Devin DeWeese, associate professor in IUB’s Department of Central Eurasian Studies, is one of two Indiana University Bloomington faculty members to have been awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for 2003–2004. Guggenheim fellowships, among the nation’s most prestigious awards, are granted on the basis of distinguished achievement in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishment, and attract a broad range of scholars in the creative arts, humanities, social sciences, and hard sciences.

DeWeese, who received his Ph.D. from IUB in 1985, has specialized research interests in Islamic Central Asia, Soviet Central Asia, Sufism in Central Asia, Islamization, religion and Inner Asia, and Islamic hagiography (Turkic and Persian). He is the director of the Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies (RIFIAS), an internationally respected center devoted to scholarship in the history, languages, and cultures of Inner Asia.

DeWeese is the author of several publications, including the groundbreaking Islamization and Native Religion in the Golden Horde (1994), which was the first major study of conversion to Islam in Inner Asia and its role in the shaping of communal self-understanding from the fourteenth to the twentieth centuries. He has also conducted a research project, “Shrine and Pilgrimage in Islamic Central Asia,” designed to catalog Muslim pilgrimage sites in Central Asia on the basis of historical accounts and Soviet-era anti-religious literature. He is currently researching the history of one of the major Sufi orders in Central Asia, the Yasaviya, for a forthcoming two-volume monograph. In a course he teaches on the Yasavi Sufi tradition, he describes it as a tradition that “represents one of the most important religious currents in Central Asia over the past eight centuries and [that] provides a convenient vantage point from which to explore more general tendencies and problems in the religious history of Islamic Central Asia.”

The 2003 fellowship winners include 184 U.S. and Canadian artists, scholars, and scientists selected from more than 3,200 applicants from the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The average size of each award is approximately $36,500.

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century, largely inspired by the work of Zoltán Kodály, the Hungarian composer and music educator. In tracing the origin of some of the songs, Gaál contacted two musicians in Hungary, a well-known folk singer and a contemporary composer. Both were able to speak and demonstrate their art to the IVE via an interactive satellite hookup. Following this successful semester, Goetze and Fern then traveled to Hungary in the summer of 2000 to collect video footage and audio recordings for the CD-ROM project.

In addition to creating innovative CD-ROMs for teaching non-Western singing traditions—she has upcoming CD-ROMs on the music of Japan, South Africa, and the Maori of New Zealand, and is currently focusing on Azerbaijani music—Goetze offers an annual summer workshop for teachers, New Methods for Teaching Multicultural Music in Classrooms and Choir, for those who want to learn new ways of bringing multicultural education to life through song.

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