

AHEA Conference

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John Carroll University, University Hts. (Cleveland), Ohio USA

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General JCU website, including a video campus tour, maps and directions to campus, and links to JCU facts and highlights:

<http://www.jcu.edu>

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About the Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Cultures at JCU



In the **Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Cultures at JCU**, we offer 11 foreign languages: Arabic, Asian (Chinese & Japanese), Classical (Ancient Greek, Latin), German, Romance (French, Italian, & Spanish), and Slavic (Russian & Slovak). We currently have 15 full time and 18 part time faculty members, and every year we teach well over 1,000 foreign language students per semester, with the largest enrollment being that in Spanish. At JCU, we have a 2 semester Core language requirement, with initial enrollment at the level determined by a placement test (beginning, intermediate, advanced).

Feel free to check out our Department website and all of our links pertaining to the language that we teach:

<http://www.jcu.edu/language/>

We also teach IC courses (International Cultures) in English translation, some of which include Hungarian topics.



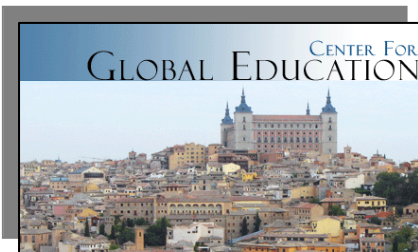
The local hosts for the AHEA Conference are from this Department:

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Dr. Mártha Pereszlenyi-Pintér mpereszlenyi@jcu.edu



About the Center for Global Education at JCU



The Director of the **Center for Global Education** is **Dr. Andreas Sobisch**. The website of the Center offers additional information about the Center's activities, which deal with international programs and study abroad:

<http://www.jcu.edu/global/index.htm>

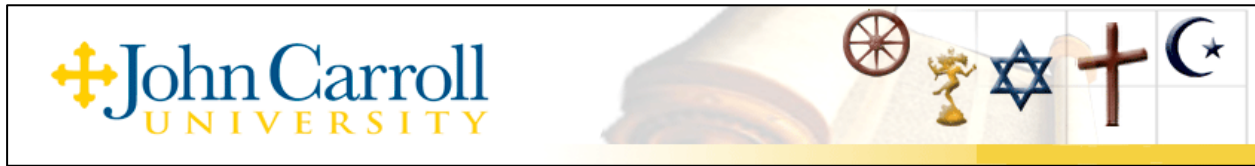


The Center also supports on-campus globalization initiatives. The Center has committed to generous financial support for a number of AHEA Conference activities that will also involve JCU students and others in the JCU community. We at AHEA are very grateful for this support.

The Center for Global Education is providing partial funding for the AHEA opening lecture Thursday evening, April 14, by Dr. Ahmet Yükleven on "Localizing Islam in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities of Islamic Pluralism." [See the AHEA Conference website link for the "Opening Lecture" for additional information about the April 14 opening night lecture .]

The Center for Global Education is also providing partial funding for the Friday evening April 15 Piano Recital for our invited Visiting Fulbright Guest Artist, concert pianist Dr. Judit Gábos, originally from Hungary and Transylvania in Romania. [See the AHEA Conference website link for the "Piano Recital" for additional information about the piano recital.]

About the Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies at JCU



The Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies at JCU is housed in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at JCU. The Nursi Chair was in the process of inviting a speaker on Islam in Europe when it extended an invitation to AHEA, and to campus and other local organizations, to co-sponsor the lecture. AHEA is delighted to announce that part of their opening night Conference program on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 7:00 pm, will feature a prominent Scholar of Islamic Studies, **Dr. Ahmet Yükleven**, who will speak on **“Localizing Islam in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities of Islamic Pluralism.”** [See AHEA Conference website link for “OPENING NIGHT LECTURE” for additional details and background information on the speaker.]

Islam constitutes the second largest religion in the world. Today in the United States, it is the “hot topic” of the moment. American universities, in an attempt to respond to students’ tremendous demand for more information about Islam, have established a variety of institutes, centers and chairs for the academic pursuit of Islamic studies. John Carroll University has joined this movement and has successfully established the Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies in 2003 to provide its students with balanced and responsible academic information about this important topic. Participation in the programs and courses of the Nursi Chair are open to people of all backgrounds.

In the current political climate, we need dialogue and understanding more than ever before. The Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies, a program in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at John Carroll University, promotes such a dialogue. The Nursi Chair seeks to promote the teachings and vision of **Bediüzzaman Said Nursi** (1876-1960), a scholar of Islam from Turkey, who dedicated his entire life to the teachings of the Qur’an. A prolific writer, Nursi wrote over one hundred books and treatises on Islamic subjects. His *magnum opus* is the multi-volume work ***Risale-i Nur*** (*The Treatises of Light*). He also is quoted as having said, “Our heart is so full of love that there is no space for hatred to enter.” The Nursi Chair welcomes everyone’s heart into their space.



The holder of the Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies at JCU is **Dr. Zeki Saritoprak**. The website of the Nursi Chair offers information about academic courses, community events, programs, and various other activities and resources on the study of Islam:

<http://www.jcu.edu/religion/nursi/index.htm>

About the Modern European Studies Program (MES) at JCU

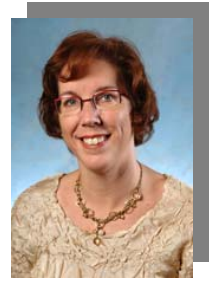


“**Modern European Studies**” is a special program at JCU that sponsors an interdisciplinary minor, as well as numerous programs related to Europe. The current co-directors are **Dr. John McBratney** and **Dr. Anne Kugler**. More information can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.jcu.edu/a&s/interdisciplinary/moderneuropeanstudies.htm>

and

<http://www.jcu.edu/mes/>



The Modern European Studies Program at JCU familiarizes students with the legacy of Europe from the Enlightenment to the present in politics, economics, and culture, with particular emphasis on Europe's new role in the contemporary world. The Program is of particular interest to those majoring in fields within the humanities, social sciences, and in international business with a special focus on modern Europe. Modern European Studies seeks to enhance the

intellectual life of the university by addressing modern and contemporary European themes from interdisciplinary perspectives. Through a series of lectures and special events, MES invites ongoing discussion within John Carroll University and with a broader community of scholars and Cleveland-area residents.

The **Modern European Studies Program** is co-sponsoring and supporting the AHEA Conference. MES students and committee members at JCU are helping with the various activities as well.

About the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Museum and Society, and its invitation for the lecture by Dr. Piro Kramár



The Mission statement of the **Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Museum and Society** is to preserve Hungarian culture and the history of Hungarians in Northeast Ohio, so that present and future generations can draw upon its collections for education, inspiration, and enrichment. To carry out its mission, the Society sponsors educational and research activities and operates a museum and a library as a repository for Hungarian

historical, literary, and artistic items. The Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society, which sponsors the Museum, is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The current president is **Mr. László Varga**. Mr. Varga will also give a presentation about the Museum and its activities during the 2011 AHEA Conference. More information, including videos, photos, and days and hours open, may be obtained on their website:



<http://www.jcu.edu/language/hunghemu/>

The Museum has invited any interested AHEA Conference participants to attend a concurrent program as follows: Dr. Piro Kramár: “The Lure of the Mountains.” She will present at the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Museum at 2 pm Saturday, April 16, 2011.

[Please refer to the AHEA Conference website link on “Museum Lecture” for additional details about the speaker and her presentation.]

The Museum is on the 2nd level of the Galleria building, located at 1301 East 9th St. in downtown Cleveland, OH. This is about a ½ hour drive by car from the JCU campus. A covered parking garage is available underneath the Galleria building, and as of this writing the cost is \$3 parking on Saturdays. Enter the garage off Lakeside Ave. A \$10 donation to the work of the Museum for the lecture on Saturday is requested and is payable on site at the door. Pre-registration is recommended, so that there is adequate seating and refreshments for the reception which will follow the lecture. Please indicate your participation on the AHEA Registration form. Late registrants can also call the Museum telephone number: 440-247-5144 to inquire.

NOTE: During the AHEA Conference: Museum will be open Thursday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm; Friday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday at 11:00 am and the lecture will begin at 2:00 pm.

About the Hungarian Association / Magyar Társaság



The Hungarian Association, founded in 1948 in Innsbruck Austria and reestablished in 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio, is a cultural organization sponsoring an annual

Congress in late November during the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday, providing a forum for the discussion of issues impacting Hungarian Americans and offering educational, literary, artistic and informative lectures by members of the North American Hungarian Community. The Hungarian Association supports the publication of an annual book, the *Krónika*, collecting together presentations given at the Hungarian Congress as well as other articles of interest. With the awarding of the *Árpád medal* it also recognizes members of the Hungarian community outside the Carpathian basin, who either did outstanding volunteer work or deserve recognition for their work as authors, artists or scientists. There will also be a presentation at the 2011 AHEA Conference about the Hungarian Association, which will describe not only the Association's activities over the past decades but look into its transition into the present and future.



The president of the Hungarian Association is **Dr. John Nádas** and the Chief Operating Officer is **Mrs. Gabriella Nádas**. More information can be obtained on the Hungarian Association's website:

<http://www.hungarianassociation.com/>



The **Board members of the Hungarian Association** have graciously voted to donate funds to sponsor or partially sponsor the expenses of selected students from Hungary who participate in the AHEA Conference.

About the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Fulbright Association



The **Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Fulbright Association** is a local organization associated with the National Headquarters of the Fulbright Association located at 1100 G Street, N.W., Suite 525 Washington, D.C. 20005. Sponsored by the United States

Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Program provides funding for students, scholars, teachers, and professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools. More information can be gotten from the Fulbright national headquarters website:

<http://www.iie.org/fulbright>

The **Board of Directors and the Members of the local Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Fulbright Association** have as their mission to welcome Visiting Fulbrighters from any other country here in the area, and to make them feel welcome in Ohio. The Chapter also strives to hold numerous programs throughout the academic year which bring together former American Fulbrighters, Friends of Fulbright, and Visiting Fulbright Students and Visiting Fulbright Scholars, in an effort to advance opportunities for mutual friendship.

The president of the local Chapter is **Ms. Nadine Grimm**, Program Manager at the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (Ohio). Ms. Grimm was instrumental in obtaining a “Fulbright Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment (OME) Grant” from the Washington headquarters. This OME Fulbright Grant allows the local Chapter to help with co-sponsoring the **AHEA opening night speaker**, Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Ahmet Yükleýen, who will speak on



Ms. Nadine Grimm (center), with a few of the Visiting Fulbrighters from abroad at the “Welcome to Cleveland & NE Ohio” Potluck Picnic

“Localizing Islam in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities of Islamic Pluralism. ” The lecture will take place in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium, JCU campus. The lecture is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

The Northeast Ohio Chapter is also partially sponsoring and supporting the piano recital by Dr. Judit Gábos who is a Visiting Fulbright Scholar from Hungary and Transylvania, currently completing her Fulbright award at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Dr. Gábos will perform as part of the AHEA Conference Friday evening, April 15, 2011, in the LSC Conference room of the Lombardo Student Center, beginning at 7:30 pm. The recital is open to all; a voluntary donation of \$7 per person, payable at the door, is requested. (Students with JCU “I.D.” receive free admission.) Reception to follow.

Please also visit the “**Fulbright Northeast Ohio Chapter**” on **FACEBOOK**.