

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Having returned to the Melikian Center with renewed energy after a wonderful sabbatical year overseas, I first want to express my appreciation, and that of all of us associated with the Center, to **Kathleen Evans-Romaine** for her invaluable, selfless leadership this past year when she served as interim director of the Center. As ongoing director of our Critical Languages Institute, she continues to be a marvel of productive efficiency. Thank you, Kathleen.

Owing to the hard work of dedicated staff and affiliated faculty, the Melikian Center continues to set the standard for global engagement at ASU, significantly impacting the lives of our students. The Critical Languages Institute (CLI), generously supported by Department of Defense and State Department grants, has grown to more than 170 students who come to ASU each summer from more than seventy U.S. institutions of higher learning and twenty-five ROTC programs. More Fulbright and National Security Education Program/Boren Fellowships continue to be awarded to CLI students than to any other program of its kind in the nation. Twenty such applicants and outbound fellows participated in the 2011 summer CLI. CLI students are studying abroad throughout Eastern Europe and Eurasia—84 this past summer alone. It is gratifying to read the profiles of some of the remarkable CLI scholarship awardees below,

as well as the accounts of our CLI alumni.

Occasionally, these CLI graduates also work and intern in our own Melikian Center externally funded overseas projects. Those overseas development projects, such as the **Future Voters of Kosovo** project highlighted in this issue of the newsletter, continue to receive significant funding from agencies such as USAID and the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the U.S. Department of State. Meanwhile, the community of support for the Melikian Center’s research and training mission continues to grow. The articles in this newsletter showcase some of the ways in which the Melikian Center empowers students and advances the scholarship of our faculty.

We especially want to salute this fall the work of our faculty affiliate **Mark von Hagen**, whose supportive role in the Melikian Center continues following his departure as founding director of the ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies (SHPRS). Immediate past-president of the Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)—the premier transdisciplinary scholarly organization in our field—Mark has contributed to the Melikian Center’s enhanced federal funding. His administrative leadership in SHPRS and ASEEES has also been accompanied by important scholarly publication on twentieth-century war and empire in Eurasia (including his edited volume, *Russian Empire* [2007], and his monograph, *War in a*

European Borderland: Occupations and Occupation Plans in Galicia and Ukraine, 1914-1918 [2007]). In his honor the Center will be sponsoring this fall an international mini-conference at ASU, December 2-3, “Empire, Fatherland, and Nation in Ukrainian History.” The conference is timed also to mark the twentieth anniversary of post-Soviet Ukrainian independence. Conference details are included in the schedule of events below. Please mark your calendar for this special conference.

Hearty greetings to all of you at the beginning of this new academic year. The Melikian Center gratefully acknowledges your support.

-- Stephen Batalden

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Oct. 4 – 5:00 pm – Coor 4403 – Film Screening – “Fatal Promises.” For this pre-release screening of a documentary film on human trafficking, we shall be joined by the international cinematographer and producer of the film,

Katharina Rohrer. A light pizza supper will be served. Those wishing to attend the screening are asked to RSVP to 480-965-4188.

Oct. 14 – 3:00 pm – Music Building E-510 Recital Hall—“Liszt, Opera, and More,” by Professor Robert Oldani. This presentation by Melikian Center faculty affiliate Robert Oldani is part of a Friday afternoon series, “Franz Liszt: A Bicentennial Symposium,” featuring weekly Friday afternoon presentations and performances of the music of Franz Liszt. For a full guide to the weekly events, contact the Melikian Center offices (melikiancenter@asu.edu) or Professor Oldani (Robert.Oldani@asu.edu).

Oct. 17 – 12:00 pm – Coor 4403 – Richard Hovannisian (History Dept., UCLA) – “Where is Armenian History Going? Reflections on Armenian Historiography and Historians.”

Oct. 22 – National Archeology Day.

See the schedule of events provided by Melikian Center faculty affiliate Tom Morton (ASU School of Design), <http://www.archaeological.org/NAD>.

Nov. 3 – 10:00 am – George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center (415 E. Grant Street, Phoenix, AZ) – “Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People in Historical Context: A Panel Presentation at the National Traveling Exhibit on Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.” Panelists will include Melikian Center affiliates

Hava Tirosh-Samuels (“The Papacy and Anti-Semitism in the Modern Period”), Anna Cichopek-Gajraj (“Jews in Poland after World War II”), and Stephen Batalden (“Karol Wojtyla and Vatican Ost-Politik”).

Nov. 6-8 – ASU Tempe and West campuses – International Research Symposium – Memory & Countermemory: Memorialization of an Open Future – The Melikian Center is cosponsoring this international symposium in collaboration with the ASU West Center for Critical Inquiry and Cultural Studies and the Jewish Studies Center. For a listing of the full program, see the conference website, http://jewishstudies.clas.asu.edu/memory_program.

Dec. 2-3 – Coor Hall 4403 – International Mini-Conference, “Empire, Fatherland, and Nation in Ukrainian History: A Conference Marking the Twentieth Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence” –This is a Melikian Center international conference honoring Mark von Hagen’s service as chair of the ASU History Department and founding director of the ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies. Visiting scholars will include Frank Sysyn (University of Toronto), Zenon Kohut (University of Alberta), and Oksana Kiš (Institute of Ethnology, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences). In addition to a conference roundtable on “Ukraine: 20 Years After Independence,” scholarly papers will include the following: Zenon Kohut, “The Political Culture of Cossack Ukraine”; Stephen Batalden, “Alternative Imperial Visions for Ukraine: Constructing Athens on the Borysthene”; Frank Sysyn, “Empire and Nation and the Greek Catholic Clergy of Habsburg Galicia”; Mark von Hagen, “War and Revolution in Ukraine, 1914-1921”; and Oksana Kiš, “Traditional Femininity Used and Contested: Women’s Experiences in the National Guerrilla Warfare in Western Ukraine in the 1940s and 1950s.”



Richard Hovannisian

CLI 2011 NEWS

Enrolling 172 students, the 2011 Arizona Critical Languages Institute was the largest in the 21-year history of the Institute. Students took courses in 10 less commonly taught languages of Eastern Europe and Eurasia (Albanian, Armenian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Farsi, Macedonian, Polish, Russian, Tajik, Tatar, and Uzbek), plus Hebrew, which is offered in partnership with the ASU Jewish Studies Program.

CLI celebrated a number of firsts this summer. The institute added new courses, including fourth-year Russian, third-year Tajik, third-year Farsi, and advanced mastery Armenian. The last of these is unique in the United States. Modeled after the Institute's successful advanced mastery program for Albanian, the course is designed to take students with strong backgrounds in Armenian (students of Armenian background or with

in Uzbekistan. Eleven students at three levels of Uzbek spent three weeks studying the language in three of the most ancient cities of Central Asia: Khiva, Bukhara, and Samarqand, as well as in the capital, Tashkent. Highlights of the trip included a mixer at the U.S. Embassy where CLI students were joined by Uzbek students who were applying for admission to U.S. universities, and a spontaneous "dance-off" at a restaurant where CLI participants and local youth spent the evening teaching each other Western and Eastern dance moves. CLI is currently the only U.S. language program offering instruction to U.S. students in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Uzbek students were among the 84 students who studied abroad on CLI overseas programs this summer, with 44 students studying in Russia, 19 in Tajikistan, 11 in Uzbekistan, 5 in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and 5 in Armenia.



CLI 2011 students and faculty - Hayden Lawn, ASU

at least a year's experience in Armenia) from advanced to professional proficiency. The course presupposes a fluent command of the language and concentrates on helping students master stylistics, regulate the register of their speech, and acquire a working knowledge of professional and academic discourse in their own fields. Advanced mastery Armenian was developed and taught by Siranush Khandanian and Gohar Harutunian to enthusiastic reviews by participants and external evaluators alike.

In another first, CLI opened a study-abroad program



CLI 2011 Students in Uzbekistan

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In 2011, CLI was one of two summer language institutes in the U.S. to receive Title VIII graduate student fellowship funding from the Department of State (the other is the Summer Workshop on Slavic and East European Languages at Indiana University). This funding made it possible for the CLI to provide fellowships to 22 graduate students participating in Arizona-based and overseas CLI courses in the upper levels of the least commonly taught languages of Central Asia and Eurasia. Preliminary data suggest that these students made significant, measurable language progress during their time at CLI. Title VIII funding will be available again in 2012.

CLI 2011 also offered expanded support for undergraduate study through the new Melikian Scholars program (which funds three students for study abroad and 15 students for study in Arizona), and through an expanded set of International Distinguished Engagement Awards (IDEAs). IDEA recipients are featured elsewhere in this newsletter.

In recognition of the success of its NSEP-funded “Project Global Officer” training program for ROTC cadets, CLI was asked in 2011 to more than double the number of cadets funded to participate in the Institute, from 25 to 52. Since 2008, CLI has been part of the national Project GO coalition of universities authorized to train cadets in critical languages. In that time, CLI has trained more than 100 Project GO participants in Russian, Tajik, Tatar, and Uzbek. This summer, CLI was the largest host of Project GO cadets, sending more “GO” participants abroad than any other university in the Project GO system. CLI is particularly proud of its record in retaining cadets from year to year in some of the least commonly studied languages in the U.S.

CLI also is home to the office of the national coordinator for Project GO outreach and recruitment, Marina Akins. Marina works closely with all 20 Project GO universities to coordinate application procedures and outreach efforts, as well as working one-on-one with ROTC units and with individual cadets. When she is not working on Project GO matters, Marina serves as assistant to the director of the CLI, a position in which she has become invaluable.



CLI 2011 Students in Russia

As in past years, CLI 2011 put a heavy emphasis on career and grant mentoring, with presentations by job recruiters, scholarship and fellowship agencies, representatives of U.S. government agencies ranging from the Peace Corps and Foreign Service to USAID and the intelligence community. These sessions were rated very highly by students. The efficacy of these efforts is demonstrated by the fact that an estimated 1 in 7 CLI students has, over the past 10 years, gone on to apply for and receive a nationally competitive scholarship or fellowship for extended semester and academic-year study abroad.

CLI continues to grow, both in numbers and in reputation. This year for the first time, a majority of students responding to questionnaires asking why they chose CLI over other summer institutes cited not the low cost of the Institute, but its reputation among past participants and their instructors.

CLI will be building upon the successes of 2011 to produce a 2012 program that will cement ASU’s reputation at the national level as one of the premier locations for summer language training in less-commonly-taught languages.

-- Kathleen Evans-Romaine
CLI Director

2011 CLI STUDENT AWARDEES

The CLI's annual awards ceremony was held this summer on July 21. CLI faculty and outstanding students in each language, the State Department Title VIII graduate fellows, the undergraduate Melikian Fellows, and the recipients of CLI's 2011 IDEAs (International Distinguished Engagement Awardees) were recognized. This year for the first time the Melikian Center was able to use its endowment funds to support eight undergraduate Melikian Fellows—six from Arizona State University, one from American University, and one from Georgetown University.

The 2011 **Melikian Fellows** are, alphabetically, **Evan Anderson** (First-year Uzbek in CLI, International Studies Major, American University); **LeiAnna Hamel** (First-year Uzbek in CLI, Russian and Religious Studies Major, ASU); **Anna Hendricks** (First-year Uzbek in CLI, International Politics Major, Georgetown University); **Rachel Kultala** (Second-year Armenian in CLI, Spanish and Sociology Major, ASU); **Galen Lamphere-Englund** (First-year BCS in CLI, Global Studies Major, ASU); **Michael Piercy** (Advanced Mastery Armenian in CLI, Mechanical Engineering Major, ASU); **Kelly Roberson** (Second-year Persian in CLI, Spanish Linguistics Major, ASU); and **Rachel Zubiate** (Third-year Russian in CLI Kazan, English Linguistics Major, ASU).

The **CLI IDEAs** are awarded to outstanding students who will be engaging in overseas study as part of an ongoing commitment to international study and/or foreign service. Four of the IDEAs are the Emmanuil and Sarra Senderov Memorial IDEA, the Imre Sandor Memorial IDEA, the Gregory and

Emma Melikian IDEA, and the Doris Hastings IDEA.

There were two Senderov IDEA awardees this year, **Michael Weiss** and **Karissa Jackson**. Michael



Karissa Jackson with the Senderov Family

Weiss, a fourth-year Russian student in the CLI Kazan program, is a mathematics graduate student from New York University interested in cryptography. Avocationally he is a concert cellist, having performed with his Russian accompanist during the 2010-11 academic year in several Russian venues as well as in a chamber music competition held last spring in Italy. Michael studied in Moscow last year before joining the CLI Kazan program. He is preparing himself for a career in government service.

Karissa Jackson, a first-year Russian student in the CLI, is an

ROTC Air Force cadet in the ASU Project GO program, pursuing a degree in Russian studies at Centre College in Kentucky. Her ROTC program is at the University of Kentucky. Karissa is currently preparing her NSEP/Boren scholarship application to spend the 2012-13 academic year in Moscow on the Arizona Russian Abroad program where she plans to work on the question of female labor migrants into Moscow from Central Asia and the problem of sex trafficking.

The 2011 Imre Sandor Memorial IDEA also went to two CLI students, **Carson Marries** and **Matthew Becker**. Carson Marries, a first-year CLI Macedonian student and M.A. graduate in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, was recently named a William Jefferson Clinton 2011-12 Presidential Fellow to India where he will be working in Madhya Pradesh in the field of agricultural economics, the area he has chosen for his future doctoral studies. Carson is simultaneously applying for Fulbright support to continue his Macedonian studies immediately following the year in India. In



Carson Marries (left) and Matthew Becker with Katalin Festy-Sandor

Macedonia, Carson plans to work on the problem of Macedonian EU integration, specifically addressing the fate of Macedonian tobacco subsidies.

Matthew Becker, a CLI BCS student and Title VIII graduate fellow, is a graduate student in political science at the University of Mississippi. He participated in the overseas CLI practicum in Sarajevo following on-campus CLI instruction, where he undertook pre-dissertation research on the memorializing of the Srebrenica massacres in post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina. Matthew expects to continue his Yugoslav studies as part of an academic career in international studies.

2011 marked the second year



Margaret Sullivan (left) and Zachary Yentzer with Doris Hastings

of the Doris Hastings IDEA, which went to two CLI recipients, **Margaret Sullivan** and **Zachary Yentzer**, both of whom are profiled below in the accounts of “Fulbright/NSEP Awardees, 2011-12.” Margaret Sullivan (Fourth-year Tajik) is a graduate student pursuing dual master’s degrees at Indiana University in public health and Central Asian studies. She is a Boren Fellow in Tajikistan this year. Zachary Yentzer (Second-year Albanian) is an ASU Barrett Honors College political science major and Boren Scholar in Kosovo this year.

The 2011 Gregory and Emma Melikian IDEA went to **Rachel Kultala** (Second-Year Eastern Armenian), an ASU sociology and



Rachel Kultala (center) with Gregory and Emma Melikian

Spanish double major who also won the award for outstanding student in the intermediate Armenian course. Rachel traveled to Armenia following the eight-week on-campus program to participate in the CLI overseas summer program in Yerevan.

Finally, in the name of the many friends of the Melikian Center who have contributed to the Center’s scholarship fund, additional CLI

IDEAs were awarded this summer to **Holly Decker** and **Victoria Breshears**. Holly Decker (Fourth-year Russian, Kazan CLI) is a May 2011 baccalaureate graduate from the University of Florida who is entering the interdisciplinary Russian and East European Studies M.A. program at Columbia



Victoria Breshears receiving her award from Dr. Batalden

University this fall. In 2010, Holly received a State Department Critical Languages Scholarship for study of Russian in Ufa. Holly reports that her Russian advanced much further this summer as a CLI student in Kazan than it did the previous summer in Ufa! Victoria Breshears (First-year Persian) is an MPA student in international administration at Minnesota State University, Mankato, where she is part of the certificate program in nonprofit management. She intends to continue to advance her Persian language skills in Dushanbe with a goal of securing a position in the U.S. Foreign Service or the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Congratulations to all these deserving 2011 CLI awardees!

FULBRIGHT/NSEP AWARDEES, 2011-2012

Christian Hoyt (CLI Second-year Russian, 2011) has received an NSEP/Boren Scholarship for study abroad with the Arizona Russian Abroad program at the GRINT Center for Education and Culture, Moscow Humanities University. He will also be undertaking independent research on Russian business incubators, related NGOs, and Russian law. Christian is a graduate of Mesa Red Mountain High School, pursuing a baccalaureate degree in economics as an ASU Barrett Honors College student. He is preparing for a career as a foreign service officer with a desired placement in economic affairs.

Hannah LaLuzerne received an NSEP/Boren Scholarship for study abroad with the Arizona Russian Abroad program at GRINT Center for Education and Culture, Moscow Humanities University. She is an ASU Barrett Honors College student majoring in environmental studies and pursuing the undergraduate certificate in Russian and East European Studies. Her independent study project while in Moscow will focus on Russian energy policy. Her career goals include working for an international development organization such as the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Galen Lamphere-Englund (CLI BCS, 2011) received an NSEP/Boren Scholarship for study abroad at the International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He is a Barrett Honors College student majoring in international relations. In Sarajevo while continuing his BCS language study, he will be examining the role of music as a tool for peace-building. A graduate of Patagonia Union High School (Nogales, AZ), Galen hopes to work in the U.S. State Department as a cultural affairs officer.

William Nicholson (CLI Tajik/Persian, 2010 & 2011) received a graduate NSEP/Boren Fellowship to continue his Persian studies in Tajikistan. An M.A. student in theology and Islamic studies at Biola University, William will be conducting independent research in Tajikistan on Muslim education, under the title, "Mapping Counter-Radical Discourse in Tajikistan: The Role of Official & Unofficial Madrassas."

Arthur Pignotti (CLI BCS, 2009 & 2010; Albanian, 2011, a Title VIII State Department Fellow in the 2011 CLI) received a graduate NSEP/Boren Fellowship for independent study in Bosnia and Herzegovina. An ASU M.A. student in history, Arthur will be conducting thesis research on "Postwar Refugee Resettlement in Ethnically Divided Mostar." Pignotti plans to take the Foreign Service Exam, and has his eyes on a career in international development working with an aid organization such as USAID.

Daniel Pout (CLI Macedonian, 2009 & 2010) received a Fulbright Fellowship for independent study abroad in Macedonia. A doctoral candidate in international relations and political theory in the ASU School of Politics and Global Studies, Daniel will be conducting thesis research on Macedonian-Greek relations after the collapse of the Yugoslav state.

Elena Shomos (CLI Albanian three-week summer study abroad, 2010) received an NSEP/Boren Scholarship for advanced study of Albanian in Tirana. An undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska, she is majoring in international relations and French language and literature at Nebraska.

Adam Starbuck (CLI Second-year Russian, 2010) received an NSEP/Boren Scholarship for study abroad with the Arizona Russian Abroad program at the GRINT Center for Education and Culture, Moscow Humanities University. Adam is a graduate of Canyon del Oro High School majoring in biology and Russian. In 2010 he was a recipient of the CLI Emmanuil and Sarra Senderov IDEA. Following his ASU graduation, Adam plans to attend medical school while continuing his interest in public health and comparative health care delivery systems.

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FULBRIGHT/NSEP AWARDEES, 2011-2012 (Cont.)

Margaret Sullivan (CLI Third-year Tajik, 2011; CLI State Department Title VIII Graduate Fellow) received a graduate NSEP/Boren Fellowship for independent study abroad in Tajikistan. She is currently pursuing an M.A. in public administration with a focus on international development and Central Asian area studies at Indiana University. As noted above, she is a 2011 recipient of the CLI Doris Hastings IDEA. In Tajikistan, she is continuing her Tajik language study while conducting research on the fate of women in rural Tajikistan, particularly those left behind by migrant labor husbands pursuing employment in Moscow.

Zachary Yentzer (CLI Albanian, 2010 & 2011) received an NSEP/Boren Scholarship for study abroad at the Faculty of Islamic Studies (FIS) in Prishtina, Kosovo. Zachary is the first non-Albanian/non-Muslim student ever to study at FIS. He declined a 2011 State Department Critical Language Scholarship for study of Azeri in order to participate in the CLI second-year Albanian program. A graduate of Tucson Mountain View High School, he is an ASU Barrett Honors College undergraduate majoring in political science. Alongside his studies at FIS, Zachary will be interning at the Melikian Center's youth democracy project, "Future Voters of Kosovo." Yentzer is a 2010/2011 recipient of the Doris Hastings IDEA. He intends to pursue a career in the U.S. Foreign Service.

CLI ALUMNI UPDATE

Natalia Anker-Lagos (CLI Tatar, 2005 & 2006, and Tajik, 2008; NSEP Scholar to Tatarstan, Russia, 2006-07; ASU REES [Russian and East European Studies] Certificate, 2008; Barrett Honors College graduate—Russian B.A., 2008; Fulbright Fellow to Tajikistan, 2008-09) has served in 2010 and 2011 as resident director for the CLI summer study abroad program in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, working with the Melikian Center's CLI Tajik/Persian and Uzbek language programs. Anker-Lagos was awarded the Merle Fainsod Prize from the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. The Fainsod Award is given to the top incoming graduate applicants entering Harvard University graduate programs each year in East European and Eurasian studies. She is currently a master's degree candidate in Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies at Harvard.

Joseph Bodell (CLI Macedonian, 2006 & 2007; NSEP Scholar to Macedonia, 2007-08; ASU REES Certificate, 2009; Barrett Honors College graduate—Global Studies B.A., 2009) is a graduate student in the master of international affairs program at George Washington University. In 2010, he was awarded a graduate Boren Fellowship (his second Boren award) for research on Muslim institutions in post-Communist Albania.



Steven Cottam (CLI Armenian, 2005 & 2006; NSEP/Boren Scholar to Armenia, 2006-07; Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict Undergraduate

Fellow in the Melikian Center, 2007-08; ASU REES Certificate, 2008 ASU Barrett Honors College Graduate—History and Religious Studies B.A., 2008) is a graduate student at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago where he presented a paper entitled, "To Err is Human: Overlapping Conceptions of Self-Control Failure in Catholicism, Islam, and Cognitive Psychology," at the Zygon Center for Religion and Science Student Symposium in April 2010. He won first prize for the paper, and the paper was published in the June 2011 edition of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. In a recent interview conducted for the ASU Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Cottam commented on his experience working for the Melikian Center in 2007-08, indicating that he was surrounded by so much religious diversity that his fellowship experience was like the beginning of a joke, "'So I was with a Bosnian Muslim mufti, a Serbian Orthodox priest, and a Catholic Franciscan in a mini-van...,' but there's no punch line. It was

just the description of my normal Friday afternoon.” Cottam’s account is from his work as a CSRC fellow helping to organize the Melikian Center’s State Department-funded exchange of religious and NGO leaders from Bosnia and Herzegovina. For the full CSRC article on Steven Cottam, see http://asunews.asu.edu/20110926_csrtcottam.

Lt. Col. Michael Galope (ASU Russian B.A., 1989; ASU REES Certificate, 1989) recently retired from the U.S. Army after a 22-year career as a military intelligence officer, including a stint as one of the first Ukrainian Foreign Area Officers. After attending a Ukrainian language basic course at the Defense Language Institute (Washington, DC, campus), he completed his training at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany, serving thereafter for a period in the Office of Defense Cooperation in the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. Most recently, Galope has been serving as a senior military fellow in the Center for Applied Strategic Learning at the National Defense University in Washington, DC.

William “Billy” Gunn (ASU Russian B.A., 2001; ASU REES Certificate, 2001) is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Southern California in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. He received a grant from the Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation to conduct research in Moscow and St. Petersburg during the summer of 2010. He is writing his dissertation on the playwright Alexander Ostrovsky (1823-1886) and spent the previous summer searching for materials relating to four productions of his plays from the 1920s. Mr. Gunn will be examining Ostrovsky’s legacy more generally, while focusing on the “Back to Ostrovsky” campaign launched by Anatoly Lunacharsky in 1923 and subsequent productions directed by Eisenstein, Meyerhold, Tairov, and Stanislavsky. He shared some of his findings during a roundtable presentation at the ASEES Conference in November 2010, and also in a paper at the AATSEEL Conference in January 2011.

Erin Hutchinson (CLI Armenian, 2005, 2006 & 2011; NSEP to Armenia, 2006-07; U.S. Dept. of



Erin Hutchinson in Kosovo

State Critical Languages Scholarship in Russia, Summer 2008; ASU REES Certificate, 2009; ASU Barrett Honors College Graduate—Global Studies and History B.A., 2009; Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Moldova, 2009-10) has served as resident project officer in Prishtina in 2010-11 for the Melikian Center’s State Department project, “Future Voters of Kosovo” (see the article on the Kosovo program elsewhere in this newsletter). Hutchinson received a Foreign Language and Area Study (FLAS) Fellowship to pursue graduate study at Harvard University where she began this fall a regional studies M.A. program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

Derek Kedziora (CLI BCS 2006 and Farsi/Tajik, 2009; ASU REES Certificate, 2009; ASU Russian B.A., 2009) recently got married. Also, after completing a year teaching English in Qingdao, China, took the Trans-Siberian railroad to Ukraine, where he has been teaching English at the American English Center in Dnipropetrovsk (Ekaterinoslav).

Jamie Keeton (CLI BCS, 2002; ASU REES Certificate, 2002; ASU History B.A., 2002) completed her M.A. degree in Slavic Languages and Literatures at UCLA in 2006 and her J.D. at Loyola Marymount University in 2009. Since July 2011, Keeton has been an associate attorney at the Layfield Law Firm, Santa Monica, CA.

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CLI ALUMNI UPDATE (cont.)

Scott C. Legler (CLI Tatar, 2006; NSEP/Boren Scholar to Tatarstan, Russia, 2006-07; ASU REES Certificate, 2007; ASU Russian B.A., 2007) is currently completing a master's degree with a concentration in international business and political risk analysis at the Thunderbird School of Global Management (Glendale, AZ).

Anda Lincoln [née Scafaru] (ASU REES Certificate, 2000; ASU English B.A., 2000) graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2004. After practicing international law for a time in Portland, Oregon, she has now assumed the position of proprietor of a Saison brewery (Belgian style) in Fort Collins, CO.

Stephanie Niederhausen [née Larson] (CLI Macedonian, 1999; NSEP/Boren Scholar to Macedonia [Study Abroad at UKIM], 1999-2000; ASU REES Certificate, 2002; ASU Journalism B.A., 2002) completed her M.A. in Education and Human Development with a concentration in international education at George Washington University in 2009. She had previously been employed as the Caucasus regional program associate in the American Bar Association's Central East European Legal Initiative (CEELI, now the ABA Rule of Law Initiative) and at the international student programs office of the National Defense University. Following her graduation from George Washington University, she has assumed a position with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State where she is a Middle East/North African program officer working with EducationUSA Opportunity Funds.

Amanda Weaver (CLI BCS, 2006; ASU REES Certificate, 2010; Barrett Honors College summa cum laude graduate—English Linguistics and Russian, 2010) wrote her ASU honors thesis on “Phonetic Symbolism in Russian Poetry.” She is currently a graduate student in the Department of Russian and Slavic Studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ.

VISITING FLTAs

Uzbek and Tajik Taught by Visiting FLTAs

The Critical Languages Institute is pleased to announce the arrival at ASU of five visiting Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTAs)—**Nigina Razzakova** from Uzbekistan, **Zebo Murodova** from Tajikistan, **Renata Matsumoto** from Brazil, **Maria Ugha** from Indonesia, and **Thanachate Wisajorn** from Thailand. They will be teaching their native languages and studying at ASU in the fall and spring semesters. Two of these scholars, Nigina Razzakova and Zebo Murodova, are hosted through the Melikian Center and have been working with CLI Director Kathleen Evans-Romaine to offer instruction in elementary Tajik and three levels of Uzbek. The Center will be sponsoring special presentations by them this year.

Renata Matsumoto is being hosted by Professor David Foster of the School of International



Letters and Cultures (SILC). Maria Ugha and Thanachate Wisajorn are being hosted by Professor Peter Suwarno, also of SILC. All five FLTAs are available to make presentations on their native countries and cultures, as well as on topics in their specialized fields. Please contact the Melikian Center for details about the Uzbek, Tajik, or Portuguese (Brazilian) FLTAs, and SILC for details about the Indonesian and Thai FLTAs.

NATIONAL ORIENTATION FOR FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS



FLTA Orientation Participants at final banquet dinner

The Melikian Center welcomed 54 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTAs) to national orientation program held August 26-31, 2011, on the campus of Arizona State University.

The orientation is sponsored annually by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Educational and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with the Institute for International Education. The orientation seminar marks the initial arrival of Fulbright international language teachers into the United States before their onward departure to institutions across the country where they will be teaching under terms of the FLTA program.

The FLTA program enables young educators from around the world to teach language courses, supervise language labs, and lead language table discussions. During their one-year residence in the United States, FLTAs refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States, while pursuing non-degreed study in their chosen field at U.S. colleges and universities.

The orientation program hosted by the Melikian Center was designed to provide the 54 FLTAs with an introduction to the academic and social cultures of U.S. higher education, facilitating their smooth

transition to host universities across the United States. To accomplish these goals, the orientation incorporated large-group instructional sessions and small-group workshops, introducing participants to the latest and best practices in the field of language instruction. The sessions were led by ASU faculty members recognized for their effective teaching. The Melikian Center is one of a handful of institutions across the nation serving as national FLTA orientation host sites. In the 2011-12 academic year, more than 400 Fulbright FLTAs will live, study, and teach at U.S. colleges and universities.

SPRING 2011 JFDP FELLOWS

Two Junior Faculty Development Program fellows were hosted by the Melikian Center in the spring 2011 semester. **Hrvoje Petric**, an assistant professor of History in the Department of History at the University of Zagreb, worked with the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies and the School of Sustainability on issues of environmental history, in collaboration with ASU Professor Paul Hirt. **Marko Markovic**, an instructor in the Department of Painting at the University of Montenegro, worked with the School of Art in the Herberger Institute in collaboration with Prof. Mark Pomilio. The Junior Faculty Development Program is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and administered by the American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS). JFDP fellows work closely with faculty mentors from host universities in the United States expanding their knowledge in their respective fields of study and informing U.S. faculty and students on education in their home countries. This is the third year that the Melikian Center has served as the campus host for JFDP fellows at ASU.



JFDP Marko Markovic receiving a JFDP Program Certificate from his ASU academic advisor Prof. Mark Pomilio

PROJECT UPDATE: GEORGIA

Achieving Excellence: A Strategic Plan for the Social Sciences in Georgia

The Melikian Center and ASU School of Politics and Global Studies have recently completed a one-year program focused on building Georgian social scientists' capacity for high quality research on public policy issues of pressing concern. The project, entitled "Achieving Excellence: A Strategic Plan for the Social Sciences in Georgia," was funded by the U.S. Department of State in a direct grant from the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi.

The post-Communist transition process underway in Georgia has put strains upon traditional institutions of higher learning, most evidenced in programs that prepare students for careers in the social sciences. By engaging Georgian academics in contemporary research methods and by combining social science education with practical training for public policy analysis, the project strengthened the capacity of academics to contribute to applied research, including government policy making in the fields of education, diplomacy, and national security.

Combining a semester-in-residence at ASU for ten distinguished young Georgian faculty and in-country training for fifteen doctoral candidates in Georgia, the project addressed four core professional training

objectives: i) enhancing the analytical capacity of Georgian scholars through coursework on quantitative research skills; ii) initiating a series of collaborative research projects between Georgian and American scholars; iii) employing individualized action planning among participating scholars for addressing research and curricular reform; and iv) developing a professional network of Georgian scholars to carry forward the academic objectives of the project.

By the completion of the semester-in-residence at ASU and following training sessions in Georgia partnered with Ilia State University, the project yielded several related successes, including:

- Two publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Two presentations at international conferences
- Several new courses piloted at universities in Georgia
- A faculty promotion and a new faculty hire at Ilia State University

The Melikian Center looks forward to continued cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi in training a second cohort of social scientists from the Republic of Georgia.

MELIKIAN CENTER STAFF NEWS



Ara Barsam (Associate Professor of Practice) has accepted an appointment as director of programs for Higher Education for Development (HED), a Washington, DC, flow-through agency that channels USAID project funding to U.S. institutions of higher learning. Ara has made significant contributions to the Melikian Center's research agenda during his two short years with the Center, and he will be missed. We wish him the very best in his new appointment. Ara's last day at the Melikian Center will be November 4. Watch for news about a gathering in his honor.

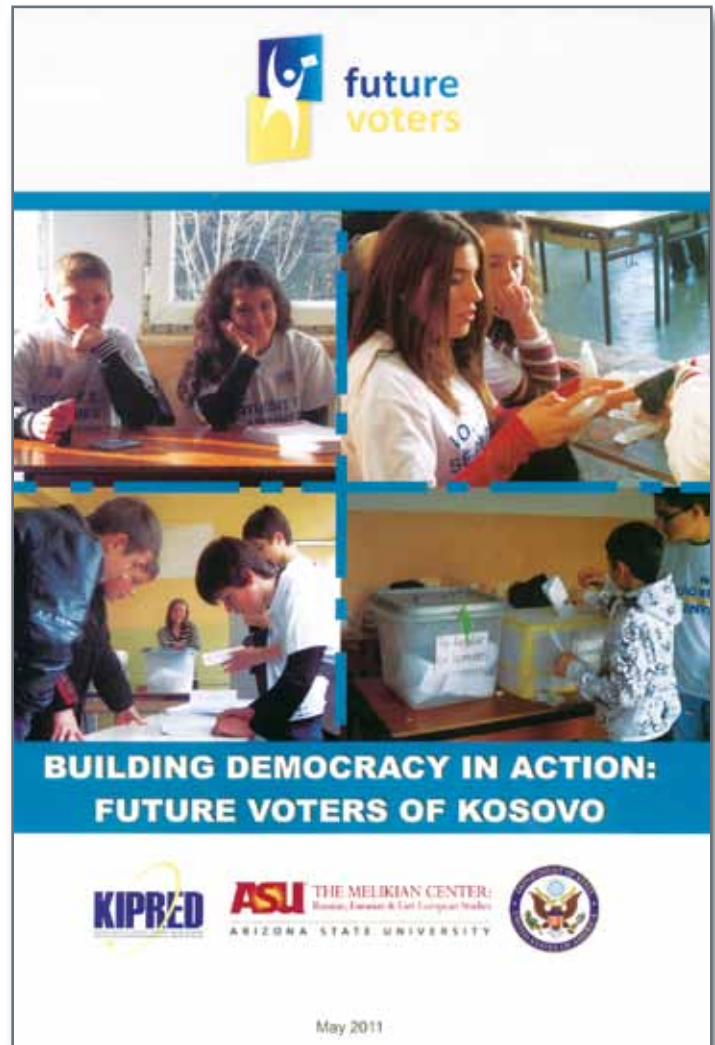
PROJECT UPDATE: KOSOVO

Center's Future Voters of Kosovo Project Receives State Department Extension

For the past three years, the Melikian Center has been piloting a U.S. Department of State-funded experimental youth democratization project in Kosovo patterned after "Kids Voting, USA." The project, Future Voters of Kosovo (FVK), engages Kosovo students between the ages of 13 and 18 in civic education training and follow-on simulated election voting in Kosovo elections. Both in the 2009 local elections and in the 2010 parliamentary elections, FVK drew young people from the target schools of Prishtina and Gjilan into election balloting at voting booths located immediately adjacent to adult polling stations. Following widespread media attention to the candidate debates organized by FVK students, more than 7,000 young people participated in the 2009 local election balloting, and more than 9,500 participated in the 2010 parliamentary balloting.

Following each of the two elections, students from participating schools were surveyed to determine the impact of the participatory election process on young people's attitudes toward electoral politics. Students participating in FVK balloting were significantly more likely than their non-participating peers to affirm that "democratic elections are important for society, even if my candidate loses." The activity of future voters in Prishtina and Gjilan may also have sparked an increase in adult voter turnout, with a significantly higher percentage of eligible voters turning out in Prishtina and Gjilan than in other large Kosovo cities.

Responding to the Melikian Center's rationale that the FVK project contributes to transparency in Kosovo elections and can help to counteract lingering problems of election fraud, the Department of State has extended the Melikian Center FVK project through the forthcoming presidential election cycle with an additional grant of \$247,000. Under terms of this extension, the project will be expanded statewide to include five additional cities—Ferizaj, Gjakova, Mitrovica, Peja, and Prizren.



Former Melikian Center CLI student and Fulbright Fellow **Erin Hutchinson** (History and Global Studies B.A., 2009) served as resident program officer for the project in 2010-11. Working closely with the Center's local NGO partner, the Kosovo Institute for Policy Research and Development (KIPRED), Hutchinson authored a 2011 bi-lingual English and Albanian manual for the project, *Building Democracy in Action: Future Voters of Kosovo* (see cover photo of the manual), which the Kosovo Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology is now distributing to all schools in Kosovo. In 2011-12, CLI Albanian-language undergraduate **Zachary Yentzer** (Political Science B.A., class of 2013), currently an NSEP Boren Scholar studying at the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Prishtina, will be interning at the FVK project.

MELIKIAN CENTER AFFILIATE NEWS

New Affiliates Elected to Melikian Center Membership

At its September 20 semi-annual meeting of affiliates, the Melikian Center welcomed three new faculty affiliates into membership in the Center: **Anna Cichopek-Gajraj**, assistant professor of history and Jewish studies, ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies; **Martin Matuščík**, Lincoln professor of religion and ethics, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, ASU West; and **Stefan Stantchev**, assistant professor of medieval history, ASU School of Letters and Sciences, ASU West.

In this newsletter we take the opportunity to profile the first (alphabetically) of these new Center affiliates, **Anna Cichopek-Gajraj** (Ph.D., University of Michigan, 2008). Anna's doctoral program at the University of Michigan focused on East European Jewish history, her dissertation having addressed the interaction between Jews, Poles, and Slovaks in the immediate post-World War II period. Her earlier M.A. program at Jagiellonian University in Kraków yielded a thesis on the anti-Jewish pogrom in Kraków that won the Józef Lipski Prize for the best master's thesis in Poland in 1998-99. Often cited now in the literature, the thesis was published as a book, *Pogrom Żydów w Krakowie 11 sierpnia 1945 r.* [The Anti-Jewish Pogrom in Cracow of August 11, 1945] (Warszawa: Żydowski Instytut Historyczny, 2000). Professor Cichopek-Gajraj is the recipient of the Samuel and Flora Weiss Research Fellowship at the YIVO Institute and the Charles Revson Foundation Fellowship for archival research at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. She will be teaching courses in modern Jewish and East European history in the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies. Welcome, Ania!

News from Melikian Center Faculty Affiliates

Victor Agadjanian (Professor, School of Social and Family Dynamics) has received a grant from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research for his project, "Global Recession, Local Instability, and Migration from Kyrgyzstan," which builds upon research in Kyrgyzstan to collect and analyze data on the impact of global economic downturn and domestic ethno-political instability upon international migration from Kyrgyzstan. His project is particularly focused on international migration as a factor in individuals' and households' adjustments to these societal challenges.

Volker Benkert (History Lecturer, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies) presented a paper, "The GDR and the Process of Transformation after 1990 seen through the eyes of the last GDR Generation," at the German Historical Institute's conference History by Generations: Generational Dynamics in Modern History, December 2010, in Washington, DC. In collaboration with his students Lisa Parisi and Carolyn Moss, he presented the paper, "Through his Own Eyes: Victor Klemperer's Observations on Ordinary Germans and his Self-Perception as a German, 1933-1949," at the German Studies Association conference in Oakland, CA in Oct. 2010.

Josef Brada (Emeritus Professor of Economics, W. P. Carey School of Business) retired in May 2011 following an ASU career spanning thirty-two years as professor of economics. Alongside his many other contributions as a publishing scholar, mentor, and journal editor, Professor Brada led the Melikian Center project team on the USAID-funded evaluation, "Assessing the Impact of U.S. Government Assistance on Job Creation in Eastern Europe and Eurasia" (2008). Among the honors he has received, several reflect his work over the past twenty years with the newly independent Republic of Macedonia. In 2000 he was named "professor honoris causa" at the University of Ss. Kiril and Metodij (Skopje, Macedonia). He has served as co-chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Macedonia, an international financial advisory body; and continues to be a consultant to the Macedonian Ministry of Finance. Congratulations and best wishes.

Eugene Clay (Associate Professor of Religious Studies, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies) published, "The Woman Clothed in the Sun: Pacifism and Apocalyptic Discourse among Russian Spiritual Christian

Molokan-Jumpers,” *Church History* 80 (2011): 109-138.

Lee Croft (Emeritus Professor of Russian, School of International Letters and Cultures) retired in May 2011 following a thirty-eight-year career as ASU professor of Russian and Slavic languages. In 1984, Professor Croft was among the founding charter members of the Russian and East European Studies Consortium (now the Melikian Center). In 1991, he became the founding director of the ASU Critical Languages Institute. A mentor to two generations of Russian baccalaureate majors who today hold leading academic and government positions, he served for more than twenty-five years as section head of Slavic languages in the ASU Department of Languages and Literatures, continuing as section head of Slavic, German, and Romanian languages in the new School of International Letters and Cultures until his retirement. Congratulations, Lee!

Dan Fellner (Faculty Associate, School of Letters and Science, ASU Polytechnic), a returning Fulbright scholar from separate fellowships in Lithuania and Moldova, has published an article, “Homemade challah in Ho Chi Minh City: Gilbert man visits Chabad center in Vietnam,” in the *Jewish News of Greater Phoenix*, January 14, 2011, vol. 63, no. 19, see online at <http://www.jewishaz.com/issues/story.mv?110114+challah>.

Brian Gratton (Professor, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies) was awarded the Massachusetts Historical Society 2010-2011 Twentieth-Century History Fellowship for his project entitled, “Henry Cabot Lodge and the Politics of Immigration Restriction.” The project examines the role of Massachusetts historian and politician Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-1924) in Progressive-era battles over legal restrictions on immigration.

Aleksandra Gruzinska (Assistant Professor of French, School of International Letters and Cultures) chaired a panel, “Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of E. M. Cioran’s Birth,” at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Convention (Scottsdale, Arizona, October 6-8, 2011), on which panel she also presented a paper on Cioran.

Hilde Hoogenboom (Assistant Professor of Russian, School of International Letters and Cultures)

presented papers on “Women Writers in History: Virtual Collaboration, Data Sharing and Text Analysis” (Stanford University, Digital Humanities Conference, June 19-22, 2011); and on “Goncharov as a Sentimental Romantic Realist” (Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, November 2010).

Anna Holian (Associate Professor of History, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies) was promoted to associate professor with tenure this past spring. Her book, *Between National Socialism and Soviet Communism: Displaced Persons in Postwar Germany* (in the series, “Social History, Popular Culture, and Politics in Germany,” University of Michigan Press) was published in July.

Peter Horwath (Professor of German, School of International Letters and Cultures) has published three articles in Latin American publications: “Las Misiones de Paraguay (1609-1767): A Dangerous Utopia?” in *Actas de la XIV Reunion Internacional La Frontera: Una Nueva Concepcion Cultural* (2010); “Novella de Reinhold Schneider Las Casas vor Karl V (1938): Un disfrazado ataque a las practicas del Totalitarismo,” in *NOESIS: Revista de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades*, Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez (2010); and “El simbolismo en la fachada de las ‘Casa de Montejo’ (1543-1549),” *Universidad de Yucatan, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico* (2010).

David Kader (Professor, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law) is the co-author with Michael Stanford of *Poetry of Law: From Chaucer to the Present* (University of Iowa Press, 2010), a volume that was recently the subject of discussion at a July 2011 reading he presented at Seattle University School of Law, where he was teaching “Criminal Procedure.”

Agnes Kefeli (Lecturer, Religious Studies, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies) has published an article, “The Tale of Joseph and Zulaykha on the Volga Frontier: The Struggle for Gender, Religious, and National Identity in Imperial and Post-Revolutionary Russia,” *Slavic Review* 70 (2011): 373-398. Her paper, “Baptized Sufis on the Volga,” was also presented at the international conference on “The Turks and Islam” held at Indiana University (September 2010).

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MELIKIAN CENTER AFFILIATE NEWS (Cont.)

Thomas Keil (Professor Emeritus, Social and Behavioral Sciences, ASU West) retired in May 2011 from his position as associate dean of the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, ASU West. He came to ASU in 1999 from the University of Louisville. Professor Keil was a Fulbright lecturer in 1991-92 at the University of Bucharest, Romania, and has served as a consultant to the IREX/ACLS task force addressing the restructuring of social science curricula in East European universities. He served two terms on the national board of directors of the American Fulbright Association, where he chaired the Association's Task Force on Eastern and Central Europe and the Newly Independent States.

Orde Kittrie (Professor, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law) has published "Lawfare and U.S. National Security," in *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, 43 (2011): 393-421 (part of symposium titled "Lawfare"); and with Gary Marchant, "International Governance of Autonomous Military Robots," in *Columbia Science and Technology Law Review* (2011). He also presented the paper, "The Legality, Necessity, and Effectiveness of U.N. and U.S. Sanctions Against Iran," at Columbia University Law School, April 12, 2011 (part of the 37th annual Friedmann Conference on International Law).

Ann Koblitz (Professor, School of Social Transformation) has co-authored the article, "Elliptic Curve Cryptography: The Serpentine Course of a Paradigm Shift," in *The Journal of Number Theory* (2011).

Pauline Komnenich (Professor, College of Nursing and Health Innovation) received the "Nurse Legend" award at the seventh annual Arizona Chapter March of Dimes "Nurse of the Year Awards Gala" in 2010. The Global Caring Nurses Foundation, Inc. (GCNF), announced the honorees for their 5th Annual "Spirit of Nightingale" awards for 2010. Professor Komnenich was recognized as one of the 2010 "Outstanding Nursing Mentors and Nursing Leaders as Force of Change in Education."

Donald Livingston (Senior Lecturer in Russian, School of International Letters and Cultures) served in 2010 and 2011 as resident director of the Melikian Center's CLI program in Kazan, Russia. The CLI program in Kazan in 2010 and 2011 offered on-site Tatar and advanced Russian courses in an eight-week session, while also providing on-site study abroad for first- and second-year CLI Russian students who wished to continue their Russian studies overseas in the three-week program following coursework on the ASU campus.

Laurie Manchester (Associate Professor of History, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies) presented a paper, "The Colonial Imagination among Stateless Refugees: Russian First Wave Emigres in Africa, China and South America," at a Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies Research Seminar, May 20, 2011, at Stanford University. She has also received a research fellowship from the National Council for East European and Eurasian Research for her work on the Russian emigration. She recently published her article, "Gender and Social Estate as Nationality: Orthodox Clergymen's Wives and Daughters as Civilizing Agents in Late Imperial Russia," in *The Journal of Modern History* 83, no.1 (March 2011): 48-77.

Thomas Morton (Assistant Professor of Architecture, The Design School) participated in the Getty Foundation Seminar, "Art of Rome's Provinces," in May 2011 (two weeks in the U.K.). He presented the paper, "Regional Impulses in Roman North African Urban Design," at the Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, January 2011. He has also been elected Vice-President for Societies (a national office) of the Archeological Institute of America (AIA) for a two-year term running through 2011 and 2012.

Robert Oldani (Professor, School of Music) will present a pre-concert talk for "The Passion of Franz Liszt: A Bicentennial Celebration of his Life and Music for Piano" on October 24, 2011 at the Virginia G. Piper Theater (the Liszt celebration events are

noted elsewhere in the newsletter). He will also present a pre-concert talk on “The Passion and Poetry of Sergei Prokofiev: The Complete Works for Violin and Piano” on January 23, 2012 at the Virginia G. Piper Theater.

Ileana Orlich (Professor of Romanian, School of International Letters and Cultures) was named the ASU Parents Association “2011 Professor of the Year.” She was also awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant. The Fulbright Specialist Program sends U.S. faculty and professionals to serve as expert consultants at overseas academic institutions for two to six weeks. Orlich offered workshops to students and faculty at the Academy of Economic Sciences in Bucharest in May 2011. She published: “Modernism and the Male World: The Crisis of Masculinity in The Bed of Procrustes,” in *The Canonical Debate Today Crossing Disciplinary and Cultural Boundaries* (New York/Amsterdam: Rodopi Press, 2011), 280-300; and “Sfarsitul unui nou veac in Bucuresti,” *Scrisul Romanesc*, 21-23, Craiova, nr. 2 (90), 2011.

Danko Sipka (Professor of Slavic Languages, School of International Letters and Cultures) was honored with a Belvedere presidential professorship from the president of the Republic of Poland in November 2010. In June 2011, he served on a team of external evaluators for the Defense Language Institute. He continues to serve as editor for the newsletter of the National Council for Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). During his sabbatical leave in 2010-11, Professor Sipka continued work on his Serbian-English/English-Serbian dictionary project, while also pursuing research on BCS heritage speakers as part of an ACLS-funded project.

David Siroky (Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Politics and Global Studies) served as principal investigator on the Georgian social sciences project, under terms of a grant from the US Embassy in Tbilisi. As part of that grant, he spent the spring 2011 semester working with Georgian scholars-in-residence at ASU, and spent three weeks in July 2011 conducting training sessions in Georgia. The ASU Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict has awarded Siroky a grant to develop an undergraduate course in peace studies entitled, “Peace, Prosperity and Ethnicity.” The grant is funded

by the Hardt-Nickachos Peace Studies Endowment. He published with Davit Aprasidze, “Guns, Roses and Democratization: Huntington’s Secret Admirer in the Caucasus,” in *Democratization* 18, (2011).

Andrew T. Smith (President’s Professor, School of Life Sciences) has published with Tian, Y., J. G. Wu, X. J. Kou, T. M. Wang, and J. P. Ge, 2011, “Methods and Applications of Population Viability Analysis (PVA): A Review,” *Chinese Journal of Applied Ecology* 22 (2011): 257-267 [in Chinese, English abstract]. He also received an Asian Seed Grant from the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo/Cleveland Zoological Society to conduct research on the pika.

Eric Thor (Professor, Morrison School of Agribusiness and Resource Management) presented a paper, “Food Supply Chain Management Financing, Biosecurity, Safety and Dispute Settlement Issues in Navigating the Global Supply Chains and Food System in Uncertain Times,” at the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association’s (IFAMA) 2011 Annual World Symposium in Frankfurt, Germany.

Emil Volek (Professor of Spanish, School of International Letters and Cultures) has been named one of the “100 Notable Czech Émigré Scientists,” with a biographical article in *Sto českých vědců v exilu*, ed. by Sona Strbanová and Antonín Kostlán (Prague: Academia Press, 2011): 554-57. In May 2011, Professor Volek gave a series of lectures by invitation at the Philosophical Faculty of Charles University, Prague. He also gave the closing address, “Theatrology an Zich, and Beyond: Notes Towards Metacritical Repositioning of Theory, Semiotics, Theater, and Aesthetics,” at the conference, “The Prague Semiotic Stage Revisited,” sponsored by T. G. Masaryk University, Brno (June 27-29, 2011).

Mark von Hagen (Professor of History, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies) published his Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies presidential address, “War, Peace and Cold War Area Studies” in *ASEEES NewsNet*, January 2011, v. 51, no. 1. See also his Op-Ed piece, “War, Peace and Memory,” in *Memory at War* [e-newsletter], No. 3 (February 2011), pp. 3-5.

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES 2011-2012

American Councils Title VIII Research Scholar Program.....	October 1, 2011
American Councils Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Program	October 1, 2011
American Councils Title VIII Southeast European Language Training Program	October 1, 2011
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ACLS New Faculty Fellows	By nomination only - October 7
ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in East European Studies.....	November 9, 2011
ACLS Early Career Postdoctoral Fellowships in East European Studies.....	November 9, 2011
ACLS Public Fellows	March 2012
Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellows Program (For recently graduated seniors)	January 15, 2012
Critical Language Scholarship Program	November 15, 2011
**Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship Program (IIE)	October 17, 2011
IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program	November 16, 2011
IREX Short-Term Travel Grant Program.....	February 1, 2012
Kennan Institute Short-Term Grants	Dec. 1/Mar. 1/June 1/ Sep. 1
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Kennan Institute East European Studies Summer Research Scholarships	December 1, 2011
Kennan Institute East European Studies Junior Scholars' Training Seminar	April 15, 2012
Kennan Institute Research Assistantship Internships	Oct. 15/Mar. 15/Jul. 1
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships	November 9, 2011
NEH Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections	December 1, 2011
NEH Collaborative Research Grants	December 8, 2011
NEH Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants.....	December 8, 2011
NEH Digital Humanities Implementation Grants.....	January 24, 2012
NSEP Boren Graduate Fellowships	January 31, 2012
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SSRC Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research.....	October 21, 2011
SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship.....	November 3, 2011

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The Melikian Center continues the tradition of conducting grant mentoring for prospective Fulbright, NSEP, and Gilman applicants. The Center maintains an enviable record of more than fifty NSEP and Fulbright awards over the past decade. Applications are now open for study abroad

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