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EDUCATION

2011-present Doctoral Candidate in History, The University of Chicago

Exam fields: Central Europe after 1867, Gender History and Feminist Theory, Colonialism/Postcolonialism
Dissertation Committee: Tara Zahra (Chair), Leora Auslander, Susan Gal
Dissertation title: “Did the Body Have a Cold War? Gendered Bodies and Embodied Experiences in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia”

2010-2011 Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, The University of Chicago
2005-2008 MA in Gender Studies, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Humanities
2000-2005 BA, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Humanities

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern Central and Eastern Europe; Socialist and Post-Socialist Studies; Gender and Sexuality History and Feminist Theory; Disability History; Comparative Colonialism.

PUBLICATIONS

2016 “The ‘Fat’ Body in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia: Compulsory Ability and Gender in Expert Discourse.” *Gender and Research* 17, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 15-28.
2009 Oral history interviews with Anna Neuwirthová and Milena Filipová In *Ordinary People...?! A Look Into the Lives Of the So Called Silent Majority. Biographical Stories of Members of Working Class and Intelligentsia*, edited by Miroslav Vaněk. Prague: Academia.

Book reviews:

2016 “The History of the Body.” *Bohemia*, 56, no. 1 (Spring 2016).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2018 Sinclair Travel Grant, The University of Chicago
2017-2018 T. Bentley Duncan Dissertation-Year Fellowship, The University of Chicago
2016-2017 Bessie Pierce Prize Preceptorship, The University of Chicago
2015 Kunstadter Research Travel Grant, The University of Chicago
2014 Prochazka Funds grant, The University of Chicago
2014 Kunstadter Research Travel Grant, The University of Chicago

2011-2014 Higher Education Fellow, Office of International Affairs at the University of Chicago

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2019 Preceptor, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences
Fall: Perspectives in Social Sciences (co-instructor)
Winter and Spring: Thesis-writing seminar
- 2017-2018 Preceptor, Bessie Peirce Prize Preceptor
Fall: Research and methodology seminar
Winter: Thesis-writing seminar
Spring: Historiography and historical methods seminar
- 2017 Instructor, Modern Disability Histories: Gender, Race, and Disability
- 2016 Co-Instructor, Gender and Work
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, History of European Civilizations I
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, History of European Civilizations II
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations II
- 2006-2008 Instructor, "Czech Society" and "Czech Culture in Historical Context", University of Washington, CHID Prague Study Abroad program

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Conferences:

- 2018 "Conscripted Bodies: Army Service and Experiences of Military Embodiment," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies conference, Boston, December 6-9.
"Transsexual Bodies: Normalizing Difference in the Era of Normalization," Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries, The University of Chicago, September 27-28.
- 2017 "'No Miss Compromise': Beauty Pageants and the Redefinition of Femininity During the Prague Spring," A Century of Revolution: Culture, Politics, and People conference, University of Illinois at Urbana Champagne, IL, April 7-8.
"It Starts with the Veil: Headscarves and Islamophobia in the Czech Republic," Mobilizing Gender: Secularism, Nation and Remaking Europe, University of Chicago, IL, March 31.
- 2016 "The Fat Socialist Body," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies conference, Washington DC, November 17-20.
"Obesity, Consumption and Gendered Embodiment in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia," Digesting Discourses conference, University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN, March 4-5.
- 2008 "Faces of the YWCA," 15th International Oral History Conference, Guadalajara, Mexico, September 23-26.
"Liquidation of the Civic Sector and Women's Organizations in Czechoslovakia in 1948," L'HOMME Symposium, Prague, Czech Republic

Workshops:

- 2018 "Transsexual Bodies: Normalizing Difference in the Era of Normalization," Interdisciplinary Approaches to Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, University of Chicago, May 25, 2018.

- “The Fighting Body: Experiences of Military Embodiment in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia,” Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe, University of Chicago, January 31.
- 2017 “The Fighting Body: Experiences of Military Embodiment in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia,” Interdisciplinary Approaches to Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, University of Chicago, October 27.
- “Aesthetic Surgery for the Masses: Beauty and Kulturnost of the Body,” Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2.
- 2016 “Obesity and Gendered Embodiment in State Socialist Czechoslovakia,” Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe, University of Chicago, IL, February 3.
- 2015 “Aesthetic Surgery for the Masses,” Institute of Contemporary History, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic, November 25.
- 2013 “Germans Into Swahilis: Showbiz Imperialism and Czech Nationalism at the 1891 Prague Jubilee Exhibition,” Central Europe Workshop, University of Chicago, October 22.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2018 Conference co-organizer, From the Margins to the Center: Disability and Deaf Studies in Other Disciplines, University of Chicago and University of Illinois in Chicago, April 20-21
- 2017 Exhibit co-curator, Vwa Yo Apre Matye – Voices after Matthew, Haitian American Museum of Chicago
- 2016-2017 Co-coordinator, Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2015-2016 Co-cordinator, Central Europe Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2011-2014 Member of the History Graduate Student Organization board
- 2009 Exhibit co-curator, Women’s Apartment Seminar, Montmartre Gallery, Prague

LANGUAGES

Czech	Fluent
Slovak	Fluent
German	Reading proficiency
Polish	Reading proficiency

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

REFERENCES

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