Welcome to the 50th Anniversary Year for CREES!

On August 27-28 we celebrated CREES’s 50th birthday with returning alumni/ae and friends.

On Friday, August 27, dozens of REES alumni “came back to school,” attending classes and meeting up with their professors. In the evening they gathered for a gala dinner with a variety of REES faculty, KU’s Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Danny Anderson, and Deputy to the Commanding General Dale Ormond from Ft. Leavenworth. The Friday celebration ended with a concert of modern Slavic choral and organ music, “Eastern Echoes: An Evening of Eastern European Sacred Music,” performed at KU’s Bales Organ Recital Hall. The concert was organized by FLAS alumnus, Chris Krampe.

Saturday events featured a well-attended day-long conference on “KU CREES: 50 Years of Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies in the American Heartland” with talks on the evolution of area studies, area studies and the military, and cutting-edge research. A reminiscence roundtable produced a host of amusing narratives about graduate study at KU and career development since. The conference featured talks by returning alumni, the Honorable Karen Uplinger (city judge, Syracuse, NY), Dr. Glen Howard (president of the James-town Foundation), Col. Thomas Wilhelm (director, Foreign Military Studies Office, Ft. Leavenworth), Ms. Barbara Dooley (Sprint), Mr. David Knuti (Dept. of Commerce, ret.) and Ms. Ewa Barczyk (U. Wisconsin, Milwaukee). A high point of the day was a video bridge with alumnus, Brig. Gen. John Reppert, now dean at the Marshall Center in Garmisch, Germany.

In the evening 150 CREES students, faculty, alumni, and friends enjoyed a cookout at the home of CREES’s founders, the Backus family.

We plan to publish the CREES 50th Year Book in 2011. For now, in this issue of the CREES Newsletter, you’ll find expanded coverage of the anniversary weekend.

In other news, we are delighted to report that CREES won both the National Resource Center and the FLAS grants for a total of $2.3 million over 4 years. Our program officer in Washington DC reports that our application was at the top of the pile for funding and that it was “strong, strong.” To add to everyone’s sense of elation, all 4 area studies centers (including East Asian, Latin American, and African Studies) won funding from both programs, and KU’s new Center for Global and International Studies won a number of FLAS Fellowships—for an overall total of $8.9 million. KU is one of a small number of universities this year to have achieved this level and diversity of funding.

This issue of the CREES Newsletter also includes coverage of last spring’s and summer’s visiting speakers and major events, including a forum with Ft. Leavenworth and the Kansas National Guard on “Challenges and Implications of Change: The Turkish/Armenian Border,” a conference with the Dole Institute of Politics, Ft. Leavenworth, and East Asian Studies on “Culture and Security in Central Asia,” an educators’ workshop with KU’s School of Education and Center for East Asian Studies on “Teaching the Silk Road: The Past and Present of the Global Market,” a June workshop on Russian language pedagogy, and the biennial KU Slavic Librarians’ Summit.

This fall we welcome to KU the new Associate Professor for Middle Eastern History, Professor Afshin Marashi, whose working languages are Farsi and Turkish, Professor Jaqueline Brinton, a specialist in Islam, and Dr. Razi Ahmad, who is teaching Farsi and Tajik.

The coming academic year promises a number of exciting happenings at CREES. In November we welcome this year’s Palij Lecturer in Ukrainian Studies, Professor Natalie Kononenko. CREES will also sponsor a security conference with Ft. Leavenworth on “Migration and Shadow Economies” and educator workshops on “Kansas Business and the World” and “Migration and the Arts.”

Here’s wishing everyone a fine fall semester!
CREES: STRENGTH IN ITS BREATH AND DIVERSITY:
AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. JOHN C. REPPERT, DEAN, COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL AND SECURITY STUDIES, GEORGE C. MARSHALL CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES

Among the highlights of the CREES 50th anniversary conference, “KU CREES: 50 Years of Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies in the American Heartland,” was the video bridge with CREES Alumnus Dr. John Reppert, Dean of the College of International and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. Dr. Reppert, who became dean of the Marshall Center in April, 2010, oversees the recruitment, assignment, and continued professional development of a unique faculty of 30 professionals, including lifetime academics, a French General, an Austrian General, an Italian Admiral, a senior Croatian diplomat, and 24 other colleagues from a total of 10 countries. He helps to shape the academic program, oversees the language training programs and leads in the mentoring of Foreign Area Officer students at the Center.

From 1966-1998, Dr. Reppert served in the U.S. Army, retiring as a brigadier general. His military career has encompassed a number of diverse missions, ranging from work as translator on the presidential “hot line” and instructor at West Point, to director of the On-Site Inspection Agency (OSIA). Much of his service has taken place overseas, whether it be at the US Embassy in Moscow or currently at the Marshall Center in Garmisch, Germany. He has a Ph.D. in international relations from The George Washington University and is a graduate of the Army War College, the Armed Forces Staff College, the U.S. Army Russian Institute, and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Officer Advanced Course. He is also an honor graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and an Army Post-Doctorate Fellow of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

We asked Dr. Reppert to reflect on his career after his graduation from KU, as well as some of the events that have changed the nature of his work.

CREES: Can you tell us anything about your time spent at KU earning your M.A. in Soviet area studies? Are there classes or teachers you found particularly enjoyable or who had a long-term impact on your career?

I had a wonderful time in Lawrence with the Russian/East European Studies program. I had great professors in history, international relations, geography, economics, and language. Some, such as Roger Kanet, I have stayed in touch with for more than 30 years. The strength of the program, however, was its breadth and diversity. My challenge as a Soviet/Russian Foreign Area Officer was to operate inside the mind of the senior officials with whom I worked in Moscow and the other parts of the country. When you know their history and laws as well as they do, they take you quite seriously. When you know their geography and literature, they accept you as a person of culture, and you earn their respect. Ultimately, when you speak their language in a manner that they forget they are speaking to a foreigner, many of the normal defensive mechanisms are abandoned. Just two brief examples. Once in the Soviet period I was stopped by an angry security patrol. The leader immediately
CREES: As a FAO officer yourself, can you comment on the relevance of the FAO program today? How have the program and its participants changed over the years?

In many ways I would argue that the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) program is more important today than ever before. If you think of the work of the Provisional Reconstruction Teams which are out working with local people in Afghanistan every day, you can appreciate the huge advantage of those officers who have had the opportunity to study in depth the language and culture of the people with whom we are working. In what was once Eastern Europe we have far more military personnel engaged daily with counterparts from these countries. Here again, language and knowledge of history and culture give the FAOs an incredible advantage over their peers who have not had this opportunity. In the classes in session at the Marshall Center where I am now working we have FAOs studying alongside of more than 40 officers and civilians from countries that were formerly part of the Warsaw Pact. Increasingly these officials speak English, but many are still more comfortable in Russian, so FAOs again have opportunities others do not. In the Arab world, a FAO who truly understands the subtleties of Islam has value far beyond that of his or her otherwise talented peers. The program has changed over the years as the political geography has changed. The Russian FAO program and its participants have had to dramatically expand their horizons to recognize that understanding what is going on in Moscow may or may not be useful in understanding events in Baku or Bishkek. This is equally true in the Balkans and in other regions.

CREES: Your military career has encompassed a number of very diverse missions and postings. In looking back, do you have one posting or time period that sticks out in your mind as particularly enjoyable? What would you say was your most challenging assignment?

I have had the good fortune to have many wonderful assignments, although I am not sure that I would use the adjective “enjoyable” as the best index to rank order them. Certainly the most rewarding assignment for me personally was the tour as military attaché in Moscow from 1991-1993. I had previously served in Moscow from 1982-84 and when I returned in June 1991 much was familiar from my previous tour. Even before the August coup our contacts with Russians and others were expanding significantly. I could host senior Russian officers in my home, which had earlier been prohibited. However, the big change came after the failed coup of 19-21 August in 1991. With the collapse of the Soviet Union Christmas Day that year new nations grew out of the former Soviet Republics. All of them were eager to engage Americans and our ability to travel freely and again speaking Russian gave us incredible opportunities. My wife Pat and I were the first American diplomats from our Embassy to visit three of the newly emerged countries. Whereas a year previously our reception would have been in the form of a KGB patrol which tracked our every move, in the new climate of freedom we were hosted and greeted by senior ministers who had insatiable appetites to learn about America and the opportunities we could offer them to “see what they had been missing.” On several occasions we would visit a Minister of Defense or National Security Advisor in their homes and talk past midnight. Having previously been to all the republics before, we could identify with their excitement and confusion over the before- and after-worlds, which was much appreciated. Life for a FAO just doesn’t get any better than that. Regarding the most challenging, I suppose I would have to give the classic military response that it was as a commander in Vietnam. While my assignment as a signal officer was much less stressful than most others, you still think every day how you can assure fulfillment of all assigned missions and still not needlessly put your soldiers at risk of death. I was most fortunate that with 200 soldiers during a very bad period of the war in Vietnam I never had to write a letter to a mother or widow expressing my regret over their loss.

CREES: Can you tell us about the Marshall Center and your work there?
The mission of the Marshall Center is to create a more stable security environment by advancing democratic institutions and relationships, especially in the field of defense; promoting active, peaceful security cooperation; and enhancing enduring partnerships among the nations of North America, Europe, and Eurasia. The Center’s activities include offering resident courses of two to twelve weeks in security studies for government officials from more than 50 countries; conducting some 150 outreach missions a year to carry out programs on specific topics for the governments and to maintain contact with our 7,000 alumni. In addition, the Marshall Center is the primary military training center for Russian/Eurasian Foreign Area Officers and also includes the Partnership Language Training Center Europe where courses are offered in 10 languages for our resident students and for those from the U.S. and allied countries deploying to support current operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

CREES: The nature of Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies has changed dramatically in the last two decades. How has the work of the Marshall Center changed to reflect the new realities of post-Soviet politics in Europe?

The Marshall Center was created in 1993 as a German-American partnership to assist the nations of the former Warsaw Treaty Organization to cooperate and integrate with their western neighbors in NATO. The biggest change in its seventeen years of existence from an academic perspective is that in the early years the basic model was that the West teaches and the East learns. There is now much more balance in the program as we increasingly learn from those in the East how the intersection of traditional western values and their histories, cultures and values produces different outcomes than those experienced by the U.S. or France. We listen far more to the advice of our colleagues from Uzbekistan or Kazakhstan as they discuss the interaction of politics and Islam. When we discuss nations in transition we recognize that the Poles and Romanians who have lived this process in their lifetimes may understand it far better than those of us who learned it from books (or professors at KU).

CREES: What got you interested in the region?

I initially became interested in the region as an undergraduate student at The George Washington University. As an International Affairs major, I was required to take at least one course from each region of the world. As chance would have it, I ended up in an Eastern European history course, with a professor whose passion for the region was quite obvious. The next semester, I studied abroad in Vienna, where I had the opportunity to travel throughout Eastern Europe, which really sealed my desire to learn more about the region.

CREES: Could you tell us a bit about your work as an intern at the Embassy in Bucharest?

I was an intern in the Public Diplomacy section of the Embassy, which is the section responsible for public outreach, youth/women’s issues, education, media, and public relations. Since we dealt with such a wide range of topics, my duties were extremely varied – from organizing youth events to arranging non-profit fairs to coordinating events with the Fulbright Commission and
Peace Corps. I raveled throughout Romania for various reasons – a trip to Craiova to attend the closing of a Democracy Building Grant, a trip to Constanța with an American gospel group, a trip to Târgoviște to talk to Peace Corps volunteers about our programs. I would say the most enjoyable aspect of my time there was in getting a hands-on lesson on American diplomacy in the region and getting to see what life is like in the Foreign Service.

CREES: You were accepted to participate in Stanford’s US-Russia Forum (SURF). Can you tell us a little about the program? What do you intend to gain by participating?

SURF is a conference and research program. It includes two conferences – one in Moscow in the fall and one in San Francisco in the spring – which involve panel discussions, seminars, and keynote addresses aimed at promoting collaboration between U.S. and Russian students and addressing the main issues in U.S.-Russian relations. The program also includes a collaborative research project involving small groups of American and Russian students. I am hoping to gain another perspective on U.S.-Russian relations and how diplomacy works on a more grassroots level. This will also be my first opportunity to travel to Russia and to interact with Russian students, which I hope will expand my understanding of the country and its relationship with my own.

CREES: What are your plans for the future?

In the near future, my plans primarily involve getting through my last year of study at CREES and graduating in May. I have an academic year FLAS for Russian, so a lot of my time will be spent on improving my Russian. As for after graduation, I recently received the Ambassadorial Scholarship through Rotary International, which means that the year after I graduate will be spent studying in either Budapest or St. Petersburg.

Patrick Callen is a Wisconsin native who graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a BA in History in 2010. There he developed an interest in the interaction between culture and politics, focusing on the impact of the Russian and Soviet intelligentsia, specifically Dmitrii Shostakovich. Patrick will be continuing his study of Russian language, culture and politics at KU, and plans to pursue doctoral studies upon graduation.

Ruoxi Du was born in Beijing, China, and graduated from Peking University with a BA in Russian Language and Literature in 2010. She joined a summer camp in Novosibirsk in 2008 and was an exchange student at Pushkin State Russian Language Institute in Moscow. Ruoxi is pursuing her MA in Russian Studies at KU and plans to get a higher degree in Humanities after graduation.

Courtney Howard was born in Florida but grew up in Kansas. She attended Derby High School, Southwestern College, and graduated from Wichita State in July. She loves languages and traveling, and in her spare time enjoys playing piano, violin and viola. She hopes to go to law school after graduation.

Seth Kozak is a European Foreign Area Officer (FAO) and a major in the U.S. Army. He holds a B.A. from Southern Illinois University and an M.P.A. from the University of Oklahoma. He has amassed 20 years of military experience. During the last two years, Seth spent 12 months at the Foreign Service Institute, studying Slovak, followed by a 12-month tour in Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia. Seth is studying the Czech language and focusing on Central European culture at KU. Upon graduation he will continue his career as a FAO.

Nathaniel Pickett graduated from Brigham Young University in 2009 with a BA in History. Prior to his graduation, he spent two years on a service mission to various cities in Western Ukraine. Nathan aims to study the cultural and political interaction of minority religions in the Soviet Union, and will continue along the academic route, planning to seek his Ph.D. upon graduation.

Sarah Bazih became enraptured by all things Russian upon a chance encounter with Dostoevsky’s The Idiot. A native Oklahoman, she graduated from the University of Tulsa in 2008 with a B.A. in History. The following year she spent in Volgograd teaching English as a Foreign Language. She plans to continue her studies focusing on literature and history.

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2010-2011 FOREIGN LANGUAGE AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIPS
CREES congratulates the following 2010-2011 FLAS Fellowship Recipients:

SUMMER 2010
John Biersack – Ukrainian – Geography
Molly Coon – BCS – Linguistics
Laura Dean – Russian – Political Science
Godfrey Riddle – Russian – Architectural Studies
Nicole Schmidt – Slovene – Education

AY 2010-2011
Cody Brown – BCS – Political Science
Austin Charron – Russian – Geography
Laura Dean – Russian – Political Science
Mark Lanfranca – Turkish – Linguistics
Bethany Owens – Russian – REES
Nicole Schmidt – Slovene – Education
Rebecca Stakun – BCS – Slavic Langs. and Lits.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI UPDATES

STUDENT NEWS
CREES MA Candidate Bethany Owens and Political Science and Economics Major Josh Dean were both accepted for participation in the Stanford U.S. Russia Forum (SURF) in 2010-11. This is the first year that KU students have participated in the program.

REES Co-Major Lily Boyce will present her paper “Modern Art Movements in St. Petersburg” at the Central Slavic Conference in St. Louis on November 7, 2010.

CREES MA Candidate Carl Winowiecki reports that he has received his assignment to follow his time at KU. He will attend the US Army’s Intermediate Leader Education Course, or ILE at Fort Lee, Virginia, and then will report to Stuttgart, Germany next summer, where he will be assigned to EUCOM (European Command) as a political/military officer in the J-5 Directorate (Strategy, Policy and Assessments). Carl and his wife, Cece, also celebrated the arrival of their third child, Samuel Joseph, in October.

ALUMNI NEWS

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1997
LTC Jerome Meyer reports that he recently finished his tour with the Department of State and “moved down the 95 corridor to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency on Ft. Belvoir, where he will be leading inspection teams to Russia under the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (should the Senate ever ratify it)?”

After working as a contractor in the Foreign Service Institute’s Consular Training Division for several years, Brian Frank is now assistant to the director at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. He reports that he just finished his first year at the Smithsonian and enjoys the opportunity to occasionally speak Russian with visitors.

1998
Alan Holiman, Professor at William Jewell College, was awarded a Spencer Faculty Research Sabbatical for the entire academic year 2010-11. Alan reports that he will spend the time working on a book about civil society development in Russia, focusing on the efforts of victims of terrorism to form NGOs to press the state to account for its response to terror attacks such as the Beslan school seizure, the Moscow theater seizure, and others.

1999
Julie Kostrey resides in NYC where she is pursuing psychoanalytic training with a program that emphasizes integration of creative processes such as writing, drama, and music. She also coordinates various projects for Chelsea Opera, and volunteers in a clinical capacity at FEGS, a health and human services organization.

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University of Tulsa Professor Joseph Bradley (History, CREES Fellow) gave a book talk in April at KU, speaking about his book *Voluntary Associations in Tsarist Russia: Science, Patriotism, and Civil Society*. Also in April he received the Excellence in Teaching Award of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tulsa. In June he lectured at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow on his book.

Diana Carlin (Communication Studies) traveled to the Republic of Georgia in April and May to help stage the country’s first “Western-style” debates among candidates for Mayor of Tbilisi. The event marked the first time such debates have been held in the country’s history. Carlin worked as a senior specialist under the auspices of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems. She worked with the organization’s local team to organize two televised candidate debates, which aired on Georgian television May 8 and 9. Carlin plans to analyze data collected through focus groups, online surveys and Georgian Public Broadcasting’s discussion boards following the debates to determine how to improve future debates in Georgia and in other new democracies.

Maria Carlson (Slavic Languages & Literatures) was named the new Chair of the Board of Directors, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEER). She was also elected President of the Slavic and East European Folklore Association (SEFA).

Anna Cienciala (Professor Emerita, History) participated in a panel at a conference held in Washington, D.C. in May 2010, The 70th Anniversary Observance of The Katyń Massacre. She also presented “Katyń in Polish-Russian Relations since 1990,” at the annual meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts and Letters in Milwaukee, on June 6, 2010. Her work on Katyń was discussed by Jennifer Clibbon, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and she was interviewed about this work on China Radio.


William Comer (Slavic Languages and Literatures) was awarded the 2011 award for Best Contribution in Language Pedagogy from the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages for his book *A Day Without Loving (Den’bez vran’ja)*, by Viktoria Tokareva: A Glossed Edition for Intermediate-Level Students of Russian with Vocabulary, Exercises and Commentaries.

Stephen Dickey (Slavic Languages and Literatures) gave a 45-minute invited talk “Russian Aspect, Temporal Definiteness and Prefixation (In a Cross-Slavic Perspective)” at the opening of the conference “The Russian Verb: Formal and Contrastive Approaches to Aspect, Tense and Mood in Russian, St. Petersburg, Russia,” 27-30 May 2010. He was also a guest of the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (Leiden, Netherlands) on 10 September 2010, where he was the keynote speaker (“Slavic Aspect: How Many Types for Typology?”)

and a participant in the workshop, “New Perspectives on Slavic Aspect.”


In June 2010, Marc L. Greenberg (Chair, Dept. of Slavic Languages & Literatures) gave a presentation “A Faculty Perspective on Open Access” on the panel “Faculty Open Access Policies: Public Missions, Public Research, Public Good,” at AAUP National Meeting, Washington, DC. Later in June he gave the paper “A Balkanism in Central Europe? Subordinate Clauses in Mura-River-Valley Slovene” at the conference “Dialektologie und geolinguistik in současné střední Evropě,” Filozoficko-přírodovědecká fakulta Slezské univerzity v Opavě in Opava, Czech Republic. During the conference he was interviewed for the Silesian University’s paper: Michal Novotný. “Svou svolin-skou ženu poznal na letní škole v Praze,” Noviny Slezské university (Červen 2010), 21, Opava, Czech Republic. His most recent article “PIE inheritance and word-formational innovation in Slavic motion verbs in i’” appeared in *New Approaches to Slavic Verbs of Motion*, ed. by Viktoria Driagn-na-Hasko and Renee Perelmutter.

Abbas Karakaya (Slavic Languages and Literatures) successfully defended his dissertation, “‘A Poet’s Life is Included in His Poetry’: Cemal Sureya and the Politics of Poetry,” working with his advisor, Prof. Kemal Silay, on March 23, 2010, at Indiana University, Bloomington.


Mariya Omelicheva (Political Science) received a NCEER Short Travel Grant for a research trip to Uzbekistan in fall 2010. She published “Ethnic Dimension of Religions Extremism and Terrorism in Central Asia,” *International Political Science Review*, 31(2) 2010 and “Security Rights Violations in the Context of Counterterrorism: Analysis of

Barbara Phipps (School of Education) received the Academy for Economics and Economic Education Distinguished Research Award in April, for a paper entitled “Attitudes of Economic Educators toward Markets in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union by Reform Status of Educators’ Countries.” The paper has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Economics & Economic Education.

Brian Rosenblum (Scholarly Digital Initiatives Librarian, KU Libraries) is the Keeler Family Intra-University Professor at the Spencer Museum of Art fall, 2010.

Christine Ruane (History, University of Tulsa and CREEs Fellow) won honorable mention in the 2010 Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Reginald Zelnik Book Prize in History, for her book The Empire’s New Clothes: A History of the Russian Fashion Industry, 1700-1917 (Yale University Press).

John Staniunas (Theatre) took part in a Musical Theatre concert with KU Alum Alicia Gian in Vilnius, Lithuania, in summer 2010. He directed and choreographed “No Way to Treat a Lady” for the Elfu Teatras in Vilnius Lithuania, which premiered in September 2010.

Svetlana Vassileva-Karagyozova (Slavic Languages and Literatures) was awarded a Summer Stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to allow her to further her book project, “Communism through the Eyes of a Child: The Post-1989 Polish Initiation Novel.”

Thanks to an IREX Short Term Grant Nathan Wood (History) was able to spend the month of June in Poland and Ukraine, conducting research for his second book project, “Backwardness and Rushing Forward: Technology and Culture in Poland’s Age of Speed, 1890-1939.” While in L’viv he presented a talk on his research at the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, before traveling to London to deliver his paper, “The Polish Athens, ‘The Little Vienna on the Vistula,’ or ‘Big-City Cracow’? Imagining Cracow before the Great War,” at the “Cities and Nationalisms” international conference, held at the Institute for Historical Research. Dr. Wood’s book, Becoming Metropolitan: Urban Selfhood and the Making of Modern Cracow (Northern Illinois University Press, 2010) was published in June. In the fall, he received a Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence.

CREES is pleased to announce a new scholarship in support of its Ukrainian Studies program, one of a few in the United States. In honor of his late parents, Dmytro and Maria, and aunt Olha, Mr. Peter Jarosewycz, a retired attorney, is establishing the Jarosewycz Family Scholarship in Ukrainian Studies.

Mr. Jarosewycz immigrated to the United States in 1949 at the age of one with his parents and aunt, who taught him an appreciation of his Ukrainian heritage.

“I decided to set up the scholarship at KU in their honor because it is one of the few universities in the United States with a graduate program in Ukrainian Studies,” Jarosewycz said. “There are several faculty members from Ukraine, and there is a frequent exchange of students and faculty between KU and universities in Ukraine, especially Ivan Franko University, from which both of my parents received their medical degrees.”

As part of the Ukrainian Studies Program, CREEs conducts a summer school in Ukrainian Studies at Ivan Franko University in Lviv, Ukraine. Lviv is the largest city in western Ukraine and attracts university students from all over the world. REES Professor Alex Tsiovkh, who also is on the faculty of the University of Lviv, has been the director of the summer school since its inception in 1994.

Another activity at KU related to Ukrainian Studies has been the Maria Palij Memorial Lecture, a yearly lecture on the subject of Ukraine by leading scholars from around the world. Professor Michael Palij established
Established more than 25 years ago as a memorial to his wife. Although Paliy died in 2009, his friends and supporters of Ukrainian Studies have continued to fund the Paliy Lectureship. The Ukrainian Club of Greater Kansas City, which has contributed to the Paliy Memorial Lecture for many years, is now generously contributing to the Jarosewycz Family Scholarship.

Professor Edith W. Clowes, Director of CREES, expressed appreciation for the scholarship: “The whole CREES community joins in thanking Mr. Jarosewycz for establishing this scholarship, which will support top students in the KU Ukrainian Studies Program. Building on the intellectual enrichment that the Paliy Fund has brought, and the various partnerships CREES has had over the years with the Kansas National Guard and the US Army’s Foreign Area Officers Program, the Jarosewycz Family Scholarship will help attract the best and the brightest to graduate study at KU. We are grateful to have a friend like Mr. Jarosewycz with a compelling vision of the future that includes strong expertise on Ukraine.”

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50 YEARS OF RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES
HIGHLIGHTS

TEACHING THE SILK ROAD

In April the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREES), the Center for Economic Education (CEE), the Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS), and the Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS) hosted a K-16 Workshop for Educators, “Teaching The Silk Road: The Past, Present and Future of the Global Market.” KU specialists and visiting scholars gave presentations on this fascinating ancient-but-modern topic at the workshop. The presenters discussed Central Asia and how the global market is affecting the economy, educational systems, culture, religion, and governments of the countries in this region. 58 educators and students participated at the event.

CULTURE AND SECURITY IN CENTRAL ASIA

CREES organized a one-day workshop on Culture and Security in Central Asia on April 23, 2010. The event was cosponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies, the Dole Institute of Politics, and the Foreign Military Studies Office (FMSO) at Fort Leavenworth. The workshop featured presentations by noted experts on Central Asian politics and security, with discussions of the past, present, and future of the strategically important region.

The first panel of the workshop, which focused on concepts and definitions, included Dr. Michael Mihalka (Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth), REES Alumnus Matthew Stein (FMSO), and Dr. Gardner Bovingdon, (Departments of Central Eurasian Studies and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University).

The second panel of the day, which turned to case studies in the area, included Colonel Thomas Wilhelm (FMSO, Fort Leavenworth), Dr. Mariya Omelicheva (Political Science, KU) and Ms. Cristin Burke (PhD candidate, Geography, KU).

(Right) Dr. Bill Comer teaches at the workshop.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Working together with the Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at the University of Texas-Austin, CREES organized and hosted a three-day workshop for Russian language teachers and program coordinators in June 2010. The workshop, entitled “Designing Tasks for Content and Language Learning: Goals and Standards in Teaching Russian,” provided participants assistance in building curricular units at the intermediate through advanced levels of Russian language instruction. Dr. William Comer (Slavic Languages and Literatures, KU) and Dr. Lynne deBenedette (Dept. of Slavic Languages, Brown University) reviewed examples of content-oriented materials, and discussed methods for setting targets for tasks and evaluating student learning. The 12 participants were uniformly enthusiastic about the strategies they learned and experimented with over the three days.

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2004
After receiving his MA at KU, Terry Anderson spent three years at European Command in Stuttgart, Germany coordinating military information exchanges with Eastern Europe, with deployments to Iraq and Kosovo. From 2008 to 2009 Terry was the Army Attaché in Pristina, Kosovo, working closely with Kosovar Albanians, local Serbs, and Serbian officials. LTC Anderson, who is now the Defense Attaché in Bratislava, Slovakia, welcomes contact with any KU students or faculty interested in the region (write to bredford@ku.edu for contact info).

2009
John Van Orman now teaches Anthropology at Ozarka College in Mountain View, Arkansas, and his wife Terri Van Orman is the Executive Director of the Arkansas Craft School.

2010
Vanessa Aldrich, who won the 2010 Palij Family Scholar of the Year Award in the final semester of her MA at KU, is now a production assistant in account management at Allen Press, Inc.
FALL 2008 BROWNBAGS

Yulia Khmelevskaya speaks on “Learning Russian ‘Other’ in Practice: The US Philanthropy Mission in Early Soviet Russia as Cross-Cultural and Social Experience (1921-1923).”

Elif Andac discusses “Understanding the Dynamics of Assimilation and Diversity in Nation-Building: A Case from Southeastern Turkey.”

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Dr. Gardner Bovingdon, Depts. of Central Eurasian Studies and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University discussing Culture and Security in Central Asia.

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Svetozar Stojanović passed away on May 7th, 2010, in Belgrade, Serbia. A philosopher and political theorist, Professor Stojanović, visited and taught at KU on several occasions. He was most recently at KU in October 2009, lecturing on “Lessons from the Demise of Communism and the Crisis of Capitalism.”

Svetozar Stojanović 1931-2010

Stojanović received a PhD in philosophy from the University of Belgrade in 1962. Together with seven other professors and teachers, called the Praxis Group, he was expelled from the University of Belgrade in January 1975 for dissident activities during Josp Broz Tito’s regime in Yugoslavia. After returning to the University in the early nineties, he served as special advisor to former Yugoslav President Dobrica Čosić.


A longtime critic of Slobodan Milošević, Stojanović was appointed to the Commission for Truth and Reconciliation by former Yugoslav President Vojislav Koštunica and later became a member of the Council for Foreign Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia.

Stojanović served as director of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory in Belgrade and was the founder and president of the Serbian-American Center in Belgrade, which developed into the Center for National Strategy and the Forum for Serbian-American Dialogue and Cooperation.
# Upcoming Events

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CREES 50th: Alumnae.