

## FROM THE REESC OFFICE

It's been a busy year. My goal was to maintain an appropriate activity level in REESC, even with Steve on sabbatical in London and Susan on maternity leave early in the semester. With a number of grant submissions by Danko Sipka on behalf of CLI as well as REESC applications to World Learning and USAID, affiliate proposals, and implementation of the existing Department of State linkage projects between the University of Pristina (Kosovo) and Yerevan State University (Armenia) I think that goal was met. Thanks to the assistance and support from faculty, our graduate assistants, and staff, we had another great year. We enjoyed hosting Dr. Jane Miljovski from the University of Ss. Kiril and Metodij (Macedonia) and Botir Djuraev from Tashkent State Institute of Culture. Several international visitors from other units on campus participated in an interesting range of REESC activities. Our move to the Coor Building enabled us to have all REESC/CLI personnel in adjoining offices. That has helped us work more efficiently and gives students, affiliates, and the community a single location for all REESC and CLI-related matters.

By now I hope everyone has heard the good news that Susan and Clo welcomed baby Natalie into their lives in January. We're delighted to have Susan back in the office, although I suspect Natalie may not share that enthusiasm.

Stephen Batalden will return to his role as Director of REESC on July 1st. My thanks to all of you. Have a good summer!

Carol Withers, Acting Director

## THE CHONCOFF LECTURE

On January 29, Dr. Jane Miljovski gave the annual Mary Choncoff Lecture in the new Lattie Coor Building. Dr. Miljovski, an economics professor in the faculty of law at UKIM, spoke on the process of privatization in Macedonia.

In addition to the lecture, Dr. Miljovski is also this semester's UKIM exchangee. His primary goal was to study the processes of transition and the field of International Political Economy in former socialist countries from the perspective of American economists.

Dr. Miljovski used his stay to learn about teaching methods at American universities. Macedonian universities are now undergoing a serious transition. He is an evaluator for this process and he studied American methods of evaluating institutions of higher education.

Dr. Miljovski also investigated new possibilities of collaboration between ASU and UKIM.

\*\*We are saddened to report the death of Chris Choncoff on December 11, 2003. Chris was the brother of Mary Choncoff. He served on the board of the Mary Choncoff fund and was active in supporting the annual Choncoff lecture as well as the UKIM exchange program. We would like to thank Joyce Choncoff and Donna Pavel, who made donations to the Mary Choncoff Fund in his honor.

## CRITICAL LANGUAGES INSTITUTE

The CLI is looking forward to a summer with record enrollments. As of our April 30 deadline, more than 50 students have registered for 2004 courses. This summer we are offering five languages at the elementary level (Albanian, Armenian, BCS, Macedonian, and Polish) and two at the intermediate level (Armenian and BCS). There are still seats in all classes, so we encourage you to apply.

The CLI is pleased to introduce our instructors for 2004:

Linda Meniku - Albanian Linda joins us for a second summer to teach the elementary Albanian course and coordinate the Tirana practicum. We are excited to have Linda back at ASU this summer, as her enthusiasm last year led to nearly half of her students returning with her to Tirana for the three-week practicum. Linda currently teaches at the University of Tirana.

Siranush Khandanyan - Elementary Armenian Siranush received her degree in English Philology, Linguistics from the Faculty of Romance and Germanic Languages at Yerevan State University where she is currently an instructor of English. In addition to instructing the elementary Armenian class, she will lead the Yerevan practicum.

Margarita Sekoyan - Intermediate Armenian Rita is currently the Language Program Coordinator at the US Embassy in Yerevan where she teaches both Armenian and Russian to embassy personnel. She will teach the intermediate Armenian course.

Danko Sipka - Elementary BCS For the fifth consecutive summer Danko will teach the BCS 101/102 class. Danko has strengthened the BCS course offerings with the introduction of BCS 201/202 during the academic year and the test run of his on-line elementary BCS option this summer.

Zlata Filipovic - Intermediate BCS Zlata was born in Bosnia/Hercegovina and received her degree in BCS language and literature from the University of Sarajevo. Last November, she and Danko were co-instructors in an intensive Bosniac language and culture program at ASU sponsored by the US military. She is currently working for the Phoenix Union High School District at Central High School.

Lupco Spasovski - MacedonianLupco, a Ph.D. candidate in English at ASU, will again teach the elementary Macedonian course. He will be a faculty associate in the Department of English during the 2004-2005 academic year.

Agnieszka Mielczarek - PolishAgnieszka will instruct the first CLI Polish class. She graduated from the Faculty of Polish at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland where she also earned a Ph.D. in Polish linguistics. She currently works at the Polish Language School for Foreigners.

The Critical Languages Institute has offered instruction in languages of Eastern Europe and Eurasia since 1991. During the past thirteen years, over 250 students have completed either elementary or intermediate language instruction. This is an impressive achievement that we look to improve over the next few years. To that end, we have revamped the CLI so that classes meet Mondays through Fridays from 8 until 12 with mandatory cultural activities in the afternoon three times a week.

## STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Our list of study-abroad opportunities continues to grow. In addition to our longstanding programs at the University of Ss. Kiril and Metodij in Skopje, Macedonia and Kazan State University in Kazan, Tatarstan (Russian Federation), we now have semester and academic-year programs in Albania, Armenia, Serbia & Montenegro, and Poland.

The program at Yerevan State University in Armenia began in fall 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).

Our study abroad programs are closely linked to the Critical Languages Institute, which provides the language training necessary for serious study in these countries. These programs are designed for undergraduate and graduate students. They are attractive for both their concentrated courses of language study and their flexibility. Students looking to complete undergraduate and graduate theses on topics concerning the Balkans, East Europe, and Eurasia would find these programs particularly useful. In addition, we work closely with students as they apply for external fellowships and grants (i.e. NSEP fellowships) to fund their study-abroad.

Applications are due March 15 for the fall semester (or academic year) and October 15 for the spring semester. We encourage you to help us identify potential students for these programs.

## ASU-YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY LINKAGE

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funded a three-year 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 will arrive in August to participate in an 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 colleagues. 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 please contact the REESC office.

## FACULTY NEWS

Josef Brada (Economics) completed several papers on the integration of Eastern Europe with the European Union and on foreign direct investment in transition economies. He presented this research at a conference in Prague and will travel to Crete this semester to present the research at another conference. His next research project is on outward foreign direct investment from former communist countries.

David Damrel (Religious Studies) received an ASU Faculty Grant-In-Aid Award to support travel and summer research on a project to explore non-violent religious dissent among certain Muslim communities in Europe and the Americas. He will travel to Spain, Great Britain, and Mexico to perform research and conduct interviews this summer.

Ann Hibner Koblitz (Women's Studies) published an article on Kovalevskaja's literary works in Volume 277 of the Dictionary of Literary Biography.

This summer Nancy Roberts (Economics) will team-teach a Public Finance course with Driton Balaj (who was an exchangee on REESC's Department of State Grant linking ASU with the University of Prishtina) at the University of Prishtina. Also teaching at the University of Prishtina this summer are Shahin Berisha (Gateway Community College, REESC Adjunct) and Robin McCord (Chandler-Gilbert Community College, REESC Adjunct).

Clifford J. Schultz (Agribusiness) is the new editor of the Journal of Macromarketing.

On May 18 Danko Sipka will present at the Monterey Institute of International Studies his paper "Content-centered Resources for West Balkans" and he will be a consultant for a Bosnian spell checker program at the Microsoft Corporation Proofing Unit (Dublin, Ireland) in mid-May.

### Years of Service

Lee Croft, Aleksandra Gruzinska, and Peter Horwath celebrated 30 years of employment at ASU at the Sun Devil Service Award Luncheon on March 3rd.

## Retirements

Vladimir Borovansky, University Libraries, 36 years at ASU Rolfs Ekmanis, Department of Languages and Literatures, 41 years at ASU Tamarra Kaida, School of Art, 25 years at ASU Christy Turner, Department of Anthropology, 38 years at ASU

## Visiting Faculty

Botir Djuraev (Tashkent Institute of Culture) gave a paper, "Conditions and Concerns on an ESP Program at the Uzbek University Level" at the Tenth Annual Graduate Linguistics/TESL Symposium at Arizona State University. On March 29th he also gave a lecture, sponsored by REESC, on the educational system in Uzbekistan. He was also inducted into the Russian honor society Dobro Slovo.

## STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

### REESC Certificates

The following student has been recommended for the REESC certificate:

\*Tomaz Lenkiewicz

The following students (ASU and CLI) were awarded NSEP Scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year:

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

(Danko Sipka, Maria Santiago, Gina Dumkreiger, Jason Swiecki, and Lamb)

\*Jennipher Danielson (History and CLI, 2001) has been offered a position with TaskStream, a solid K-12 curricular development firm in New York.

\*Anne Fredrickson (REESC Graduate Assistant) will defend her thesis, *The Dual Faces of Modernity: The Russian Intelligentsia's Pursuit of Knowledge and the Publication History of a "A Note on Ritual Murder,"* at the end of May. She received the Wallace E. Adams Memorial Award for Excellence in European History from the Department of History for her thesis.

\*Kameron Kerger (REESC Certificate Student, 2000) is serving in the Air Force and is currently stationed at Dover AFB in Delaware. She has been deployed to Iraq and will be there until mid-summer 2004.

\*Stephanie Larsen (REESC Certificate Student, 2002) was selected as an OSCE Election Observer for the elections in Georgia the end of October. She had a great time with it and stayed on to work in CEELI's Tbilisi office and the Baku, Azerbaijan office for a couple of weeks. She was able to observe first hand some of the protest that was mounting prior

to the Georgian President's resignation. Stephanie is now employed at National Defense University in the International Student Management Office.

\*Russian major Heather Millican won the first annual Dimitrii Krioukov Memorial Translation Contest for her translation of the ASU Alma Mater into Russian.

\*Debbie Neill (REESC Graduate Assistant) gave her paper, "Interpreting the Russian Revolution After the Fall of the Soviet Union: The Return of the Totalitarian Model," at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at ASU in January.

\*Graduate student Robert Niebuhr is still in Zagreb on a Fulbright. He will defend his thesis, *Life and Death of an Army: Yugoslavia, 1945-1995*, in June.

\*Erica Nielsen, a Masters student in the Department of Dance, will spend the summer in Bulgaria doing ethnographic fieldwork for her thesis. She will present a Brown Bag talk on her experiences in the fall semester.