

FROM THE REESC DIRECTOR

As most of the readers of this newsletter know, Carol Withers, assistant director of the Center, served as acting REESC director in 2003-04. During that period, grant funding for the Center increased, student fellowship support grew, and the academic programming of the Center, including the Critical Languages Institute, flourished. She also provided important assistance to the steering committee charged with developing the university's new School of Global Studies. For all these and her many other contributions, she deserves our special thanks. Да здравствует, Carol!

It is a pleasure to be able to highlight two categories of programming undertaken by the Center that are bringing national distinction to East European and Eurasian studies at ASU. The first of these is clearly the Critical Languages Institute, which this summer completed its most successful intensive language program, offering instruction in six "less commonly taught languages (LCTLs)" of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and sponsoring four successful August practicums in Poznan, Tirana, Novi Sad, and Yerevan (see the separate newsletter article immediately below). But, beyond its role as a leading national summer intensive language institute, the CLI has become a year-round institution, offering Department of Defense-sponsored Bosniac immersion camps, cross-training in Uzbek, and e-learning objects for on-line LCTL instruction. The strengthened programming of the ASU Critical Languages Institute has not been lost upon a national audience. For all these reasons we need to recognize the leadership of Danko Sipka in transforming the CLI into a premier LCTL research and instructional program for East European and Eurasian studies. Congratulations, Danko!

Finally, I am delighted to be able to share the news of the expansion of the Center's important State Department-sponsored educational partnership programs linking ASU with major universities in southeastern Europe and Eurasia. Our linkage with the University of Pristina continues to generate new forms of collaboration, including the Center's publication of a landmark accounting textbook in Albanian translation. As noted in the separate article below, the REESC collaboration with Yerevan State University has brought to ASU eight talented scholars, five of whom are remaining for semesters-in-residence at the Center where they are pioneering, in collaboration with the ASU School of Public Affairs, the development of a new M.P.A. program to be launched at Yerevan State University in the fall of 2005. Most recently, we have learned that the Center has been awarded a three-year \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for educational partnership with the University of Sarajevo in the field of religious studies. Under terms of this latest award, REESC, in collaboration with the ASU Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict and the ASU Religious Studies Department, will be working with the Faculty of Islamic Studies, the Serbian University, the Franciscan Theological Institute, and other units affiliated with the University of Sarajevo to develop an interdisciplinary curriculum in religious studies at the University of Sarajevo. Colleagues from the University of Sarajevo will be in residence at ASU during the 2005-06 academic year. This will be the first such collaborative effort involving academic study of religion in Bosnia and Hercegovina since the Bosnian War of 1992-95. These State Department-funded projects, while they

greatly enhance the Center's international programming, draw heavily upon the commitment of affiliates who have worked closely with their visiting colleagues in these mutually rewarding projects. The linkage with the University of Pristina would have been unthinkable without the leadership of Shahin Berisha (GateWay Community College), Rodney Ito, Nancy Roberts, Robert Denhardt, Barbara McCabe, and a host of other faculty members from the W. P. Carey School of Business and the School of Public Affairs. Similarly, the partnership with Yerevan State University draws heavily upon the interpretive role of Victor Agadjanian and many faculty members from the ASU School of Public Affairs. I salute all of you, and wish you a most productive year of learning and research in Russian and East European studies. SKB

CONTACT INFORMATION

We are now in our new location in the Lattie Coor Building. REESC offices are located on the fourth floor, Room 4465. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Bryan Moore as our 2004-2005 Graduate Assistant/Webmaster/Newsletter Editor. He can be reached at Maurice.Moore@asu.edu.

CRITICAL LANGUAGES INSTITUTE

This summer's Critical Languages Institute was the most successful on record with 59 students completing the intensive language program. Six languages were offered at the elementary level (Albanian, Armenian, BCS, Macedonian, Polish, and Tatar) and two at the intermediate level (Armenian and BCS). Thirteen students attended study abroad language practicums in Albania, Armenia, Serbia & Montenegro, and Poland. The CLI has offered instruction in languages of Eastern Europe and Eurasia since 1991. During that period more than 250 students have completed either elementary or intermediate language instruction in the Institute. This past summer the CLI was revamped so that classes met Mondays through Fridays from 8 until 12 with carefully planned cultural activities three times weekly in the afternoons. Over the past decade CLI students have received fourteen (14) graduate National Security Education Program (NSEP) fellowships and twenty-seven (27) undergraduate NSEP fellowships. While those figures do not include NSEP awardees who have attended the CLI from other universities, the 41 ASU NSEP fellows represent more than 64% of all NSEP fellowships awarded to ASU graduate and undergraduate students during the same period. The role of the CLI in advantaging ASU Fulbright applicants is similarly dramatic.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

The list of REESC study-abroad opportunities continues to grow. In addition to longstanding programs at the University of Ss. Kiril and Metodij (Skopje, Macedonia) and Kazan State University (Tatarstan, Russian Federation), there are now REESC-sponsored semester and academic-year programs in Albania, Armenia, Serbia & Montenegro, and Poland. The program at Yerevan State University in Armenia began in the fall of 2002. This fall we will begin programs at the University of Tirana (Albania), Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland), and the University of Novi Sad (Serbia &

Montenegro). These study abroad programs are closely linked to the Critical Languages Institute, which provides the language training necessary for advanced study in these countries. The programs are designed for both undergraduate and graduate students, and are attractive both for their concentrated language study and their flexibility. Students looking to complete undergraduate and graduate theses on topics concerning the Balkans, East Europe, and Eurasia will find these programs particularly useful. To secure competitive NSEP or other fellowships for their study abroad, students should contact the REESC office as soon as possible. The ASU International Programs Office, which administers all official ASU study abroad programs, sets firm application deadlines for study abroad. Applications are due March 15 for fall semester (or academic year) study abroad, and October 15 for spring semester-only study programs. Additional information about these East European/Eurasian study abroad programs is available on our web site at www.asu.edu/cli. Please help us identify potential students for these worthy programs. Study abroad is life-changing!

ASU-YEREVAN STATE UNIV LINKAGE PROGRAM

The Center is now in the second year of its three-year State Department/Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs project, "Refashioning the Social Sciences and Practitioner Training in Public Administration: International Collaboration Between Arizona State University (USA) and Yerevan State University (Armenia)." The first five visiting scholars and three university administrators arrived in August to participate in a university orientation. The visiting faculty will remain for the fall semester, meeting with faculty in the School of Public Affairs, auditing classes, developing syllabi, and interacting with public and private sector practitioners. A degree program in the field of public administration is being developed at YSU. During their semester here, the scholars will develop curricular materials for use in new classes that will be introduced in Yerevan as part of that new degree program. Stephen Batalden is project director, Victor Agadjanian and Carol Withers are co-project directors. For additional information about the project, contact the REESC office. You will note in the schedule of REESC program events at the close of this newsletter that one of the YSU visiting scholars, Professor Yenokian, will be leading a seminar later in the fall 2004 semester on the conflict over Karabagh. Another open session addressing comparative gender studies in Armenia and the United States is also being planned. Here is a full list of the visiting Armenian scholars:

Fall 2004 Visiting Armenian Scholars from Yerevan State University

*Gayane Buniatyan received her M.A. from the American University of Armenia's School of Political Science and International Affairs, and now works for the Armenian Public Sector Reform Programme. Her field of specialization is public administration.

*Seryozha Khachatryan is a post-graduate student in the School of Economic Policy and Management at Yerevan State University. His research field is regional economic development within the Republic of Armenia.

*Anna Maksudyan is a sociology instructor at Yerevan State University. Her primary research interest is in the field of organizational culture and change in the public administration context. Her areas of specialization are in social technologies, social theories, and social policy.

*Gohar Shahnazaryan is a sociology lecturer at Yerevan State University. She studies gender and social mobility in Armenian society, as well as the organization of social work and social-psychological assistance to vulnerable groups of women in Armenian society.

*Aghasi Yenokian is assistant professor and chair of the Department of International Relations and Diplomacy at Yerevan State University. His research interests are in regional security and civil-military relations, as well as oil politics, ethnic conflicts, and Russian foreign policy.

We would also like to welcome our new student assistant Nvard Sarkisyan (Nia) to REESC. Nia is putting her Armenian language skills, strengthened through this summer's CLI Intermediate Armenian course, to good use by working with the visiting Armenian scholars.

PROPOSED RUSSIAN/EAST. EURO STUDIES TRACK FOR THE NEW GLOBAL STUDIES B.A. DEGREE

The embryonic School of Global Studies (SGS) is rapidly developing both its undergraduate baccalaureate and graduate professional M.A. degree programs with the intent of admitting students into these programs in the fall 2005 semester. In crafting their baccalaureate program, the SGS leadership has called for regional international programs to develop appropriate regional "tracks" comprising up to 18 hours of the overall Global Studies major. The result, for example, would be a baccalaureate in "Global Studies/Russia and Eastern Europe." REESC submitted a draft proposal for an 18-hour Russian/East European "track," composed of 1) a mandatory 3-credit hour statistical methods course (SLV 304, "Computational Linguistics"); 2) a three-credit hour core course (HST 435 or RUS 441); 3) a capstone senior seminar (RUS/SLV 498, or 493 honors thesis work mentored by a REESC affiliate); and 4) nine credit hours of electives divided into three separate categories representing the full range of disciplinary coursework offered by REESC affiliates. Because of the long-term impact that this SGS baccalaureate degree could have upon REESC area-related courses, the draft Russian/East European SGS track will be one of the agenda items for the fall 2004 REESC general faculty meeting. You are encouraged to review the full REESC/SGS proposal available in the REESC office. We expect this track to equip students for NSEP and Fulbright fellowships, and therefore to draw significant enrollment from the Barrett Honors College. The intent in developing the Russian/East European track is to feature the broad range of coursework offered by affiliated faculty of the Russian and East European Studies Center, while preserving the close relationship between language-based preparation and both trans-disciplinary and disciplinary training.

MAJOR GRANT DEADLINES

For details regarding the following grant opportunities, consult the appropriate Websites of the agencies below, as well as the REESC Website for these and other funding opportunities. The deadlines are as follows:

NCEEER National Research Competition: February 15, 2005

NCEEER Policy Research Fellowship: January 15, 2005

NCEEER Ed Hewett Fellowship: March 15, 2005

NCEEER Short-Term Travel Grants: December 15, 2004, and April 15, 2005

NEH Collaborative Humanities Research Fellowship: February 15, 2005

Kennan Institute Short-Term Grants: March 1, June 1, and Sept. 1 (annually)

Woodrow Wilson Center Fellowships: October 1 (annually)

Kennan Institute Research Scholarship: December 1, 2004

IRES Individual Advanced Research Opportunities: November 1, 2004

IRES John J. and Nancy Lee Roberts Fellowship: April 1, 2005

IRES Policy-Connect Collaborative Research Grants: April 1, 2005

IRES 2005 Asia Regional Policy Symposium Grants: November 15, 2004

IRES Short-Term Travel Grants Program: February 1 (annually)

IRES Short-Term US Embassy Policy Specialist Prog.: March 1, 2005

NEH Collaborative Research Grants: November 1, 2004

NEH Fellowships: May 1, 2005

NEH Faculty Humanities Workshops: April 19, 2005

NEH Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development:
October 1, 2004

NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes: March 1, 2005

ACLS/SSRC/NEH Int'l and Area Study Fellowships: September 30, 2004

SSRC Int'l Dissertation Field Research Fellowship: November 1, 2004

SSRC Eurasia Title VIII Fellowships

*Pre-dissertation Training Fellowships: November 9, 2004

*Dissertation Write-up Fellowships: November 9, 2004

*Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships: November 9, 2004

*Teaching Fellowships: November 9, 2004

*Dissertation Development Workshop: November 30, 2004

ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in East Euro. Studies: November 10, 2004

ACLS Post-Doctoral Fellowships in S.E. Euro. Studies: November 10, 2004

ACLS S.E. Euro. Language Training for Individuals: January 13, 2005

Fulbright Traditional Scholar Program: Aug. 1, 2005 (some countries open)

Fulbright New Century Scholars Program: February 1, 2005

Fulbright Alumni Initiatives Awards: February 2005 (based upon last year)

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REESC FACULTY AFFILIATE NEWS

Victor Agadjanian (Sociology) received a National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) grant for his project: "Adjusting to Adversity: Marriage, Childbearing, and Migration in Kyrgyzstan," which will be conducted in collaboration with Kyrgyz demographers.

David Damrel (Religious Studies) educated 80 members of Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron No. 1 at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma. The lecture was part of a three-week workshop intended to educate Marine instructors on Islam and Arab culture.

Thomas Keil (ASU West Social/Behavioral Sciences) has submitted his book manuscript, Romania's Tortured Road to Modernity, to the East European Monographs series of Columbia University Press.

Clifford Shultz (Morrison School of Agribusiness) co-authored a paper entitled "When Policies and Marketing Systems Explode: An Assessment of Food Marketing in the War-Ravaged Balkans and Implications for Recovery, Sustainable Peace, and Prosperity," which will be published in the Journal of Public Policy & Marketing.

Danko Sipka (REESC) taught the Elementary Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian course at the CLI this summer. In addition, he published the paper: "On-line Delivery for Serbo-Croatian (Bosniac, Croatian, Serbian)" in the NCOLCTL Newsletter, and delivered two conference papers: "Content-centered Resources for the West Balkans," at the Monterey Institute of International Studies Conference, "Content, tasks and projects" (May 2004); and "Content and User Diversity: A Case Study of Program Development," at University of Manoa, Hawai'i Cultural Diversity and Language Education Conference (September 2004). He also delivered two lectures at the UNC-Duke workshop, "Slavic and East European Languages: Acquisition Techniques and Technologies" (July 2004). The papers were entitled "E-learning at the Critical Languages Institute" and "Creating Subtitled Video Clips."

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VISITING FACULTY

Richard Clogg, graduate of the University of Edinburgh, is a senior research fellow of St. Antony's College, Oxford. He has taught at the universities of Edinburgh and London where, latterly, he was professor of modern Balkan history. His published work includes *A Concise History of Greece*, which has been translated into a numerous languages, including Chinese and Turkish, and *Parties and Elections in Greece: The Search for Legitimacy*. His edited volumes, which include works on critical issues of great interest for modern Greek and Near Eastern studies, include *Anglo-Greek Attitudes* (Macmillan Press/St Antony's College, Oxford, 2000); *Greece, 1940-1949 : Occupation, Resistance, Civil War : A Documentary History* (Palgrave, 2002); *Balkan Society in the Age of Greek Independence* (Barnes & Noble, 1981); *Greece, 1981-89 : The Populist Decade* (Macmillan, 1993); *The Greek Diaspora in the Twentieth Century* (St. Martin's Press, 1999); and *Minorities in Greece: Aspects of a Plural Society* (Hurst & Co., 2002). He comes to the United States in the fall of 2004 as the distinguished Onassis Foundation visiting fellow. Arizona State University is one of four American universities chosen by the Onassis Foundation as lecture sites for the 2004 Onassis Fellow. The visit of Professor Clogg on the ASU campus is being co-sponsored by the ASU Russian and East European Studies Center. For a list of the Clogg lectures and seminars, see the accompanying guide to REESC fall events.

Aleksandr Polunov was a 2004 Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University's Harriman Institute. He is professor of history in the Moscow State University Faculty of Public Administration. His publications on Konstantin Pobedonostsev and on Russian church-state relations have led the way in reopening the field of Russian church history in post-

Soviet historiography. His early September visit to ASU included a seminar to a standing-room only audience on the topic, "The Russian Church and the Russian Empire."

Natalia Sidorova is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Procedure at the Law Institute of Tomsk State University in the Russian Federation. Professor Sidorova will be visiting the Arizona State University College of Law as a Carnegie Research Fellow for the fall semester 2004. Her research addresses the issue of comparative criminal law procedures in the United States and Russia. She will be visiting ASU law courses on criminal law procedures, while also working with key personnel in the Appeals Court of the Superior Court of Maricopa County.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

The following students (REESC/CLI) were awarded NSEP Scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year, and are now attending their respective programs:

Gina Dumkreiger (Industrial Eng.) - Serbia
Brad Griffin (Russian) - Kazakhstan
Ian Kushner (History) - Uzbekistan
Maria Santiago (Economics) - Serbia
Jason Swiecki (CLI Alum) - Serbia

Robert Niebuhr returned from his Fulbright year in Zagreb, Croatia. In June he defended his M.A. Thesis, "Life and Death of an Army: Yugoslavia, 1945-1995." He has since moved to Boston to begin Ph.D. work in the Boston College History Department.

Maren Curtis (former REESC certificate student and NSEP recipient) is fulfilling her NSEP service by working at the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (IRIS) at the University of Maryland. She is a program manager for projects on commercial law in Armenia, administrative law reform in Bosnia, and judicial sector reform also in Bosnia. A Barrett Honors College graduate in Geography (2003), Maren Curtis earned a REESC Certificate and participated in the CLI Macedonian program, spending a study abroad year at the University of Ss. Kiril and Metodij in Skopje, Macedonia.

Kameron Kerger, Second Lieutenant, USAF (REESC certificate in 2000) is now assigned to Dover Air Force Base as the executive officer for their squadron commander, gaining valuable insight into leadership and the inner operations of an Air Force squadron. She is being promoted to First Lieutenant on September 27, 2004, and will remain at Dover AFB for another two years.

Ivan Susak (former CLI BCS student and ASU Alum) is pursuing the M.A. degree in security policy studies at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. He is also a research assistant at the Lexington Institute.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to the following people who have helped to support the Center through their generous donations:

The Melikian Family, for hosting a welcoming reception for this semester's visiting Armenian scholars on the ASU-YSU linkage program. Emma and Gregory Melikian also arranged for the Armenian scholars to spend the Labor Day holiday in California.

Laurie Manchester, for her donation of a new color printer for use by current and future visiting scholars.

FALL 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

Wednesday, 9/1, 3-4:30, Coor Hall, rm. 4411

The Russian Church and the Russian Empire

*Aleksandr Polunov, Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University's Harriman Institute in History

Wednesday, 9/8, 9-10 and 1-3, Coor Hall, rm. 4411

World Affairs Council - Visiting University Administrators from Bosnia

Thursday, 9/9, 10-2, Cady Mall

International Programs Office - Study Abroad Fair

REESC certificate program, study abroad opportunities, and CLI language programs

Monday, 9/14, 1:30-2:30, Coor Hall, rm. 4411

Fellowship Opportunities to Study Abroad I

*Dr. Steven Batalden, REESC Director

*Dr. Janet Burke, Office of National Scholarship Advisement

*Dr. Danko Sipka, CLI Director

Friday, 9/24, 3:00, Coor Hall, rm.4411

What's Next for the Baltics in the Expanded EU?

*Ambassador Stephen Mull, US Ambassador to Lithuania

October

Monday, 10/4, 1:30-2:30, Coor Hall, rm. 4411

Fellowship Opportunities to Study Abroad II

Week of 10/18

Richard Clogg, Onassis Foundation Fellow, will give a series of lectures:

*Tuesday, 10/19, 3:30-5, Irish A Hall, rm. 124

The British Special Operations Executive in Greece during World War II: The Origins of Modern Anglo-American Intelligence Services - Barrett Honors College seminar

*Wednesday, 10/20, 11:45-1:30, Coor Hall, rm. 4411

"Our Christian Brethren in the East:" the Turkish-speaking Greeks of Asia Minor - REESC seminar

*Thursday, 10/21, 10:40-12, Coor Hall, rm. 186

Ancient Greece and the Movement for the Greek Independence, 1770-1821 - REESC seminar

Wednesday, 10/27, 1:45-3, Coor Hall, rm. 4403

The Current State of the Karabakh Conflict and Its Influence on Armenian Domestic and Foreign Policy

*Aghasi Yenokian, visiting faculty member from Yerevan State University

November

Monday, 11/15, 12:30-2, Coor Hall, rm. 4411

REESC Affiliates Meeting

ON-CAMPUS EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO REESC AFFILIATES

Thursday, 9/16, 3:30, LL 145

Russian Club Meeting - First meeting of the 2004-2005 academic year

Every Friday, 9:15-10:30am, Charlie's Café, Architecture building, 2nd Floor

Russian Conversation Hour

Every Tuesday, 12:50-1:30, Maricopa Café, Memorial Union, 2nd Floor

Russian Conversation Lunch Table

Sunday, 10/17, 2:30, ASU Main Campus, Organ Hall

The Tzar of Instruments - Organist Iain Quinn showcases the rare world of Russian organ music from the time of Peter the Great to original organ works in a film score of Shostakovich, and even a one-page harmonium piece by Rachmaninov. Other composers to be heard include Gliere, Glinka and Taneyev.

Wednesday, 10/20, 11:45, ECA 216

Gender Stratification in Post-Soviet Armenia Gohar Shahnazaryan, visiting faculty member from Yerevan State University

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO REESC AFFILIATES

9/11 to 10/2, Arizona Theatre Company, Tucson

The Immigrant - A musical play about Russian Jews immigrating to Texas in 1909. The Arizona Theatre Company performs at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott, downtown Tucson.

9/16 to 9/26, Tucson Art Theatre, Tucson

The Seagull - Anton Chekhov's masterpiece, set on a Russian country estate in the late 19th century, is a story of love, longing, life's dreams and purposes, and the importance of endurance.

10/1 to 10/2, St. Melany Byzantine Catholic Church, Tucson

3rd Tucson Slavic Festival - Food, dance, music, folklore and crafts highlighted various Eastern cultures including the countries of Russia, Poland, Ukraine and Croatia. St. Melany Byzantine Catholic Church, 1212 North Sahuara Ave, Tucson.

10/15, Armenian Educational and Social Center, Scottsdale

A History of the Conflict over Karabagh by Stephen Batalden, REESC Director
For more information, please see: <http://www.armenianchurchaz.org/aesc.html>

Friday 11/4 through Sunday 11/6, University of Arizona, Tucson

CIS and Eastern Europe Business Forum - focusing on "Success in the CIS and Eastern Europe" This symposium is designed for those who are planning to do business in countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe or who are currently doing business there. The program includes case studies of successful businesses, presentations on support programs available, and analyses of current legal, political, cultural, and economic issues. Registration by October 15. For further information, please call 520-621-7341 or 520-298-6599 at the University of Arizona Department of Russian and Slavic Studies and ask for senior lecturer Roza Simkhovich or department head Dr. George Gutsche.