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Goddard College MFAW Alumna Awarded Fulbright to Teach in Macedonia

Jennifer Semple-Siegel Charts New Course from Goddard to Macedonia

Jennifer Semple Siegel, 1994 alumna of the MFA in Creative Writing program and author of *Are You EVER Going to be Thin? (and other stories)*, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje in Macedonia during the 2009-2010 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Siegel is teaching Creative Writing and American Studies. She plans to develop a Macedonian Literature website (www.MacedonianLiterature.com), which will focus on publishing traditional and modern Macedonian literature in English translation. She is also posting her students' work at www.mysiegel.com.

Siegel is working in Macedonian higher education at a difficult time: faculty are developing a credit transfer system based on the Bologna Accords. She feels Goddard College prepared her well, though. "The Goddard program requires a lot of self-reflection and an ability to design one's own program of study, which has really helped me here in Macedonia, for I have had to design two of my courses with some limited materials and the internet (which can be unwieldy and wildly inaccurate)."

"Like this Fulbright year, Goddard was a high point in my life, probably the most intensive two and a half years I have ever experienced." For more information about the Fulbright Program or the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit <http://fulbright.state.gov>. For more information on Goddard College academic programs, visit www.goddard.edu.