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ACADEMIC POSITION

Associate Professor of Russian History and the College, University of Chicago, 2017-
Assistant Professor of Russian History and the College, University of Chicago, 2010-2017
Associate Member, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
Affiliated Faculty, Program in Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History
Affiliated Faculty, Joyce Z. and Jacob Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies

EDUCATION

Ph.D, Yale University, History (with distinction), 2009
M.Phil., Yale University, History (with distinction), 2006
M.A., Yale University, History, 2005
A.B., Princeton University, History (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa), 2002

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Utopia's Discontents: Russian Émigrés and the Quest for Freedom, 1830s-1930s (in production, Oxford University Press, 2021)

Children of Rus': Right-Bank Ukraine and the Invention of a Russian Nation (Cornell University Press, 2013); paperback edition 2017

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS:

"Gender and Russian Revolutionary Thought in Exile." Commissioned for *Diasporas: Circulation, migration, histoire*.

"Conspiracy and its Curious Afterlives: Hacking Liberal Democracy." Forthcoming in *Conspiracy/Theory*, ed. Joseph Masco and Lisa Wedeen (University of Chicago Press, 2021).

"The Franco-Russian Marseillaise': International Exchange and the Making of Antiliberal Politics in *Fin-de-Siècle* France." *Journal of Modern History* 89 (March 2017): 39-78.

"Children of Rus': Nationalist Imaginations in Right-Bank Ukraine." *Harvard Ukrainian Studies* 34 (2017): 313-42. (Reprint of contribution to *The Future of the Past: New Perspectives in Ukrainian History*.)

“Children of Rus’: Nationalist Imaginations in Right-Bank Ukraine,” in *The Future of the Past: New Perspectives in Ukrainian History*, ed. Serhii Plokhii (Harvard University Press, 2016), 303-332.

“Making and Breaking the Russian Empire: The Case of Kiev’s Shul’gin Family,” in *Imperiale Biographien: Elitekarrieren im Habsburger, Russischen und Osmanischen Vielvölkerreich (1850-1918)*, ed. Malte Rolf and Tim Buchen (Oldenbourg-Verlag, 2015), 178-98.

“Intimacy and Antipathy: Russian-Ukrainian Relations in Historical Perspective,” *Kritika* 16,1 (Winter 2015): 121-28.

“Modernist Visions and Political Conflict in Late Imperial Kiev,” in *Races to Modernity: Metropolitan Aspirations in Eastern Europe, 1890-1940*, ed. Jan C. Behrends and Martin Kolrausch (Central European University Press, 2014), 49-71.

“Ukrainophile Activism and Imperial Governance in Russia’s Southwestern Borderlands,” *Kritika* 13,2 (Spring 2012): 303-28.

“Migration, Mobility, and Political Conflict in Late Imperial Kiev,” in *Russia in Motion: Cultures of Human Mobility since 1850*, ed. John Randolph and Eugene Avrutin (University of Illinois Press, Studies of World Migrations Series, 2012), 25-42.

DIGITAL PROJECTS:

<https://utopiasdiscontents.com>-- digital companion to book, with extensive maps and digital analyses

BOOK REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS:

Brendan McGeever, *Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution*, *Revolutionary Russia* 33,1 (May 2020): 146-48.

Ellie R. Schainker, *Confessions of the Shtetl: Converts from Judaism in Imperial Russia, 1817-1906*, *Journal of Modern History* 90,2 (June 2018): 491-92.

Jennifer Siegel, *For Peace and Money: French and British Finance in the Service of Tsars and Commissars*, *Journal of Modern History* 88,3 (September 2016): 649-51.

Robert Weinberg, *Blood Libel in Late Imperial Russia: The Ritual Murder Trial of Mendel Beilis*, *Journal of Modern History* 87,4 (December 2015): 1017-19.

Scott Ury, *Barricades and Banners: The Revolution of 1905 and the Transformation of Warsaw Jewry*, *Kritika* 16,2 (May 2015): 429-36.

Louise McReynolds, *Murder Most Russian: True Crime and Punishment in Late Imperial Russia*, *Journal of Modern History* 86,4 (December 2014): 980-82.

Charles King, *Odessa: Genius and Death in a City of Dreams* and Nathaniel D. Wood, *Becoming Metropolitan: Urban Selfhood and the Making of Modern Cracow*, *Journal of Modern History* 84,3 (September 2012): 764-67.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago, with Leah Feldman, to fund a series of workshops called “After the End of History: Reassessing the Communist Collapse”
- 2019 Center for Disciplinary Innovation, University of Chicago, with Leah Feldman, to co-develop a new class on the Soviet collapse
- 2018 Fellowship, Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers, New York Public Library
- 2018 NEH Fellowship
- 2018 Undergraduate Curriculum Innovation Grant, University of Chicago
- 2018 Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant, University of Chicago
- 2014 ACLS Fellowship
- 2014 Senior Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University
- 2014 Mellon Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study (declined)
- 2014 Stanford Humanities Center External Faculty Fellowship (declined)
- 2014 Campbell National Research Fellowship, Hoover Institution (declined)
- 2014 University of Chicago Center in Paris Research Grant
- 2011 Social Science Division Research Grant, University of Chicago (also awarded in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015)
- 2011 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) Title VIII National Research Fellowship
- 2010 Mellon-ACLS Recent Doctoral Recipients Fellowship
- 2009 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- 2009 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Kennan Institute, 2009-2010 (declined)
- 2008 Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities
- 2006 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2006 IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Dissertation Research Grant
- 2003 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship
- 2003 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (declined)

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 2015 *Children of Rus'* long-listed for *Historia Nova* prize in Russian intellectual history
- 2014 *Children of Rus'* named *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title
- 2010 Henry Turner Prize, Department of History, Yale University (awarded for an outstanding dissertation in the field of European history)
- 2009 Association for Women in Slavic Studies Graduate Essay Prize (awarded for the best dissertation chapter in any field of Slavic Studies written by a woman or pertaining to women's studies)
- 2002 Walter Phelps Hall Prize in European History, Department of History, Princeton University (awarded annually for the best senior thesis in European history)

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES

- 2020 NRC Showcase Virtual Lecture Series, “Utopia’s Discontents: Russian Émigrés and the Quest for Freedom, 1830-1930” (via Zoom)
- 2020 University of Wisconsin, Center for Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia, Research Process talk (via Zoom)
- 2020 Freie Universität, Osteuropa-Institut, “Utopia’s Discontents: Russian Émigrés and the Quest for Freedom, 1830-1930” (via Zoom)
- 2020 “Recovering Forgotten History,” Foundation for Civic Space, Poland, “Utopia’s Discontents: Russian Émigrés and the Quest for Freedom, 1830-1930” (via Zoom)

- 2019 Princeton University, History Department and Russian/Eurasian Studies. "The Party of Extreme Opposition': The Émigré Origins of Bolshevik Culture."
- 2019 Lafayette College, History Department/Jewish Studies. "Utopia's Discontents: The Russian Revolution in Europe, 1830s-1930s."
- 2019 American University, History Department. "The Party of Extreme Opposition': The Émigré Origins of Bolshevik Culture."
- 2019 University of Toronto, History Department/Munk School of Global Affairs. "Utopia's Discontents: Russian Exiles and the Quest for Freedom, 1830s-1930s."
- 2019 New York Public Library. "Utopia's Discontents: Russian Exiles and the Quest for Freedom, 1830s-1930s."
- 2018 Columbia University, European Politics Workshop. "Strangers and Residents: Émigrés and the Origins of Russian-Jewish Politics."
- 2018 Columbia University, International History Workshop. "From Refugees to Terrorists: Russian Emigres and the Decline of European Liberalism."
- 2017 University of Illinois, Chicago. "Europe's Russian Colonies: Tsarist Émigrés and the Quest for Freedom in the Nineteenth Century."
- 2017 University of Pennsylvania, Russian History and Culture Workshop. "Europe's Russian Colonies as Laboratories of Liberation."
- 2016 University of Basel, East European History Research Seminar. "The Police International: Russian Agents Abroad and the Unraveling of the Liberal Order."
- 2016 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center New Directions Lecture Series. "Russian Émigrés and the Struggle for Freedom in Nineteenth-Century Europe."
- 2015 University of Ottawa, Danyliw Seminar. "Children of Rus': Right-Bank Ukraine and the Invention of a Russian Nation."
- 2015 Miami University of Ohio, Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies. "Children of Rus': Right-Bank Ukraine and the Invention of a Russian Nation."
- 2014 University of California at Berkeley, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. "France, Russia, and the Global Imagination: *Fin-de-Siècle* Exchanges and the Making of Anti-Liberal Politics."
- 2014 Yale University, Russian/East European History Working Group. "France, Russia, and the Global Imagination: *Fin-de-Siècle* Exchanges and the Making of Anti-Liberal Politics."
- 2014 Harvard University, Russian/East European History Workshop. "France, Russia, and the Global Imagination: *Fin-de-Siècle* Exchanges and the Making of Anti-Liberal Politics."
- 2014 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Webb Lecture. "Children of Rus': Right-Bank Ukraine and the Invention of a Russian Nation."
- 2014 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Russian History Reading Group. "From the Dual Entente to the Dreyfus Affair: Franco-Russian Cultural Exchange and the Making of Anti-Liberal Modernity."
- 2014 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. "Children of Rus': Right-Bank Ukraine and the Invention of a Russian Nation."
- 2013 Wesleyan University, Department of History. "Children of Rus': Right-Bank Ukraine and the Invention of a Russian Nation."
- 2011 Georgetown University, Global History Seminar. "From Region to Nation: The Politics of Kiev's Russian Nationalists."
- 2009 Columbia University, Russian History Working Group. "A Habsburg Russia? Imperialist Regionalism in the Empire's Southwestern Borderlands."
- 2009 Yale University, Russian/East European Studies Working Group. "Imperialist Regionalism in the Russian Empire's Southwestern Borderlands."
- 2009 Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation and the Jewish-Ukrainian Encounter Initiative, Salzburg. "Cohesion and Exclusion: Jews and Ukrainians in Nineteenth-

- Century Kiev.”
- 2008 Stanford University, Ukrainian Studies Program. “Between Empire and Nation: Urban Politics and Local Culture in Late Imperial Kiev.”
- 2008 Stanford University, Russian/East European History Working Group. “The ‘Politics of Resentment’ in Late Imperial Kiev.”
- 2008 University of California at Berkeley, Russian/Soviet History Working Group. “Local History and Imperial Pride in Nineteenth-Century Kiev.”

SELECTED CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2020 Discussant, “Informal Economies, Capital, and the Collective,” Neubauer Collegium, “After the End of History” Workshop via Zoom
- 2020 “Living the Revolution,” Midwest Russian History Workshop via Zoom
- 2019 “Gender and Russian Revolutionary Thought in European Exile.” Exil, genre et famille au XIX siècle, Reims, France
- 2019 Chair, “The 100th Anniversary of the Pogroms in Ukraine.” Center for Jewish History, New York
- 2018 Chair for the panel “Public Opinion and Foreign Policy in Imperial Russia.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, MA
- 2018 “Policing as Propaganda: The Public Outreach Campaign of the Paris *Okhrana*.” *Kritika* forum on information history, Columbia University
- 2017 Roundtable on “Moving Subjects: New Histories of Migration in and from Russia.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Chair for the panel “‘Relay Duty’: Transnational Networks and Advocacy in the Long Nineteenth Century.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2017 “Conspiracy and its Curious Afterlives: Lessons from Russia’s First Attempt to Hack Liberal Democracy.” Conspiracy/Theory Conference, University of Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory
- 2016 “Autocracy or Democracy? The Tsarist Secret Police and the Attack on European Liberalism.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, DC
- 2016 Discussant for the panel “Geo-Information Systems and Maps as Digital Sources for Research in the Humanities.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, DC
- 2016 Discussant for the panel “Stalinism in Central Asia.” In *Empire’s Long Shadow: Modern Constructions of Central Eurasia, 1900-1941*, University of Chicago
- 2015 “A Model on the Margins? Russian Judeophobia and European Anti-Semitism.” Modern Anti-Semitism(s) in the European and Colonial Peripheries, Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Vienna, Austria
- 2015 Discussant for the panel “Information in the Service of Empire and Nation: Case Studies from Eurasia.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia
- 2015 Discussant for the panel “Elemental Violence, 1900-1945.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia
- 2015 Discussant for the panel “French-Russian Exchanges around the Franco-Russian Alliance.” Annual Conference of the Western Society for French History, Chicago
- 2015 Roundtable on “History and Historians in the Ukraine Crisis.” Annual Conference of the American Historical Association, New York

- 2014 Discussant for the panel “Russian and Soviet Officialdom across the Revolutionary Divide(s).” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio
- 2014 Roundtable on “Studying a Life: Biographies, Collective Biographies, and Character-Driven Narratives as East European and Russian/Soviet History.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio
- 2014 “Self and Story in Russian History, Examined through the Lens of Élie de Cyon.” New Thinking about the Old Empire: A Celebration of Laura Engelstein’s Career, Yale University
- 2013 “Russian Émigrés, European Intermediaries, and *Fin-de-Siècle* Europe’s ‘Politics in a New Key.’” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston
- 2013 Discussant for the panel “Reactionary Politics in Late Imperial Russia.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston
- 2013 “Children of Rus’: Nationalist Imaginations in Right-Bank Ukraine.” *Quo vadis* Ukrainian History? Assessing the State of the Field, Harvard University
- 2012 Roundtable on “Writing the History of the Russian Empire across Borders.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans
- 2012 Discussant for the panel “Empire and Culture in Late Imperial Ukraine.” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans
- 2012 “Making and Breaking the Russian Empire: The Case of Kiev’s Shul’gin Family.” Imperial Biographies: Elite Careers in the Habsburg, Russian, and Ottoman Empires, 1850-1918. Technical University, Berlin
- 2011 “Estate Society and Its Discontents.” Midwest Russian History Workshop, University of Michigan
- 2011 “State Authority and the Urban Order: The Case of Kiev’s Jewish Entrepreneurial Elite.” Annual Conference of the American Historical Association, Boston
- 2010 “Ukrainophile Activism and Imperial Governance in the Nineteenth Century.” Annual Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Los Angeles
- 2010 Roundtable on “Jews and Commerce in Late Tsarist Russia.” Annual Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Los Angeles
- 2010 Discussant for the panel “Identity Creation in the Russian and Soviet Empire.” Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York
- 2009 Roundtable on “Urban History in Russia/East-Central Europe: New Approaches and Insights.” Annual Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston
- 2009 “Migration, Mobility, and Political Conflict in Late Imperial Kiev.” Ralph and Ruth Fisher Forum on Russia’s Role in Human Mobility, University of Illinois
- 2008 “The Dark Side of Modernity: State, Society, and Political Cultures of Violence in Late Imperial Kiev.” Nation and Modernity, 1890-1940. Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin and the German Historical Institute, Berlin

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED OR CO-ORGANIZED

- 2021 After the End of History: Reassessing the Communist Collapse, University of Chicago
- 2020 Midwest Russian History Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2020 Thinking Race in Russia and the Soviet Union, University of Chicago/UIC

- 2016 Conversations on Trump, History Department, University of Chicago
- 2016 Empire's Long Shadow: The Making of Modern Central Eurasia, University of Chicago
- 2014 New Thinking about the Old Empire: A Celebration of Laura Engelstein's Career, Yale University
- 2013 Chicago-area Russian History Reading Circle (ongoing)
- 2012 Midwest Russian History Workshop, University of Chicago

TEACHING

- Russian Civilization 1 and 2 (undergraduate core)
- European Civilization 2 (undergraduate core)
- The Russian Empire (undergraduate lecture)
- Together and Apart: A Multi-Cultural History of Eastern Europe (undergraduate lecture)
- Imperial Europe (junior research colloquium)
- The Lands Between: Europe from the Black Sea to the Baltic (intensive course abroad)
- Lost Histories of the Left (undergraduate/graduate seminar)
- Introduction to Digital History 1 and 2 (undergraduate/graduate seminar)
- Russia and the World (graduate seminar)
- Collapse: Reassessing the End of the Soviet Empire (graduate seminar)
- Nations and Nationalism in Modern Europe (graduate seminar)
- Readings in Modern Russian History (graduate seminar)
- Imperial Encounters 1 and 2 (two-quarter graduate research seminar)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Executive Committee, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, 2013-14, 2019-
- Executive Committee, Joyce C. and Jacob Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies, 2019-
- Steering Committee, M.A. Program in Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History, Humanities Division, 2017-
- Chair, Russian Civilization in Paris Study Abroad Program, 2016-
- Chair, Russian Civilization Program, 2011-18
- Board of the University Library, 2015-18
- Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Social Sciences Division, 2017-18
- Website Liaison, Department of History, 2016-18, 2019-
- History Department Tenure Committee, 2019
- Jewish History Search Committee, 2017-18
- Editorial Committee, *East from Chicago*, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, 2017-
- Chair, Ad Hoc Web Development Committee, Department of History, 2016-17
- Undergraduate Reform Ad Hoc Committee, Department of History, 2016-17
- Admissions Reform Ad Hoc Committee, Department of History, 2015-16
- Admissions and Aid Committee, Department of History, 2015-16
- Collegiate Affairs Committee, Department of History, 2012-14
- Richard Saller Dissertation Prize Committee, Social Sciences Division, 2014
- Russian/Soviet History Search Committee, 2012-13
- Member, Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, 2011-; Faculty Sponsor, 2016-
- Member, Russian Studies Workshop, 2011-12

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee for American Academy in Berlin; *Kritika*; *Nationalities Papers*; *Slavic Review*;
University of Rochester Press; Center for Urban History of East Central Europe; Yale University
Press

Member, ASEEEES Ad Hoc Committee on Conference Conduct, 2018-19

Mentor, ASEEEES Mentorship Program, 2015

Judge, New Voices Russian-Jewish Memoir Contest, Harriman Institute, 2010

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“Millennial Bundism,” *In Geveb*, 12 November 2020.

“On Learning Yiddish in a Pandemic,” *In Geveb*, 22 June 2020.

“Why trying to distinguish between ‘useful’ and ‘dangerous’ immigrants always backfires,”
Washington Post, 16 August 2019.

Interviews and consultations with *Al-Jazeera*, *Bloomberg*, *CBC*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *International Business Times*, *National Geographic*, *NBC News*, *Newsweek*, *Veja* (Brazil), and US Government regarding Russian and Ukrainian politics and history

DIGITAL HUMANITIES/TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE

Proficient in ArcGIS and QGIS (mapping platforms)

Proficient in Tableau (visualization and data analysis program)

Proficient in Omeka and Neatline (curation and outreach tools)

Proficient in Voyant, Lexos (text mining tools)

Basic knowledge of Gephi (network analysis program)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Russian, French, Yiddish, German, Ukrainian, Polish