Greetings to all of you—colleagues, friends, and alumni! This fall marks thirty years since a small group of ASU faculty launched the regional international studies program that has become the Melikian Center. We are celebrating that anniversary both at the October 17 fall meeting of Melikian Center faculty affiliates and again later when the newly created Melikian Center Advisory Board convenes for its annual meeting on December 4.

As part of the celebration, and as an introduction to this 2014 edition of the newsletter, I want to highlight what has often been overlooked in the work of the Melikian Center—a steady, unheralded public policy impact of the Center, its programs, and its faculty affiliates. Federal agencies often require evidence of public policy impact in competitive grant applications, but despite such formal requirements we often fail to recognize how central the public face of the Melikian Center has become. Three of the items from the newsletter remind us again of this important public policy dimension of the Center.

Nowhere is this public face of the Melikian Center felt more strongly than in the Higher Education for Development/USAID “Armenian Women’s Leadership Project,” a three-year effort directed in partnership with the ASU School of Social Transformation to address women’s empowerment and gender equality in Armenia. As Melikian Center affiliate and project director Victor Agadjanian travels to Yerevan this semester to conduct a statewide Armenian “Gender Barometer Attitudinal Survey,” we need to recognize that the impetus behind the Armenian project—one of five such global projects funded by USAID for work with women’s empowerment and gender equality—comes from Hillary Clinton, who sought during her tenure as Secretary of State to empower women as the real catalysts for international development. The work of the new Yerevan State University Center for Gender and Leadership Studies, launched with support from this HED/USAID project, is a testimony to how Melikian Center programming can have public impact—and on a global level.

Today, no issue is of more immediate critical importance to U.S. foreign policy in Eastern Europe than the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. In addressing this issue, the Melikian Center is teaming with Maricopa Community Colleges to cosponsor the October 24 Global Forum. The Forum at Phoenix College will be keynoted by Adam Michnik, the celebrated Polish Solidarity activist and editor of the leading Polish newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza. Later that same afternoon Melikian Center colleagues will join Michnik for a panel discussion on “Crisis in Ukraine.” Heading the panel will be Melikian Center affiliate Mark von Hagen, an ASU historian and international authority on Ukrainian history, who has been much in demand recently for presentations in Ukraine, Austria, Japan, and the United States. Mark has been invited to serve as a member of the Congressional Briefing panel on Ukraine organized by the National History Center in February 2015. The sessions, to be held in U.S. House and Senate hearing rooms, are likely to be carried live on C-SPAN.

Finally, you will notice that the work of our Critical Languages Institute (CLI) continues to generate support from the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO). Not only is this funding for “Project Global Officer” providing opportunities for ROTC cadets from around the country to study less commonly taught languages in the CLI, both on the ASU campus and abroad, but the Melikian Language Training Center in Washington, DC, also has been able to expand its DLNSEO-funded advanced language training for Department of Defense and related national security clients in the Washington, DC, area.

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Adam Michnik is a public intellectual and editor-in-chief of Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland’s largest newspaper. Michnik’s latest co-authored volume, The Trouble with History: Morality, Revolution, and Counterrevolution (Yale University Press), offers a stinging critique of the “virus of fundamentalism” often shared by the emerging post-Soviet democracies. The Michnik keynote talk will be at 1:00 p.m. at Phoenix College.

Immediately following the keynote event, at 2:30 p.m., Melikian Center affiliate Mark von Hagen will head a panel of ASU and Maricopa Community College faculty discussing “Crisis in Ukraine.” This is the first time that the Melikian Center has cosponsored the Global Forum, an important semi-annual event of the Maricopa Community Colleges Office of International and Intercultural Education.

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“T urmoil Affects Russian Programs

Recent events in Ukraine forced CLI to make several changes to its Russian programs this summer. In February, in response to the situation in Kiev, CLI was forced to move its Intermediate Russian programs from Kiev, where they have run successfully for several years, to Kazan. In late April, just weeks before the start of the Kazan program, Project GO withdrew its support for study in Russia, preventing half of the Kazan students from entering the country. Fortunately, CLI’s Kiev-based partner, the Nova Mova language school, was able to move its administrative and teaching staff to the Black Sea resort town of Batumi, Georgia. In under two weeks, the Nova Mova team, working with ASU’s resident director, identified host families, secured classroom space at the Batumi Maritime Academy, and put together an outstanding schedule of excursions and cultural events.

The Batumi program was a success, with all but one of the students achieving or exceeding the proficiency targets for their classes, and with a high level of student satisfaction with both the academic and extra-curricular programming.

CLI’s programs in Tirana (Albanian), Sarajevo (Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian), Kazan (elementary and intermediate Russian), and Samaraqand (Persian and Uzbek) welcomed a total of 28 students, offering them instruction in the languages and cultures of the countries they visited and providing them experiences that will shape their lives and careers for years to come.

Student Support Grows

In 2014, the Melikian Endowment was fully funded for the first time. Dividends from the endowment provided 17 Melikian Scholar awards, funding students to attend CLI in Tempe and its overseas locations. Since 2008, CLI has been part of the national Project GO coalition of universities training ROTC students in critical languages. The 33 ROTC students who received Project GO scholarships to study with CLI this summer bring the total number of ROTC students studying Russian, Persian, Tatar, or Uzbek at the Institute to 231. These students are among the finest and most academically competitive young scholars in the ROTC program nationally.

The ASU Jewish Studies Center

The ASU Jewish Studies Center supported Marcie Lee, of the Bureau of Jewish Education, to study Elementary Hebrew in CLI.

The Melikian Center also made nine International Distinguished Engagement Awards, supporting CLI students preparing actively for study abroad and international careers.

Finally, the Melikian Center made awards of $500 each to the best students in each CLI language section.

Looking Forward to CLI 2015

In addition to the new Turkish program, CLI will continue its successful advanced Armenian program in Yerevan, and is reopening its Macedonian program. 2015 will not be without challenges, however. Federal funding for summer language study having been severely curtailed, CLI is maintaining the breadth and scope of its programs by modifying its instructional and funding structures. CLI continues to draw upon the Melikian Center’s reserves and on temporary sources of support as it works to identify new sources of support and new models of funding.

The Melikian Center board has taken up the challenge of locating new funding, to allow CLI to continue to offer training in its full range of languages, including languages for which CLI is the only remaining summer option in the United States. Despite all the challenges and uncertainties, CLI looks forward to 2015 with optimism. The program

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Anna Lindén Weller Rutgers University Armenian
Brooke Ricker Pennsylvania State University BCS
Anne Snider Purdue University BCS
Jenna Biegel Washington and Lee University Persian
Martin Crosby-Arreaza The College of New Jersey Persian
Robert Handerhan The College of New Jersey Persian
Lauren Lott University of Alabama Persian
Michael Weaver Arizona State University Polish
Francis King Arizona State University Intermediate Russian in Kazan
Quinton Scribner Arizona State University Intermediate Russian in Kazan
Jonah Simpson University of Chicago Adv. Russian in St. Petersburg
Melisa Frost Arizona State University Uzbek
Samantha Koslowsky Syracuse University Uzbek

2014 PROJECT GO SCHOLARSHIPS

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RUSSIAN 1: Forrest Babbit (ASU), Michael Duces (Seton Hall U), Nicholas James (MIT), Geer McGee (Texas Tech), Kendra Miatarian (U Michigan), Morgan Plowman (ASU), Trevor Breitenbach (Norwich U), Kasey Dang (Norwich U), Robert Gendron (Norwich U), Ellsworth Gibbs (Norwich U), Connor Porter (Norwich U)
RUSSIAN 2: Rachel Brunmond (U Nebraska), Joseph Jeffrey (Texas Tech U), Sean McNeil (Old Dominion U), Heather Oliver (U New Hampshire)
RUSSIAN 3: Luke Dinon (U Alaka), Erin Westphal (Northern Arizona U)
RUSSIAN 4: Justice Hansen (UC Berkeley)
RUSSIAN 6: Alexander Proskurnya (Western Michigan U)
TURKISH 1: Laura Chali (Michigan State U), Lynn Chai (Syracuse U), Cameron Day (U Kentucky), Charles Fenwick (U Arkansas), Erica Jones (Florida State U), Samuel Kardaal (Boston U), Aaron Masengale (ASU)
Uzbek 1: Dietta Hahn (U of Wisconsin, Madison)
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2014 INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED ENGAGEMENT (IDEA) AWARDEES

The CLI Friends and Memorial IDEA
Secker, Katilin Frances (Elementary Hebrew) – is an undergraduate honors student at Arizona State University majoring in Global Studies with certificates in Jewish Studies and International Relations. She will be using the funding to participate in an ASU summer program in Israel entitled “Counterterrorism in Israel.” Secker’s long-term career plans include working for a U.S. national security organization, such as the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division.

The Doris Hastings IDEAs
Crosby-Arreaza, Martin (Elementary Persian) – an undergraduate student at The College of New Jersey majoring in International Studies. He will be using the funding to support his fall 2014 semester on the American Councils’ Eurasian Regional Languages Program in Tajikistan (he has also received a Boren Scholarship for 2014-2015). Crosby-Arreaza’s long-term career plans include working as a Foreign Service officer, or in the intelligence community.

Handerhan IV, Robert James (Elementary Persian) – is an undergraduate student at The College of New Jersey majoring in History and English with a minor in Arabic. He will be using the funding to support a semester abroad in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, following which he plans to intern there with America’s Unofficial Ambassadors. Handerhan’s long-term career plans include a position in academia.

Putnam, Jamie Marie (CLI 2013 Elementary Russian & 2014 Third-Year Russian in Kazan, Russia) – is an undergraduate student at Ursinus College (30 miles outside of Philadelphia) majoring in International Relations and Political Science. She will be using the funding to support her summer program in Kazan. Putnam’s long-term career plans include working as a Foreign Service officer.

Stradling, Sarah (Elementary Turkish) – is an undergraduate student at Arizona State University majoring in Political Science/Global Studies. She will use the funding to support her summer study abroad program in Ankara, Turkey. Stradling’s long-term career plans include working as a Foreign Service officer.

Tognela, Lauren Melissa (CLI 2013 Elementary BCS & 2014 BCS summer study abroad program) – is a doctoral student at the University of Calgary studying anthropology, particularly European Muslim identity in Southeastern Europe. She will be using the funding to support ethnographic field research in Sarajevo and Travnik in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tognela’s long-term career plans include working for the Foreign Service of the Canadian government.

Walters, Mary Elizabeth (Elementary Albanian) – is a doctoral student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill studying military history, particularly the military that have provided humanitarian aid in Kosovo, Macedonia, and Montenegro during the Kosovo refugee crisis. She will be using the funding to help conduct her fieldwork in Albania and Macedonia interviewing local community members about their experiences interacting with civilian and military humanitarian aid providers. Her long-term career plans include both academia and the humanitarian aid community.

The Melikian Center Advisory Board IDEA
Fahey, John Edward (Elementary Polish) – is a doctoral student at Purdue University studying the history of the late Habsburg Empire, particularly civilian-military relations at the municipal level. He will be using the funding to support dissertation research in Poland. Fahey’s long-term career plans include a position in academia.

The CLI Melikian Center Advisory Board IDEA Award recipients from left to right: Sarah Stradling, John Fahey, Katilin Secker, Robert Handerhan, Mary Elizabeth Walters, Sabrina Papazian with CLI Director Kathleen Evans-Romaine

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PERSIAN 1: Leon Michaelangelo (Baylor U), Lovely Mi-Ot (Washington State U), Elana Schimschok (U Portland)

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RUSSIAN 2: Rachel Brunmond (U Nebraska), Joseph Jeffrey (Texas Tech U), Sean McNeil (Old Dominion U), Heather Oliver (U New Hampshire)


RUSSIAN 4: Justice Hansen (UC Berkeley)

RUSSIAN 6: Alexander Proskurnya (Western Michigan U)

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UZBEK 1: Dietta Hahn (U of Wisconsin, Madison)

UZBEK 2: Chelsea Bejines (ASU), Stewart Tarp (Michigan State U), Shepket Tohti (George Mason U)

2014 INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED ENGAGEMENT (IDEA) AWARDEES

The CLI Friends and Memorial IDEA

Secker, Kaitlin Frances (Elementary Hebrew) – is an undergraduate honors student at Arizona State University majoring in Global Studies with certificates in Jewish Studies and International Relations. She will be using the funding to participate in an ASU summer program in Israel entitled “Counterterrorism in Israel.” Secker’s long-term career plans include working for a U.S. national security organization, such as the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division.

The Doris Hastings IDEAS

Crosby-Arreaza, Martin (Elementary Persian) – is an undergraduate student at The College of New Jersey majoring in International Studies. He will be using the funding to support his fall 2014 semester on the American Councils’ Eurasian Regional Language Programs in Tajikistan (he has also received a Boren Scholarship for 2014-2015). Crosby-Arreza’s long-term career plans include working as a Foreign Service officer, or in the intelligence community.

Handerhan IV, Robert James (Elementary Persian) – is an undergraduate student at The College of New Jersey majoring in History and English with a minor in Arabic. He will be using the funding to support a semester abroad in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, following which he plans to intern there with America’s Unofficial Ambassadors. Handerhan’s long-term career plans include a position in academia.

Putnam, Jamie Marie (CLI 2013 Elementary Russian & 2014 Third-Year Russian in Kazan, Russia) – is an undergraduate student at Ursinus College (30 miles outside of Philadelphia) majoring in International Relations and Political Science. She will be using the funding to support her summer program in Kazan. Putnam’s long-term career plans include working as a Foreign Service officer.

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Tognela, Lauren Melissa (CLI 2013 Elementary BCS & 2014 BCS summer study abroad program) – is a doctoral student at the University of Calgary studying anthropology, particularly European Muslim identity in Southeastern Europe. She will be using the funding to support ethnographic field research in Sarajevo and Travnik in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tognela’s long-term career plans include working for the Foreign Service of the Canadian government.

Walters, Mary Elizabeth (Elementary Albanian) – is a doctoral student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill studying military history, particularly the militaries that have provided humanitarian aid in Kosovo, Macedonia, and Montenegro during the Kosovo refugee crisis. She will be using the funding to help conduct her fieldwork in Albania and Macedonia interviewing local community members about their experiences interacting with civilian and military humanitarian aid providers. Her long-term career plans include both academia and the humanitarian aid community.

The Melikian Center Advisory Board IDEA

Fuhey, John Edward (Elementary Polish) – is a doctoral student at Purdue University studying the history of the late Habsburg Empire, particularly civilian-military relations at the municipal level. He will be using the funding to support dissertation research in Poland. Fuhey’s long-term career plans include a position in academia.

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2014 MELIKIAN CENTER ADVISORY BOARD “AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE”

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Vid Micic (Boren Scholar) is an undergraduate student in Barrett, The Honors College at ASU, majoring in Engineering. He studied Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian in the ASU School of International Letters and Cultures. Micic will be spending the academic year in Croatia studying Croatian.

Derek Townsend (Gilman Scholar), is an undergraduate student majoring in German at ASU. He studied Elementary-Advanced Eastern Armenian in the ASU 2011, 2012, 2014 CLI.

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Melikian Center Partners with Kosovo Transformational Leadership Project

One year ago, in October 2013, Melikian Center Director Bataldan and GateWay Community College Professor Shahin Berisha traveled to Kosovo with representatives from World Learning to meet with stakeholders interested in an announced U.S. Agency for International Development project, the Kosovo “Transformational Leadership Program” (TLP), which would provide scholarships for master’s degrees and certificate training for up to three hundred Kosovo young people. The project also proposed to fund institutional partnerships between U.S. universities and Kosovo’s flagship public university, the University of Prishtina (UP).

World Learning, a non-profit international education and development agency based in Washington, DC, subsequently awarded USAID-Kosovo’s $30 million TLP project, and ASU will be one of four institutions (alongside Dartmouth, Indiana University, and the University of Minnesota) working with World Learning to build capacity at UP, an institution now serving more than 50,000 students. One of the first TLP master’s degree scholarship awardees, Liza Gashi, is already enrolled in the ASU Master of Public Administration program in the ASU School of Public Affairs. The Melikian Center will be directing the TLP project at ASU. For additional information on the project, check out the Kosovo project’s own website (http://www.usaid-tp-lp.org/En/).

Armenian Women’s Leadership Project Launches Gender Barometer Survey

Begun in the fall of 2012 as a partnership with Yerevan State University (YSU) to empower women and advance gender equality in Armenia, the Armenian Women’s Leadership Project, funded by a $1.3 million grant from Higher Education for Development and USAID, has launched a new Center for Gender and Leadership Studies (CGLS) at YSU, a center that CGLS has rapidly developed an important regional presence, engaging in public policy survey research at the cutting edge of gender studies internationally.

ASU Sanford School Professor Victor Agadjanian, a Melikian Center faculty affiliate and primary investigator on the project, writes from Armenia, where he is spending the fall 2014 semester in residence at YSU, noting that “until now, the Armenian Women’s Leadership Project has only conducted a baseline survey of YSU student attitudes toward gender equality. CGLS’s new Gender Barometer Survey will, for the first time, extend that attitudinal survey nationally to include the entire Republic of Armenia.” It will be the first time that there will be a scientifically administered survey using internationally standardized questions to determine Armenian attitudes toward gender equality and women’s empowerment. Not only is the survey generating broad interest in the region, but it is also demonstrating the sophistication of the Melikian Center’s newest partner in Yerevan, the Center for Gender and Leadership Studies. YSU scholars from CGLS who have spent a semester-in-residence in the ASU Women and Gender Studies Program (ASU School of Social Transformation) will also be inaugurating in the fall 2015 semester a master’s degree program in women and gender studies within the YSU Faculty of Sociology.

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In collaboration with the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability, the Melikian Center has been engaged in a two-year project evaluating public policy research generated by non-profit think tanks in the Republic of Georgia. The Georgian think tanks and the Melikian Center have both been funded by USAID’s G-PAC (Policy, Advocacy, and Civil Society Development in Georgia), a multi-million dollar civil society project administered by East-West Management Institute (EWMI). As Melikian Center Director Batalden noted in his “Final Cross-Cutting Review” submitted to EWMI, “there have been eight Melikian Center affiliates engaged in G-PAC project evaluation—Shahin Berisha, Judge Charles Case, II, Brian Gratton, Arthur Pignotti, Walter Winius, Jr., Alexei Lalo, David Brokaw, and Stephen Batalden.”

The group read more than two dozen proposals, commenting on issues of methodology, and reviewing final project results and reports ranging from agricultural land policy to state education funding to Georgian policies affecting internally displaced peoples (IDPs)—and much more. In May 2013, Brian Gratton and Stephen Bataldan traveled to Tbilisi to consult with think tank representatives. While the Melikian Center review teams encountered occasional methodological and structural presentation problems, the Melikian Center applauded the way in which Georgian colleagues were using social science research methodology to advance promising Georgian public policy research. The overarching consensus was that the USAID G-PAC project had served as an important stimulus for the development of research capacity within post-Soviet Georgia’s emergent non-profit sector.
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Dr. Altay Ismayilov is a Fulbright Scholar from the Republic of Azerbaijan in residence at ASU from August 2014 through February 2015. He is at ASU to conduct research in economics, particularly on the topic, “How Do Systems of Supporting Innovative Ideas and Innovation Transfer in Agriculture Work: US Experience for Azerbaijan.” Prof. Josef Brada, an emeritus professor of Economics in the W.P. Carey School of Business, is Dr. Ismayilov’s academic advisor. Ismayilov serves as an associate professor and the Deputy Vice Rector for Scientific Affairs at Qafqaz University in Baku, Azerbaijan. He can be contacted through the Melikian Center at 480-965-4188 or at melikiancenter@asu.edu.

Melikian Center Concludes Two-Year Georgian Think Tank Evaluation Project

In collaboration with the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability, the Melikian Center has been engaged in a two-year project evaluating public policy research generated by non-profit think tanks in the Republic of Georgia. The Georgian think tanks and the Melikian Center have both been funded by USAID’s G-PAC (Policy, Advocacy, and Civil Society Development in Georgia), a multi-million dollar civil society project administered by East-West Management Institute (EWMI). As Melikian Center Director Batalden noted in his “Final Cross-Cutting Review” submitted to EWMI, “there have been eight Melikian Center affiliates engaged in G-PAC project evaluation—Shahin Berisha, Judge Charles Case, II, Brian Gratton, Arthur Pignotti, Walter Winius, Jr., Alexei Lalo, David Brokaw, and Stephen Batalden.” The group read more than two dozen proposals, commenting on issues of methodology, and reviewing final project results and reports ranging from agricultural land policy to state education funding to Georgian policies affecting internally displaced peoples (IDPs)—and much more. In May 2013, Brian Gratton and Stephen Batalden traveled to Tbilisi to consult with think tank representatives. While the Melikian Center review teams encountered occasional methodological and structural presentation problems, the Melikian Center applauded the way in which Georgian colleagues were using social science research methodology to advance promising Georgian public policy research. The overarching consensus was that the USAID G-PAC project had served as an important stimulus for the development of research capacity within post-Soviet Georgia’s emergent non-profit sector.
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Victor Agadjanian (Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics) is spending the fall 2014 semester at Yerevan State University as part of the Melikian Center’s USAID/HED Armenia Women’s Leadership Program grant project and is conducting a nationwide gender barometer survey in Armenia. He is also serving as the U.S. Principal Investigator for “Behavioral and Institutional Barriers to HIV Prevention among Migrant Women in Russia,” a joint grant from the NIH/NICHD and the Russian Foundation for Basic Research, 2014-16. This collaborative U.S.-Russian research project uses a novel combination of population-level quantitative and qualitative analyses with evaluation of institutional dynamics to describe HIV risks of female migrants from three Central Asian countries—Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan—in the Russian Federation and to identify challenges and barriers in HIV prevention faced by this vulnerable group. The results of the exploratory study will lay the foundation for subsequent design and testing of culturally grounded, gender-sensitive, nationally scalable interventions aimed at reducing the risks of HIV infection among migrant women and improving their access to HIV counseling, testing, and treatment services.

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Alekandra Gruzińska (School of International Letters and Cultures [SILC]) was inducted this year as a Chevalier de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques by the French government for her contribution to the French language and culture through scholarship and education. In June, at the 5th World Congress on Polish Studies in Warsaw, Poland, she read the paper, “Franco-Polish Relations: Marie Curie (1867-1934) and Françoise Giroud (1916-2003), The Life Trajectories of Two Prominent Women,” for the panel, History through Biographies and Memoirs.

Paul Hirt (SHPRS) received a grant from the Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiative to bring ten graduate students and faculty to Croatia in June 2014 for a collaborative sustainable food and farming project in the municipality of Koprivnica. Among other partners, they worked with former ASU Junior Faculty Development (JFDP) Fellow, Dr. Hrvoje Petric, completing a 50-page assessment with recommendations.

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Mark von Hagen (SHPRS) gave a talk entitled, “War, Peace, and Revolution: the Making and Unmaking of the Modern Ukrainian State, 1914-1922,” for the ASU History Faculty History Works in Progress series. In the fall of 2013, with Erika Hughes, Boyd Branch, and Karen Roth, he received a seed grant from the ASU Institute for Humanities Research for “Embodied Historiography: The Veterans Project.”

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Eugene Clay (Associate Professor, ASU School of Historical, Philosophical & Religious Studies, [SHPRS]), was awarded funding for travel costs to archives in Moscow (the Russian State Archive of Ancient Acts and the State Archive of the Russian Federation) and St. Petersburg (the Russian State Historical Archive) and to the University of Illinois Summer Research Laboratory. He will be conducting research on his project, “Developing an Interactive Digital Diachronic Map of Religious and Ethnic Communities in Russia, 1800-1840.”

Dan Feller (Faculty Associate, ASU School of Letters and Cultures, [SHPRS]) was awarded funding to conduct research on her book project, A Graded Christopathy of Tatar Texts in Arabic and Cyrillic Alphabets (1890-1940).

Tyler Kirk (Doctoral student, SHPRS) was awarded travel funds to conduct prospectus research in the archival holdings at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University for his dissertation, preliminarily entitled, “Bury Me In the North: Life after GULAG, Community Building, and the Formation of Identity in the Far North, 1945-2012.”

Laurie Manchester (Associate Professor, SHPRS) received travel funds to conduct the final research trip to Moscow and Khabarovsk, Russia, for her monograph entitled, The Real Russians Return: Repatriates from China to the U.S.S.R.

John Romero (Doctoral student, SHPRS) received travel funding to conduct prospectus research in Kazan (Tatarstan), Russian Federation, for his dissertation, which has the working title of “Socialist in Form, National in Content: Culture and Nation in Post-Stalin Tatarstan, 1953-2012.”

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