



Newsletter

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Dr. Louise Shelley, TraCCC Director

TraCCC Students and Scholars

Nikolay Nayden, Post-Visiting Fulbright Scholar



While working with TraCCC as a Fulbright scholar, Nikolay Nayden researched the implementation of anti-corruption laws which regulate the flows of resources between public and private sectors by the two most recent Bulgarian administrations (2001-2009). He used this research to compare and contrast Bulgaria's legislative experience with that of the United States in this arena.

Dr. Nayden will use his Fulbright Fellowship research to write a book which conceptualizes corruption as a phenomenon that thrives in the grey areas between the public and private sectors. Specifically, his work will address the ways in which the legal, social, political, moral and/or religious norms that allow this grey area to exist are barriers and/or prerequisites for corruption. This grey area between public and private definitely allows for global growth in corruption.

Also during his time in the United States, Dr. Nayden presented his research in three locations outside TraCCC's Arlington, VA-area headquarters. He lectured to the student body of Colgate University's Department of Political Science, and to a Colgate University Political Corruption class. He was invited to Binghamton University in New York to give a lecture to a Risk Management class. Finally, Dr. Nayden gave a lecture to faculty in the Department of Political Science at California State University in Los Angeles. Through his experience giving these lectures, Dr. Nayden caught a glimpse of professorial responsibilities in the United States in an academic environment.

When asked to comment on his experiences at TraCCC-SPP, Dr. Nayden remarked "Overall, my experience while in the United States was definitely made worthwhile by the faculty and students that I came into contact with during those four months. The attitude of all my colleagues from the School of Public Policy confirmed my general impression that the faculty is honored to have visiting Fulbright scholars. Hence, I enjoyed fruitful personal contacts in a friendly academic environment."

Yuliya Zabyelina, Fall 2010 Visiting Scholar



Yuliya is a doctoral student at the School of International Studies and Transnational Crime Center at the University of Trento in Italy, where she is enrolled in research on transnational crime and the transformation of the state.

She is going to join TraCCC this fall as a visiting scholar. When positioned at George Mason University, she will be working on collecting data related to criminal cases and policy papers with respect to the fight of the United States against transnational crime. Before that, she completed similar fieldwork at Carnegie Center in Moscow in spring 2010, where she studied the policies and the respective institutions in the Russian Federation created to respond the challenges posed by transnational crime in Eastern Europe.

Currently, her project is a study of the major debates in International Relations about how states are being transformed by malevolent transnational phenomena. By juxtaposing the universal acceptance of the sovereign state as the primary form international architecture and the gradual empowerment of transnational criminal phenomena that challenge its traditional capacities and behavior, she is likely to have an interesting contribution to the wider debate about the changes to the state brought by globalization.

Andrew Guth, MA Student



This summer Andy worked at TraCCC studying corruption in order to better recognize its causes, significance, and impact on different societies, countries, and regions of the world. He analyzed anticorruption theories and investigated case studies concerning the effectiveness of past anticorruption programs. His current research, combined with his field research while with the Peace Corps in the Philippines, has helped him develop an anticorruption framework. The following is an abstract from his paper.

Abstract: An estimated three million Filipinos are at *high-risk* of being trafficked at any given time, representing 3.1% of the total Philippine population. The paper illustrates that corruption is a central issue in facilitating and continuing human trafficking in the Philippines. It demonstrates that if human trafficking is to be significantly reduced, then corruption must be curbed. The paper consists of three main sections. The first section is an overview of the trafficking problem in the Philippines. It discusses the scope of the problem such as the recruiters and traffickers, tactics used by the recruiters, and current transport routes and methods. The second section discusses current tactics being implemented by the government, non-government organizations (NGOs), and the international community to restrict human trafficking in the Philippines. It also illustrates that government corruption prevents the current tactics from being implemented well and in order to combat government corruption one must begin at the municipal level. The third section presents the inner workings of government and corruption at the municipal level, shows how the corruption reduces economic opportunities and legal equality for the citizenry, and how the loss of those opportunities and equality encourages migration from home municipalities—thereby encouraging human trafficking.

The previous information can also be found at the following link:

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/662wp1450148j185/>

Leanna Leitnaker, MA Student



Leanna Leitnaker is currently in Senegal participating in a TraCCC funded internship on human trafficking with an NGO, The Alliance for Migration, Leadership, Development (AML), on location.

AML was founded in November 2009 by Ndioro Ndiaye, the former Minister of Social Development in Senegal. After serving two terms as Deputy Director General at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mme Ndiaye addressed the urgent need for further research on migration issues by founding AML. As a new NGO, Leanna's role is to lead several projects including "Empowering Women Leaders to Build Capable States" and a comprehensive migration database that will link African Diaspora to development projects in their home countries. She also assists in research on national policies that influence regular and irregular migration (irregular being outside official channels including clandestine migration via pirogue, forced migration, human trafficking etc).

In addition, she recently finished fieldwork for an individual research project on peacekeeping efforts in the Casamance including microfinance and negotiation/mediation training that target vulnerable populations i.e. women, internally displaced persons, former combatants, and refugees from surrounding ECOWAS member states.

Diana Morse, MS Student



Diana will be spending six weeks abroad in Russia this summer as part of the partnership between George Mason's TraCCC and World Vision International. She will be working with the Russian Federation office to help research and write an anti-human trafficking assessment report. Diana is looking forward to this exciting opportunity.

Janna Lipman, MS Student



Janna Lipman will be headed to Albania this summer to work with the BKTF Coalition, or "All Against Child Trafficking" Coalition, to research the effects of child begging on children and their perceptions of the awareness programs BKTF and other organizations have developed to prevent child begging.

Finally, three student publications from last fall semester's course on illicit trade have been accepted by the Turkish Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice—these are on themes relevant to the region—trade based money laundering, organ trafficking, illicit antiquities trade

Open World Program

TRACCC RECEIVES THE "2010 OPEN WORLD NATIONAL GRANTEE OF MERIT" AWARD

The School of Public Policy's Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) has been recognized by the Open World Leadership Program as the "2010 National Grantee of Merit" for outstanding performance in the implementation of Open World sponsored grants.

At a ceremony on March 8 at the Library of Congress, Dr. James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress and Open World Board of Trustees Chairman, presented the National Grantee of Merit Award to SPP Associate Dean for Research Jonathan Gifford and TraCCC Senior Program Officer Karen Saunders. Also present to offer Congressional support of TraCCC's Open World Leadership Program accomplishments was Emily Blout, Congressman Jim Moran's Press Secretary.



Pictured from left to right: Librarian of Congress, James H. Billington; GMU SPP Associate Dean, Jonathan Gifford; and TraCCC Sr. Program Officer, Karen Saunders

Since 2007, TraCCC has received more than \$420,000 in funding from the U.S. Congress-funded Open World Leadership Program (www.openworld.gov) to host 15 delegations of emerging leaders from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Russia and Ukraine in Virginia and the greater Washington, DC area. During their eight-day hosted visit, TraCCC Open World delegates share their expertise with their American counterparts and explore U.S. experience on topics at the forefront of public policy and international discourse, such as combating human trafficking, safeguarding children from trafficking and exploitation, drug trafficking and terrorist financing.

The U.S. Congress established Open World in 1999 to enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and Russia. Since its inception, Open World has introduced more than 15,000 current and future decision makers from Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union to American political and civic life, and to their American counterparts. Open World delegates range from first-time mayors to veteran journalists, from nonprofit directors to small-business advocates, and from political activists to judges at all levels.

TRACCC STAFF AND TRACCC OPEN WORLD ALUMNUS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESIDENTIAL BILATERAL COMMISSION ON CHILD WELFARE

TraCCC Founder and Director Dr. Louise Shelley and Senior Program Officer Karen Saunders, along with Mr. Eduard Perepelkin, child-welfare specialist and TraCCC Open World alumnus from Astrakhan, Russia, were selected to participate as NGO representatives to the first meeting of the U.S.-Russian Presidential Bilateral Commission on Child Welfare on 27 January 2010. Topics of the meeting, which was organized by the National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of State, included protecting vulnerable youth from sex trafficking schemes as well as general child-welfare issues. Ms. Saunders and Mr. Perepelkin also attended a pre-meeting session for child-welfare specialists hosted by Ernie Allen, President of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), who also participated in the Bilateral Commission meeting.

Russian Delegations

December 2009, Russian Delegation of Child Trafficking and Migration Specialists

From 5-13 December 2009, TraCCC hosted a delegation of child trafficking and migration specialists from six cities in Russia as part of its Open World Leadership Program. While in the Washington, DC area, the delegation's meetings included leaders of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to discuss NCMEC's work in combating domestic minor sex trafficking and protect vulnerable youth; Casa de Maryland, which assists migrants and immigrants in the DC area with employment and training in an effort to decrease their vulnerability to labor and sex trafficking schemes; the DC Child and Family Services Agency, which manages the city's foster care and child welfare systems; and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which relies on a volunteer corps to assist foster youth in navigating the city's complex social-services and legal systems.

The delegates were interviewed by Voice of America on their role in diverting Russia's youth from trafficking schemes and assisting survivors of trafficking, and they were the featured panelists at an event on "Safeguarding Russia's Youth" at George Mason University's School of Public Policy.

May 2010, Delegation of Russian Environmental Experts to Share Experiences with U.S. Colleagues

In late May 2010, TraCCC will host a five-member delegation of Russian environmental crime and environmental protection specialists as part of the Open World Leadership Program. The delegates hail from Moscow, where federal environmental policy and legislation is created, and the Russian Far East, one of Russia's most environmental resource-rich -- and threatened -- regions. While here, they will share experiences with Federal law enforcement officers who police the U.S. coastline, inner waterways, rural farmlands, and industrial areas to uncover environmental crimes such as illegal dumping of hazardous waste, illegal polluting, poaching of wildlife and fish, and illegal forestry. They will also attend the 13th annual U.S. Congressional Energy Efficiency Forum to learn about commercial breakthroughs in conservation as well as U.S. federal legislative efforts to reduce pollution and encourage the use of green technologies. Additionally, TraCCC will co-host a

presentation by our Russian delegates with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) at its headquarters in Washington, DC.

Ukrainian Delegations

October, 2009 Delegation of Professionals who Assist Human Trafficking Survivors in Ukraine

From October 23-31, 2009, TraCCC welcomed a delegation of six emerging leaders from Ukraine who provide rehabilitative services to human trafficking survivors. The delegates represented the State Social Service for Family, Children and Youth, which manages the presidential administration's victim-assistance services; the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of Ukraine, which makes policy to prevent human trafficking and assist survivors; the Kyiv, Ukraine office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which oversees a large international aid project to assist human trafficking survivors; and local NGOs in Uzhgorod, Kharkiv and Sumy, which provide on-the-ground services to survivors.

During their eight-day visit to TraCCC, the delegates appeared on Voice of America's Ukrainian-language live television show, hosted by renowned journalist Miroslava Gongadze; gave a presentation on the scale and scope of human trafficking within and from Ukraine at George Mason University's School of Public Policy; and held meetings with representatives of DC-area counterpart NGOs, U.S. government agencies, local and Federal law enforcement, and academia.

June 2010 Delegation of Child-Welfare Specialists from Ukraine

In June 2010, TraCCC will host a delegation of specialists from Ukraine on the topic of "Improving Methods of Identifying, Investigating and Prosecuting Child Trafficking and Exploitation" as part of its Open World Leadership Program. The delegation will represent specialists from six cities in Ukraine, and will explore issues of bilateral interest to the United States and Ukraine, such as combating internet crimes against children (including the production and dissemination of child pornography), combating domestic minor sex trafficking, investigating and prosecuting sex tourism, and decreasing risk to vulnerable children and youth. Meetings are planned with leaders of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, police officers at the Maryland Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC), and local police officers who investigate domestic minor sex trafficking.

Tajikistan Delegation

May 2010, Delegation of Tajik Government Officials Explore Efforts to Combat Drug Trafficking

Under the terms of a 2010 grant from the Open World Leadership Center, TraCCC will host a delegation of five ranking government officials from Tajikistan involved in the country's efforts to counter its drug trafficking problems. Among the delegates are the Deputy Chief of the Presidential Office of Drug Control, and leaders in federal law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. During their ten-day visit to the Washington, DC area in May 2010, the delegates will present at a major conference on the intersection of crime and terrorism, and will meet with Representative John Tierney, Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform's Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs; officials from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, the FBI, and the DOJ's Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Section; and personnel who work at the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Center (HIDTA) and in other local and state law enforcement agencies.

Past Events

December 2009

- December 10th-TraCCC hosted a new Open World delegation from Russia who spoke on "Safeguarding Russia's At-Risk Groups: Assisting Human Trafficking Victims and Programming for At-Risk Youth."

October 2009

- October 28th- TraCCC presented a panel of six distinguished anti-trafficking professionals and victims' assistance providers from Ukraine to discuss "The Face of Human Trafficking in Ukraine: Assisting Victims and Diverting At-Risk Groups" as part of its Open World Leadership Program.
- October 23rd- As part of TraCCC's [Open World Leadership Program](#), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) hosted a brown-bag lunch featuring a presentation by a TraCCC Open World delegate on methods of providing assistance to victims of human trafficking in Ukraine.
- October 21st- TraCCC hosted a conference entitled, "[Drug Flows Out of Afghanistan and Pakistan](#)."TraCCC's scholars from countries along the drug route commented on the conditions that facilitate the trade from the point of origin to Western European Countries.

February 2010

- February 25th and 26th- TraCCC hosted a conference entitled, "Criminal Networks, Smuggling, and WMD." The conference addressed the problem of criminal facilitation in WMD proliferation in the United States and abroad. Speakers focused on actual cases and not hypothetical scenarios, and confirmed linkages between crime and terrorist groups were discussed and analyzed.

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