

Global Sources

The University of Kansas International Outreach Newsletter



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Holidays are over and we are back to work. At the end of the fall 2006 semester, representatives from the Center for East Asian Studies, the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and Kansas African Studies Center attended the Kansas Summit on Strategic Languages that was held in Topeka, Kansas at Washburn University. All the Centers also co-sponsored the Summit. The main point of this meeting was to indicate that there is no way to have success in our present "flat" world without knowing a foreign language, "especially so-called strategic languages such as Chinese, Arabic and Russian" (Lawrence Journal World, December 19, 2006). A great approach is to collaborate between language and social studies programs. I remember my school years in Kazakhstan and later in Russia. We studied foreign languages in isolation, without implementing them into other disciplines (the only place that integrated language into other classes was a special elite school, usually only one in town). Wouldn't it be useful and fun to learn Geography or Mathematics in the language you are studying? Let us, teachers, parents, business and elected officials, work together in educating a new generation of "flat" world citizens!

Spring 2007 is promising to be busy with different

international events and activities. The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies will be hosting the Balkan Semester. The Balkan region is a fascinating crossroads of peoples and cultures, and the site of many critical historical events. Do not miss the April 14, 2007, K-14 Teacher Training Workshop, "Conflict And Creativity In The Balkans!" In February CREES will be celebrating *Maslenitsa*, that will include an International Crepe-Making Workshop and International Dance Workshop, and CEAS will be hosting its Lunar New Year celebration. The United Way and Liberty Hall are organizing after school programs for Junior High School students on Wednesday afternoons. All our International Centers are going to present "World Language Day" at Liberty Hall on 02/28/07, from 2:00 pm-4:30 pm. International movies will be featured during the Globalizations Seminar and Film Series on the KU campus. Please see KU's events calendar: <http://www.calendar.ku.edu/> for detailed events information. I am looking forward to our upcoming mutual work!

Sincerely,
Tatyana V. Wilds



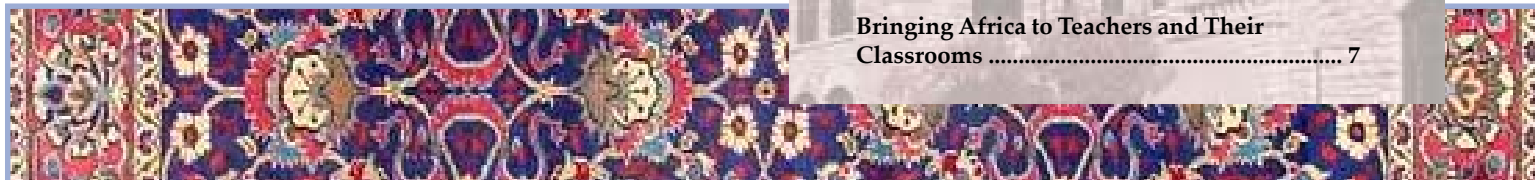
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Staff and faculty of the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and the Center of Latin American Studies listen to Christmas carols at the 2006 winter holiday party.





KU CENTERS GO ON THE AIR

In November 2006 CREES and CEAS held a useful and fun workshop "On the Air." We all live in the era of electronic files and images. We do everything electronically and we appear to like it this way. The main idea of the workshop was to create a lesson environment that will combine languages and arts with social studies. Why not make a regular lesson more exciting and get students involved in this creative process? Students can write a movie script and actually film a short movie during several class periods. They will be actors, artists, directors and critics too. The social studies teacher may collaborate with the creative writing, art and/or foreign language teachers to do this project. As a result there will be a movie, play, TV report or any other presentation that will be posted on the web and copied on CDs and DVDs. The guest speakers at the workshop were: Dr. William Tsutsui, the host of the "Postcards from Asia," www.ceas.ku.edu, and Dr. Yaroslava Tsiovkh, the host of the movie "Ukraine and Ukrainians," www.crees.ku.edu/teachers/Ukraine%20and%20Ukrainians.shtml. During the last hour of the workshop, the participants enjoyed a time of sharing their own ideas and making their own international (depending on what country the artist was from) nested dolls.



Participants in the "On the Air" Workshop made their own international nested dolls.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE MEETUP GROUP

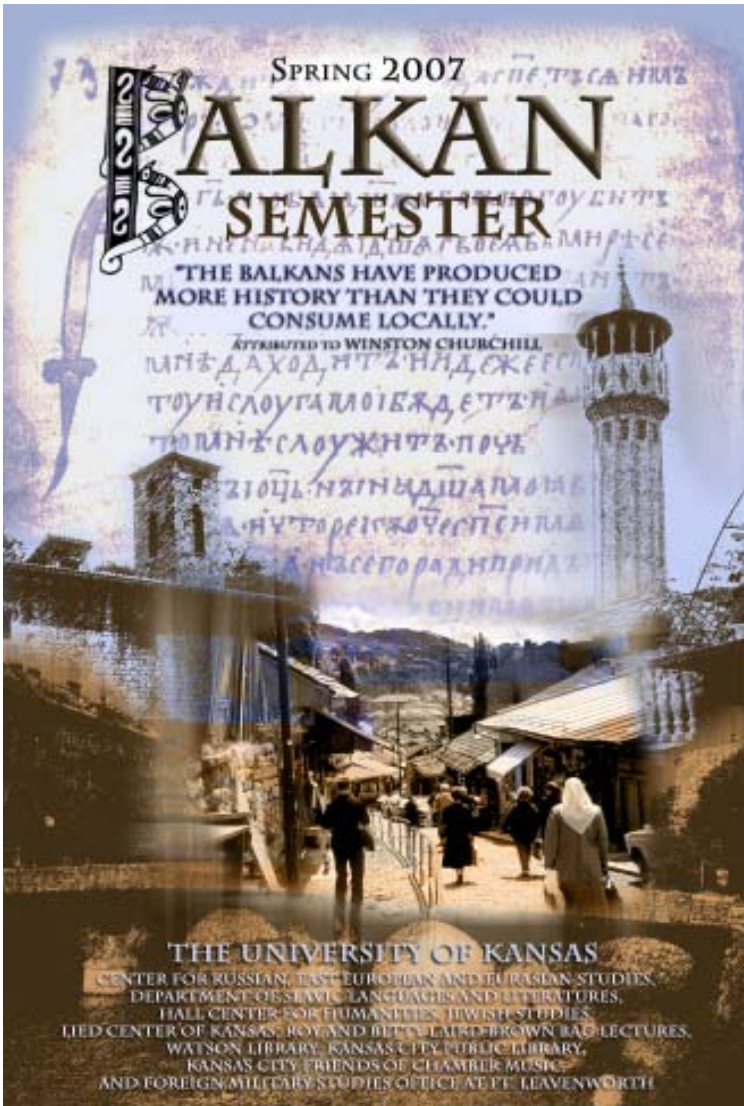
REES alumnus Bart Redford, along with other members of the Kansas City Russian Language Meetup Group (russian.meetup.com/15/) participated in an international program hosted by the Girl Scouts of Kansas City on December 2, 2006. The program was held at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School and focused on winter holidays around the world. Countries or continents represented were Scotland, Jamaica, Lebanon, Japan, Africa and Russia. Members of the Russian Meetup group provided explanations and exhibits on Christmas and New Years as celebrated in Russia and many other countries in the former Soviet Union. Redford and other club members showed the participants figures of Father Frost and the Snow Maiden, compared them to Western figures associated with Christmas, and told the scouts about the tradition of celebrating both old and new Christmas and New Year's (according to the Gregorian and Julian calendars). Approximately 450 scouts attended the program.



Linens,
Croatia



Tatyana Wilds, the Outreach Coordinator, represented CREES at the Fall 2006 International Career Workshop.



secondary school teachers. The Balkan Semester will open a window on this important region for students, faculty, and the general public, and will highlight some of KU's outstanding and unique resources in language and cultural studies.

**APRIL 14, 2007
K-14 TEACHER TRAINING
WORKSHOP, "CONFLICT AND
CREATIVITY IN THE BALKANS"**

Sponsored by the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and the Center for Economic Education
318 Bailey, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

With:

DR. MARC L. GREENBERG, "Language and Identity in the Balkans"

Read about Dr. Greenberg: www2.ku.edu/~slavic/greenberg.shtml

DR. ELIF ANDAC, "When East Meets West: The Ottoman Legacy in the Balkans"

Read about Dr. Andac:

www.sociology.ku.edu/~sociology/people/andac/

DR. BARBARA PHIPPS, "Diversity in Bulgarian Education"

Read about Dr. Phipps: www.soe.ku.edu/ct/faculty_staff/Phipps.php

TATYANA WILDS, "How to Make Your Own Martenitsa Doll"

This workshop will help K-14 educators develop Balkan-related curricular materials.

WORKSHOP IS FREE BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

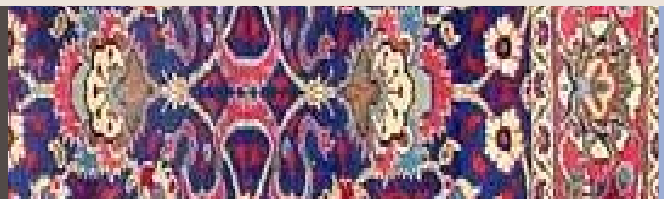
Contact the CREES Outreach Coordinator, Tatyana Wilds (twv@ku.edu) for additional information.

In Spring 2007, the University of Kansas Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies is celebrating the **Balkan Semester**. The Balkan region is a crossroads of peoples and cultures, and the site of many critical historical events. The Balkan Semester highlights contemporary and historical issues in the region through concerts, public lectures, art displays, and training sessions for Kansas

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Report of the
**Kansas
Task Force
on Chinese
Language
Training**
October 2006

**KANSAS SUMMIT
ON STRATEGIC
LANGUAGES**

Educators throughout Kansas are realizing that strategic languages must be a part of education for the 21st century. On December 19th, nearly 100 policymakers, legislators, educators, and members of the business community gathered in Topeka at the Kansas Summit on Strategic Languages to

develop a statewide action plan for increasing the capacity of Kansas schools, colleges, and universities to teach critical world languages like Chinese, Arabic, and Russian. Support for the Summit was provided by CEAS as well as by other KU area study centers, by the Kansas State University Office of International Programs, Kansas World Trade Center in Wichita, and the World Trade Center of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

The impetus for the Summit was the publication of the "Report of the Kansas Task Force on Chinese Language Training" in October 2006 by the Kansas Committee for International Education in the Schools (KCIES). The thirteen-member Task Force surveyed the current state of Chinese language training in Kansas, evaluated future needs, and offered specific recommendations for short- and long-term initiatives to increase Chinese language capacity throughout the Kansas educational system. Several action steps were proposed in order to meet the two ambitious but attainable goals that the Task Force proposed, namely:

By 2011, all K-12 students in Kansas should have the opportunity for exposure to Mandarin, whether in traditional classroom settings, through interactive distance learning or other platforms, in after-school and summer programs, or as part of introductory world language sessions.

By 2016, Mandarin should be one of the three most-taught languages in Kansas schools, measured both by the number of students enrolled and by the number of schools offering the language.

The full report and executive summary are online at www.kansasintheworld.org. To order hard copies, please contact Randi Hacker (rhacker@ku.edu).



KCTA 2006 alums at the Great Wall on the Summer 2006 trip to Asia.

**TEACHING EAST ASIA SEMINAR,
SPRING 2007**

The Kansas Consortium for Teaching about Asia (KCTA) is offering its Spring 2007 Teaching East Asia Seminar at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The 30-hour class provides the content and resources needed to enhance teaching about China, Korea and Japan in K-12 classrooms. The seminar is open to 5th-12th grade classroom teachers and school librarians from Kansas and western Missouri whose work involves some aspect of Asia. Teachers of other subjects are also admitted on a space-available basis. Topics correspond to state and national social studies standards and AP world history themes.

Classes run from March 6th through May 1st with a final, special session held at the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City on May 12th followed by a complimentary Chinese luncheon.

The Seminar may be audited at no cost or taken for two graduate credits. Textbooks are provided FREE to both auditing and enrolling participants. In addition, successful graduates receive \$1000 worth of stipends and materials. Graduates of the TEA Seminar are also eligible for study tours both here and abroad. This past summer, 11 of our alums along with 11 alums from the Oklahoma course traveled to China



and Korea for three weeks with stops in Beijing, Shanghai and Seoul. In the fall, 22 teachers took advantage of a two-day trip to St. Louis where they were given a docent tour of the St. Louis Art Museum's East Asia Collection and Special Exhibit of woodblock prints by Japanese artist Shiko Munakata and enjoyed a walk through the Japanese and Chinese gardens at the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

For more information or an application see: <http://www.kcta.ku.edu/tea.shtml> or contact Randi Hacker, Outreach Coordinator, at 785-864-3832 or rhacker@ku.edu

THE CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN STUDIES OUTREACH REPORT

The 2005-2006 year was an active one for the Center for East Asian Studies here at KU. The introduction of a radio show, two new K-12 presentations, the creation of a community calligraphy class, inroads into virgin geographical territory, and the continued popularity of established programs all helped make it one of the busiest and most successful years ever.

In September 2005, the Center produced a radio spot entitled *Postcards from Asia*, giving listeners a glimpse of the some of the quirkiest aspects of Chinese, Japanese and Korean culture. Broadcast twice a week – Wednesdays at 9:58 PM and Saturdays at 1:04 PM on KUCR 91.5– *Postcards* is hosted by Dr. Bill Tsutsui, professor of history at KU. A lesson plan for K-12 teachers is available to help teachers use our *Postcards from Asia* to get their students to create their own *Postcards from ...* as a means of studying and presenting information about world cultures.

Introduction to the Chinese Language and *Mulan and the Four Treasures of Ancient China* are two new programs introduced this year. *Introduction to the Chinese Language* gives an overview of the language, including tones, characters, stroke order, and vocabulary. At the

end of each 45-minute session, students know how to count to 100 and how to say a few key phrases. *Mulan and the Four Treasures of Ancient China* fits neatly into the Kansas History Standards 6th grade unit on Ancient Civilizations and has been presented in elementary schools six times so far.

KU assistant professor of Japanese Sanae Eda taught a brush calligraphy workshop for Lawrence home schoolers. It was so well-received that Dr. Eda took the workshop to the community. Four 4-week sessions ran from October through December and reached over 20 students of all ages and professions. The classes will be offered again in the spring.

Finally, Outreach did a presentation where no East Asian Outreach had gone before: Council Grove Elementary School. Hou Shen, KU PhD candidate, and Randi Hacker presented a bilingual story time for 4th and 5th graders. Additional Western Kansas outreach included a presentation to a group of social studies teachers at the Smoky Hill Service Center in Salina, Kansas.



Students at Prairie Park Elementary School in Lawrence with Zhu Jin after learning some Chinese calligraphy.

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ANNUAL DAY OF THE DEAD WORKSHOP REACHES NEW CROWD

The Center of Latin American Studies held its annual Day of the Dead Workshop on Saturday, October 28. Participants attended the morning workshop at Watkins Community Museum of History in Downtown Lawrence where they learned about the traditional holiday that celebrates loved ones who have died. To add a new element to the workshop this year, CLAS extended the invitation to all teachers and community members interested in learning about what the Day of the Dead represents and how it is celebrated in Latin American countries. Participants included teachers from the Lawrence, Topeka, and Kansas City areas, along with KU undergraduates and many interested community members from Lawrence. The diverse group of participants examined Day of the Dead artifacts, learned how to incorporate the holiday into their classrooms and lives, and did a craft project to learn what it takes to celebrate this holiday.

This year marked the fifth year of the Workshop held by CLAS and the Watkins Community Museum of History. As in years past, an exhibit was held throughout the month of November. The exhibit featured artifacts typical of the Mexican holiday on loan from the KU Museum of Anthropology and was open to the general public all month to celebrate and educate the community on the Day of the Dead.



Ruben Flores' lecture on the Mexican intellectual Moises Saenz drew many students.

CLASSROOM RESOURCES WORKSHOP HELPS EDUCATORS FIND NEW WAYS TO TEACH LATIN AMERICA

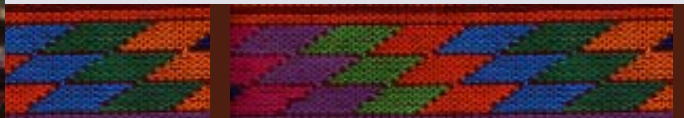
Teachers from Kansas and Missouri attended the Classroom Resources Workshop held by the Center of Latin American Studies and Watson Library on November 4, 2006. The workshop focused on new ways to incorporate Latin America into the classroom. Teachers examined firsthand the one-of-a-kind artifacts from the Center's Traveling Trunks, which are available for teachers to check out and take to their schools.

At Watson Library, the teachers participated in a presentation that focused on developing skills in the evaluation of website and educational resources with Latin American content. Jana Krentz, head of the Department for Spain, Portugal and Latin America at Watson Library, presented ways for teachers to research Latin America, to evaluate electronic sources they found, and to make sure they are presenting correct material.

After attending the workshop and viewing the presentations given, teachers were asked to create lesson plans that will be used to help others incorporate Latin America into their classrooms.



Program assistant Erin Adamson introduces Ruben Flores, assistant professor of American Studies, before his Marienda lecture.



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Dr. Anita Herzfeld and Dr. Peter Herlihy share information about Latin American studies with high school students at the Fall 2006 International Career Workshop.

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line with the formats and themes prioritized in state and national education standards. A portion of these materials, which include teaching modules gathered from previous KASC teacher institutes, are currently being displayed on the Center's website (www.kasc.ku.edu) for teachers to download, and many more are being collected and developed. In this first year of *Teaching Africa and the Middle East in the Great Plains*, the project is focused on developing high school level materials, but KASC hopes to expand its resources for other grade levels in the near future. By distributing these materials through appropriate professional workshops and conferences, peer groups, the annual KASC Teacher Summer Institute, and education-based websites, KASC expects teachers will adopt and use these materials within their classrooms, bringing a greater understanding of Africa to students within our region.

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Kelley McCarthy, Program Assistant, KASC at KU's Fall 2006 International Career Workshop.

BRINGING AFRICA TO TEACHERS AND THEIR CLASSROOMS

In June 2006, the Kansas African Studies Center (KASC) was awarded a grant from the Longview Foundation to support *Teaching Africa and the Middle East in the Great*

Plains – a project devoted to preparing and disseminating teacher training and curricular materials on Africa, including the African Diaspora, North Africa, and related aspects of the Middle East. Project Director John Janzen, Co-Director Garth Myers, Coordinator Khalid El-Hassan, and Project Assistant Kelley McCarthy are working with a group of dedicated teachers from Kansas and Missouri to prepare and revise instructional materials in



Paul Adams, teacher participant of Teaching Africa and the Middle East in the Great Plains, speaking at the 2006 Teacher Summer Institute.

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MILITARY AND SECURITY ISSUES IN AFRICA SEMINAR

The Fall 2006 African Studies Seminar, sponsored by the Kansas African Studies Center (KASC) and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, KS, dealt with African and U.S. security interests and the role of African militaries on the continent. The goal of this series was to give the participants greater insights into some of the areas of interplay between military forces and the daily affairs of present-day Africa. Special emphasis was on the role of the American military in conjunction with other aspects of American policy that are being used in regards to current and future U.S. national security interests and strategy on the African continent. An obvious conclusion from this series of presentations was the realization that U.S. economic, political, and security interests in Africa are on the rise.

The seminar series included a collection of

appealing topics, significant to world relations. Presentations focused on topics that included: Islamic terrorism in Africa and America's response; China's return to the continent and the possible impact this may have on U.S. military relations in the region; oil in Africa; and African perspectives on security issues. These intriguing presentations raised many political, economic, and even environmental issues, including the question: Is terrorism really a concern in this region?

All of the PowerPoint presentations of the seminar series, in addition to many other articles provided by our Leavenworth colleagues, are available at the Center, and will be published on our website. We look forward to continuing this collaboration between Africanists at KU and CGSC.



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