



*From Left to Right:
Gaby Schimert,
Patrick Flood, Daniel
Bruch, Amy Smith,
Liz Bruch, Laura and
David Zimmerman;
Spring 1995 at Lake
Balaton, Hungary*

Alumni Profile

Since returning to the United States, Patrick has been teaching, writing, participating in academic conferences, and working in civic organizations. In 1998 he published *The Effectiveness of UN Human Rights Institutions* (Westport, Connecticut and London: Praeger). An essay on human rights policy and another on international humanitarian law will appear as chapters in new books later this year. He is currently doing research on Central and Eastern European political parties and elections.

**Patrick Flood, Lecturer
(International Relations), Budapest
Institute for Graduate International
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Economics University, 1994–95**

“I joined CEP because of the opportunity to play a part in the historic changes shaping Central and Eastern Europe. Teaching future—and in some cases current—leaders in government, business, and education was the most rewarding aspect. My students were intellectually curious, enthusiastic, and open to new ideas and teaching approaches. Faculty colleagues included some of Hungary’s top diplomats and scholars. There were also opportunities to contribute to curriculum development

and library enrichment, to help plan international exchanges, to organize a visit to a major international summit conference, and to participate in a special two-day faculty-student international relations seminar. All of this happened while my wife and I were enjoying one of Europe’s richest cultures. It was a great year.”

CEP as a Family Adventure

by Regina Smith, wife of visiting Lecturer Gerald Smith, who is currently on sabbatical, from the School of Nursing at Minnesota State University, where she teaches geriatric nursing.

We have found our life in Belarus to be a wonderful adventure, thanks to the efficient CEP staff, the helpfulness of the Eastern Scholars here in Minsk, and the innate ability of our 11-year-old daughter, Becky, to adjust and accept whatever life brings her.

Our objectives for Becky were to learn Russian and to make Russian friends, both of which she has achieved. I home schooled Becky in the mornings and we enrolled her in the language Gymnasium (Russian School #24) for the afternoon session. Becky quickly

made friends, becoming part of a singing trio that performed for several of the school assemblies and successfully achieved math competency (even though they were about one year ahead of her American school). Socially her contacts with the students brought her into many of their homes where her language skills progressed rapidly as she became emerged in the Russian language and culture on a practical level. Within three months she became our translator in our dealings with our landlord and in the marketplace. Becky also became known

as an accomplished soccer player with the neighborhood children (especially the boys!).

The focus of my sabbatical was investigation of health care within a transitioning society. Health care professionals readily opened their institutions and practices to my queries. There is no question as to the expertise of these professionals, and the frustration encountered because of a lack of medicines and supplies. Various volunteer agencies are trying to address the health care problems of older adults, by organizing community volunteers to visit them, assist them in their activities of daily living, and share fruits and vegetables from their summer dachas. All of this speaks to the generosity of the Belarusian people.

We would strongly recommend others to share in this marvelous adventure!

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