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WEISER CENTER FOR EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

From the Director

It was a busy and productive year at the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. Our fall programming highlights included a roundtable on the elections in Kenya, a performance by Bassem Youssef on free speech under dictatorship, and a roundtable about the Egyptian Arab Spring and its aftermath. In the winter we hosted a talk by Ambassador Daniel Fried on the West's democratic challenge and organized a roundtable on separatist and autonomy movements in Europe. In March we organized a presentation by Masha Gessen and Misha Friedman on their WCED-supported project, "Searching for Stalin's Gulags in Putin's Russia," and also welcomed Chairman Chito Gascon, embattled head of the Philippines Human Rights Commission.

As part of our outreach mission we also hosted or supported a number of students, faculty, and visitors. In the fall we welcomed three new post-doctoral fellows and nine first-year graduate fellows. Thanks to the generous support of Ronald and Eileen Weiser and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we also secured the funding to add a fourth post-doctoral fellow each year and convert the fellowship into a two-year appointment. In addition, over the course of the year we supported a number of research projects from U-M faculty, and were also pleased to host six Weiser Professional Development Fellows in cooperation with WCEE.

WCED hosted its third annual NGO Leadership Workshop in Bratislava, Slovakia in October 2017. The workshop is an innovative program designed to strengthen civil society in new and emerging democracies by providing management training to non-governmental organizations (NGOs). WCED has partnered with the William Davidson Institute

(WDI) at the University of Michigan and Slovak-based Pontis Foundation for all three workshops. In 2017, additional funding for the program came from the National Endowment for Democracy. Over the course of the workshops, 70 NGO leaders from 17 countries have participated. They represent NGOs that focus on democracy, economic development, environment, human rights, youth, and civil society. With this investment into building strong and sustainable organizations, NGO leaders can bolster their organizations and help citizens in their home countries advance positive social and political change. Plans are underway to conduct a fourth NGO Leadership Workshop in 2018, this time in Poland.

Finally, this summer marks the end of my two-year term as interim director of WCED. I want to thank the amazing WCED staff for their excellent work, dedication, and patience throughout my tenure. I offer a warm welcome to Professor Dan Slater who will serve as director starting July 1. With Dan at the helm and our excellent staff at his side, WCED is in great hands.

Allen Hicken

Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies
WCED Director



Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellows

Awarded to postdoctoral scholars in support of research on the broad historical, political, economic, and societal conditions under which democracies emerge—and autocracies endure. Fellows focus on their own research, participate in WCED workshops and events, and present one public lecture during their fellowship year, while in residence at U-M.

Katlyn Carter, PhD History, Princeton University. “Practicing Politics in the Revolutionary Atlantic World: Secrecy, Publicity, and the Making of Modern Democracy.”

Margaret Hanson, PhD Political Science, Ohio State University. “Legalized Rent-Seeking: How Dictators Use Formal Institutions to Manage Corruption.”

Jean Lachapelle, PhD Political Science, University of Toronto. “Coercive Orders in the Middle East and North Africa.”

WCED Student Fellows

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

Graduate Academic Year Fellows

Miranda García, PhD Anthropology. The intersection of consumption, mass media, and sociopolitical change in Cuba.

Albert Hawks, Jr., PhD Sociology. Comparative Islamic social movements in Southeast and East Asia in countries where Islam is a minority religion.

Kasia Klasa, PhD Health Services Organization & Policy. Comparative health policy; the relationship between regional and municipal policies, planning, and politics within urban areas in high-income countries and their respective health systems and outcomes.

Erin L. McAuliffe, PhD Sociology. Societal and state definitions of ethnic and religious minority groups and political privileges, and how people respond to such categorization, focusing on Myanmar.

Tyler Paige, REES MA. The human body, its various subjectivities, chronic illness, labor, and daily life.

Jonathan Poser, MA REES/MPP Public Policy. Nationalism and national identity formation in the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

Rebecca Selin, MA Southeast Asian Studies. Interfaith relations in majority-Muslim but constitutionally religiously plural Indonesia; environmental policy surrounding palm oil production.

Mai Ze Vang, MA Southeast Asian Studies/MPP Public Policy. The societal position of ethnic minorities in Thailand.

Htet Thiha Zaw, PhD Political Science. Impact of socioeconomic resources, particularly education, on relations between and within identity groups in Southeast Asia.

Summer Fellows

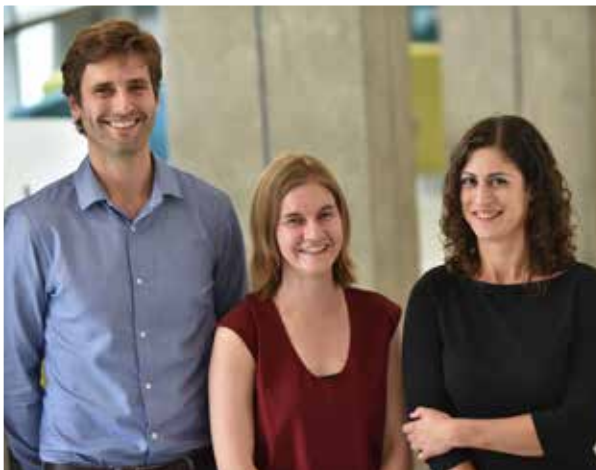
Leah Bernardo-Ciddio, PhD Classical Art & Archaeology (Albania/Croatia/Italy); **Laura Bossio**, PhD Anthropology (Germany/Kosovo/Serbia); **Abigail Breidenstein**, PhD Anthropology (Sudan/Switzerland); **Carrie Morgan**, PhD Anthropology (Albania); **Gyorgyi Parditka**, PhD Anthropology (Serbia); **Lediona Shahollari**, PhD History (Albania/Czech Republic).

Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop

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

Conveners: **Katlyn Carter**, **Margaret Hanson**, **Jean Lachapelle**, WCED Postdoctoral Fellows.

Participants: **Miranda García**, PhD Anthropology; **Albert Hawks, Jr.**, PhD Sociology; **Kasia Klasa**, PhD Health Services Organization & Policy; **Erin L. McAuliffe**, PhD Sociology; **Tyler Paige**, MA REES; **Jonathan Poser**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy; **Rebecca Selin**, MA Southeast Asian Studies; **Mai Ze Vang**, MA Southeast Asian Studies/MPP Public Policy; **Htet Thiha Zaw**, PhD Political Science.



(left to right) Jean Lachapelle, Katlyn Carter, and Margaret Hanson; Masha Gessen and Misha Friedman

WEISER CENTERS FACULTY NEWS

Weiser Faculty Grants

Awarded to U-M faculty for research projects that address themes related to democracy, broadly understood.

Giorgio Bertellini, Screen Arts & Cultures, for the project “The Likes of Us: From American Photography and Print Culture to Italian Neorealism, and Back.”

Jeremiah Chamberlin, English, for the project “A History of Events That Never Happened: Memory, Identity, and the Future in Contemporary Bulgaria.”

Robert Mickey, Political Science, for the project “Why American Nation-Building Fails: From Post-Civil War Reconstruction to Iraq and Beyond.”

Brian Porter-Szűcs, History, for the project “Austerity and Anti-Austerity beyond Neoliberal Capitalism.”

Faculty Achievements

The following are significant accomplishments in 2017-18 reported by faculty affiliated with the Weiser Centers.

Books & Recordings

Matthew Bengtson, Music, Theatre & Dance. *Karol Szymanowski: Masterworks for Violin & Piano*, w/ B. Bednarz (Musica Omnia, 2017). *Roberto Sierra: Works for Cello and Piano*, w/ J. Haines-Eitzen (Albany Records, 2017). **Giorgio Bertellini**, Screen Arts & Cultures. *Cinema Cultures in Contact: Remapping Film Histories Across Borders*, co-ed. w/ R. Abel, M. Solomon (U of California Press, 2018). **Rita Chin**, History. *The Crisis of Multiculturalism in Europe: A History* (Princeton UP, 2017). **Mark Dincecco**, Political Science. *From Warfare to Wealth: The Military Origins of Urban Prosperity in Europe*, co-ed. w/ M. Gaetano Onorato (Cambridge UP, 2017). *State Capacity and Economic Development: Present and Past* (Cambridge UP, 2017). **Jane Fulcher**, Music, Theatre & Dance. *Renegotiating French Identity: Musical Culture and Creativity in France during Vichy and the German Occupation* (Oxford UP, 2018). **Fatma Müge Göçek**, Sociology/Women’s Studies. *Contested Spaces in Contemporary Turkey: Environmental, Urban and Secular Politics* (I.B.Tauris & Co. Ltd., 2018). **Alaina Lemon**, Anthropology. *Technologies for Intuition: Cold War Circles and Telepathic Rays* (U of California Press, 2017). **Ronald G. Suny**, History. *Red Flag Unfurled: Historians, the Russian Revolution, and the Soviet Experience* (Verso Books, 2017). **Melanie S. Tanielian**, History. *The Charity of War: Famine, Humanitarian Aid, and World War I in the Middle East* (Stanford UP, 2017). **Magdalena Zaborowska**, Afroamerican & African Studies/American Culture. *Me and My House: James Baldwin’s Last Decade in France* (Duke UP, 2018). **Yuri Zhukov**, Political Science. xSub: Cross-National Data on Sub-National Violence, w/ C. Davenport, N. Kostyuk (2017).

Grants, Awards, & Promotions

Michelle Bellino, Education. Jackie Kirk Outstanding Book Award for *Youth in Post-War Guatemala: Education and Civic Identity in Transition* (Rutgers UP, 2017), 2018. **Matthew Bengtson**, Music, Theatre & Dance. Wanda Wilk Prize for Research in Polish Music Paper, 2018. **Giorgio Bertellini**, Screen Arts & Cultures. Open Access Monograph Publishing Initiative (OAMPI) Digital Edition Subvention grant for *The Divo and the Duce: Promoting Film Stardom and Political Leadership in 1920s America* (U of California Press, forthcoming), 2018. **John Branch**, Business. Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, 2017-18. **Michael Galaty**, Anthropology. National Geographic Society Grant for the research project "Archaeological Survey of Peja/Istog, Kosova," w/ H. Mehmetaj, S. Deskaj, 2018. **Fatma Müge Göçek**, Sociology/Women's Studies. Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, U-M, 2017. **Allen Hicken**, Political Science. Promoted to professor. **Pauline Jones**, Political Science. National Science Foundation grant for the project "Religious Regulation and Political Mobilization in Central Asia," w/ D. Gamza, 2017-20. **Valerie A. Kivelson**, History. American Council of Learned Societies Fellow, 2017. **Mikhail Krutikov**, Judaic Studies/Slavic. Appointed Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies, 2018-22. **Joshua Newell**, Environment & Sustainability. Global Scholar Award, U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program, to travel to Russia and China to research forest resource flows and globalization, 2017-18. **Ewa Pasek**, Slavic. Elected President, North American Association of Teachers of Polish, 2018. **Anne Pitcher**, Political Science/Afroamerican & African Studies. Dudley Seers Memorial Prize for Best Article in *The Journal of Development Studies*, "Party System Competition and Private Sector Development in Africa," 2017. **George Steinmetz**, German/Sociology. Elected Chair, Comparative and Historical Sociology section of the American Sociological Association, 2017-18. **Mark Tessler**, Political Science. Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, U-M, 2017. Carnegie Corporation of New York grant for the project "Understanding Marginalized Communities in the Arab World through Social Science Research: Gaining Insight, Enhancing Capacity, and Building Collaborations to Impact the Region," w/ A. Jamal, 2018-20. Middle East Partnership Initiative of the U.S. Department of State grant for the project "Assessing Public Engagement in the Arab World: The Fifth Wave of the Arab Barometer," w/ A. Jamal, 2018-20. Tronstein Award for highest recognition of excellence in undergraduate education, Department of Political Science, U-M, 2018. **Kira Thurman**, German/History. Berlin Prize, American Academy of Berlin, Fall 2017. Research Fellow, Institute for Cultural Studies (Vienna), Winter 2018. **Greta Uehling**, International & Comparative Studies. Institute for the Humanities Summer Fellow, U-M, 2018. **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, Sociology. Promoted to professor.



"Unraveling the Arab Spring: Egypt since 2011" panelists

WEISER CENTER FOR EUROPE & EURASIA

From the Director

The Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE) and its affiliated centers—the Center for European Studies (CES); Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREES); and Copernicus Program in Polish Studies (CPPS)—had a very stimulating year.

We developed a rich program articulated around two main themes. The first, Populism, explored what fuels the rise of populism in various parts of Europe, Eurasia, and beyond. Speakers in this series discussed genealogies and varieties of populism, and pondered how 21st-century populisms are related to other key phenomena of our times—globalization, neoliberalism, and pluralism. The other series focused on Regionalism, featuring scholars who discussed the meaning of regionalism at the twin age of nationalism and European Unionism. Speakers discussed the political and academic formation and transformation of regions like “Europe,” “Eastern Europe,” or “the Balkans,” and reflected on the implications of reframing regional boundaries for our understanding of various societies. As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially WCED, the Department of History, UMS, and the Michigan Theater.

WCEE was pleased to continue our partnership with the Robert B. Zajonc Institute of Social Studies (ISS) at the University of Warsaw by hosting one PhD candidate for six weeks in the fall. We are expanding student internship opportunities: 30 students from LSA and beyond are in the region this summer pursuing internships with organizations including POLIN: The Museum of the History of Polish Jews and the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw (Poland), the Youth Initiative for Human Rights in

Zagreb (Croatia), the Fulbright Commission and Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), the Bellini Music School in Tradate (Italy), the Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development in Prishtina (Kosovo), as well as the National Coastal Agency and European Movement in Tirana (Albania).

Last but not least, WCEE is hosting six scholars from Eurasia as part of our Professional Development Program in 2018. Four visited this spring, and the remaining two scholars will come to campus in September. These scholars are working with U-M counterpoints in education, public policy, political science, mathematics, and the Slavic department. The following pages highlight the work of WCEE as well as the affiliated centers.

Geneviève Zubrzycki

WCEE Director



Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows

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.

Marika Kapanadze, head of the science education research centre SALiS and science teacher professional development programs, Ilia State University, Georgia. "The Role of Inquiry Based Learning for Achieving Learning Objectives in Science." U-M host: Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar, Education. September 2018.

Oleh Kozachuk, assistant professor of international relations, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine. "Comparative Analysis of Ethnic, Racial, and Immigrant Politics of the United States and Canada." U-M host: Yazier Henry, Public Policy. February 2018.

Adil Rodionov, senior lecturer of sociology, Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan. "Professionalization, Rationalization, and Cooperative Behavior among Local NGOs." U-M host: Pauline Jones, Political Science. February 2018.

Aram Simonyan, associate professor of economics, International Scientific Educational Centre, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia. "The Role of Entrepreneurial Culture and Norms in Accepting Corruption." U-M host: John Ciorciari, Public Policy. September 2018.

Adelina Stefarta, associate professor of psychology, educational sciences, and social work; International Independent University of Moldova. "Migration and Education as Spaces for Coexistence, Transformation, Stability, and Intercultural Implications in a Contemporary World." U-M host: Edward Silver, Education/Mathematics. March 2018.

Bela Tsipuria, professor of comparative and Georgian literature, Ilia State University, Georgia. "Georgian Modernists in Search for God: Religious Representations in the Early 20th Century Georgian Poetry and Novel." U-M host: Benjamin Paloff, Comparative Literature/Slavic. February 2018.



Taida Jasarevic Hefford, 2017 Weiser Professional Development Fellow (center), with Art & Design students (photo by Endi Poskovic)

Kabcenell New Europe Grants

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

Patricia Angus, BA International Studies/Political Science (Kosovo); **Sebastian Kasparian**, BS Environment (Croatia); **Alyssa Walters**, BA History/International Studies (Croatia).

Albanian Community Summer Fellowship

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

Aleksandra Luca, BA Political Science.

Student Internships

Internship placements in Eastern Europe coordinated by WCEE in collaboration with the LSA International Internship Program.

Patricia Angus, BA International Studies/Political Science, KIPRED Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development (Kosovo). **Piaofan Cai**, BA International Studies, Faculty of Arts at Comenius University (Slovakia). **Alexander Deighton**, BA Anthropology, KORTIL (Croatia). **Marielle Dewicki**, BA International Studies, Bellini Music School (Italy). **Nora Dolliver**, MA REES/MSI Library & Information Science, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews (Poland). **Elizabeth Einig**, BS Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience; University of Leipzig (Germany). **Jangul Erlon-Baurjan**, BA Public Policy/REES, Post-Conflict Research Center (Bosnia & Herzegovina). **Zofia Ferki**, BA Creative Writing/German, Estrel (Germany). **Katherine Hunt**, BA English/Music, Bellini Music School (Italy). **Nikola Jaksic**, BA English/History, INCroatia. **Alexander Johnson**, BA LSA, Institute for Human Rights (Macedonia). **Kristen Kelley**, BA Economics/Political Science, GONG (Croatia). **Dajana Korcari**, BA LSA, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Elizabeth Lawrence**, BA LSA, Culture.pl (Poland). **Yiwen Lin**, BA International Studies/Psychology, University of Leipzig (Germany). **Aleksandra Luca**, BA Political Science, European Movement Albania. **Caitlyn Nalley**, BS Environment/International Studies, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Ermelinda Ndoka**, BS Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience; Municipality of Tirana (Albania). **Maeve Poggensee**, BA Linguistics, Bellini Music School (Italy). **Samantha Schefka**, BA Communication Studies, Culture.pl (Poland). **Katalin Schmidt**, BA English/German, Estrel (Germany). **Emily Schmitt**, BA German, Faculty of Arts at Comenius University (Slovakia). **Allison Schneider**, BA History of Art, KORTIL (Croatia). **Halle Thannickal**, BS Cellular & Molecular Biology, Subversive (Macedonia). **John Vulaj**, BA LSA, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Alyssa Walters**, BA History/International Studies, Youth Initiative for Human Rights (Croatia). **Piaoyang Wang**, MSI Information, GTEC German Tech Entrepreneurship Center (Germany). **Alexander Wegrzyn**, BA International Studies/Polish, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews (Poland). **Payton White**, BA LSA, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Maryellen Zbrozek**, BS Ecology, Evolution, & Biodiversity; Fulbright Commission (Poland).

CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

CES programming focuses on the past, present, and future of Europe and the European Union. In our Regionalism series, U-M professor Scott Greer presented a lecture on the impact of Brexit on Scotland and Ireland, and we organized a roundtable with WCED on regionalism and separatism in Western Europe, with specialists discussing Catalonia and Scotland. We also hosted a lecture on left-wing populism in Spain and co-sponsored multiple events with WCED; CPPS; the Law School; and the Departments of History, History of Art, and Germanic Languages & Literatures.

We were honored to have Jan-Werner Müller, professor and author, give the Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe, titled “What’s the Problem with Populism?” Müller’s lecture and the symposium “The Practice of History” were both dedicated to Professor Kathleen Canning, former CES Director (1995-98), on the occasion of her departure from U-M.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the revolutions of 1968, we organized a roundtable to reflect on events in France, Czechoslovakia, and Germany. We coordinated that panel discussion with three screenings at the Michigan Theater of feature films touching upon these events.

CES continues to offer an undergraduate minor and a graduate certificate, and we award Jean Monnet Graduate Fellowships and CES Summer Research & Internship Grants to students studying Europe. Thank you to the CES Advisory Committee members who gave their time to read through our many fellowship applications. CES is proud to support established scholars and rising stars who are continuing the long tradition of European studies at U-M.

CES Graduates

Winter 2018 | European & European Union Studies Graduate Certificate: **Syed Feroz Hassan**. Modern European Studies Minor: **Allie Scholten**.

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows

Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from CES and WCED.

Vedran Catovic, PhD Comparative Literature, “Satirical Literature in Context: Journey and Dissent in East and West Europe.” **Kirill Zhirkov**, PhD Political Science, “Islamophobia, Anti-Immigration Attitudes, and Radical Right Politics in Europe.”

CES Summer Research & Internship Grants

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

Patricia Angus, BA International Studies/Political Science (Czech Republic); **Brett Boehman**, BA Environment (Germany); **Timothy Brewer**, BA German/BMus Music History (Germany); **Duygu Ergun**, PhD Comparative Literature (Germany); **Michelle Falkenbach**, PhD Health Services Organization & Policy (Austria/Italy); **John**

Finkelberg, PhD History (France); **Johanna Folland**, PhD History (England/Germany); **Kyle Follo**, BS German/Public Health (Germany); **Timnet Gedar**, PhD History (England/Italy); **Isabelle Gillet**, PhD History of Art (France); **Molly Green**, PhD Health Behavior & Health Education (Germany); **Shalmali Jadhav**, PhD Comparative Literature (France); **Tyler Johnson**, PhD Classical Art & Archaeology (Italy); **Emine Kayim**, PhD Architecture (Germany); **Dajana Korcari**, BA LSA (Albania); **Caitlyn Nalley**, BS Environment/International Studies (Albania); **Maeve Poggensee**, BA Linguistics (Italy); **Matthew Qemo**, BS Chemistry (Greece); **Sarah Redman**, BSE Mechanical Engineering (Germany/Netherlands); **Rowan Renee**, MFA Visual Art (England/Norway); **Jong Hye Rha**, MPH Health Services Organization & Policy (Switzerland); **Jeremy Tervo**, BS Chemistry (Germany); **John Vulaj**, BA LSA (Albania).

CES Visiting Scholars

CES regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host visiting scholars who study Europe.

Muriel Darmon, senior research fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Sorbonne. Winter 2018.

Jean-François Laniel, postdoctoral fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. U-M

host department: Sociology. Winter 2018. **Chanelle Reinhardt**, doctoral candidate, Department of Art History and Cinema Studies, Université de Montréal. Winter 2018.



Jindřich Toman; Jan-Werner Müller; "Pulling Apart or Hanging Together" panelists

CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES

CREES organized a diverse series of events in 2017-18, featuring guest lectures, exhibits, films, and concerts. Speakers in our Regionalism series included historians, political scientists, sociologists, and journalists who discussed themes as varied as ethno-political mobilization in Poland's upper Silesia; conflicts in Russia's North Caucasus; the scholarly impact of reconceptualizing Southern Europe as a maritime region rather than defining it around a land mass; and representations of Turks and the "East" in early Modern Europe. Our Populism series focused on Poland and Russia, featuring lectures by U-M historian Brian Porter-Szűcs; Russian investigative journalist Andrei Soldatov; and human rights activist Tanya Lokshina, who discussed populist politics of Russia's Putin and Chechnya's Kadyrov. Populism and authoritarian politics were also discussed by former Ambassador to Poland Daniel Fried and former Ambassador to Russia John R. Beyrle in lectures we co-sponsored with WCED and the Ford School of Public Policy, respectively. Our events were organized or co-sponsored by a number of campus partners including the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Law School, and the Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker Series.

We were also proud to collaborate with the University Musical Society (UMS) on the *Us/Them* performance by BRONKS and Richard Jordan Productions, which explored the reaction of children to tragic events and was inspired by the Beslan school siege in North Ossetia, Russia. UMS also was our partner for a special performance by the M-Prize winner Russian Renaissance, for which we organized an intimate concert and get-together for our Russian-language students with members of the Russian folk quartet.

Beyond public programming, CREES supports students through fellowships that enhance a deeper understanding of the region. We are proud to continue to offer prestigious Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, as well as grants for summer research and internships, and graduate student conference travel grants. Three students obtained their MA this year, and our undergraduate major and minors are ideal for students looking to gain deep knowledge of the region. Under the auspices of the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding with the National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg (HSE), we hosted a history PhD candidate on campus. 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.

Finally, CREES hosted a reception for our students, faculty and alumni at the 49th Annual ASEEEES Convention in Chicago. It was wonderful to see everyone there! We continue our partnership with ASEEEES at the level of bronze sponsorship, and CREES is the proud sponsor of ASEEEES's Ed A. Hewett Book Prize, named after a distinguished Michigan alumnus (PhD Economics).

CREES Graduates

Summer 2017 | Russian Studies Minor: **Kathryn Orwig**.

Fall 2017 | REES MA: **Alexander Craver**. REES MA/MPP: **Emily Lina Grant**.

Winter 2018 | REES MA: **Brian Cusack**. REES BA: **James Batchik, Peixin Yang**. East European Studies Minor: **Bianca Ysabela Anciano**. Russian Studies Minor: **Noah Greco**.

Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

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.

Brian Cusack, MA REES (Russian); **Nora Dolliver**, MA REES/MSI Library & Information Science (Polish); **Carrie Ann Morgan**, PhD Anthropology (Turkish); **Tyler Paige**, MA REES (Russian); **Jonathan Poser**, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Ukrainian).

Graduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

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

Anthony Castaneda, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Russian); **Jamie Clegg**, PhD Comparative Literature (Serbian).

Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

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

Olivia Regnier, BA Environment/International Studies/REES (Russian); **Yimeng Zhao**, BS Biochemistry/Russian (Russian).

Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

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

Will Carter, BA History (Russian); **Suzanna Duba**, BA LSA (Russian); **Emily Lerner**, BA International Studies (Polish); **Hannah Parton**, BA LSA (Russian).

Graduate Student Instructors, REES 395 & 396/397

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).

Maja Babic, PhD Architecture, REES 396/397; **Adrian Deoanca**, PhD Anthropology, REES 396/397; **Alexander J. McConnell**, PhD History, REES 395; **Kathleen Wroblewski**, PhD History, REES 395.

CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards

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.

Jeffrey Bilik, PhD Political Science (Russia); **Adrian Deoanca**, PhD Anthropology (Romania); **Mark Dovich**, BA Political Science/REES (Georgia); **Suzanna Duba**, BA International Studies (Ukraine); **Kaitlyn Haines**, MSI Information (Czech Republic); **James Meador**, PhD Anthropology (Russia); **Mariya Nakonechna**, BS Biology, Cognition, & Neuroscience (Ukraine); **Mario Sanchez Gumiel**, PhD Romance Languages & Literatures (Romania); **Allegra Ward**, BA Anthropology (Bulgaria).

Ron and Eileen Weiser Slovak Award

Brooke Lennox, BA International Studies/Psychology (Czech Republic/Slovakia).

Southeast European Studies Award

Patricia Angus, BA International Studies/Political Science (Kosovo).

Ukrainian Research Grants

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.

Grace Mahoney, PhD Slavic (Russia/Ukraine).

Alfred G. Meyer Prize

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.

Alexandra Paradowski, BA History/Philosophy, Politics, & Economics. "Wiwat Konstytucja! Niech nas uczy nadal: An Analysis of the Interpretation of Poland's Constitution of 3 May on the Eve of its Bicentennial."

Undergraduate Czech Language Prizes

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

Mariah Cardenas, BA Spanish. **Amanda Szczesniak**, BA Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience

CREES Visiting Scholar

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

Vladimir Uspenskii, PhD candidate in history, National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg. Fall 2017.

CREES Alumni

Graduates from CREES and other U-M degree programs have gone on to distinguished careers—here are some updates from the past year. Alumni are encouraged to send news of their achievements to crees@umich.edu.

Eugene M. Avrutin (MA History '98, PhD History '04) released the book *The Velizh Affair: Blood Libel in a Russian Town* (Oxford UP, 2017). **Laurence Bogoslaw** (PhD Slavic '95) released the book *Russians on Trump* (East View Press, 2018). **Sarah Garibova** (PhD History '17) is an assistant teaching professor in the Jewish Studies Program at Pennsylvania State University. **Brian K. Grodsky** (MA Political Science '02, PhD Political Science '06) is professor and associate chair in the Department of Political Science at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. **Stephanie Hitztaler** (MA REES/Natural Resources & Environment '03, PhD Natural Resources & Environment '10) is a postdoctoral scholar at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki. **Deborah Jones** (MA REES '09, PhD Anthropology '17) is a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. **David J. Kostelancik** (MA Political Science/REES '88) has served as the Acting U.S. Ambassador to Hungary since January 20, 2017. **Mike MacQueen** (BA Economics '80, MA REES '83) retired from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center in January 2018. **Andy McIntyre** (BA REES '14, MA REES '15) is a regulatory analyst at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, & Hamilton, LLP in New York. **Kathryn Orwig** (BA Creative Writing '17) received a Hopwood Award for Nonfiction in August 2017 and had five short stories and two poems published in *Confined Connections: An Anthology of Poems, Essays and Short Stories* (Z Publishing House, 2017). **Colin Quinn** (PhD Anthropology '17) is assistant professor of anthropology at Hamilton College. **Alice I. Sullivan** (PhD History of Art '17) is visiting assistant professor of art history at Lawrence University. **Ryan Voogt** (MA REES '10) is lecturer at Lewis Honors College, University of Kentucky. **Alice Weinreb** (PhD History '09) was awarded the 2017 Wiener Library Fraenkel Book Prize in Contemporary History for *Modern Hungers: Food and Power in Twentieth-Century Germany* (Oxford, 2017).



(clockwise from left) Tanya Lokshina; Andrei Soldatov and Mary Elizabeth Malinkin; CREES audience

COPERNICUS PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES

The 2017-18 academic year was a rich one for CPPS. In addition to lectures by Brian Porter-Szűcs on populism and Magdalena Dembinska on Silesian regionalism, we co-sponsored a lecture by Daniel Fried, former U.S. Ambassador to Poland. We also brought Agnieszka Holland's latest film, *Pokot*, to Ann Arbor for a screening at the Michigan Theater. We continue working with the Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival to bring to the U-M community a variety of Polish fiction and documentary films.

CPPS is strengthening our ties with partner institutions in Poland by sponsoring faculty and student initiatives with POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, the Adam Mickiewicz Institute, and the University of Warsaw. As always, we support our students by awarding numerous fellowships to study the Polish language and to travel to Poland for research or internships. This year CPPS sponsored 13 scholarships for students who are studying Polish at U-M, and we plan to continue this program that supports undergraduate language learning in partnership with the Slavic department.

Finally, CPPS Director Geneviève Zubrzycki, professor of sociology, has been called upon to use her expertise on Polish-Jewish relations to comment on the Polish bill signed into law in February. That law criminalizes speech that implies Poland's participation in the Holocaust. Zubrzycki addressed the new law and how it impacts Polish relations with Israel and the United States, offering much needed historical context to the issue and explaining how it speaks to broader questions of Polish identity. She appeared on NPR, CBS (Canada), and ABC radio (Australia), and was cited by the *Washington Post* and *Times Higher Education*.

Copernicus Fellowship for Graduate Students in Polish Studies

Awarded to a doctoral or master's level student focused on Polish Studies who has been nominated by the student's department.

Nora Dolliver, MA REES/MSI Library & Information Science.

Copernicus Summer Grants

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

Ian Bratcher, PhD Sociology; **Nora Dolliver**, MA REES/MSI Library & Information Science; **Alexander Wegrzyn**, BA International Studies/Polish/Spanish; **Maryellen Zbrozek**, BS Ecology, Evolution, & Biodiversity.

Amelia Kulesa Konopka Fellowship

Michael Keller, BA Political Science.

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Elizabeth Lawrence, BA LSA.

Excellence in Polish Language Award

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

Michael Lichomski, BS Neuroscience.

Copernicus Polish Language Scholarships

Awarded to undergraduate students who successfully complete two semesters of Polish language courses at the University of Michigan.

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CPPS Visiting Scholar

CPPS regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host visiting scholars studying Poland.

Andrzej Turkowski, doctoral student, Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw. Fall 2017.



(clockwise from left) Anna Wozny; Magdalena Dembinska; CPPS audience

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Video recordings of programs organized by the Weiser Centers are available on our websites and YouTube.

SEPTEMBER

Sep 19 WCED Lecture. *"Elections in Hard Times: Building Stronger Democracies in the 21st Century."* **Irfan Nooruddin**, Georgetown University. Sponsor: WCED.

Sep 20 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Problematizing Populism: The Polish Radical Right and the Return of National Communism."* **Brian Porter-Szűcs**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CPPS.

Sep 21-23 Conference. *"Seeking Social Justice in Central Asia."* Sponsors: CSAS, WCED.

Sep 22-23 Workshop. *"Visualizing the Social."* **Alex Potts**, U-M. Sponsors: Department of History of Art, CES, Department of English Language & Literature, Department of History, Rackham Graduate School, SOC.

Sep 28 Lecture. *"Regime vs. Opposition under Electoral Authoritarianism in Russia."* **Vladimir Gelman**, European University at St. Petersburg and University of Helsinki. Sponsors: PS, CREES, WCED.

OCTOBER

Oct 2-8 Bicentennial Celebration. *"Climate Change Bicentennial Celebration Program."* Sponsors: LSA Bicentennial Theme Semester, WCED, others.

Oct 3 Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe. *"What's the Problem with Populism?"* **Jan-Werner Müller**, Princeton University. Sponsors: CES, CREES, WCED.

Oct 4 CREES Noon Lecture. *"The Singing Turk: Ottoman Power and Operatic Emotions on the European Stage from the Siege of Vienna to the Age of Napoleon."* **Larry Wolff**, New York University. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

Oct 5 Lecture. *"Immigration, Religion, and Race in the U.S. and Europe: Politics in an Era of Populism."* **Terri Givens**, Menlo College. Sponsors: PS, CES, WCED.

Oct 5 Lecture. *"Christo: The Floating Piers and Work in Progress."* **Christo**, visual artist. Sponsors: STAMPS, WCED.

Oct 25 Lecture. *"A Historian in the Ghetto: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabes Archive."* **Samuel Kassow**, Trinity College. Sponsors: FCJS, CPPS, CREES.

Oct 27 Lecture. *"Between Russia and China: Central Asia's Relevance."* **David Abramson**, U.S. Department of State. Sponsors: CMENAS, CREES.

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 CREES Noon Lecture. *"From Land to Sea: Reconceptualizing Southeastern Europe as a Region."* **Pamela Ballinger**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES.



(left to right) WCED audience; Ambassador Daniel Fried

Nov 1 DISC/WCED Film and Discussion. *Tickling Giants.* **Sara Taksler**, director (2016). Sponsors: DISC, WCED, Language Resource Center.

Nov 3 Film. *Coming Full Circle.* **Ara Shirinyan**, director (2017). Sponsors: Armenian Studies Program, Armenian Research Center, CREES.

Nov 6 Performance. *"The Joke is Mightier than the Sword."* **Bassem Youssef**, satirist. Sponsors: UMS, DISC, WCED.

Nov 7 DISC/WCED Panel. *"Unraveling the Arab Spring: Egypt since 2011."* Moderator: **Pauline Jones**, U-M. Panelists: **Samer Ali**, **Juan Cole**, **Jean Lachapelle**, U-M; **Bassem Youssef**, satirist. Sponsors: DISC, CMENAS, UMS, WCED.

Nov 8 CREES Noon Lecture. *"The Red Web Comes to the United States."* **Andrei Soldatov**, investigative journalist. Sponsor: CREES.

Nov 9 Lecture. *"Comics is the Yiddish of Art."* **Art Spiegelman**, comic artist. Sponsors: Conflict & Peace Initiative, CREES, FCJS, II, STAMPS.

Nov 14 WCED Lecture. *"The Politics of Secrecy in the Age of Revolutions."* **Katlyn Carter**, Weiser Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CES.

Nov 17-19 24th Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Sponsors: Polish Cultural Fund - Ann Arbor, CPPS, others.

DECEMBER

Dec 1 Workshop. *"Varieties of Backlash: Distributional Conflict and Political Order in the New World of Work."* Convener: **Mary Gallagher**, U-M. Sponsors: U-M's Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, WCED; Center for Global Work and Employment, Rutgers University.

Dec 4 Symposium. *"Reflecting on Politics, History, and Half a Century at Michigan."* **Zvi Gitelman**, U-M. Sponsors: FCJS, CREES, PS.

Dec 5 WCED Lecture. *"Civil Courts and Authoritarian Stability."* **Margaret Hanson**, Weiser Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

JANUARY

Jan 9 WCED Lecture. *"The West's Democratic Challenge: Central Europe's Variant and What America Can Do."* Ambassador **Daniel Fried**, Atlantic Council. Sponsors: WCED, CES, CPPS.

Jan 10 CREES Noon Lecture. *"European Regions: Ethnopolitical Mobilization in Upper Silesia."* **Magdalena Dembinska**, Université de Montréal. Sponsors: CREES, CPPS.

Jan 16 WCED/CES Panel. *"Pulling Apart or Hanging Together: Separatism and Nationalism in Catalonia, Scotland, and Northern Italy."* Moderator: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, U-M. Panelists: **Frank Casa, Kali Israel**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CES.

Jan 23 CREES/WCED Panel. *"Russia's Complex Relationship with the North Caucasus: Past and Present."* Moderator: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, U-M. Panelists: **Pauline Jones, Alexander Knysh**, U-M; **Tanya Lokshina**, Human Rights Watch. Sponsors: CREES, WCED, UMS.

Jan 24 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Crackdown in Chechnya: Ramzan Kadyrov's Brutal Rule and International Human Rights."* **Tanya Lokshina**, Human Rights Watch. Sponsors: CREES, DHRC.

Jan 25 Conversations on Europe. *"Brexit Means Brexit...But What Does That Mean for Scotland and Ireland?"* **Scott Greer**, U-M. Sponsor: CES.

FEBRUARY

Feb 4 CPPS Film. *Spoor (Pokot)*. **Agnieszka Holland** and **Kasia Adamik**, directors (2017). Sponsor: CPPS.

Feb 6 CREES Film and Discussion. *The Constitution*. **Rajko Grlić**, director (2016). Sponsors: CREES, SLL.

Feb 7-Mar 12 Exhibition. *Ruth Gruber, Photojournalist*. Sponsors: WALL, CPPS, CREES.

Feb 12 Conversations on Europe. *"Spain's New Populist Left: An Impossible Hegemony."* **Alberto Moreiras**, Texas A&M University. Sponsor: CES.

Feb 14 II Roundtable. *"The Future of International Justice: Lessons from the Yugoslav Tribunal."* **Moderator: Susan Waltz**, U-M. Panelists: **John Ciorciari, Robert Donia, Steven Ratner**, U-M; **Dermot Groome**, Pennsylvania State University. Sponsors: II, CREES, DHRC.

Feb 15 Lecture. *"Use What You Have: Art Practice and Survival."* **Anya Ulinich**, author. Sponsors: Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop on Transnational Comics Studies, CREES, FCJS, SLL.

Feb 20 WCED Lecture. *"State Repression and Collective Action in Egypt."* **Jean Lachapelle**, Weiser Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CMENAS.

Feb 20 Lecture. *"Georgian Modernism Against Socialist Realism: Blue Horns, H2SO4, Galaktion Tabidze."* **Bela Tsipuria**, Ilia State University; Weiser Professional Development Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

Feb 21 Lecture. *"Russia 2018: Preparing for the Post-Putin Era."* **Ambassador John R. Beyrle**. Sponsors: Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, WCED, CREES.

MARCH

Mar 7 CREES Noon Lecture. “‘The Housing Question’ in Eastern Europe Today: Gentrification in Post-Socialist Cities.” **Liviu Chelcea** (PhD anthropology ’04), University of Bucharest. Sponsors: CREES, Department of Anthropology.

Mar 9 WCED Lecture. “Never Remember: Searching for Stalin’s Gulags in Putin’s Russia.” **Masha Gessen**, author, journalist, and activist; **Misha Friedman**, photographer. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, WALL.

Mar 12 Conference. “Being Muslim: Arts and Expression.” Sponsors: II, CREES, others.

Mar 13 WCED Lecture. “Rights in Peril in the Philippines: How Rights Are Wronged and How We Fight Back.” **Jose Luis Martin “Chito” Gascon**, Philippine Commission on Human Rights. Sponsors: WCED, CSEAS, DHRC.

Mar 14 Lecture. “Saint-Domingue by Way of Saint-Petersburg: Imagining the Haitian Revolution in Imperial Russia.” **Jennifer Wilson**, University of Pennsylvania. Sponsors: SLL, CREES, LACS.

Mar 15 Lecture. “Black Skin, White Snow: Sissako’s Soviet Films and the Queer Contours of the Friendship of Peoples.” **Jennifer Wilson**, University of Pennsylvania. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

Mar 18 WCEE Lecture. “Recounting Twenty Years of Archaeological Research in Albania and Kosovo: Apollonia, Theth, Shkodra, and Peja.” **Michael Galaty, Sylvia Deskaj**, U-M. Sponsors: WCEE, Albanian American Student Association, CES, CREES.

Mar 24 Film. “The Irresistible Joy of Film: The Early Works of Karpo Godina.” Sponsors: Ann Arbor Film Festival, CREES.

Mar 27 Workshop. “The Socialist University: Higher Education, Modernization, and Working Classes in Postwar Poland.” **Agata Zysiak**, Princeton University. Sponsors: SOC, CPPS.

Mar 27 Lecture. “Explodity: Sound, Image, and Word in Russian Futurist Book Art.” **Nancy Perloff** (PhD musicology ’86), Getty Research Institute. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

APRIL

Apr 6 Conference. “8th Annual Pakistan Conference: Movement, Migration, and Borders.” Sponsors: CSAS, WCED, others.

Apr 8 CES Film. *Marianne and Juliane (Die bleierne Zeit)*. **Margarethe von Trotta**, director (1981). Sponsor: CES.

Apr 8 CES Film. *May Fools (Milou en Mai)*. **Louis Malle**, director (1990). Sponsor: CES.

Apr 9 CES Film. *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*. **Philip Kaufman**, director (1988). Sponsor: CES.

Apr 10 Conversations on Europe. “1968...50 Years Later.” Moderator: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, U-M. Panelists: **Joshua Cole, Jindřich Toman, Johannes von Moltke**, U-M. Sponsor: CES.

Apr 17 Weiser Hall Inauguration. *"Global Hot Spots and Blind Spots."* **Anne-Marie Slaughter**, international lawyer, foreign policy analyst, political scientist, and public commentator. Sponsors: College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; II; WCED.

MAY

May 31-Jun 10 Cinetopia International Film Festival. Sponsors: Michigan Theater, WCED, WCEE, others.

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CPPS - Copernicus Program in Polish Studies; **CREES** - Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies;
CSAS - Center for South Asian Studies; **CSEAS** - Center for Southeast Asian Studies; **DHRC** - Donia Human Rights Center **DISC** - Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum; **FCJS** - Frankel Center for Judaic Studies; **II** - International Institute; **LACS** - Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies; **PS** - Department of Political Science;
SLL - Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures; **SOC** - Department of Sociology; **STAMPS** - Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker Series; **UMMA** - U-M Museum of Art, **UMS** - University Musical Society; **WALL** - Wallenberg Executive Committee; **WCED** - Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies; **WS** - Women's Studies Department



Christo (photo by Mona McKinstry)



(clockwise from top left) **Katlyn Carter**; **Chito Gascon**; **Bassem Youssef** with students

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