



Our speaker at the Annual MVSC Banquet will be Dr. Dalia Cidzikaitė, editor-in-chief for the Lithuanian daily newspaper *Draugas*. She will speak about the image of minorities in Lithuanian culture; the topic that she analyzed in her dissertation.

*Draugas* ("The Friend") is the only Lithuanian daily published abroad, established in 1909. It is the oldest continuously published Lithuanian newspaper anywhere in the world. "Draugas" publishes various political, religious, scientific, economic, public interest articles, announcements, and paid advertising. The publisher is Lithuanian Catholic Press Society in Chicago, Illinois.

Dalia received her Ph.D. in Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2005. She has been a journalist for the weekly newspaper *Amerikos Lietuvis* (*American Lithuanian*), editor of the *Minor Lithuania Foundation* Newsletter, and proofreader for *Akiraciai* and *Metmenys*. Dalia has been a teaching and research assistant at several universities, including the Baltic Studies Summer Institute, which is held at different universities every two years (and is coming to Madison in 2009). Dalia holds a minor in Acting and performs with the Chicago theater companies "Sprung" and "Žaltvykslė".