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### Welcome

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!

## Поздравляем всех с новым учебным годом!

### РУССКИЙ СТОЛ

Russian Table will be held Fridays during the lunch hour in the new Joe Rosenfield '25 Center, in room 224C, which is one of the reserved dining spaces on the Mezz level of the dining hall (the furthest one from the top of the stairs; it overlooks the courtyard). 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

### Grinnellians in Russia and Central and Eastern Europe

Several Grinnellians are currently studying in the region this Fall.

**Mikel Shybut '10** and **Catherine Scott '10** are spending the fall semester in Moscow, studying at the International University on a program

### New Russian Language Assistant

Welcome to our new Russian Language Assistant, **Julia Kulikova**.

Each year the department sponsors a different language assistant from Russia. The assistant serves as an additional resource for students of Russian and, depending on student interest, organizes extracurricular activities. The language assistant conducts Russian 200 (conversational practice) and runs the weekly Russian Language Lab, where students are able to come to do homework, consult with the native speaker, or just chat. Our language assistant also lives in Russian House.



Julia is from the capital of Russia - Moscow. This year she graduated from Moscow State Linguistic University, completing the major as a teacher of two languages - English and French and as an interpreter in English.

### NEW MAJORS

The Department would like to welcome its new majors:

- Alexi Brooks '10**
- Claire Comstock-Gay '09**
- Pippa Hoover '10**
- Rebecca Johnston '09**

- Mikel Shybut '10** and **Emma Silverman '09**.

We look forward to working with you!

For more information about off-campus study in Russia, as well as Central/Eastern Europe, watch for announcements of information sessions, where student-veterans of past programs, as well as faculty advisers, will share their perspectives about

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**Grinnellians in Russia and Central and Eastern Europe**

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this valuable, life-changing experience.

Students should also feel free to contact **Todd Armstrong**, program adviser for these programs.



**Russian Department SEPC for Fall 2008**

Each department at Grinnell has a Student Educational Policy Committee (SEPC), a group usually made up of Russian majors, that assists and participates in a number of departmental activities, including faculty reviews; faculty hiring and promotion; extracurricular events; and faculty-student communication.

Our committee members for this academic year are:

- Claire Comstock-Gay '09,**
- Rebecca Johnston '08,**
- and**
- Emma Silverman '09.**

**RCEES-related lecture featured in 1968: Global Student Revolution Symposium**

"Prague, A Poem Reappearing: Remembering 1968"  
Tuesday, Oct 14, 2008  
08:00 10:00 PM  
JRC 101

**Michael Kraus**, Frederick C. Dirks Professor of Political Science and Director of Inter-

**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. The Russian Department consists of the following members:

- Kelly Herold**, ARH 232C [HEROLDK],
- Todd Armstrong**, ARH 232D [ARMSTRON],
- Raquel Greene (chair)**, ARH 232A [GREENER],
- 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],
- Ed Cohn**, History, Mears 315 [COHNED],
- and**
- John Rommereim**, Music, BCA 258 [ROMMER].

If you are interested in the Russian, Central and Eastern European Studies Concentration, please contact any concentration members, or Anatoly Vishevsky, who currently chairs the RCEES Concentration.

**Interested in Study Abroad in Central Europe?**

There will be an informational meeting on study on the Lexia Program in Krakow, Poland. Students interested in this program can find out more at 4:15 on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in ARH 232D (Russian Department). Students interested in studying elsewhere in Central Europe are also welcome to attend this session.

**Upcoming Events**

national Politics and Economics, Middlebury College.

Michael Kraus is an expert in Russian and Eastern European politics and, in addition to publishing many articles and books on the transformation of the former Soviet bloc, he has been a regular contributor to both Czech Television and BBC World Service (Prague).

At Grinnell, Professor Kraus will discuss the "Prague Spring" of 1968 and its importance for understanding the modern Czech Republic.

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