



Kochersberger to deliver speech next Thursday

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Robert C. Kochersberger, Jr., NCSU Journalism professor and Fulbright professor will deliver a speech entitled *Slovenia: Twelve Years after Yugoslavia—One Fulbright Professor's Experience* November 20 at 6:30p.m. in Meredith's Alumnae House.

Some professors have the opportunity to teach at more than one university within the United States but only a select few receive the chance to teach abroad. Professor Robert C. Kochersberger is one of these select few and on Thursday, November 20, he will be sharing his experiences abroad with the Meredith community. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Wake County will host Professor Kochersberger in the Meredith College Alumnae House as he speaks about his teaching experience abroad in Slovenia.

The AAUW was organized in 1881 and is comprised of women and men who have earned a Bachelor's degree from a university or college that is regionally accredited. The AAUW also has Student Affiliates for those in college.

"We think AAUW



Univerza v Ljubljani, located in Slovenia, where Kochersberger taught as a Fulbright Professor.

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members and friends and visitors who hear Professor Kochersberger will be better informed," stated Gloria H. Blanton, current Public Information Chair for the AAUW and former head of the Meredith Psychology Department.

Professor Kochersberger is expected to speak about his experiences in Slovenia in early 2003 as a Fulbright Professor. He will also address the questions that Slovenians had concerning the war in Iraq. Blanton said Kochersberger was selected to speak because "his experiences in Slovenia are quite recent and because AAUW is interested in international affairs."

She said, "We need to be aware of the views and conditions of people in

other countries and their perceptions of action taken by the U.S. government, such as the war in Iraq."

Professor Kochersberger is a journalism professor at North Carolina State University. In addition, he is a 2003-2004 Fulbright Scholar. The Fulbright Scholar program is an international educational exchange program through the United States government that was proposed to Congress in 1945 by Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright. In the wake of World War II, the senator found the program to be an instrument of understanding between the U.S. citizens and those of other countries. Fulbright grants primarily serve to foster, "university lecturing, advanced research, gradu-

ate study and teaching in elementary and secondary schools." This program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. The eligibility requirements of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program are detailed. An applicant must be a citizen of the US at the time (s)he is applying, however, they are not required to have permanent resident status. Applicants must have a Ph.

D. or an equivalent professional/terminal degree. The applicant must have college or university teaching experience and exhibit foreign language proficiency. Lastly, the applicant must be of sound mental and physical health.

Professor Kochersberger's discipline was Communication and Journalism. His category was lecturing, and the grant activity was to teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. His specializations include introduction to print, radio and television journalism, basic and advanced reporting, ethics, legal issues, newspaper production, television and radio news production. He taught in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Ljubljana from late January to the end of June 2003.

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