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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (Aug. 2016 – May 2023, expected)

PhD Candidate, History

Dissertation: “Commerce and Science, Autarky and Integration: The Politics of Standardization in the Russian Empire, 1797-1917”

Committee: Peter Holquist (chair), Benjamin Nathans, Sophia Rosenfeld, Amy Offner, Michael Gordin (Princeton University)

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (Aug. 2016)

MA, Russian and East European Studies

Thesis: “The Ukrainian ‘i’ on Soviet Life: Dissident Autobiography after Stalin”

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY (May 2012)

BA, History, *magna cum laude*, departmental honors

Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta, Lee History Prize

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (Summer 2021)

History of Capitalism Economics Research Methods Summer Course

St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, Study abroad (Spring 2011)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

- Research Associate, Summer Research Laboratory at the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2022
- Bradley Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 2022-23
- Bradley Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 2021-22
- Stephen F. Cohen – Robert C. Tucker Dissertation Research Fellowship, The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2019-20

University of Pennsylvania:

- Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2020-21
- Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2019-20
- Annenberg and Faye Rattner Dissertation Travel Grant, Summer 2018
- Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grant, Spring 2018
- Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, 2016-21

Indiana University:

- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Russian), Summer 2016

- Russian and East European Institute Mellon Endowment Student Grant-in-Aid of Travel, Spring 2016
- Daniel Armstrong Memorial Research Graduate Essay Competition, Fall 2015, for “Schrödinger’s Peasants: Social Transformation in Rural Russia, 1861-1914”
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Ukrainian), Summer 2015
- Robert C. Tucker and Stephen F. Cohen Fellowship, 2014-16

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

“Problems, Projectors, and the Political Economy of Standards in Imperial Russia, 1797-1833.” Graduate Colloquium, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania (October 22, 2022).

“Internationalism vs. Imperialism: Russia and the Metric System.” Summer Research Laboratory *Kruzhok*, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (July 13, 2022).

“Russia between Autarky and Integration: The Internationalization of Metrological and Monetary Standards in the Nineteenth Century.” 2021 Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans and online (Dec. 1, 2021). Panel organizer – “Tsarist and Soviet Internationalism: Experts on the Move in Pursuit of Globalizing Agendas.”

“How the World Came to Use the Metric System, Parts I and II.” All the Russias’ Blog, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University (March 31 and April 1, 2021).

Part I: <https://jordanrussiacycenter.org/news/how-the-world-came-to-use-the-metric-system-part-i/#.YV2iyEZBw-Q>

Part II: <https://jordanrussiacycenter.org/news/how-the-world-came-to-use-the-metric-system-part-ii/#.YV2i80ZBw-Q>.

“Nature and the Definition of Russian Weights and Measures, 1820s-40s.” Graduate Colloquium, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania (October 19, 2020).

“Russia and the Internationalization of the Metric System, 1850s-90s.” Science Diplomacy global online workshop and roundtable, The International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (July 23, 2020).

“Trust in Objects and Experts: Institutional Conflict and the Definition of Russian Weights and Measures, 1820s-40s.” The Anthropologies of Trust conference, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Moscow, Russia (May 15-16, 2020 [postponed, date pending]).

“Population Management in the First World War: POWs, Enemy Aliens, Ethnic Cleansing, and Genocide.” Guest lecture given in Prof. Peter Holquist’s course, Hist-425: “The First World War” at the University of Pennsylvania (March 28, 2018).

“Figures Afield: Zemstvo Statisticians and the Problem of Information in Late Imperial Russia,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Charlotte, North Carolina (March 24, 2018).

“Dissidence as a Vocation: Self-Fashioning and Rehabilitation in the Writings of Raissa L’vovna Berg,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Alexandria, Virginia (April 7, 2017).

“The Ukrainian ‘i’ on Soviet Life: Dissident Autobiography after Stalin,” Midwest Slavic Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (April 9, 2016).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Socialism, Capitalism, and Crisis in the Twentieth-Century Americas.” Hist-174, Fall 2020 (TA); Fall 2017 (grader), University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Amy Offner.

“The Ascent of Europe, 1450 – The Present.” Hist-031, Spring 2019 (grader), University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Walter McDougall.

“A Global History of the Cold War.” Hist-135, Fall 2018 (TA), University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Benjamin Nathans.

“The First World War.” Hist-425, Spring 2018 (TA), University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Peter Holquist.

Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Certificate, University of Pennsylvania (April 23, 2020)

English as a foreign language, Language Link, St. Petersburg, Russia (Aug. 2012-June 2014)

Russian tutor, Skidmore College (2011-2012)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate student member-at-large of the executive committee, University of Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (2020-21).

Graduate student government representative, Department of History, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (2017-18).

President, Ukrainian Studies Organization, Indiana University (2015-16).

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

Ukrainian- and Russian-language consultant, Scholar Rescue Fund, Institute of International Education (May 2022-present).

Outreach coordinator assistant, Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University (2015-16).

LANGUAGES

Russian – Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking

Ukrainian – Advanced in reading; intermediate in writing and speaking

French – Intermediate in reading

German – Intermediate in reading