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#### **EDUCATION**

- 2013 **Ph.D.** (Kandidat Nauk), Russian History, **Russian Academy of Sciences**
- 2010 **M.A.**, Central European History and Jewish Studies, **Central European University**, with distinction
- 2009 B.A. (Specialist Degree), History, St. Petersburg University

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 present HSE University St. Petersburg, Department of History, Senior Lecturer
- 2018 present **Siberian State Medical University,** Central Research Laboratory, Junior Research Fellow
- 2017 2019 **Van Leer Jerusalem Institute,** Polonsky Academy for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2014 2016 **Max Planck Institute for Human Development**, Center for the History of Emotions, Postdoctoral Fellow

### **PUBLICATIONS**

## **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2019 "A Revolutionary Feeling of Justice? Emotion and Legal Judgment in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia." *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* 9 (special issue on judging, emotion and emotion work) (forthcoming)
- 2018 "Drug Addiction and the Practice of Public Health in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia." Vestnik of Saint Petersburg University. History 63, no. 4: 1100-1119
- 2018 "Sex and Drugs and Revolutionary Justice: Negotiating 'Female Criminality' in the Early Soviet Courtroom." *The Journal of Social Policy Studies* 16, no. 2: 341-354
- 2017 "Beyond Dispassion: Emotions and Judicial Decision-Making in Modern Europe." Rechtsgeschichte - Legal History 25: 277-285
- 2017 "Revolutionary Conscience, Remorse and Resentment: Emotions and Early Soviet Criminal Law, 1917-1922." *Historical Research* 90, no. 247: 117-133 (one of the journal's top 20 most downloaded recent papers)
- 2011 "Medical Science, the State, and the Construction of the Juvenile Drug Addict in Early Soviet Russia." Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict, and World Order 38, no. 4: 31-52

## **Book Chapters**

- 2019 (with Gian Marco Vidor) "Prisoners: Experiencing the Criminal Other." In *Encounters with Emotions: Negotiating Cultural Differences since Early Modernity*, eds. Benno Gammerl, Philipp Nielsen and Margrit Pernau, 184-206. New York: Berghahn Books
- 2019 "Reassessing the 'Drug-Free' Country: Drug Abuse, the Soviet State, and Contemporary Russian Drug Policy." In *Prohibitions and Psychoactive Substances in History, Culture and Theory*, ed. Susannah Wilson. New York and Abingdon: Routledge
- 2017 "Flirting With the Market: The Early Soviet Government and the Private Provision of Health Care, 1917-1932." In *Health, Technologies, and Politics in Post-Soviet Settings: Navigating Uncertainties*, eds. Olga Zvonareva, Evgeniya Popova and Klasien Horstman, 37-61. London: Palgrave Macmillan
- 2016 "Medical and Criminological Constructions of Drug Addiction in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia." In *Global Anti-Vice Activism*, 1890-1950: Fighting Drink, Drugs, and 'Immorality', eds. Jessica Pliley, Harald Fischer-Tiné and Robert Kramm-Masaoka, 179-202. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- 2016 "War, Revolution, and Drugs: 'Democratization' of Drug Abuse and the Evolution of Drug Policy in Russia, 1914-1924." In Russia's Home Front in War and Revolution 1914–1922, Book 2: The Experience of War and Revolution, eds. Adele Lindenmeyr, Christopher Read and Peter Waldron, 411-430. Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers
- 2011 "Alimentary and Pellagra Psychoses in Besieged Leningrad." In *Food and War in Twentieth Century Europe*, eds. Rachel Duffett, Alain Drouard and Ina Zweiniger-Bargielowska, 111-121. Aldershot: Ashgate

#### **Book Reviews**

- 2018 Review of Tsuyoshi Hasegawa, Crime and Punishment in the Russian Revolution: Mob Justice and Police in Petrograd, in Social History 43, no. 4: 547-549
- 2017 Review of Lena Gautam, Recht und Ordnung: Mörder, Verräter und Unruhestifter vor spätzarischen Kriminalgerichten 1864–1917, H-Soz-Kult, 22 December 2017, https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/rezbuecher-28102?language=en
- 2017 Review of Mark Lawrence Schrad, Vodka Politics: Alcohol, Autocracy, and the Secret History of the Russian State, in History: The Journal of the Historical Association 102, no. 351: 506-507
- 2012 Review of Howard Markel, An Anatomy of Addiction: Sigmund Freud, William Halsted, and the Miracle Drug Cocaine, in Ukraina Moderna 19: 290-295

# Manuscripts in Submission

- "Re/Production Cycles: Affective Economies of Soviet Menstruation." *Body Politics* 7 (2019) (special issue on the relationship between time and reproductive bodies) (submitted)
- "Necessity is the Mother of Invention: (Post)Soviet Menstrual Innovations and the Moral Supremacy of Socialism." *Gender & History* 32, no. 3 (2020) (special issue on gender and reproduction) (submitted)
- "The Power of Positionality? Researching Russian History from the Margins." In Reading Russian Sources, ed. George Gilbert (submitted, book under contract with Routledge, Routledge Guides to Using Historical Sources book series, with publication scheduled for 2019)
- "Gendered Bodies on Trial: Exploring Litigation Strategies in the Early Soviet People's Court."

In Russia's Great War and Revolution: Women and Gender, eds. Melissa Stockdale and Adele Lindenmeyr (submitted revised version, book under contract with Slavica Publishers with publication scheduled for early 2020)

"Russia and Soviet Drug Prohibitions and Suppression Policies, 1900-2000." In Oxford Companion to Global Drug History, ed. Paul Gootenberg (submitted revised version, book under contract with Oxford University Press with publication scheduled for early 2020)

## Manuscripts in Preparation

Red Days on the Calendar: A Cultural History of Soviet Menstruation (book-length project based on postdoctoral research)

Revolutionary Law and Revolutionary Feeling: Emotions, Crime and the Administration of Justice in Early Soviet Petrograd (book-length project based on postdoctoral research)

Drugs and the Modern Russian City: Cocaine and Opiates in Petrograd/Leningrad, 1914-1939 (booklength project based on doctoral dissertation research)

#### **Web-Based Publications**

2016 "Revolutionary Conscience, Emotions and the Administration of Justice in the Early Soviet Period." *History of Emotions - Insights into Research*, DOI: 10.14280/08241.50.

#### Other Publications

- 2011 "Modernity, Jewishness and Addiction Research in Late 19th and Early 20th Century Russia and Germany." *Jewish Studies at the CEU* VI: 107-118
- 2010 Poisons of Civilization, Remnants of Capitalism, or Jewish Disease? Drug Addiction in Russian and German Medical Texts from the 1870s to the 1930s. München: GRIN (M.A. thesis)

More than 15 additional publications in Russian (full list available upon request)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- The Government of St. Petersburg Award (winner of the competition of St. Petersburg Ph.D. students), the Government of St. Petersburg, the Committee for Science and Higher Education, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 2010 **Péter Hanák Prize** (best M.A. thesis), Central European University, Department of History, Budapest, Hungary

## **SELECTED GRANTS**

- 2018 2021 (with Olga Zvonareva et al.) Early Career Researcher Program Grant under the Presidential Program of Research Projects (12.22 million Russian rubles total), Russian Science Foundation (RSF)
- 2017 2021 **Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship** (\$200.000 total; 1.8% approval rate), Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Israel
- 2011 2013 **Gerda Henkel Ph.D. Scholarship** (€41600 total; 9.8% approval rate), Gerda Henkel Foundation, Düsseldorf, Germany

2010 – 2013 **Humane Studies Fellowship** (\$6000 total), Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA, USA

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2018 "Gendered Bodies on Trial: Exploring Litigation Strategies in the Early Soviet People's Court." Israeli Inter-University Seminar in Russian and East European Studies, Tel Aviv University. December 23
- 2018 "Red Days on the Calendar: The Politics of Menstruation in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia." Gender and Transformation: Women in Europe workshop, New York University Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, USA. December 14
- 2018 "Red Days on the Calendar: The Politics of Menstruation in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia." Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Program in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA. December 10
- 2018 "A Revolutionary Feeling of Justice? Emotion and Early Soviet Legal Judgment." Public Sentiments seminar (Professor Eva Illouz), School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, France. February 22
- 2014 "Emotions in the Early Soviet Courtroom." Chair for the History of Eastern Europe colloquium (Professor Jörg Baberowski), Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. June 11

#### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Urine for the New Soviet Man: Revisiting the Miracle Drug Gravidan." Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) 51st annual convention, San Francisco, CA, USA. November 23-26
- 2019 "Re/Production Cycles: Affective Economies of Soviet Menstruation." Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA. September 3-7
- 2019 "Re/Production Cycles: Affective Economies of Soviet Menstruation." Gender and Science in War and Peace: Conference of the Commission on Women and Gender Studies in History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Division of History of Science and Technology (DHST), International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST), Tel Aviv and Ra'anana, Israel. June 17-20
- 2019 "Testing the Limits of Utopia: Emotion, Law, and Everyday Life in Revolutionary Petrograd, 1917-1922." International colloquium "The Era of the Russian Civil War: Life in a Time of Social Experimentation and Violence", St. Petersburg, Russia. June 10-14
- 2019 "Comrade Liadov Was Right: Eliminating Menstruation in the Soviet Twentieth Century." Technologies of Mind and Body in the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc, University of Nottingham, UK. May 17-18
- 2019 "From Prohibition to Legalization and the Other Way Around: A Comparative Study of Russian Alcohol and Drug Policy, 1914-1929." Alcohol and Illiberal Regimes in the Long 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. March 15-16
- 2019 "Experiencing the Carceral: Towards a New Reading of Russian Prison Literature." History of Experience: Theories, Methodologies and Concepts, Tampere University, Finland. March 4-5

- 2018 "Gendered Bodies on Trial: Exploring Litigation Strategies in the Early Soviet People's Court." Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) 50<sup>th</sup> annual convention, Boston, MA, USA. December 6-9
- 2018 "Gendered Bodies on Trial: Exploring Litigation Strategies in the Early Soviet People's Court." British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) annual conference, University of Cambridge, UK. April 13-15
- 2018 "Red DIY: Soviet Menstrual Innovations and the Moral Supremacy of Socialism." The Body of Things: Gender, Material Culture and Design in (Post)Soviet Russia, Aarhus University, Denmark. March 8-9
- 2017 "Red Days on the Calendar: Towards a Cultural History of Soviet Menstruation." Social History Society (SHS) annual conference, University College London, UK. April 4-6
- 2017 "Negotiating 'Female Criminality' in the Early Soviet Courtroom." British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) annual conference, University of Cambridge, UK. March 31 April 2
- 2016 "The 'White Fairy' in a Socialist City: Consuming Cocaine in Early Soviet Petrograd/Leningrad." ASEEES-MAG 2016 Summer Convention, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine. June 26-28
- 2016 "Early Soviet Court Reform and the Role of Emotion in Legal Judgment." British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) annual conference, University of Cambridge, UK. April 2-4
- 2016 "Emotions, Remorse, and Revolutionary Justice: Navigating the Courtroom in Early Soviet Petrograd/Leningrad." Social History Society (SHS) 40th anniversary conference, Lancaster University, UK. March 21-23
- 2015 "Revolutionary Law and Revolutionary Feeling: Emotions and the Administration of Justice in the Early Soviet Period." International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) IX World Congress, Makuhari, Japan. August 3-8
- 2015 "Revolutionary Law and Revolutionary Feeling: Emotions and the Administration of Justice in the Early Soviet Period." International Society for Research on Emotion (ISRE) 2015 conference, University of Geneva, Switzerland. July 8-10
- 2015 "Is Revolution Emotional? The Place of Emotions in Early Soviet Culture." The XLI annual conference of the Study Group of the Russian Revolution (SGRR), University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK. January 3-5
- 2014 "Therapeutic Pessimism vs. Miracle Drugs: Treatment of Drug Addiction in Russia, ca. 1870s to the 1950s." Continuity and Change in Russian Therapy, University of Oxford, UK. June 5-6
- 2014 "Reassessing the 'Drug-Free Country': Drug Abuse, the Soviet State, and Contemporary Russian Drug Policy." History of Medicine in Practice, Uppsala University, Sweden. March 26-28
- 2013 "Mapping Street Violence in Early Soviet Petrograd/Leningrad." Interpersonal Violence Interventions Social and Cultural Perspectives, University of Jyväskylä, Finland. August 28-30
- 2013 "Revolutionary Healthcare, the Autobiographic Physician and the Limits of Professional Expertise in Mikhail Bulgakov's Medical Stories." 'Attentive Writers': Healthcare, Authorship, and Authority, University of Glasgow, UK. August 23-25
- 2013 "The Soviet Government and the Private Provision of Healthcare in the NEP Era (1921-1929)." 24th International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine Knowledge at Work, University of Manchester, UK. July 21-28
- 2013 "Reassessing the Black Market in Food and Food Cards in Besieged Leningrad, 1941-44."
  82<sup>nd</sup> Anglo-American Conference of Historians Food in History, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, UK. July 11-13

- 2013 "Prosopography of Early Soviet Psychiatry." Prosopography and History of Healthcare, Kingston University, London, UK. June 1
- 2013 "Drug Addiction in Petrograd/Leningrad, 1917-1929: A Social Problem and the Search for Its Solution." British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) and International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) European Congress Europe: Crisis and Renewal, University of Cambridge, UK. April 5-8
- 2013 "Researching the Nonexistent: Drug Addiction in Soviet Medical Texts from the 1930s to the 1950s." The History of Technology and Science Days, Umeå University, Sweden. March 20-22
- 2013 "From Pharmaceutical Control to Work Therapy: Drug Addiction and the Practice of Russian Public Health, 1914-1932." The XXXIX annual conference of the Study Group of the Russian Revolution (SGRR), University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK. January 4-6
- 2012 "Medical and Criminological Constructions of Drug Addiction in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia." Fighting Drink, Drugs and Venereal Diseases: Global Anti-Vice Activism, ca. 1870-1940, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich/Ascona, Switzerland. April 1-4
- 2011 "Drug Addiction in Petrograd/Leningrad, 1917-1929: A Social Problem and the Search for Its Solution." The Pub, the Street and the Medicine Cabinet: The 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Alcohol and Drug History Society (ADHS), University at Buffalo (The State University of New York), USA. June 23-26
- 2011 "There Should Be No Child Addicts in the Soviet State!": Medical Science, the State, and the Construction of the Juvenile Drug Addict in Early Soviet Russia." Juvenile Delinquency in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries: East-West Comparisons, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. March 12-13
- 2009 "Alimentary and Pellagra Psychoses in Besieged Leningrad." Food and War in Europe in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries: XI Symposium of International Commission for Research into European Food History (ICREFH), University of Paris Sorbonne (Paris IV), France. September 8-11

## **DISCUSSANT**

- 2019 "Experiencing 1917: Anticipating, Conceptualizing and Judging the Russian Revolution." Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) 51<sup>st</sup> annual convention, San Francisco, CA, USA. November 23-26
- 2018 "Visualizing, Verbalizing, and Performing the Emotions of Revolution and War in Russia." Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) 50<sup>th</sup> annual convention, Boston, MA, USA. December 6-9
- 2018 "Soviet History and Culture." UK-Russia Research Symposium, Bristol, UK. January 19-20
- 2015 "Russia, Borders, Encounters." Criminal Law and Emotions in European Legal Cultures from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany. May 21-22

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **HSE University St. Petersburg**

Academic Reading (Fall 2019)

World History (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

# Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Soviet Century, 1917-1991 (Fall 2018)

# Humboldt University of Berlin

Alcohol and Drugs in Modern History (Spring 2016)

## Max Planck Institute for Human Development

Introduction to the Theory and Methodology of History (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

# International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program

20th Century World History (Fall 2011)

#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2018-2023 Member, Advisory Board, ERC (European Research Council) Consolidator Grant "Forensic Culture. A Comparative Analysis of Forensic Practices in Europe, 1930-2000" (Principal Investigator: Dr. Willemijn Ruberg, Utrecht University)

Reviewer, Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Studia Slavica et Balcanica Petropolitana

# **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Central and Eastern European History
History of Science and Medicine
History of Crime and Law
History of Alcohol and Drugs
History of Emotions

History of the Body Gender History Digital History Urban History History of St. Petersburg

## **LANGUAGES**

Russian – native English – fluent German, Hebrew – upper-intermediate

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), Study Group of the Russian Revolution (SGRR)
International Society for Research on Emotion (ISRE)
Society for the History of Emotions (SHE)

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Law and Society Association (LSA), Collaborative Research Network on Law and Emotion Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

#### **REFERENCES**

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