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# WEISER CENTER FOR EUROPE & EURASIA

## WEISER CENTER FOR EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

From the Director



I am delighted to report that the Weiser Centers have had a wonderful year, expanding our vibrant global programming and launching new initiatives.

We began the year by welcoming Ambassador Michael McFaul (Russia, 2010-12). Other prominent lectures included a lecture on the Greek crisis by Stathis Kalyvas in February, and on “Putin’s Kleptocracy” by Karen Dawisha in April. We also heard from experts on the oil curse, the punitive prison culture in the United States, immigration and national identity, and different understandings of “freedom of speech.”

We launched two new programs this year. First, in collaboration with the William Davidson Institute and the Slovak-based Pontis Foundation, we organized an NGO Leadership Training Program in Bratislava, Slovakia, which built up the managerial

and organizational capacity of these very important civil society actors. Representatives of 20 NGOs from countries ranging from Albania to Tunisia participated. Second, we have launched the Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellowship. This was a highly competitive program, with over 150 applicants, and we will welcome our first cohort of fellows this fall. In May, WCED capped off the year with a very successful conference entitled “The Contemporary Interpretation of Historical Legacies in East Central Europe” at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in collaboration with CPPS, POLIN, and the Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies at the University of Warsaw.

WCED continues to support a new generation of researchers through the Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowships and Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, where students engage directly with scholars and practitioners. Efforts continue to expand our undergraduate travel and research fellowship program.

This is an exciting time at the Weiser Centers, as new initiatives build on the success of our existing programs. We look forward to continuing our collaborations with U-M partners and those at other institutions. We thank the many faculty, students, and colleagues both at the university and in the community for their participation and support.

### **Anna Grzymala-Busse**

Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor  
of European and Eurasian Studies  
WCEE/WCED Director

# WEISER CENTER FOR EUROPE & EURASIA

## **Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2016**

*Grants awarded to faculty and artists at institutions of higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kaliningrad (Russia), Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine for short visits to Ann Arbor to promote research collaboration with U-M faculty.*

**Hanna Dębska**, assistant professor of law, Pedagogical University of Cracow, and PhD candidate in sociology, Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland. Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. July-August, 2016.

**Serhii Dembitskyi**, research fellow, Institute of Sociology, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine. Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. June-July, 2016.

**Driart Elshani**, professor of information and communication technologies, American University in Kosovo. "3D Printing for Education and Development in Kosovo." U-M host: Eric Maslowski, UM3D Lab. March-April, 2016.

**Ivan Gerát**, associate professor of art history, University of Trnava, and director, Institute for Art History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republic. "Iconology and Ideology during the Cold War." U-M host: Elizabeth Sears, History of Art. September, 2016.

**Nikola Milašinović**, assistant professor of forensics, Academy of Criminalistic and Police Studies, and research associate, Innovation Centre of the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, University of Belgrade, Serbia. "Design of 3D Hydrogel System for Ovarian Follicle Culture." U-M host: Ariella Shikanov, Biomedical Engineering and Macromolecular Science and Engineering. February-April, 2016.

**Tatjana Rosić Ilić**, associate professor of media and communications, Singidunum University; research fellow, Institute for Literature and Art; and visiting professor, University of Kragujevac, Serbia. "Paradox of (Auto) Censorship and Narratives on Post-Yugoslav Future: Female Authorship in the Culture of Fear." U-M host: Tatjana Aleksić, Comparative Literature/Slavic. September-November, 2016.

**Anastasiia Syzenko**, assistant professor of English, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine. "Academic English for Teaching and Research." U-M host: Melinda Matice, English Language Institute. March-April, 2016.

## **Kabcenell New Europe Grants, 2016**

*Awarded to undergraduate students for summer experiences to study or conduct research in the New Europe—countries that have joined or will join the European Union, with a preference for new member and candidate countries.*

**Lorena Balic**, BS Health & Fitness (Croatia); **Maura Drabik**, BS Informatics (Slovakia).

## Albanian Community Summer Fellowships, 2016

Awarded to undergraduate students to support study, research, or internships in Albania and in neighboring countries preparing to join the European Union.

**Claire Johnson**, BS Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience.

## Weiser Faculty Grants, 2015-16

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

**Tatjana Aleksić**, Comparative Literature/Slavic, for the project "Slobodna Dalmacija: Feral Tribune." **Samer Ali**, Near Eastern Studies, for the project "Abad Humanism in the Arabo-Islamic Middle Ages: Public Participation and Nonviolent Resistance." **Dan Brown**, Natural Resources & Environment, to support travel for researchers from Mongolia to attend the conference "Socio-environmental Research on the Mongolian Plateau." **Rita Chin**, History, for the project "Britain's Socialist Worker's Party: A Multiethnic Political Experiment." **H. Erdem Çipa**, History/Near Eastern Studies, for the book project "Popular Uprisings in the Early Modern Ottoman World." **Krisztina Fehérváry**, Anthropology, for the project "Commodified Teeth and Individuating Tattoos: Self-branding Practices in Contemporary Hungary." **Allen Hicken**, Political Science, for the project "Electoral Dynamics in the Philippines." **Shazia Iftkhar**, Communication Studies, for the book project "Mediating Frenchness: How French News Covered the Veil Debates." **Gergana Kodjebacheva**, Health Science and Administration (U-M Flint), for the project "Folic Acid Use among Romani Women in Bulgaria: Knowledge and Behaviors." **Oksana Malanchuk**, Research Center for Group Dynamics, for the project "Development of Ukrainian Identity in Eastern Ukraine." **Katherine Mendeloff**, Residential College, to attend the Gogol Theater Festival Collaboration in Kyiv, Ukraine. **Brian Min**, Political Science, for the project "Not Performing and Winning: Why Disengaged Legislators Win Elections." **Rudolf Mrazek**, History, for the project "Forgetting and Celebration in Post-War Europe: The Case of Terezin." **Anna Muller**, History (U-M Dearborn), for the photo exhibition and workshop "From Estonia to Hamtramck." **Scott Spector**, German/History/Judaic Studies, for the project "Invisible Empire: Memory and Forgetting in Post-Hapsburg East Central Europe." **Yuri Zhukov**, Political Science, for the project "Crisis in Ukraine: Violence, Corruption, and Politics." **William Zimmerman**, Political Science, for the project "Russian Foreign Policy Perspectives: The Seventh Wave."

## Weiser Faculty

The following are significant accomplishments in 2015-16 reported by faculty affiliated with CES, CPPS, CREES, ISP, and/or WCED.

### Books

**Robert J. Franzese, Jr.**, Political Science. *Quantitative Research in Political Science: Empirical Methods & Applications* (Vols. 1-5), ed. (Sage Publishing, 2015). **Valerie Kivelson**, History. *Word and Image in Russian History: Essays in Honor of Gary Marker*, co-ed. w/ M. di Salvo, D. H. Kaiser (Academic Studies Press, 2015). **Alexander Knysh**, Near Eastern Studies. *Sufism and the Muslim Spiritual Tradition: Texts, Institutions, Ideas and Interpretations*, co-ed. w/ D. Brilyov and O. Yarosh (Peterburgskoe vostokovedenie, 2015). *Islam: History, Culture and Practice. An Introductory Course*, co-ed. w/ A. Matochkina (Prezidentskaia biblioteka, 2015). **Olga Maiorova**, History/Slavic. *Dostoevsky in Context*, co-ed. w/ D. A. Martinson (Cambridge UP, 2016). **Benjamin Paloff**, Comparative Literature/Slavic. *And His Orchestra* (Carnegie-Mellon UP, 2015). **Julia Sonnevend**, Communication Studies. *Education and*

*Social Media: Toward a Digital Future*, co-ed. w/ C. Greenhow, C. Agur (MIT Press, 2016). **Scott Spector**, German/History/Judaic Studies. *Violent Sensations: Sex, Crime, and Utopia in Vienna and Berlin, 1860-1914* (U of Chicago Press, 2016). **Jeffrey Veidlinger**, History/Judaic Studies. *Going to the People: Jews and the Ethnographic Impulse*, ed. (Indiana UP, 2016).

## Grants, Awards, & Promotions

**Barbara Anderson**, Sociology. Population Association of America Honoree, 2016. **Jeremiah Chamberlain**, English. Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution to Undergraduate Education, LSA, U-M, 2015. **Krisztina Fehérváry**, Anthropology. Hungarian Studies Association Book Prize, 2013 & 2014; Nanovic Institute for European Studies Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European Studies, Honorable Mention, 2016, *Politics in Color and Concrete: Socialist Materialities and the Middle Class in Hungary* (Indiana UP, 2013). **Zvi Gitelman**, Political Science. Fellow, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Feb 2016. **Fatma Müge Göçek**, Sociology/Women's Studies. Mary Douglas Prize for Best Book, Sociology of Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 2015, *Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present and Collective Violence against Armenians, 1789-2009* (Oxford UP, 2014). **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, Political Science. Elected president-elect of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2016-18. Andrew Carnegie Fellowship for the project "The Dictator's Curse? Authoritarian Party Collapse and the Nation State," 2016. **Gottfried Hagen**, Near Eastern Studies. Appointed chair, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 2015-18. **Sally Howell**, Arab American Studies (U-M Dearborn). Appointed director, Center for Arab American Studies. Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Literature, Saginaw Valley State University; Evelyn Shakir Non-Fiction Book Award, Arab American National Museum; Michigan Notable Book, 2015, *Old Islam in Detroit: Rediscovering the Muslim American Past* (Oxford UP, 2014). **Yener Kandogan**, Management (U-M Flint). U-M Flint grant for the project "Rosetta Stone Software to Improve Language and Reading Skills for Research in International Business," 2015. **Elizabeth King**, Public Health. Institute on Women and Gender Faculty Seed Grant, U-M, for the project "Understanding the Needs of Women Living with HIV in the Russian Federation," 2016. **Valerie Kivelson**, History. Institute for Research on Women and Gender Collaborative Planning Grant, U-M, for the project "Global Feminisms in Russia," w/ A. Stewart, R. Friedman, K. McGuire, and N. Pushkareva, 2015. **Mikhail Krutikov**, Slavic/Judaic Studies. Appointed chair, Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, 2016-19. **Alaina Lemon**, Anthropology. Promoted to professor. **Howard Markel**, History/Medicine/Public Health. John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 2015. **Andrei S. Markovits**, German/Political Science/Sociology. U-M Press Book Award, 2015, *From Property to Family: American Dog Rescue and the Discourse of Compassion*, w/ K. Crosby (U-M Press, 2014). **Farina Mir**, History. Jane and Norman Katz Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, U-M, for the project, "Producing Modern Muslims: Everyday Ethics in Late Colonial India," 2015-16. **John O'Shea**, Anthropology. National Science Foundation grant for the project "Hunters of the Alpena-Amberley Ridge: Testing Models of Seasonal Hunting and Aggregation in the Early Holocene," 2015-18. **Benjamin Paloff**, Comparative Literature/Slavic. Translation Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts, to translate Dorota Masłowska's novel *Honey, I Killed the Cats*, 2016. **Ewa Pasek**, Slavic. Founding member and acting president of the North American Association of Teachers of Polish, 2015-16. **Endi Posković**, Art & Design. U.S. Senior Fulbright Scholar Grant (Poland), 2015-16. **Julia Sonnevend**, Communication Studies. Leibniz Fellowship, Centre for Contemporary History (Potsdam), 2015. **Scott Spector**, German/History/Judaic Studies. Head Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, for the project "The 'Secularization Question': Germans, Jews, and the Historical Understanding of Modernity," 2015-16. **Ronald G. Suny**, History/Political Science. Appointed William H. Sewell, Jr. Distinguished University Professor of History, 2015. Faculty Fellowship, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, 2015-16. **Greta Uehling**, International Studies. Promoted to Lecturer II. **Derek Vaillant**, Communication Studies. Named Howard R. Marsh Distinguished Research Fellow, U-M, 2016-19. **Jeffrey Veidlinger**, History/Judaic Studies. Appointed director, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, 2015-18. Elected fellow, American Academy for Jewish Research, 2016. **Yuri Zhukov**, Political Science. Best Visualization Award, *Journal of Peace Research* (w/ M. Baum), 2015. **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, Sociology. Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, for the project "Resurrecting the Jew: Philosemitism, Pluralism, and Secularism in Contemporary Poland," 2015-16.

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## WCED Student Fellows, 2015-16

*Awarded to students at U-M who focus their work around the theme of "emerging democracies past or present."*

### Graduate Academic Year Fellows

**Steven Cederquist**, MA Higher Education. Access to and success in American universities for international students from emerging economies, role of higher education in the development of civil society, and the response of higher education to changing labor markets.

**David Fahs**, MA REES. Eurasian and East European politics, U.S. national security interests.

**Miriam Gleckman-Krut**, PhD Sociology. Transnational activism and scholarship amid global unevenness.

**Alexandra Jason**, MA REES. The effects of technology usage in Ukrainian democratization movements.

**Lanora Johnson**, PhD Sociology. Participation of young women and the development of youth political efficacy within the Arab Spring, Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, and other millennial movements.

**Aleksandra Marciniak**, PhD Slavic. Patriotism and nationalism in Russia, Polish-Russian relations.

**Sauda Nabukenya**, PhD History. African political and constitutional history; identity, culture, ethnic diversity, federalism, and centralized political institutions under different constitutional designs.

**Matt Schissler**, PhD Anthropology. Mobilization of religious violence and telecommunications infrastructure in Myanmar.

**Roya Talibova**, PhD Political Science. Post-Soviet and Turkish imperial legacy in violent nationalist movements that lead to ethnic civil wars.

### Summer Fellows

**Michael Abrahamson**, PhD Architecture (Germany/Italy/Latvia); **Abbas Alawieh**, MPH Health Management & Policy (Denmark); **Rachel Barr**, JD Law (England); **Tara Bayer**, BA International Studies/Russian (Ukraine); **Cody Cai**, BA Art & Design (Denmark); **James Carter**, PhD Italian (Italy); **Che Chan**, BSE Materials Science & Engineering (Germany); **Nina Chen**, BS Computer Science (Ireland); **Anne Desiderio**, MA Higher Education/Middle Eastern & North African Studies (Georgia); **Ines Hadziegric**, BA Psychology (Spain); **Michelle Helner**, BA German (Germany); **Kate Marciniak**, BA LSA (England); **Anil Ramachandran Menon**, PhD Political Science (Belgium/England/Italy); **Brianne Recker**, BA International Studies (Spain); **Caroline Gina Saab**, BSE Computer

Science (Germany); **Vincenzo Salvatore**, PhD Italian (Italy); **Jasmine Smith**, BA Sociology (Germany); **Natalie Steers**, BA Creative Writing & Literature/English (Ireland); **Kirill Zhirkov**, PhD Political Science (Netherlands/Russia).

## Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, 2015-16

*An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum convened for graduate students working on issues related to emerging democracies.*

Conveners: **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, WCED/Political Science; **Zana Kwaiser**, WCED.

Participants: **Steven Cederquist**, MA Higher Education; **David Fahs**, MA REES; **Miriam Gleckman-Krut**, PhD Sociology; **Alexandra Jason**, MA REES; **Lanora Johnson**, PhD Sociology; **Einar David Manki**, MA REES; **Aleksandra Marciniak**, PhD Slavic; **Sauda Nabukenya**, PhD History; **Matt Schissler**, PhD Anthropology; **Roya Talibova**, PhD Political Science.

Presenters: **Sasha de Vogel**, PhD Political Science; **Özge Korkmaz**, PhD Anthropology; **Stephanie Skier**, PhD History; **Kirill Zhirkov**, PhD Political Science.

## WCED Research Fellows, 2015-16

*WCED Research Fellows are specialists or practitioners of emerging democracies who teach or hold non-teaching positions at U-M.*

**Corina Kesler**, (PhD Comparative Literature '11) for work on a project titled "Step by Step, the New Aesthetics of the Romanian Presidency: An Analysis of the Challenges and Promises of Klaus Iohannis' Cultural and Literary Politics."





# CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

From the Director



CES programming focuses on the past, present, and future Europe and the European Union. This year we collaborated with the Islamic Studies Program on a series of lectures focusing on Islam in Europe, including talks on European jihadis, Islamic TV programming in Europe, and migrants across the Mediterranean. We co-hosted an International Institute Roundtable on refugees and the migration crisis in Europe in response to contemporary events. CES also sponsored talks of interest to scholars of European culture, including presentations on Byzantine literature and on Greece and the Eurozone. We continue to support an undergraduate minor and a graduate certificate in European Studies, and we award Jean Monnet Fellowships and CES Summer Research and Internship Grants to students studying Europe. CES is proud to support established scholars and rising stars continuing the long tradition of European Studies at U-M.

**Karla Mallette**  
CES Director

## Modern European Studies Minor Graduates, 2015-16

Fall 2015 | **Natalie Paul.**

Winter 2016 | **Matthew Rosenthal.**

## Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows, 2016

*Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from CES, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and WCED.*

**Johanna Folland**, PhD History, "The AIDS Crisis and the End of the Cold War in Europe: Socialist and Postsocialist Public Health in (East) Germany, 1980-2005." **Lavrentia Karamaniola**, PhD Anthropology, "Bucharest Barks: Stray Dogs, Urban Lifestyle Aspirations, and the Non-civilized City." **Leigh S. Saris**, PhD Anthropology, "Guests in the Homeland: Transnational Heritage Tourism in Greece and Turkey."

## CES Summer Research & Internship Grants, 2016

*Awarded to U-M students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration.*

**Nur Amirah Amer Hamzah**, BA Economics/Political Science (Belgium); **Tameekia Imani Cooper**, PhD Comparative Literature (France); **Sheila Coursey**, PhD English (Italy); **Emine Kayim**, PhD Architecture (Germany); **Caroline Kelly**, BA LSA (Belgium); **Katarzyna Klasa**, MPH Health Management & Policy (Germany); **Sarah Leeson**, BA Communication Studies (France); **Elizabeth Nijdam**, PhD German (Germany); **Adrian Shin**, PhD Political Science (Norway/Sweden); **Samuel Shuman**, PhD Anthropology (Belgium/Netherlands); **Elizabeth Snook**, MSW Social Work (Germany); **Sofia Squatriti**, BA French (France); **Laura Suzuki**, BA International Studies (Belgium); **Anne-Coleman Webre**, PhD Educational Studies (Germany).



(clockwise from top left) **Maurizio Albahari**; **Vassilis Lambropoulos** and **Stathis Kalyvas**; **Kenan Malik**; **Karla Mallette** and **Emily Greble**

# CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES

From the Director



This has been another rich and stimulating year at CREES. A well-attended lecture series on “Buying and Selling, States and Markets” focused on issues of economic policy and social exchange in the region in both the state socialist era as well as in the present. We also devoted attention to the refugee crisis, the role of comedy in authoritarian regimes, and the history of Russian feminism, all while covering over a dozen countries from the region. As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially the Department of Anthropology, Ford School of Public Policy, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Institute for the Humanities, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University Musical Society, and University of Michigan Museum of Art. Beyond our public programming, CREES supports students through fellowships that enhance their study and deeper understanding of the region. Our exceptional faculty are the heart of the community of scholars that make U-M the ideal place to study Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

**Krisztina Fehérváry**

CREES Acting Director

## REES Graduates, 2015-16

Fall 2015 | East European Studies Minor: **Ilana Lieberman**.

Winter 2016 | REES MA: **Einar David Manki**. REES BA: **Erica Lignell**. East European Studies Minor: **Anna Lacombe**.

## Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2015-16

*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.*

**Golriz Farshi**, PhD Near Eastern Studies (Russian); **Alexandra Jason**, MA REES (Ukrainian); **Grace Mahoney**, PhD Slavic (Ukrainian); **Michael Martin**, MA REES (Uzbek).

## Graduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016

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

**Ian Bratcher**, PhD Sociology (Polish); **Alexander Craver**, MA REES (Russian); **Ana Gabriela Guzman**, MA REES (Georgian); **Brett Hine**, MA Chinese Studies (Russian); **Aleksandra Marciniak**, PhD Slavic (Polish); **Alexander McConnell**, PhD History (Russian); **Andrew Snow**, MA REES (Russian); **Janna Waters**, MA REES (Czech).

## Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2015-16

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

**Mia Kataisto**, BA International Studies/Russian (Russian); **Mark Kennedy**, BA Russian/BMus Music (Russian); **Erica Lignell**, BA REES (Russian); **Katherine Wilcoxson**, BA International Studies/Political Science (Russian).

## Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016

*Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.*

**Alexandria Bodfish**, BA LSA (Russian); **Claudia Lahr**, BA REES/History (Russian); **Alexandra Newton**, BA Anthropology/Political Science (Russian); **Kathryn Orwig**, BA LSA (Russian); **Eugene Stayt**, BA International Studies (Russian).

## Graduate Student Instructors, REES 395 & 396/397, 2015-16

*Awarded for teaching positions in REES undergraduate courses: REES 395 — Russia and the Soviet Union: Reform, Revolution, and the Socialist Experiment (fall); REES 396/397 — Communism and Capitalism in Eastern Europe (winter).*

**Luciana Aenășoae**, PhD Anthropology & History, REES 396/397; **Alina Charniauskaya**, JD Law, REES 395; **Leigh Saris**, PhD Anthropology, REES 396/397; **William Lamping**, MPP Public Policy, REES 395.

## CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards, 2016

*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.*

**Maja Babic**, PhD Architecture (Bosnia and Herzegovina/Croatia/Serbia); **Cristian Capotescu**, PhD History (Hungary); **Arooshe Giroti**, BA LSA (Bosnia and Herzegovina); **Alexandra Jason**, MA REES (Ukraine); **Grace Mahoney**, PhD Slavic (Ukraine); **Alexander McConnell**, PhD History (Russia); **Hannah Selig**, MPH Global Health Epidemiology (Georgia); **Yllka Veseli**, BA Economics (Kosovo); **Janna Waters**, MA REES (Czech Republic/Slovak Republic).

### Ukrainian Research Grant, 2016

*Awarded to students to support summer or semester-long research projects focused on Ukraine with support from the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.*

**Anna Whittington**, PhD History.

## Alfred G. Meyer Prize, 2015-16

*The Meyer Prize is awarded at the end of each academic year in recognition of distinguished undergraduate research and writing in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.*

**Taylor Mitchell**, BA History/International Studies, "Queer Identity and Socialist Realism: The Censorship of Queer Art and Life under Stalin and Beyond." **Alexandra Newton**, BA Anthropology/Political Science, "Of Hustlers and Housekeepers: Private Security Work in Bucharest, Romania."

## Undergraduate Language Prizes, 2015-16

*CREES annually awards prizes to the top undergraduate students studying several languages in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.*

**Tara Bayer**, BA International Studies/Russian (Ukrainian); **Eva Fall**, BA Linguistics (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian); **Alexis L'Esperance**, BA Arts & Ideas in the Humanities (Czech).

## CREES Visiting Scholars, 2015-16

*CREES regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host visiting scholars from Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.*

**Zlatko Jovanovic**, postdoctoral scholar, Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen. Carlsburg Foundation Grant. "Yugoslav, Bosnian, Muslim, Sarajevan? Competing Identities in Sarajevo 1949-92." U-M host: Krisztina Fehérváry. February-April, 2016. **Dmitry Khitrov**, associate professor of history, Lomonosov Moscow State University. Fulbright Scholar. Course taught: History 432 — Medieval and Early Modern Russia. U-M host department: History. Fall 2015.

## CREES Alumni

Please send news on your activities since graduation to [crees@umich.edu](mailto:crees@umich.edu).

**Lewis Bagby** (PhD Slavic '72) is the author of *First Words: On Dostoevsky's Introductions* (Academic Studies Press, 2015). **George Breslauer** (BA Political Science '66, MA Political Science/Russian Studies Graduate Certificate '68, PhD Political Science '73) has been appointed as the first faculty director of UC-Berkeley's Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life. **Anna Cichopek-Gajraj** (PhD History '08) was awarded the 2015 Barbara Heldt Prize (honorable mention) for the best book by a woman in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian Studies for *Beyond Violence: Jewish Survivors in Poland and Slovakia, 1944-48* (Cambridge UP, 2014). She also received the 2016 Shofar Zakhor Award from the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors' Association for exhibiting and carrying out the work of Holocaust education, Holocaust remembrance, and community interaction. **Sean Cotter** (PhD Comparative Literature '04) was awarded the Society for Romanian Studies 2015 Book Prize for *Literary Translation and the Idea of a Minor Romania* (U of Rochester Press, 2014). **Robert Donia** (PhD History '76) is the author of *Radovan Karadžić: Architect of the Bosnian Genocide* (Cambridge UP, 2015). **Sara Feldman** (Near Eastern Studies '14) is a Hebrew and Yiddish lecturer at the Program in Jewish Culture and Society at the University of Illinois. **Edin Hajdarpasic** (PhD History '08) was awarded the 2016 Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies by the Association for the Study of Nationalism for *Whose Bosnia? Nationalism and Political Imagination in the Balkans, 1840-1914* (Cornell UP, 2015). **Erik Herron** (BA REES '90) is the Eberly Family Professor of Political Science at West Virginia University. **John-Paul Himka** (BA Slavic '71, PhD History '77) co-authored *The World to Come: Ukrainian Images of the Last Judgment* (Harvard UP, 2015) w/ L. Berezhnaya. **Owen Johnson** (MA History '70, PhD History/REES Graduate Certificate '78) received the 2015 Czechoslovak Studies Association Winters Award for Distinguished Contribution to Czechoslovak Studies. **Eric Anthony Jones** (MA Political Science '76, PhD Political Science '88) is senior watch officer in the Nuclear Risk Reduction Center, Bureau of Arms Control Verification and Compliance, at the U.S. Department of State. **David Kostelancik** (MA Political Science/REES '88) is deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary. **Sonja Luehrmann** (PhD Anthropology & History '09) is the author of *Religion in Secular Archives: Soviet Atheism and Historical Knowledge* (Oxford UP, 2015). **Michael MacQueen** (BA Economics '80, MA REES '83), senior historian, Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, received ICE's Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award for lifetime achievement in the area of investigating human rights violators. **Nancy Bikoff Pettit** (MA REES '77) is U.S. Ambassador to Latvia. **Eion Power** (MA REES '15) is an analyst at Avascent, a strategy consulting firm where his projects focus on commercial aerospace, government procurement policy, and naval and airborne platforms. **Benjamin Rifkin** (PhD Slavic '90) left his position as Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at The College of New Jersey to take up the responsibilities of Provost and Vice President for Educational Affairs at Ithaca College. **Monica Sender** (BS Psychology/REES '09) is economics officer at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. **Dina Smeltz** (MA REES '92) is senior fellow for public opinion and foreign policy at the Chicago Council for Global Affairs. **Alice Weinreb** (PhD History '09) is assistant professor of history at Loyola University Chicago. **Jessica Zychowicz** (PhD Slavic '15) is a postdoctoral fellow at the University Toronto's Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies/Munk School for Global Affairs in the Petro Jacyk Program for Ukrainian Studies.



# COPERNICUS PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES

From the Director



photo by Alex Mandrila

This has been another remarkable year at CPPS. Focusing on theatre and literature, we welcomed the world renowned Theatre of the Eighth Day (*Teatr Ósmego Dnia*) to Michigan. The troupe worked with faculty and students in the Department of Theatre and Drama, performed the play *The Files*, and Ewa Wójciak, the Theater's artistic director, delivered the Annual Copernicus Lecture. We remain involved in the rapidly developing field of Polish-Jewish studies. In February 2016, we hosted Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, who presented the core exhibition of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. We also co-organized with WCED a conference on Historical Legacies, which was held at POLIN in Warsaw in May.

We sent U-M students on internships to POLIN, the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw, and its affiliate Culture.pl, and continue to support the student community by awarding numerous fellowships to study Poland and the Polish language.

As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Department of Theatre and Drama, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, and all of our partners at various institutions in Poland.

**Geneviève Zubrzycki**

CPPS Director

## Copernicus Summer Grants, 2016

*Awarded to students for summer or semester-long research, study, or internships focused on Poland.*

**Alena Aniskiewicz**, PhD Slavic; **Paulina Duda**, PhD Slavic; **Edith Jiang**, BA International Studies; **Ethan Kennedy**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; **Jessica Longe**, BA History; **Joanna Mazurkiewicz**, PhD Slavic; **Jacqueline Saplicki Lausell**, BA International Studies; **Stephanie Skier**, PhD History; **Gabrielle Wasilewski**, BA Women's Studies; **Katherine Wilcoxson**, BA International Studies/Political Science.

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**David Beck**, BA History.

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### Marjorie and Maxwell Reade Graduate Fellowship, 2016

**Ian Bratcher**, PhD Sociology; **Mary Wroblewski**, PhD History.

## Copernicus Polish Language Award, 2015-16

*Awarded to the top undergraduate students studying Polish in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.*

**David Cichocki**, BA Economics.



(clockwise from top left) Theatre of the Eighth Day, Ewa Wójciak, CPPS/WCED conference participants





# ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

From the Director



ISP programs represent the past and present of global Islamic culture and Muslim societies worldwide. This year we collaborated with CES to present a series of lectures on Islam in Europe, with talks on Sharia law in Europe, the architectural design of European mosques, and the response of European healthcare policy to the refugee crisis. We partnered with the university's Museum of Art and with the Penny Stamps Speaker Series to host events on Islamic visual cultures, and hosted a conference on medieval translation movements titled "After Alexander: Classical Texts in Arabic, Persian, Armenian, and Turkish." Graduate students in the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar hosted speakers, workshops, and an international conference on vernacular Islam. The Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC), funded by the Mellon Foundation, offered distance-learning courses in collaboration with partner universities and featured their first annual Distinguished Lecture. We provided support for Muslim student groups and activities focused on the Islamic world, and we awarded summer travel and internship grants to students. ISP continues to grow and to provide services and programming for all our constituencies—undergraduate and graduate students and faculty from across the disciplines.

**Karla Mallette**

ISP Director

## Islamic Studies Minor Graduates, 2015-16

Winter 2016 | **Syed Ferdous.**

## ISP Summer Fellowships, 2016

*Awarded to undergraduate students for summer projects in the U.S. or abroad in the field of Islamic studies.*

**Nur Amirah Amer Hamzah**, BA Economics/Political Science (England); **Noah Attal**, BS Earth & Environmental Sciences (Michigan); **Alaa Hajeissa**, BS Neuroscience (Michigan); **Edda Hanafi**, BS Economics (Malaysia); **Timothy Peterson**, BA Comparative Literature/BMus Composition (Morocco); **Muhammad Amier Zaryff Razali**, BA Economics/History (Malaysia).

## ISP Graduate Awards, 2015-16

*Awarded to graduate students to support research and conference engagements that focus on the Islamic world with a broader thematic focus on Islam and Muslim communities.*

**Sahin Acikgoz**, PhD Comparative Literature; **Roxana Maria Aras**, PhD Anthropology & History; **Maja Babic**, PhD Architecture; **Niloufar Emami**, PhD Architecture; **Angubeen Gul Khan**, MPH Health Behavior & Health Education; **Matthew Schissler**, PhD Anthropology.

## ISP Internships, 2015-16

*Offered to students to intern with U-M's Chaplain at the Felicity Foundation, an Islamic-centered, service-oriented, campus community.*

**Shahnur Ahmed**, BS Microbiology; **Alaa Hajeissa**, BS Neuroscience; **Shaima Khandaker**, MS Physiology; **Eman Ahmad Qureshi**, BA LSA.

## Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar

*The Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar (IISS) engages students and faculty who are interested in the study of Islam and Muslim societies in an interdisciplinary and cross-regional conversation.*

Student coordinators: **Golriz Farshi**, PhD Near Eastern Studies; **Samiah Haque**, MFA Creative Writing; **Lamin Manneh**, PhD History.

Presenters: **Jonathan Brack**, PhD student in history, U-M; **Cameron Cross**, assistant professor of Near Eastern Studies, U-M; **Emine Evered**, associate professor of history, Michigan State University; **Tarfia Faizullah**, Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professor of Poetry, U-M; **Gershon Lewental**, Schusterman Visiting Assistant Professor of History and International and Area Studies, University of Oklahoma; **Driss Maghraoui**, professor of history, Al-Akhawayn University; **Matthew Schissler**, PhD student in anthropology, U-M; **Saloua Zerhouni**, associate professor of juridical, economic, and social sciences, Mohammed V University.

## ISP Undergraduate Co-sponsorship Awards, 2015-16

Awarded to undergraduate student organizations to support events that engage part of the Islamic world with a broader thematic focus on Islam and Muslim communities on the U-M campus.

Ann Arbor Palestinian Film Festival, Indonesian Student Association, Malaysian Students Association, Muslim Students' Association.

## Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum, 2015-16

The *Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC)* offers Islamic studies courses to university members of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation using synchronous-learning technology, with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Director: **Pauline Jones Luong**, Political Science.

**The Crusades**, Winter/Spring 2016. Instructor: Jonathan Brockopp, Penn State University (Michigan State University, Penn State University). **Islam in Africa**, Fall 2015. Instructor: Rudolph Ware, U-M (University of Iowa, U-M, University of Minnesota). **Mystics and Saints in Islam**, Winter/Spring 2016. Instructor: Valerie Hoffman, University of Illinois (Michigan State University, University of Illinois).



[clockwise from left] **Ibtihal Makki, Sandow Birk, Seyyed Hossein Nasr**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Video recordings of programs organized by WCEE affiliates are available on our websites and YouTube.

## SEPTEMBER

**Sep 11 Policy Talks @ the Ford School.** *"The Nexus between Diplomacy and Development: A Practitioner's Perspective."* **Ambassador Thomas Miller**, International Executive Service Corps. Sponsors: IPC, WCED.

**Sep 14-Dec 15 WCEE Exhibit.** *The March of Gnomes.* **Bohdan Soroka**, artist. Sponsor: WCEE.

**Sep 16 DISC Distinguished Lecture.** *"Islamic Studies in America: Past, Present, and Future."* **Seyyed Hossein Nasr**, George Washington University. Sponsor: Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC).

**Sep 16 Zell Visiting Writers Series.** Dimiter Kenarov Reading. **Dimiter Kenarov**, writer. Sponsors: ZELL, CREES.

**Sep 17 Q&A Session.** *"Literary Journalism and Translation."* **Dimiter Kenarov**, writer. Sponsors: ZELL, CREES.

**Sep 18 Lecture.** *"News That Stays Poetry."* **Dimiter Kenarov**, writer. Sponsors: ZELL, CREES.

**Sep 20-27 Lecture/Concerts.** *Kaprálová Festival 2015: A Celebration of the Life and Works of Czech Composer Vítězslava Kaprálová (1915-40).* Sponsors: U-M's School of Music, Theatre & Dance, CREES, WCED; Kapralova Society; Moravian Museum; others.

**Sep 21 CES/ISP Lecture.** *"Experiments in Legal Pluralism: Sharia Law as Minority Right in Interwar Yugoslavia."* **Emily Greble**, City College of New York. Sponsors: CES, ISP, CREES.

**Sep 26-Feb 21 Exhibition, Films, and Symposium.** *"Branding the New Order: Soviet Constructivist Films from the 1920s."*

**Films.** *October/Ten Days that Shook the World.* **Sergei Eisenstein**, director (1928).  
*Zvenigora.* **Aleksandr Dovzhenko, Georgi Astafyev, Vjačeslav Ovčinnikov**, directors (1927).  
*The Love Triangle/Bed and Sofa.* **Abram Room**, director (1927).  
*The Eleventh.* **Dziga Vertov**, director (1928).  
*The Man with the Movie Camera.* **Dziga Vertov**, director (1926).

**Panel Discussion.** *"Branding the New Order: Soviet Constructivism."* **Lehti Keelmann, Herbert Eagle, Jindřich Toman**, U-M.

Sponsors: UMMA, CREES, WCED.

**Sep 30 CREES Noon Lecture.** *"Supply-Side Socialism: Conceptualizing Consumption in the Polish People's Republic."* **Brian Porter-Szűcs**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES, CPPS.



Paula Pickering and Edin Hajdarasic



CES/ISP audience

## OCTOBER

**Oct 2-3 Concert.** *Slavic Wonders: Feasts and Saints in Early Russia, Poland, and Bohemia.* **The Rose Ensemble.**  
Sponsors: Academy of Early Music, CPPS.

**Oct 5 CES/ISP Lecture.** *"The Making of European Jihadis."* **Kenan Malik**, writer, lecturer, and broadcaster.  
Sponsors: CES, ISP.

**Oct 12 Conversations on Europe.** *"Visually Demolished and Textually Reconstructed: The Middle Ages in Contemporary Crime Fiction."* **Panagiotis A. Agapitos**, University of Cyprus. Sponsors: CES, CS, COMPLIT, MGP.

**Oct 14 CREES Noon Lecture.** *"The Value of Labor, the Science of Commodification, or 'How Did the Work Unit Get Made?'"* **Martha Lampland**, University of California, San Diego. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

**Oct 15 ISP Lecture.** *"Qur'anic Paradigms and Analogies in Caliphal Rhetoric."* **Vanessa De Gifis**, Wayne State University. Sponsor: ISP.

**Oct 15 Film.** *What Now? Remind Me (E Agora, lembra-me).* **Joaquim Pinto** and **Nuno Leonel**, directors (2013).  
Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.

**Oct 21 WCED Lecture.** *"A New Cold War? Russia's Confrontation with the West."* **Ambassador Michael A. McFaul**, Stanford University. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

**Oct 22 DeVries/VanderKooy Memorial Lecture.** *"Building Cross-Cultural Bridges."* **Irene Butter**, U-M. Sponsors: U-M's Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures, CES; Dutch Embassy; Netherlands America University League.

**Oct 22 Lecture.** *"Quran to Empower Women: Theory and Experimental Evidence from Egypt."* **Amaney Jamal**, Princeton University. Sponsors: Modern Middle East Studies (MoMES), II, ISP.

**Oct 24 Workshop.** *"The Many Measures of Europe: Sundials, Proverbs, and Holbein's Ambassadors."* **Jennifer Nelson**, U-M. Sponsors: Michigan Society of Fellows, CES.

**Oct 25 Symposium.** *“Resistance in Red: Soviet Jewish Combatants in World War II.”* Sponsors: FCJS, CREES, IH, II.

**Oct 25 Film.** *Eastern Corridor.* **Valentin Vinogradov**, director (1966). Sponsors: U-M’s FCJS, CREES, IH, II; Belarusfilm.

**Oct 26 CES/ISP Lecture.** *“The Satellite Mosque in Europe: Arab Preachers on TV and Internet.”* **Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen**, University of Copenhagen. Sponsors: CES, ISP, CMENAS.

**Oct 28 CREES Noon Lecture.** *“Corruption as a Last Resort: Adapting to the Market in Central Asia.”* **Kelly McMann** (PhD Political Science ’00), Case Western Reserve University; CREES research associate, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, ISP, WCED.

**Oct 29 Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker.** *“Sex, Madness, and Dentists: An Animated Life of Signe Baumane.”* **Signe Baumann**, animator. Sponsors: STAMPS, CES, CREES, WCED, others.

**Oct 29 Film.** *Rocks in My Pockets.* **Signe Baumann**, animator and director (2014). Sponsors: STAMPS, CES, CREES, WCED, others.



## NOVEMBER

**Nov 2 CES/ISP Lecture.** *“Towards a New Typology of Modern and Contemporary Mosques in Europe.”* **Nebahat Avcioglu**, Hunter College, CUNY. Sponsors: CES, ISP.

**Nov 4 CREES Noon Lecture.** *“The Symbolic Economies of Postsocialist Nationalism in Hungary.”* **Virág Molnár**, The New School for Social Research. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

**Nov 5 Panel.** *“Ukraine: Post-Conflict Strategies.”* Moderator: **John Ciorciari**, U-M. Presenters: **Yaroslav Hrytsak**, Ukrainian Catholic University and Lviv National University; **Ambassador Melvyn Levitsky**, **Ronald G. Suny**, **Yuri Zhukov**, U-M. Sponsors: IPC, CREES, International Policy Student Association, WCED.

**Nov 9-12 CPPS Residency.** *"Wild Music from the Heart of Poland."* **Janusz Prusinowski Kompania.**  
**Lecture.** *"Mazurek: Musical Language from Another World."*  
**Workshop.** *"Instrumental and Vocal Workshop with the Janusz Prusinowski Kompania."*  
**Concert.** *Secret Key to Chopin: Lost and Found.*  
**Concert.** *Wild Music from the Heart of Poland.*

Sponsors: U-M's Center for World Performance Studies, CPPS; Culture.pl.

**Nov 9 Symposium.** *"Secularization as Historical Process."* Sponsors: Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, CES, EIHS, others.

**Nov 13 CREES Symposium.** *"Peace or Ceasefire? Bosnia Twenty Years after Dayton."* Moderator: **Pamela Ballinger**, U-M. Presenters: **Robert J. Donia** (MA History '74, PhD History '76), CREES Research Associate, U-M; **Edin Hajdarasic** (MA History '02, PhD History '08), Loyola University Chicago; **Michael MacQueen** (BA Economics '80, MA REES '83), Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; **Paula Pickering** (PhD Political Science '01), College of William and Mary. Sponsors: CREES, CES, Department of History, Human Rights Initiative, IPC, WCED.

**Nov 13-15 22nd Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival.** Sponsors: Polish Cultural Fund - Ann Arbor, CPPS, others.

**Nov 17 WCED Lecture.** *"The Russian Economy in 2015."* **Konstantin Sonin**, University of Chicago. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

**Nov 17 Lecture.** *"The Political Economy of Homonationalism/Islamophobia."* **Peter Drucker**, International Institute for Research and Education (Amsterdam). Sponsors: IRWG, ISP, others.

**Nov 18 WCEE Student Information Session.** **Alexandra Jason**, Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowship, MA REES; **Muhammad Amier Zaryff Razali**, ISP Summer Fellowship, BA Economics/History; **Nadiya Vandergiff**, WCED Summer Fellowship, MS Natural Resources & Environment; **Alon Yakter**, Jean Monnet Fellowship, PhD Political Science. Sponsors: CES, CPPS, CREES, ISP, WCED.

**Nov 18 Lecture.** *"Movements of People, Money, and Cultures: Migration and Its Effects on the Post-Soviet Transition Processes in the South Caucasus."* **Alina Poghosyan**, Manoogian Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: ASP, CREES.



ISP audience



Zeynep Gursel and Serguei Oushakine

## DECEMBER

**Dec 2 CREES Noon Lecture.** “*Feminism in Russia.*” **Natalia L. Pushkareva**, Russian Academy of Sciences. Sponsors: CREES, IRWG.

**Dec 5-Mar 27 Exhibition.** *Metamorphosis Chat.* **Ferhat Özgür**, artist. Sponsors: UMMA, ISP, WCED, others.

**Dec 11 Discussion.** “*Filming the Future from Berlin: Noncitizen Perspectives on the ‘Refugee Crisis.’*” **Ayla Gottschlich**, filmmaker; **Damani Partridge**, U-M. Sponsors: Making Visual Ethnography, CES, CREES, others.

## JANUARY

**Jan 13 Frankel/CPPS Lecture.** “*Rising from the Rubble: Creating the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.*” **Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett**, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews and New York University. Sponsors: FCJS, CPPS.

**Jan 14 Lecture.** “*The Aura of Atrocity: The Spanish Civil War and the Iconography of Affliction.*” **Vicente Sánchez-Biosca**, University of Valencia. Sponsors: RLL, CES.

**Jan 15 Graduate Student Workshop.** “*Un paso adelante, dos pasos atrás: acerca de los regímenes visuales de la Transición Española.*” **Vicente Sánchez-Biosca**, University of Valencia. Sponsors: RLL, CES.

**Jan 20 CREES Noon Lecture.** “*Taking the Place of Stalin: The Story of Late Communism.*” **Paulina Bren**, Vassar College. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

**Jan 21-Feb 26 Exhibition.** “*Converging Paths: Photography of Paweł Figurski.*” Sponsors: IH, CPPS, CREES.

**Jan 21 Lecture.** “*Longing to Stay or Go? East-West Migration and the Making of the ‘Free World.’*” **Tara Zahra** (PhD History '05), University of Chicago. Sponsors: EIHS, CREES.

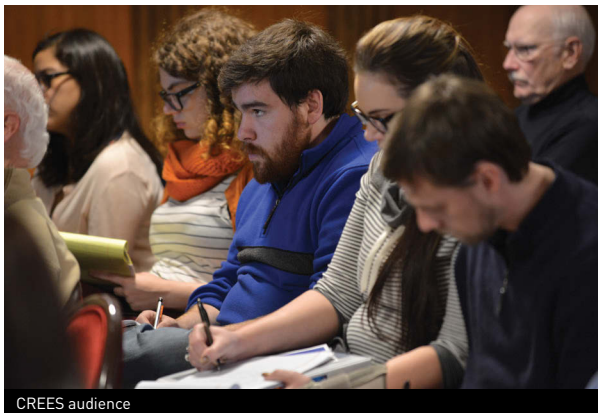
**Jan 25 Policy Talks @ the Ford School.** “*Dayton to Pyongyang: A Conversation with Christopher R. Hill.*” **Ambassador Christopher R. Hill**, University of Denver. Sponsors: FSPP, WCED.

**Jan 25 Film.** *The Diplomat: The Life and Legacy of Richard Holbrooke.* **David Holbrooke**, director (2015). Sponsors: FSPP, WCED.

**Jan 27 CREES Interview.** “*Converging Paths: The Artist in Conversation.*” **Paweł Figurski**, photographer; interviewed by **Jeffrey Veidlinger** and **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CPPS, IH.

**Jan 28 ISP Film and Discussion.** *UnMosqued.* **Ahmed Eid**, director (2014). Moderator: **Muzammil Hussain**, U-M. Sponsors: ISP, Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar.





CREES audience



Karen Dawisha

## FEBRUARY

**Feb 1 International Institute Round Table.** *"Europe's Right Turn? The Political Shift in Hungary, Poland, and France."* Moderator: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, U-M. Speakers: **Joshua Cole**, **Krisztina Fehérvári**, **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, **Brian Porter-Szűcs**, U-M. Sponsors: II, CES, CREES, CPPS, Department of Political Science, RLL, WCED.

**Feb 4 CPPS Lecture.** *"Mrozek on Trial: On the Short Plays of Sławomir Mrożek."* **Joanna Trzeciak Huss**, Kent State University. Sponsor: CPPS.

**Feb 8 Conversations on Europe.** *"Cutting Water with a Knife: Refugees and Europe's Mediterranean Question."* **Maurizio Albahari**, University of Notre Dame. Sponsors: CES, CMENAS, WCED.

**Feb 9 WCED Lecture.** *"Greece and the Eurozone: Where To?"* **Stathis N. Kalyvas**, Yale University. Sponsors: WCED, CES, MGP.

**Feb 10 CREES Noon Lecture.** *"Of Secrecy and Laughter: Aesthetics, Governance, and the Covert Sphere in Soviet Lithuania (1964-85)."* **Neringa Klumbyté**, Miami University. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

**Feb 15 Lecture.** *"Contesting Antiquity in Egypt."* **Donald M. Reid**, Georgia State University and University of Washington. Sponsors: NES, ISP.

**Feb 18 CPPS Lecture.** *"Women, Class, Performance: Helena Modjeska as Understudy and Impresario."* **Beth Holmgren**, Duke University. Sponsor: CPPS.

**Feb 19-25 Film.** *Son of Saul.* **László Nemes**, director [2015]. Sponsors: MT, CREES.

**Feb 20 Symposium.** *"Advances in Eastern European Prehistory."* Conveners: **Amy Nicodemus**, **John O'Shea**, U-M. Sponsors: Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, ANTHRO, CREES, others.

**Feb 23 WCED Lecture.** *"Learning from Europe? Prisons, Punishment, and American Exceptionalism."* **Marc Morjé Howard**, Georgetown University. Sponsors: WCED, CES.

**Feb 24 CREES Noon Lecture.** *"Sarajevo, My Dearest City, We Fixed You for the Olympics': Representations of Sarajevo, 1979-87."* **Zlatko Jovanovic**, University of Copenhagen; CREES Visiting Scholar, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

**Feb 24 Lecture.** “*How the Aesthetic Revolution Was Turned Upside Down, or, Avant-Garde Conservatism in Today’s Russia.*” **Ilya Kukulín**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

## MARCH

**Mar 10 Lecture.** “*Writing a 50-Volume Book in 14th-Century Damascus: Algorithmic Analysis, Text Reuse, and the Arabic Written Tradition.*” **Maxim Romanov**, University of Leipzig. Sponsors: NES, CMENAS, IH, ISP.

**Mar 14 Lecture.** “*‘Adab’ Humanism in the Arabo-Islamic Middle Ages: The Politics and Poetics of Vulnerability.*” **Samer Ali**, U-M. Sponsors: NES, ISP.

**Mar 16 CREES Noon Lecture.** “*The Thing-System of Soviet Productivism: Building the Economy of Storage in the Late USSR.*” **Serguei A. Oushakine**, Princeton University. Sponsors: CREES, ANTHRO.

**Mar 17 CMENAS Graduate Student Symposium.** “*Enriching Perspectives on the Middle East and North Africa.*” Sponsors: CMENAS, ISP, WCED, others.

**Mar 17-18 CPPS Performances.** *The Files (Teczki).* **Theatre of the Eighth Day (Teatr Ósmego Dnia).** **Ewa Wójciak**, director. Sponsors: U-M’s CPPS, THEATRE, Third Century Initiative; Culture.pl.

**Mar 18 Film.** *D’Est.* **Chantal Akerman**, director (1993). Sponsors: AAFF, CREES.

**Mar 20 Film.** *The Event.* **Sergei Loznitsa**, director (2015). Sponsors: AAFF, CREES.

**Mar 21 Annual Copernicus Lecture.** “*Breaking Boundaries before and after Censorship: A Personal Story of When and How You Should Say No.*” **Ewa Wójciak**, actor and director, Theatre of the Eighth Day. Sponsors: U-M’s CPPS, STAMPS, THEATRE; Culture.pl.

**Mar 24 Conversations on Europe.** “*Refugees and Health Care Policies: How Does Europe Cope?*” **Saime Ozcurumez**, Bilkent University and Harvard University. Sponsors: CES, School of Public Health Office of Global Public Health, WCED.

**Mar 26 Conference.** “*Economics in Motion: Labor and Migration.*” Sponsors: MEconomics, Central Student Government, Michigan Institute for Teaching and Research in Economics, WCED.

**Mar 28 ISP Lecture.** “*American Qur’an.*” **Sadow Birk**, illustrator and graphic artist. Sponsors: ISP, STAMPS.

**Mar 29 WCED Lecture.** “*Let Freedom Ring? Ethnic Diversity and the Politics of Values in Today’s Europe.*” **Erik Bleich**, Middlebury College. Sponsors: WCED, CES.

**Mar 29 Lecture.** “*Re-Awakening Sleeping Beauty: The Lively Debate over Alexei Ratmansky’s New Production.*” **Tim Scholl**, Oberlin College. Sponsors: CREES, UMS.

**Mar 30 CREES Noon Lecture.** “*Re-Awakening Sleeping Beauty: The Lively Debate over Alexei Ratmansky’s New Production.*” **Tim Scholl**, Oberlin College. Sponsors: CREES, UMS, WCED.

**Mar 30 Lecture.** *"Everyone Hates Politics: How the Legacy of the USSR Influences the Political Engagement of LGBT Citizens in Contemporary Russia."* **Alexander Kondakov**, European University at St. Petersburg. Sponsors: IRWG, CREES, SLL.

## APRIL

**Apr 6 CREES Noon Lecture.** *"Urban Hunters: Hustling and Gathering in Postsocialist Ulaanbaatar."* **Morten Axel Pedersen**, University of Copenhagen. Sponsors: CREES, ANTHRO, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies.

**Apr 7 WCED Lecture.** *"Putin's Kleptocracy: Who Owns Russia?"* **Karen Dawisha**, Miami University. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

**Apr 8 6th Annual U-M-Pakistan Conference.** *"Infrastructure and Its Discontents."* Sponsors: Center for South Asian Studies, ISP, WCED, others.

**Apr 11 Interview.** *"Arab and Muslim Stereotypes over the Last Four Decades."* **Jack Shaheen**, writer; interviewed by **Evelyn Alsultany**, U-M. Sponsors: Arab & Muslim American Studies, ISP, others.

**Apr 18-19 ISP Conference.** *"After Alexander: Classical Texts in Arabic, Persian, and Armenian."* Convener: **Karla Mallette**, ISP director. Sponsors: ISP, ASP, CES, COMPLIT, Contexts for Classics, CS, NES, Medieval & Early Modern Studies.

**Apr 20 Concert.** **Grażyna Auguścik** and **Jarostaw Bester**. Sponsors: Kerrytown Concert House, CPPS.

## MAY

**May 20-21 WCED/CPPS Conference.** *"The Contemporary Interpretation of Historical Legacies in East Central Europe."* Conveners: **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, WCEE/WCED director; **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, CPPS director. Sponsors: U-M's WCED, CPPS; Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw; POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

## JUNE

**Jun 3-12 Cinetopia International Film Festival.** Sponsors: MT, WCEE, others.

**Jun 9-11 Workshop.** *"Visualizing Fascism."* Conveners: **Geoff Eley**, **Claire Zimmerman**, U-M; **Julia Adeney Thomas**, University of Notre Dame. Sponsors: Department of History, Department of History of Art, WCED, others.

### Acronym Key:

**AAFF** - Ann Arbor Film Festival; **ANTHRO** - Department of Anthropology; **ASP** - Armenian Studies Program; **CES** - Center for European Studies; **CMENAS** - Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies; **COMPLIT** - Department of Comparative Literature; **CPPS** - Copernicus Program in Polish Studies; **CREES** - Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies; **CS** - Department of Classical Studies; **EIHS** - Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies; **FCJS** - Frankel Center for Judaic Studies; **FSPP** - Ford School of Public Policy; **IH** - Institute for the Humanities; **II** - International Institute; **IPC** - International Policy Center; **IRWG** - Institute for Research on Women & Gender; **ISP** - Islamic Studies Program; **MGP** - Modern Greek Program; **MT** - Michigan Theater; **NES** - Department of Near Eastern Studies; **RLL** - Department of Romance Languages & Literatures; **SLL** - Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures; **STAMPS** - Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design; **THEATRE** - Department of Theatre & Drama; **UMMA** - U-M Museum of Art; **UMS** - University Musical Society; **WCED** - Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies; **ZELL** - Zell Visiting Writers Series

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