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EDUCATION

Graduate Certificate, Instructional Design for Digital Learning, Wright State University, 2017

Postdoctoral Fellow, Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies, Columbia Univ., 2007-8

- Mentor: Mark Mazower
- Project: Russia and Islam: Religion, State, and Modernity during and after the Age of Empire
- Organizer: "Russia and Islam in the Archives of Eurasia: An International Workshop," *Central Eurasian Studies Review* 7, 1 (2008): 20-23
- Author: "Historians and Their Sources: Discourses of Russian Empire and Islam in Eurasian Archives," *Ab Imperio* 2 (2008): 234-52.

Ph.D., Department of History, Harvard University, 2006

- Mentor: Edward L. Keenan
- Diss.: "Empire by Invitation? Russian Empire-Building in the Caucasus in the Reign of Catherine II"
- Fields: Early Modern Russian (E. Keenan), Imperial Russia (J. LeDonne), Modern Eastern Europe (R. Szporluk), Ottoman (C. Kafadar)

A.M., Regional Studies Program: Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, Harvard University, 1996

- Mentor: Edward L. Keenan
- Thesis: "Trials and Tribulations of the Soviet Timur: Historiography, Ethnogenesis, and the Scholarly Origins of Uzbekistan's National Hero"

B.A., *magna cum laude*, International Studies: Russia and East Europe, University of Washington, 1994

- Mentor: Daniel C. Waugh
- Honors Thesis: "The Idea of Progress in Russia and the West"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024- Professor of History
2023- Director, Graduate Program in History, Wright State University (WSU)
2021-22 Special Assistant to the Provost for Wright State Online
2015-24 Associate Professor, Department of History, WSU
2014-18 Faculty Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, WSU
2008-15 Assistant Professor, Department of History, WSU
Summer 2008 Lecturer, Yale Summer Session
2007-08 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
2007-08 Lecturer, University of New Haven
2006-07 Lecturer, History and Literature, Harvard University
1998-2006 Teaching Fellow, History and History and Literature, Harvard University
1997-2001 Freshman Proctor, Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

UPCEA Professional, Continuing, and Online Leader Certificate Program (five courses, 2021-22)

Wright Leader Academy, Wright State University (2017-18)

SERVICE

University: Member, Faculty Senate University Policies Ad Hoc Committee (2024-)
Member, Faculty Senate Graduate Academic Policies Committee (2024-)
Member, Faculty Senate International Education Advisory Committee (2023-24)
Special Assistant to the Provost for Wright State Online (2021-22)
Member, COVID-19 Task Force Research Subcommittee (Summer 2020)
Member, Teaching for Student Success Symposium Steering Committee (2014-18)
Faculty Director, Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) (2014-18)
Chair, Teaching Innovation Grant Review Committee (2014-18)
Chair, Faculty Senate Distance Education Task Force (2014-15)
Member, AVP for Continuing Education and Distance Education Search Committee (2015)
Member, Faculty Senate (2012-15)
Member, Registrar Search Committee (2013-2014)
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee(2013-2015); CoLA Representative (2013-16)
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee (2012-13)
Member, Academic Integrity Hearing Panel, College of Liberal Arts, appointed (2009-10)

College of Liberal Arts: Member, Scholarship Committee (2025-)
Member, Retention Committee (2023-24)
Member, Faculty Senate (2010-11, 2021-23)
Member, Petitions Committee (2020-22)
Member, Faculty Development (2020-22)
Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee (2014-17)
Member, Master of Humanities Committee (2014)
Member, Curriculum Committee (2010-11)
Member, Academic Integrity Hearing Panel (2009-10)

Department/School: Director, Graduate Program in History (2023-)
Chair, Graduate Studies History Subcommittee (2023-)
Lead, OT36 Application for HST 1100 (2024)
Chair, Graduate Studies Committee (2023-24); Member, (2023-)
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2020-22)
Chair, Program Review (2020)
Member, Annual Evaluations Committee (2014-17)
Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee (2014-)
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2008-2011, 2014- 2020)
Member, Student Relations Committee (2012-14)
Member, Graduate Committee (2011-12)
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Conversion to Semesters (2009-2010)
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Russian Studies Minor, Dept. of Modern Languages (2009-10)

Professional:

Member, Summer Research Laboratory Advisory Board, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2019-).

Reviewer of books and ms. for Cambridge University Press, the American Philosophical Society, *Slavic Review*, *Russian Review*, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, *Acta Slavic Iaponica*, and other leading journals.

Panel organizer, "From the Caucasus to Russia's National Pantheon: The Life and Afterlives of Prince Petr Ivanovich Bagration," and panelist, "On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and the Unheroic in Tolstoy's *War and Peace*: The Strange Case of Prince Bagration," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) National Convention, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 1, 2023.

Roundtable organizer and panelist, "Teaching Tolstoy in Times of War and Peace," ASEEES National Convention, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 3, 2023.

Reviewer, "Ch. 17: The Age of Napoleon," in Anthony Grafton and David Bell, *The West: A New History*, W. W. Norton & Company, March 30, 2022.

Reviewer, Kathleen Ives and Deborah Seymour, *Using ROI for Strategic Planning of Online Education: A Process for Institutional Transformation*, Stylus Publishing, February 17, 2022.

Referee, Albert Schmidt, *Urbanism at Play in Provincial Russia: Planning and Shaping Catherine the Great's Imperial Space* (219 pp.), American Philosophical Society, May 4, 2020.

Referee, Stefan B. Kirmse, *The Lawful Empire: Legal Change and Cultural Diversity in Late Tsarist Crimea and Kazan* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 2018.

Referee, "Historical thinking-based activities for self-directed learning - A South African perspective," for *Journal of University Teaching and Learning Practice*, 2018.

Chair, Publication Award Committee, Ohio Academy of History, 2016-17.

Referee, "The Structure of Discussions in an Online Communication Course: What do Students Find Most Effective?", for the *Journal of University Teaching & Learning Practice*, 2016.

Referee, "Beauty and the Beast: Crimea Described 1786-1802," for *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, 2015.

Member, Publication Award Committee, Ohio Academy of History, 2014-15.

Chair, "Old Stories Newly Told: The Pre-Modern Periods in Vladimir Putin's Unified History Textbook," ASEEES National Conference, Nov. 23, 2014.

Member, Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Selection Committee, International Research and Exchanges, January 2014.

Reader, AP European History, College Board, Kansas City, MO, June, 2012.

Panel chair, "Mongol and Russian Authorities: Conflicting, Complementing, and Exemplary (13th-16th Centuries)," ASEEES National Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 20, 2011.

Member, World History and Western Civilization Board of Advisors, McGraw-Hill, 2010.

Peer Review/Referee, *Proceedings of the Ohio Academy of History*, 2009-10.

Peer Review/Referee, *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post Soviet Space*, 2009-10.

Panel chair: "Gender and Empire in the Caucasus," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Nov. 2008.

Conference organizer, “Russia and Islam in the Archives of Eurasia: An International Workshop,” The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Dec. 1, 2007.

Panel chair and discussant, “The Southern Borderlands: Studying the Caucasus.” Conference: “Research and Identity: Non-Russian Peoples in the Russian Empire, 1800-1855.” The Second A.J. Sjögren Memorial Conference, 14-17 June 2006, Kymenlaakso Summer University, Kouvola, Finland.

Chair, “Power and Prestige in Representation,” Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) annual conference, 2003.

Community: Member, Board of Directors, Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership (2023-)
Secretary, Board of Directors, Harvard Club of Cincinnati (2022-)
President, Board of Directors, Harvard Club of Cincinnati (2020-22; 1st VP, 2019-20; 2nd VP 2018-19)
Member, Harvard Schools Committee, Harvard Club of Cincinnati (2012-)
Mentor, Higher Education Mentoring Initiative, University of Cincinnati (2011-15)
Co-Chair, Parent Committee, University of Cincinnati Early Learning Center (UCELC), (2011-14)
Board Member, UCELC (2011-14)
Member, Parent and Steering Committee, UCELC (2009-10)
Coach, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse (2013-20)

SCHOLARSHIP

“Extractivist, Exclusionary, and Exploitative? International Scholarly Cooperation in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (under review).

“Pretending to Command: Representations of Prince Petr Ivanovich Bagration in Leo Tolstoy’s *War and Peace*,” Academica Press, forthcoming.

“Anglophone Historiography of Russian Empire before the Imperial Turn,” *Slavic Review*, forthcoming.

“‘The Caspian Sea Will Sink Both Me and Russia’: Alexander Suvorov’s Strange Sitting in Astrakhan, 1780-82,” Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, forthcoming.

“How the Field Was Colonized: Russian History’s Ukrainian Blind Spot,” *Russian History* 50 (2023): 145-156, <https://doi.org/10.30965/18763316-12340074> (with Susan Smith-Peter). Published in 2024.

“Periodization as Decolonization,” *Russian History* 50 (2023): 157-183, <https://doi.org/10.30965/18763316-12340075> (with Susan Smith-Peter et al.). Published in 2024.

Featured Review: “‘A True Russian Solider’: Fabius Larionovich’s Less-Is-More Art of War,” *The Russian Review* (2024): 1-5, <https://doi.org/10.1111/russ.12599>. Review of Alexander Mikaberidze, *Kutuzov: A Life in War and Peace*.

“‘The Duty of Perfect Obedience’: The Laws of Subjecthood in Tsarist Russia,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 24, 4 (2023): 753-90, <https://doi.org/10.1353/kri.2023.a910976>.

“Who Spoke for Russia’s Muslims? Turki Letters and Russian Empire in the North Caucasus between the 17th and 20th centuries,” *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 53 (2019): 387-413, <https://doi.org/10.1163/22102396-05304008>.

“Supreme Fictions”? Early Modern Russian Accounts of the Ottoman Empire.” Commissioned essay concerning Victor Taki, *Tsar and Sultan: Russian Encounters with the Ottoman Empire*, in H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences (October 2019): <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=53879>.

“Friend and Foe: Religious Toleration in Northern Caucasia in the Age of Catherine the Great” *Princeton Papers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, XVII (2016): 25-61. [Reissued in Michael A. Reynolds, ed., *Constellations of the Caucasus: Empires, Peoples, and Faiths* (Princeton: Markus Wiener, 2016)]

“Building Community of Inquiry and Analytical Skills in an Online History Course,” *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education* 26, 3 (2014): 393-403 (with Sheri Stover).

“‘Ty pokazal, kak russkomu dolzhno umirat’ za Rus’’: Kniaz’ Petr Ivanovich Bagration i stanovlenie russkogo natsional’nogo geroi,” in Denis Sdvizhkov (in collaboration with Guido Hausmann), ed., *Posle grozy: 1812 god v istoricheskoi pamiati Rossii i Evropy* (Moscow: Kuchkovo Pole, 2015), pp. 23-45.

“‘Thus We Shall Have Their Loyalty and They Our Favor’: Diplomatic Hostage-Taking (*amanatstvo*) and Russian Empire in Caucasia,” in Brian J. Boeck, Russell Martin, and Daniel Rowland, eds., *Dubitando: Studies in History and Culture in Honor of Donald Ostrowski* (Bloomington: Slavic Publishers, 2012), pp. 139-163.

“Petr Ivanovich Bagration, 1765-1812,” in Stephen M. Norris and Willard Sunderland, eds., *Russia’s People of Empire: Life Stories from Eurasia, 1500 to the Present* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2012), pp. 93-103.

“‘As One Russian to Another’: Prince Petr Ivanovich Bagration’s Assimilation of Russian Ways,” *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space*, no. 4 (2010): 113-142.

“Historians and Their Sources: Discourses of Empire and Islam in Eurasian Archives,” *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space*, no. 4 (2008): 234-52, <https://doi.org/10.1353/imp.2008.0049>.

Guest Editor: “Forum: Islam in the Imperial Archives,” *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space*, no. 4 (2008): 233-333.

“‘We Slavishly Request’: Invitations to Empire and Russian Political Patronage in the Balkans,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, vol. 1, no. 4 (Fall, 2000): 751-68.

Other Publications

Review: Jeronim Perovic, *From Conquest to Deportation: The North Caucasus under Russian Rule*, in *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* 70, 2 (2022): 201-203.

Review: E. Natalie Rothman, *The Dragoman Renaissance: Diplomatic Interpreters and the Routes of Orientalism*, in *Slavic Review* 81, 2 (2022): 755-757.

Review: Charles Steinwedel, *Threads of Empire: Loyalty and Tsarist Authority in Bashkiria, 1552-1917*, in *Journal of Modern History* 90, 3 (September 2018): 741-3.

Review: S. Peter Poullada, *Russian-Turkmen Encounters: The Caspian Frontier before the Great Game*, in *Journal of Military History* 82, 4 (October 2018): 1271-3.

Review: Moshe Gammer, ed., *Ethno-Nationalism, Islam and the State in the Caucasus: Post-Soviet Disorder*, in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, vol. 42 no. 4 (2010): 707-09.

Review: Philip Pomper, *Lenin’s Brother: The Origins of the October Revolution*, in *Library Journal*, Jan. 15, 2010 (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6713695.html>).

Review: Robert Edelman, *Spartak Moscow: A History of the People’s Team in the Workers’ State*, in *Library Journal*, Nov. 15, 2009 (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6705440.html?q=sean+pollock>).

Review: Robert Service, *Trotsky: A Biography*, in *Library Journal*, Nov. 1, 2009 (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6704056.html?industryid=47112>).

Review: Bertrand M. Patenaude, *Trotsky: Downfall of a Revolutionary*, in *Library Journal*, Aug. 15, 2009 (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6675098.html>).

Report: “The Fortieth National Convention of the AAASS,” *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, vol. 7, no. 2 (2008): 39-45.

Report: “Russia and Islam in the Archives of Eurasia: An International Workshop,” *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, vol. 7, no. 1 (2008): 20-23.

Report: “Russia and the Ottoman Empire: Transregional and Comparative Approaches,” *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, vol. 7, no. 1 (2008): 30-33.

Review: C. Patterson Giersch, *Asian Borderlands: The Transformation of Qing China's Yunnan Frontier*, in *Canadian Journal of History*, vol. 43, no. 2 (2008): 351-353.

Encyclopedia entry: "Code of Wakhtang," *Supplement to The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet & Eurasian History*, vol. 6 (Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 2006).

Report: "Teaching in History and Literature," *History Department Teaching Fellow Handbook* (Cambridge: Department of History and Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, 2005), 35-37.

Review: "*Terra incognita*. Novye zapadnye raboty o Chechne," *Neprikosnovennyi zapas*, no. 1 (21) (2002): 124-29.

Review: Simon Sebag Montefiore, *Prince of Princes: The Life of Potemkin*, in *Slovo*, vol. 13 (2001): 221-23.

Translation: Ashirbek Muminov and Bakhtiyar Babadzhanov, "Amir Temur and Sayyid Baraka," *Central Asiatic Journal* 45, no. 1 (2001): 28-62.

Review: N. Iu. Bubnov, "Starobriadcheskaia kniga v Rossii vo vtoroi polovine XVII v.: Istochniki, tipy i evoliutsiia," *Slavic Review*, vol. 55, no. 3 (Fall 1996): 682-84.

"Historiography, Ethnogenesis, and the Scholarly Origins of Uzbekistan's National Hero: The Case of Temur," *Materials of the International Scientific Conference "Amir Temur and His Place in World History, 23-26 October 1996* (Tashkent: Uzbekiston, 1996), 44-47.

Invited Talks, Interviews, Conference Papers

Presenter, "Negotiating Russian Subjecthood in the Caucasus: Russian Sources" and "Negotiating Russian Subjecthood in the Caucasus: Turkic Sources," Summer School: The Archives of Islam in the Russian Empire (16th-early 20th Centuries), Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, June 30-July 6, 2024.

Presenter, "A Century of Anglophone Historiography of Russian Empire and Colonization," What is Russian Colonialism? An International Conference, Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, June 5-6, 2024.

Presenter, "A Decolonial Turn? ASEEES Advocacy Policy and the Question of Russian Studies' Complicity in Russian Imperialism," Midwest Historians Workshop, University of Notre Dame, April 13, 2024.

Presenter, "Pretending to Command: Representations of Prince Bagration in Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace*," 54th Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Baton Rouge, LA, February 24, 2024.

Presenter, "'The Caspian Sea Will Sink Both Me and Russia': Aleksandr Suvorov and the Failure of Potemkin's Persian Project," International Symposium, "Muddying the Waters: Towards a History of the Caspian Sea," Austrian Academy of Sciences, September 13-14, 2023.

Panelist, "How Is the War Changing Our Field," Midwest Russian History Workshop, The Ohio State University, April 15, 2023.

Panelist, "Alexander Starritt (*We Germans*) Interview Panel," College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University, November 14, 2022.

Panelist, "Russia-Ukraine Update: Prospects for Peace and War," School of Social Sciences and International Studies, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University, October 24, 2022.

Speaker, "'How to Die for Rus'": Prince Peter Bagration between Empire and Nation," School of Humanities and Cultural Studies Discussion Group, Wright State University, September 2, 2022.

Speaker, "'Knowledge is Power': On Putin's Historical Distortions and Cynical Lies," Wright State University Retirees Association, April 12, 2022.

Speaker, "On Putin's Historical Distortions and Cynical Lies concerning Ukraine," Harvard Club of Cincinnati, March 23, 2022.

Interview with Molly Koweek, "Wright State History Professor Discusses Historical Implications of War in Ukraine, WHIO, March 10, 2022, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4a_d15n_-E&t=4s.

Panelist, "The Russia-Ukraine Crisis: Historical & Political Science Perspectives," School of Social Sciences and International Studies, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University, March 8, 2022.

Interview with Thomas Gnau, "Russian Attack on Ukraine: Wright=Patt Remains on Heightened Readiness Posture," *Dayton Daily News*, February 24, 2022, <https://www.daytondailynews.com/local/russian-attack-on-ukraine-wright-patt-remains-on-security-alert/X3RSIROY5NGD7KIG47MIACULFI/>.

"Who Spoke for Russia's Muslims? Turkic Sources on Russian Empire in the Caucasus," Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), October 8, 2019.

"STEM→STEAM→STREAM: The Power of Liberal Arts Education in the Global Economy," Students Lead Dayton Conference, September 21, 2019.

"The Russian Empire and the Islamic World" and "Putin's Russia and the Middle East: The Challenges of Nationalism and Islamism." Summer School: Understanding Islamist Movements: Historical Roots and Current Realities. University of Geneva, Switzerland, June 27, 2016.

"Russian Influence in Central Asia," Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, August 15, 2014.

"Putin's Potemkin Village: The Sochi Games and Russia's National Identity Problem," History Department, Xavier University, February 12, 2014.

"Commemorating Bagration: The Making of a National Hero in Imperial and Soviet Russia," History Colloquium, Wittenberg University, March 14, 2013.

"Russian National Identity in Imperial Russia? The Case of Prince Bagration," After the Storm: The Year 1812 in the Historical Memory of Russia and Europe, German Historical Institute, Moscow, Russia, May 28-30, 2012.

"Imperial Identities: Russian and Non-Russian," Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Sept. 15, 2011.

"A New Line in Russian Strategic Thinking in Northern Caucasia in the Reign of Catherine II." Junior Scholars' Training Workshop, Summer Research Laboratory, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, Univ. of Illinois, June, 2009.

"'Loath to Be without Love': Sincere Confessions of Catherine the Great." Great Lives Lecture Series, University of Mary Washington, March 19, 2009.

"The Caucasus and Caucasians between Russia and Middle East: Reactions for the Sake of Religion and State," Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido Univ., Japan, Jan. 26-29, 2008.

- "Russian Subjecthood and Caucasian Muslims in the Reign of Catherine the Great (Tokyo)"
- "The Science of Russia's Empire in the Caucasus (Sapporo)"
- "A Quill Mightier than a Sword? The Career of Count Pavel Sergeevich Potemkin (Kyoto)"

Unpublished Papers Given at Professional Conferences

Organizer/presenter, "On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and the Unheroic in Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace*: The Strange Case of Prince Bagration," From the Caucasus to Russia's National Pantheon: The Life and Afterlives of Prince Petr Ivanovich Bagration, 2023 ASEES Annual Meeting.

Organizer/presenter, "Teaching Tolstoy in Times of War and Peace," 2023 ASEES Annual Meeting.

"'The Duty of Perfect Obedience': Performing *Poddanstvo* in Early Modern Russian Oaths of Allegiance," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEES) National Convention, Boston, MA, Dec., 2018.

"Who Spoke for Russia's Muslims? Turkic Sources on Russian Empire in the Caucasus between the 17th and 19th Centuries," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEES) National Convention, Chicago, IL, Nov. 11, 2017.

"Deep Learning and High Interaction in Online Learning – Is This Possible: Helping Faculty Feel Prepared to Teach Quality Online Classes" (with Dr. Sheri Stover), Lilly International Conference on College Teaching, Miami University, Nov. 17, 2012.

"Commemorating Bagration: Russia's Myth of a National War Hero," ASEES, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 16, 2012.

“Fortress Life: Go-Betweens in 18th-Century Kizliar,” ASEEEES National Convention, Washington, D.C., Nov. 19, 2011.

“Caucasia and the Eastern Question,” Roundtable on “The Eastern Question: New Approaches,” ASEEEES National Convention, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 20, 2010.

“The Policy and Practice of Religious Toleration in Northern Caucasia in the Age of Catherine the Great,” ASEEEES National Convention, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 19, 2010.

“Friend and Foe: Russia’s Muslim Subjects in the Caucasus,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), National Convention, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 15, 2007.

“Russian-Chechen Relations in the Age of Catherine the Great,” AAASS National Convention, Washington, D.C., Nov. 18, 2006.

“The Cousins Potemkin in Caucasia,” AAASS National Convention, Boston, MA, Dec. 5, 2004.

“‘Thus Their Allegiance to Us Will Be Great and They Will Receive Our Favor’: The Institution of Diplomatic Hostage (*amanat*) in the History of Russian Empire Building in Caucasia,” AAASS, Toronto, Canada, 2003.

“Claiming Kabarda: From the Conversion of Korgoka Konchokin (1759) to the Treaty of Kuchuk Kainardja (1774).” Maryland-Harvard Workshop on New Approaches to Russian and Soviet History, “Crossing Borders: Transnational History,” 2003.

“Ambiguity in the Treaty of Küçük Kaynarca (1774): The Case of Kabarda.” Central Eurasian Studies Society National Conference, 2002.

Diss. chapter and syllabus at Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Eurasia Program Dissertation Workshop, “Globalizing the Caucasus and Central Asia,” 2002.

“Thematic Conversation: Imagining Central Asia and the Caucasus at the Nexus of World History and Area Studies.” Sponsored by SSRC-Middle East Studies Association (MESA), at MESA annual meeting, 2001.

“Using Archives and Libraries in Georgia, Russia and Uzbekistan.” Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, May 9, 2001.

“Interethnic Relations and Religious Issues of the Black Sea Region.” IREX Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium, Washington, DC, 2001.

Diss. chapters at SSRC Eurasia Program Dissertation Workshop, “Reconfiguring Regions, Localities and Histories: Transformations of Central Asian and Caucasian Societies,” 2001.

Diss. Introduction, Russian and East European History Workshop, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, 2001.

“A Potemkin Project: Preparing the Ground for Georgievsk.” Panel on “Russian Imperial Borderlands: Southern Frontiers.” AAASS national convention, Denver, CO, 2000.

“The Power of Place: Friendly Kings on Russia’s Southern Frontier in the Late 18th Century.” Central Asian Working Group, Harvard University, November 8, 2000.

Presentation, dissertation prospectus, “Empire by Invitation: Patronage and Power in the Caucasus, 1762-1827,” History Colloquium, History Department, Harvard University, 1999.

Paper, with Dildora Abidzhanova, (Institute of History, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan): “One Eternal Moment in the Writing of Özbekistâni National History,” Harvard University, 1997.

GRANTS FUNDED

2020	Virtual Summer Research Laboratory in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2018-19	Professional Development Leave, WSU
2013	Multicultural Course Assessment Teaching and Learning Circle, WSU
2010-11	“Reimagining Western Civilization,” Teaching Enhancement Grant, WSU
2010-11	Service-Learning Faculty Learning Community, WSU
2010	The National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Short-Term Travel Grant

2010	Professional Development Grant, WSU
2009	Junior Scholars' Training Workshop on Mobility, Summer Research Laboratory, Univ. of Illinois
2008	Research Laboratory, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, Univ. of Illinois
2007-08	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
2002-03	Packard Dissertation Fellowship (Harvard)
2001-02	Harvard University Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship
2002	IREX Individual Advanced Research Program Fellowship (6 months)
2001	ACTR/ACCELS Research Scholar Program Advanced Research Fellowship (6 months)
2001-02	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship
2001	Harvard University History Department Traveling Fellowship for intensive Ottoman and Turkish languages
2001	IREX and WWC Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium Grant, Washington, DC
2000-01	FLAS fellowship for dissertation research and Georgian language
2000	FLAS fellowship for Georgian language
2000	O'Neill Research Travel Grant, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University
1999-2000	FLAS fellowship for dissertation research and Persian language
1999	O'Neill Research Travel Grant, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University
1999	ACTR/ACCELS Regional Scholar Exchange Program, Tbilisi, Georgia
1999	FLAS fellowship for Georgian language
1998-99	FLAS fellowship for dissertation research and Persian language
1998	American Institute of Iranian Studies for Persian language study in Iran
1997-98	FLAS fellowship for preliminary dissertation research and Persian language
1997	Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University for German language
1996-97	Merle E. Fainsod Prize for incoming Ph.D. Candidate in History (Russian Area)
1996-97	FLAS fellowship for Uzbek and Chaghatay languages
1996	ACTR/ACCELS CIS-Regional Language Program for Uzbek language study in Uzbekistan
1996	O'Neill Research Travel Grant, Davis Center for Russian Studies (honorary recipient)
1996	Forum for Central Asian Studies Summer Research Grant, Harvard University
1995-96	FLAS fellowship for Uzbek language
1995	Summer Travel Grant, Russian Research Center, Harvard University
1995	CIEE Scholarship, Russian for Research Program, St. Petersburg, Russia
1995	FLAS fellowship for Russian language, St. Petersburg University, Russian Federation
1994-95	FLAS fellowship for Turkish language

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Wright State University

- HST 102: Early Modern Europe: 14th-18th Centuries
- HST 102 SRVI/HON: Early Modern Europe: 14th-18th Centuries (intensive service-learning)
- HST 103: Modern Europe: 19th and 20th Centuries
- HST 103 (A90): Modern Europe: 19th and 20th Centuries (synchronous online)
- HST 1100: Western Civilizations to 1500 (asynchronous online)
- HST 1200 SRVI/HON: The West and The World since 1500 (intensive service-learning)
- HST 1200: The West and the World since 1500 (asynchronous online and SCALE-UP).
- HST 3000: Introduction to Historical Analysis (in-person and synchronous online)
- HST 3100: Themes in Modern European History (synchronous online)
- HST 3120: Russia's People of Empire
- HST 3120/MP3990/ML3990: Russian War Films (in-person and synchronous online)
- HST 401: Research Methods
- HST 415/615, 4220/6220: Imperial Russia (in-person and synchronous online)
- HST 425/625, 4220/6220: Soviet Union
- HST 4220/6220: Russia and Islam
- HST 4220/6220: Muscovite Russia
- HST 4220/6220/ENG4460/6460: Russia against Napoleon
- HST 708, 7400: Comparative Empires

- War and Society in Ukraine: Collaborative Online International Learning, with V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (synchronous online)

Yale University

- HST S242: The Western World since 1500

University of New Haven

- HS384/GLS453: History of the Middle East
- HST 102: The Western World in Modern Times

Harvard University

- History and Literature 97: Sophomore Tutorial: Russia Field
- History and Literature 98: Junior Tutorial
- Slavic Languages and Literatures 97: Sophomore Tutorial: Russian Studies
- History 97: Sophomore Tutorial
- Harvard Extension School: Graduate Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in the Social Sciences: Government and History
- HST A-68: The Making and Remaking of the Modern Middle East (Head Teaching Fellow)
- HST 1502: Imperial Russian History (Sole Teaching Fellow)
- HST 1531: A History of the Soviet Union (Sole Teaching Fellow)
- Graduate Writing Fellow, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

Teaching Awards

Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education Excellence Award (2015)

College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award, WSU (2015)

Phi Alpha Theta Outstanding Faculty Member, Department of History, WSU (2013)

Writing across the Curriculum Faculty Recognition Award, WSU (2009, 2010, 2013)

Excellence in Teaching General Education: Western Civilization, WSU (2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)

Stephen Botein Excellence in Teaching Prize in History and Literature, Harvard University (2007)

Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for Senior Thesis Advising, Harvard University (2006)

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University (4 times, 1999-2001)

Independent Study Supervised

Member, Senior Thesis Committee, Megan Henry, "The Propagandistic Use of Memories of Joan of Arc by both Vichy and Free France during World War II," 2021-22.

Member, Master's Thesis Committee, Nick Higgins, "The Homeward Bound-ness of Crimean Tatars: A Clash of National Identity, the State, and the Crimean Peninsula," 2018-19.

Chair, Senior Honors Thesis Committee, Jack Raslich, "The Russian Empire and the Indigenous Peoples of North America to 1867," 2017-18.

Kevin Scott Morrison: "Studies in Early Modern Russian History," Summer 2017.

Chair, Senior Thesis Committee, Bethany Wages, "In Service of the Reich: The German Use of Soviet Tanks, Equipment, and Supplies on the Eastern Front, 1941-1945," 2013-14.

HST 691: Independent Readings: Russian Empire-Building in the Imperial and Soviet Periods, WSU

Faculty Mentor to Nicholas Waggy, recipient of a Summer Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Award, WSU, Summer 2010.

Advising Students

MA in History: All students

Social Science Education majors: 30 advisees (2011-20)

Department of History majors: 8 advisees (2008-2012)

Invited Talks

Sean Pollock (conversation with Marek Toman), “Učení může zachránit život” [Teaching Can Save Lives], in *Osud a volba* [Fate and Choice] (Prague: Gasset, 2018), 20-28.

“The Rewards and Challenges of the Active Learning Classroom,” Office of Disability Services PreFlight Program, WSU, August 21, 2016.

“Teaching at WSU,” New Faculty Orientation, WSU, August 21, 2016.

“The Real Deal about College,” First Weekend Institutes, WSU, Sept. 3, 2011.

“‘Alone Together’: Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age,” First Weekend Institutes, WSU, Sept. 4, 2011.

“‘Purpose, Passion, Payoff: The Real Deal about Going to College,” in UVC 101 (65), WSU, Sept. 8, 2011.

“Imperial Identities: Russian and Non-Russian.” Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Sept. 16, 2010.

“‘The Dumbest Generation’? The Promise and Perils of Growing Up Online.”

- First Weekend Institutes, Wright State University, Sept. 4 and 5, 2010.
- UVC 101: First Year Seminar I (Costa Alimonos), Sept. 20, 2010.

Teaching Enhancement Activities

Participant, Applying the QM Rubric (Virtual) (APPQMR), July 15, 2021 (certificate)

Participant, Introduction to Quality Matters (Virtual, INTRO2QM), May 14, 2021 (certificate)

Participant, UPCEA Annual Conference (Virtual) , April 7-9, 2021.

Participant, Reacting to the Past Campus Workshop, Ashland University, Apr. 7-8, 2017.

Presenter, “Student Perspectives on Active-Learning Courses in the Student Success Center,” WSU, March 6, 2017.

Participant, SOCHE Teagle Assessment Workshop, Sinclair University, February 9-10, 2017.

Participant, AHA 2017 Undergraduate Teaching Workshop: Assignments Charrette, January 6, 2017.

Applying Quality Matters Rubric Certificate – Nationwide Design Standards for Online and Blended Course Design. Sponsor: Quality Matters, 2017.

Participant, Lilly Conference: College and University Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning. Traverse City, MI, October 20-22, 2016.

Participant, Conference on Teaching Large Classes. Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, July 21, 2016.

Participant, Faculty Institute for Diversity: Train the Trainer. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, June 15-17, 2016.

Presenter, “Engaging Students in Active-Learning Classrooms,” WSU, Apr. 24, 2016.

Presenter, *Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning* by James M. Lang (CTL Book Group, WSU). Three meetings: October, 10, Nov. 12, and Dec. 12, 2016.

Chair, “Teaching: Surviving the First Year,” New Faculty Orientation, WSU, August 18, 2016.

Presenter, “‘Very Different from a Lecture’: How SCALE-UP Resources Facilitate Student Learning,” CoLA Faculty Meeting, WSU, October 28, 2015.

Moderator, “Active-Learning/SCALE-UP Panel,” Teaching for Student Success Symposium, WSU, August 25, 2015.

Participant, “Teaching with Technology,” Inside Higher Ed Webinar, February 17, 2015.

Presenter, *Engaging Ideas* Book Group, CTL, WSU, Feb. 11, 2015.

Presenter, *How We Learn* Book Group, Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), WSU, January 21, 2015.

Participant, “Inside Higher Ed Faculty Technology Survey,” Webinar, Nov. 18, 2014

Participant, Creating a Comprehensive Plan for the Flipped Learning Environment, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 7-8, 2104

Participant, The Teaching Professor Technology Conference, Denver, CO, Oct. 10-12, 2014

Presenter, "Teaching: Surviving the First Year," New Faculty Orientation, WSU, Aug. 8, 2014.

Participant, "The Flipped Classroom," Webinar, CTL, WSU, May 8, 2014.

Presenter, "One Bright Idea: The College Student and Public Life: A Wright State University-Thurgood Marshall High School Service-Learning Partnership," CTL, WSU, November 12, 2013.

Participant, "WAC II: Low-Stakes Writing Assignments for Large Classes," CTL, WSU, October 16, 2013.

Presenter, "WAC I: WAC Faculty Roundtable," CTL, WSU, Sept. 19, 2013.

Participant, "Engage Students with the *New York Times* in Your Classroom," CTL, WSU, Aug. 29, 2013.

Participant, "Engaging Every Student and Assessing Their Progress with TurningPoint Clickers, CTL, Aug. 14, 2013.

Participant, "From Icebreakers to Topic Starters," Teamup and Cengage Learning Webinar, 2013.

Participant, "Applying the Quality Matters Rubric – FY 12 (APPQMR): using 2011-2013 Rubric, Quality Matters Program, June 28, 2013.

Online Teaching Certificate, CTL, WSU, 2013.

Participant, "The Citizen Solution: How You Can Make a Difference Book Group," CTL, Mar. 18, 2013.

Participant, "TurningPoint (Clickers) Training," CTL, Mar. 12, 2013.

Presenter, "Redesign of History Core Classes" (with Carol Herringer), Faculty Development Day, WSU, Nov. 30, 2012.

Participant, "Turnitin Using Pilot: A System of Evaluating Written Work," CTL, Oct. 11, 2012.

Participant, "WAC – Peer Review," CTL, Oct. 3, 2012.

Student, "EDT 839: Instructional Design and Development," College of Education and Human Services, WSU, Summer 2012.

Participant, Exploring the Value of Service-Learning for College Student Development and Faculty Scholarship," with Dr. Andy Furco, WSU, May 8, 2012.

Participant, "Blackboard Collaborate Web Conferencing (Elluminate) Workshop," CTL, May 9, 2012.

Student, "EDT 849: Making Online Courses Interactive," College of Education and Human Services, WSU, Winter 2012.

Presenter, "Reimagining Western Civilizations" (with Carol Herringer) CTL, Feb. 27, 2012.

Presenter, "Service-Learning in Theory and Practice: the Future of Community Engagement in Higher Education" (Dan Butin Book Group), CTL, Feb. 27, 2012.

Participant, "Reimagining Western Civilizations," University Teaching Enhancement Grant, 2010 – 2012.

Participant, "Introduction to Pilot," CTL, June 9, 2011.

Participant, "Course Management for Web-Based Courses," CTL, June 9, 2011.

Participant, "Introduction of Pilot," CTL, Dec. 6, 2011.

Participant, "Course Assessment for Web-Based Courses," CTL, Dec. 7, 2011.

Participant, "Using Rubrics to Assess Student Learning," CTL, Dec. 7, 2011.

Invited Participant: Western Civilization Symposium, McGraw-Hill, New York City, NY, March 25-26, 2010.

Invited Participant: National Center for Academic Transformation, Fourth Annual Redesign Alliance Conference, Orlando, FL, March 28-30, 2010.

Participant, "Course Assessment for Web-Enhanced Courses," CTL, Apr. 29, 2010.

Participant, "What the Best College Teachers Do Book Group," CTL Feb. 9, 2009.

Participant, "An Anthropologist Looks at Plagiarism Book Group," CTL, May 7, 2009.

Participant, "The Learning Paradigm Book Group," CTL, May 11, 2009.

Participant, "College Learning for the New Century: A Report from the National Leadership & American's Promise, AACU Book Group," CTL, May 19, 2009.

Mid-term Student Evaluations conducted by Dr. James Uphoff for HST 102 and 103.