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Greetings from REEI's beautifully appointed digs in the brand new Global and International Studies Building! As you will read in this issue of *REEIfication*, our relocation to the new building (more detail on p. 6) is just one of many exciting events and transitions for REEI and our affiliated students, faculty, and staff this fall. In August, we welcomed an enthusiastic incoming class of five new REEI MA students (see pp. 13-14), as well as seven new REEI-affiliated faculty members (p. 2 and pp. 3-4), and two visiting scholars from Russia (p. 13). Mid-September found us celebrating Ukrainian

Independence Day (which is actually August 24) at a picnic complete with borshch, shashlik, Ukrainian music, and a raffle and silent auction of Ukrainian goods and souvenirs. Romanian-born Angela Gheorghiu, considered by some to be the greatest operatic soprano of her generation, gave two rousing performances at the IU Auditorium in September. Ukrainian-themed events continued in September with a screening at IU Cinema of *Such Beautiful People* by filmmaker Dmytro Moyseyev, part of the New Ukrainian Cinema Series organized by REEI (Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy's controversial *The Tribe* will screen on December 8). Our Russian-language colloquium (О России по-русски/On Russia in Russian) continues to thrive as visiting scholar Anna Sanina, of National Research University Higher School of Economics in Saint Petersburg, presented her research on contemporary Russian patriotism in September, followed by visiting scholar Karina Simonova, of Southern Federal University (Rostov-on-Don, Russia), who spoke on Russian folk heroes in painting in October. At the invitation of history professor Hiroaki Kuromiya, journalist and Carnegie Fellow Kateryna Iakovlenko, of Fond Izolyatsia (a Donetsk foundation currently in exile in Kyiv), visited IU in mid-October to give an informative talk on the "Imaginarium of the Donbas," speak at classes in Sociology and Slavic, and conduct her research on visual culture.

Our affiliated faculty and students have been very busy, as evidenced by the impressive array of accomplishments described in Faculty/Staff and Continuing Student News (pp. 7-8). REEI's associated faculty have been recognized with prestigious awards, most notably Alex Rabinowitch, Professor Emeritus



Revelers at the Ukrainian Independence Day picnic

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IU Awards for REEI Alumni

1994 Irene Meister
 College Distinguished Alumni
 1998 Stephen Cohen
 College Distinguished Alumni
 1999 James F. Collins
 Honorary Doctorate
 2004 Richard Miles
 Distinguished Alumni Service

REEI Awards

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

1988 Alexander Rabinowitch
 1988 Charles Gati
 1995 Gale Stokes
 1995 Helena Goscilo
 2002 Howard I. Aronson
 2002 William Hopkins
 2009 Donald Raleigh
 2011 Stephen F. Cohen
 2013 Victor Jackovich

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1988 Theofanis Stavrou
 1988 Robert F. Byrnes
 1989 Karen Niggle
 1996 Robert W. Campbell
 1997 Charles Jelavich
 1997 Janet Rabinowitch
 2000 William B. Edgerton
 2007 Denise Gardiner
 2009 David L. Ransel
 2010 Jerzy Kolodziej
 2012 Henry Cooper
 2015 Anna Sharogradskaya

REEI Fall Reception

by Emily Liverman

On September 2, faculty, staff, international scholars, students, and members of the greater REEI community gathered over beverages and Eastern European snacks at the annual REEI Fall Reception in the Presidents' Room at the IMU. Co-sponsors Slavic Publishers and IU Press displayed recent publications on Russia and Eastern Europe, and REEI Director Sarah Phillips presided over a short program to recognize academic honors, welcome visiting scholars, and introduce new REEI faculty.

The Armstrong family, including Anne Armstrong, her daughter Nancy, and Nancy's three children, were on hand as Phillips presented the Daniel Armstrong Memorial Research Paper Awards for 2014-15 and introduced recipients of the Daniel Armstrong Memorial Scholarship. These awards honor the memory of Anne's husband, Daniel Armstrong (1942-1972), a beloved IU Slavic Department alumnus, scholar, teacher, and administrator. Winners of the Daniel Armstrong Memorial Research Paper Award include, in the Master's Thesis Essay Division, Hanna Kay (MA/MBA, REEI, 2015) for her MA Essay "Revolutionary Road: Georgia's Difficult Path from Independence to a Functioning Market Economy"; in the Graduate Division, Geoff Durham, an MA student in REEI, for his paper "Schrodinger's Peasants: Social Transformation in Rural Russia, 1861-1914"; and, in the Undergraduate Division, recently graduated Tyler Bonnet, an International Studies major, for his paper "The Road to NATO-Russian Missile Defense Cooperation." This year's Daniel Armstrong Memorial Scholarships were awarded to incoming freshmen Clara Fridman and William Komos. Continuing recipients are Louisa Steup and Benjamin Turney.

Phillips also recognized the Robert F. Byrnes Memorial Fellowship recipients. This fellowship carries two years of support and honors the legacy of Robert F. Byrnes, founder and former director of REEI. This year's incoming Byrnes fellow is Kayleigh Fischietto, a dual degree student with REEI and Library Science, while Zackary Suhr is the continuing Byrnes fellow for 2015-16. In addition, Geoff Durham was honored a second time as this year's continuing Robert C. Tucker and Stephen F. Cohen fellow. After presenting REEI's senior staff and the graduate assistants (see side bar on this page for names), Phillips introduced new REEI affiliated faculty, including Marina Antić (Lecturer, Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures), László Borhi (Associate Professor, Central Eurasian Studies), Damir Cavar (Associate Research Scientist, Linguistics), Malgorzata Cavar (Assistant Professor, Linguistics), Csongor Nagy (Visiting Professor, Central Eurasian Studies), Justin Otten (Adjunct Lecturer, Russian and East European Institute) and Lukasz Sicinski (Lecturer, Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures). Phillips also introduced visiting scholars Anna Sanina (Higher School of Economics in Saint Petersburg) and Karina Simonova (Southern Federal University in Rostov-on-Don).

As a bonus, at this year's reception REEI celebrated Associate Director Mark Trotter's 60th birthday with song and cake!

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Grad students Bryan Holyfield (REEI), Elizabeth Metelak (History), Lina Meilus (REEI), and Geoff Durham (REEI) at the REEI Fall Reception.

Faculty Profile: Marina Antić

by Amanda Lawnicki



Marina Antić

REEI welcomes to IU Bloomington Marina Antić, newly appointed lecturer in the Department of Slavic and Eastern European Languages and Cultures. Born and raised in Sarajevo, Dr. Antić immigrated to the United States with her family in 1995. After receiving a BA with honors in English and Philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Antić embarked upon graduate study at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where she completed an MA in Comparative Literature and a PhD in Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies. She is the author of numerous chapters, articles, and reviews that have appeared in a broad array of scholarly volumes and journals. Dr. Antić's research focuses on postcolonial approaches to the literatures and cultures of the former Yugoslavia. In her first semester at IU, she is teaching the Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian language as well as a survey of Balkan and South Slavic cultures. Dr. Antić recently carved out some time in her busy schedule to share her views on contemporary Bosnia and Bosnian culture, and her plans for the future at IU.

AL: I was just in Bosnia over the summer, working with an NGO. Despite the current focus on peacebuilding and reconciliation in Bosnia, I encountered a great deal of cynicism. To what extent is that cynicism reflected in film and literature?

MA: There have been two waves in recent Yugoslav literature and film. The first falls in the 1990s – so during and immediately after the war – when many creative artists were dealing with the violent end of Yugoslavia and what followed. You can sort of call it a post-Dayton literature and film in which there is a lot of focus on the war. A very good book from that period would be, well, pretty much anything by Nenad Veličković, but also there are authors from the diaspora, like Saša Stanišić with his *How the Soldier Repairs the Gramophone*, an international hit that won a ton of awards, and Vladimir Arsenijević, author of *In the Hold*.

So first there were books and films that dealt directly with the war, and then after a while you have this second wave. It's almost like we've exorcised the wartime period, like we've talked about it, it's been sorted out, and now I see literature moving away from that and into different areas. Another person that's very good and not very well known in the West is Ferida Duraković, a poet from Bosnia. So this second wave is now dealing with matters beyond the war.

But the general situation in Bosnia is rather complicated. Because of the nature of the post-war state, it's very much a sort of war conflict frozen in time. The constitution is also the peace agreement, and peace agreements tend to be very practical in terms of "this is where we're going to draw the line," but aren't practical about much else. So I think the culture is moving into other areas, but of course the war is still going to be a huge part of what people produce in the future.

AL: To go more in the political direction – what do you see happening in Bosnia right now? You said it's frozen, but do you see things getting worse, or do you see things getting better, even if it's only a question of small steps?

MA: Well, my attitude really changed last year. In 2014 something amazing happened in Bosnia – a series of protests across the country, though somewhat smaller and less pronounced in Republika Srpska for various reasons. But the protests (in February 2014) were really the first time that the Bosnian citizens organized at the grassroots level and attempted to take matters into their own hands. The protests were tempered by the catastrophic flooding of May 2014, but I think something has fundamentally changed in Bosnia since then, in the sense that Bosnians have proved to themselves that they can unite. Rather than addressing the nationalist conflict they were simply bypassing it, putting it aside, as if for a moment, to consider the absolute misery they have been living in for the past 20 years. But in many ways, the politics in the general sense of the term are getting worse. The nationalist divisions are not any better; in fact they've become entrenched. They're structural because of the nature of the constitution, but now it's become a way of life, which is rather unfortunate. But I also see, for the first time, social movements (not just in Bosnia) that are seeking to do something else. After all, it's been 20 years of doing the same thing, and nothing's worked. What was really fascinating about those protests in Bosnia in 2014 is that there was a resonance across the former Yugoslavia. You had the police officers' union from Belgrade sending letters of support, you had protesters in Macedonia chanting "Bosnia! Bosnia!" during their protests against their government, and the same thing happened in Slovenia. I think it resonated with a lot of people in the former Yugoslavia because Bosnia is sort of a permanent

reminder of the absolute misery of the Yugoslav wars. In any case I think things are better. I was there last year during the flood and shortly thereafter, and I get the feeling, even today, that everybody is waiting for the other shoe to drop. And whether that's this year or next year or five years down the line it's not clear, but it's a rather tough situation.

AL: That's interesting because I was in Bosnia in spring 2013, kind of right before all of those protests. I talked to someone who told me "Oh yeah, Bosnians don't protest" and then a few months later...



Protesters in Zencina, Bosnia February 2014

MA: Of course, and then they go and burn down buildings, and it's a huge deal right? They have a lot to learn because 30 years is an entire generation, so this is basically a new generation of protests. This is the first time that it's really happened and I think it did change things. These kinds of things don't get better overnight; it took 20 years to get to be this bad, so...

AL: In regards to current events, the migrant or refugee crisis, there's a lot in the news about Macedonia, Serbia, and Hungary but seemingly nothing about Bosnia. Is that because people aren't going through Bosnia?

MA: I'm sure there are people who are going through Bosnia; however the majority are probably on their way through, so to speak, in transit. I would imagine that a far larger number is congregating in Serbia just because of migration patterns in general. But this is nothing new. I even dislike the term crisis because it's a continuous process – people are escaping war. It's a pretty awful situation and Europe has established a set of

borders when it comes to migrants, what some people in academia call "Fortress Europe." Because, let's say a migrant who has come into Hungary from Serbia gets arrested in Hungary – that person is not going to be returned to Iraq or Syria, where they're originally from, they're going to be deported back to Serbia. And there are sort of "rings of protection" for the European center and I think this is the reason we see such conflict. These migrants do not want to stay in Serbia, and they probably don't want to stay in Hungary, either. I think this is one of the reasons why you have so much conflict around it, because some of these countries are afraid that they're going to become the place where these folks are deported to. But yes, I think Bosnia simply does not have as many people enter. If you go into Bosnia you have quite a few borders before you reach Europe – well, Croatia is now in the EU, but I don't think they want to stay in Croatia either. I think most of them are headed for the center and that's why we have a crisis.

AL: What are your plans for the future at IU?

MA: Well, we are working on a post-Yugoslav cinema series for next semester, and I'm also teaching two new courses next semester that folks might be interested in. One is Post-Communist Nostalgia – it's a comparative Slavic course, but it does cover East Germany, as well. And I'm also teaching a graduate course on Eastern European Modernism.

AL: Lastly, just a fun question: Who is your superhero?

MA: I usually don't think in terms of superheroes! Ok, well how about this – right now my superhero is Boris Dežulović. He is a journalist, currently writing in Sarajevo, who has also written pretty much in each of the former Yugoslav countries. He is originally from Split, and was one of the "founding fathers," if you will, of an absolutely amazing cultural phenomenon called *The Feral Tribune*, which was a war-time newspaper. This man is probably the most courageous person living in the former Yugoslavia right now. He "speaks truth" to power and does it in a very entertaining fashion. He really does not spare anybody – he's sort of the essential research investigative journalist, with an unbelievable sense of humor, so that helps. In writing all the ugly truths about our post-Yugoslav state, he does it in a very humorous way. So let's say right now my superhero is Boris Dežulović.

Anna Sharogradskaya Receives REEI Distinguished Service Award



Anna Sharogradskaya

Surrounded by IU friends and colleagues, Anna Sharogradskaya was presented with the REEI Distinguished Service Award at a reception for Summer Language Workshop teachers on June 12 in the President's Room of the IMU University Club. The honor recognizes Professor Sharogradskaya's courageous and tireless promotion of journalistic freedom and professionalism in her native Russia as well as her many years of dedicated service as a visiting professor of Russian in the IU Summer Language Workshop (SWSEEL).

Under her direction, the St. Petersburg-based Regional Press Institute (RPI) has vigorously supported the development of an unconstrained, competent, and ethically grounded journalistic profession in Russia through a myriad of activities and initiatives over the last two decades, often in the face of harassment from government authorities, especially in the last two years. A mainstay of the Summer Language Workshop, where she has taught advanced Russian language and contemporary Russian media almost every summer since 1989, Professor Sharogradskaya has provided scores of students with unparalleled linguistic and cultural training, generously sharing her experiences and insider-viewpoints in the classroom and in public lectures. In 2015-16 Professor Sharogradskaya also led the RPI as co-partner with REEI in the highly successful US-Russia Journalism Teacher Exchange. REEI takes enormous pride in its association with Professor Sharogradskaya and warmly congratulates her on this richly deserved award.

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in History, who has received the 2015 Distinguished Contributions to Slavic, East Eurasian Studies award from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), an award to be presented at the upcoming ASEEES convention in Philadelphia (p. 7). Veteran Summer Language Workshop instructor Anna Sharogradskaya of the Regional Press Institute in Saint Petersburg was honored with the REEI Distinguished Service Award (p.5). REEI's student affiliates continue to impress with a steady stream of fellowship awards, conference presentations, publications, and more. Indiana University will have an especially robust showing at the ASEEES Convention this November, with at least 40 affiliates taking part as paper presenters, panel discussants, panel chairs, and/or roundtable participants (pp. 14-15).

This issue of *REEIfication* includes a particularly extensive Alumni News section (pp. 9-13), and we are delighted to share with you these alumni achievements that reflect truly impressive breadth of expertise and depth of knowledge about the region! REEI alumni occupy important positions in academia, the foreign service, the US military, the US government, the international and national media, industry, consulting, and K-12 education, among others. Two IU Alumni, Hans Klemm and Thomas Leary, have received prestigious diplomatic postings, to Romania and Russia, respectively (p. 10). Additionally, Ian C. Kelly, recently Midwest Diplomat in Residence and good friend of IU, was sworn in as US Ambassador to Georgia in September. REEI alumni continue to serve as a valuable resource for our continuing and former students, from Washington, DC to Astana, to Moscow, and back!

Meanwhile, as we try to monitor all this exciting activity, we are busy planning events, lectures, and outreach for the coming months. We welcome your input, suggestions, and participation! Whether you are a faculty affiliate, a continuing student, an REEI alumni, or "other," we look forward to hearing from you and sharing your news with the rest of the REEI community. Please let us know what you would like to see happen at REEI, and how you would like to be involved, and come visit us on the fourth floor of the new Global and International Studies Building!



Professor Kuromiya (History), MA student Geoff Durham (REEI), Journalist and Carnegie Fellow Kateryna Iakovlenko, and Sarah Phillips (Anthropology) Director of REEI

REEI Relocates to New Global and International Studies Building

by Emily Liverman

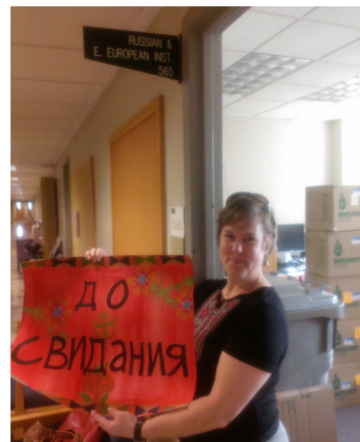
In late August, just before the start of the fall semester, REEI made the eagerly anticipated move from its decades-long location in the iconic Ballantine Hall to the new Global and International Studies Building (GISB). REEI now occupies offices on the fourth floor of the East Wing, a location shared with the SGIS administration, Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures, the Institute for European Studies, Borns Jewish Studies Program, the Polish Studies Center, Former Representative Lee Hamilton, and Former Senator Richard Lugar.

Situated on North Jordan Avenue, between Wells Library and the Radio-TV Building, GISB is a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design)-certified facility with a mix of offices, open work areas, classrooms, and multi-use space. The expansive windows offer panoramic views of campus and provide a significant amount of sunlight (reducing the need for electric lighting at many times of the day).



REEI staff (left to right) Emily Liverman (Advisor/Assistant Director for Student Services), Sarah Phillips (Director), and Mark Trotter, (Associate Director/Outreach Coordinator) during a pre-move visit to REEI's space in the Global and International Studies Building

In addition to its space in GISB, REEI is sharing with other IU area studies centers the newly designated Outreach House at 1125 East Atwater Avenue, former home to the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Outreach House will provide storage for outreach collections belonging to the various area studies centers and also serve as a venue for the outreach activities that they organize. You can learn more about GISB at <http://gisb.indiana.edu/>. Campus mail to REEI should be addressed to the person with the building designation "GA," plus the office number (if known). Off-campus mail to REEI should be addressed:



REEI Director Sarah Phillips bids farewell to REEI's former suite of offices in Ballantine Hall

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South Entrance to the Global and International Studies Building

Faculty/Staff News

Alex Rabinowitch Honored with ASEES Award



Alex Rabinowitch has been selected to receive the 2015 Distinguished Contributions to Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies award from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEES). The award honors senior scholars who have played an especially significant role in advancing the field through their scholarship, training, and service to the profession. Presentation of the award will take place in November during the ASEES Annual Convention in Philadelphia on Saturday November 21, 7:00 to 9:00pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Grand Ballroom Salon H. More information is available at http://asees.org/sites/default/files/downloads/august-2015_1.pdf

Mary Belding (REEI) completed her 15th year of service at Indiana University Bloomington.

Maria Bucur (History) presented “Invisible Heroes: Women and Heroism in World War I, the Case of Romania” in June at the University of Amsterdam; “Women’s Property Rights and Gender Regimes in Twentieth-Century Romania,” at the Workshop on Gender and Society in Southeast Europe, University of Crete, Rethymnon; and “Women’s Property Rights and Gender Regimes in Twentieth-Century Romania,” as well as “From Invisibility to Marginality: Women’s History in Post-communist Romania,” at the International Congress for Romanian Studies, Bucharest. In August, she participated in the 22nd International Congress for Historical Studies in Jinan, China, with her paper “Women’s History at the Cutting Edge: Romania,” part of a two-part roundtable assessing the development of women’s history around the globe in the last 25 years. In September, she participated in the workshop Democratizing History in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings across Central and Eastern Europe at University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, with her paper “Towards a Feminist Historiography of the 20th Century: Oral History and Women’s Agency.”

Lee Feinstein (Dean and Professor of Global and International Studies) published “Arresting Atrocities” with co-author Tod Lindberg in *Foreign Affairs*. The article can be found at <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2015-09-11/arresting-atrocity>.

Ke-chin Hsia (History) presented “The Austrian Warfare-Welfare Nexus from the Empire to the Republic: A Perspective from War Victim Welfare” at the Institute of History (Contemporary History), University of Graz.

Owen V. Johnson (Journalism, Emeritus) published “‘Shot to Earth Like a Blazing Comet’: The Mysterious Chesterton Plane Crash of 1933” in *Traces of Indiana & Midwestern History* (Spring 2015).

Padraic Kenney (History/International Studies) has received a Visiting Fellowship at the Moore Institute at the National University of Ireland in Galway, where he will spend June 2016 working on a project entitled: “Approaches to Global Research in the Humanities.” He presented two talks at the University of Michigan: “What is the Polish in Global Studies? What is the Global in Polish Studies?” to the Copernicus Program in Polish Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and “The Political Prisoner as a Global Figure: From Gandhi to Guantanamo” at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

Emily Liverman (REEI) has published a review of *Proposals That Work: A Guide for Planning Dissertations and Grant Proposals* in the June issue of the *NACADA Journal*. The review can be found at: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Journal/Current-Past-Book-Reviews/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/4377/Proposals-That-Work-A-Guide-for-Planning-Dissertations-and-Grant-Proposals.aspx>.

Sarah Phillips (REEI/Anthropology) has been selected to receive the 2015 AWSS (Association for Women in Slavic Studies) Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of her research, teaching, and mentorship of female students and colleagues in the field. The award will be presented at the AWSS reception at the ASEES conference in Philadelphia at 6:45 pm on Friday, November 20th. With co-author Jill Owczarzak, she published “War, Escalating Vulnerabilities, and Service Delivery in Ukraine” in *ASEES Newsnet* (October 2015).

Mark Roseman (History) published “Lebensfälle: Biographische Annäherungen an NS-Täter” in Frank Bajohr (ed.) *Deutschland und der Holocaust* (Fischer Verlag Schwarzer Reihe, 2015). He also presented “On biographical writing” at Writing the Biography of Gershom Scholem, an international workshop held at Indiana University Bloomington, in cooperation with University of California at Davis, in September, 2015.

K. Andrea Rusnock (Art History, Women’s and Gender Studies/IU South Bend) was appointed Scholar-in-Residence at the Hillwood Museum in Washington, D.C. for a two-week period in July 2015.

Frances Trix (Anthropology/Linguistics, Emeritus) published an article entitled “5,000 Hanging Skirts: How Women Remember War Rape in Kosova” in Juan Cole’s blog *Informed Comment: Thoughts on the Middle East, History, and Religion* (June 15, 2015, at <http://juancole.com>). The article addresses Thinking of You, an art installation by Kosovo-born artist Alketa Xhafa Mripa that memorializes the estimated 20,000 rapes of Albanian girls and women during the war in Kosovo.

Continuing Student News

Keely Bakken (CEUS/SPEA) has received a 2015-2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Russia to pursue research on the preservation and promotion of Tatar culture and identity. She will spend six months in Kazan and then head to Turkey for an additional six months as recipient of a Boren Fellowship.

Tetiana Bulakh (Anthropology) presented her papers “Consumer citizenship in Ukraine after EuroMaydan” at the 2015 Annual Soyuz Symposium, held in February at University of Washington, and “Spell of Glamour: Consumption Patterns in Post-Soviet Ukraine” at the international conference The Pleasures of Backwardness: Consumer Desire and Modernity in Eastern Europe at UC-Berkeley in April. She organized an interdisciplinary roundtable discussion “Ukraine: When Crisis Reshapes the Country” at the American Ethnological Society Meeting in San Diego in March. She also published two papers – “The Construction of Girls’ Femininity through the Ukrainian TV Show ‘The Queen of the Ball’” in *Girlhood Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* (Vol. 8, No. 1), and “Ukrainian Glamour as a Consequence of the Soviet Past” in *New Imaginaries Youthful Reinvention of Ukraine’s Cultural Paradigm*. She was awarded several travel grants for summer research, including the GPSO Fall travel award, a Mellon Fellowship for Pre-Dissertation research, a Skomp Fellowship for Pre-Dissertation Research, an OVPIA Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, and a Davis Graduate Student Travel Grant (ASEEES).

Elena Doludenko (Slavic) published “One Class, Twelve Students, Five Stations” in *Quick Hints for Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers: Successful Strategies from Award-Winning Teachers* (2015).

Katie Hiatt (History) presented “Exploring Increased Archival Access in Ukraine: Contextualizing Greek Catholic Experience of the Gulag,” at the Hoover Institution Summer Archival Workshop on Totalitarian Regimes at Stanford University in July. The presentation was based on dissertation research in Ukraine as well as the Hoover Institution’s microfilm collection.

Michael Hancock-Parmer (History) published “The Soviet Study of the Barefooted Flight of the Kazakhs” and a book review in the current issue of *Central Asian Survey*, (vol. 34, no. 3). The article is available online at <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ccas20/current#.VdHaAPmKDtQ>.

Kyle Norweg (REEI) participated in the Maine Government Summer Internship Program with the Maine Department of Labor as a publications intern in the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

Nicholas Sveholm (History) published “Lost Brothers and Spoiled Children. Children’s Campaigns in Transylvania, 1917-1924” in the April-June issue of *Geschichte und Gesellschaft* (41. Jg./Heft 2).

Polina Vlasenko (Anthropology) presented “Precarious Labor: Ukrainian Egg Donors in Transnational Reproductive Migration” at the 7th Biennial Association for Women in Slavic Studies Conference, Women, Gender and Transnationalism, in Lexington, KY in March. In May she presented her paper “Desirable Bodies/Precarious Laborers: The Subjectivation of the Egg Donors in Ukraine” at the STS Conference 2015 Critical Issues in Science, Technology and Society Studies in Graz, Austria, and also at the International Conference (In)Fertile Citizens: Anthropological and Legal Challenges of Assisted Reproduction Technologies in Mytilene, Lesbos, Greece. Her article “Governing Through Precarity: The Experience of Infertile Bodies in IVF Treatment in Ukraine” has been published in *The Journal of Social Policy Studies* (Vol. 12, Issue 3). For her research in Ukraine this past summer, she received a Skomp Fellowship for Pre-Dissertation Research, an OVPIA Pre-dissertation Travel Grant, a College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, and an REEI Conference Travel Grant.



CEUS/SPEA MA student and Fulbright Fellow Keely Bakken (right) with friend Sedakat Rakibesbir at a market in Kazan’, Russia

Alumni News

Lisa Adeli (MA, History, 1983/MA, Applied Linguistics, 1983) is the Director of Educational Outreach at the University of Arizona Center for Middle Eastern Studies. This past summer she led and co-led two teachers' programs in Bosnia-Herzegovina: a two week trip for U.S. teachers who traveled throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina as a travel-learning experience and a summit for Bosnia educators struggling to deal with the ramifications of the 1990s conflict in their classrooms. This summit was conducted through the non-profit organization Educators' Institute for Human Rights, of which Adeli is a staff member.

Barbara C. Allen (PhD, History, 2001/MA, History, 1992) is an Associate Professor of History at La Salle University. In the summer of 2015, she received a grant from the Hoover Institution at Stanford University to conduct research for her work on an anthology of documents of the Worker's Opposition.

Dr. Suzanne Ament (PhD, History, 1996) is an Associate Professor of History at Radford University. She has received grants to participate in two Para Pipeline Dressage camps, where riders begin preparing for competition and, perhaps, the Para Olympics.

Andrew Barnes (SWEESL, 1992) is Associate Professor and Chairperson of Political Science at Kent State University. He has published "Financial Nationalism and Its International Enablers: The Hungarian Experience" in *Review of International Political Economy*, vol. 23, no 3, 2015 and "Three in One: Unpacking the 'Collapse' of the Soviet Union" in *Problems of Post-Communism*, vol. 61, no 5, 2015.

Colonel Andrew M. Berrier (MA, REEI, 2000) has been promoted to Chief, Strategic Leadership Division, HQ in the United States Army.

Eric D. Boyle (MA/MPA, REEI/SPEA, 1999) is Vice President of International Development at IFC International.

Megan Browndorf (MA/MLS, REEI/SOIC, 2012) is Research and Instruction Librarian at Towson University in Maryland. She recently presented "World War II and Building the Ukrainian Public Library" at the Library History Seminar XIII in Boston.

Paul M. Carter, Jr. (PhD, Political Science/REEI certificate 1997/MA, Political Science, 1984) is Director for Eurasia in the Office of the Coordinator of US Assistance to Europe and Eurasia as a Foreign Service Officer for the US State Department. He has been closely involved in coordinating foreign assistance to Ukraine across the US Government since the start of the Ukraine crisis, as well as coordinating assistance to other Eurasian states.

Stephen F. Cohen (BS, Business, 1960/MA, Government, 1962) has joined former US Senator Bill Bradley, former US Ambassador to the Soviet Union Jack F. Matlock, Jr. and others to form the American Committee for East-West Accord, a nonpartisan, tax-exempt educational organization of American citizens from different professions — business, academia, government service, science, law, and others — who are deeply concerned about the possibility of a new cold war between the United States, Europe, and Russia. The mission promotes discussion about East-West relations in order to create broad public awareness of the new dangers and of ways to end them. For more information, see: <http://eastwestaccord.com/>.

Joe Crescente (MA, REEI, 2007) is a writer, editor, and translator for *Russia Beyond the Headlines*.

Jane Curry (MA, REEI, 1970) has had a third edition of her book, *Central and East European Politics*, published by Roman and Littlefield.

Leslie Demir (MA/MPA, REEI/SPEA, 2005) is working in academic publishing at The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey and is training for the Istanbul Marathon.

Thomas Dumstorf (MA, REEI, 2003) is the Head of Russian Studies at the University of Louisville.

James Ramon Felak (PhD, History, 1989/MA, History, 1983) is Professor of History at the University of Washington, Seattle. He has published "Pope John Paul II, the Saints, and Communist Poland: The Papal Pilgrimages of 1979 and 1983" in *The Catholic Historical Review* (vol. 100, no. 3, 2014) and "Conflicts over the State Monopoly of Education in Slovakia, 1945-1948: Catholics, Communists, and Democrats" in *Contemporary European History* (vol. 17, no. 17, 2008). He has also published the books *After Hitler, Before Stalin: Catholics, Communists, and Democrats in Slovakia from the End of the Second World War to the February Coup of 1948* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2009) and *At the Price of the Republic: Hlinka's Slovak People's Party* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1995).

David C. Fisher (PhD, History, 2003) is Associate Professor of History and the newly appointed Associate Dean of the Honors College at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Prestigious Diplomatic Postings For IU Alumni

Hans Klemm (BA, History and Economics, 1981) is the newly appointed US Ambassador to Romania. He began his Foreign Service career in 1981 and previously held the post of US Ambassador to East Timor in 2007-2010. Klemm served as Senior Coordinator for Rule of Law and Law Enforcement at the US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan from 2010 to 2012, and Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs at the US Embassy in Tokyo, Japan from 2006 to 2007. He also held numerous positions within the State Department while in the US, including Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Management at the Department of State in 2015, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the State Department's Bureau of Human Resources from 2012 to 2015, and Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, 2012.



Thomas Leary (MA, Political Science, 1978) was recently appointed US Consul General to Saint Petersburg, Russia. He was previously posted to the US Consulate in Saint Petersburg as Public Affairs Officer from 1999-2001, and in Moscow as a Press Attaché at the US Embassy from 2001-2004. Leary began his Foreign Service career in 1986 and has previously served as Minister Counselor for Public Affairs in Islamabad from 2014-2015, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs in London from 2011-2014, and Minister Counselor for Public Affairs in Ankara from 2008-2011, in addition to postings in Copenhagen, Madrid, Lima, and Freetown.

Neil Gipson (MA, REEI, 2006) is a Foreign Service Officer for the US State Department.

Sarah Burns Gilchrist (MLS, 2011/BA, Comparative Languages and Literature/Slavic, 2004) is the Research and Instruction Librarian for Visual Arts and Education at Towson University. She has published three articles; "Rediscovering Renaissance Research: Information Literacy Strategies for Success" in *Librarians and the Academy* (vol. 15, no. 4, 2015), "A Review of *Children's Literature in Action: A Librarian's Guide* 2nd Edition" in the *Librarian Quarterly* (85.4, 2015), and "Revision of Start of a Revolution: Stop Acting Like a Library" in *Endnotes: The Journal of the New Members Round Table* (vol. 6, no. 1, 2015). She has presented "Supporting Student Success: Universal Design for Learning (ULD) and your Library" at the MLA-DLA 2015 Conference, "Universal Design for Learning, Information Literacy, and Libraries" at the RUSA 2015 Online Learning Webinar, "Universal Design of Learning for, Literacy, Leadership, and Libraries" at the ACRL 2015 Conference, "ARTH 391 and Universal Design for Learning (ULD)" at the 2014 ULD Sharing Showcase, and "Rediscovering Renaissance Research: Information Literacy Strategies for Success" at the 2014 Southeast College Arts Conference.

Allan Grafman (BA, Slavic, REEI certificate, 1975) is the CEO of All Media Ventures. He has published "The Board's 'seven year itch'" with Dean Kesner in *Directors and Boards* (2014).

Erik Herron (MA, REEI, 1992) is the Eberly Family Professor of Political Science at West Virginia University as of August 2014. He was on the faculty at the University of Kansas from 2001-2014 and served as a Program Director at the National Science Foundation from 2011-2014.

Barbara Hicks (PhD, Political Science, REEI certificate, 1992) is Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies at the New College of Florida.

Kara "Kat" Hodgson (MA, REEI, 2010) is pursuing a PhD in political science at Colorado State University.

Sharon G. Horne (BA, Slavic/Journalism, 1987) is a Professor and Director of Training for the PhD Program in Counseling Psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Doris Howard (MA, History of Art, 2004/BA, History/History of Art, 2001) is an IUB retiree; she worked in the IUB College of Arts and Sciences Dean's office and the COLL Records office.

Courtney Hugger (BS, SPEA, 2009) has been promoted to Marketing Operations Manager at Marquette Associates.

Alexander Karagiannis (PhD, History, 1981/MA, History, 1977) has been promoted to Senior Advisor to the Director General of the Foreign Service and Bureau of Human Resources at the US State Department. He previously served as the Director of Performance Evaluation. He published "A Foreign Service for 2015 and Beyond" in the *Foreign Service Journal* (May, 2015) and travelled to Mexico City, Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and Ottawa to socialize changes in the performance management system.

Ian Karanovich (MA/MPA, REEI/SPEA, 2012) is the recipient of a full-year scholarship to study Advanced Accounting at the College of William and Mary, Mason School of Business. He plans to return to Serbia next year and work in the international finance realm.

Zachary Kelly (MA, REEI, 2012) is now Assistant Director of the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies at University of California, Berkeley.

Roger Kodat (MA, Political Science, 1980/MBA, Finance, 1982) is a Consultant/Principal for the Kodat Group LLC.

Michael A Lally (MA, REEI, 1991) is Executive Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe, the Middle East and Africa for the Global Markets International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce as of September 2014. He presented “Kazakhstan Accession” at the June 2014 Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Ian Lanzillotti (MA, REEI, 2008) has begun a new position as Assistant Professor of European History at Tennessee Wesleyan College

Liz Lipschultz (MA, REEI, 2014) is an International Services Representative in the IU Office of International Affairs.

Lynn Lubamersky (PhD, History, 1998/MA, History, 1988) is Associate Professor of History at Boise State University. He was awarded a core Fulbright Scholarship for teaching and research at the European Humanities University in Vilnius, Lithuania from January to July 2015 for his project “Mapping the Vanished Communities of the Past in Vilnius, Lithuania.”

David S. Mason (PhD, Political Science, REEI certificate, 1978) is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Butler University. He spent several weeks in Poland this past summer as part of the “Recovering Forgotten History: The Image of East-Central Europe in English Language Textbooks” conference. He was invited for having published *A Concise History of Modern Europe: Liberty, Equality, Solidarity* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2011 and 2015). The conference visited four cities; Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz, and L’viv.

Judith McKinney (PhD, Economics, 1983) is an Associate Professor of Economics at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. She was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to Yaroslavl, Russia in 2012.

Fred Nace (BA, Slavic, REEI certificate, 1993) is a Country Director for Saudi Arabia and Qatar for the US Air Force.

Ingrid Nelson (BA, Political Science/Slavic, 2012) is a recent MA graduate of Leiden University in The Netherlands.

James “Jim” P. Niessen (PhD, History, 1989/REEI certificate, 1981/MA, History, 1979) is World History Librarian at Rutgers University. He presented “Why Did They Leap? Crossing Borders after the 1956 Revolution,” at the 2015 American Hungarian Educators Association Conference in Cluj, Romania. He is also the 2014-2016 President of the American Hungarian Educators Association.

Norma Corigliano Noonan (PhD, Political Science, 1965/REEI certificate 1963) is Professor Emerita in Political Science and Leadership Studies in Augsburg College. She is semi-retired and travels frequently, most recently to Russia in 2015.

Patrick O’Neil (PhD, Political Science, 1994) is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Puget Sound. The fifth edition of his *Comparative Politics and Cases in Comparative Politics* (Norton, 2015) was published this fall.

Justin Otten (MA, REEI, 2007. BA, Anthropology, 2002) has been appointed Director of Global Health Affairs in the School of Public Health at IU Bloomington. During Fall, 2015 he is also serving as Adjunct Lecturer at REEI, where he is teaching R600, “Proseminar in Russian/East European Area Studies.”

Richard Payne-Holmes (MA/MPA, REEI/SPEA, 2008) is a Foreign Service Officer with the US State Department.

Jeffrey Pennington (MA, REEI, 1993) is Executive Director of the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

Craig Perry (MA, REEI, 2012) has returned with his family to the U.S. after spending two and a half years in Uzbekistan as a Foreign Service Area Officer. He is now working at the Pentagon.

Valery Perry (MA, REEI, 1994) has published *State-Building and Democratization in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Ashgate, 2015) edited by Soeren Keil. She is an assistant professor of conflict analysis and resolution at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, a Senior Associate in the Democratization Policy Council and an independent researcher and consultant based in Sarajevo.

James W. Peterson (PhD, Political Science, 1976/MA, Government, 1969) has retired after thirty years as Head of the Department of Political Science at Valdosta State University. He has also established and maintained an academic relationship with the Department of Political Science and European Studies at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech

Republic. The relationship began in 1998 and includes faculty research collaboration, student trips to Olomouc, and a partnership with the Model UN Program that has led Palacký University to host the international Model UN two times, the most recent being in fall of 2015. Professor Peterson has also published three books: *NATO and Terrorism: Organizational Expansion and Mission Transformation* (Continuum Press, 2011), *Creating a Framework for Security in Southeast Europe and the Black Sea Region: A Challenge Facing NATO* (Mellen Press, 2012), and *American Foreign Policy: Alliance Politics in a Century of War, 1914-2014* (Bloomsbury Press, 2014).

Elizabeth Plantan (MA, REEI, 2012) is a PhD Candidate at Cornell University. She has published a book chapter based on her REEI MA thesis in the peer-reviewed edited volume *NIMBY is Beautiful: Cases of Local Activism and Environmental Innovation Around the World* (Berghahn Books, 2015). She advanced to PhD candidacy in June 2015 and is now a visiting scholar at the Higher School for Economics in Moscow where she is conducting research for her dissertation on environmental movements in China and Russia.

Bogdan Rakic (Education coursework, 1997-98) was the recipient of the Philip Daghlion High School Teacher of the Year Award, an honor bestowed by the English Department at Indiana University, in April. Rakic teaches English at Bloomington High School South and has also served as instructor of Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian in the Indiana University Summer Language Workshop (SWSEEL). He was also recognized in March by the Department of Student Programs of the Indiana Association of School Principals as the teacher who had most influenced Calvin Anderson, an Indiana Academic 2015 All-Star. "I cherish these awards most because in both cases I was nominated by my former students. Calvin kindly remarked that I gave him 'and many others, the gift of true literacy, and consequently, a richer academic and intellectual life.' Those words, I believe, sum up what the profession of a teacher is all about."

Donald J. Raleigh (PhD, History, 1978/MA, History, 1972), is the Jay Richard Judson Distinguished Professor of History and has been appointed Director of the Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This summer *Novoe Literature Obozrenie* published a Russian language translation of his *Soviet Baby Boomers: An Oral History of Russia's Cold War Generation* (Oxford, 2012).

Anne Rathell (BA, Political Science/Slavic, 2010) is pursuing a MA in TESOL at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Paul E. Richardson (MA, Political Science/REEI certificate, 1988) is the publisher for *Russian Life*. In October he embarked on an epic trans-Russian photojournalism trip by car from the Barents to the Black Sea with a Russian colleague in order to collect photographs for a coffee table book on the journey which will be published in spring 2016.

Pamela Sanford Sloan (BA, Slavic, Soviet Area Studies program, 1981) is a newly appointed Senior Expert and International Partner with the Defense Intelligence Agency (Defense Combating Terrorism Center) in Washington, DC.

Lynn Sargeant (PhD, History, 2001) is the newly appointed Associate Dean for Student Relations as well as Professor of History in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at California State University, Fullerton.

Luke Springman (BA, German and Russian, 1979) is a Professor of German at Bloomsburg University.

David J. Stira (MA, REEI, 2009) is a newly appointed History Instructor for the United States Naval Academy.

Daniel Stone (PhD, History, 1972) is Professor Emeritus at the University of Winnipeg. He published "The Other Jewish Winnipeg: Jews of the South End before 1945" in *Manitoba History* in 2014, presented "A Tale of Two Curators. Polish Art Treasures in Canada, 1940-1960" at the 2015 Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America conference, and published a review of *M.B.B. Biskupski's Independence Day: Myth, Symbol, and the Creation of Modern Poland* in *Slavonic and East European Review*.

Charles Szrom (BA, Political Science/History, 2007) is an Equity Analyst for Rockefeller & Co.

Paul Thacker (BS, Public Affairs, 2006) is Regional Officer for Eurasia Programs at the National Democratic Institute in Washington, D.C.

Elli Travis (BA, Slavic, 2010) is a newly appointed Economic Development Specialist for the Virginia Tech Office of Outreach and International Affairs.

Paul H. Wackerbarth (MA, REEI, 1968) has been retired from the US Foreign Service since September, 2000. He has been a volunteer Docent at the Washington National Cathedral and a volunteer at the Marshall Ringgold Museum. In October, 2013 he spoke at the University of Warsaw East European Studies Institute on the topic of

“Poland’s Political & Economic Transformation 1989-1992” a reflection on his experiences as Economic Counselor at the US Embassy in Warsaw during those years. He enjoys attending ASEEEES conventions, having served on panels at the 2003 ASEEEES convention in Toronto and the 2010 ASEEEES Convention in Los Angeles.

Joanna Wandycz-Mejias (MA, REEI, 1996) is Deputy Director of the International Center at Pablo de Olavide University, Seville, Spain. She is currently applying for a PhD program in business at Pablo de Olavide University and has been living in Spain for the last 14 years.

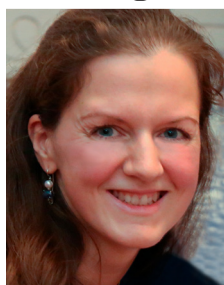
Janine R. Wedel (MA, Anthropology, 1981) is Professor in the School of Public Policy at George Mason University. She has been awarded a Fulbright fellowship to study in Ukraine for the academic year 2015-2016.

Mary Werden (PhD, History, 2015) has accepted a position as Communications Director for Hickman Analytics, a political consulting firm in Washington, DC She has also published a book review “(Mis)managing Minorities: Communism and Nationality Policy in Poland” in May 2015. The book review can be found at: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=41842>

Cynthia Werner (PhD, Anthropology, 1997) is the Anthropology Department Head and Associate Professor at Texas A&M University. She has published two articles in the past year, “The Unequal Burdens of Repatriation: A Gendered Analysis of the Transnational Migration of Mongolia’s Kazakh population” in *American Anthropologist* and “Immobility and Re-imaginings of Ethnic Identity among Mongolian Kazakhs in the 21st Century” in *Geoforum*. She has also contributed a chapter entitled “Negotiating Everyday Islam after Socialism: A Study of the Kazakhs of Bayan-Ulgii, Mongolia” in *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics* (Springer Publishers, 2015).

Saera Yoon (PhD, Slavic, 2004) is Assistant Professor at Ulsan National University of Science and Technology in Ulsan, South Korea. She presented “Three Endings of the Idiot: Dostoevsky, Kurosawa and Bortko” at the ICCEES World Congress in Makuhari, Japan. She is currently on sabbatical in Tokyo, Japan.

Visiting Scholars



Anna Sanina is Associate Professor of Public Administration at National Research University Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia. Her academic training is in sociology, and her research and teaching interests lie in the fields of social technologies and instruments of governance, sociology of the state, and media in public administration. A Fulbright researcher affiliated with REEI, she will reside on the IU Bloomington campus from September, 2015 until February, 2016. In addition to pursuing her research project, “State Identity through the Prism of Immigration,” Professor Sanina will lecture on national, civic and state identity in contemporary Russia. In September, she delivered a lecture entitled «Патриотическое воспитание и патриотизм в современной России» [Patriotic education and patriotism in contemporary Russia] as a participant in REEI’s Russian-language colloquium.

Karina Simonova is Associate Professor of English Language Theory and the Practice Chair at the Institute of Philology, Journalism and Cross-Cultural Communication at the Southern Federal University, Rostov-on-Don, Russia. As a Fulbright researcher affiliated with the Department of Second Language Studies in Fall 2015, she will conduct research in cognitive and cultural linguistics and gather material for an MA course in “National-Cultural Specificity of Speech Behavior.” Her lecture entitled «Русские богатыри в живописи» [Russian epic heroes in painting] was featured in REEI’s Russian-language colloquium in October.



New REEI MA Students

Kalyleigh Fischietto, originally hailing from Cleveland, earned a BA from Georgetown University with a major in Russian Language & Literature. In 2014 she spent a semester in St. Petersburg studying Russian while volunteering at the Hermitage. Her research interests include gender and sexuality in early post-revolutionary Russia as well as the interaction between Finnic peoples and early Novgorodians. She is currently working on a dual MA/MLS in order to pursue a career in Slavic Area Studies Librarianship.

Karissa Jackson graduated in 2014 with a BA from Centre College (Danville, KY), where she majored in Russian Studies and International Studies. She first studied abroad on a Project GO scholarship to Kazan, then spent another summer in Kiev. In 2012 she was awarded an NSEP Boren Award to study Russian culture and language in Moscow, where she also interned at the American Center as an adviser for higher education and an English tutor at the International Library. Upon graduation she was selected as a Fulbright ETA to Moldova and spent the year teaching courses and leading extra-curricular activities at Comrat State University. Pursuing an MA, she is interested in social identity and gender roles in the former Soviet Union.

Amanda Lawnicki graduated in May 2014 with a BA from Beloit College in International Relations and Russian. She first became interested in Eastern Europe after learning about the Ukrainian Holodomor in a high school dual-enrollment class. She eventually studied abroad in Moscow, and later through SIT in Serbia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. Following graduation, she received a fellowship from Beloit's Weissberg Program in Human Rights to work at the Center for Peacebuilding in Sanski Most, Bosnia & Herzegovina. For her MA, she is interested in studying democracy and civil society in post-communist/post-conflict Eastern Europe, and in particular the Western Balkans.

Brittany Shelmon, originally from Lafayette, Indiana, graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 2013 with a BA in History focusing in 20th Century Wars and Post-Conflict Societies. Her fascination with Eastern Europe developed during a period of study in the former Yugoslavia. Through the dual degree program with Law and REEI at IU, she looks forward to continuing her study of the Balkans. Brittany is excited to start her classes at IU and to meet others with similar interests.

Thomas Tyler is from Poquoson, Virginia and graduated from James Madison University in 2015 with a BA in History. His interest in the region stems from a biography project on Josef Stalin in his freshman year of high school. He went on to study abroad in Moscow and minor in Russian studies during his undergraduate years. His regional academic interests include twentieth century military conflicts such as the Soviet War in Afghanistan and First Chechen War, as well as broader topics such as Russian foreign policy.

IU Participants in the ASEES Convention

The 47th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEES) will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 19-22, 2015.

REEI will host the Indiana University Alumni Reception on Friday, November 20, 2015 from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Grand Ballroom Salon D.

IU will be represented at three booths in the Exhibit Hall: Slavica Publishers at booth 116, REEI and the Summer Language Workshop at booth 114, and IU Press at booth 112. The Exhibit Hall will be open 4 pm to 8 pm on Thursday, 9 am to 6 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 8 am to 1 pm on Sunday.

Faculty/Staff Papers

Wookjin Cheun (Libraries): "An Embedded Area Studies Librarian Goes to a Russian Poetry Class"

Owen V. Johnson (Journalism, Emeritus): "Slovak Journalism in Transition, 1945-1960"

Joshua Malitsky (Cinema and Media Studies): "Nonfiction Cinematic Labor in Yugoslavia, 1945-1952"

Patrick Lally Michelson (Religious Studies): "Freedom of Conscience and the Ecclesiastical Imagination of Nineteenth-Century Russian Orthodox Thought"

Sarah Drue Phillips (Anthropology, REEI): "Medical, Moral, and Social Models of HIV Risk and Prevention in Ukraine"

Alexander Rabinowitch (History): "Labor Unrest in Civil War Petrograd: The Strike Wave of March, 1919"

K. Andrea Rusnock (Women's and Gender Studies, Art History/IU South Bend): "Ladies and Lace: Sofia Davydova and the Collecting and Exhibiting of Russian Lace during the Late Imperial Period"

Miriam Shrager (Slavic): "Susak Dialect in New Jersey: Maintenance and Shift"

Regina Smyth (Political Science): "The Protest Legacy: Activists' Political Engagement after the 'For Free Elections' Movement"

Sara Stefani (Slavic): "The Truth Begins Where the Lie Ends: Dostoevsky, the Murder Mystery, and English Fictions"

Ariann Stern-Gottschalk (Slavic): "Collaborating with the Librarian: Integrating Information Literacy in the Classroom"

Russell Scott Valentino (Slavic): "The Woman in the Window: From Dostoevsky to Kharms and Back"

Student Papers

Bethany Braley (Slavic): "Olga Sedakova's 'Free' Verse: Ecumenicizing Communities of Spirit and Conscience"

Samuel Roman Buelow (Anthropology): "Ethnic Reclamation and the Politics of Beauty: The Case of Kyrgyz Cross-dressers"

Tetiana Bulakh (Anthropology): "Made in Ukraine: Consumer Citizenship before and after EuroMaydan"

Beth Ciaravolo (Geography): "Old Maps, New Territory: Constructing the Motherland"

Amanda C. Fisher (Slavic): "Isolation and Slaughter: Nostalgia in Svetlana Vasilenko's 'Piggy'"

Michael Floyd Hancock-Parmer (CEUS): "Mukhamedzhan Tynyshpaev the Political Figure, Historical Scholar, Martyr...and Nationalist?"

Kathleen Hiatt (History): "Paranoia, Priests, and Politics: the Repression of Soviet Ukrainian Religious Figures through the Prism of Perceived Nationalism and Political Disloyalty, 1932-1948"

- Natalie Misteravich-Carroll** (Slavic): "Writing Nowa Huta After 1953: Deconstructing the Stalinist Identity"
- Mark Moll** (Central Eurasian Studies): "Uncovering the Dynamics of Multiethnic Student Radicalism at Tartu University"
- Leone Musgrave** (History): "Tolerance, Violence, and Authority: Islamisms of the North Caucasus in Revolution and War, 1905–26"
- Brian Oches** (Slavic): "Oblomov's Prolonged Suicide"
- Alex Rohde Tipei** (History): "A Continental Education: The Development of Elementary School Systems and Popular Education in the Danubian Principalities and the Early Greek State"
- Veronika Trotter** (Slavic): "Authentic Text into Authentic Test? The C-test as a Tool for Assessment of Russian Language Proficiency"
- Mary Werden** (History): "From Peasant to Farmer: Rural Modernization in the People's Republic of Poland, 1956–1980"
- Michael Young** (Folklore and Ethnomusicology): "The Village in the City: Rural Culture and Modern Subjectivities in the Polish Folklore Revival"

Panel Discussants

- Marina Antić** (Slavic): Visual Culture in Late Socialism
- Owen V. Johnson** (Journalism, Emeritus): Historians behind the Iron Curtain
- Barbara J. Skinner** (History/Indiana State University): Imperial Dreams and Administrative Plans in the Pre-Modern Ukrainian State
- Edward James Lazzerini** (History, Central Eurasian Studies): Crimean Tatars in War and Migration
- Nina M. Perlina** (Slavic): Ivan Turgenev: Fiction in the Age of Disintegration
- Sara Stefani** (Slavic): Anna Karenina
- Ariann Stern-Gottschalk** (Slavic): Using Authentic Materials in Teaching and Testing Russian

Panel Chairs

- Tetiana Bulakh** (Anthropology): Travelling Fashion: Transnational Lifestyles and Professional Identities in Russia, Poland, and Finland
- Beth Ciaravolo** (Geography): Identities, Practices and Places (3)
- Francine Friedman** (Political Science/Ball State University): Bosnia and Herzegovina After Twenty Years of Dayton: The Regional and International Factor
- Padraic Kenney** (History, International Studies): Get the Word Out! How to Bring Your Research and Expertise to the Public
- Padraic Kenney** (History, International Studies): Identifying the Enemy: Secret Policing and Censorship in a Frontline Soviet Republic
- Joshua Malitsky** (Cinema and Media Studies): Crafting Objectivity in Early Soviet Cinema
- Joanna Nizynska** (Slavic): Revisiting the Past, Transforming the Future? Nostalgia in East European Literature after 1989
- Joanna Nizynska** (Polish Studies, Slavic): Queer Nations, National Queers: LGBTQ Representations and the Nation in Eastern Europe
- Nina M. Perlina** (Slavic): Ivan Turgenev: Fiction in the Age of Disintegration
- Sarah Phillips** (Anthropology, REEI): Medical Ethics and Health Policy in Russia, Ukraine and Serbia
- Janet Rabinowitch** (IU Press, Emeritus): Leaders of the Opposition to Stalin in Defeat, 1927–1936
- K. Andrea Rusnock** (Women's and Gender Studies, Art History/IU South Bend): More Than Just the Facts: Late Soviet and Post Soviet Performance Art
- Russell Scott Valentino** (Slavic): Women and Orthodoxy in Contemporary Russian Literature

Roundtable Participants

- Marina Antić** (Slavic): Against Liberal Hegemony: Towards a Critical State of the Field of Slavic Studies
- Olga Bueva** (Slavic): Alumni Relations: The Enterprise of Staying in Touch
- Samuel Roman Buelow** (Anthropology): LGBT Histories and Identities in Post-Socialist Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia
- Joanna Nizynska** (Polish Studies, Slavic): Queer Nations, National Queers: LGBTQ Representations and the Nation in Eastern Europe
- Alexander Rabinowitch** (History): Academic Freedom in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Sebastian Schulman** (History): Oral History, Ethnography, Narrative: Researching the Personal and the Political in Post-Socialist Societies
- Mark M. Trotter** (REEI): Bucking the Trend? The US-Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Program in an Era of Renewed Hostility and Mistrust
- Olga Volkova** (Comparative Literature): From Slavic Studies to Global Studies

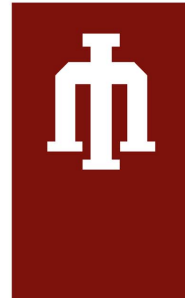
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