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### **Century College Prof. Kris Peleg Receives Fulbright Award**

[Century College](#) English Prof. Kris Peleg has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and do research at BRAC University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Dr. Peleg, 50, a Vadnais Heights resident, will be teaching classes in either English literature or gender studies.

Peleg is one of about 1,100 U.S. faculty members and professionals who will travel abroad next year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international exchange program, is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership in their fields. Fulbright alumni include Nobel Peace Prize winners, university presidents, corporate executives, judges, artists, writers, architects and journalists.

Peleg, whose second language is Hebrew, is experienced in traveling in Europe and Israel, but this will be the first time she has traveled to Bangladesh, where she will reside from August 2009 to June 2010 on a sabbatical leave of absence from Century.

“In my family, we still talk about ‘doing our dreams’,” said Peleg, who has two children with her husband, Nitzan, a Medtronic engineer. “I started listening to my own advice and decided to go ahead and fill out the 25-page application. I have never been in that part of the world, and I felt I was ready for something new.”

As part of her Fulbright application, Peleg proposed to focus on teaching partly online, and partly in the classroom using the active learning strategies she uses at Century. Her proposed topics ranged from children’s literature to women and global perspectives.

“I can’t begin to imagine what I am going to learn,” said Peleg. “I have been reading blogs from people who have traveled in Bangladesh, and they paint a vivid and glowing picture of the world. My goal is to be useful, learn as much as I can and do a fair amount of community outreach when I return.”

While in Bangladesh, Peleg said she hopes to travel to the neighboring countries of India, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Raised in the Midwest, Peleg earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science with a focus on feminist studies from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She later earned her doctorate degree in English from the University of Arizona. She has been a professor at Century since 2000.



Photo: Kris Peleg