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2007 CHONCOFF LECTURE

George Mitrevski of Auburn University delivered this year’s Mary Choncoff Memorial lecture: “The Macedonian Immigration Narrative: From Here to There – and Back” at the Center in March. Mitrevski received his B.A. in Russian from SUNY Stony Brook and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Russian/Slavic from The Ohio State University. He is now an associate professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Auburn University where he has taught courses on Russian language and culture since 1983. In the spring of 1997, he was a Fulbright Teaching Fellow in Skopje, Macedonia. His research interests focus on Macedonian literature and folklore, on computational linguistics, and on corpus linguistics.

ASU TEAMS UP WITH UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA TO REFORM ACCOUNTANCY EDUCATION

The Melikian Center has embarked on a three-year, $350,000 project to transform accounting education at the University of Pristina (UP) in Kosovo. The project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development through the Higher Education Development Program. Collaborating on the project are the ASU School of Accountancy, George Mitrevski of Auburn University, Professor Zlatko Šijak-Dupčić of the University of Pristina (UP) in Kosovo, and the ASU-UKIM program.

The first phase of the project includes the translation of fundamental texts on auditing and taxation into Kosovar Albanian, a task the Melikian Center also organized for the translation into Armenian of other English-language texts on public administration. The compilation was made available on CD-ROM exclusively to the YSU MA and graduate students in public administration. Participation partners include: Vahan Agayyan, Gayane Binianyan, Azat Karapetyan, Seryosha Khachatryan, Anna Makadian, Alexander Markarov, Gosar Shahumanyan, and Aghasi Yemekian contributed translations to the reader.

MOSOCW PARTNERSHIP

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Lee Croft (Languages and Literatures) has authored the first book in the Biographia Series of the new Institute for Issues in the History of Science. Nikolai Ivanovich Kibalchich: Terrorist Rocket Pioneer is the first biography in English of an important personality in Russia, and in English, for “The People’s Will” party, responsible for the assassination of Tsar Aleksandr II in 1861. While it was for the purpose of bravery and creativity, Kibalchich designed the first rocket-powered human-guided flying device, thus becoming a “terrorist rocket pioneer.”

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Jozef Brada (Economics) spent most of 2006 as a co-chair of the Czech National Blue Ribbon Commission, a panel of Czech and international economists charged by the UN Development Program with creating recommendations for improving the Czech economy’s performance. Brada also developed a program with the Czech partner, the Prague University of Economics, in which 22 ASU students took introductory international business courses in Prague.
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Over the next few months the Center will be working to identify and recruit qualified students for ASU’s intensive one-year Master of Accountancy and Information Systems (MAIS) degree. Students will begin their MAIS studies, augmented by a special seminar on international accounting standards, in 2008.

Upon completing their degrees, this new generation of Kosovar degree holders will return to Pristina to assume instructional leadership in a revised and revitalized Ukrainian accountancy program.

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Regent’s Serbian and Regent’s Croat, which he co-authored with Aida Vidan, are expected to appear this year. Niebuhr has also signed a book contract United States Passport to Croatia: A Travel Guide.

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Staff News

We would like to welcome to our new Research Administrator, Kathleen Evans-Romaine, our new Accounts Specialist, Michael McLendon, and this year’s graduate assistant, Diana Patapenko.

Evgenia Lapina (Ph.D. University of Michigan) was technology manager for the Middlebury Russian School from 2001-2006 and Assistant Director of the Ohio University Institute for Applied and Professional Ethics from 1998-2006. Evans-Romaine has published and presented papers in linguistics (phonetics and speech perception) and computer science (artificial intelligence and case-based reasoning).

McLendon has worked in Accounts Payable, the ASU Travel Office, and most recently as an instructional specialist for the Advantage financial system Helpline. This is all valuable experience that we will put to use immediately.

Patapenko is the Center’s graduate assistant. Diana is a first-year Ph.D. student in European history with emphasis on Eastern Europe and Russia. She received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Washington University.

From the Director

We celebrate this spring our new identity as The Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies.

CLINews

Summer is the perfect time for students to learn new languages and travel abroad, and the ASU Critical Languages Institute is the perfect way for them to do so.

Since 1991 the Critical Languages Institute (CLI) has offered summer language and study abroad programs in the less commonly taught languages of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. This summer the CLI is offering more languages at more levels than ever before, with intensive, eight-week courses in Elementary Albanian, Armenian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS), Macedonian, Polish, Russian, Tatar, and Uzbek and in Intermediate Albanian, Armenian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS), Macedonian, and Tatar, and a six-week, six-credit course in advanced mastery Albanian. The 2007 CLI summer program runs from June 4 to July 27 on the Tempe campus of Arizona State University. Classes are held daily from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Friday with cultural sessions in the afternoons. Students earn eight credits for the courses they complete and all tuition is waived.

In August the CLI offers students of Albanian, Armenian, BCS, Macedonian, and Polish the opportunity to continue their studies on three-week practicum programs abroad while earning an additional two tuition-free credits. These special study and practicum programs run from July 30 to August 17, combine intensive immersion language instruction with cultural opportunities during in-country travel.

2006 was a banner year for the CLI. Enrollment was up, with 60 students attending summer sessions and a record 25 traveling abroad on practicum programs. In addition, the CLI was one of a handful of programs funded by the American Council of Learned Societies to pilot an advanced mastery course (Albanian in the case of the CLI).

With funding from the 2006 Fulton Challenge the CLI presented the Paulsen International Distinguished Engagement Award to four outstanding students. The Fulton Challenge also introduced scholarship funds for CLI Alumnae who provided the first CLI overseas scholarship funds for students participating in practicum programs to Russia, Poland, and Albania. Five 2006 CLI students are now continuing their studies in Yerevan, Armenia, and Kazan (Tatarstan), Russia. A sixth student...