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Citizenship: USA

Education:

Ph.D., Department of History, University of Toronto, 2013.

B.A. (with highest honors), Department of History and Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Kenyon College, 2005.

Academic Employment:

Assistant Professor of Russian History, University of Florida (from January 2020).

Assistant Professor of History, Higher School of Economics, 2016-2019.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, School of History, Higher School of Economics, 2013-16.

Instructor, Department of History, University of Toronto, 2012-13.

Publications:

Books:

Raised under Stalin: Young Communists and the Defense of Socialism. Cornell University Press, 2017. (Russian translation: *Vospitannye pri Staline.* ROSSPEN, 2018.)

Translations:

An Anti-Bolshevik Alternative: The White Movement and the Civil War in the Russian North by Liudmila Novikova. Translated by Seth Bernstein. University of Wisconsin Press, 2018.

Agents of Terror: Ordinary Men and Extraordinary Violence in Stalin's Secret Police by Alexander Vatlin. Translated, edited and with an introduction by Seth Bernstein. University of Wisconsin Press, 2016.

Refereed Journal Articles:

- “Ambiguous Homecoming: Retribution, Exploitation and Social Tensions during Repatriation to the USSR, 1944-46.” *Past and Present*, vol. 242 (2019): 193-226.
- “Aggregate Treason: A Quantitative Analysis of Collaborator Trials in Soviet Ukraine and Crimea.” *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* vol. 46, no. 1 (2019): 30-54.
- “Burying the Alliance: Interment, Repatriation and the Politics of the Sacred in Occupied Germany.” *Journal of Contemporary History*, vol. 52, no. 3 (2017): 710–730.
- “Rural Russia on the Edges of Authority: *Bezvlastie* in Wartime Riazan, November-December 1941.” *Slavic Review*, vol. 75, no. 3 (2016): 560-582.
- “Remembering War, Remaining Soviet: Digital Commemoration of World War II in Putin’s Russia.” *Memory Studies*, vol. 9, no. 4 (2016): 422-436.
- “Class Dismissed? New Elites and Old Enemies among the ‘Best’ Socialist Youth in the Komsomol, 1934-1941.” *The Russian Review* vol. 74, no. 1 (2015): 97-116.
- “Wartime Filmmaking on the Margins: Soiuzdetfilm in Evacuation in Stalinabad, 1941-43.” *Studies in Russian and Soviet Cinema* vol. 9, no. 1 (2015): 24-39.
- “Searching for the Soviet Dream: Prosperity and Disillusionment on the Soviet Seattle Agricultural Commune, 1922-1927.” *Agricultural History* vol. 88, no. 1 (2014): 22-44. (co-authored with Robert Cherny, San Francisco State University)
- “Valedictorians of the Soviet School: Professionalization and the Impact of War in Soviet Chess.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* vol. 13, no. 2 (2012): 395-418.

Book Reviews:

- American Historical Review*: Larry E. Holmes, *Stalin’s World War II Evacuations: Triumph and Troubles in Kirov* (forthcoming).
- Canadian Slavonic Papers*: Michael David-Fox, *Showcasing the Great Experiment: Cultural Diplomacy and Foreign Visitors to the Soviet Union, 1921-41* (2012: 563-564); Brian LaPierre, *Hooligans in Khrushchev’s Russia: Defining, Policing, and Producing Deviance during the Thaw* (2013: 539-540); Susan Grant, *Physical Culture and Sport in Soviet Society: Propaganda, Acculturation, and Transformation in the 1920s and 1930s* (2013: 564-565); Steven Harris, *Communism on Tomorrow Street: Mass Housing and Everyday Life after Stalin* (2014: 180-181); Nina Khrushcheva, *The Lost Khrushchev: A Journey into the Gulag of the Russian Mind* (2015: 149-151).

Journal of Contemporary History: Johannes Due Enstad, Soviet Russians under Nazi Occupation: Fragile Loyalties in World War II (forthcoming).

Document Publications:

“Soobshcheniia osvedomitelei v amerikanskii Korpus kontrrazvedki o sovetskoi okkupatsii Germanii v Leiptsige, 1947 g.” [Witness Reports to the American Counterintelligence Corps about the Soviet Occupation in Leipzig, 1947] *Istoricheskii Arkhiv*, 2019 (no. 4). (forthcoming)

Web Publications:

“Transliterating non-ASCII characters with Python.” *The Programming Historian* 2. (<http://programminghistorian.org/lessons/transliterating>)

“Abstractalized,” blog and web application platform for digital humanities research using data visualization and data mining. (<http://www.abstractalized.com>)

Manuscripts in Development:

“Return to the Motherland: Repatriation to the Soviet Union after World War II.” (book manuscript in progress)

Grants and Fellowships:

Higher School of Economics, Student-Teacher Research Team Grant: “Soviet Digital Archives Data Investigation Methodology Group” (SDADIM) (2018; 2019).

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Pearl Resnick Fellow (2017).

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (2010-13).

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) (2010-11).

University of Toronto Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine Travel Grant (2010; 2012).

University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship (2008-10).

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Fellowship (2006-07; 2007-08).

Invited Talks:

“Sovetskie kollaboranisty v period Vtoroi mirovoi voiny.” [“Soviet Collaborators during World War II”] Gulag Museum, Moscow, Russia, December 19, 2018.

“Moving Agency: Jewish and non-Jewish Migrants to and from Soviet Ukraine in the Postwar and Early Cold War.” Kyiv-Mohyla University, Jewish Studies Program, Kyiv, Ukraine, March 22, 2018.

“Mapping over Time: Researching and Teaching Soviet History through GIS.” Conversations in the Digital Humanities, Central European University, Budapest, March 7, 2017.

“Burying the Alliance: The Politics of the Sacred in the Repatriation of Allied Dead from Soviet Occupied Germany.” Workshop at European University, St. Petersburg, May 21, 2015.

“Age Has a Political Meaning: The Great Terror and Soviet Youth.” University College Dublin, April 14, 2014.

“Remembering War, Becoming Soviet: The Impact of World War II in Contemporary Digital Commemoration.” Central European University, Budapest, January 28, 2014.

Conference Presentations:

“Contested Resistance: The NKGB Investigation of Soviet Underground Organizations in Wartime Leipzig.” Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Boston, December 7, 2018.

“Is there a Russian DH?” Bristol UK-Russia Research Symposium, University of Bristol, UK, January 20, 2018.

“Vektory vozvrashcheniia: Mnozhestvo sudeb repatriantov v Stalinskom SSSR posle Vtoroi mirovoi voyny.” [“Vectors of Return: The Many Fates of Repatriates to Stalin’s USSR after the Second World War”] Conference “Kriegesfangenschaft” [Prisoners of War], Russian-German Museum, Berlin, Germany, June 13-14, 2017.

“Dal’nee chtenie istoricheskoi pamiati: Runet cherez metodologiiu ‘tsifrovoi gumanitaristiki’.” [“Reading Historical Memory at a Distance: Exploring the RuNet through Digital Humanities”] Conference “Markets of Memory,” Memorial and the Laboratory for Public History, Moscow, Russia, January 19, 2017.

“Returnees or Refugees? The Reception of Soviet Repatriates in the USSR, 1945-1946.” International conference “The Knowledge Factor: Refugees in Central and Eastern Europe, 1912-2001,” Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Marburg, Germany, December 8-9, 2016.

“Return to the Motherland: Repatriation to the USSR after the Death of Stalin.” Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, DC, November 17, 2016.

“You Can’t Leave Home Again: Correspondence between Soviet Returners and Non-Returners.” Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Philadelphia, November 19, 2015.

“Repatriation and Conflict in Postwar Soviet Society.” International conference “Liberation, Occupation, Retribution,” Higher School of Economics, Moscow, June 4, 2015.

“Authority, Opportunism and Trust in Wartime Rural Russia: *Bezvlastie* and the Process of Occupation in Riazan, November-December 1941.” International Workshop, “Occupations and Liberations in World War II: New Research on the Soviet Experience,” Georgetown University, October 31-November 1, 2014.

“Soiuzdetfilm in Evacuation in Stalinabad.” International Conference, “Soviet Studios and the Second World War,” Moscow, June 14, 2014.

“Saving Youth from Crime and the Law: The Komsomol and the Soviet Anti-Shirking Law of 1940.” Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Boston, November 21, 2013.

“‘Lifestyle Cannot Be Separate from Politics’: Purges and Degeneracy in the Komsomol, 1936-1938.” Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention, New Orleans, November 18, 2012.

“A Polygraph for Normality: Ideal and Lived Cultural Norms in Russia through Television’s Detektor Lzhi.” Dynamics of Cultural Globalization in Post-Soviet Space Junior Scholars Workshop, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, June 11-13, 2012.

“Learning from the Enemy: Soviet Studies of Fascist Youth Organizations, 1934-1941.” Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, November 17, 2011.

“Seattle/Seiatel’: An American Agricultural Commune in the Soviet Union.” co-written with Robert Cherny (San Francisco State University), American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch, Santa Clara, August 13, 2010.

Campus Talks:

“Burying the Alliance: Internment, Repatriation and the Politics of the Sacred in Occupied Germany.” Higher School of Economics, Moscow, March 11, 2016.

“The Great Terror as a Moral Panic: Youth in 1937-38.” Higher School of Economics, Moscow, January 29, 2015.

“The Komsomol and the Militarization of Youth on the Eve of the Second World War.” Higher School of Economics, Moscow, December 3, 2013.

“Valedictorians of the Soviet School: Chess, Nationalism and the Cold War.” Prandium Lecture Series, University of Toronto-Mississauga, March 19, 2012.

Teaching Experience:

Higher School of Economics, Department of History (2016-present):

“Culture, Society, and War in Twentieth Century Europe,” Third-Year Course.

“Digital Cold War: Creating the Online History of the Postwar World,” Project Seminar.

“History of the Holocaust,” Third-year Course.

“History of War and Military Conflict,” Third-Year Course.

“Introduction to Digital Humanities,” Second-Year Course (co-taught).

“Problems of Russian Political History,” Master’s Course.

“Social History,” Third-Year Course (co-taught).

Student Supervision: MA Program – 4 Students; BA Program – 13 Students.

University of Toronto, Department of History (2012-13):

“History of Twentieth Century Russia” (HIS351).

Professional Service:

Member, History Dissertation Council, Higher School of Economics, 2018-present.

Board Member, Centre for Digital Humanities, Higher School of Economics, 2016-present.

Board Member, Slavic Studies Digital Humanities Group, 2015-present.

Organizer, ASEEES 2016 Digital Humanities Pre-Conference (THATCamp).

Peer Reviewer:

Articles: *Ab Imperio*; *Cultural and Social History*; *Demokratizatsiya*; *Digital Icons*; *European Journal of Cultural Studies*; *Memory Studies*; *Nationalities Papers*; *Russian Review*; *Slavic Review*.

Books: Indiana University Press; University of Wisconsin Press.

Editor, *Past Tense: Graduate Review of History*, 2012-13.

Professional Development:

University of Toronto, Teaching in Higher Education (THE500), December 2012.

Languages:

Russian (fluent), Ukrainian (reading), French (reading), German (reading).

Technical Skills:

Django Web Platform, Google Maps API, JavaScript, Microsoft Access, MySQL, Python, QGIS.

Professional Memberships and Affiliations:

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies; Slavic Studies Digital Humanities Group.