

Winter Events 2026

JAN 8, THU | 5–6:30 pm
 555 Weiser Hall

WCEE LECTURE
Ukraine's War in
Seven Lives: Writing
a People-Centered
History of the Present

DANIELLE LEAVITT, WCEE Postdoctoral Fellow, 2025–27
 Co-sponsors: CREES, History



JAN 26, MON | 4–5 pm
 555 Weiser Hall

WCEE LECTURE
AI for National and
International Security:
Opportunities
Without Losing
Control



DRIART ELSHANI, Weiser Professional Development Fellow, Fall 2025

JAN 28, WED | 12–1:20 pm
 555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE
Poetic Voice from
a Russian Prison:
Zhenya Berkovich and
her Striking Protest



ANNA NARINSKAYA, Russian journalist, playwright, art curator, and activist
 Co-sponsor: Institute for Research on Women & Gender (IRWG)

FEB 10, TUE | 5–6:30 pm
 State Theatre

WCEE FILM SERIES ON
UKRAINE
Erase the Nation
(2023)



Followed by Q&A
 with film director and war journalist
 TOMASZ GRZYWACZEWSKI. Moderator,
 JOSEPH SYWENKYJ, Howard R. Marsh
 Visiting Professor of Journalism, LSA,
 Communication and Media, U-M

WCEE CO-SPONSORED FILM SCREENINGS

CINEFORUM

ITALIAN CLASSICS
ON CAMPUS

7 pm | 2435 North Quad

February 10 ♦ *Ladri di biciclette*
 March 17 ♦ *La strada*
 April 7 ♦ *IL bell'Antonio*

Organized by the Department of
 Romance Languages and Literatures

FEB 17, TUE | 5–6:30 pm

State Theatre

WCEE FILM SERIES ON UKRAINE

Soldiers of Song (2024)

Directed by Ryan Smith

FEB 18, WED | 12–1:20 pm

555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE

Nonalignment
and Decolonial
Imagination: Yugoslav
Literary Encounters
with the Global South



NATAŠA KOVACEVIC, professor of postcolonial literature, Eastern Michigan University

Co-sponsors: Slavic Languages and Literatures, Comparative Literature, History

FEB 23, MON | 4–5:30 pm

Kalamazoo Room, Michigan League

WCEE CO-SPONSORED LECTURE

Furious Harvests: Ukrainian Poetry
and Remembrance

Reading by ALEX AVERBUCH, assistant professor of Ukrainian Literature and Culture, in conversation with BENJAMIN PALOFF, professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures and of Comparative Literature, U-M

Sponsor: Slavic Languages and Literatures

Co-sponsors: Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, CREES

FEB 24, TUE | 5–6:30 pm

1010 Weiser Hall

WCEE FILM SERIES ON UKRAINE

Lina (2024)

Directed by Mykola Nosok, Oleksiy Oliyar. Panel discussion: Ambassador CRAIG L. JOHNSTONE, Co-Founder of The Humanity Funds; DANIELLE LEAVITT, WCEE Postdoctoral Fellow, 2025–27; and NATHANIEL A. RAYMOND, Executive Director, Humanitarian Research Lab, Yale School of Public Health (YSPH)

FEB 26, TUE | 5–6:30 pm

555 Weiser Hall

CCPS LECTURE

The Trauma of Serfdom: The
Psychological Legacy of Unfree
Labor in Poland

KACPER POBŁOCKI, social anthropologist, writer, and associate professor, University of Warsaw

Co-sponsor: Taubman College, WCEE

MAR 12, THU |

5:30–7 pm

1010 Weiser Hall

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DISTINGUISHED

LECTURE

Navigating
Fragmentation:
Great Power
Rivalry, Trade,
and Technology
in the 21st Century

A Conversation with JON HUNTSMAN, former U.S. Ambassador to Singapore (1992–1993), China (2009–2011), and Russia (2017–2019)

Co-sponsors: Ford School, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, CREES



MAR 19, THU | 4:30–6 pm

Rackham Amphitheatre

WALLACE HOUSE PRESENTS A WCEE PANEL

AND EISENDRATH SYMPOSIUM EVENT

Reporting on the Migration Crisis
in Europe

ISMAIL EINASHE, JEDRZEJ SŁODKOWSKI & SARAH SOULI, international journalists and Knight-Wallace Fellows 2025–26 in conversation with DOUGLAS NORTHROP, WCEE Acting Director, U-M. Welcome and introduction: LYNETTE CLEMETSON, Charles R. Eisendrath Director of Wallace House
 Co-sponsor: CCPS

MAR 25, WED | 12–1:20 pm
 555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE
A Global Perspective
on Campaigns for
Reproductive Rights:
Insights from Soviet
and Contemporary Russia



MICHELE RIVKIN-FISH, professor of anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Co-sponsors: IRWG, Health Behavior & Health Equity (HBHE), Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Anthropology

MAR 30, MON | 5–6:30 pm
 1010 Weiser Hall

CCPS LECTURE
Poland's Socialist Globalization

MAX CEGIELSKI, journalist, writer and curator

Co-sponsors: Taubman College, WCEE

APR 1, WED | 12–1:20 pm
 555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE

The Information Age Behind the
Iron Curtain: Bulgarian Computers
and the Society They Tried to Build

VICTOR PETROV, associate professor of history, University of Tennessee

Co-sponsor: History

APR 13, MON | 5–6:30 pm
 555 Weiser Hall

CCPS LECTURE
East of the Atlantic.
Black and White (But
Not Quite)



OLIWIA BOSOMTWE,
author

Co-sponsors: African Studies Center, Taubman College, WCEE

APR 15, WED | 12–1:20 pm
 555 Weiser Hall

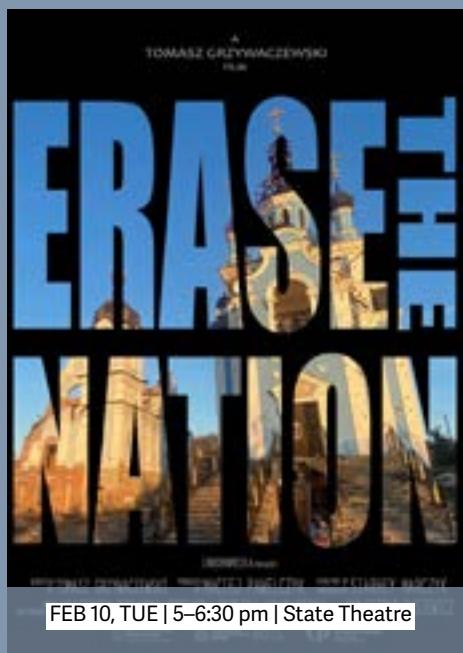
CREES NOON LECTURE
The Last Soviet Artist



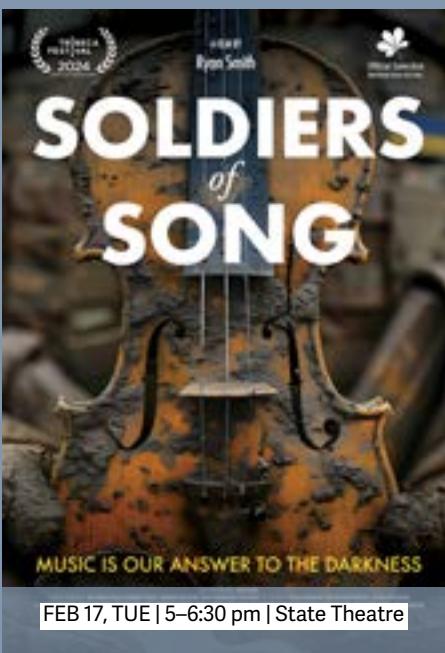
VICTORIA LOMASKO,
artist and writer

Co-sponsor: IRWG, Slavic Languages and Literatures

WCEE Film Series on Ukraine FEBRUARY 2026



FEB 10, TUE | 5–6:30 pm | State Theatre



FEB 17, TUE | 5–6:30 pm | State Theatre



FEB 24, TUE | 5–6:30 pm | 1010 Weiser Hall

Commemorating four years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, WCEE presents a documentary film series highlighting the experiences of this conflict — through stories of resilience, strength, grit, and spirit. These films about survival amid destruction, and new kinds of cooperation and solidarity, even artistic creativity and cultural preservation in the face of military conflict and occupation, offer a powerful portrait of hope and determination.

See calendar for complete details.

Co-sponsors: Humanity Funds; Film, Television, and Media; CREES

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WINTER EVENTS 2026

WCEE - CREES - CCPS

CCPS Lecture Series

SOUTHEAST

The lecture series *Southeast* examines Poland's encounters with Africa and Asia during the twentieth century and their lasting consequences. Speakers include the social scientist **Kacper Pobłocki**, who will discuss Poland's ambiguous position in the history of European colonialism; the journalist, writer, and curator **Max Cegielski**, who will explore Poland's "socialist globalization," and the Polish-Ghanaian author **Oliwia Bosomtwe**, who will share stories of Poles of African descent.

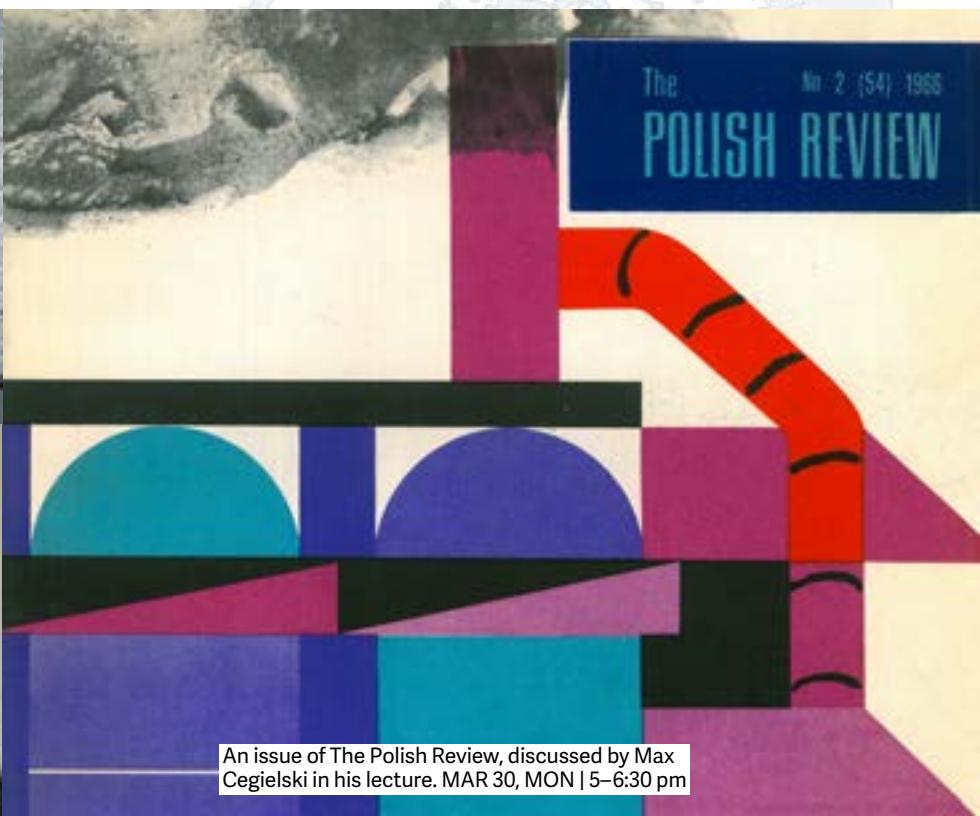
See calendar for complete details.



Kacper Pobłocki
FEB 26, THU | 5–6:30 pm



Oliwia Bosomtwe
APR 13, MON | 5–6:30 pm



An issue of The Polish Review, discussed by Max Cegielski in his lecture. MAR 30, MON | 5–6:30 pm