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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor, Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies,
School of Sciences and Humanities, Nazarbayev University, Astana, 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”

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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

Articles in Refereed Journals

“The Embodiment of Orthodox Christianity in Central Asia: Sacred Objects and Orthodox Nationalism in Revolutionary Turkestan,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, Vol. 25, Number 2, Spring 2024, pp. 243-271.

“Moskovskaia eparkhial’naia revoliutsiia,” *Gosudarstvo, religii, tserkov’ v Rossii i za rubezhom* / State, Religion and Church in Russia and Worldwide, №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

“Evgeni Bulgari,” and “Iakov Ivanovich Bulgakov” in D. Thomas and J. Chesworth (eds), *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History*, vol. 23, *Russia (1800-1914)*, Leiden: Brill, 2024.

Translations (Russian-English dual-language books)

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

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

Public History

E-atlas of Kazakhstan’s Sacred Geography (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>

“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>

“Why is it Important to Study History?” Open Access Government (2022)
<https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/important-to-study-history-historical-research/146829/>

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.

AWARDS

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

Award for “Overall Excellence in Teaching” from Nazarbayev University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2018

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

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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

Director of MA in Eurasian Studies Program, Fall 2023 - Present

Associate Professor, Fall 2022 – Present

Assistant Professor, Fall 2015 – Fall 2022

Miami University, Oxford, OH

Havighurst Post-Doctoral Fellow, Fall 2013 – Spring 2015

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2012 – Spring 2015

World History I, Summer 2015

Howard University, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2011 – Spring 2013

Marymount University, Arlington, VA
Adjunct Professor, Fall 2012 – Summer 2013

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

- “Beyond Binarism: Southern Eurasia from the Cold War to the Post-Soviet Period,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, November 2022*
- “The Missionary Monastery on Lake Issyk-Kul: Orthodox Sacred Space on the Imperial Periphery,” *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, November 2022*
- “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 Eurasian 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, 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 RANEPa*, 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 Eurasian Studies Society, 2019 – Present

SERVICE

Director of the MA Program in Eurasian Studies, Fall 2023 – Present

IREC Board Member for the School of Sciences and Humanities, Fall 2020 – Present

Coordinator for the team-teaching of the History of Kazakhstan, September 2019 – June 2022

Teaching and Learning Committee, September 2017 – May 2018

Student Affairs Committee, September 2016 – May 2019