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Поздравляем всех с новым учебным годом!

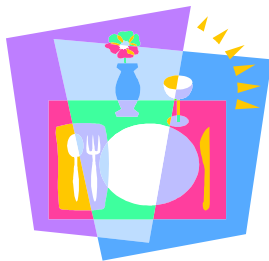


The Russian Department and the Committee on Russian and Eastern European Studies (REES) welcome returning students back to campus and extend a first welcome to students who are new to Grinnell. Welcome, everyone, and best wishes for a rewarding academic year at a time of critical developments in the part of the world which interests us.

Check Out the Russian Department Website at www.grinnell.edu/russian

РУССКИЙ СТОЛ

Russian Table will be held Fridays during the lunch hour in Cowles PDR. Participants will go through the line in the dining hall to get their meals. We invite speakers of Russian *at every level* to join us for informal Russian conversation. Individuals not on board are guests of the Russian Department.



Course Announcement:

Consider taking Russian Conversation (RUS 200)! Russian students who have completed RUS 102 or its equivalent are invited to sign up for this course, taught by **Elena Melnikova** (1 unit).

Special Guests From Russia!

Galina Aksenova, our second Russian Department Artist in Residence, will join us during the spring semester. Aksenova is a well-known theater and film critic who has taught all over the United States and Europe. She will be teaching a course (approval pending) entitled “Women in Russian Film” during the final six weeks of the spring semester. For more information on the course, please talk to Anatoly Vishevsky (vishevsk@grinnell.edu)

Veniamin Smekhov, world-renowned Russian actor and director, will join the Grinnell College Theatre Department this spring as a Cowles Visiting Artist. Mr. Smekhov, who has performed and directed all over the world, will teach in the Theatre Department and produce and direct a performance of Nikolai Gogol’s *The Inspector General*.

Elena Melnikova has joined the Russian Department as our Language Assistant this year. Elena is a graduate student at Penza State Pedagogical University with a specialty in English Grammar. Ms. Melnikova teaches the Russian Conversation class (RUS 200) and runs the Russian House.

Tatiana Korosteleva and **Dmitrii Bukhtenkov** will be studying at Grinnell this year under the auspices of an exchange agreement between the College and the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR). Tatiana hails from Tula

and Dmitrii joins us from Moscow. Begun in academic year 1988-89, this exchange has now made it possible for 56 students from Russian universities to study at Grinnell, and in the same period 72 Grinnell students have studied on ACTR-sponsored programs in Russia.

Grinnell Students and Faculty Now In Russia and The Czech Republic

Elizabeth Clarke '04 is currently conducting volunteer work in a Russian orphanage in Moscow. In addition, recent Grinnell alumna **Kate Aughenbaugh '01** has been hired as an administrative assistant at ACTR-Moscow after having completed an internship (sponsored by the Russian Study Award) for Paleograph Publishing House over the summer. Another recent graduate, **Richele Baburina '01**, is currently taking part in an internship, sponsored by the Russian Study Award, at the Russian State Museum in St. Petersburg. **Benjamin Jones'03, Jacob Omvig '03, Corinne Weible '03, Rashed Chowdhury '03, and Bonnie Carenen '03** are studying in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in a program sponsored by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) and the Great Lakes College Association (GLCA).

Veterans of Russian Off-Campus Programs

We welcome back to campus students who have returned from off-campus programs in Russia. **Lauren Orndorff '02** studied in Moscow for the summer, on a program sponsored by ACTR. **Hillary Bown '02, Kimberly Smith '02 and Erin Schmidt '02** have returned after participating in the ACTR Moscow Spring Semester program. **Vanessa Pierce '02** has returned to Grinnell after participating in the ACTR St. Petersburg Spring Semester Program.

Warmest Welcome To New Faculty In The REES Concentration

We extend the warmest welcome to **David Ellison** who joins us as an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department. David has arrived to Grinnell from Los Angeles after teaching and receiving a Ph.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles. Mr. Ellison is teaching Political Science 101 and Political Science 255 (Comparative Politics I: Pluralist Political Systems).

Russian, Central, and Eastern European Studies at Grinnell

The staff of the Russian Department and colleagues in other departments cooperate closely in promoting the study of the languages, culture, and history of the former Soviet Union and the lands which are usually designated as Central and Eastern European. The Russian Department consists of the following members: **Todd Armstrong**, ARH 232D [ARMSTRON], **Raquel Greene**, ARH 217D [GREENER], **Kelly Herold**, ARH 232C [HEROLDK], **John Mohan**, ARH 232B [MOHAN], **Anatoly Vishevsky**, ARH 232A [VISHEVSK] and **Helen Scott** (Associate Dean of the College, Nollen 3 [SCOTTH]. In addition to members of the Russian Department, faculty in other departments have specializations in Russian, Central, and Eastern European Studies: **Robert Grey**, Political Science, Carnegie 205 [GREY], **David Ellison**, Carnegie 105 [ELLISON], **Daniel Kaiser**, History, Carnegie 206 [KAISER], and **John Rommereim**, Music, Fine Arts 205 [ROMMER]. If you are interested in the Russian and East European Studies Concentration, please contact **Kelly Herold**.

Russian Department Faculty News



Prof. Mohan Prof. Herold Prof. Greene Prof. Armstrong Prof. Vishevsky

Anatoly Vishevsky, Associate Professor, and Departmental Chair had a productive sabbatical year in Prague. Besides taking in the sights and the language of this great city, he presented papers and chaired panels at conferences at Cambridge University and at the University of Nottingham (England), Charles University (Czech Republic), and at the World Congress of Slavists in Tampere (Finland). Mr. Vishevsky also was invited and gave guest lectures at Charles University (Czech Republic), the University of Surrey (England), and Silesian University (Poland). Together with colleagues from Charles University in Prague, Anatoly organized an international conference with participants from 10 countries, “Po tu storonu ‘Sovka’? Vne-, anti- i post-sovetskaia literatura i kul’tura” (On the Other Side of ‘Sovok’? Outside of-, Anti-, and Post-Soviet Literature and Culture).

In addition, Mr. Vishevsky completed four new articles (to be published in Russia, the United States, Canada, and Poland). One article has already been published in *Literaturnaia gazeta*, and a portion of another, forthcoming article may be read at www.ozon.ru (Russian variant of www.amazon.com).

This year Anatoly is editing a volume of articles based on conference papers delivered at the Charles University conference. In addition, he is preparing (based on research conducted in Moscow) an educational documentary film,

titled *Laughter Through Tears: History of Soviet Comedy*, with Galina Aksenova.

This semester Anatoly Vishevsky is teaching second-year Russian and Readings in Russian Literature (RUS 331).

Todd Armstrong, Associate Professor presented a paper at the Alumni College entitled “The Ethics of Art: Voices from the Other Europe.” He also traveled to the Czech Republic and Poland in Summer 2001 as the facilitator for the ACM Global Partner’s Project Faculty Development Seminar, “The Human and Physical Environment in Central and Eastern Europe.” This fall he begins a three-year term as director of Grinnell’s new Center for International Studies.

Todd Armstrong is teaching a tutorial, entitled “Russia in Revolution: Literature, Art and Film,” this semester.

Raquel Greene, Assistant Professor received a grant from the College to work on her anthology project (Africa Through Russian Eyes: Readings on the History of Russian-African Intellectual, Cultural, and Literary Contact from the 17th Century to the Present) and traveled to Moscow to conduct research at the Lenin Library and the Russian State Children’s Library over the summer.

This semester Raquel Greene is teaching a tutorial, entitled “African-American Literary Ties to Russian Intellectual Thought”, and first-year Russian.

Kelly Herold, Assistant Professor continues to work on her book project, “Russian Autobiographical Literature in French: Recovering a Memoiristic Tradition (1770-1830)”. Completion is anticipated in August 2002. In addition, Kelly is writing an article and a conference paper about the two main redactions of Ekaterina Dashkova’s memoirs (1805) and the political implications of their publication/suppression. Kelly is currently Chair of the Russian and East European Studies and Linguistics Concentrations.

Kelly Herold is teaching first-year Russian, second-year Russian and Introduction to General Linguistics (LIN 114) this semester.

John Mohan, Professor conducted a three-hour seminar for senior citizens under the auspices of the Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Held on successive weeks in June, the seminar was entitled "The Healing Power of Beauty," and it featured high and healing moments in Russian film, literature and music. John has just finished an essay that will appear in the catalog for the Faulconer Gallery's upcoming exhibition, "Estonian Art Since 1990," which will run from October 5 to December 9, 2001.

This semester John Mohan is teaching Tolstoy (RUS 361) and Russian 495, a fourth-year seminar on Russian Film.



The Russian study awards are granted annually to seniors who have planned study and internship programs in Russophone countries after graduation.

These awards are drawn from funds raised by three devoted friends of the Russian department:

Diane Fisher Perkinson '82

Sharon McKee '82

Emily Silliman '81

Details about these awards will be announced early in the spring semester. Students wishing to plan ahead and to learn more about these awards should contact Kelly Herold in the Russian department.

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