

НОВОСТИ

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Grinnell College Russian Department

Поздравляем всех с новым учебным годом!

WELCOME! The Russian Department welcomes returning students back to campus and extends a first welcome to students who are new to Grinnell. Welcome, everyone, and best wishes for a rewarding academic year!

Welcoming Reception

On **Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 4:00 pm** the Russian Department and the President of the College will formally welcome to campus our guests from Russia! All are welcome to this reception at Grinnell House. If you are a student new to the Russian program, please come and get acquainted with Russian majors, faculty, and exchange students.

Refreshments will be served.

Russian Lab/Office Hours

Our Russian Language Assistant, Maria Elova, holds Russian office hours three times a week:

Monday 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bring your questions, your homework, your reading! Maria is there to answer all (or most) of your questions about Russian.

Welcome Back!

Galina Aksenova has returned to work with us this semester. Ms. Aksenova is a film historian and critic. This semester, she is teaching 2 courses at Grinnell, all connected to her expertise in film and theater: History of Film (HUM 195) and the Russian seminar, which is studying Russian theater. Aksenova has worked in Russian television and has written several scripts for documentaries. She enjoys teaching about Russian film, as she has at the Middlebury College Russian School for 10 years. This is not the first time that Galya has been to Grinnell and she has many friends here.

Helen Scott has returned to the Russian Department after many years as an Associate Dean of the College. Ms. Scott will be teaching RUS 101 (with Kelly Herold) and Humanities 101 in the fall and RUS 102, Linguistics 114, and a new special topics course RUS 295: Russian Literary Criticism in the spring. Ms. Scott will also be working on a project with Russian students studying the archival materials of Russia's first female surgeon.

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.

Special Guests From Russia!

Maria Elova has joined the Russian Department as our Language Assistant this year. Maria is a PhD student in language pedagogy at Kazan State University and has taught English and Spanish at many institutions. At Grinnell, Ms. Elova will teach the Russian Conversation class (RUS 200), run the Russian House, and coordinate the conversation component of Russian 101.

Dinara Fattakhova and **Sergei Zyryin** will be studying at Grinnell this year under the auspices of an exchange agreement between the College and the International Research Exchange Board [IREX]. Dinara hails from Kazan and Sergei joins us from Ekaterinburg. Formerly administered by ACTR, the exchange is a part of the FREEDOM Support Act Undergraduate Program, which is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State. The FSAU program provides fellowships to second- and third-year undergraduate students from the Russian Federation and other countries of the former Soviet Union.

Grinnell Students and Faculty Now in Russia and the Czech Republic

Leann Wilson '07 is studying in Russia on the ACTR Moscow program for the Fall semester.



Adrienne Celt '06 is in St. Petersburg as a student in the ACTR St. Petersburg program.

Kathleen Francis '07 and **Nicholas Johnson '06** are now studying in Olomouc, Czech Republic on the ACM Central European Studies Program.

Recent Graduates of the Russian Dept.

Ever wonder what you can do with a Russian major? Here's what our 2005 grads are up to this year:

Anne Clafin '05 lives in the twin cities and is teaching high-school Russian.

Amy Donahue '05 will attend the University of Washington in Seattle to earn her M.A. in Library and Information Science (while continuing her Russian), then maybe she will apply for a Fulbright to study libraries in Eastern/Central Europe.

Margo Gray '05 is going to Moscow on a Fulbright Scholarship. She will leave in September to spend 9 months studying and researching at The Moscow Art Theatre Studio School. Her primary research will involve examining the ways Russian teachers instruct American theatre students and how American students can be better prepared to learn from their Russian mentors. To gain further insight into a uniquely Russian theatre discipline, she will study Russian Movement with Professor Andrei Droznin and assist him on translating his book on the Russian Movement system.

Andrew Greenberg '05 will begin the M.A. program in Russian at the Middlebury College Russian School, to be followed by a year in Moscow at the Middlebury School in Russia.

Ben Hanes '05 Ben Hanes will be teaching English in Ukraine with the Peace Corps.

Roxanne Young '05 is in St. Petersburg, Russia to study Russian language and culture at St. Petersburg State University.

Congratulations to the Winners of the John M. Mohan Study Award— Roxanne Young '05 and Nihad Heto '05

Roxanne Young will use her award to study Russian and Russian culture at St. Petersburg State University.



Nihad Heto will travel to Russia during the spring semester on an ACTR semester Russian-language program.

Russian, Central, and Eastern European Studies Concentration 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.



This year, the Russian Department consists of the following members:

Galina Aksenova,	ARH 232D [AKSENOVA],
Todd Armstrong,	Mears 113 [ARMSTRON],
Raquel Greene,	ARH 232A [GREENER],
Kelly Herold,	ARH 232C [HEROLDK],
Helen Scott	ARH 217D [SCOTTH] and
Anatoly Vishevsky	ARH 232B [VISHEVSK]

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 209 [GREY], **Daniel Kaiser**, History, Mears 216 [KAISER], and **John Rommereim**, Music, Fine Arts 205 [ROMMER]. If you are interested in the Russian and East European Studies Concentration, please contact **Anatoly Vishevsky**, who is chair of the RCEES Concentration.

Summer RCEES MAPs

This past May, Todd Armstrong traveled with Cain Elliot '06 to Krakow, Poland to attend an academic conference, *The Legacy of the Holocaust: Women and the Holocaust*, which took place at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Co-sponsored by the University of Northern Iowa, Texas A & M University and The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the conference formed part of Cain's summer MAP, "Polish Literary and Cultural Responses to the Holocaust." Funding for their travel was provided by the ACM/GLCA/ACS Global Partners Project. Upon return to Grinnell, Todd and Cain also participated in a Center for International Studies faculty development seminar on Genocide and Holocaust Studies.

Anatoly Vishevsky directed two MAPs in Prague this summer. Patrick Waldo '06 and Zoe Fleer '06 wrote MAP projects on issues of cultural identity in the Czech Republic as seen in the works of 20th- and 21st-century Czech artists.

John Wepking '06 worked with Todd Armstrong on a MAP project entitled "Ideology and Culture in Central/Eastern Europe, Pre- and Post-Totalitarianism."

New Off-Campus Study-Approved Program in Poland

Last spring the Off-Campus Studies Board recognized the Lexia International Poland program at Jagiellonian University, on which Cain Elliot '06 studied in fall,

2004, as an approved off-campus study program. We are excited to add this program to the list of approved programs in the region. For more information, students should consult the Lexia website: <http://www.lexiaintl.org/Krakow/index.cfm> or Todd Armstrong who is campus advisor for this program.

John R. Heath Professor from Warsaw, Poland

Mr. Konstanty Gebert of Warsaw, Poland, will be the 2005-06 John R. Heath Professor. Mr. Gebert will teach two special topics courses in the Russian, Central and Eastern European Studies Concentration, "Polish-Jewish Relations in the 20th Century" (also listed in Religious Studies; TTh 12:45-2:05) and "Media and Ethnic Conflict" (TTh 8:00-9:50).

Konstanty Gebert was born in 1953 in Warsaw, and graduated from the Warsaw University Psychology Department in 1976. He was co-founder of the (unofficial) Jewish Flying University in 1979, and of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews in 1980. In September 1980 in Warsaw he co-founded a white-collar trade union that soon merged with the Polish independent trade union Solidarity. After avoiding internment in the 1981 coup, Gebert, under the pen name of Dawid Warszawski (which he still uses), became well known as editor and columnist for several important underground publications. In 1989 he covered the round table Solidarity-government talks on transition to democracy, and joined the new independent daily *Gazeta Wyborcza*, where he has remained active as columnist and international reporter.

In 1997 Gebert founded, and till 2000 was editor-in-chief of, the Jewish intellectual monthly *Midrasz*, of which he is now the publisher. From 1995 till 2000 he was vice-chair, and since 2000 media consultant, of MDLF, an international credit fund for independent media. Since 2005, he is the Polish representative of the US Taube Foundation for Jewish Life and Culture. He has worked with independent media in Russia, the Balkans and Latin America. Mr. Gebert has lectured in Poland and abroad, e.g., at the University of Wisconsin, UC Santa Cruz, and Hebrew University.