. Ohren (History): "Who Serves the Tsar? Conscription, Liability, and Legal Status in the Asian Borderlands, 1874-1905"

Panel Chairs

Maria Bucur (History): Healing, Health, and Gender: Strategies and Struggles to Restore Well-Being after Socialism

Henry Cooper (Slavics): South Slavic Literature and Ideology

Henry Hale (Political Science): Russia's 2003-2004 Votes and Theories of Electoral Politics

Hirokai Kuromiya (History): Making Sense of Soviet Politics: Interpretations from Below

Jeffrey Veidlinger (History): Jewish Music in Eastern Europe; and The "Jewish Question" in Russian Thought and Literature in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Panel Discussants

Ben Eklof (History): Rewriting of the National and Common Past: The Teaching of History in Post-Soviet States

Bernd J. Fischer (History – Ft. Wayne): Perspectives on the 1924 Albanian Revolution

Charles Halperin (REEI): Property in Pre-Petrine Russia: Revisiting the Issue of Ownership

Daniel Pennell (History): Integrating the Internet: How Librarians Are Going Online for Instruction, Information Literacy, and Collection Development

David Ransel (REEI/History): Love in the Archives: Reconstructing Private Life in Late Imperial-Early Soviet History **Jean Robinson** (Political Science): States, Women's NGO's, and Domestic Violence in Central and Eastern Europe

Roundtable Participants

Jack Bielasiak (Political Science): Pedagogy of the Extreme: Teaching Courses on Stalinism and Nazism

Martin Blackwell (History): Battleground versus Hinterland: Local Experiences of Soviet Post-War Reconstruction

Aurelian Craiutu (Political Science): The 2004 Romanian Elections

Denise Gardiner (REEI): Title VI Programs: Challenges and Future Directions for Eurasian and East European Studies

Halina Goldberg (Musicology): Sounds as Identity Symbols: The Potential for a "Musical Turn" in the Study of Modern Eastern Europe

Jeffrey Holdeman (Slavics): Syllabus Design across the Disciplines: Goals and Strategies

Lynn M. Hooker (CEUS): Sounds as Identity Symbols: The Potential for a "Musical Turn" in the Study of Modern Eastern Europe

Owen Johnson (Journalism/History): At Long Last...What? Slovakia in the European Union

Robert Kravchuk (SPEA): Ukraine's 2004 Elections: Preliminary Assessments

Jill Massino (History): Contestations, Co-optations, and Connotations: Gender(ed) Conversations in the Post-Communist World

David Ransel (REEI/History): Public Relations: How Should the Scholarly and Political Communities Relate to Each Other?

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