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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor of History, School of Sciences and Humanities,
Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, August 2015 – Present

EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Ph.D. Russian History, August, 2012

Dissertation: “The White Priest at Work: Orthodox Pastoral Activism and the Public Sphere in Late Imperial Russia” Mentor: Catherine Evtuhov

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Russia’s Social Gospel: Orthodox Pastoral Activism in Famine, War, and Revolution.
Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2022.

Articles in Refereed Journals

“Moskovskaia eparkhial’naia revoliutsiia,” *Gosudarstvo, religiia, tserkov’ v Rossii i za rubezhom*, №1-2 (37) 2019, 104-126.

“Faith without Works is Dead: Sacred Space and Civil Society in Late Imperial Moscow and Tver,” *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* Band 63 / 2015 / Heft 2, S. 207-232.

“The Pastoral Dilemma: Clerical Mutual-Aid and Famine Relief during Russia’s Crop Failure of 1905” *Russian History* 41 (2014): 68-83

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Missionaries of Official Orthodoxy: Agents of State Religion in Late Imperial Russia,” in Randall Poole and Paul Werth, eds. *Religious Freedom in Russia*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018, 142-159.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Eugenios Voulgaris (Bulgari, Evgenii)”; “Reflections on the Current Critical Condition of the Ottoman Empire”; “Iakov Bulgakov”; “A Russian Embassy in Constantinople” in David Thomas and John Chesworth (eds), *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History. Volume 12: Central and Eastern Europe*, Leiden: Brill, (Forthcoming)

Translations (Russian-English dual-language books)

G. S. Gadalov, ed. *Pervyi patriarch sviatitel' Iov* (Tver: Biblioteka fonda vozrozhdeniia staritskogo sviato-uspenskogo monastyr'a, 2014).

A. Salimova and A. Shitko. *Staritskii Sviato-Uspenskii Muzhskoi Monastyr': v risunkakh i ofortakh Liudmily Iuga*. (Tver: Staritskii Sviato-Uspenskii Monastery, 2010).

Public History

E-atlas: Sacred Geography of Kazakhstan (Contributor): <https://eatlas.kz/en/>
Church of the “Life-Giving Spring”: https://eatlas.kz/en/obekty/map_blog5/
Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Uralsk: https://eatlas.kz/en/obekty/map_blog3/

Opinion Pieces

“Russia’s Intellectual Isolation Presents Opportunities for Central Asian HE,” *Times Higher Education* (2022) https://www.timeshighereducation.com/campus/russias-intellectual-isolation-presents-opportunities-central-asian-he?bx_sender_conversion_id=0&utm_source=md_bitrix_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=digest030920

“As Russia Closes its Doors on Academics, Central Asian Universities Have an Opportunity to Expand their Networks” *South China Morning Post* (2022) https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3182174/russia-closes-its-doors-academics-central-asian-universities-have?bx_sender_conversion_id=0&utm_source=md_bitrix_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=digest030920

Articles in Non-Refereed Journals

“Turkestanskaia eparkhiia i narodnoe pravoslavie: sluchai Zhivonosnogo istochnika,” *Vestnik Evraziiskogo natsional'nogo universiteta imeni L.N. Gumileva*, No. 2 (132)/2020: 68-76.

Book Reviews

Review of *My Life for the Book: the Memoirs of a Russian Publisher* by Ivan D. Sytin, Translated, edited, and annotated by Charles A. Ruud and Marina E. Soroka. Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2012. In *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 49/2 (2015): 498-499.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

University of Liverpool Virtual Fellowship for Teaching Relief, February – August, 2021

Research Grant from the Ministry of Education of Kazakhstan for the e-atlas project,
“Mapping the Sacred Geography of Kazakhstan,” Co-investigator, 2017-2020

Havighurst Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Miami University, Oxford, OH, September 2013 –
May 2015

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship for archival research in
Russia, January 2008-December 2008

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship (Russian), September
2005-May 2006

Internal

Nazarbayev University Social Policy Grant for archival research in Russia and Kazakhstan,
May 2016-December 2016

AWARDS

“Academic Faculty Member of the Year” awarded by Nazarbayev University students, 2022

“Overall Excellence in Teaching” awarded by Nazarbayev University School of
Humanities and Social Sciences, 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan: Fall 2015 – Present

Russian History I from Catherine the Great to 1917

Russian History II from Riurik to Catherine the Great

Russian Intellectual History

The History of Kazakhstan

Modern European History

Introduction to World Religions

Eastern Christianity

Miami University, Oxford, OH: Fall 2013 – Spring 2015

Religions of Russia and Eurasia

Imagining Russia

Global Christianity

Georgetown University, Washington, DC: 2010-2015

World History I

Terrorism

Introduction to Late Modern Europe

Colloquium: Russia’s Silver Age, 1890-1920

Howard University, Washington, DC: 2011-2013

Terrorism

Introduction to World Civilization

Seminar: Modern Europe

European Civilization to 1815

Marymount University, Arlington, VA: 2012-2013

European History I

Modern France

INVITED LECTURES

“Diocesan Congresses: Civil Society Institutions or Revolutionary Assemblies?” *Department of History*, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, October 13th, 2016

“The Russo-Japanese War” *Strategy and War Fleet Seminar*, US Naval War College
Whidbey Island Naval Base, WA, November 13th, 2013

Ft. Meade, MD, November 14th, 2012

US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, November 14th, 2012

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Sacred Objects as Tools of Imperialism: Orthodox Christianity in Kazakhstan,” *European Association for the Study of Religions* (Pisa/Online), September of 2021

“Regulating Vernacular Religion in the Russian Empire,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Virtual Conference, November 2020

Panel Chair – “Christianity: Sacred Geography and Symbolism,” *Sacred Geography: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to Space and Time*, Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, September 2020.

“Folk Orthodoxy in Kazakhstan: The Sacred Spring at Kosmos,” Central Asian Studies Society, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, October 2019

“The 1917 All-Russian Congress of Clergy and Laity in Moscow,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, December 2018

“Миссионеры официального православия,” *Религиозная (Не)терпимость в Российской Империи*, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, October 2018

“Революция и каноническое право,” *Методологический семинар: Веротерпимость и Религиозная политика в Российской империи и Советском Союзе*, Карагандинский Государственный Университет, Karaganda, Kazakhstan, April, 2018

“The 1917 Congresses of Clergy and Laity in Moscow and Tver,” *Havighurst International Young Researchers Conference*, Cuma, Italy, June 2017

“Revolution and Canon Law,” *International Conference: On the Periphery of Collapsing Empire: National Minorities and the 1917 Revolution*, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, November 2017

“Disputed Canonicity in the Moscow Diocesan Congress of 1917,” *Conference on Religion and the Russian Revolution at RANEP*, Moscow, October 2017

“Clerical Solidarity: Political Self-Assertion by the Orthodox Pastorate in the Duma Era,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, November 2016

“The Internal Mission of the Orthodox Church: A Changing Concept of Spiritual Renewal in Late Imperial Russia,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2015

“Russian Orthodox Judeologies: Roundtable,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX, November 2014

“Imperial Russia’s Bureaucrat-Missionaries: State Regulation of Inter-Confessional Interaction after the Edict of Toleration,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, November, 2013

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2009-Present

Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, 2013-Present

Central Asian Studies Society, 2019 – Present