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## Graduating Russian Majors

Heartiest congratulations on completing their studies at Grinnell go to the Russian majors of the class of '01 who will receive their degrees next week:

**Kate Aughenbaugh**

**Richele Brafford**

**Marian Butzen** (Russian/German)

**Raquel Espinal** (Russian/Political Science)

**Alex Hernandez** (Russian/Psychology)

**Marissa Payne** (Russian/REES)

We also congratulate another REES concentrator,  
**Gary Oppenheim.**

## Graduating Fellow-Travelers

Congratulations to good friends of the Russian Department who will be receiving their degrees next week: **Oleksiy Andriychenko** and **Dmitry Krivin.**

## Farewell to ACTR-Grinnell Exchange Students

We would like to bid a fond farewell to **Natasha Ipatova** and **Katya Pekarscaya**, 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-four 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 Russian Language Assistant

**Anna Samoilova**, who has served with distinction as the Russian Department Language Assistant for the past two years, will be leaving us this spring. We will be sad to see Anya leave, but wish her every success as she begins a graduate program in communications at Fordham University in New York City. Congratulations, Anya!

## Welcome to next year's Russian Language Assistant

**Elena Melnikova** will work as the Russian Department Language Assistant for the 2001-02 academic year. Ms. Melnikova is a graduate of the Penza State Pedagogical University and has also studied at the Moscow State Pedagogical University. She will be teaching the Russian conversation course (RUS 200), living in the Russian House, and coordinating Russian Language Lab.

## Russian Study Scholarships

The 2000 Russian Study Scholarships have been awarded to **Kate Aughenbaugh** and **Richele Brafford**. 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

Several Grinnellians will soon be heading off to Russia and Eastern Europe. **Lauren Orndorff '01** has received a prestigious Fulbright grant to study in St. Petersburg during the summer on an ACTR program. **Bonnie Carenen '03, Rashed Chowdhury '03, Benjamin Jones '03, Jake Omvig '03, Caitlin O'Toole '02** and **Corinne Wieble '03** will spend the fall semester studying in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in the Central European Studies Program, sponsored by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM).

## Returnees from Programs in Russia

Currently completing programs of study in Russia are **Hilary Bown '02** (ACTR-Moscow), **Vanessa Pierce '02** (ACTR-St. Petersburg), **Kimberly Smith '02** (ACTR-St. Moscow), and **Erin Schmidt '02** (ACTR-Moscow). We look forward to hearing more about their experiences in Russia!

## Appreciation

We would like to thank our two colleagues who taught in the department during the Spring semester. Thanks go to **Leonid Ivanov**, who taught second-year Russian, and to **Hanna Lukowicz-Armstrong**, who taught a section of first-year Russian. Leonya will continue his work as the college's Web Coordinator, and Hanna will continue in Academic Advising.



## Faculty News

**Todd Armstrong** will travel to the Czech Republic 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." He will also work on an article on the Czech writer Ivan Klima. Next fall he will serve as director of Grinnell's new Center for International Studies.

**Raquel Greene** has received a summer research grant from the College which will enable her to return to Moscow at the beginning of June. She will be working in the archives on an ongoing project, an anthology entitled "Africa Through Russian Eyes."

**Kelly Herold** will be staying in Grinnell this summer to write two articles and begin work on a book. The first article concerns the memoirs of Catherine the Great and national identity and the second is about the two main redactions of Ekaterina Dashkova's memoirs (1805) and the political implications of their publication/suppression. **Caleb Lindley '02** will be working as Kelly's research assistant over the summer.

**John Mohan** will be working on a paper on Jungian themes in Turgenev's "The Singers," that was recently accepted for the Annual meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), and will also complete a biographical piece on the Russian critic P. V. Annenkov, scheduled for inclusion in a volume of the Dictionary of Literary Biographies devoted to Russian Realism. John will also be busy in his role as Chair of the Humanities Division and member of the college's Executive Council.

**Anatoly Vishevsky** will finish his sabbatical year in Prague, Czech Republic, where he has been busy working on a manuscript on Lermontov. Next year we will be happy to welcome Tolya back to Grinnell, where he will take over as chair of the Russian Department.



**Have a great summer!**

