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The Center for European Studies Announces New Staff Positions



Nubia Pena joined the CES in October 2004 as the **Coordinator of Administrative Services**. At the CES Ms. Pena is responsible for fiscal, personnel, purchasing, and federal reporting functions of the Center. Ms. Pena handles the disbursement of grant funds and assists with short and long range planning related to grants administration. She also coordinates and prepares budgets and reviews expenditures for budgetary control. Prior to joining the CES, Ms. Pena worked at the Department of Statistics at UF. Ms. Pena's office is 3338 Turlington Hall. Originally from Bogotá, Colombia, where she worked as a Business Administrator at Telecom, Ms. Pena and her family moved to Coral Springs in 1996, and to Gainesville in 2002. Her older daughter

has a degree from Florida State University and now works in Ashville, NC. Her younger daughter is now a junior at UF in the School of Architecture.



Former CES graduate student assistant Branislav Kovalcik will soon begin work as the **Academic Program Coordinator** for the CES. This position is responsible for the development and coordination of European Studies undergraduate and graduate programs including the European Studies Minor, the European Track of the International Studies Major, and a Masters Degree in European Union Studies.

The Academic Program

Coordinator assists CES faculty in course and program development, including new study abroad programs and "capstone" courses. Other tasks include advising students on coursework for CES programs and managing course tracking and course-related data collection for reporting and grant renewal purposes. This position is housed in the CES main office, 3340 Turlington Hall. Mr. Kovalcik will continue to pursue his Ph.D. in Political Science while working full time for the Center.

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From the Director

Over the last 18 months the Center for European Studies has grown from little more than a vague idea to a thriving active part of the UF community. During this brief period the CES has organized and/or sponsored in whole or part over three dozen events including speakers visits, international conferences and workshops, outreach events aimed at teachers and businesses alike. We have supported the development of over a dozen new courses, created a minor degree program and helped to create three new study abroad programs (with another two on their way). Through the generous support of the Dean of CLAS and the Provost's office we have been able to hire seven new faculty members with two more additions expected this year and at least as many again next year. All of these achievements have been possible, however, only because of the truly amazing group of people who have joined the staff of the CES. Over the next few issues of the CES Gazette I would like to take the opportunity to introduce and applaud individual staff members without whose tireless efforts the CES would never have been able to come so far, so fast.



I would like to begin by introducing **Nicola (Nikki) Kernaghan**, the CES (and Transnational Global Studies-TGSC) **Outreach Coordinator**. Nikki celebrated her 1-year anniversary with CES in January 2005. During this brief time she has organized untold workshops and speakers for K-12 teachers across the state, seamlessly stepped in and made the first CES Summer Language Pedagogy workshop a huge success, assisted in last year's CES Business Workshop in Orlando and a myriad of other activities. But that was all just the beginning. After co-authoring a successful grant proposal

to the Commission of the European Union for outreach support Nikki has been the leader in implementing what was a very ambitious proposal. One of the core events, a roundtable for Members of the State Legislature and representatives from the Governor's office on EU-Florida relations and economic ties is scheduled for February 9th and interest has been impressive. We will host representatives from five different EU member state consulates as well as several European businesses with significant ties to Florida. This event has posed unusually difficult organizational challenges and Nikki has met each one with a smile and quiet determination ensuring a hugely successful outcome. Helping to make all of these accomplishments possible this year has been Haley Mayclin, a graduate student in the College of Education and the CES Outreach Assistant. Together they have transformed ideas and goals into a broad range of successful outreach programs that have helped the CES to meet its mandate of helping to inform the various communities *outside* UF (as well as the UF community itself) about a wide array of Europe-related subjects.

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Fall 2004 Highlights

CES Director Wins International Educator of the Year Award

We are proud to announce that the CES Director Dr. Amie Kreppel is one of the two recipients of the International Educator of the Year Award for 2004. The award has been established by UF International Center to recognize outstanding international endeavors by UF faculty members. One to two faculty candidates were nominated by each college, and a university-wide committee then evaluated the candidates' international activities in terms of research, teaching, and service to UF. President Bernie Machen announced the winners of this award on November 18, 2004 as part of International Education Week. Dr. Kreppel, the junior faculty winner, was recognized as an outstanding international educator for her role in establishing a UF European-studies center under Title VI. The senior faculty winner was Dr. Thomas Oakland, who initiated a Spanish-learning program for UF graduates in Costa Rica. Dr. Kreppel and Dr. Oakland were chosen among twenty nominees for this prestigious honor. On this occasion, President Machen, who has made diversity a priority, said that "teaching, research and service must be global...At an institution as large and complex as the University of Florida ... our goals must have the support and understanding of the faculty." International Center Dean Dennis Jett, who shares President Machen's goal of internationalizing the campus and curriculum, observed that international studies have increasing importance as students enter a global workplace. The CES staff wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Kreppel on being a top international educator!

Spring 2005 Speaker Series

January 14: Valerie Bunce, "Building Democracy After Dictatorship: Lessons from Post-Communist Eurasia"

Dr. Bunce is the Aaron Binenkorb Professor of International Studies, Professor of Government, and Chair of the Government Department at Cornell University. Her primary field is comparative politics and, secondarily, international relations. Her research and teaching address comparative democratization, the origins and consequences of imperial decline, inter-ethnic cooperation and conflict, peace-making after internal wars, and the diffusion of capitalism from the West to the "rest." Her geographical focus is primarily east-central Europe, the Balkans and the Soviet successor states, though her comparative interests extend to Latin America. She is the author, most recently, of *Subversive Institutions: The Design and the Collapse of Socialism and the State*, and her articles have appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Politics and Society* and *International Organization*.

The CES & the Institute for Learning
in Retirement co-sponsor

Oak Hammock Lecture Series

This is an introductory course on the European Union taught jointly by UF, FIU, and USF faculty and featuring the CES own Dr. Amie Kreppel and Dr. Petia Kostadinova. The lecture series takes place between January and April 2005.

January 20: Mine Eder, "The 'EU'ropeanization of Turkey: On the Long Road to Membership"

Dr. Eder is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey. Her research areas are international and comparative political economy, international cooperation and regionalization, and political economy of Turkey and EU-Turkish relations. She is the author of *The Political Economy of Regional Cooperation in the Middle East*, co-authored with Kemal Kirisci, and Ali Çarkođlu. Her current project, funded by IREX (with Kiren Chaudry, Berkeley, Andrei Yakovlev, Moscow University, and Ali Carkoglu, Sabanci University) and Ford Foundation (with Ali Carkoglu) focuses on a shopping district in Istanbul, called Laleli, which has become the center of informal trade with the former Soviet Republics after the end of the Cold War. Dr. Eder is also working on a book manuscript entitled *Political Economy of Suitcase Trade in Istanbul: Towards a New Ethnography of the State?*

February 8: John White, "The Second Viennese School and Its Influence on Twentieth-Century American Music"

Dr. White is a UF Emeritus Professor of Music and was invited to be a Distinguished Fulbright Professor of Musicology by the University of Vienna, on the basis of his recent book, *Modern Music of the Scandinavian Countries*. His scholarship goes much beyond the confines of musicology and includes in the broadest sense issues of the humanities in modern Europe. His proposed talk addresses a major aspect of twentieth century arts, focusing on the second Viennese school which included composers Alban Berg, Arnold Schoenberg, and Anton Webern. In addition, Dr. White will briefly discuss intellectual life in modern Vienna.

February 2005 (date and title of talk TBA): Anastasia Karakasidou

Dr. Karakasidou, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Wellesley College, is well known for her contributions to the study of Greek nationhood and identity. Her recent book *Fields of Wheat, Hills of Blood: Passages to Nationhood in Greek Macedonia 1870-1990* has been well received among scholars in the field. Her study clarifies the contentious debate over ethnic identities and nationalist ideologies in Greek Macedonia, crucial to understanding Greek identity as it has been formulated through the social, political, and economic processes that Greece underwent in the 20th century.

Have a suggestion about a guest speaker on a European topic?

To suggest a potential speaker for the CES speakers series, please complete the online form at www.ces.ufl.edu/CESspeakerform.html.

If your suggestion is adopted, the CES will contact you directly prior to making contact with the potential speaker to confirm all the details.

March 2005 (date and title of talk TBA): Anna Klobucka

Dr. Klobucka is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Portuguese Department at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Last year she was an organizer of the American Portuguese Studies Association. Her research interests bridge Iberian and East European, Portuguese and Polish, studies.

Center for European Studies Grants

Check out external funding opportunities at our website: www.ces.ufl.edu.

Course Enhancement / Development Grants For Faculty

These grants are offered annually and distributed as salary for the summer semester immediately following the grant competition. Grantees are required to submit a signed letter from their department chair certifying that their home departments will be responsible for distributing the grant funds, which the CES will transfer to departmental accounts. The enhanced class must be taught within two academic years of the award; a signed letter from grantees' department chair to that effect is required.

Course Enhancement Grants: The CES awards three course enhancement grants of \$ 2,500 each. The grants are designed to assist current UF faculty in the enhancement of existing courses on European topics to incorporate new technologies, to broaden the scope of the course to make it more interdisciplinary, or to create a capstone experience add-on unit that incorporates a study abroad visit to Europe. Grantees will be required to submit a revised course syllabus / new capstone syllabus, as well as a brief summary of the activities pursued or course modifications made to the CES by the end of the fall semester following the summer in which the grant was awarded. The deadline for the 2004-2005 academic year competition is March 7, 2005.

New Course Development Grants: The CES awards three course development grants of \$ 4,000 each. The grants are designed to assist current UF faculty in the development of new interdisciplinary courses with a substantial European focus. Grantees are also required to submit a full course syllabus and a brief summary of the course by the end of the fall following the summer in which the grant was awarded. In addition, completed UCC1 (new course) forms must be submitted to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the same time that the syllabus is submitted to the CES and a copy of them forwarded to the CES. The deadline for the 2004-2005 academic year competition is March 14, 2005.

European Travel Grants for Faculty and Graduate Students

The CES awards faculty and graduate student travel grants of up to \$1,000 each. **UF faculty** can use these grants to travel to Europe to pursue research, course development, course enhancement, or to present a work at a scholarly conference or workshop. **UF graduate students** can use these grants to travel to Europe to pursue intensive language study, dissertation research, or to present a work at a scholarly conference or workshop. Awards for travel to present or participate in a conference or workshop require proof of prior acceptance or invitation. Grantees should be advised that they will be reimbursed for covered costs incurred during the trip (within the amount of the award) upon their return, with the exception of trans-Atlantic plane tickets which **must** be

Upcoming Events at the CES

February 9th - EU workshop for Florida State Leaders in Tallahassee, Florida

February 19th - The New Face of Europe workshop in Paris, France

purchased directly by CES. These grants are offered bi-annually; the remaining deadline for the 2004-2005 academic year is March 14, 2005.

Undergraduate Study Abroad Grants

The CES awards three undergraduate study abroad grants of \$500 each to students participating in one of the CES affiliated study abroad programs. These currently include the Brussels Program, the Salzburg Program (humanities and social sciences), and the Prague Program. The deadline for these annual grants is March 14, 2005. Grant awards will be transferred to UF International Center which will distribute them.

For a full description of the grants please visit www.ces.ufl.edu. Applications for **faculty and graduate student** grants can be downloaded from <http://www.ces.ufl.edu/GrantApplication.pdf> and for **undergraduate** grants from <http://www.ces.ufl.edu/UndergradGrantAppl.pdf> or picked up in 3340 Turlington Hall.

Spring 2005: Honors in Paris

The program unites scholars from various disciplines. The theme for Spring 2005 is *Engagement with Modern France: Literature, Politics and the Visual Arts, 1850-2005*.

Dr. Amie Kreppel will teach the course "France and the European Union: A Half-Century of Schizophrenia" (POS 4931). The first week of classes is held in Paris, and the second in Brussels.

News of Students

Sandrine Savona, a doctoral student in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, was one of the recipients of the CES Graduate Student Travel Grant for the past year. In summer 2004 she traveled to Paris to pursue dissertation research on 19th century French literature and culture. During her stay she took an independent study in her field, conducting research and participating in workshops at La Bibliotheque Nationale. Also, Savona taught French at the Paris Research Center and organized weekly activities for her students around Paris to help them practice their new language skills. Finally, she enriched her knowledge of French culture and art as she visited Paris museums, and traveled to Giverny, Versailles, The Loire Castles, and The Mont Saint Michel.

Study Abroad in Brussels - Summer 2005 Course

As part of the CES Summer in Brussels Program, UF Professor Leonard Beeghley will teach a new course titled "The European Union and the United States: Current Problems and Prospects" (SYA 4930 & POS 4931). The course compares the EU and the US, with a focus on the debate over the nature and future of the welfare state, a public policy problem with which the European Union and nearly all its member nations are grappling. Students will examine a

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variety of contemporary social problems, such as political participation, an aging population, poverty, illness and medical treatment, abortion, gender inequality, immigration, crime, and other topics. As requirement of the course, students are expected to immerse themselves in daily life in Brussels, which involves reading Brussels or other European newspapers, visiting relevant social institutions and events, and going on field trips.

Study Abroad

The Summer Study Abroad at Vesalius College, VUB in Brussels, Belgium: The Vesalius College is an English language international college within the Dutch speaking Belgian Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). The Summer in Brussels Program is part of the EU Studies Certificate and Minor Program, but is open to all interested students. The program is focused to a certain extent on the European Union and unless previously discussed and approved by the director all students must take SYA 4930/ POS 4931, "The European Union and the United States: Current Problems and Prospects" (3 units). Program costs include: UF international Center administrative fee, MEDEX insurance, tuition and housing. For more information, please visit the CES website at www.ces.ufl.edu or the EUSP website at www.clas.ufl.edu/eustudies/ or email Dr. Amie Kreppel (kreppel@polisci.ufl.edu) or Dr. Leonard Beeghley (lbeegh@soc.ufl.edu) .



The Salzburg Study Abroad Program: This program is perfect for History and Political Science majors, and those students who want to complete the introductory German language sequence (equivalent to GER1122) and all other students interested in taking the following courses: "Modern Europe," "Economics and Politics of the European Union," or "Beginning German III." Approximate cost: \$3,800, which includes: housing in Austrian homes with an Austrian family (one or two students per home), all meals in Salzburg (breakfast and dinner in the homes, lunch at Salzburg College), a 4-day field trip to Vienna (hotel room, breakfast, events), special events (walking tours, day trips, Palace tours, etc.), all UF International Center fees, and six hours of transfer credit (2 courses from the list above). Application deadline

was January 30. For more information on this program, please contact the program coordinator, Glenn Kopic at 107 AAC or e-mail him at gkopic@advising.ufl.edu.

The Prague Summer Study Abroad Program: UF students will be studying at Charles V University's Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies (ILPS), located near the myth-enveloped Vysehrad (a raised settlement that predates Prague and has a magnificent view of the river and Prague Castle). Prior knowledge of the Czech language is **NOT** required. The Prague Summer Program is a language and culture program combined with an in-country cultural experience. Students are required to take conversational Czech taught by ILPS faculty at all levels, and a course on the politics, history and culture of Central and Eastern Europe taught entirely in English by a UF faculty member, Dr. Conor O'Dwyer. The program cost will include: tuition, accommodation, study material, local excursions, two field trips, UF International Center application deposit, MEDEX emergency assistance insurance.



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