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EMPLOYMENT

2011-present Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, Associate Professor
2005-2011 Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, Assistant Professor.
2003-2005 Department of History, East Carolina University, Assistant Professor.
2002-2003 Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Postdoctoral Fellow.

EDUCATION

2002 Ph.D., History, University of California, Berkeley.
1997 M.Phil., Russian Thought, School of Slavonic and East European Studies,
University College London.
1993 B.A., History, Cambridge University, Trinity Hall.
1993-1994 Visiting Student in Slavic Literature and History, University of Hamburg.

CURRENT PROJECT

“Friendship under Autocracy: the Ideology of the Russian State, 1750-1840”

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK

Doubt, Atheism, and the Nineteenth-Century Russian Intelligentsia (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2011).

Reviews: Lesley Chamberlain, “Between Belief and Despair: Doubt, Atheism, and the Nineteenth-Century Russian Intelligentsia by Victoria Frede,” Wall Street Journal April 13 2012, A11; Scott Kenworthy, Secularism and Nonreligion 1 (2012): v-vi; Catherine Evtuhov, American Historical Review 117, 5 (2012); W. G. Moss, Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries (2012); William B. Husband, The Russian Review 71, 4 (2012): 697-98; Derek Offord, The Slavonic and East European Review 90, 4 (October 2012): pp. 758-760; Lewis Bagby, Slavic and East European Journal 56, 3 (Fall 2012): pp. 454-55; Alissa Valles, Common Knowledge 19, 1 (2013), 146; Philip J. Swoboda, “Belief and Unbelief in Russia,” Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 15,1 (Winter, 2014): 169-79; Philip Grier, Journal of Religion 94, 1 (January 2014): 133-34; Robert Geraci, Slavic Review 73, 1 (Spring 2014): 195-6.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

“Sympathy in the Russian Sentimental Letter of the 1770s” *Avtobiografi-ja*, no. 10 (2021), special edition, guest-edited by Rodolphe Baudin, pp. 31-56.

“Nineteenth-Century Russia,” in The Cambridge History of Atheism: Atheism from Antiquity to Modernity 2 vols. ed. Stephen Bullivant and Michael Ruse (Cambridge University Press, 2021), vol. 1, pp. 482-499

“Nihilism,” in Oxford Handbook of Russian Religious Thought, ed. Caryl Emerson, George Pattison, and Randal Poole (Oxford, 2020), 152-168.

“Obshchestvennoe mnenie. Ego oblik sverkh: Neglasnyi komitet Aleksandra I” [Public Opinion. The View From Above: Alexander I’s Unofficial Committee], tr. Galina Besedina, Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie. vol. 151, no. 1 (2018): 164-185.

“Kak v Rossiiu prishla ideia, chto gubernator mozhet byt’ drugom: Stroganovy i Zhil’ber Romm, 1779-1790 gody” (How the Idea that a Governor Can Be a Friend Came to Russia: the Stroganovs and Gilbert Romme, 1779-1790”) in Ideal vospitaniia dvoriantsva v Evrope: XVII-XIX veka, ed. V. S. Rzhetskii, et al. (Moscow: Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie, 2018), 181-207.

Partly republished as “On edet v Rossiiu kak drug sem’i, a ne rab: Kak evropeitsy sozdavali novuiu russkuiu elitu” (“He travels to Russia as a friend of the family, not as a slave’: How Europeans Created a New Russian Elite”) Lenta.ru September 23 2018: <https://lenta.ru/articles/2018/09/23/nobles/>

“Vernost’, izmena i predatel’stvo v družheskoi srede: 1790” [Fidelity, Treason, and Betrayal Among Friends: the 1790s], Trudy Instituta russkogo iazyka im. V. V. Vinogradova. Vol. 9. Istoriia russkogo iazyka i kul’tury: Pamiati V. M. Zhivova, ed. A. M. Moldovan, A. A. Pichkhadze, and Iu. V. Kagarlitskii (Moscow: Institut russkogo iazyka, 2016), pp. 323-339.

“Freemasonry, Secrecy, and Letter-Writing in the 1780s,” in “A Century Mad and Wise”: Russia in the Age of Enlightenment, ed. Emmanuel Waegemans et al. (Groningen: Instituut voor Noord-en Oost-Europese Studies, 2015), pp. 395-406.

“Friends: Gilbert Romme and the Stroganovs,” Vivliofika: E-Journal of Eighteenth-Century Russian Studies 3 (2015): 70-100.

“Atheism in the Russian Enlightenment,” Russian Literature 75, 1-4 (2014): 121-61.

“Stankevič and Hegel’s Arrival in Russia,” Studies in East European Thought 65, 3-4 (December 2013): 159-174.

A translated and amended version of this article appeared as “Stankevich i ranniaia retsteptsia Gegelia v Rossii,” Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie 156, no. 2 (2019).

“Freedom of Confession, Freedom of Conscience, and ‘Land and Freedom’ in the 1860s,” Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 13, 3 (Summer, 2012): 561-584.

This article was republished in Religious Freedom in Modern Russia, ed. Randall A. Poole and Paul Werth Pitt Series in Russian and East European Studies (Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh University Press, 2018).

“Russian Intellectual History since 1991: Overcoming the Left-Right Divide,” in Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 12, 4 (Fall, 2011): 807-15.

“Radicals and Feelings: the 1860s,” in Mark Steinberg and Valeria Sobol, eds. Interpreting Emotions in Russia and Eastern Europe (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2011), 62-81.

“Materialism and the Radical Intelligentsia, 1858-1863,” in Gary A. Hamburg and Randall Poole, eds., A History of Russian Philosophy, 1830–1930: Faith, Reason, and the Defense of Human Dignity (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 69-89.

“A Radical Circle Confronts a Radical Woman: M. L. Ogareva, the Westernizers, and the Problem of Individual Self-Fulfillment,” in Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas, 54, no. 2 (2006): 161-189.

“Istoriia kollektivnogo razocharovaniia: družba, npravstvennost’ i religioznost’ v družheskom krugu A. I. Gertsena – N. P. Ogareva 1830 – 1840-kh gg.,” tr. S. Silakova, Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie, 49, no. 3 (2001): 159-190. (A Story of Collective Disillusionment: Friendship, Morality and Religiosity in the Friendship Circle of A. I. Herzen and N. P. Ogarev, 1830s – 1840s).

“Lovers of Wisdom,” in Encyclopedia of Russian History, 4 vols. (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004), 2:875-876.

ARTICLES/CHAPTERS/REVIEWS SUBMITTED OR UNDER CONTRACT

“Garden Diplomacy of the Sentimental Era: Joseph II’s Visit to St. Petersburg in 1780,” chapter in edited volume on the 18th century Austro-Hungarian nobility, edited by Gabor Vaderna. (accepted for publication, scheduled 2022)

BOOK REVIEWS:

“Only among Women: Philosophies of Community in the Russian and Soviet Imagination, 1860-1940, Anne Eakin Moss,” Journal of Modern History 93, 3 (2021): 741-43.

“The Epistolary Art of Catherine the Great, Kelsey Rubin-Detlev” Slavic Review 79, 4 (2020): 872-73.

“Revolutionaries in Deed” (Review Essay) Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 19, 3 (2018): 627-36.

“Kivelson, Valerie A., and Ronald Grigory Suny. *Russia's Empires*.” The Russian Review 77, no. 2 (2018): 311-312.

“Without Savage Joy,” Review of A Herzen Reader, ed. and tr. by Kathleen Parthé, Times Literary Supplement October 11 2013, 21.

“The Heart of Russia: Trinity-Sergius, Monasticism, and Society After 1825, Scott M. Kennworthy,” Journal of Modern History 84, 3 (2012): 778-80.

"Suicide and the Body Politic in Imperial Russia, Susan K. Morrissey," European History Quarterly 40, 1 (2010).

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History (Editor, 2011-2016; member of "Executive Council," 2016-)

Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas (Editorial Committee, 2019-).

GRANTS, AWARDS

2016-2017 American Council of Learned Societies

2016-2017 Thyssen Senior Fellowship, Institution for Advanced Study, CEU, Budapest

Spring 2012 Humanities Research Fellowship, UCB

Fall 2011 Humanities Research Fellowship, UCB

Fall 2009 Reynolds Hodgen Fund, UCB.

Spring 2008 Hellman Family Faculty Fund, UCB.

Fall 2007 Townsend Strategic Working Group on Religion, Secularism and Modernity.

Spring 2005 Research Award of East Carolina University.

1999- 20002 International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)

Fall 1999 American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR)

CONFERENCE PAPERS, INVITED PRESENTATIONS (not including panel commentator)

Kolloquium zur Neuren und Nordamerikanischen Geschichte, Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena, Germany, "Friendship and the Cult of Civic Virtue among the Decemberists," May 2021

Moscow, Russia, "Dom A. F. Loseva", Presentation in Russian on "Nihilism" at symposium, "The Oxford Handbook of Russian Religious Thought," April 2021

Sorbonne University, Paris, Presentation "Sympathy in Sentimental Letters of the 1770s," at Conference, "A short history of epistolary emotions in Russia" June 2019

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Keszthely, Hungary, Presentation "Garden Architecture as a Tool of Diplomacy: Joseph II, Grand Duke Paul, and Grand Duchess Maria" at Conference, "The Culture of the Aristocracy in the Habsburg Monarchy, 1750-1820," May-June 2019

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, "Sympathy as a Strategy in Noble Correspondence of the 1770s and 1780s," Boston, December 2018

Conference of the Russian Eighteenth-Century Studies Group, Strasbourg, "Kheraskov on the Interior Church," July 2018.

Desert Workshop, University of Las Vegas Nevada, "The Common Good," February 2018.

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, "The Temple of Friendship," November 2017

Colegio Nacional, Mexico City, Presentation “The Revolutionary Movement” at Conference “La Revolucion Rusa”, October 2017.

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute for Literary Studies, Budapest (HAS RCH). “The Sentimental Cult of Friendship in 18th Century Russia: From Poems to Letters”. February 2017

Colloquium of the Institut für osteuropäische Geschichte und Landeskunde, Tübingen University, “Importing the Sentimental Cult of Friendship into Russia, 1750-1780”. February 2017.

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC, Presentation, “Military Masculinity and Sentimental Letter Writing in the Napoleonic Wars” November 2016.

Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest, “The Sentimental Cult of Friendship in 18th Century Russia,” October 2016.

German Historical Institute (DHI) and Higher School of Economics, Moscow, “Constitutionalism and Rule of Law in Alexander I’s Unofficial Committee,” October 2016.

Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, “Politics in the Sentimental Mode: Alexander’s Unofficial Committee” June 2016.

Banye Chteniia (Bathhouse Readings), Moscow, Presentation, “Friendship, Secrecy, and Opposition in Alexander I’s Unofficial Committee,” March 2016.

Harvard University, Rereading Russian Intellectual History; “Herzen As a ‘Buddhist in Science’: Rereading ‘Buddhism in Science’ and ‘Robert Owen’” April 2015.

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Presentation, “Individuals and Disturbances in Reginald Zelnik’s Works,” November 2014.

Institute of Russian Language, Moscow, Russia: International Conference on the History of Russian Language and Culture, Dedicated to the Memory of V. M. Zhivov; “Friendship in the 18th Century”, October 2014.

Conference of the Russian Eighteenth-Century Studies Group, Leuven, Belgium, “Secrecy, Freemasonry, and Letter-Writing in the Eighteenth Century,” July 2014.

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Presentation, “Friendship and the Problem of Political and Personal Loyalty,” November 2013.

Universität Basel, Conference: “Autobiografische Praxis und Imperienforschung,” Presentation: “Herzen’s Representation of Self in *My Past and Thoughts*” June 2013.

City University of New York and New York University, Conference: Hegel to Russia and Back”, Presentation: “The Westernizers and Hegel in the 1830s”, April 2013.

Stanford University, “The Legacy of Alexander Herzen on the 200th Anniversary of His Birth.”
Presentation: “Alexander Herzen: The Man as Friend.” November 2012.

University of California, Berkeley, “Conference in Memory of Nicholas V. Riasanovsky,”
Workshop, Pre-circulated paper: “Friends: Gilbert Romme as Mentor to the Stroganov
Family” October 2012.

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Roundtable: “Journal Publishing:
From Idea to Article,” ASEEES Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2012.

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, U. C. Berkeley, “The Sentimental Cult of
Friendship: Gilbert Romme as Mentor to the Stroganov Family” February 2012.

University College, London (School of Slavonic and East European Studies), “Voltaireism in
Eighteenth-Century Russia” December 2010.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Presentation, “Friendship and
Courtoisie: Vasilii Zhukovsky at the Court of Alexander I,” November 2010.

Institute for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES), U. C. Berkeley,
“Comparative Revolutions: Apocalypse and the Revolutionary movement of the 1860s,”
October 2010.

Rutgers University, Department of History, “Atheism in Nineteenth-Century Russia,” March
2010.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Presentation: “‘If There is no God,
then Everything is Permitted:’ Atheism in Nineteenth-Century Russia,” November 2009.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Roundtable, “Emotions Across the
Disciplines: Past, Present, Future,” November 2009.

Ludwig Maximilians Universität, “Die Russische Intelligencija und die Frage nach der Existenz
Gottes im 19. Jahrhundert,” November 2009.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Presentation: “Reginald E. Zelnik
as a Cultural Historian,” November 2008.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies,” Presentation: “On the Virtues of
Being Beaten: Perceived Effects of Violence in Mid-Nineteenth Century Russia,”
November 2008.

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Conference: “Interpreting Emotion in Eastern
Europe, Russia, and Eurasia.” Presentation of precirculated paper “Radicals and feelings:
Dmitrii Pisarev,” June 2008.

Claremont McKenna College, Conference: “Defending Human Dignity: A History of Russian Philosophy, 1830 to 1930.” Presentation of precirculated paper, “Materialism and the Radical Intelligentsia, the 1860s.” April 2008.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Presentation: “How tolerant were Russian radicals of religious tolerance?” November 2007.

Stanford University, Russian History Reading Group, Presentation of precirculated paper: “Atheism and Apocalypse in the Russian Provinces, 1856-1863,” May 2007.

Stanford University, Enlightenment and Revolution Reading Group. Presentation of precirculated paper: “‘The Calling of Every Person to Think for Himself:’ Educated Russians Confront Freethinking: 1750-1810,” February 2007.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, “On Despair: the 1840s,” for the panel, “On the Emotions in Russian History,” November 2004.

Duke University, Paper: “The Rise of Unbelief Among Educated Russians, 1780-1860,” February 2004.

Swarthmore College, Philadelphia Area Colloquium in Russian History, precirculated paper, “Doubt and the Darker Side of Genius: The Wisdom Lovers and their fellows in the 1820s,” March 2003.

Columbia University, Colloquium in Russian History, precirculated paper, “Doubt and the Darker Side of Genius: The Wisdom Lovers and their fellows in the 1820s,” February 2003.

Columbia University, Harriman Institute Brown-Bag Talk, “Secularization in Nineteenth-Century Russia,” February 2003.

Tübingen University, Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte und Landeskunde, Paper presented: “Intelligencija oder Boheme: Oppositionskulturen in Russland der 1840’er Jahre,” December 2002.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. “Penitent Nobleman: Origins of a Concept,” November 2002.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. “Russian Officialdom and the Nihilist Scare of the 1860s.” November 2001.

COURSES TAUGHT AT UCB

- Imperial Russian History from Peter the Great to the Revolutions of 1917 (History 171B).
- Foodways: A Global History, 1450-present (History 2, cotaught with Rebecca McLennan)
- Russian Intellectual History, 1800-1917 (History 172).
- Historiography of 19th century Europe (graduate seminar, History 275).
- Imperial Russia, Historiography (graduate seminar, History 280B).
- Romanov Russia, 1613-1917, Historiography (graduate seminar, History 280B)

- Food in European History, 1450-1950 (undergraduate seminar, History 103).
- Memoirs as a Historical Source (undergraduate seminar, History 103).
- European Radicalism in the Nineteenth Century (undergraduate seminar, History 103).
- Individuals and Society, 1860 (undergraduate seminar, History 103).
- Russia Through Memoirs (undergraduate seminar, History 101).
- Heresy, Blasphemy, and Anticlericalism (freshman seminar, History 39).

At East Carolina University I taught lecture courses in each of the Medieval, Imperial, and Soviet periods of Russian history. I also taught World History from 1500 to the present.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES, COMPLETED

Agnieszka Smelkowska, "Model Minority: Black Sea Germans, Nazi Germany, and the Soviet Union (1917-1991)," July 2021 (Department of History, Committee member)

Thomas Lowish, "Catherine the Great and the Development of a Modern Russian Sovereignty, 1762-1796," May 2021 (Department of History, Chair)

Eric McCurdy Johnson "Revolutionary Lives: Ideals and the Everyday for Russian Radicals in the 1870s" May 2019 (Department of History, Chair)

Mirjam Voerkelius, "Evolution in Times of Revolution: Darwinism, Nature, and Ideology in the Soviet Union" May 2019 (Department of History, Committee member)

Jenny Flaherty, "Peasants and the Aesthetics of Russian Realism," May 2019 (Slavic Department, Outside member)

Yana Skorobogatov, "Killing the Soviet Man: The Death Penalty in the Soviet Union, 1954-1991" May 2018 (Department of History, committee member)

Joseph Kellner, "The End of History: Radical Responses to the Soviet Collapse" May 2018 (Department of History, UCB, member)

Katherine E Zubovich, "Moscow Monumental: Soviet Skyscrapers and Urban Life under High Stalinism" June 2017 (Department of History, UCB, committee member)

Rhiannon Dowling, "Brezhnev's War on Crime: The Criminal in Soviet Society, 1963-1984" May 2017 (Department of History, UCB, co-chair)

Jason Morton, "The Creation of a People's Hero: Vasillii Chapaev and the Fate of Soviet Popular History" May 2017 (Department of History, UCB, member)

Charles Shaw, "War, Friendship of the Peoples, and the Creation of Soviet Central Asia, 1941-1953." July 2015 (Department of History, UCB, member)

Brandon Schechter, "Government Issue: The Material Culture of the Red Army 1941-1945," July 2015 (Department of History, UCB, member)

Daniel Brooks, "Russian Literary Portraiture in the Twentieth Century: Collecting and Re-Collecting *Lichnosti* in Criticism and Memoir." July 2015 (Slavic Department, UCB, member)

Milutin Janjic, "The Leningrad Religious-Philosophical Seminar: A Place of Encounter between Text and Mission," May 2015 (Graduate Theological Union, outside member)

Erik Scott, "Familiar Strangers: The Georgian Diaspora in the Soviet Union," May 2011 (Department of History, UCB, member)

Christine Evans, "From *Truth* to *Time*: Soviet Central Television, 1957-1985," May 2010 (Department of History, UCB, member)

Stephen Brain, "Transforming Nature: the Russian Forest and the Soviet State: 1900-1953," May 2008 (Department of History, UCB, member)

Jarrold Tanny, "City of Rogues and Schnorrers: The Myth of Old Odessa in Russian and Jewish Culture," April 2008 (Department of History, UCB, member).

John Holmes, “The Life and Times of Noah London: American Jewish Communist, Soviet Engineer, and Victim of Stalinist Terror,” May 2008 (Department of History, UCB, member).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committee Member, Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies (2019)
U.C. Systemwide Academic Senate, Assembly Representative for Berkeley (2017-2019)
Divisional Council of U. C. Berkeley Academic Senate, Elected Representative (2017-2019)
Advisory Committee Member, Graduiertenschule für Ost- und Südosteuropastudien (2016-2018)
Editor, Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History (2011-2016)
Senate Library Committee, UCB (2012-2014)
Advisory Committee Committee, Armenian Studies Program, UCB (2014-2015, 2017-2019)
Steering Committee, Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, UCB (2013-2014)
Steering Committee, Institute for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES).
Foreign Language Area Scholarship Selection Committee, Russia and East Europe, UCB.
Committee for the History Undergraduate Major, UCB
Search Committee in Early Modern European History, UCB.
Graduate Advising and Selection Committee, UCB.
History Prize Committee, UCB.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spoken, reading, and written fluency in Russian and German; reading fluency in French, basic reading in Latin.

CITIZENSHIP

United States of America and Federal Republic of Germany.

ARCHIVAL EXPERIENCE

State Historical Museum (GIM), Moscow
State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF), Moscow.
Russian State Military-Historical Archive (RGVIA), Moscow.
Russian State Archive of Literature and Art (RGALI), Moscow.
Russian State Archive of Ancient Acts (RGADA), Moscow.
Manuscript Division of the Russian State Library (RO-RGB), Moscow.
Archive of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation (Arkhiv Akademii Nauk),
Moscow.
Russian State Historical Archive (RGIA), St. Petersburg.
Manuscript Division of the Russian National Library (RO-RNB), St. Petersburg.
Institute of Russian Literature (Pushkinskii Dom), St. Petersburg.
Bibliothèque nationale de France, rue Richelieu site, Paris.