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With the signing of a gift agreement with **Ambassador Ronald Weiser and Eileen Lappin Weiser** on March 12, 2008 and subsequent appointments of **Michael D. Kennedy** as the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies and director of the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, **Dario Gaggio** as director of the Center for European Studies-European Union Center, and **Douglas Northrop** as director of the Center for Russian and East European Studies, it became official on September 1.

The Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE), located in newly-refurbished quarters on the third floor of the International Institute, thus began its common association with the Center for European Studies-European Union Center (CES-EUC), Center for Russian and East European Studies (CREES), and Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED) at the University of Michigan International Institute. WCEE's mission is to enhance interdisciplinary knowledge about, and public engagement with, the institutions, cultures, and histories of Europe and Eurasia. WCED, also a new unit, is dedicated to understanding how democracies emerge and the conditions necessary for assuring and extending political, social, and economic freedoms in Europe, Eurasia, and beyond. They joined two well-established University of Michigan area studies centers, CES-EUC and CREES. In this new configuration, CES-EUC, CREES, and WCED have distinctive missions, governance, faculty, and students, with WCEE providing an infrastructure for collaboration and innovation.

WCEE and WCED were formally launched at an Inaugural Lecture on September 19 given by **Aleksander Kwaśniewski**, former president of Poland and a member of the WCED Advisory Council. Before the talk, WCEE/WCED Director **Michael Kennedy** and LSA Dean **Terry McDonald** conveyed the University's immense appreciation

to Ambassador **Ronald Weiser** and **Eileen Weiser** for their generosity in establishing endowments that will support graduate fellowships, the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, as well as collaborations with U-M units and institutions in the U.S. and abroad to develop courses, conferences, lecture series, and other opportunities for teaching, learning, research, and outreach related to Europe and Eurasia and past and present emerging democracies in these regions. To share this special occasion and many other impressive events in this year's public programs reflecting enhanced programming on Europe and Eurasia and the new WCED thematic, please visit our media archives on U-M's page on iTunes U (itunesu.umich.edu) and click "International."

During this inaugural year, the two new centers undertook a variety of initiatives elaborated in this first Weiser Center Annual Report. Among these, we would highlight that WCEE hosted scholars from Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine, and Slovakia through an expanded Weiser Professional Development Awards Program (previously housed at CREES and limited to Slovakia). WCED supported its first cohort of Student Fellows, offered the first Graduate Seminar on Emerging Democracies at U-M, recruited faculty associates, and assembled a faculty Steering Committee, Policy Board, and Advisory Council to provide

guidance. In collaboration with CES-EUC, CREES, and WCED, WCEE made its first set of faculty awards for innovative projects extending the missions of our centers.

This report also details the many achievements of CES-EUC and CREES and their affiliated students and faculty in 2008-09. Perhaps more significant than these lists of accomplishments, however, is that our new collaboration has strengthened the foundations for study of Europe and Eurasia at U-M, and added study of emerging democracies as another major reason why faculty, students, prominent figures, and members of the broader public find Michigan a place where scholarship for the good of societies here and elsewhere is pursued with integrity, innovation, and commitment. To further this momentum, please don't forget that a donation to one of our gift funds is the most significant way you can help us secure U-M's long-term leadership in the fields of European, Eurasian, and democratization studies.

To learn about the various ways you can support the programs of the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and its affiliated centers, please visit www.ii.umich.edu/wcee/support.

Participating in the establishment of WCEE has been a great adventure and source of pride for us; we look forward to your involvement in our future activities.

Michael D. Kennedy
WCEE and WCED Director

Dario Gaggio
CES-EUC Director

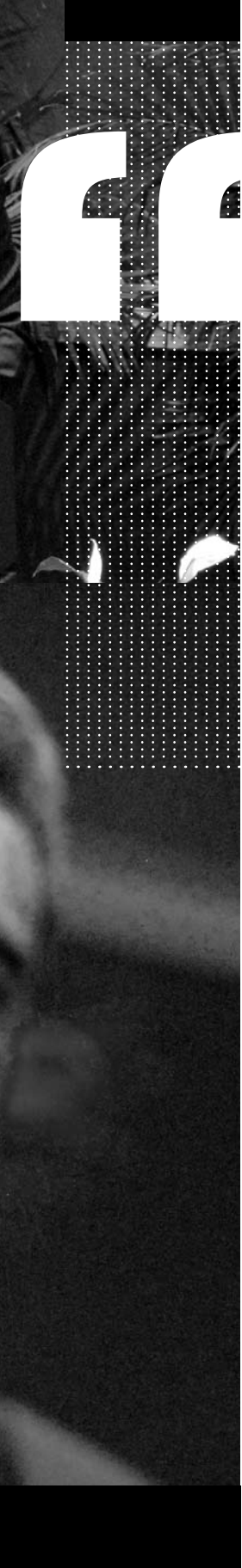
Douglas Northrop
CREES Director



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Top from left: Terry McDonald, President Aleksander Kwaśniewski
Bottom from left: Eileen Lappin Weiser, Ambassador Ronald Weiser (Photos by Peter Smith)



The greatest accomplishment for WCEE in its first year has been to establish the routines and administrative and budgetary practices that enable such an agile and complex organization to work effectively. Each center accomplished an ambitious agenda, and together we found ways not only to carry out this year's daunting set of tasks, but also to envision a common set of coordinated goals.

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Michael D. Kennedy



Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2009

Grants awarded to faculty and artists at institutions of higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Russia (Kaliningrad District), Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Slovakia, and Ukraine for short visits to Ann Arbor to promote research collaboration with U-M faculty.

Diana Dumitru, associate professor and head, World History Department, State Pedagogical University Ion Creanga, Chisinau, Moldova. "The Holocaust in Bessarabia and Transnistria." U-M host: Zvi Gitelman, Political Science/Judaic Studies. Feb 1-15, 2009.

Yelena Penchukova, executive director, Marketing Center at the International Academy of Business, Almaty, Kazakhstan. "Cultural Influences on Specific Consumer Safety Decision-making Behavior." U-M host: Andrew D. Gershoff, Business. Mar 15-Apr 11, 2009.

Marek Rybar, assistant professor, Department of Political Science, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia. "Slovak Political Party Democracy and Competition." U-M host: Anna Grzymala-Busse, Political Science. Feb 1-28, 2009.

Iryna Shkura, associate professor, Finance and Banking Department, Dnipropetrovsk University of Economics and Law, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine. "Methods of Analyses of Financial Securities." U-M host: Barbara Peitsch, School of Management, U-M Dearborn. Apr 1-29, 2009.

Erika Zemkova, research associate professor, Department of Sports Kinanthropology, Faculty of Physical Education and Sport, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia. "Designing Experimental and Treatment Protocols for Sensory Deficient Patients and the Elderly." U-M host: Kathleen H. Sienko, Engineering. Jan 11-Feb 7, 2009.

Weiser Faculty Grants, 2008-09

Awarded to U-M faculty for projects addressing historical or current articulations of cultural, economic, political, and social life in Europe and Eurasia. In this inaugural year of the Weiser Centers, projects engaging WCED's thematic concern for emerging democracies were especially welcomed.

Joshua Cole, History, for sequential conferences at U-M and the University of Minnesota, "From Colonial History to Post-Colonial Societies: (Re)placing the Maghrib at the Center of the Twentieth Century." **Alexander Knysch**, Near Eastern Studies, for a workshop at U-M, "Teaching Islam in Eurasia." **Arland Thornton**, Sociology, for a workshop in Brno, Czech Republic, "Freedom, Development, Family, and Demography." **Jindrich Toman**, Slavic, for a project on the transformation of cultural initiatives in the Czech Republic from the 1990s to the present. **Magdalena Zaborowska**, American Culture/CAAS, for a collaborative community-based project in Sejny, Poland. **William Zimmerman**, Political Science; **Zvi Gitelman**, Political Science; and **Mikhail Krutikov**, Slavic/Judaic Studies, for a series of video-based seminars to be taught jointly with faculty at the European University at St. Petersburg.

Weiser Faculty

The following are significant accomplishments in 2008-09 reported by faculty affiliated with CES-EUC, CREES, and/or WCED:

Books & Recordings


Vincenzo Binetti, Italian. *Città nomadi. Autonomia e esodo nella metropoli contemporanea* (Ombre Corte, 2008). **David Caron**, French/Women's Studies. *My Father and I: The Marais and the Queerness of Community* (Cornell UP, 2009). **Zvi Gitelman**, Political Science/Judaic Studies. *Religion or Ethnicity? The Evolution of Jewish Identities*, editor and contributor (Rutgers UP, 2009). **Dena Goodman**, History/Women's Studies. *Becoming a Woman in the Age of Letters* (Cornell UP, 2009). **Artemis Leontis**, Modern Greek. *Culture and Customs of Greece* (Greenwood Press, 2009). **Christian Matjias**, Dance. *Na Razie, bez Ciebie* audio-recording (Omelette Pan Productions, 2008). **Margaret R. Somers**, Sociology/History. *Genealogies of Citizenship: Markets, Statelessness, and the Right to Have Rights* (Cambridge UP, 2008). **Jan Svejnar**, Public Policy/Business/Economics. *Labor Markets and Economic Development*, co-editor w/ Ravi Kanbur (Oxford: Routledge, 2009). **Arland Thornton**, Sociology. *International Family Change: Ideational Perspectives*, co-editor w/ R. Jayakody and W. G. Axinn (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2008). **Magdalena Zaborowska**, American Culture/CAAS. *James Baldwin's Turkish Decade: Erotics of Exile* (Duke UP, 2009).

Grants & Awards

Barbara Anderson, Sociology. Regents' Award for Distinguished Public Service, U-M, 2008. **Joshua Cole**, History. Norman and Jane Katz Faculty Fellow, U-M Institute for the Humanities, 2008-09. **Zvi Gitelman**, Political Science/Judaic Studies. Senior Fellow, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, Israel. Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2009. Fellow, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2009. **Dena Goodman**, History/Women's Studies. Jantina Tammes Chair of Gender Studies, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 2009. **Scott Greer**, Public Health. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation's McDewitt Excellence in Research Award in health policy for "Out of Pocket Spending and Medication Adherence Among Dialysis Patients in 12 Countries," 2009. **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, Political Science. APSA Greg Luebbert Award for Best Article in Comparative Politics, 2008. AAASS Ed A. Hewett Prize for Best Publication on the Political Economy of the former Soviet Union and East Central Europe for *Rebuilding Leviathan: Party Competition and State Exploitation in Post-Communist Democracies* (Cambridge UP, 2007), 2008. Henry Russel Award, U-M, 2009. **John E. Jackson**, Political Science/Business. Elected member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2008. Career Achievement Award, Society for Political Methodology (APSA), 2008. **Mikhail Krutikov**, Slavic/Judaic Studies. Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft Grant for "Charlottengrad and Scheunenviertel: East European Jewish Migrants in Berlin during the 1920/30s." **Howard Markel, M.D.**, Medicine. Elected member, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, 2008. **Andrei S. Markovits**, German/Political Science. Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2008-09. Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship, U-M, 2009. **Katherine Mendeloff**, Residential College. International Institute Experiential Learning Fund Award, U-M, 2009. **Rudolf Mrázek**, History. John Rich Professor, Institute for the Humanities, U-M, for the project "Penal Colonies and Camp Cultures," 2008-09. **Ronald G. Suny**, History. Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2008-09. **Arland Thornton**, Sociology. Principal Investigator, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Grant for a research project on "Ideational Influences on Marriage and Childbearing," 2008-13. Outstanding Publication Award, ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course, 2008. **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, Sociology. Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Grant from the ASA/NSF award for a research project on "Nationalism, Religion and Secularization in Quebec and Poland," 2008. Polish Studies Association's Biennial Kulczycki Book Prize for *The Crosses of Auschwitz: Nationalism and Religion in Post-Communist Poland* (Chicago UP, 2006), 2008.



Top from left: Donatella della Porta, Leoluca Orlando
Bottom from left: Sidy Diallo, Áse Gornitzka (Photos by Nataša Gruden-Alajbegović and Mike Gould)



I look at the past year with pride and to the next
with enthusiasm, confident that CES-EUC will keep
strengthening its intellectual commitments and
public impact.

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Dario Gaggio

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CES-EUC Awarded New European Commission Grant

In recognition of U-M's outstanding faculty, students, staff, and other resources dedicated to the study of modern Europe and the European Union, CES-EUC received a three-year European Commission grant, thereby continuing its designation as one of 11 European Union Centers of Excellence in the U.S. from September 2008 to August 2011.

Modern European Studies Minor Graduates, 2008-09

Fall 2008/Kathryn Kelner.

Winter 2009/Samantha Bernstein.

EUC Jean Monnet Fellows, 2009

Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from the European Commission and U-M's Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

Ela Gezen, PhD German, "Heimisches Berlin: Longing and Belonging." **Mónica López-Lerma**, PhD Comparative Literature, "The Ghosts of Justice: Re-Imagining the Spanish Past." **Jennifer Miller**, PhD Political Science, "Redefining the Nation: Center-Right Party Outreach toward Visible Minorities in Europe." **Jessica Robbins**, PhD Anthropology, "Making and Unmaking Polish Persons: Aging and Memory in Postsocialist Poland."

Graduate Workshop on European Studies, 2009

An interdisciplinary not-for-credit forum convened in Winter 2009 with support from the European Commission and CES-EUC for advanced graduate students working on issues of contemporary Europe and the EU.

Dario Gaggio, CES-EUC/History, faculty convenor. **Sarah Hamilton**, PhD History, graduate student coordinator. **Minayo Nasiali**, PhD History, best paper for "Ordering the Disorderly Slum: 'Standardizing' Quality of Life in Marseille Shantytowns, 1953-1962."

EUC/Ford School of Public Policy Summer Internship Grant, 2009

Awarded to Ford School of Public Policy MPP students for summer internships in Europe with support from the European Commission.

Egan Reich, MPP Public Policy. Internship at the EastWest Institute, Brussels, Belgium.

CES-EUC Summer Research and Internship Grants, 2009

Awarded to U-M undergraduate and graduate students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration with support from the European Commission and CES-EUC.

Elisabeth Alber, BA Political Science/German (Belgium). **Catherine Benson**, PhD Natural Resources and Environment (Switzerland). **Heloise Finch-Boyer**, PhD Anthropology & History (France). **Maria Hadjipolycarpou**, PhD Comparative Literature (Cyprus). **Trevor Kilgore**, PhD History (Italy). **Laura Kupe**, BA Political Science/Modern European Studies minor (Germany). **Jeremy Ledger**, PhD History (Spain). **Paul Lewis**, BA Mathematics/Jazz Studies (France). **Aaron McCloud**, MBA Business/MSE Naval Architecture (Denmark). **Rosa Moore**, BA History of Art/German (Germany). **Noel Delgado Moreno**, BS Chemical Engineering/German (Germany). **Davide Orsini**, PhD Anthropology & History (Italy). **Mark Rudolf**, BS Biomedical Engineering/German minor (Germany). **Anna Wieck**, PhD History of Art (Spain).

EUC Faculty Projects, 2008-09

Faculty research and workshops on the EU and European integration with support from the European Commission.

Anna Grzymala-Busse, Political Science, research, "The Sacralization of Politics in the European Union."
John E. Jackson, Political Science, research, "Attitudes of Poles towards the European Union."
Janet H. Lawrence and **Michael Bastedo**, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, School of Education, international workshop, "Towards a European Higher Education Area: Bologna Process and Beyond."
Cindy A. Schipani, Business, international workshop, "Pathways for Women to Obtain Positions of Organizational Leadership."

CES-EUC Course Development Awards, 2008-09

Awarded to U-M faculty for development of new undergraduate courses with a significant focus on the EU and European integration and intended to benefit the faculty member's home department and students in the Modern European Studies minor program with support from the European Commission and CES-EUC.

Rita Chin, History, "Multiethnic Europe: Immigrants and Muslims in Postwar Britain, France, and Germany."
Anna Grzymala-Busse, Political Science, "Religion and the Making of Europe."
Janet Hart, Anthropology, "Deprovincializing Europe: Architects and Public Culture."
Kader Konuk, German/Comparative Literature, "Islam and the West: Critical Perspectives on European Literature."



Top from left: Milena Todorova, Melvyn Levitsky, Stasys Eidrigevičius
Bottom: Stasys Exhibition (Photos by Peter Smith)

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As I conclude my first year as CREES director, I have an even deeper appreciation of the University of Michigan, with its truly remarkable array of people, programs, and resources devoted to the study of our region.

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Douglas Northrop



REES Graduates, 2008-09

Summer 2008/REES MA: **Kathryn Graber**. REES BA: **Sonia Isard**.

Fall 2008/REES MA: **Renee Underwood**. Russian Studies minor: **Anne VanderMey**.

Winter 2009/REES MA: **Ryan Aiken**, **Deborah Jones**, **Heather LaRue McGee**. REES MA/Public Policy

MPP: **Milena Todorova**. REES Graduate Certificate: **John Wesley Hill**. REES BA: **Vanessa Bloom**, **Iza Ding**, **Lyudmila Karpilovskaya**, **Shannon Kellman**, **Kole Kurti**, **Anna Lembryk**, **Larissa Stassek**, **Jessica Wright**.

REES BS: **Christopher Szczygiel**. Russian Studies minor: **Eric Einisman**. East European Studies minor: **Amy Congalton**, **Jacqueline Gowin**, **Mirela Lekic**, **Zaib Rasool**.

Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 2008-09

Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education and U-M.

Ryan Aiken, MA REES (Russian); **Erica Feldman**, PhD Anthropology (Uzbek); **Jessica Fisher**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Ukrainian); **Alexandra Gerber**, PhD Sociology (Polish); **Jeremy Johnson**, MA REES/PhD Anthropology & History (Armenian); **Deborah Jones**, MA REES (Ukrainian); **Kimberly Ann Powers**, PhD Anthropology & History (Uzbek); **Elana Resnick**, PhD Anthropology (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian).

Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 2009

Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Vladislav Beronja, PhD Slavic (Russian); **Erica Feldman**, PhD Anthropology (Kyrgyz); **Ksenya Gurshtein**, PhD History of Art (Slovene); **Jeremy Johnson**, MA REES/PhD Anthropology & History (Georgian); **Adam Kolkman**, PhD Slavic (Russian); **Kimberly Ann Powers**, PhD Anthropology & History (Uzbek); **Elana Resnick**, PhD Anthropology (Bulgarian); **Ryan Voogt**, MA REES (Romanian).

CREES Research, Internship, and Fellowship Awards, 2009

Awarded to students in REES-related undergraduate and graduate degree programs for summer- or semester-long research projects or internships at institutions and businesses in Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union.

Aleksandar Bošković, PhD Slavic (Russia); **Charles Cacciola**, JD Law (Ukraine); **Angela Commito**, PhD Classical Art & Archaeology (Georgia); **Jessica Fisher**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Washington, DC); **Krista Goff**, PhD History (Russia); **Dmytri Hryciw**, BFA Art & Design (Ukraine); **Heather LaRue McGee**, PhD Political Science/Public Policy (Kyrgyzstan); **Marianna Oykman**, BA Political Science (Israel); **Rachel Schroeder**, PhD Sociology (Russia); **Perry Sherouse**, PhD Anthropology (Georgia); **Ninel Shestakovich**, MS Environmental Science (Mongolia); **Milena Tercheva**, MA REES (Germany); **Heather Tidrick**, PhD Social Work/Antropology (Hungary).

Copernicus Fellowship for Incoming Graduate Students in Polish Studies, 2008-09

Awarded to an incoming doctoral or master's level student expecting to focus graduate work on Polish Studies who has been nominated by the student's department.

Jessica Zychowicz, PhD Slavic.

Graduate Student Instructors, REES 395 & 396, 2008-09

Awarded for teaching positions in REES undergraduate courses: REES 395, Survey of Russia: the Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and the Successor States (fall); REES 396, Survey of Central and Eastern Europe and the Enlarged European Union (winter).

Ryan Aiken, MA REES, REES 395. Jessica Lowen, PhD Anthropology/Graduate Certificate REES, REES 395 & REES 396.

CREES Alumni/ae

Please send news on your activities since graduation to crees@umich.edu.

George Breslauer (Political Science: BA '66, MA '68, PhD '73; Graduate Certificate Russian Studies '68), executive vice chancellor and provost at the University of California, Berkeley, was featured in a video prepared by the American Council on Education/Coalition for International Education for the Title VI 50th Anniversary Conference in Mar 2009.

LTC Stephen (Mike) Bruce (MA REES '02) became chief of security cooperation strategy and assessments at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in Virginia in summer 2008. **James Buck** (PhD Natural Resources & Environment '08) is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine Program in Brighton, MI. **Brad Michael Damare'** (PhD Slavic '08) became assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures at the University of Southern California in FA 2008. **Leslie Davis** (PhD Slavic '96) returned to Ann Arbor in FA 2008 to be assistant director of programs at U-M's Center for International Business Education. **Edin Hajdarpasic** (PhD History '08) became assistant professor of history at Loyola University (Chicago) in Jan 2009. **Shannon Hill** (MPP '06, MA REES '07) joined the State Department's Foreign Service in Jul 2008. After studying Urdu, she expects to be posted in Islamabad, Pakistan in summer 2009. **Elena Jurasaitė-Harbison** (PhD Education/Graduate Certificate REES '08) became assistant professor of curriculum and teaching at Hofstra University in FA 2008. **Emil Kerenji** (PhD History '08) became assistant professor of history at the University of South Carolina in FA 2008. Thanks to a sabbatical from the Foreign Service in 2007-08, **David Kostelancik** (MA REES '88) completed a master's degree in strategic studies and was designated a "National Security Professional" by the National Defense University's National War College. In Aug 2008, he became deputy political counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. After over 20 years with the Office of Special Investigations at the Department of Justice, **Michael MacQueen** (BA Economics '80, MA REES '83) took a position with Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security in Sept 2008. He continues to work on Balkan-related investigations. **Martha Merrill** (BA Russian '74; Education: MA '77, PhD '82) became associate professor of higher education and coordinator of the International Education Certificate Program at Kent State University in FA 2008. **Justine Pas** (PhD American Culture '08), visiting assistant professor of comparative literature at Oberlin College in 2008-09, will continue in this position in 2009-10. **Mila Shevchenko** (PhD Slavic '08) began a two-year instructorship in Russian at Bowling Green State University in FA 2008. **Sheila Skaff** (PhD Comparative Literature '04) became the film and television programmer at the Polish Cultural Institute in NYC in Sept 2008; she is also teaching part-time at Hunter College. **Matthew Vanderwerff** (MA REES '08), program associate at IREX since Aug 2008, works on civil society development projects in Eastern Europe.



Top from left: Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, Jr.; Craig Calhoun/Middle from left: Dario Gaggio, Douglas Northrop
Bottom: WCEE/WCED Inaugural Lecture/Right: Ambassador Ronald Weiser, Michael Kennedy
(Photos by Peter Smith and Nataša Gruden-Alajbegović)



In Europe and Eurasia are some of the best examples of places that have achieved democracy and freedom. It is very important to understand how these countries transitioned and to share that information with countries that are in transition.

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Ambassador Ronald Weiser



WCED Student Fellows, 2008-09

Awarded to incoming and continuing graduate students at U-M who expect to focus their graduate work around the theme of "emerging democracy past or present" in Europe, Russia, or Eurasia.

Ryan Aiken, MA REES. Russia/U.S. and Russia/EU bilateral relations, democratization, energy security.

Aleksandar Bošković, PhD Slavic. 20th-century South Slavic and Russian literature and culture.

Jessica Fisher, MA REES/MPP Public Policy. Democratization and development in Ukraine and Russia.

Kirill Kalinin, PhD Political Science. Russian politics, electoral behavior, nationalism.

Nevila Pahumi, PhD History. Identity politics and formation among minorities in Albania, Macedonia, and Kosovo.

Milena Tercheva, MA REES. Emerging democracies in Eastern Europe, Bulgaria, international legal integration in Europe.



Left to right: Marie Ricciardone; Ryan Aiken; Jessica Fisher; Kirill Kalinin; Claire Whitlinger; Atef Said; Nevila Pahumi; Milena Tercheva; Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, Jr. (Photo by Marysia Ostafin)



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Sept 4/CREES Lecture. "Looking into the 'Black Holes' of Central Asian History: The Rise of Khoqand and Why It Matters." **Scott Levi**, Ohio State University. Sponsors: Russian/Soviet History Workshop, CREES, CMENAS.

Sept 8-Nov 7/Stasys Exhibition. *The Earth of Lithuania with the Wind of Warsaw*. Sponsors: Copernicus Endowment, CREES, IH, A&D.

Sept 11/Copernicus Lecture in the Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Series. "My Road." **Stasys Eidrigevičius**, artist. Sponsors: Copernicus Endowment, CREES, IH, A&D.

Sept 12/Film. *Bouzkachi: Chant of the Steppes*. World premiere of documentary/art film shot in Uzbekistan by French director **Jacques Debs** and artist **Stasys Eidrigevičius**. Sponsors: Copernicus Endowment, CREES, CMENAS.

Sept 19/WCEE/WCED Inaugural Lecture. "Promoting Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe." **Aleksander Kwaśniewski**, President of Poland, 1995-2005; and Distinguished Scholar in the Practice of Global Leadership, Georgetown University. Sponsors: WCEE, WCED, CES-EUC, CREES, LSA.

Sept 22/International Law Workshop. "ICTY and ICJ in the Conflict and Post-conflict in the Former Yugoslavia: An Appraisal." **Vladimir Djerić**, attorney. Sponsors: Law School, CES-EUC, Serbian Ministry for Diaspora.

Sept 23/Frankel Center Lecture. "Soviet Marxism and Yiddish Literature: Between Ideology and Mass Culture." **Roland Gruschka**, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Sponsors: Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, CREES.

Oct 7/Slavic Lecture. "The Woman Writer in the Serbian Cultural Space of Post-Communist Transition." **Tatjana Rosić**, Singidunum University, Belgrade. Sponsors: CES-EUC, Slavic, Serbian Ministry for Diaspora.

Oct 8/WCED Lecture. "Communist Legacies and Democratic Survival: Liability or Advantage?" **Michael Bernhard**, Pennsylvania State University. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, CES-EUC.

Oct 15/CES-EUC Luncheon. "The French Presidency of the European Union." **Sidy Diallo**, Deputy Consul General of France in Chicago. Sponsor: CES-EUC.

Oct 16/Conversations on Europe. "Political Institutions of the EU." **George Tsebelis**, U-M. Sponsor: CES-EUC.

Oct 23/CREES Lecture. "Coffee House Babble: Smoking and Sociability in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Bulgaria." **Mary Neuburger**, University of Texas-Austin. Sponsors: CREES, CMENAS.

Oct 27/STS Colloquium. "Spending Less on Fur Coats: Russia's Contradictory Climate Change Debate." **Laura Henry**, Bowdoin College. Sponsors: Science, Technology, and Society Program; CREES.

Oct 30/Conversations on Europe. "Mediterranean Entrepreneurial Diaspora Networks during the Long Nineteenth Century." **Gelina Harlaftis**, Ionian University, Corfu. Sponsors: CES-EUC, Modern Greek Program.

Oct 30/CES-EUC Lecture. *"Outlet Italia: A Conversation with Aldo Cazzullo."* **Aldo Cazzullo**, Corriere della Sera. Sponsors: CES-EUC, Italian Consulate in Detroit.

Oct 31-Dec 5/Exhibition. *"Affinities/Podobnosti."* Ceramics by artists **Ivica Vidrová**, Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Bratislava, and 2008 Weiser Fellow; and **Georgette Zirbes**, U-M, and 2007 Weiser Fellow. Sponsors: A&D, Residential College, WCEE, CREES.

Nov 4/Frankel Center Lecture. *"The Sound and the Fury: Between Brenner and Dostoyevsky."* **Marcus Moseley**, Northwestern University. Sponsors: Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, CREES.

Nov 5/CREES and CES-EUC Student Presentations on Summer Research and Internships.

Emanuela Grama, JMF, PhD Anthropology & History; **Charles Doriean**, JMF, PhD Political Science; **Monica Sendor**, CRIF, BS REES/Psychology; and **Krista Goff**, CRIF, PhD Anthropology. Sponsors: CREES, CES-EUC.

Nov 6/CREES Lecture. *"'Consciously Made Children,' 'Living for Oneself,' or 'Giving Birth to a Patriot': Russia's Revival of Family Support and the Discursive Erasure of Gender Inequality."* **Michele Rivkin-Fish**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sponsor: CREES.

Nov 8-9/15th Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Organized by the Polish Cultural Fund-Ann Arbor in cooperation with the Polish-American Congress Ann Arbor Chapter and U-M's Polish Club and Copernicus Endowment.

Nov 12/WCED Lecture. *"Harvesting on the Fields of Ignorance: On the Blessings of Not-Knowing and Not-Understanding in the Post State-Socialist Reforms of Higher Learning."* **Voldemar Tomusk**, Open Society Institute, London. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, CES-EUC.

Nov 20/Conversations on Europe. *"Communicating the Meaning of the Marshall Plan."* **David W. Ellwood**, University of Bologna. Sponsor: CES-EUC.

Dec 3/WCED Lecture. *"With or Without Women's Movements? Democratization, Economic Transformation, and Women's Equality in Central Asia."* **Marianne Kamp**, University of Wyoming. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, CMENAS.

Dec 4/Poetry Reading, Zell Writers Series. **Adam Zagajewski**, winner of the 2004 Neustadt International Prize for Literature. Sponsors: Zell Visiting Writers Series, MFA Program in Creative Writing, Copernicus Endowment.

Dec 10/CES-EUC End-of-Semester Luncheon. *"The World of the Roma: A Minority One and Many in the New Europe."* Convener: **Dario Gaggio**, director, CES-EUC. Presenters: **Alaina Lemon**, U-M; and **Jean Hébard**, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris). U-M graduate student presenters: **Luciana Aenăsoaie**, **Elana Resnick**, and **Heather Tidrick**. Sponsors: CES-EUC, CREES, CICS.

Jan 14/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *"Fear and Loathing in Moscow: Covering 11 Time Zones and 15 Republics during Times of Great Change, 1989-1995."* **Stephanie DeGroot** (BA REES '85), Sky News, London, and 2008-09 Knight-Wallace Fellow, U-M. Sponsor: CREES.

Jan 14/Annual Haidostian Lecture. *"The Geopolitics of the World Today: U.S. Policy at the Periphery of Russia."* **Gerard Chaliand**, distinguished scholar and author. Sponsors: ASP, CREES.

Jan 21/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *"NECRO-UTOPIA: The Politics of Indistinction and the Art of the Non-Soviet."* **Alexei Yurchak**, University of California, Berkeley. Sponsors: Russian/Soviet History Workshop, CREES.

Jan 28/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *"What Is Post-Soviet about Islam in Central Asia?"* **John Schoeberlein**, Harvard University. Sponsors: CREES, CMENAS.

Jan 29/EIHS Lecture. *"Peace and Order in the Cross Hairs: Everyday Life in Soviet and American Nuclear Cities."* **Kate Brown**, University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Sponsors: EIHS, CREES.

Feb 4/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *"Career Paths and Opportunities for Students Specializing in Area Studies."* **Martha Loerke** (MA REES '90), Open Society Institute. Sponsor: CREES.

Feb 5/Conversations on Europe. *"From Communists to Foreign Capitalists: The Social Foundations of Foreign Direct Investment in Postsocialist Europe."* **Nina Bandelj**, University of California, Irvine. Sponsors: CES-EUC, CREES, WCED.

Feb 9/Conversations on Europe. *"Fighting the Mafia and Renewing Sicilian Culture."* **Leoluca Orlando**, former mayor of Palermo, current Italian MP, and anti-Mafia activist. Sponsor: CES-EUC.

Feb 11/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *"Feeling and Speaking States: The Politics of and in Kazakh Aitus Poetry."* **Eva-Marie Dubuisson**, PhD Anthropology, and 2008-09 IH Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CMENAS.

Feb 12/WCED Colloquium. *"U.S. Diplomacy, Civil Society, and Democracy in the Middle East and Europe."* **Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone, Jr.**, U.S. Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, 2005-08, and guest scholar, United States Institute of Peace; and **Ambassador Ronald Weiser**, U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia, 2001-04. Discussant: **Ambassador Melvyn Levitsky**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CES-EUC, CREES.

Feb 18/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *"The Building of Stalin-Era Nizhnii Novgorod (Gorky): Matter, Metaphor, and Power."* **Heather DeHaan**, Binghamton University, and 2009 Kennan Institute Fellow. Sponsor: CREES.

Mar 6-7/International Workshop. *"Towards a European Higher Education Area: Bologna Process and Beyond."* Conveners: **Janet Lawrence**, U-M; **Michael Bastedo**, U-M; and **Peter Maassen**, University of Oslo. Sponsors: CES-EUC; Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, School of Education; Office of the Provost; Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

Mar 12/CREES Panel. *"Afghanistan—The Once and Future War."* **David B. Edwards**, Williams College; **Alessandro Monsutti**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva; and **M. Nazif Shahrani**, Indiana University. Sponsors: CREES, CMENAS, CSAS, WCED.

Mar 16/TCAUP Brown Bag. *"Almost Architecture."* **Srdjan Jovanovic Weiss**, Temple University. Sponsors: Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, CES-EUC, Serbian Ministry for Diaspora.

Mar 18/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *"What Is Ukrainian about Ukraine's Pop Culture? The Strange Case of Verka Serduchka."* **Serhy Yekelchyk**, University of Victoria. Sponsors: Russian/Soviet History Workshop, CREES.

Mar 19-21/ASP International Conference. *“Armenia and Armenians in International Treaties.”*

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Mar 25/Conversations on Europe. *“Europe’s Political and Economic Challenges.”* **Jan Svejnar**, U-M, and former candidate for president of the Czech Republic. Sponsors: CES-EUC, CREES, International Policy Center, WCED.

Mar 26/EUC Distinguished Lecture. *“A Europeanization from Below? Social Movements and Europe.”* **Donatella della Porta**, European University Institute, Florence. Sponsors: CES-EUC, WCED.

Mar 27/Library Symposium. *“Boris Pasternak’s Dr. Zhivago.”* **Kathryn Beam** and **Janet Crayne**, U-M Library; **Toby Holtzman**, independent scholar; **Michael Makin**, U-M; and **Dmitry Urnov**, Adelphi University. Sponsors: U-M Library, CREES, with support from Toby Holtzman.

Mar 30/WCED Colloquium. *“Challenges to Promoting Democracy from the Ground Up.”* **Craig Calhoun**, New York University, and president, Social Science Research Council; and **Lorne Craner**, president, International Republican Institute. Sponsor: WCED.

Apr 2/WCED Lecture. *“The Russo-Georgian War and the Prospects for Democratization in Postcommunist Space.”* **M. Steven Fish**, University of California, Berkeley. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Apr 2/Lecture. *“‘Unhomely’ Encounters with Others in Medieval Travel Literature.”* **Simon Gaunt**, King’s College London. Sponsors: RLL, CES, other U-M units.

Apr 3/Interdisciplinary Workshop. *“More than Fashion: The Journal des Dames et des Modes (1797- 1839).”* Conveners: **Jann Matlock**, University College London; **Denise Z. Davidson**, Georgia State University; and **Susan L. Siegfried**, U-M. Sponsors: History of Art, CES, other U-M units.

Apr 8/CES-EUC Luncheon. *“From the Netherlands in the Golden Age to European Co-operation and a Global World.”* **H.E. Frans Timmermans**, Minister for European Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Sponsors: CES-EUC, Netherlands America University League, Ford School of Public Policy.

Apr 9/Conversations on Europe. *“Memory Wars: Debating the Past in Twentieth-Century Italy.”* **John Foot**, University College London. Sponsors: CES-EUC, RLL, History.

Apr 15/CREES Brown Bag Lecture. *“The First Russian Voyage around the World (1803-1806), as Described in German Sources.”* **Victoria Moessner**, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Sponsor: CREES.

Apr 22/CES-EUC End-of-Semester Luncheon. *“The Impact of the Current Financial Crisis on European [Dis]Integration and on Europe’s Economies.”* Convener: **Dario Gaggio**, director, CES-EUC. **Giuseppe De Arcangelis**, La Sapienza University, Rome; **Jean Marie Viaene**, Erasmus University Rotterdam; and **Alan Deardorff**, U-M. Sponsor: CES-EUC.

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- ❑ WCEE Outreach Coordinator **Sylvia Meloche** named University Representative on the Michigan Council for the Social Studies (MCSS) Board.
- ❑ Teachers' Global Education E-Newsletter, including information about opportunities for teachers, sent to over 2,200 teachers twice monthly.
- ❑ "Circles of Life" Calendar prepared by outreach coordinators at International Institute (II) area centers distributed to 1,000 K-12 teachers in Southeast Michigan.
- ❑ Presentations on folk cultures by **Sylvia Meloche** (WCEE), **Sasha Chernyak**, and **Kathleen Gut** (Howell Middle Schools), at the annual conference of the Michigan World Languages Association (Oct 23), Howell Middle Schools' Diversity Day (Feb 26), and Hartland High School's World Languages Week (Mar 2-6).
- ❑ Reports on "Polish Workers as Slave Labor in Italy" and "Poland's Home Army" included in collaborative II presentations on slavery and World War II at the MCSS annual conference (Feb 10).

CES-EUC PROJECTS

- ❑ In collaboration with the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, curriculum module outlines on health care and education in the EU developed with EUC support by **Deborah Cleveland**, Motlow State Community College; **Diane O'Connell**, Schoolcraft College; **Donna Giuliani**, Delta College; **Michelle D. Stone**, Lake Michigan College; and **Ziggy Kozicki**, Ferris State/Delta College.
- ❑ Presentation on EU politics by Jean Monnet Fellow **Charles Doriean**, PhD Political Science, for a K-12 Teachers' Workshop on Educating for Citizenship organized by the Michigan Center for Civic Education (Dec 4).
- ❑ Lecture on "Getting to Know the EU" by **Ken Kollman**, Political Science, for students in a 9th-grade World History and Geography class at Huron High School (Mar 30).
- ❑ Teams from three Michigan high schools recruited and trained by EUC participated in a regional EURO Challenge 2009 competition about the euro and the European economy (Apr 2); International Academy Central (Bloomfield Hills), winner of the regional competition, placed 4th in the national competition in New York City (Apr 29).

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- ❑ Teachers' Professional Development Workshop on "Russia and Its Place in World History" for middle and high school and community college educators, with presentations by **Joshua First**, History; **Michael Kennedy**, Sociology; **Valerie Kivelson**, History; **Judith Kullberg**, Political Science, EMU; and **Bob Bain**, Education, and chair, Social Studies Work Group, Michigan Department of Education (Nov 1).
- ❑ Lecture on "Forging Democracy in Ukraine" by **Jessica Fisher**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy, for Cranbrook Kingswood High School students as part of a World Affairs Seminar on "Democracy: Global Impact" (Feb 20).
- ❑ Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant received from the U.S. Department of Education to support a curriculum development seminar on "Understanding Contemporary Russia" for K-12 teachers in summer 2010.
- ❑ Grants to support short visits to U-M to develop REEE-focused curriculum awarded to **Michael Fuller**, St. Louis Community College; **Joshua Hagen**, Marshall University; **John Meredig**, University of Evansville; **Robert Montgomery**, Baldwin Wallace College; and **Michael Tager**, Marietta College.



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