REEEC - Affiliated Students Receive Fellowships and Prizes

REEEC is glad to announce the fellowships and prizes that our affiliated students received. Congratulations to all!

Nellie Manis, an M.A. student at our center, has been offered a Fulbright Grant to Russia. Next academic year she will enroll as a visiting student in the Translation and Interpretation Department at the Linguistics University of Nizhny Novgorod and then compare the translation and interpretation pedagogy in Russia and the U.S.

Anya Hamrick-Nevinglovskaya, a PhD candidate in Comparative Literature, was offered an SLCL Dissertation Completion Fellowship. She proposed to use this grant to work on her dissertation, provisionally titled “Resisting Shock: A Genealogy of Trauma Discourse in Russian and Early Soviet Fiction, 1860-1939”. The project investigates representations of psychic wounding in the works of Dostoevsky, Chekhov, and Bulgakov, and, in doing so, explores the pre-Freudian genealogy of trauma discourse specifically within the Russian and early Soviet context.

Jenelle Davis, a PhD student of modern and contemporary art history, was awarded the prestigious Gendell Family and Shiner Family Fellowship. Jenelle, whose work has primarily focused on Post-Katrina New Orleans, 9/11 and the Holocaust, will explore commemorative strategies in contemporary Czech art, with an emphasis on the subversive interaction between humor, irony and memory.

The American Research Center in Sofia awarded Milos Jovanovic, a Ph.D. Candidate in History, a short-term fellowship for fall 2013. Jovanovic is also this year’s recipient of the SSRC-Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF), which he will use during the 2014 calendar year to pursue research in Sofia and Belgrade.

Stefan Peychev’s proposal to pursue dissertation research in Istanbul and Ankara won him a fellowship from the Turkish Cultural Foundation for next academic year. Veneta Ivanova, also a Ph.D. Candidate in History, will be a Mladenova and Dianko Sotirov Visiting Fellowin London for this summer.

REEEC is pleased to announce this year’s Skalnik Prize Winners: Kyle Estes, PhD student in Political Science, with his paper “Emotional Reactions, Rational Actions: A Case Study of Ethnic Violence in Lviv, 1918” and Andrew Dolinar, undergraduate student in Sociology and Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, with his submission “The Foreign Gay: Exploring the Othered Roots of LGBT Rights in Post-Soviet Russia.” According to REEEC traditions, the recipients were treated to lunch by Professor Carol Leff and REEEC Director Professor David Cooper and will receive cash prizes at our center’s reception on May 10.

Last but not least come our FLAS Recipients for AY 2013-2014. Administered by the University of Illinois National Resource Centers and awarded competitively on an annual basis, REEEC FLAS fellowships are used for the study of a language of Russia, Eastern Europe, or the post-Soviet successor states.

This year’s graduate awardees are:

Hristo Alexiev (REEEC, Serbo-Croatian)
Benjamin Bamberger (History, Russian)
Ryan Eavenson (REEEC, Russian)
Kyle Estes (Political Science, Ukrainian)
Kourtney Gillett (Slavic, Russian)
Anna A. Harbaugh (History, Russian)
Alana Holland (REEEC, Polish)
Rosa Kleinman (Slavic, Polish)
Eastman A. Klepper (REEEC, Russian)
Ethan Larson (History, Serbo-Croatian)
Lydia Medill (Linguistics, Russian)
Thornton Miller (Music, Russian)
Peter Q. Wright (History, Russian)
Our summer awardees:

Benjamin Bamberger (History, Russian and Georgian)
Ryan Eavenson (REEEC, Russian)
Zachary Grotovsky (German, Polish)
Megan Kennedy (Linguistics, Kazakh)
Ethan Larson (History, Serbo-Croatian)
Lauren Hanse (German, Russian)

Our undergraduate recipients:

Kristina Biljan (Serbo-Croatian)
Miranda Wickham (Turkish)
Andrew Dolinar (Russian)