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Education:

- Ph.D., Modern Russian and European History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2006. Dissertation: “American Philanthropy among Russians, 1900-1940: The Work of the YMCA.” Advisor: Professor Theofanis G. Stavrou. Supporting Field: Russian Literature.
- Program in Russian Language, Literature, and History, Center for International Education, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, 1997-1999.
- M.A., History of Christianity and Theology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, 1994. Thesis: “The Russian Ministry of the YMCA, 1899-1939.”
- B.A., Chemistry, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1990.

Awards:

- Faculty Development Grants, University of Northwestern, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022.
- Travel Grant, Kennan Institute, Washington, DC, for conference on “Americans in Revolutionary Petrograd,” European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, October 6-7, 2017.
- Excellence in Scholarship Award, University of Northwestern, 2016.
- Faculty Development Grants, Northwestern College, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- Travel Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “America’s Russian-Speaking Immigrants & Refugees: 20th Century Migration and Memory,” 2013.
- Travel Grant, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Russia Abroad Library, Moscow, Russia, for conference on “The YMCA Press in the History of Russian Publishing Abroad,” 2012.
- Travel Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “America Engages Russia, 1880-1930: Studies in Cultural Interaction,” 2009.
- Thomas S. Noonan Award in Russian History, University of Minnesota, 2004.
- Travel Scholarships, Department of History and Institute for Global Studies, University of Minnesota, 2003.
- Basil Laourdas Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2002-2003.
- Alumni Scholarship, Wheaton College, 1992-1994.
- Alumni Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa, University Honors, Miami University, 1990.

Employment:

- Professor of History, University of Northwestern, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2017-present.
- Associate Professor of History, University of Northwestern, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2013-2017.
- Assistant Professor of History, Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2008-2013.
- Instructor, SPAN Advisor for Moscow, Russia, University of Minnesota, summer trips in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017.
- Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Minnesota, 2001-2003.
- Research Assistant, Modern Greek Studies Program, University of Minnesota, 2002-2003.

Teaching:

- University of Northwestern, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2008-present: History of Russia, History of 20th-Century Europe, History of 18th and 19th-Century Europe, History of Renaissance and Reformation Europe, History of the Christian Church, History and Culture of Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Historical Perspectives on Culture, Belief, and Civilization, Introduction to Historical Studies, Senior Seminar, Russian Language and Culture, Beginning Russian Language I and II, Introduction to Political Science, US National Government, World Geography.

Memberships:

- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture

Books:

- *John R. Mott, the American YMCA, and Revolutionary Russia* (Bloomington, Indiana: Slavica Publishers/Indiana University, 2020).
- *The American YMCA and Russian Culture: The Preservation and Expansion of Orthodox Christianity, 1900-1940* (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2013).

Selected Articles and Chapters:

- “Paul B. Anderson and the 1956 Delegation of US Church Leaders to Moscow,” *Messenger of the Russian State Humanities University: Political Science, History, International Relations* 1 (2022): 10-25.
- “John R. Mott, the American YMCA, and Revolutionary Russia: An Introduction,” *Journal of Russian American Studies* 4:2 (October 2020): 80-91.
- “The YMCA Press, Russian Orthodoxy, and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn” in *Solzhenitsyn and American Culture: The Russian Soul in the West* (Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 2020): 66-93.
- “American Orthodox Philanthropy and Outreach: Global Ventures since 1989 in Russia and Eastern Europe,” *East-West Church and Ministry Report*, 25:4 (Fall 2017): 11-13.
- “Looking East: The American YMCA’s Interaction with Russian Orthodox Christians, 1900-40,” in *Thresholds into the Orthodox Commonwealth: Essays in Honor of Theofanis G. Stavrou* (Bloomington, Indiana: Slavica Publishers, 2017): 181-209.
- “Paul B. Anderson, the American YMCA, and Russian Orthodox Christians, 1900-1940” (Russian-language), *Messenger of St. Petersburg University*, Series 2, History (March 2016): 42-51.
- “Eastern Christianity in the Twin Cities: The Churches of Minneapolis and St. Paul, 1989-2014,” *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 30/31 (2014/2015): 101-144.
- “The American YMCA and Russian Politics: Critics and Supporters of Socialism, 1900-1940” in *New Perspectives on Russian-American Relations* (New York: Routledge, 2015): 161-177.
- “The American YMCA and the YMCA Press, 1914-1940” (Russian-language), *Messenger of the Russian Christian Movement* 201:1 (2013): 136-145.
- “A Hunger for Reading: The American YMCA Press and Russian Readers” (Russian language) in *The Russian Heritage in the Countries of Eastern and Central Europe*, 58-62. Bryansk, Russia: Bryansk State University, 2010.
- “A Hunger for Books: The American YMCA Press and Russian Readers,” *Religion, State and Society* 38:1 (March 2010): 53-73.

Selected Reviews and Other Works:

- Review of Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, *Between Heaven and Russia: Religious Conversion and Political Apostasy in Appalachia* (2022), *Slavic Review* (forthcoming).
- Review of Stefania Palmisano, Isabelle Jonveaux, Marcin Jewdokimow, eds., *The Transformation of Religious Orders in Central and Eastern Europe: Sociological Insights* (2021), *East-West Church Report* (forthcoming).

- Review of Harald Fischer-Tine, Stefan Huebner, and Ian Tyrrell, eds., *Spreading Protestant Modernity: Global Perspectives on the Social Work of the YMCA and YWCA, 1889-1970* (2021), *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 90:3 (2021): 724-725.
- Review of Julie deGraffenried and Zoe Knox, eds., *Voices of the Voiceless: Religion, Communism, and the Keston Archive* (2019), *Journal of Church and State* 62:3 (Summer 2020): 563-565.
- Review of Sergei I. Zhuk, *Soviet Americana: The Cultural History of Russian and Ukrainian Americanists* (2018), *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* 47:2 (July 2020): 223-227.
- Review of Dominic Erdozain, ed., *The Dangerous God: Christianity and the Soviet Experiment* (2017), *East-West Church Report* 27:4 (2019): 15-16.
- Review of Paul Mojzes, ed., *North American Churches and the Cold War* (2018), *East-West Church Report* 27:3 (2019): 15-16.
- Review of Erin Elizabeth Redihan, *The Olympics and the Cold War, 1948-1968: Sport as Battleground in the U.S.-Soviet Rivalry* (2017), *Journal of Russian American Studies*, 2:2 (November 2018): 140-142.
- Foreword, *The YMCA at War: Collaboration and Conflict during the World Wars* (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2018), vii-ix.
- Review of Bryn Geffert and Theofanis G. Stavrou, *Eastern Orthodox Christianity: The Essential Texts* (2016), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 32/33 (2016/2017): 407-409.
- Review of D. Oliver Herbel, *Turning to Tradition: Converts and the Making of an American Orthodox Church* (2014), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 30/31 (2014/2015): 517-521.
- Review of Johannes Miroslav Oravec, *God as Love: The Concept and Spiritual Aspects of Agapē in Modern Russian Religious Thought* (2014), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 30/31 (2014/2015): 521-525.
- Review of Dmitry Uzlaner, ed., *State, Religion and Church* (volume 1, numbers 1 and 2, 2014), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 30/31 (2014/2015): 536-538.
- Review of Christopher Birchall, *Embassy, Emigrants, and Englishmen: The Three Hundred Year History of a Russian Orthodox Church in London* (2014), *Russian Review* 74:3 (July 2015): 513-514.
- Review of Michael Hughes, *Beyond Holy Russia: The Life and Times of Stephen Graham* (2014), *Russian Review* 74:2 (April 2015): 333-334.
- Review of James Cracraft, *Two Shining Souls: Jane Addams, Leo Tolstoy, and the Quest for Global Peace* (2012), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 28/29 (2012/2013): 379-382.
- Review of Ilya Vinkovetsky, *Russian America: An Overseas Colony of a Continental Empire, 1804-1867* (2011) *Russian Review* 71:1 (January 2012): 155-156.
- Review of Barbara Skinner, *The Western Front of the Eastern Church: Uniate and Orthodox Conflict in 18th-century Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia* (2009), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 26/27 (2010/2011): 365-368.
- Review of Bryn Geffert, *Eastern Orthodox and Anglicans: Diplomacy, Theology, and the Politics of Interwar Ecumenism* (2010), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 26/27 (2010/2011): 382-385.
- Review of Andrey P. Puzynin, *The Tradition of the Gospel Christians: A Study of Their Identity and Theology during the Russian, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Periods* (2010), *East-West Church and Ministry Report* 19:3 (Summer 2011): 15-16.
- "The Russian YMCA Press: Preserver and Patron of Russian Orthodox Culture," *East-West Church and Ministry Report* 15:3 (Summer 2007): 2-4 and 15:4 (Fall 2007): 9-11.
- Review of Zoe Knox, *Russian Society and the Orthodox Church: Religion in Russia after Communism* (2005), *East-West Church and Ministry Report* 15:2 (Spring 2007): 15.
- Review of Donald Fairbairn, *Eastern Orthodoxy through Western Eyes* (2002) and Nikolas K. Gvosdev, *Emperors and Elections: Reconciling the Orthodox Tradition with Modern Politics* (2000), in *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 18/19 (2002/2003): 395-398.
- "Chronicle of Events, 1 July 2001-30 June 2003" (coauthored), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 18/19 (2002/2003): 409-445.

- “Chronicle of Events, 1 July 1999-30 June 2001” (coauthored), *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 16/17 (2000/2001): 673-690.

Selected Presentations:

- “Paul B. Anderson and the 1956 Delegation of US Church Leaders to Moscow,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, Thursday, November 18, 2021.
- Presentation on *Solzhenitsyn and American Culture: The Russian Soul in the West* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020), webinar, The Museum of Russian Art, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 19, 2020.
- “Eastern Christianity in the Twin Cities: The Churches of Minneapolis and St. Paul since 1989,” virtual conference on “Global Orthodoxy,” Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, September 30, 2020.
- “Paul B. Anderson, the Soviet Union, and the Resilience of Christian Belief,” roundtable presentation, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, San Francisco, California, November 24, 2019.
- “American Orthodox Philanthropy: Global and Local Ventures since 1989,” Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, conference, Tempe, Arizona, February 23, 2019.
- “Getting Our Students to Perform: Creative Approaches to Teaching Russian History,” roundtable presentation, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, Boston, Massachusetts, December 7, 2018.
- “John R. Mott, ‘Recent Experiences and Impressions in Russia’ (1917),” roundtable presentation, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, Chicago, Illinois, November 11, 2017.
- “Serving Soldiers: The American YMCA and Russia during the First World War,” conference on “Americans in Revolutionary Petrograd,” European University, St. Petersburg, Russia, October 7, 2017.
- “Serving Soldiers: The American YMCA and Russia during the First World War,” The Museum of Russian Art, Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 11, 2016.
- “American Orthodox Philanthropy: Global and Local Ventures since 1989,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2015.
- “Eastern Christianity in Minnesota since 1989,” Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, conference, Memphis, Tennessee, September 19, 2015.
- “Eastern Christianity in Minnesota since 1989,” American Society of Church History, spring meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 17, 2015.
- “Eastern Christianity in Minnesota since 1989,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 2014.
- “The Romanov Legacy of Philanthropy,” panel discussion presenter, The Museum of Russian Art, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Thursday, March 20, 2014.
- “Philanthropy and Politics: The American YMCA and Revolutionary Russia,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, Boston, Massachusetts, November 22, 2013.
- “Transitions and Tensions: Eastern Christianity in Minnesota since 1989,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Columbia University, June 28, 2013.
- “The American YMCA and the St. Sergius Theological Academy in Paris, 1925-1940,” Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, national conference, Washington, DC, March 9, 2013.
- “The American YMCA and the Russian YMCA Press, 1914-1940” (in Russian), Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Russia Abroad Library, Moscow, Russia, November 17, 2012.

- “American YMCA Critics of Russian Orthodoxy: Sherwood Eddy, Julius Hecker, and Jerome Davis,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 15, 2012.
- “Paul B. Anderson, the American YMCA, and the Russian Orthodox Church, 1900-1940” (in Russian), Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Russia Abroad Library, Moscow, Russia, June 14, 2012.
- “The Extraordinary Adventures of Paul B. Anderson in the Land of the Bolsheviks,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, Washington, DC, November 17, 2011.
- “Sustaining the Orthodox Commonwealth: The American YMCA in the Balkans, 1892-1940,” Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, national conference, Columbus, Ohio, October 7, 2011.
- “Looking East: The American YMCA’s Interaction with Russian Orthodox Christians, 1900-1940,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, Los Angeles, California, November 19, 2010.
- “Russian/Soviet Studies in the USA and *Americanistika* in Russia/USSR as a Tool of National Identity Construction,” invited roundtable participant, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, national convention, Los Angeles, California, November 18, 2010.
- “The American YMCA Press and Russian Readers” (in Russian), conference on “The Russian Heritage in the Countries of Eastern and Central Europe,” Bryansk State University, Bryansk, Russia, July 6, 2010.
- “Looking East: Protestant Americans and Orthodox Russians in the 20th Century,” Faith and Thought Lecture, Northwestern College, February 23, 2010.
- “An American-Russian Venture in Philanthropy: The YMCA and the St. Petersburg ‘Mayak,’ 1900-1918,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, national convention, Boston, Massachusetts, November 12, 2009.
- “The Russian Student Christian Movement and the American YMCA: St. Petersburg, Paris, and Beyond, 1900-1940” Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, national conference, Columbus, Ohio, October 3, 2009.
- “American Philanthropy among Russians: The Work of the YMCA, 1900-1940,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, New York Public Library, New York City, July 1, 2009.
- “The Hunger for Books: The American YMCA Press and Russian Readers, 1915-1940,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, national convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 23, 2008.
- “The Russian Student Christian Movement and the American YMCA: Partnership in Russia and Abroad, 1900-1940,” Conference on Faith and History, Bluffton, Ohio, September 19, 2008.
- “American Philanthropy among Russians, 1900-1940: The Work of the YMCA,” Andersen Library Research Forum, University of Minnesota, December 6, 2006.