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Congratulations Graduates!



Heartiest congratulations on completing their studies at Grinnell go to the Russian majors of the class of '02 who will receive their degrees next week:

Hilary Bown (Russian/German)
Aimee Hutton (Russian/Linguistics Concentration),
Caleb Lindley (Russian/German),
Lauren Orndorff (Russian/Art),
Kimberly Smith (Russian/English),
Erin Schmidt (Russian/Biology) and
Anna Thelen (Russian/Chemistry).

Graduating Fellow-Travelers

Congratulations to good friends of the Russian Department who will be receiving their degrees next week: **Vanessa Pierce** (Independent Major in International Relations) and **Brad Oremland** (REES Concentrator).



Congratulations to Hilary Bown!

Hilary Bown '02 is recipient of the IREX Russian-US Young Leadership Fellows for Public Service Award. This prestigious, national award funds 20 recent graduates from colleges and universities in the United States for study and work in Russia. Hilary's proposed plan of study and service, "Art History and Museology", integrates very interesting and vital academic and service issues concerning Russian Museums and the preservation and protection of Russian artifacts.

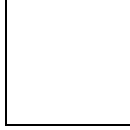


Congratulations to Timothy, Kristina and Matt!

The 2002 Russian Study Scholarships have been awarded to **Timothy Kerber**, **Kristina Kvarnlov-Leverty** and **Matthew Swessinger**.

Timothy plans to spend a year studying and working at the MkhAT Theater in Moscow. Kristina and Matthew will continue their studies of the Russian language on University of Arizona and ACTR programs respectively. Heartiest congratulations! These awards are granted each year to graduating seniors who have plans for study and service experiences in the former Soviet Union during the year following graduation. The Russian Study Scholarships are made possible by financial gifts to the Russian Department raised by **Diane Fisher Perkinson '82**, **Sharon McKee '82**, and **Emily Silliman '81**.

Grinnellians in Russia and Eastern Europe, Fall 2000



STUDY ABROAD

Several Grinnellians will head off to Russia and Eastern Europe this August. **Kerry Given '04** will spend the fall semester in St. Petersburg on a program sponsored by ACTR. **Alison Mynsberge '04** and **Randy Martinson '04** will study in Moscow during the fall semester on the ACTR-Moscow program. In addition, Russian students are planning to further their studies of the language at summer intensive language programs. **Matthew Smith '03**, for example, will study third-year Russian at Beloit and **Richard Walker '04** plans to attend Middlebury.

Paul Ames '04, **Lauren Flessner '04**, **Seth Heller '03**, and **Neil Tomson '04** will spend the fall semester studying in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in a program sponsored by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM). When these Grinnellians complete the program next fall, 24 students will have participated in this exchange program—the most of any ACM/GLCA school.

Farewell to ACTR-Grinnell Exchange Students



We would like to bid a fond farewell to our friends **Tatiana Korosteleva** of Tula and **Dmitrii Bukhtenko** of Moscow, who have completed their year of study at Grinnell under an exchange

agreement sponsored by the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) and Grinnell College. Since academic year 1988-89, fifty-six students from Russia have studied at Grinnell as part of this exchange, and we hope that this program will continue for years to come.

Farewell to our 2001-2002 Russian Native Speaker Assistant

Elena Melnikova, affectionately known as Lena, has been invaluable in many ways, from her teaching in our first-year Russian courses and her work in our Russian Conversation class and Russian Lab, to her marvelous culinary contributions to departmental events. We have all enjoyed having Lena in the department, and will miss her. We wish her every success in the future, as she returns to Moscow to continue her studies.



REES CONCENTRATION CHANGES

As many of you may know, the Russian and Eastern European Studies (REES) Concentration has recently been restructured, and will henceforth be called the Russian, Central and Eastern European Studies (RCEES) Concentration. The restructured concentration aims to reflect changes in the field, and to recognize developments in the Grinnell College curriculum. The revised RCESS concentration now has a third track focusing on Central and Eastern Europe in addition to the Russian Literature/Culture and the Russian History/Culture Tracks.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS:

Brandon Zicha '02 and **Jacob Omvig '03** will both be traveling to Prague, Czech Republic on Rosenfield Internships. Brandon's internship will be at the East-West Institute, and Jake will work at the Czech Environmental Management Center. **Gabriela Dobrescu '04** will work with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe at the Conflict Prevention Center in Vienna, Austria.

Welcome to New Majors!

The Russian Department extends a warm welcome to our newest majors, **Naomi Bethel** and **Kate Ottesen!**