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

WCEE and WCED were formally launched at an Inaugural Lecture on September 19 given by Aleksander Kwaśniewski, former president of Poland and a member of the WCED Advisory Council. Before the talk, WCEE/WCED Director Michael Kennedy and LSA Dean Terry McDonald conveyed the University’s immense appreciation to Ambassador Ronald Weiser and Eileen Weiser for their generosity in establishing endowments that will support graduate fellowships, the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, as well as collaborations with U-M units and institutions in the U.S. and abroad to develop courses, conferences, lecture series, and other opportunities for teaching, learning, research, and outreach related to Europe and Eurasia and past and present emerging democracies in these regions. To share this special occasion and many other impressive events in this year’s public programs reflecting enhanced programming on Europe and Eurasia and the new WCED thematic, please visit our media archives on U-M’s page on iTunes U (itunesu.umich.edu) and click “International.”

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

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

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

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

Michael D. Kennedy
WCEE and WCED Director

Dario Gaggio
CES-EUC Director

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

Michael D. Kennedy
Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2009
Grants awarded to faculty and artists at institutions of higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Russia (Kaliningrad District), Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Slovakia, and Ukraine for short visits to Ann Arbor to promote research collaboration with U-M faculty.


Weiser Faculty Grants, 2008-09
Awarded to U-M faculty for projects addressing historical or current articulations of cultural, economic, political, and social life in Europe and Eurasia. In this inaugural year of the Weiser Centers, projects engaging WCED’s thematic concern for emerging democracies were especially welcomed.

Joshua Cole, History, for sequential conferences at U-M and the University of Minnesota, “From Colonial History to Post-Colonial Societies: (Re)placing the Maghrib at the Center of the Twentieth Century.” Alexander Knysh, Near Eastern Studies, for a workshop at U-M, “Teaching Islam in Eurasia.” Arland Thornton, Sociology, for a workshop in Brno, Czech Republic, “Freedom, Development, Family, and Demography.” Jindrich Toman, Slavic, for a project on the transformation of cultural initiatives in the Czech Republic from the 1990s to the present. Magdalena Zaborowska, American Culture/CAAS, for a collaborative community–based project in Sejny, Poland. William Zimmerman, Political Science; Zvi Gitelman, Political Science; and Mikhail Krutikov, Slavic/Judaic Studies, for a series of video–based seminars to be taught jointly with faculty at the European University at St. Petersburg.
Weiser Faculty
The following are significant accomplishments in 2008-09 reported by faculty affiliated with CES-EUC, CREEES, and/or WCED:

Books & Recordings


Grants & Awards

Top from left: Donatella della Porta, Leoluca Orlando
Bottom from left: Sidy Diallo, Åse Gornitzka [Photos by Nataša Gruden-Alajbegović and Mike Gould]
I look at the past year with pride and to the next with enthusiasm, confident that CES-EUC will keep strengthening its intellectual commitments and public impact.

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

Modern European Studies Minor Graduates, 2008-09
Fall 2008/Kathryn Kelner.
Winter 2009/Samantha Bernstein.

EUC Jean Monnet Fellows, 2009
Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from the European Commission and U-M’s Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.


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


EUC/Ford School of Public Policy Summer Internship Grant, 2009
Awarded to Ford School of Public Policy MPP students for summer internships in Europe with support from the European Commission.

Egan Reich, MPP Public Policy. Internship at the EastWest Institute, Brussels, Belgium.
CES-EUC Summer Research and Internship Grants, 2009
Awarded to U-M undergraduate and graduate students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration with support from the European Commission and CES-EUC.

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

EUC Faculty Projects, 2008-09
Faculty research and workshops on the EU and European integration with support from the European Commission.


CES-EUC Course Development Awards, 2008-09
Awarded to U-M faculty for development of new undergraduate courses with a significant focus on the EU and European integration and intended to benefit the faculty member’s home department and students in the Modern European Studies minor program with support from the European Commission and CES-EUC.

Top from left: Milena Todorova, Melvyn Levitsky, Stasys Eidrigevičius
Bottom: Stasys Exhibition (Photos by Peter Smith)
As I conclude my first year as CREES director, I have an even deeper appreciation of the University of Michigan, with its truly remarkable array of people, programs, and resources devoted to the study of our region.

Douglas Northrop
REES Graduates, 2008-09

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

Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 2008-09
Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education and U-M.

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

Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 2009
Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

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

CREES Research, Internship, and Fellowship Awards, 2009
Awarded to students in REES-related undergraduate and graduate degree programs for summer- or semester-long research projects or internships at institutions and businesses in Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union.

Aleksandar Bošković, PhD Slavic (Russia); Charles Cacciola, JD Law (Ukraine); Angela Commito, PhD Classical Art & Archaeology (Georgia); Jessica Fisher, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Washington, DC); Krista Goff, PhD History (Russia); Dmytri Hryciw, BFA Art & Design (Ukraine); Heather LaRue McGee, PhD Political Science/Public Policy (Kyrgyzstan); Marianna Oykhman, BA Political Science (Israel); Rachel Schroeder, PhD Sociology (Russia); Perry Sherouse, PhD Anthropology (Georgia); Ninel Shestakovich, MS Environmental Science (Mongolia); Milena Tercheva, MA REES (Germany); Heather Tidrick, PhD Social Work/Anthropology (Hungary).
Copernicus Fellowship for Incoming Graduate Students in Polish Studies, 2008-09
Awarded to an incoming doctoral or master’s level student expecting to focus graduate work on Polish Studies who has been nominated by the student’s department.

Jessica Zychowicz, PhD Slavic.

Graduate Student Instructors, REES 395 & 396, 2008-09
Awarded for teaching positions in REES undergraduate courses: REES 395, Survey of Russia: the Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and the Successor States [fall]; REES 396, Survey of Central and Eastern Europe and the Enlarged European Union [winter].

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

CREES Alumni/ae
Please send news on your activities since graduation to crees@umich.edu.

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


Edin Hajdarpasic [PhD History ’08] became assistant professor of history at Loyola University [Chicago] in Jan 2009.


Emil Kerenji [PhD History ’08] became assistant professor of history at the University of South Carolina in FA 2008. Thanks to a sabbatical from the Foreign Service in 2007-08, David Kostelancik [MA REES ’88] completed a master’s degree in strategic studies and was designated a “National Security Professional” by the National Defense University’s National War College. In Aug 2008, he became deputy political counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. After over 20 years with the Office of Special Investigations at the Department of Justice, Michael MacQueen [BA Economics ’80, MA REES ’83] took a position with Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security in Sept 2008. He continues to work on Balkan–related investigations.

Martha Merrill [BA Russian ’74; Education: MA ’77, PhD ’82] became associate professor of higher education and coordinator of the International Education Certificate Program at Kent State University in FA 2008.

Justine Pas [PhD American Culture ’08], visiting assistant professor of comparative literature at Oberlin College in 2008-09, will continue in this position in 2009-10.

Mila Shevchenko [PhD Slavic ’08] began a two-year instructorship in Russian at Bowling Green State University in FA 2008. Sheila Skaff [PhD Comparative Literature ’04] became the film and television programmer at the Polish Cultural Institute in NYC in Sept 2008; she is also teaching part-time at Hunter College. Matthew Vanderwerff [MA REES ’08], program associate at IREX since Aug 2008, works on civil society development projects in Eastern Europe.
In Europe and Eurasia are some of the best examples of places that have achieved democracy and freedom. It is very important to understand how these countries transitioned and to share that information with countries that are in transition.

Ambassador Ronald Weiser
**WCED Student Fellows, 2008-09**
*Awarded to incoming and continuing graduate students at U-M who expect to focus their graduate work around the theme of “emerging democracy past or present” in Europe, Russia, or Eurasia.*

Ryan Aiken, MA REES. Russia/U.S. and Russia/EU bilateral relations, democratization, energy security.  
Aleksandar Bošković, PhD Slavic. 20th-century South Slavic and Russian literature and culture.  
Jessica Fisher, MA REES/MPP Public Policy. Democratization and development in Ukraine and Russia.  
Kirill Kalinin, PhD Political Science. Russian politics, electoral behavior, nationalism.  
Nevila Pahumi, PhD History. Identity politics and formation among minorities in Albania, Macedonia, and Kosovo.  
Milena Tercheva, MA REES. Emerging democracies in Eastern Europe, Bulgaria, international legal integration in Europe.

Left to right: Marie Ricciardone; Ryan Aiken; Jessica Fisher; Kirill Kalinin; Claire Whittinger; Atef Said; Nevila Pahumi; Milena Tercheva; Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, Jr. [Photo by Marysia Ostafin]
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Audio and video recordings of programs organized by WCEE affiliates are available on our websites; podcasts are also posted in the CES-EUC Conversations on Europe, CREES Lecture Series, and WCED albums on U-M’s page on iTunes U (itunes.umich.edu).


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


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

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


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


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


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

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

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

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


Nov 5/CREES and CES-EUC Student Presentations on Summer Research and Internships. Emanuela Grama, JMF, PhD Anthropology & History; Charles Doriean, JMF, PhD Political Science; Monica Sendor, CRIF, BS REES/Psychology; and Krista Goff, CRIF, PhD Anthropology. Sponsors: CREES, CES-EUC.

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

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


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


Mar 19-21/ASP International Conference. “Armenia and Armenians in International Treaties.”
Sponsors: ASP, CES-EUC, CREEES, other U-M units; Armenian Research Center, U-M Dearborn; Armenian Research Institute of the South Caucasus.


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

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


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

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

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


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

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

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Outreach to Educators & Schools

CROSS-CENTER PROJECTS

- WCEE Outreach Coordinator Sylvia Meloche named University Representative on the Michigan Council for the Social Studies (MCSS) Board.

- Teachers’ Global Education E-Newsletter, including information about opportunities for teachers, sent to over 2,200 teachers twice monthly.

- “Circles of Life” Calendar prepared by outreach coordinators at International Institute (II) area centers distributed to 1,000 K-12 teachers in Southeast Michigan.

- Presentations on folk cultures by Sylvia Meloche (WCEE), Sasha Chernyak, and Kathleen Gut (Howell Middle Schools), at the annual conference of the Michigan World Languages Association (Oct 23), Howell Middle Schools’ Diversity Day (Feb 26), and Hartland High School’s World Languages Week (Mar 2-6).

- Reports on “Polish Workers as Slave Labor in Italy” and “Poland’s Home Army” included in collaborative II presentations on slavery and World War II at the MCSS annual conference (Feb 10).

CES-EUC PROJECTS

- In collaboration with the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, curriculum module outlines on health care and education in the EU developed with EUC support by Deborah Cleveland, Motlow State Community College; Diane O’Connell, Schoolcraft College; Donna Giuliani, Delta College; Michelle D. Stone, Lake Michigan College; and Ziggy Kozicki, Ferris State/Delta College.

- Presentation on EU politics by Jean Monnet Fellow Charles Doriean, PhD Political Science, for a K-12 Teachers’ Workshop on Educating for Citizenship organized by the Michigan Center for Civic Education (Dec 4).

- Lecture on “Getting to Know the EU” by Ken Kollman, Political Science, for students in a 9th-grade World History and Geography class at Huron High School (Mar 30).

- Teams from three Michigan high schools recruited and trained by EUC participated in a regional EURO Challenge 2009 competition about the euro and the European economy (Apr 2); International Academy Central (Bloomfield Hills), winner of the regional competition, placed 4th in the national competition in New York City (Apr 29).
CREES PROJECTS

- Teachers’ Professional Development Workshop on “Russia and Its Place in World History” for middle and high school and community college educators, with presentations by Joshua First, History; Michael Kennedy, Sociology; Valerie Kivelson, History; Judith Kullberg, Political Science, EMU; and Bob Bain, Education, and chair, Social Studies Work Group, Michigan Department of Education (Nov 1).

- Lecture on “Forging Democracy in Ukraine” by Jessica Fisher, MA REES/MPP Public Policy, for Cranbrook Kingswood High School students as part of a World Affairs Seminar on “Democracy: Global Impact” (Feb 20).

- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant received from the U.S. Department of Education to support a curriculum development seminar on “Understanding Contemporary Russia” for K-12 teachers in summer 2010.

- Grants to support short visits to U-M to develop REEE-focused curriculum awarded to Michael Fuller, St. Louis Community College; Joshua Hagen, Marshall University; John Meredig, University of Evansville; Robert Montgomery, Baldwin Wallace College; and Michael Tager, Marietta College.
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