Faculty Highlight - Cori Anderson

This year REEEC is privileged to have Cori Anderson join REEEC’s affiliated faculty. Currently, she is pursuing a Ph.D. in Slavic and Theoretical Linguistics at Princeton University. Before her arrival at Illinois, she held the position of adjunct instructor in Russian at The College of New Jersey from 2010 - 2012 where she worked to develop an ongoing research project for Russian language students. This project follows current events and includes the creation of a wiki-style webpage. She says this allows students the opportunity to engage with Russia in a concrete way and connect the study of Russian to both their academic and personal interests. During her time at The College of New Jersey, she successfully developed the intensive language program in less-commonly taught languages. In addition to her achievements at The College of New Jersey, she was also a Part-Time Lecturer at Rutgers University.

Cori Anderson is currently working on a research project funded by the Lithuanian Research Council. The purpose of this project is to investigate Valency and Argument Structure in the Baltic Languages. In addition, she has interests in the realm of pedagogical research. This includes study abroad in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia, and how classroom methods differ there in comparison to the methods employed in North America.

Currently, Cori Anderson will be implementing the webpage-based project she worked on at The College of New Jersey into the curriculum at Illinois. She hopes that this will encourage higher retention rates for both the intermediate and advanced Russian classes at the university. She is eager to work within the Linguistics Department on proficiency testing in order to make a comparison between materials used in the laboratory, and materials used in the instructional setting. Additionally, her work has been published in Baltic Linguistics and Studies in Slavic Linguistics.

Cori Anderson is very excited to be a member of the Slavic Department that is dedicated to offering such a large number of Slavic languages on a regular basis. She is currently teaching Introductory Polish. Lastly, she commented that she enjoys living in a college town, and experiencing the warmth of Midwesterners.