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JFDP visiting scholars Kresimir Krolo and Gubad Bayramov

Carolina Seminar: Community and Collegiality

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill proudly co-hosts an exciting new seminar series, *Carolina Seminars: Russia and Its Empire, East and West*. These seminars are designed to provide a forum for inquiry and exchange among scholars and graduate students from a variety of disciplines on their works-in-progress. According to Dr. Louise McReynolds, one of the lead convenors, “The most important aspect of the seminars is to bring together the community of scholars that we have in this state.”

Thus far, the four seminars have offered presenters useful feedback on their work and have been intellectually stimulating for the participants. In addition to UNC and Duke affiliates, scholars from throughout the Research Triangle as well as Greensboro and Charlotte attend.

The first seminar, which took place back in November 2008, featured David Siroky, a Ph.D. candidate in the Political Science Department at Duke University. His research examines violent secessionist conflict and aims to isolate the conditions under which secession is a peaceful solution to ethnic conflict. At his semi-

Meet the Junior Faculty Development Program Fellows for Spring 2009!

UNC’s Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies (CSEES) is honored to host two visiting scholars for the spring semester, Kresimir Krolo, a Ph.D. candidate in the Sociology Department at the University of Zadar in Croatia, and Gubad Bayramov, an economist from Azerbaijan State Economic University. These scholars are both participants in the Junior Faculty Development Program, administered by the US Department of State. JFDP is designed to give young academics the opportunity to experience the higher education system in the US as well as give them the chance to gain valuable experience working with top professors here. The program targets the Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

CSEES is grateful to have two of these scholars here at the same time. Kresimir is a Ph.D. student who also teaches a full load of courses back in Croatia. While at UNC, he is working with Dr. Andrew Perrin in the Sociology Department. Kresimir is greatly enjoying his time in Chapel Hill so far. He is even getting into the sports rivalries here at UNC; last week he was sitting in the CSEES office thinking up plays on words to use in anti-Duke cheers.

Kresimir will give a talk on March 24, which will be on the topic of his research, moral panic in Croatian society over new technology and youth culture, especially the emo subculture movement. The talk is titled, “Violence,

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Announcements

An article by **Dr. Michele Rivkin-Fish** (Department of Anthropology), "Tracing Landscapes of the Past in Class Subjectivity: Practices of Memory and Distinction in Marketizing Russia", was published in the February 2009 issue of *American Ethnologist*.

A grant proposal for a joint project by **Dr. Gubad Bayramov** (JFDP fellow) and **Dr. Patrick Conway** (Economics Department) was recently accepted.

An article by **Dr. Jacqueline Olich** (CSEEEES), "The Russianists Love Their Children, Too," was published in the Fall 2008 issue of *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*.

Dr. Milada Ann Vachudova (Department of Political Science) was awarded the 2008 Phillip & Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement.

CSEEEES is hosting the practicum of **Olga Koriagina**, Exchange Student Coordinator in the Department of Economics at Moscow State University. Ms. Koriagina will be participating in the Russian International Education Administrators Program (RIEA) from March 7-April 18.

Join the **UNC CSEEEES** group on Facebook! Join the group and be updated on all upcoming events at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=56693482776>.

Join the **RUES Alumni and Friends** group on LinkedIn. We are creating a network of contacts to spread information about job opportunities and upcoming events. Simply register on the LinkedIn Web site and search for the group name to join.

CSEEEES is currently preparing to apply for US Department of Education Title VI grants. **Dr. Robert Jenkins**, **Dr. Jacqueline Olich** and **Karla Nagy** attended a Department of Education technical workshop on February 2-3. Additionally, CSEEEES is soliciting suggestions for collaborative projects and innovative ways to maximize the reach of our program.

The André Savine Collection and Russia Beyond Russia

UNC Chapel Hill is currently in the process of cataloging and digitizing the rare and extensive collection of the late André Savine. For over thirty years Savine, owner of the Paris bookstore Le Bibliophile Russe, collected materials of the Russian Diaspora covering the period from 1917 to the recent present.

Savine's personal collection consists of more than 10,000 volumes of books, serials and newspapers, rare manuscripts, photographs and archives. This collection and the holdings of his bookstore comprise the André Savine Collection. UNC Chapel Hill acquired this prized collection in 2002 with the help of a generous donation from Van and Kay Weatherspoon of Charlotte, NC.

Materials in the André Savine Collection have not yet been cataloged, and are therefore currently unavailable to library patrons. However, UNC has received a second grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for cataloging the more than 1,600 periodicals in the collection. This project began on January 1, 2008, and will end on June 30, 2010. An additional gift from donors Kay and Van Weatherspoon will be used to catalog approximately three-quar-

ters of the monographs in the collection. The monographic cataloging project will begin on July 1, 2008, and will end on June 30, 2010. As soon as any item in the collection is cataloged, it will be immediately available to patrons in the library's Rare Book Collection, even before the cataloging projects are concluded.

In addition to this cataloging, the University Library at UNC is creating a digital library documenting the Russian Diaspora, titled *Russia Beyond Russia*. Materials from the André Savine Collection serve as the foundation for the RBR Digital Library. The library plans to start digitization of the collection's content when cataloging is completed and funding becomes available.

Nadia Zilper, Head of the Slavic and East European Collections Department, and Elena Dufault, the André Savine Project Librarian, are responsible for the coordination and execution of this mammoth task. If you have any questions regarding the André Savine Collection or the department in general, contact them at slavlib@email.unc.edu, or check out their Web site at <http://www.lib.unc.edu/cdd/crs/international/slavic/>.

Italian Scholar Visits UNC Chapel Hill

Bruno Dallego, lecturer, author and professor of Economics at the University of Trento in Italy, recently visited UNC Chapel Hill to give a series of lectures on economics and EU-Russia relations. His vast expertise on these topics made for highly stimulating discussions during his time here.

On February 2, he gave a talk on social enterprise in Europe. Three days later, he lectured on the EU's dependence on Russian energy and the implications for security in the Caucasus and Europe. Lastly, on



February 11 the Institute for Arts and Humanities hosted a lunch with Dr. Dallego as the guest of honor.

Dr. Dallego's visit was made possible by funding provided by UNC's Institute for Arts and Humanities and Department of Economics, with assistance from CSEEEES.

The Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS)

The purpose of the SCSS is to promote scholarship, education, and in all other ways to advance scholarly interest in Russian, Soviet and East European studies in the Southern region of the United States and nationwide.

This year's conference will be held in Charlottesville, Virginia from March 26-28 and is expecting usual robust participation from UNC Chapel Hill:

- Dr. Louise McReynolds (History Department) is the President of the Conference this year and is chairing numerous events.
- Drs. Donald Raleigh and David Griffiths (History Department) are both chairing events, and Dr. Griffiths is also presenting a paper.
- Drs. Radislav Lapushin and Christopher Putney (Department of Slavic Lang. and Lit.) are participating in a roundtable on Russian literature.
- Colin Biddle (CSEES) is presenting a paper on post-Dayton Bosnia.
- Jenifer Parks, Andrew Ringlee,

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nar, Siroky presented his findings on Kosovo's recent secession in a comparative Balkan perspective.

Jenifer Parks, a Ph.D. candidate in the History Department at UNC Chapel Hill, was the presenter at the second seminar in December. Her discussion focused on the research for her dissertation, "Red Sport, Red Tape: Sports Bureaucracy, the Olympic Games, and Political Practices in the Soviet Union, 1952-1980."

Marko Dumančić, a Ph.D. candidate in the History Department at UNC Chapel Hill, led a seminar on January 28. He presented on his work, "No, Our Society Cannot Rely on Men Like That!: Khrushchev-era Anxiety About Celluloid Masculinity."

UNC Greensboro's Dr. Sarah Wagner, of the Anthropology Department,

Edward Geist, Aaron Hale-Dorrell and Zsolt Nagy (History Department) are all presenting papers.

- Ema Hrešanová (Department of Anthropology) is discussing her work, "Women's Reproductive Health in the Czech Republic: Current Changes."
- Marko Dumančić and Adrienne Jacobs (History Department) are participating in roundtable discussions on cinema during the Soviet thaw and Russia in world history, respectively.
- Kevin Reese (Department of Slavic Lang. and Lit.) is presenting his work on Russian literature.
- Arseniy Gutnik (Department of Sociology) is discussing a paper on activism and reforms in Ukraine

You can find more information on SCSS, membership and the group's publication at <http://www.sewanee.edu/scss>, or contact Dr. Harold Goldberg at hgoldber@sewanee.edu.

presented a chapter from her latest work, "Local Justice: Global Mechanism and Local Meanings in the Aftermath of Genocide and Mass Atrocity," at a seminar on February 25.

Upcoming seminars will feature professors actively engaged in book projects. In April UNC Chapel Hill will be hosting a pair of scholars, the University of Maryland's Dr. Kate Brown and Brandeis University's Dr. David Engerman, on the 7th and 30th respectively.

We would like to thank UNC Chapel Hill's Dr. Louise McReynolds, UNC Greensboro's Dr. Jeff Jones and Duke's Dr. Ernest Zitser for the time and effort they have put into organizing the seminars and making them so successful. We also want to thank Dr. Robert Kravchuk for driving all the way from Charlotte for the seminars.

Events

Global Women's Health Luncheon Series. Every Tuesday in April, 12:15 p.m. in FedEx Global Education Center, Room 4003. More details: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavic/events/events.htm>.

Workshop: "Patriarchy, Sexuality and Power in Post-Yugoslav Culture". April 15, 2:00-5:00 p.m. in FedEx GEC, Room 3009. More info: http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavic/events/Balkan_Women%27s.html

UNC Slavic Department SPEKTAKL'. April 15, 7:00 p.m. More details TBA at <http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavdept/events.htm>.

Hungarian Film Series. Every Tuesday evening, 6:00 p.m. in Dey Hall, Room 402.

For info on all recent and upcoming events, visit <http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavic/events/events.htm>.

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Addiction and New Technologies: Moral Panics on Youth Culture(s) in Contemporary Croatian Society?"

Gubad, whose research is focused on the economics of energy resources in the Caspian region, is working with Dr. Patrick Conway in the Economics Department during his time in Chapel Hill.

In addition to soaking up the US academic environment, Gubad has been connecting with professionals in the field, including Duke's Dr. Charles Becker, and writing grant proposals. In fact, Gubad has already received a grant to attend a conference held by American Councils in Turkey. Additionally, Gubad gave a lecture on Azerbaijan's history, economics and society on February 24, entitled "Azerbaijan: Land of Fire," and attended the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB) conference in Manila, Philippines on March 9-11.

If you would like more information on the JFDP program, please visit <http://www.jfdp.org/>.

Beyond the Headlines

On February 12 Jessica Golliday and Zumrat Salmorbekova, two graduate students in the RUES program, gave a presentation entitled "Beyond the Headlines," on the recent war between Russia and Georgia at the annual North Carolina Council for the Social Studies (NCCSS). The conference took place at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on February 11-13.

Jessica and Zumrat were chosen to participate because they are both currently writing theses on the Russia-Georgia conflict. They prepared a Powerpoint presentation as well as a variety of handouts, maps and useful

links for educators, all of which can be found at <http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavic/events/RussianGeorgian2009NCCSS.html>.

Their presentation gave background information about the warring parties as well as analysis of the conflict, international intervention and its aftermath. The handouts and maps provided the educators with high-quality resources to use in their social studies classes.

Most of the time was spent answering the participants' questions, which were, according to Jessica, "pretty much nonstop."

In Memory: Dr. Ruth Mitchell-Pitts

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that UNC's Center for European Studies Executive Director Dr. Ruth Elizabeth Mitchell-Pitts passed away Sunday morning, 1st February, after a sixteen-month battle with cancer. Ruth was an innovative administrator, resourceful collaborator and a treasured colleague.

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