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Message from the AATSEEL President

For as long as I have been a member of AATSEEL, its annual conference has met at the same time and place as the Modern Languages Association. There are persuasive reasons for that: besides our common interests, it makes interviewing at the conference more convenient for faculty (especially colleagues in other languages who help out in small programs) and much less of a hardship for graduate students or new PhDs. Nevertheless, the MLA timing is horrible for many of us. Children are home from school, families may celebrate holidays, plane tickets can be more expensive in this season, and K-12 teachers or university instructors on tight schedules face a sacrifice of precious and limited vacation time.

At the 2006 conference in Philadelphia, the MLA delegate assembly voted to move that conference to the first Thursday–Sunday after January 2, and the MLA Executive Council confirmed the decision. While this is still not perfect (weather can be bad; classes may begin the first week of January), it improves over the present dates. Since the new slot overlaps a weekend – like the AAASS conference – even those who are already back to teaching may take off one Friday and attend our conference. The change will begin in 2011 (note: this means no conference in 2010!), removing or vitiating one excuse for skipping AATSEEL.

Why else has AATSEEL attendance fallen off since the salad days of glasnost and the early 90s? We all know programs have been closed, scholars have left the field, high-school Russian teachers now offer Latin, French or German. Other factors reflect the demographics of our profession. The large crop of scholars hired in the 1960s boom of Slavic language programs has retired, and the new senior scholars, a smaller group that competed for scarcer academic positions, may have a different sense of obligation to the profession. I have watched as many of my own peers, now tenured, decide to stop attending the conference yearly – often in order to spend winter holidays with family. Who, then, is present to model to assistant professors, new PhDs and graduate students the ways older scholars interact with younger ones, how we can both critique their work and learn from it?

For many of us the interdisciplinary wealth of AAASS is increasingly attractive. Since meeting along with the MLA seems the best possible arrangement for AATSEEL, what can members or officers do to take advantage of the bigger organization? AATSEEL-sponsored panels at MLA are often poorly attended and marginalized (in 2006 they were scheduled in the very first and last panel sessions); most of my colleagues in other languages seem to attend MLA only when obliged by job interviews. But organizing or attending an interdisciplinary MLA panel can be exciting and quite rewarding. With all those MLA scholars in town, why not invite them to participate in comparative panels at AATSEEL?

AATSEEL members can take advantage of the MLA’s proximity by obtaining an inexpensive temporary badge to the book exhibit (or entering the exhibit as the free guest of someone with a MLA badge), and we can register for the MLA on-site at a considerable discount.

We should also ask of AATSEEL itself: if our central mission is the teaching of Slavic and East European languages and literatures, what does the annual conference offer to pre-college teachers, linguists, comparatists, specialists in film and media studies or cultural studies? Are Slavic and East European languages other than Russian well-represented on panels and in other programming? Are we taking advantage of the interdisciplinary possibilities in our own profession by organizing panels along thematic or generic lines, to bring together presenters and listeners who will look at one another’s work with fresh eyes?

By now you’ve seen the calls for panel proposals and abstracts for the 2007 AATSEEL conference, and I hope you are thinking about what to present (and attend) in Chicago.

With best wishes,

Sibelan E. S. Forrester

Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

There is not a lot of news to share with you as we head into the spring season. This will be the last AATSEEL Newsletter of the 2006-2007 academic year, and I can share with you that, if plans proceed along the envisioned time frame, it will be the last newsletter that will be coming to you in pdf format.

At the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee decided that the membership would be better served with a web-based newsletter. This presents a significant re-design of the newsletter, so it was decided to handle that work over the summer months. We hope that by fall, with the issuance of the October 2007 newsletter, the NL will be web-based.

What does the web-based format mean for you, the reader? Well, first, you can read the newsletter online; you will not need to download a pdf in order to read the newsletter. Second, you can print out specific web pages without downloading the entire document. Third, the links that we put into the newsletter will be active links so that you can just “click and go” to the referred sites (although the links in the pdf format of the newsletter are also live so this is not a significant change). Fourth, given a proposed archive of newsletters, you should be able to search through past issues more easily. Fifth, topics will show up in search engines.

We will be putting out revised specifications for advertisers once the newsletter is redesigned as a web document. Specs for column editors and writers will not change.

Have a great spring and summer!

Betty L. Leaver
Seeking New Column Editor

In 2003, we introduced an interview with leaders in several non-Russian fields who use Russian in their professional lives. Following that interview, Linda Scanlon took on the responsibility of providing a regular column, highlighting the various ways in which Russian can be used on the job—many of them rather untraditional ways that we would probably never think of suggesting to students. Yet, many former students of Russian end up working in positions where they can, indeed, use their Russian skills in areas other than teaching or translating/interpreting. After four years as editor, Linda retired, effective with the past issue of the newsletter. During her tenure as editor, she made “Russian at Work” one of the most popular newsletter columns. The interviews have inspired a number of students who have looked to it for career ideas.

This column is too valuable to lose. Therefore, we are now looking for someone to step up and take Linda’s place as column editor for “Russian at Work.” If you are interested in taking on this column, want more information about what taking on the column would entail, or can recommend a potential editor, please contact the newsletter editor (leaver@aol.com).

Editor’s Note: Mr. Josh Wilson, Assistant Director of The School of Russian and Asian Studies (www.sras.org) has graciously allowed us to reprint some of the interviews from their website during our search for a new editor. Following is one of those interviews.

Interview With Baruch M. Gurfein

Baruch M. Gurfein is a former AOL business development executive (ICQ) who is now Founding Partner & CEO at New Tech, a successful investment and business development company. New Tech has focused on the former USSR from Moldova on one side to Kyrgyzstan on the other with many successful projects in telecom, infrastructure and real estate and a rich experience in the Internet, Telecom, ISP and Wireless Space.

SRAS: So how did New Tech get its start? Where did the financing come from?

Baruch: My partner and I had put in a few million USD to get started and then once we had a few good projects going that made money, we turned to a few banks around the world and, with our good personal and business track records, we raised the other 400 million USD to expand the projects around the FSU. My partner’s money was made from his insurance business in Israel and my money came from working at high tech companies and making successful exits.

SRAS: What educational and professional experience did you have with international business and foreign languages before you were selected to help that investor?

Baruch: Well, my last position was at the US-based company AOL as Executive Director of International Sales of the IM division, handling international sales and investments for the previous ten years all over the world - yet never in the FSU region. With regards to foreign languages, I speak several including English, Hebrew, and German and now am working on my Russian.

SRAS: Most Americans would have to hunt to find Moldova on a world map. How did you first become involved in investments in that country?

Baruch M. Gurfein: Well how did I get to Moldova… the first time I came to Moldova I had no plans on making any investment, I came for 2 weeks in order to help an investor who was looking into making a large telecom investment. He wanted help looking into the financial side and leading his due diligence. On the flight in I sat next to a man who would later be my partner. He owned a medical center in Moldova and was already looking for a partner, and one thing led to the other. Now I have been in Moldova for over 4 years

SRAS: What are your investments in Moldova and elsewhere?

Baruch: We invest in telecom, real estate, and infrastructure mostly. I think the coolest investment is that we are now putting in 200 speeding and red light violation cameras as a BOT proj-
pect with the local government. (Note: BOT is “Build/Operate/Transfer” and is usually a public infrastructure project that utilizes structured financing from private sources.) I can not really talk about projects outside of Moldova as most of them are in development and we do not want to make them public. At the same time I can say we are working with in the telecom and energy markets in Central Asia and in Kazakhstan we are looking at expanding into real estate as well. I came to Central Asia via some contacts I made speaking at a conference for the EBRD (European Bank for Restructuring and Developing) in Taiwan. They had so many good things to say that I wanted to learn more.

SRAS: Those Americans who do know of Moldova know that it is one of Europe’s poorest countries with a troubled government. What have been your main challenges to doing business in Moldova?

Baruch: The main problem has been market education: I have had to explain to companies what an investment is vs. what a loan is and get past the local mentality of not registering anything to avoid paying any taxes. And the worst of all is when you offer to finance a project free of charge to large local companies such as the local phone company and they do not do the deal with you because you refused to bribe them.

SRAS: Having had experience in the FSU myself, the second part doesn’t actually surprise as much as the first; how can one finance a project free of charge? Do you collect money some other way?

Baruch: We get our money from the revenue generated. So if the fine is 10 USD per red light violation we will get 20% of that fine or, for example, 10% of the revenue on the calls terminated into voicemail revenue which the phone company would not be collecting without our investment.

SRAS: Do you think the current political problems with the break-away region of Transdnestria has hindered foreign investment in and the economic development of Moldova as a whole?

Baruch: I see Moldova as a place like Israel, when you watch the news and read the paper and it sounds like it is a really bad place - dangerous and risky. The real problem is getting the investor to come and see for himself. Once he has come and walks down the main streets and gets to see how nice the locals are: smart, hard-working, and full of potential, the investor can see that the politically troubled parts of the country are actually something you will never have to deal with – so long as you don’t try to take a land-route vacation to Odessa, that is, which takes you straight through Transdnestria. You can really live a good life as an investor in this country. Yet, looking at it from a financing point of view, if this political problem was removed the cost of money and country risk would be reduced – something that would really help the local economy grow.

SRAS: Speaking of everyday life, what is there to do in Chisinau, the capital of Moldova? Are there clubs/theatres/sites that you would recommend?

Baruch: There is not much of a social life in Chisinau - yet there is a great night life for about a week. Music has not changed in the 4 years I have been in Moldova, so after a week or two it can get … bring a good book and make a few good friends. You can meet at each other’s homes and have a beer, or talk or see a film you rent by DVD.

SRAS: So they have English-language DVD rentals in Chisinau? Or is you Russian good enough already that you can watch them in Russian (the other official language of Moldova).

Baruch: You can get them in English and it is a good way to learn Russian if you want to watch it in Russian and remember the words you do not know.

SRAS: Another specific business/political question: Moldova’s current president, a democratically elected Communist, has gone forward with plans to privatize sections of the Moldovan economy. Do you see this plan as going forward smoothly, do you see it as helping or harming the economy.

Baruch: The president of Moldova is just about as communist as the president of the USA – not at all. He is using the name of the country to get the nostalgia out of the voters as during the communist times there was more food and work. Going out of the large cities you can find many, I would say about 20% of the population, who do not have enough to eat on a regular basis. As for the plan, nothing in Moldova is smooth but it is going in the right direction, and it is getting privatized. At the end of the day there are more international investors there are in Moldova, the more jobs there are and the more the local economy is grows – so it must be good.

SRAS: And who are the major investors that are taking over these industries?

Baruch: French, Italian, and Romanian in the lead and then Israeli, German, and Russian.

SRAS: I find it interesting that the Americans aren’t listed here – why

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Member News

Editor: Keith Meyer-Blasing
(University of Wisconsin)

The AATSEEL Newsletter likes to keep its members informed about important events and professional milestones! If you or an AATSEEL member you know has recently defended a dissertation, been hired, received a promotion or retired, please send the member’s name, accomplishment and affiliation to: Keith Blasing kmblasing@wisc.edu

The AATSEEL Newsletter would like to recognize the following members for their recent professional milestones:

Jane F. Hacking will become Co-chair of the Department of Languages and Literatures at the University of Utah, effective July 1, 2007.

Laura Pontieri Hlavacek defended her Ph.D. dissertation, “Russian Animation of the 1960s and the Khrushchev Thaw” at Yale University in December 2006.

Inna F. Ishchenko Tigountsova has accepted a Senior Lecturer post in Russian Language and Culture at the University of Denver, Colorado.

Eugenia Amditis defended her dissertation, “Women, Society, Conformity and Power in Dostoevsky’s Idiot and Flaubert’s Madame Bovary” in February, 2007. She is currently a visiting Assistant Professor at Dickinson College.

Beth Holmgren has been appointed Professor at Duke University in the Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies.
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Q. How productive is the use of imperfective imperatives with an invitational nuance: садитесь, заходите, etc.

A. Not very. When discussing imperatives, we need to keep in mind a very complicated entanglement of grammatical, pragmatic, and lexical meanings. Imperfective imperatives have two main and several derivative functions:

1. Ordering or suggesting to always do an action: пейте минеральную воду, перед уходом гасите свет, летайте самолетами «Аэрофлота»;

— Я не знаю, как вас называть?
— Тетенькой зови. (Н. Садур. Поле)

2. Ordering to perform an action immediately: Выходи, Леопольд! Окрывайте тетради и пишите.
This usage implies two factors:

a) In order to give orders, one has to either have the general right to do so or assume the right on a specific occasion. An authority figure may have the right to give orders, while an equal may choose to exercise this right.

b) The action in question must be expected.
This second factor is the reason why a teacher is more likely to say
Откройте книги и читайте.
rather than
Открывайте книги и читайте.

By saying открывайте the teacher exercises his/her authority; by saying откройте, he/she introduces the new task. In either case читайте is expected.

The much overused example Вставайте! (Rassudova, Aspectual Usage in Modern Russian; Vasilenko, Egorova, Lamm, Russian Verbal Aspect) is not very typical, as it is said to a person who is sleeping or in bed and has to wake up/get up. Such a command cannot be anything but imperfective: The action clearly has to be performed immediately, and it is not against the addressee’s own good. But if the person is sitting down rather than lying down, the immediacy of the order may be out of place, and the neutral command would be Встаньте(те), пожалуйста. У вас два дня осталось, а чертёж не готов. (Н. Садур. Группа товарищей)

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And then there are verbs that by their nature require that an action be done immediately and have rudeness built in. These are the verbs of throwing someone out: убирайся, проваливай, катись отсюда and so on. They do not have perfective counterparts.

3. Permitting or acquiescing in an immediate action:
If we consider when an invitation is uttered, we will see that it is given when the invited person is expecting it, but would not perform the action without the invitation:

Проходите. Входите. Садитесь. Раздевайтесь. Располагайтесь. Угощайтесь. Кушайте, пожалуйста, и т.д.

Interestingly, when one hears a knock on the door, one says: Войдите! When one opens the door and sees the visitor, the invitation is Входите!, while the order or unwelcome invitation is Войдите!

Two invitations — Приходите (завтра) and Заходи (кое мне после работы) — may seem different from the “gracious host” invitations. But even they are not uttered out of the blue and are most likely expected. In addition, verbs of motion have some additional problems due to the fact that Russian does not distinguish Come (here)! and Go (there)!! In most cases it is Иди(те) сюда/туда. Prefixed verbs of motion do have some distinctions: The imperfective invitation works when it is actually an invitation to come, not an invitation to do something. Consequently, one cannot have invitational *отходите or *уходите.

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The AATSEEL Newsletter currently carries columns about news in the fields of Belarusica, Czech, Russian and Ukrainian studies. We invite readers to send information for sharing to the respective column editors.

If you are interested in editing a new column or helping a current editor come forward. We are willing to add columns for other Slavic languages and covering topics of interest to all. Please contact Betty Lou Leaver at Leaver@aol.com.
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Editor's Note: This column prints job advertisements that are sent in by potential employers. Information about possible job openings must arrive no later than six weeks before the date of the issue. For that reason, employment possibilities with quick turnaround dates are difficult to include. For these situations, readers are encouraged to check out the AATSEEL website, which maintains up-to-date information on job openings. We also encourage employers to share their job openings with the newsletter where possible.

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Graduate Fellow in Russian

Trinity College in Hartford, CT. expects to hire a Graduate Fellow in Russian for 2007 – 2008. Candidates for the position must have ABD status and be working on a PhD at a North American university. The Fellow will teach one class each semester and plan cultural events on and off campus. The stipend offered is approximately $16,900, with an on-campus apartment provided as well as medical benefits. For more information, contact Prof. Carol Any at carol.any@trincoll.edu.

Translator Position

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Editor’s Note: This corner is for teachers of the Czech language, and I would like to invite them to share their news, views, and experience related to the teaching of various kinds of courses dealing with Czech culture, language, and literature. Contributions do not have to be limited to the United States; they can and should include issues of Czech language and culture instruction throughout the whole world. Contributions to the Czech Corner may be sent to the column editor at mzs@unlserve.unl.edu.

2007 SVU North American Conference will take a place in Moravian College, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on June 8-10, 2007 with a central theme “Contributions of the Moravian Brethren to America.”

It is organized by the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) and Moravian College.

Call for Papers deadline is March 31st. For registration go to www.SVU2000.org

Scholars, students and other interested persons are asked to submit papers related to the central theme, as well as papers concerning other aspects of Czech and Slovak culture and science.

Organizing committee members are: Dr. Zdenek David, Dr. Peter Hausner, Dr. Eugene Martin, Dr. Karel Raska, Jr., and Dr. James Skalnik.

Interested participants should contact Dr. Zdenek David, SVU Secretary-General, e-mail: zdenek.david@wilsoncenter.org.

IATE Site (Inter Active Terminology for Europe) is Accessible

Since March 16th, 2007 this database for translators has been accessible. It contains 24 languages including Czech and Slovak. http://iate.europa.eu

Czech and Slovak Language Teaching Resources Site Compiled by Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr.

The site constitutes an excellent resource for all teachers of the two languages. Since it is a site in making, if you have any additions, please contact the author Miloslav Rechcigl at: SVU1@comcast.net


How to teach English in the Czech Republic

Many students realize that in order to improve their command of Czech they need to live in the Czech Republic. Teaching of English in the country constitutes one of the ways they can support themselves while continuing their education. Here are a few tips from a student of Czech language at the University in Nebraska who spent four years in the Czech Republic.

Before you go and teach in the country:


4) Your new employer might help you get a work permit and visa. If not, they will at least point you in the right direction because, by law, all their teachers need to be legal. This will consist of filling out a few documents, taking a one-time trip to a Czech embassy (Dresden or Vienna are the closest) and putting aside a day to go to the foreigners police office.

5) As a teacher, you should acquaint yourself with the most advanced second language teaching methodology. Do not hesitate to ask the Teacher’s College at your university for a good methodology book, and go to your university library to read it.

Matthew Gregory, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Can You Help?

We want you to know about our work to help blind students in Russia. http://mnadamovfund.org/biology.html

We are looking for students to be “penpals” (with email and Skype) to blind university students in Russia, and anyone going to St. Petersburg or Moscow who could take some toys or other devices to blind students.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please put us in touch with each other.

Thank you very much, Svetlana Adamova Sussman, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 617-253-8959

(We also have a Bed & Breakfast for visitors to St. Petersburg...as well as one in Cambridge, Mass.—proceeds go toward helping blind students) http://sussman.org/bandb/
BELARUSICA

Editor: Curt Woolhiser
(Harvard University)

The Belarusica column editor is looking for contributions to this column. Contributions from North American colleagues are especially appreciated. (Contributions should be no more than 1-2 pages in length.), deadline 6-8 weeks in advance of the issue month. For more information, contact Dr. Curt Woolhiser, cwoolhis@fas.harvard.edu.

The Belarusica column was not ready at the time that this newsletter went to press. We expect it to return next issue. Please consider sending a contribution to the Belarusica column editor.

Ukrainian Issues

Editor’s Note: The Ukrainian column would like to continue its discussion of issues related to learning and teaching Ukrainian language, culture and literature.

If you would like to share your insights on some specific issues related to methodologies, techniques, and curricula development, as well as specific questions that repeatedly arise in Ukrainian language, culture and literature classrooms, on both secondary and post-secondary levels, please send them to the address below. Already there are several questions that await discussion, among them: dialectal and regional variations of Ukrainian, changes and innovations in the language, the diversity of registers, the integration of cultural information in the classroom, the development of content-based courses, immersion and study abroad programs, questions of language assessment, teacher training and education, and technology use in the classroom. Alla Nedashkivska, alla.nedashkivska@ualberta.ca

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The School of Russian and Asian Studies

2007 Feature Study Abroad Programs

- Russian Civilization Summer (Moscow)
- Russian Studies Semester (Moscow)
- The Arts in Russia (St. Petersburg)
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- Siberian Studies (Irkutsk)
- Bordertalk: Sino-Russian Relations (Irkutsk)
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Feature Study Abroad brings you intensive Russian language training combined with courses in various fields. Perfect for students seeking credit for study abroad!

- Plus, year-round opportunities across Russia and Central Asia
  - Russian Language Study for all levels
  - Internships in museums, newspapers, consulting firms, NGOs, and other organizations
  - Educational Tours ranging from a week to a month or more
SUMMER LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Note from the Editor: The AATSEEL Newsletter will be happy to announce your summer (and winter) language programs in Slavic and East European languages and/or programs in Russian and East European cultural studies. Please e-mail your information to the editors by the deadline for the various issues. These deadlines can be found on the back cover of any issue of the newsletter or at the AATSEEL website: http://www.aatseel.org. The strong preference is for information to be submitted electronically. Summer program information is carried in every issue, beginning in October of the academic year leading up to the program; winter program information is carried in the October and December issues.

American Council of Learned Societies

For summer 2007, the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) will fund the teaching of first year Albanian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Macedonian, Romanian and Advanced Mastery Training in South Slavic Languages at the IU Summer Workshops. Graduate students specializing in East European studies in any discipline can take coursework in any of these languages and have their tuition waived.

Arizona State University

Russian & East European Studies Center Arizona State University Critical Languages Institute Summer Language Classes June 4 to July 27, 2007.

Albanian I & II, Armenian I & II, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I & II, Macedonian I & II, Navajo, Russian, Polish, Tatar I & II*, and Uzbek (*Competitive fellowship support available).

Summer and/or Academic-year Study Abroad Opportunities at University of Tirana, Albania; Yerevan State University, Armenia; University of Sarajevo; BH University of Ss. Kiril and Metodij; Macedonia Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland; Kazan State University, Tatarstan, Russia.

Tuition is waived for all CLI classes! For class & program information contact: Critical Languages Institute, Arizona State University, Box 874202, Tempe, AZ 85287-4202 Phone: 480-965-7706, Fax: 480-965-1700, E-Mail: cli@asu.edu Web: www.asu.edu/cli.

Beloit College

The Center for Language Programs at Beloit College is offering summer intensive programs in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian June 9-August 10, 2007. See ad in this issue of the AATSEEL Newsletter or www.summerlanguages.com.

Center for Advanced Research in Language Acquisition

It’s not too early to start thinking of the summer. CARLA, the Center for Advanced Research in Language Acquisition, has recently posted its catalog of Summer Institute courses at its website (http://www.carla.umn.edu/institutes/2007/schedule.html). Among this year’s offerings are four-day workshops in teaching pragmatics, developing assessments, incorporating technology and culture into language classes, and developing materials for less commonly taught language classes. The classes are taught at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis by distinguished faculty members. Participants in the materials development class have the opportunity to receive a $150 rebate if they submit a copy of the materials they develop in the course to CARLA for their database.

Concordia Language Villages!

We are excited to announce new programs for teachers this summer:

* Immersion and Second Language Methodologies for all world language teachers: July 5 - 15, 3 or 4 graduate credits.
* Immersion and Second Language Methodologies for teachers of Arabic: July 2 - 14; 4 graduate credits; scholarships available.
* Immersion and Second Language Methodologies for teachers of Chinese: July 2 - 14; 4 graduate credits; scholarships available.

*D* Immersion and Second Language Methodologies for teachers of Spanish in Argentina: July 18 - 27; 3 or 4 graduate credits.

* Master of Education in World Language Instruction: 18-month program combining online coursework during the academic year with two three-week summer sessions in residence at Concordia Language Villages

For Information Contact: Concordia Language Villages Education and Research Office 901 South Eighth Street Moorhead, MN 56562 800.222.4750 218.299.4179 educators@clv.edu web site: ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org

Dubravushka (Oak Grove) School

Summer 2007 High School Beginning and Intermediate Russian Language and Literature Program.

Dubravushka is a prestigious private school located just outside Moscow whose summer program for Russian children is always over subscribed. However, it saves a limited number of places for international students. Available in week long increments during June and July for about $250 per week. Includes room and board, language instruction, airport pick up and drop off.

The school can almost guarantee high school teachers of Russian that their students who attend, once back home, will be continuing their study of Russian!

See www.dubravushka.ru or phone 941-351-1596 for additional info.

Georgetown University

Georgetown University will offer Russian courses in Summer 2007: For more information, contact summer@georgetown.edu, or (202) 687-5942.

Applications are through the Georgetown Summer School, with
forms and complete instructions on line: http://summerschool.georgetown.edu

Indiana University

Indiana University’s 57th Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages will be held June 15th - August 10th, 2007, and will offer intensive first through sixth-year Russian, including cultural programming.

Besides Russian, 18 other languages will be offered including Albanian, Azerbaijani (1st & 2nd), Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Czech, Georgian (1st & 2nd), Hungarian, Kazakh (1st & 2nd), Macedonian, Mongolian (pending 2nd), Hungarian, Kazakh (1st & 2nd), Macedonian, Romanian, Tajik (1st & 2nd), Turkmen (1st & 2nd), Ukrainian, Uyghur (1st & 2nd), Uzbek (1st & 2nd) and Advanced-Mastery Training in South Slavic Languages.

ALL students pay IN-STATE TUITION and FLAS and SSRC funding is available. The following languages are ACLS-funded and TUITION-FREE for grads specializing in East European studies: Albanian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Macedonian, Romanian and Advanced-Mastery Training in South Slavic Languages. Application deadline for fellowships is March 23rd.

For more information contact: Director, Ballantine Hall 502, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405, Phone: 812-855-2608, swseel@indiana.edu, http://www.indiana.edu/~iuslavic/swseel/.

Middlebury College

The Middlebury College Russian School offers seven levels of intensive undergraduate language instruction in its 9-week program and 6-week graduate courses in language, literature, and civilization.

For further information and applications contact Middlebury College Language Schools, Middlebury College, Sunderland Language Center, Middlebury, VT 05753; (802) 443-5510; languages@middlebury.edu or go to the Middlebury Russian School website: http://www.middlebury.edu/ls/russian. Consideration of applications begins in January; apply early for financial aid.

Monterey Institute of International Studies

We offer an intensive eight-week Russian language program at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. In-class language study is complemented by cultural activities and opportunities to practice the language outside of class. We bring together motivated students and skilled native-level instructors in an intensive, small class environment that proves to be quite rigorous and demanding, yet most effective for language acquisition.

Make the most of your summer-study at MIIS! Also offered: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. Contact us at 831-647-4115 or silp@miis.edu for more information.

The School of Russian and Asian Studies

The Charles Braver Language Exploration Grant Next deadline: May 15, 2007

Who is eligible? Students who have completed two semesters of Russian or Chinese language study may apply. The applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and must be enrolled full time in an academic program based in North America or the European Union when applying. How much is the grant? Language Exploration Grants are $500 each. Two grants are available for Summer/Fall 2007. What can this grant be used for? Grants may be used towards any SRAS program (RLS, FSA, or DE). Grants may be used to study Russian, Kyrgyz, and/or Mandarin Chinese. Students must complete an end-of-program questionnaire and interview. How do I apply? 1. All candidates must have already applied for RSL, FSA, or DE. 2. All candidates must write and submit an essay describing why they want to study a foreign language and why gaining knowledge of that language is important to them. This essay must be 2-3 pages long, in 12 point TNR type with one-inch margins. The essays may be published on the SRAS site. 3. Send the essay, a resume, letter of recommendation,* and one research paper of more than 10 pages from a college-level class to: jwilson@sras.org. * This letter of recommendation is in addition to any required on the application for studies and should preferably be submitted by someone who knows you personally. For more info see: http://www.sras.org/program.pdf?m=128 DEADLINE: Deadline for submitting all application material is May 15, 2007 Grant may be used for Summer or Fall of 2007

University of California at Los Angeles

University of California Los Angeles is planning 1st and 2d year Russian, an intensive eight week course, it meets five days a week four hours a day, and there is a tutor after class.

The Intensive basic course in the Russian language focuses on communication with attention to grammatical accuracy. The class also works on reading, listening, and writing. Video is used throughout the course. Students work with an experienced instructor and have one-on-one tutoring with a native speaker of Russian.

The Intensive Intermediate Russian focuses on furthering competency in standard contemporary Russian. Additional emphasis on reading and writing skills. Exposure to Russian culture through literature, films and other activities. Students work with an experienced instructor and have one-on-one tutoring with a native speaker of Russian.

For more information, contact Olga Kagan, Ph.D., Director, Language Resource Center, Coordinator, Russian Language Program, Tel. (310) 825-2947, Fax: (310) 206-5263, E-mail: okagan@humnet.ucla.edu; okagan@ucla.edu; Mailing address 2207 Hershey, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1502; http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/ru; http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/russian; http://www.heritagelanguages.org

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

The Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at UMBC will offer Basic Russian I and II (RUSS 101 & RUSS 102) in summer 2007. RUSS 101 (4-credits) will meet May 29 – July 06, MWT 6pm – 8:50pm. RUSS 102 (4-credits), the continuation
of Russ 101, will meet July 09 – August 17, MWTh 6pm – 8:50pm. For RUSS 101, no prior knowledge of Russian is necessary. For Russ 102, students must have completed RUSS 101 or have basic speaking, writing and reading skills in Russian. Heritage speakers of Russian are also welcome. For further information regarding course structure, content, and course materials contact Polina Vinogradova at polinav1@umbc.edu. For registration information, see www.umbc.edu.

University of Pittsburgh
The University of Pittsburgh offers many summer programs. Contact: Summer Language Institute, Dept. of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 1417 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260; (412) 624-5906; email: slavic@pitt.edu; internet: http://sli.slavic.pitt.edu.

University of Primorska
Koper, Slovenija
The University of Primorska is offering two-week summer courses in Slovene on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. This is the fourteenth year of offering such summer courses. Courses are offered at all proficiency levels: elementary, intermediate, and advanced. Participants must be at least 15 years old. Mornings are devoted to language classes and the afternoon to classes on culture. Cultural events are available in the evenings, and there are two excursions: Ljubljana or one of the other Slovene regions and boat excursion of the Mediterranean coast. Some scholarships are available. Contact: UP FHÂ˝–Poletni TeÂ˝aj, Titov trg 5, 6000 Koper, Slovenija or by email: mojca.butinar@zrs.upr.si. More information can be found at http://www.zrs.upr.si.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Annual Summer Study-Tour at Catholic University, Lublin, Poland July 7-August 13, 2007.
Estimate cost $2,393 plus roundtrip airfare (Chicago-Warsaw). Accommodations and all meals in Poland. Lectures, language classes, performances, 5 UWM credits
Five weeks in historic Lublin, with a course of Polish language (100 hours), at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Lectures, films and cultural performances
Excursions to Warsaw, Kazimierz and other places of interest. Optional tree-day trips to Cracow (cost $120) and Bialowieza Forest ($120)
Also available: two, three, four-week as well as intensive and highly intensive two, three, four and five-week language courses
This study tour is led by Dr. Michael Mikos, Professor of Polish language and literature and leader of 26 study tours to Poland.
For detailed information contact: Prof. Michael J. Mikos, Dept of Foreign Languages and Linguistics/Slavic Languages, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413, Phone: (414) 229-4948 or 4313, mikos@uwm.edu (414) 229-2741 FAX

NOTES FROM AATSEEL COUNTERPARTS

The Canadian Association of Slavists will hold its annual conference/congress from May 27 – 29, 2007 at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. A call for papers will go out soon. Check their website for more information: http://www.utoronto.ca/slavic/cas

The MAPRIAL website (http://www.mapryal.org/) now includes a forum focusing on problems teaching Russian. MAPRIAL will hold its annual conference in Varna, Bulgaria from September 21 – 25, 2007. More information can be found online at http://www.mapryal.org/congressXI. The site also lists several upcoming Russian, Slavic, and Baltic language conferences in Moscow (March 20 – 23), Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine (April 18 – 21), and Riga (June 15 – 16).

AWARDS

Dr. Joseph Hasek Award
The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) is announcing a competition for the 2007 Dr. Joseph Hasek student awards. The names of the winners will be announced in the Society’s newsletters.
The main purpose of the Society’s awards is to generate and encourage scholarly interest in Czech and Slovak affairs among university students living outside the Czech and Slovak republics. There will be one prize for the best undergraduate and one for the best graduate study dealing with some aspect of Czech and/or Slovak history, politics, or culture. The winners will receive the $250 Dr. Joseph Hasek award, a year’s membership in the Society, which includes a year’s subscription to the Society’s newsletter, and a certificate of merit.
The following rules apply:
1) The paper must be submitted by the professor in whose class it was presented and should be accompanied by his recommendation.
2) The study must have been written for an undergraduate or graduate course during the academic year 2005-2006. Chapters of theses or dissertations are not admissible.
3) The deadline for submission is May 15, 2007
4) The study essay should be submitted in triplicate to professor Vera Borkovec, 12013 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902. It must be typewritten, double-spaced and submitted in Czech, Slovak, or any of the major Western languages (English, French or German).
5) The Student Awards Committee which will judge the quality of the submitted essays consists of: Prof. Ivo Feierabend (San Diego State University), Prof. Milan Hauner (University of Wisconsin), and Chair, Prof. Vera Borkovec (American University)
6) Submitted papers are not returned.
Q: My ideal place of work would be a small liberal-arts college. As a Ph.D. student in a Slavic program, how can I prepare myself for being an attractive job applicant for such a place and succeeding as an instructor there?

At a small liberal arts college you will be called upon to do it all: teach language and literature (much or most of it in English), as well as anything else the college does now or in the next forty years of your career. You will likely be called upon to help in general education courses that can range from teaching comparative literature and assisting in the writing program to offering small “first year seminars.” You will be expected to sustain or increase enrollments. You might interact with students outside the classroom at “Russian meal tables,” at film showings, song fests, dramatic performances. As busy as you are, you will still need to support an active research agenda to pass re-appointment and tenure reviews.

You best prepare yourself by indicating a real passion, desire and ability to teach a wide variety of courses. Actively search out opportunities to teach undergraduate language and literature courses during your graduate work. Show an interest in pedagogy by attending courses or workshops. Cast a wide net to show an interest in other disciplines and approaches: linguistics, film, music, culture, history, etc.

When it comes time to apply be specific, indicate your commitment to undergraduate teaching and learning. Express a willingness to go beyond the confines of your own dissertation and graduate school research. At the interview be sure to mention your teaching experience and your desire to be engaged in a learning community.

The liberal arts college offers opportunity for exploration and growth, for both students and faculty. It is a challenge and privilege to be involved with young minds eager to explore the new. You will not regret the choice to live and work in such an environment.

Thomas R. Beyer  
Middlebury College
PSYCHOLOGY OF LANGUAGE LEARNING

This column is intended to promote a dialogue for teachers of Slavic languages regarding the psychological aspect of language learning. Submissions for future editions of this column should be sent electronically to russianforyou@gmail.com

Heritage Language Speakers, Needs & Instruction

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Thanks to Olga Kagan for constructive suggestions.

As most instructors know, heritage language speakers (HLSs) represent a substantial presence in many Slavic and Eastern European language classrooms. Foundational research and pedagogy for this population are preliminary but have yielded usable knowledge.

According to Valdés, a heritage speaker has been “raised in a home where a non-English language is spoken, who speaks or merely understands the heritage language” (2000, p. 1). Polinsky (in press) describes a heritage language as one that was “first for an individual with respect to the order of acquisition but has not been completely acquired because of the switch to another dominant language”.

Exposure to the heritage language without sufficient schooling results in mixed proficiencies, and HLSs who can understand a quickly spoken conversation or movie dialog may also be illiterate. Their uneven competencies often announce themselves in spelling that, while betraying ignorance of orthographic convention, is phonetically accurate; typical examples in Russian include цельный, жуть, and штот.

Each HLS’s instructional needs vary (UC Consortium Steering Committee, 2002; Kagan and Dillon 2001/2002), but fundamental needs are constant across groups. Limiting instructional goals to remedial work (e.g., focusing on spelling, grammar, and handwriting), or accelerated coverage of the same material used in foreign language classes, is likely to stall progress and kill motivation. HLSs learn most successfully in the context of actual use and a climate of intellectual discovery. Even beginners can be exposed to authentic, age-appropriate, and culturally informative texts in a range of genres. Kagan and Dillon (2001/2002) call this the “macro approach”, and it is often realized by content-based and task-based education. At the same time, HLSs cannot be assigned all texts available to native speakers; materials require careful selection and should be both challenging and accessible. HLSs’ speaking, listening, and writing, generally characterized by a poverty of vocabulary, unrestrained code-switching, and a lack of experience with formal registers and abstract concepts, need similar attention.

HLS placement in classes with foreign language students may result in many HLS deficiencies going unnoticed. HLSs are best taught in their own classes, which ideally combine to form a coherent HLS program. The benefits of such instruction include the possibility of reaching high proficiency during undergraduate education. Mixed classes offering differentiated instruction (Carreira 2004), informed by an understanding of HLSs’ needs, are an alternative that instructors can develop over time. Although not well documented in research, instructors can probably confirm that another outcome of effective HLS education is an enriched sense of identity associated with a deeper knowledge of the language and enhanced cultural literacy.

HLSs’ proficiencies and needs depend on their linguistic history, as Kagan and Dillon’s definition of Russian HLSs suggests:

At the beginning of the 21st century in the United States, Russian heritage learners are the children of the third, fourth and later waves of immigration whose level of competency in Russian is directly tied to the amount of education they received in the former Soviet Union (Kagan & Dillon, 2006).

Linguistic history encompasses variables from the home country’s history to the speaker’s interaction with the language and speech community, and the definition will likely evolve to include language education received in the diaspora.

Heritage language education is enriched by language-specific knowledge, and instructors of other Slavic and Eastern European languages who propose their own definitions can contribute to an understanding of HLSs’ needs for each language.

For more information about teaching heritage languages, the UCLA Center for World Languages website (www.international.ucla.edu/languages/heritagelanguages) links to resources for use across languages, including guidelines, a bibliography, and the Heritage Language Journal (HLJ). HLJ will publish a special issue on Russian this year, guest-edited by David Andrews (Georgetown U.) The Center is also the home of the Title VI Heritage Language Center, which will focus on the establishment of research-based pedagogy for heritage language education, and more resources are forthcoming. The Heritage Language Center welcomes suggestions of additional resources as well as proposals for special editions of HLJ.

References


If you needed to build a textile mill or produce building material or even develop software with a focus on export to Europe or the CIS, this would be a good place to find highly-qualified workers at low cost and at the same time not have large export and transport costs.

**SRAS:** Wow. And do you think there is opportunity for students to study/intern in Moldova? What would be the value of their doing so (in terms of future employment in/concerning Moldova and general resume building)?

**Baruch:** Well if you can make something happen in Moldova, you can make it happen anywhere in the world. I would not go and just study in Moldova as the only thing you can really learn is how to drink – but from a work or internship experience this can be a great place. Moldova is a small country with a difficult economy. That really helps you learn what not to do and how to deal with a collapsing economy and government as well as local problems. What not to do would be things like not to work on a non-contract basis yet still never trust the contract; it is a good place to learn how to think out of the box and I think any one that can make it in a place like Moldova would never fail when a problem occurs in a western country. You would tell yourself: “If I lived in Moldova and made it I can handle this as well.”

**Russian At Work, continued**

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do you think these other nationalities are more willing to invest than Americans?

**Baruch:** For starters, it is closer to Europe than the USA, also most Americans could not find Moldova on the map if they looked for it. In addition I think if I was living in the US I could go to Central America before Europe and as there are no natural resources in Moldova they do not come.

**SRAS:** Do you think the economy is anywhere close to saturated in any industry?

**Baruch:** Far from it - anything that needs labor would be a good investment.

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**Recent Publications**

The Recent Publications column includes books published in 2006-2007. Authors and publishers are invited to submit information about their new publications.

**Culture**


**History**


**Linguistics**


The abstracts will be refereed and participants should be notified by early June 2007.

**September 30, 2007**

**Literature of Exile**

Contribution are solicited for inclusion in a book on Literature of Exile of East and Central Europe. Essays may examine texts by any exiled writer from any country, dealing with the literary representation of exile. Possible topics might include, but are not limited to exile as a form of modern alienation, as a metaphor for psychic difference, as an allegory for separation; émigré conditions, remembrance and memory in exile literature.

Submissions and Inquiries: Dr. Agnieszka Gutthy - agutthy@selu.edu

Send a 15-20 page paper along with a copy of your CV. Essays should be documented in MLA style and should be in Word format, 12 point typeface, Times New Roman.

Deadline for submission: September 30, 2007

**Conferences and Workshops**

**April 18-21, 2007**

**Irbid, Jordan.**

**Second International Conference on High-Level Language Learning**

Sponsored by the Jordan Consortium of Centers of Teaching Excellence and the Coalition of Distinguished Language Centers, this conference will be held at Yarmouk University in 2007. Working languages of the conference are English and Arabic although some language-specific sessions may be conducted in other languages. Presentations on research, theory, and practice as related to teaching any foreign language are welcome. Abstracts for conference presentations are due by December 31, 2006. For more information, contact Dr. Mahmud Wardat in Jordan (mwardat2001@yahoo.com) or Dr. Betty Lou Leaver in the USA (leaver@aol.com). Information is also available online: www.distinguished-languagecenters.org.

April 26-29, 2007

**Madison, Wisconsin**

**National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages Tenth National Conference**

For more information contact: www.councilnet.org
ncolctl@mailplus.wisc.edu
NCO/LCTL
4231 HumanitiesBuilding
455 N. Park Street
Madison, WI 53706
Tel: 608-265-7903; FAX 608 265 7904

**July 5-15, 2007**

**Concordia Language Villages Teacher Seminar**

Instructor: Donna Clementi
ED 565: Second Language Methodologies for Teachers
Location: Bemidji, Minnesota
Dates: July 5-15, 2007
Session Code: TB42
Credits: 3 graduate credits (Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota)
Cost: $1,495 (includes, room, board, and tuition)

Instructor: Donna Clementi
Join language teachers from across the United States for a ten-day summer graduate course at the Villages to adapt our immersion techniques to your classroom setting! Upon successful completion of the course, three semester hours of graduate credit are earned through Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Teacher Seminar provides a forum where language educators can learn about and discuss current practices and...
issues related to the teaching of a second language. Seminar participants visit the Language Villages to see language and cultural immersion strategies in action.

The course is open to all K-12 second language educators including ESL educators, college educators with an interest in K-12 second language methodologies, and pre-service education majors.

For more information, please contact: Concordia Language Villages Teacher Seminar 901 8th Street South Moorhead, Minnesota 56562 USA

Phone: 218.299.4179
Email: educators@cord.edu
Website: www.concordialanguagevillages.org

May 14-15, 2007
World Russian Forum

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 26th annual World Russian Forum to be held May 14-15, 2007 in Washington, DC. This Forum is dedicated to the 200th anniversary of establishing diplomatic ties between Russia and the United States. According to the existing tradition the Forum’s sessions usually take place in one of the United States Senate auditoriums. The main goal of this gathering is to discuss and generate new ideas for the development and broad expansion of US-Russia business, political, science, education, and cultural cooperation. Participants are encouraged to present their specific business or investment projects and discuss their company’s cooperation agenda.

Among the Forum’s speakers are leading businessmen, political leaders, scholars, and foreign policy experts. Forum’s general sponsor is company “Lukoil.”

The agenda will feature the following general panels:

- Energy and geopolitics. Is Russia the energy superpower?
- Foreign investments in Russia and Russia’s investments abroad
- Will Russia enter WTO?
- U.S. - Russia cooperation between small and medium size businesses
- U.S. - Russia Science and Technology Cooperation
- U.S. Russia Educational and Cultural Cooperation
- Is there Freedom of the Press in Russia?
- Comparative analysis of U.S. and Russian presidential elections
- Is U.S. - Russia strategic partnership possible?

and more

Breakdown sections according to participant’s interests will take place on the second day, May 15, 2007. We also plan two receptions, one at the Russian Embassy on May 14 and another at the Russian Cultural Center on May 15. Once you register we will start sending you program and speaker’s updates. Additional information can be found on www.RussiaHouse.org/wrf.

September 21-25, 2007
11th Congress of MAPRYAL

The 11th Congress of MAPRYAL will take place on September 21-25, 2007 in Varna, Bulgaria. ACTR members are invited to join the official US delegation to the MAPRYAL Congress. Detailed information on the event and the application form can be found online at http://www.mapryal.org/congressXI/

Grants and Fellowships

Sept 15th, 2007
The School of Russian and Asian Studies

SRAS Research Grants Next Deadline: Sept 15th, 2007 Who is eligible? Upperclassmen (juniors and seniors), graduate and postgraduate students in any field of study may apply. The applicant must have a GPA above 3.2 and must be enrolled in an academic program based in North America or the European Union when applying. The applicant must also apply for an SRAS educational program (RSL, FSA, or DE) to be eligible. How much is the grant? Research Grants are $1000 each. SRAS will also assist the student in gaining access to archives and libraries and in locating experts and materials in Russia. One (1) grant will be given in 2007. Grants are good for up to one year after they are awarded. What can this grant be used for? This grant may be used for costs related to the proposed research project. Students must submit a mid-semester research evaluation describing what has been accomplished, what problems have been encountered, and what the student is doing to overcome those issues. This report may be in the form of an informal email. Also, the research must conclude in a research paper not less than 15 pages in length which explores the topics proposed by the student in his/her research proposal. This paper may be published as part of Vestnik, the Journal of Russian and Asian Studies, or as part of a supplemental issue to Vestnik (depending on the length of the paper). How do I apply? All candidates must complete the downloadable grant application. All candidates must also apply for an SRAS program online. From our home page (www.sras.org), click “Login” in the top right corner. Create an account and fill out the application form. As part of the application, select “SRAS Research Grants” as one of your chosen programs (you must also pick an RSL, FSA, or DE program). Upload your research proposal (see the application form instructions) under the “Essay” field. Follow any other instructions requested on the application. In addition, applicants must email the following materials to jwilson@sras.org: 1. Grant Application; 2. A copy of your research proposal (see the application above); 3. A curriculum vitae (listing professional and academic experience); 4. Two writing samples of more than 15 pages (preferably related to your research or, at minimum, to a field of Russia-related study). For more information see: http://www.sras.org/program.phtml?m=128 Deadline for applications is Sept 15th, 2007 Grant may be used for up to one year after the award date.
The gift by Leona Lapinski Leute was literature, and culture at UW-Madison. The Department of Slavic Languages and Literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to announce the endowment of undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships for students of Polish language, literature, and culture at UW-Madison. The gift by Leona Lapinski Leute was $1.25 million.

The Michael and Emily Lapinski Scholarship Endowment will pay partial or full tuition for undergraduate and graduate students of Polish language, literature, and culture at UW-Madison. Tuition may be used to pay for study abroad in Poland through UW-Madison.

The annual deadline for applications is February 15. Application forms and instructions for applicants are online at: http://polyglot.lss.wisc.edu/slavic/Lapinski-Info.htm. For additional information, please contact Professor Halina Filipowicz, Chair of the Lapinski Scholarships and Fellowships Committee: hfilipow@wisc.edu

The Committee hopes to fund one or two graduate students with a full fellowship (one if out of state, two if in state) and to give partial or full scholarships to several undergraduates on an annual basis.

August 15 Annually
Kluge Center Fellowships for Library of Congress

The Library of Congress invites applications for Kluge Center Fellowships. The Library of Congress (http://www.loc.gov/) invites qualified scholars to conduct research in the John W. Kluge Center using the Library of Congress collections and resources for a period of up to eleven months.

The Kluge Center is located in the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress and provides attractive work and discussion space for scholars. Residents have easy access to the library’s specialized staff and to the intellectual community of Washington. The Kluge Center especially encourages humanistic and social science research that makes use of the library’s large and varied collections. Interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, or multi-lingual research is particularly welcome.

Among the collections available to researchers are the world’s largest law library and outstanding multi-lingual collections of books and periodicals. Special collections of manuscripts, maps, music, films, recorded sound, prints, and photographs are also available. Scholars who have received a terminal advanced degree within the past seven years in the humanities, social sciences, or in a professional field such as architecture or law are eligible to apply.

Exceptions may be made for individuals without continuous academic careers. Applicants may be U.S. citizens or foreign nationals. For applicants whose native language is not English, there must be evidence that the applicant is fluent in English.

Up to twelve Kluge Fellowships will be awarded annually. Fellowships are tenable for periods from six to eleven months, at a stipend of $4,000 per month. Visit the Library of Congress Web site for complete fellowship program information and application procedures Location: USA Deadline: Aug. 15 each year. Website: http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/kluge-fellowships.html

Various closing dates

Title VIII Research Scholar Program: Provides full support for three to nine-month research trips to Russia, Central Asia, the Southern Caucasus, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova.

Fellowships include round-trip international travel, housing, living stipends, visas, insurance, affiliation fees, archive access, research advising, and logistical support in the field.

Open to graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, and faculty. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII). Application deadlines: October 1 (Spring Program); January 15 (Summer, Fall and Academic Year Programs).

Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Program: Provides full support for research and approximately ten hours per week of advanced language instruction for three to nine months in Russia, Central Asia, the Southern Caucasus, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova.

Fellowships include round-trip international travel, housing, tuition, living stipends, visas, insurance, affiliation fees, archive access, research advising, and logistical support in the field.

Open to graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, and faculty. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States (Title VIII). Application deadline: October 1 (Spring...
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**Title VIII Southeast Europe Summer Language Program:** Offers international airfare, tuition, insurance, and living stipends to graduate students for up to three months of intensive language study at major universities throughout Southeast Europe and the Baltic states.

Open to students at the MA and Ph.D. level, as well as faculty and post-doctoral scholars. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States (Title VIII). Application deadline: January 15.

**Summer Russian Language Teachers Program:** Provides full support for teachers of Russian at the university, high school, and secondary school level to study Russian literature, language, culture, and second language pedagogy at Moscow State University for six weeks. Graduate students with a commitment to the teaching profession are also encouraged to apply.

Awards provide round-trip international airfare from Washington, DC to Moscow, Russia; living stipends; full tuition; housing with Russian host families; pre-departure orientation; weekly cultural excursions; insurance; and visas. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Application deadline: March 1.

**Scholarships for language study on American Councils programs overseas:** Graduate students participating in the American Councils Russian Language and Area Studies program or the Eurasian Regional Language program are eligible for full or partial scholarships from the U.S. Department of State, Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the former Soviet Union (Title VIII). Undergraduates who intend a career in teaching are eligible for full or partial scholarships from the U.S. Department of Education for their participation in the Russian Language and Area Studies Program or the Eurasian Regional Language program.

The American Councils Russian Language and Area Studies Program provides intensive Russian language instruction in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vladimir, Russia.

The Eurasian Regional Language program offers instruction in virtually any of the languages of the former Soviet Union at leading institutions throughout the region.

Fellowship information and applications are included in regular application materials for both programs. Application deadlines: October 15 (spring semester programs); March 1 (summer programs); April 1 (fall semester and academic year programs).

For more information, contact: Outbound Programs, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-7522, outbound@americancouncils.org.

**Kennan Institute Short-Term Grants:** The Kennan Institute offers Short-Term Grants to scholars whose research in the social sciences or humanities focuses on the former Soviet Union (excluding the Baltic States), and who demonstrate a particular need to utilize the library, archival, and other specialized resources of the Washington, D.C. area. Policy-relevant research is preferred. Academic participants must either possess a doctoral degree or be doctoral candidates who have nearly completed their dissertations. For non-academics, an equivalent degree of professional achievement is expected.

Short-Term Grants provide a stipend of $100 per day. The Kennan Institute cannot provide office space for Short-Term scholars. Travel and accommodation expenses are not directly covered by this grant. There is no official application form for Short-Term Grants. The applicant is requested to submit a concise description (700-800 words) of his or her research project, a curriculum vitae, a statement on preferred dates of residence in Washington, D.C., and two letters of recommendation specifically in support of the research to be conducted at the Institute. All applicants must note their country of citizenship or permanent residency in their materials. Letters of recommendation, with signatures, should be sent either by fax or post, all other application materials may be submitted via e-mail or in hard copy. Any materials submitted in hard copy should be in clear dark type, printed on one side only, and without staples.

Grant recipients are required to be in residence in Washington, D.C., for the duration of their grant. Four rounds of competitive selection for Short-Term Grants are held each year. Closing dates are December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1. Applicants are notified of the competition results roughly seven weeks after the closing date. U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and non-Americans are eligible for Short-Term Grants, although funding for non-American applicants is limited. Approximately one in three American applicants and one in six non-American applicants are awarded Short-Term Grants in each of the four competition rounds.

The Short-Term Grant Program is supported by the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the former Soviet Union (Title VIII) of the U.S. Department of State and the George F. Kennan Fund. Continuation of the Short-Term Grant Program in 2006-2007 is contingent on future funding.

The Woodrow Wilson Center can only provide grants to those non-U.S. citizens who hold a J-1 Visa. Non-U.S. citizens who are located in the United States at the time the Short-Term Grant is awarded must leave the United States in order to be issued a J-1 Visa before they can receive their award. J-1 Visas cannot be issued to individuals while they are in the U.S. on a different visa.

For more information, or to apply for a Short-Term Grant, please visit www.wilsoncenter.org/kennan, or contact:

Fellowships and Grants, Kennan Institute, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004-3027, Telephone: (202) 691-4100, Fax: (202) 691-4247, Email: kennan@wilsoncenter.org
# AATSEEL 2007 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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