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Message from the Associate Director

Having worked at the CES since its establishment in 2003, I will be leaving my position, and the University of Florida, at the end of the summer term. It is hardly possible to overstate how much my experience at the Center during the past eight years has contributed to my professional development and personal growth. After several months as the hourly internship coordinator for the EUSP program, I was offered my first full time job, helping manage the Center as it began to grow in the summer of 2004. A series of staff departures helped me gain experience in all aspects of the CES, including grant and budget management, academic advising and outreach. Thanks to my time at the Center, I now have a perspective on university administration that will be invaluable as I prepare to start my life as a "regular" academic at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

As thrilling as it is to start a new job and to live in the same city as my spouse, departing the CES brings a great deal of sadness. It is rare to have a work environment where your co-workers are also your closest friends, where bringing

a sick or injured pet to work is not only tolerated but also expected, and where the success of the unit is put before any personal advantage or benefit. I am extremely lucky to have been part of such a Center for so long. Creating such an institution would not have been possible without the vision, dedication, tireless work, and enthusiasm of the CES founding Director, Amie Kreppel. Moreover, without her mentorship and support, I would not be half the person I am today. I leave with the hope that I will stay in touch with many of the CES members and supporters.

—Petia Kostadinova



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FLAS Winners

The CES awards Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) grants to graduate and undergraduate students who are enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) in a program that combines modern foreign language training with international or area studies or with the international aspects of professional or other fields of study. See www.ces.ufl.edu/FLAS for details.

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Erin Cass, Czech
Scott Feinstein, Russian
Magda Giurcanu, French
Shelby Huber, Turkish
Melissa Molloy, Danish
Kelsey Prange, Czech

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Erin Cass, Czech
Shelby Huber, Turkish
Johanna Mellis, Hungarian
David Ouziel, Italian
Kelsey Prange, Czech

UPCOMING EVENTS

Global Challenges of International Sales Law Conference

On November 11 and 12, the UF Center for International Business Education & Research and the Warrington College of Business Administration will host a Conference on the Impact, Problems, and Issues relating to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). Sponsors include the CES, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the Institute for International Commercial Law (Pace University). The conference will bring together 35 scholars, practitioners, and representatives of international organizations from 20 countries to present papers in their areas of specialized expertise. This conference will provide information on multiple levels—understanding the rules of the CISG, the application of the CISG by signatory countries, theoretical insights, and its use by international transactional attorneys. For more info, go to www.conferences.dce.ufl.edu/SalesLaw



Cooking classes

The CES is planning a series of cooking classes for fall and spring. Last year, the classes were very popular and there were some people who attended each class! For the coming year, to date the CES has lined up **Dr. Georgia Bianchi**, **Dr. Edith Kaan**, and **Lisa Booth** with **Dr. Stuart Finkel**. Italian, Dutch, and Georgian (Russian) recipes will be enjoyed. Read the CES Weekly Updates to get last-minute news of classes. The fee covers all food and the CES cookbook, *A Taste of Europe*, in addition to a sit down dinner to enjoy the food created by the class.

Brussels Study Abroad Report

In March, the Union of European Turkish Democrats (UETD) Brussels organized its second seminar with Brussels capstone study abroad students from the CES. Dr. Sinan Ciddi coordinated this seminar. During the seminar, topics such as the accession process of Turkey to the EU, prejudices in this framework, discriminations, and the situation of Euro-Turks were discussed.

Information was given to the students about the objectives and the views of UETD Brussels. UETD Brussels Secretary-General and jurist **Mehmet Alparslan Saygın** presented a talk about the objectives and views of UETD Brussels.

Political science student **Burhan Yağcıoğlu** commented on behalf of UETD Brussels about the Belgian political crisis.

To see the complete information including the presentations and the photos of this event, visit www.tinyurl.com/6ebngy2

RECENT EVENTS



If you missed the Greek spring cultural celebration, Glenti, you missed a rollicking good time with the Greek band Ellada from Tarpon Springs. Playing traditional Greek instruments such as the bouzouki, they got the crowd clapping and stomping. Take Away Gourmet catered the delicious food and the costumed Greek American Student Association (GASA) performed several dances. The Glenti was sponsored by the CES along with the Center for Greek Studies and GASA.



Finishing out the Spring series of four cooking classes, **Edit Nagy**, the CES Hungarian lecturer, led a sold-out class through three recipes: Sour Cream Potato Soup (Tejfölös krumpli leves), Hungarian (Cat)Fish in Cream with Dumpling (Tejszínes harcsa nokedlivel), and Hungarian Raisin Rice Cake/Rice Soufflé (Rizskoch).



The CES co-sponsored Museum Nights at the Harn in April. There were lots of different activities including an in-gallery mystery called The Mystery of the Missing Masterpiece, a lecture about flamenco dancing, music, craft fun, and five-minute language lessons and a Rubik's cube contest provided by the Hungarian Club and CES lecturer **Edit Nagy**.

DONATE TO CES

On the navigation bar on the CES webpage you will find a red DONATE button. By clicking on this, you will be taken directly to the University Foundation page where you can donate any amount to the Center for its programming. It's as simple as clicking a mouse.

Faculty, Staff, & Student News



Guess whose car sports this license plate?

CES FLAS and course development grant recipient **Lisa Booth** will teach at Florida Gulf Coast University as a visiting assistant professor. She says, "I am teaching *Russian History* and *Modern European History* in the fall and *Jazz & Rock in the Soviet Bloc* and *Central & Eastern European History* in the spring." The chair of the department told Lisa that they were particularly interested in having her teach the Jazz & Rock class. "He said it was what got their attention and made them offer me the position. Yay CES course development grant!" You can follow Lisa's blog while she is in Moscow with support from a CES travel grant this summer: www.lisainmoscow.blogspot.com

Three Political Science majors who are affiliated with the CES, **Julie Hundersmarck**, **Jeanette Leal**, and **Alejandro Verbiest** have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Election is limited to students with GPAs of 3.75 or greater (3.90 for new seniors) and a minimum of 36 hours of course credit in LAS classes outside of their major discipline. The national society also stipulates that they need some minimum coursework in foreign language and mathematics.



Alexander Karnazes, a former CES student who is currently employed in the office, will attend the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, this Fall to pursue his Masters degree in Political Science. Above: Alex baked CES brownies to share.



Graduate student and University Scholars program recipient **Heather Knight Lear**, who was advised by the CES' **Maria Stoilkova**, presented a poster titled *Turkish Accession to the EU: The Perspective of the Next Generation* at the University Scholars Program Research Symposium. She also attended the capstone Brussels study abroad program in 2011 and conducted research in Turkey on her own. Her research was nominated for publication in the UF Journal of Undergraduate Research. She graduated magna cum laude in Anthropology and Political Science.

Two CES students, **Lauren Parater** and **Regina Topolinskaya**, attended the 9th Annual Claremont-UC Research Conference on the European Union in

April. This was Regina's second consecutive year at the conference, held in Claremont, California. This time, she presented her undergraduate thesis titled "Long-term Ramifications of EU Conditionality in the Baltic States: The Case of Russian Minorities," a paper which explored the European Union's effect on Russian minorities in Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia after accession in 2004. Lauren's paper, "Pro-Turkish Accession: Turkish Perspective," analyzed the benefits of the accession of Turkey to the EU from a national Turkish outlook, touching on the economic, political, and social dimensions of the debate. After their presentations, both students received feedback from professors and students. Regina said that this would prove particularly constructive for her plans to expand her graduate research on Russian minorities. In addition, Lauren and Regina were able to listen to other presentations on topics ranging from environmental policy in the EU to the potential effects of the accession of selected Balkan states on tensions in that region. The impressive research they were introduced to at the conference highlighted both the multifaceted points of study available when examining the EU and the value of research on the undergraduate level.

CES FLAS recipient, **Rachel Rothstein** received a Fulbright Fellowship to be in Warsaw for the year doing her research. Her dissertation is titled "The Next Chapter: Polish Jewishness since 1968."

Regina Topolinskaya, a CES FLAS recipient, will be pursuing a combined MA in Russian, Eastern European, and Central Asian (REECA) Studies from Harvard and a JD from Boston University in the fall of 2011. She hopes to work on foreign policy issues related to Russia and the European Union in the future.