This year’s REEEC Fall Reception took place on 3 September, 2015 in the General Lounge of the Illini Union. Following Dr. Zsuzsa Gille’s New Directions Lecture, entitled “Paprika, Foie Gras and Red Mud: Hungary Ten Years after EU Accession,” the REEES community gathered to celebrate the new academic year. As the director of REEEC, Professor David Cooper introduced Christopher Condill as the new Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies Librarian, Professor Sang Chul Park as a visiting scholar from Chonnam National University, South Korea, and Dr. Paskal Zhelev as a Fulbright Fellow visiting scholar from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia, Bulgaria. Professor Cooper also announced the academic year FLAS award winners.

The following are this year’s FLAS recipients:

Graduate Fellowship Recipients:
Celmer, Samantha, REEES Russian
Goldsmith, Jacob, Slavic Ukrainian
Harbaugh, Anna, History Georgian
Higgins, Nicholas, REEES Russian
Hoppe, Nadia, Slavic Russian
Jaszi, Sabrina, GSLIS Uzbek
Klopfenstein, Matthew, History Russian
Krupp, Benjamin, Anthropology Russian

Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients:
Moore, John, Political Science Russian

For information on the FLAS fellowship competition for the 2015-2016 summer and academic year can be found on the FLAS website: http://flas.illinois.edu