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Letter from the Assistant Director

Dear friends:

Recently I had reason to go over our mailing list, which includes faculty and staff, members of the community, and alumni of our program over the past ten years. I was amazed at how many of you I had the pleasure of knowing, how many of you I had met or corresponded with over the years. Therefore I felt I could address this letter to "dear friends".

After more than nine years at the Center, the time has come for me to retire. I had the privilege of serving under, and learning from, some very special people: Professor Emeritus "Uncle" Wayne Vucinich, who was there way before everybody; Center Directors, Professors Norman Naimark, Alexander Dallin, Terence Emmons, Richard Schupbach and Nancy Kollmann. I shall always be grateful for all they taught me.

While I was at Stanford, I witnessed astonishing changes in "our" part of the world: I have a piece of the Berlin wall on my desk, and this week the son and daughter-in-law of Khrushchev swore allegiance to the United States, as they became citizens!

Heads of new and old states, ambassadors, scholars, political leaders of opposition parties and par-

ties-in-power have been guests at Stanford and at CREES. I had the privilege to sit in on countless discussions and lectures and to feel I was observing the amazing transformation of the world, the very processes of history.

Many of our events were held in cooperation with other Stanford organizations, and I want to thank the past and present Directors of the Institute for International Studies, Professors Richard Lyman, Walter Falcon, and David Holloway (who wears many hats with enviable grace); Hoover Institution Director John Raisian, Hoover scholars and staff; Provost Condoleezza Rice, who always found time and resources to help us in a time of need.

Special thanks are also due to alumni and friends who send in gifts to the Center, its programs, and fellowships. Your contributions are not only financial, but a great morale booster to the staff.

Academic Coordinator Jack Kollmann will have the pleasure of continuing to mentor the new outstanding graduate and undergraduate students, and to

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Calendar of CREES Events, 1998-99

Lectures and Co-Sponsored Events

10/5/98

Vojtech Cepl, Justice of the Constitutional Court, Czech Republic, and Visiting Professor, University of San Francisco Law School. "*Revival of Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe*".

10/7/98

Vitaly Shentalinsky, Founder and Chairman of the Committee for the Literary Heritage of Russia's Persecuted Writers. "*Russian Literature in the KGB Archives*". Co-Sponsored with the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

11/3/98

Vsevolod Doumny, Vice-Rector of the Finance Academy, Russian Federation. "*Russian Business Today*".

11/11/98

Boris Revich and **Elena Ivanova**, Leading Researcher & Senior Research Fellow, Center for Demography & Human Ecology, Institute of Forecasting, Russian Academy of Sciences. "*Environmental Pollution and Health*" and "*Family Formation in Russia & the U.S.: Converging or Diverging?*". Co-sponsored with The Morrison Institute for Population & Resource Studies.

12/11/98

Grzegorz W. Kolodko, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland, 1993-1997; Senior Research Fellow, Yale School of Management. "*Post-Communist Transition: Russian Malaise and Polish Success*". Co-sponsored with the Hoover Institution.

1/12/99

Jack Kollmann, Lecturer and Academic Coordinator, Russian and Eastern European Studies. "*The Petrine Revolution in Russian Art and Architecture*" (Part I). Co-sponsored with the History Department.

1/14/99

Jack Kollmann, Lecturer and Academic Coordinator, Russian and Eastern European Studies. "*The Petrine Revolution in Russian Art and Architecture*" (Part II). Co-sponsored with the History Department.

1/20/99

Tomash Glanc, Charles University, Prague. "*Kazimir Malevich's Non-Objective Film and Sergei Eisenstein*". Co-sponsored with the Slavic Department.



CREES lunch in honor of Ambassador Alexandr Vondra of the Czech Republic; pictured above are Richard Schupbach, Ambassador Shirley Temple Black, Irina Barnes, and Ambassador Vondra

2/11/99

Dusan Korac, Researcher, Institute for Byzantine Studies, Belgrade, with comments by **Thomas Emmert**, Professor of History, Gustavus Adolphus College. "*The Republic of Many Nations: Mount Athos and the Slavs*". Made possible by the Mara Tomashevich Karabas Fund and the Wayne and Sara Stys Vucinich Fund for Slavic Studies.

2/17/99

Jaak Kaplinski, Estonian poet and essayist; former member of Parliament; dissident writer. "*Writing Poetry in a Foreign Language*". Co-sponsored with the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

2/18/99

Benjamin Nathans, Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania. "*Beyond the Pale: Jews and the Imperial University in fin-de-siecle Russia*". Co-sponsored with the Program in Jewish Studies and the History Department.

2/23/99

Jochen Hellbeck, Assistant Professor of History, University of Michigan. "*Factories of the Self: Diaries from the Stalin Era*". Co-sponsored by the History Department and the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature.

2/23/99

Alexander Voloshinov, Head of the Dept. of Culturology, Saratov State Technical University, Russia. "*The Trinity of Andrey Rublyov*". Co-sponsored with the Departments of Art and Art History and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

3/11/99

Yannis Kotsonis, Assistant Professor of History, New York University. "*Subject to Citizen: Russian Taxation in European Perspective, 1900-1924*". Co-sponsored with the History Department.

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3/12/99

Jack Kollmann, Lecturer and Academic Coordinator, Russian and Eastern European Studies. "*The Search for Meaning: Russian Art and Architecture from 1860 to 1917*".

4/14/99

Amir Weiner, Assistant Professor of History, Stanford University, and National Fellow, Hoover Institution. "*Soviet Millenarianism and the Quest for Purity in the Age of Socialism*". Co-sponsored with the Hoover Institution.

4/20/99

Ronald Suny, Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago. "*Provisional Stabilities: Identities, Interests, and Independence in Russia, South Caucasia and Central Asia*".

4/22/99

Garry Kasparov. Informal discussion with the World Chess Champion. Co-sponsored with the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

4/27/99

Vladimir Degoev, Professor of History, North Ossetian State University, and Visiting Fulbright Scholar, UC Berkeley. "*Rethinking the Images of the Chechen War: Is History Repeating Itself?*".

5/4/99

Francine Hirsch, Associate Professor, Harvard University. "*The Soviet Union as an Empire of Nations*". Co-sponsored with the Department of History.

5/10/99

Sergei Arutiunov, Professor and Chair of Caucasian Studies, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, and Visiting Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, UC Berkeley. "*The Current Situation in the Northern Caucasus: The East, the West, and Ossetia in Between*".

Special Lecture

Made possible by a gift to CREES for lectures in Soviet and Post-Soviet Affairs.

11/16/98

S. Frederick Starr, Chair of the Central Asia Institute, Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. "*What is Central Asia and Can It Be Integrated?*"

Teacher Workshops

In cooperation with the World Affairs Council of Northern California (WAC) and the Bay Area Global Education Program (BAGEP), School of Education, Stanford, CREES organizes and conducts a series of annual workshops for high school teachers and community college instructors, focused on a topical issue confronting the former Soviet Union. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education under Title VI of the Higher Education Act, the title of this year's series was "Faith and the State".

10/17/98

All day session on Religion in Russia. Introductory remarks by **Nancy Kollmann**, Professor of History. **Dr. John Dunlop**, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, spoke about the treatment of religion by the Soviet government and the evolving legal situation of religion in Post-Soviet Russia. **Dr. Jack Kollmann** offered a slide presentation on the role of Russian Orthodoxy in Russian history and culture.

Special topics were covered in monthly workshops:

11/12/98, **Vladimir Degoev**, Professor of History, North Ossetian State University, Visiting Fulbright Scholar, U.C. Berkeley. *Religion in the North Caucasus Region*; 1/21/99, **Amir Weiner**, Assistant Professor of History, Stanford University. *Judaism in Russia*; 2/11/99, **Sergei Arutiunov**, Visiting Professor of Anthropology, U.C. Berkeley. *Folk Religion*; 3/11/99, **Ebrahim Moosa**, Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, Stanford University. *Islam in Russia*.

Conferences

11/5/98 - 11/7/98

Russia at the End of the Twentieth Century: Culture & Its Horizons in Politics & Society. Presented by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and co-sponsored by CREES.

3/12/99

Annual Berkeley-Stanford Conference at U.C. Berkeley. "*New Elites in Post-Communist Societies*". Co-sponsored with the Center for Slavic and East European Studies at Berkeley.

4/12/99 - 4/17/99

Pushkin Bicentennial Conference: "*Alexander Pushkin and Humanistic Study: Methodological Assumptions, Issues of Translation, East-West Dialogue*". Co-sponsored with The Pushkin Legacy, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, The Soros Foundation, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Congratulations, REES Class of 1999

Christian Eversull Chris earned a B.S. at Stanford with distinction in Science, Technology and Society, and Slavic Languages and Literatures. He participated in Stanford's Moscow program in autumn 1997 and completed an impressive internship and research project on the subject of pharmaceuticals and Russian import laws. Chris was the recipient of a partial fellowship from CREES. His next venture is medical school beginning this fall; he has been admitted to Johns Hopkins, but is awaiting word from other medical schools before making his final decision.

Katherine Kerns Katie earned a B.A. at Mount Holyoke College in Russian Studies. At Stanford she was the recipient of a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for part of the academic year. Her next endeavor is law school at Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley.

Alex Klaits Before coming to Stanford, Alex earned a B.A. in History at Vassar College, and then spent three years in Kirghizstan — two years in the Peace Corps teaching English, one year as the representative there of the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR). Alex studied at Stanford with a FLAS Fellowship. He plans to travel this summer in Southeast Asia, and then look for a job in the Washington, D.C. area in public service or a non-profit organization involving international affairs.

Shawn Salmon Shawn participated in Stanford's Moscow program in Autumn 1997, and then completed her B.A. with distinction in History at Stanford. During our A.M. REES program Shawn had a FLAS Fellowship. She won a prestigious Mellon Fellowship, which supports her at any university in the country; she has elected to begin a Ph.D. program this autumn in Russian history at the University of California, Berkeley.

Carolyn Sleeth In addition to a busy undergraduate life as editor of the "Stanford Daily," Carolyn studied at Stanford's Moscow campus in autumn 1996, and earned a B.A. at Stanford in History, with a minor in Economics. A job awaits her in a management training program at Pacific Bell's parent company, but for the coming academic year Carolyn will teach English at a school in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Major John Smith John is a participant of the Army's Foreign Area Officer (FAO) program. He had earlier earned a B.S. in Geology at the University of Houston and an M.A. in Administration at Central Michigan University. As part of his four-year training to become a specialist in Russia/Eurasia, John spent one and one-half years at Stanford. His next assignment is to the National Ground Intelligence Center, U.S. Army, Charlottesville, Virginia, where he will help track the military capabilities of Russian, Eurasian, and East European military forces.

Emira Tufo Emira earned a B.A. with a double major in History and International Relations. In autumn 1997 she studied at Stanford's Moscow campus. In her five years at Stanford, Emira achieved one of the highest grade averages we've ever seen among co-term students in our A.M. program — and this of a non-native-English-speaking student. Emira plans to spend some time this summer at home in Bosnia, and then live for awhile in Singapore.

Congratulations as well to **Roxana Barbalescu**, who completed a minor in Russian & East European Studies. Roxana earned a B.A. in Economics & will be working for Solomon, Smith & Barney in New York as a financial analyst.



Celebrating after their Diploma Ceremony: John Smith, Chris Eversull, Alex Klaits, Carolyn Sleeth, and Shawn Salmon

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give his inimitable slide-lectures. If you have not attended one of Jack's lectures or gone with him on one of the wonderful Alumni Association tours, you are really missing something!

Rosemary Schnoor will continue as Center Administrator. She is an invaluable resource for CREES and a valued colleague. Thank you, Jack and Rosemary, for everything.

I shall continue observing the developments in Russia, Central Asia, the Caucasus and Eastern Europe, of course, from my "dacha" in Sebastopol, California, but I shall be spending my time in more ancient history. I shall be joining old friends and colleagues in classical archaeology in Greece and Italy and may even venture further south into Egypt. One advantage of studying ancient civilizations is that we know how they all turned out...

Very best wishes and thanks to the entire circle of Center friends. *Irina Barnes*

CREES Welcomes New Students

The following students will be entering the masters program this fall:

Askar Askarov, from Azerbaijan. B.A. in Political Science, St. Olaf College, Minn., 1999.

Windi Blazyk, B.A. in European Studies, magna cum laude, Vanderbilt, 1998. Recipient of Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship at Stanford in Russian.

Andrew Curry, B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University, 1998. FLAS Fellowship at Stanford in Polish.

Artemis Evdemon, from Greece. B.A. from Boston College in Slavic Studies, 1998.

1999 CREES SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Kenneth Moss (*History*), advanced Russian at ACTR Summer Program in Moscow

Marci Shore (*History*), beginning Russian at Middlebury College Language School

Stephanie Singer (*History and Jewish Studies*), beginning Russian at Monterey Institute of International Studies

CREES Research & Travel Grants

Holly Case (*History*), beginning Romanian at ASU Summer Program in Romania

Martin Dimitrov (*Political Science*), research in Moscow: "Identity Formation in Russia"

Rosita Dimova (*Anthropology*), fieldwork in Macedonia: "The Relationship Between Nationalism & Material Culture"; present paper at Columbia Graduate Student Conference, April 1999

German Dziebel (*Anthropology*), fieldwork in Russia: "Indianist Communities in Russia"

Anne Eakin (*Slavic Languages and Literatures*), research in Moscow and Saint Petersburg: "Ideal Social Relations in Russia and The Soviet Union"

Amelia Glaser (*Comparative Literature*), research in Russia: "Soviet Translation of Yiddish Literature"

Trayle Kulshan (*Geological and Environmental Sciences*), conduct survey in Siberia: "Flood Deposits in Altai Region of Siberia"

Nikolay Marinov (*Political Science*), field research in Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria on the evolution of trade patterns in EE during transition

Caitlin Murdock (*History*), research in Prague: "The Bohemian-Saxon Border Region, 1870 - 1920"

Lynn Patyk (*Slavic Languages and Literatures*), beginning Polish at Jagiellonian University Summer School

Natalia Roudakova (*Anthropology*), interviews in Saint Petersburg and Kazan: "Ethnographic Account of Russia's Emerging Middle Class"

Marilena Ruscica (*Slavic Languages and Literatures*), research in Berlin: "Russian Emigre Intellectual Life in Berlin, 1921 - 23"

Inna Sayfer (*Political Science*), research in Moscow and Baku: "How Russia's Oil & Gas Sector Shapes Its Political System"

Stoyan Sgourev (*Sociology*), research in Bulgaria: "The Telecommunications Industry in Bulgaria"

Alexei Sitnikov (*Political Science*), field research in Russia: "Administrative Reform in the Russian Regions"

Valery Yakubovich (*Sociology*), present paper at 1999 American Sociological Society Meeting: "Economic Constraints & Social Opportunities: Participation in Informal Exchange Networks of Russian Urban Households"

Amy Kovac, Stanford co-term in History. FLAS Fellowship this coming year in Russian.

Captain Blaise Liess, Foreign Area Officer (FAO), U.S. Army. B.S. in Foreign Area Studies from USMA/West Point, 1989.

Captain Martin Ryan, FAO (coming in winter quarter) B.S. from USMA/West Point in General Engineering, with field in international relations, 1989.

Ji-Hyun Yoon, from Korea. B.A. in Russian Language and Literature, Yonsei University, 1998.

Slavic Curator Wojciech Zalewski Retires

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Wojciech Zalewski, curator for Slavic and East European Collections, is retiring after working on campus for 28 years, reports University Librarian Michael Keller. "Wojciech represents the best of a long tradition of scholar librarians: teacher, author, student adviser and mentor, bibliographic pathfinder and sleuth . . . and the very human connection between faculty and their students and the libraries in his special area of expertise," Keller says.

During his time at Stanford, Zalewski has published or edited a dozen books in his curatorial field, in publishing and in librarianship. This includes *Collectors and Collections of Slavica at Stanford University: A Contribution to the History of American Academic Libraries* (Stanford University Libraries, 1985).

"Wojciech's work at Stanford has earned him great stature within the American community of Slavic curators," Keller says. "Among Eastern European libraries, publishers and academic institutions, he is perhaps without peers." Since 1990, Zalewski has also published four books of Polish verse.

Keller says that Zalewski's skills as both a librarian and a colleague will be missed. "He has always added a

philosophical cast to prosaic matters, but has been practical when mind-sets hardened," Keller says. This is "an art to which most of us aspire, but rarely achieve."

Zalewski was born and educated in Poland. After studying at the Catholic University in Lublin and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, he received a doctorate in theology from the Gregorianum University in Rome in 1968. He began his career with Stanford libraries as a library specialist and later became the acting curator for Slavic and East European Collections. In 1971, he earned a master's in library science at San Jose State University. In addition to working as curator of the Slavic collections since 1972, Zalewski has also been a lecturer in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures since 1975.

Although retired, Zalewski will continue returning to campus as a part-time bibliographer for religious studies.

"This is the greatest institution in the world," Zalewski says. "In my 28 years, I have met only the best-quality people. I'm very grateful for the opportunities [Stanford] gave me, and I'm very proud of it. I'm looking forward to having an impact on another part of the collection."

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