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We Are Pleased to Announce...

As early as the fall of 1999, our Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies hopes to welcome the first cohort of students in our new MA program in Russian/East European Studies to UNC. These students will be a special breed of pioneers, since they will enroll in the first MA degree in the nation to facilitate the combination of scientific and technical/professional skills with Russian and East European language and area studies.

UNC has long had sufficient faculty and research resources to support an MA in Russian/East European Studies, but has until now lacked a curricular vehicle to navigate these resources in the context of a degree. A National Security Education Program Institutional Award for approximately \$370,000 (plus significant cost-sharing funds generously provided by Associate Provost Lawrence Gilbert, Vice Provost Thomas Meyer, and Senior Associate Dean Richard Soloway), will provide the means to administer, advise, and otherwise support students in our new MA program, and we look forward to receiving internal approval for the program from the UNC General Administration soon.

UNC's MA in Russian/East European Studies has an innovative blueprint, designed to deliver the kind of multi-disciplinary training that we will need to meet the challenges of the post-Cold War world. Whereas in the past we studied Eastern European nations as distant enemies and from the tight confines of traditional disciplines, we have now entered an era of engagement, in which we are called upon to serve as partners with these nations in solving a wide range of problems that transcend both political and academic boundaries. These problems include: inter-ethnic strife and political crises, the stewarding of economic development and international business ventures, environmental degradation, implementation of information technology, containment of terrorism, organized crime, and technologies of mass

destruction, and the appreciation of diversity and cultural awareness.

These are issues that really matter, and how they are addressed in Eastern Europe and Eurasia will have a major impact on the world. By forging cooperative ventures with over two dozen academic units on campus (including Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Geology, Journalism, and Peace, War and Defense), UNC's new MA program will be the first degree of its kind to prepare specialists with the language, area studies and technical expertise to address problems such as these in a coherent way.

Students in the new MA program will select a language (Bulgarian, Czech, Macedonian, Polish, Russian, and Serbo-Croatian are available up to the advanced level on a staggered schedule), area studies and core courses addressing national and transnational issues of the region, plus a disciplinary concentration of their choice, topped off by a thesis project of their design. Depending upon their disciplinary focus, our students may also be eligible for internships with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the Stimson Center (dedicated to the reduction of chemical and biological weapons), and other agencies and think tanks in the Washington, DC area.

Our anticipated clientele will consist of persons who expect to pursue careers involving Eastern Europe or Eurasia in the military, government agencies, and multinational corporations and NGOs. Detailed descriptions of the program's requirements, affiliated faculty, and library resources, as well as application materials, are available on our web site, at <http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavic>.

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On January 14, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. **Dr. Adeeb Khalid** (Carleton University) will deliver a lecture on "The Trajectory of Muslim Modernism in Central Asia, 1890-1925." This talk will be held in the UCIS conference room at 223 E. Franklin Street, and is co-sponsored by the Carolina Seminar on Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies.

The NATO Scientific and Environmental Affairs Division will sponsor an advanced research workshop titled "Caspian Sea: A Quest for Environmental Security," in Venice, Italy, March 15-19, 1999. The workshop is being organized by an international committee of scientists from the United States, Russia, Italy, and Georgia. If you are interested in attending, please contact: Workshop Secretariat, c/o Jonathan Abels, Center for International Development Research, 114 Sanford Institute Building, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708-0237.

The Center will join **World View** in sponsoring a seminar in March on Russia and Eastern Europe. World View is a new international program for educators at UNC-CH. The seminar, which will be held on March 17 and 18 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill, will give public school and community college educators a better understanding of Russia and Eastern Europe. In June, World View is taking a group of 24 educators to Russia and Finland. The group, composed of public school and community college administrators, will spend a week in Moscow and a week in St. Petersburg visiting local schools, educators, and cultural landmarks. The Center is providing assistance in the planning of this two-week trip and will work with group members once they have returned home to begin implementing school action plans based on what they have learned. Anyone interested in participating in either program should call the Center or contact World View: tel. 919-962-9264; fax: 919-962-5375.

Colleagues are invited to participate in an event being proposed for the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies in Richmond, March 25-27: **A Literary Quadrille: Dead Russian writers comment, in poetry and prose, on the state of world affairs at the end of the twentieth century.** All participants must be prepared to role play. Non-Russian writer-pretenders are also welcomed, as long as they are dead. For more information, contact Carol Flath, <flath@acpub.duke.edu>.

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Carol Flath (Duke, Slavic Languages and Literatures) has four articles forthcoming: "Poor Folk: An Allegory of Body and Mind," forthcoming in *Dostoevsky Studies*, February 1999 (also presented at the tenth International Dostoevsky Symposium at Columbia University, held last summer); "The

Passion of Dmitrii Karamazov," forthcoming in *Slavic Review*, Fall 1999; "Writing about Nothing: 'Ariadne' and the Narcissistic Narrator," forthcoming in *Slavonic and East European Review*, July 1999; and "Art and Idleness in Chekhov's 'House with a Mezzanine,'" forthcoming in *Russian Review*, July 1999.

Martin Miller (Duke, History) has recently published: *Freud and the Bolsheviks: Psychoanalysis in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union* (Yale University Press, 1998). In addition, Blackwell Publishers in Oxford, UK, has issued a contract for him to edit an anthology, due to be published in 1999, titled *The Russian Revolution: Essential Readings*. Professor Miller has also received a grant from the Trent Foundation to launch research for his next project, which is a comparative history of modern terrorism in historical perspective.

Natalia Mirovitskaya (Duke, Visiting Scholar, Center for International Development Research) has recently published "The Environmental Movement in the Former Soviet Union," in: Andrew Tickle and Ian Welsh, eds., *Environment and Society in Eastern Europe* (Longman, 1998).

Edward Tiryakian (Duke, Sociology) presented "The Flesh is Willing but the Spirit is Weak: Cultural Impediments to Transformations in Eastern Europe," a paper delivered at the International conference, "Postcommunist Transformation and the Social Sciences: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches," Frankfurt Institute for Transformation Studies, Berlin, October 28-31.

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The Institute for Research in Social Science at UNC has made available several quantitative studies on all countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Students and faculty interested in public opinion data (Euro-Barometers, World Value Surveys, and the International Social Survey) should contact Jose Sandoval; those interested in economic data (IMF International Financial Statistics, Global Data Manager, and World Bank World Tables of Economic and Social Indicators), should contact James Cassell.

The Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center at Indiana University announces research grants for scholars who wish to come to Bloomington to use the university's unique resources on Central Eurasia, including the Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies (RIFIAS) Library. Grants may be used to cover or defray travel expenses or other direct research costs. While IAUNRC research grants are limited to \$300, additional funding may be available to scholars who agree to give a public presentation or participate in a similar outreach activity. Application information is available on the IAUNRC web site, <http://www.indiana.edu/~iaunrc>. Applications should be received no later than 30 days before the time that the scholar intends to come to Bloomington.

Doctoral students planning to write a dissertation in any area of Slavic Women's Studies are encouraged to apply for the **1999-2000 Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) Pre-Dissertation Fellowship**. In order to apply for this \$500 award, send three copies of a prospectus outlining the proposed dissertation topic, a list of libraries and archives to be used for preliminary research, a preliminary bibliography, and CV, to: Christine D. Worobec, AWSS Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, Kent State University, PO Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001. Entries must be postmarked no later than January 1, 1999. Email queries may be sent to: <cworobec@kent.edu>.

The **University Center for International Studies** is offering travel grants to all PhD, JD, and MD students enrolled at UNC-CH. These grants are intended to support brief field research on internationally focused projects. The amount of individual awards will vary according to travel costs and duration (75 days maximum). To apply for the UCIS grant, submit a 2-3 page (double-spaced) plan of research, a CV, two sealed letters of recommendation from sponsoring faculty members, a proposed budget, a copy of your UNC transcript, and an "Application Summary" sheet (available at UCIS). Submit four copies of these documents, except for the original sealed letters of recommendation to: Dr. Niklaus Steiner, UCIS, CB#5145, 223 E. Franklin Street. The deadline for all applications is February 12, 1999, 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Elizabeth Gorsuch (962-3094) or check out the UCIS website at <www.unc.edu/depts/ucis> under "funding."

The **American Councils for International Education**, in conjunction with the United States Information Agency, announces the opening of its competition for the Regional Scholars Exchange program for the academic year 1999-2000. This USIA-funded program will provide fellowships for twenty US scholars to pursue four- or six-month projects at universities and research institutions in any of the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. Candidates must hold a PhD or be working toward one, and must be between the ages of 25 and 55 at the time of application. The deadline for applications is December 15, 1998. For more information, consult the ACIE web site at <www.actr.org> or email any questions to <research@actr.org>.

The **US Institute of Peace** welcomes applications for research, education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution. The 1999 solicited grant topics are Bosnia and Balkan Region; the Middle East; Training and Conflict Management; and the Changing Nature of Diplomacy. The deadline for applications is January 4, 1999. For more information, call 202-429-3842, email <grant_program@usip.org>, or consult the USIP web site at <http://www.usip.org>.

Central European University is now accepting application for full fellowships to participate in masters and doctoral support programs in Budapest and Warsaw for the 1999/2000 academic year. The deadline for applications is January 15, 1999. For additional information, consult the CEU web site at <http://www.ceu.hu> or write the CEU admissions office: Nador u. 9, 1051 Budapest, Hungary. tel. (36-1) 327-3009, or email <external@ceu.hu>.

Research and writing grants in the area of global security and sustainability are offered by the **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**. Competition is open to individuals and two-person teams who have a proven ability to do creative work. Grants may not be used for research or writing of doctoral dissertations. Award amounts range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and are for periods of up to 18 months. The annual deadline for applications is February 1. Application information can be obtained online at <www.macfdn.org> or by visiting the Grant Source Library, 307 Bynum Hall. The Foundation's address is 140 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60603-5285, tel. 312-726-8000.

More information on any of the above opportunities can also be obtained at the UNC-CH Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, 223 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, or on our web page: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavic>.

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Any contributions and announcements that you would like included in *inflections* should be sent to the Center in Chapel Hill. The deadline for contributions to the next issue of *inflections* is January 27, 1999. For more information on any of the above events or opportunities, please feel free to contact the Center on either campus or stop by and browse through our bulletin board postings. We can be reached as follows:

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

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