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Citizenship

USA and Denmark

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Ph.D. in History, 1996
University of Wisconsin, intensive summer Tatar language course, 1993
Knox College, B. A. 1990, Summa Cum Laude, with honors, 1990
University of Copenhagen, exchange student in Russian and History, 1989

Employment

Professor (History), University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2010-present)
Associate Professor (2003-2010), Assistant Professor (1997-2003)

Editorship

Editor, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* (2010-2015)
Associate editor, *Kritika* (2007-2009)

Books

At the Margins of Orthodoxy: Mission, Governance, and Confessional Politics in Russia's Volga-Kama Region, 1827-1905 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002).

Православие, инославие, иноверие: Очерки по истории религиозного разнообразия Российской Империи [Orthodoxy, Non-Orthodoxy, Heterodoxy: Sketches on the History of Religious Diversity in the Russian Empire] (Moscow: New Literary Observer, 2012).

The Tsar's Foreign Faiths: Toleration and the Fate of Religious Freedom in Imperial Russia (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014).

Revolutions & Constitutions: The United States, the USSR, and the Islamic Republic of Iran (Ronkonkoma, NY: Linus Learning, 2015) [Textbook for History 100 at UNLV].

1837: Russia's Quiet Revolution (forthcoming with Oxford University Press).

**Edited
Volumes**

Российская Империя в современной зарубежной литературе : Работа последних лет [The Russian Empire in Foreign Scholarship: Recent Works], co-edited with Aleksei Miller and Pëtr Kabytov (Moscow: Novoe Izdatel'stvo, 2005).

Religious Freedom in Russia, ed. Randall Poole and Paul W. Werth, *Kritika Historical Studies* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018).

**Major
Projects in
Gestation**

“The World’s Longest Border: A History of Russia’s Boundaries,” an analysis of the physical appearance, mental conception, and policing of the world’s longest border, extending from Norway to Japan.

“Constitutions in Russia: A History,” a broad consideration of documents and moments of constitutional import in Russian history, from the succession crisis of 1730 to the post-Soviet constitution of the Russian Federation in 1993.

“Russian Sylvania: The Forest in Russia as Terrain, Resource, and Symbol,” a geographical, material, and spiritual history of the forest in Russia in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

“Russia’s Other Eastern Church: The Armenian Confession and the Tsarist Autocracy,” a history of the Armenian Church in the internal politics and foreign policy of tsarist Russia over the long nineteenth century.

**Journal
Articles**

“What is a ‘Minority’ in an Imperial Formation? Thoughts on the Russian Empire,” a 5000-word essay submitted as part of a cluster on the concept of “minority” to *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*.

“One Eastern Church or Two? Armenians, Orthodoxy, and Ecclesiastical Union in Nineteenth-Century Russia,” *The Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*, 1.2 (2018): 189-208.

“The Emergence of ‘Freedom of Conscience’ in Imperial Russia,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 13.3 (2012): 585-610.

“*Soslovie* and the ‘Foreign’ Clergies in Imperial Russia: Estate Rights or Service Rights?” *Cahiers du monde russe* 51.2/3 (April-September, 2010): 419-440.

“Empire, Religious Freedom, and the Legal Regulation of ‘Mixed’ Marriage in Imperial Russia,” *Journal of Modern History* 80.2 (June 2008): 296-331. To be republished in Cecilia Cristellon, ed., *Mixed Marriages in Europe:*

The Politics and Practices of Religious Plurality between Fourteenth and Nineteenth Centuries (Ashgate, forthcoming).

- “Глава церкви, подданный императора: Армянский Католикос на перекрестке внутренней и внешней политики Российской Империи, 1828–1914” [Head of the Church, Subject of the Emperor: The Armenian Catholicos at the Intersection of Internal and Foreign Policy of the Russian Empire], *Ab Imperio* 3 (2006): 99-138. Republished in *Confession, Empire, Nation: Religion and the Problem of Diversity in the History of Post-Soviet Space* (Moscow, 2012) [in Russian].
- “In the State's Embrace? Civil Acts in an Imperial Order,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* vol. 7.3 (2006): 433-458.
- “Georgian Autocephaly and the Ethnic Fragmentation of Orthodoxy,” *Acta Slavica Iaponica* (Sapporo, Japan) vol. 23 (2006): 74-100.
- “Трудный путь к католицизму: Вероисповедная принадлежность и гражданское состояние после 1905 г.” [“A Hard Road to Catholicism: Confessional Belonging and Civil Status after 1905”], *Lietuvių katalikų mokslo akademijos metraštis* [Yearbook of Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Sciences], vol. 26 (2005): 447-474.
- “Coercion and Conversion: Violence and the Mass Baptism of the Volga Peoples, 1740-1755,” in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* vol. 4, no. 3 (2003): 543-569.
- “From ‘Pagan’ Muslims to ‘Baptized’ Communists: Religious Conversion and Ethnic Particularity in Russia's Eastern Provinces,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 42.3 (2000): 497-523.
- “The Limits of Religious Ascription: Baptized Tatars and the Revision of ‘Apostasy,’ 1840s-1905,” *Russian Review* 59.4 (2000): 493-511 [republished in *World Christianity*, vol. 2, chapter 41, ed. Elizabeth Koepping (Routledge, 2010) and in *Zhurnal frontirnykh issledovaniï*, no. 3 (2019): 83-122.
- “From Resistance to Subversion: Imperial Power, Indigenous Opposition, and Their Entanglement,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 1.1 (2000): 21-43. Republished in *The Resistance Debate in Russian and Soviet History*, ed. Michael David-Fox, et al. (Bloomington, 2003), pp. 37-68, and in translation in *Российская Империя в современной зарубежной литературе*, ed. Petr Kabytov, et al. (Moscow, 2005), pp. 48-82.
- “Inorodtsy on Obrusenie: Religious Conversion, Indigenous Clergy, and Negotiated Assimilation in Late-Imperial Russia,” in *Ab Imperio* 2 (2000): 105-34.
- “Armed Defiance and Biblical Appropriation: Assimilation and the

Transformation of Mordvin Resistance, 1740-1810,” *Nationalities Papers* 27.2 (1999): 247-270.

“Baptism, Authority, and the Problem of *Zakonnost'*: The Induction of over 800 'Pagans' into the Christian Faith,” *Slavic Review* 56.3 (1997): 456-480.

“Through the Prism of Prostitution: State, Society, and Power,” *Social History* 19.1 (1994): 1-15.

Book Chapters

“A Messy Divorce: The Autocephaly Question in 1917,” prepared for publication; venue to be determined.

“Northern Eurasia, 1300-1800: Russian Imperial Practice from Tsardom to Empire,” in Brian Farrell and Jack Fairey, eds. *Empire in Asia: A New Global History, vol. 1: The Early Modern Period* (London: Bloomsbury, 2018), 171-94.

“Human Mobility in Russia’s Asian Empire,” in Brian Farrell and Donna Brunero, eds., *Empire in Asia: A New Global History, vol. 2: The Long Nineteenth Century* (London: Bloomsbury, 2018), 187-214.

“The French Connection and the Holy Alliance: Two Sources of Imperial Russia’s Multiconfessional Establishment,” in *Die Heilige Allianz*, ed. Anselm Schubert and Wolfram Pyta (Stuttgart: Kohlhammer Verlag, 2018), 127-41.

“Religion,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Modern Russian History*, ed. Simon Dixon (Oxford University Press, 2015).

“The Kazakh Steppe and Islamic Administrative Exceptionalism: A Comparison with Buddhism among Buriats,” in Niccolò Pianciola and Paolo Sartori, eds., *Islam, State and Society Across the Qazaq Steppe, 18th-early 20th Centuries* (Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2013), 119-142.

“Христианское просвещение и движения крещеных татар за возвращение в ислам” and (with Radik Iskhakov) “Движение крещеных татар за возвращение в ислам,” in *История татар с древнейших времен, том 6: Татары в XIX – начале XX вв.* [A History of the Tatars from Ancient Times, vol. 6] Kazan, 2013, 538-550.

“Национализация религии в Российской Империи в XIX–ом веке [The Nationalization of Religion in the Russian Empire in the Nineteenth Century],” in Indrek Jääts and Erki Tammiksaar, eds., *Проникновение и применение национального дискурса в России и Советском Союзе, XIX - первая половина XX века* (Tartu: Estonian National Museum, 2010), 17-27.

- “The Institutionalization of Confessional Difference: 'Foreign Confessions' in Imperial Russia, 1810-1857,” in Michael Branch, ed., *Defining Self: Essays on Emergent Identities in Russia, Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries* (Helsinki: Finnish Literature Society, 2009), 152-172.
- “Changing Conceptions of Difference, Assimilation, and Faith in the Volga-Kama Region, 1740-1870,” in Jane Burbank, Mark von Hagen, eds., *Russian Empire: Space, People, Power, 1700-1930* (Indiana University Press, 2007), 169-195 [a revised version of chapter five from *At the Margins of Orthodoxy*].
- “Imperiology and Religion: Some Thoughts on A Recent Agenda,” in *Towards Imperiology: From Empirical Knowledge to Discussing the Russian Empire*, ed. Kimitako Matsuzato (Sapporo, 2007), 40-56.
- “Arbiters of the Free Conscience: State, Religion, and the Problem of Confessional Transfer after 1905,” in *Sacred Stories: Religion and Spirituality in Modern Russia*, ed. Heather Coleman and Mark Steinberg (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007), 179-199.
- “The Russian Empire and the Armenian Catholics at Home and Abroad,” in *Reconstruction and Interaction of Slavic Eurasia and Its Neighboring Worlds*, ed. Osamu Ieda and Tomohiko Uyama (Sapporo: Slavic Research Center, 2006), 203-235; republished in Turkish translation in the journal *Ermeni Araştırmaları*, 43 (2012): 33-71.
- “Arbiters of the Free Conscience: Confessional Categorization and Religious Transfer in Russia, 1905-1917,” in *Re-Bounding Identities in Russia and Ukraine*, ed. Blair Ruble, Dominique Arel, and Nancy Popson (Woodrow Wilson Institution Press, 2006), 181-207.
- “Schism Once Removed: Sects, State Authority, and the Meanings of Religious Toleration in Imperial Russia,” in Alexei Miller and Alfred Rieber, eds., *Imperial Rule* (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2004), 85-108.
- “Orthodoxy as Ascription (and Beyond): Religious Identity on the Edges of the Orthodox Community, 1740-1917” in Valerie Kivelson and Robert Greene, eds., *Orthodox Russia: Belief and Practice under the Tsars* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2003), 239-52.
- “Big Candles and 'Internal Conversion': The Mari Pagan Reformation and Its Russian Appropriations,” in Michael Khodarkovsky and Robert Geraci, eds., *Of Religion and Empire: Missions, Conversion, and Tolerance in Tsarist Russia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001), 144-172.
- “Tsarist Categories, Orthodox Intervention, and Islamic Conversion in a Pagan Village, 1870s-1890s” in Anke von Kügelgen, Michael Kemper and Allen Frank, eds., *Muslim Culture in Russia and Central Asia from the 18th to the Early 20th Centuries, vol. 2: Inter-Regional and Inter-Ethnic Relations* (Berlin: Klaus Schwarz, 1998), 385-415.

**Review
Articles**

- “Borders of the Empire,” provisional title for review of four books for *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, now in preparation.
- “Nation and Empire, Success and Failure: Three New Books on Russia’s Empire,” review of three books in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, 51.4 (2017): 503-14.
- “Conformity and Defiance in a Religious Key,” review of five books in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, 17.4 (2016): 869-96.
- “Lived Orthodoxy and Confessional Diversity: The Last Decade on Religion in Modern Russia,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 12.4 (2011): 849-65.
- “Towards ‘Freedom of Conscience’: Catholicism, Law, and the Contours of Religious Liberty in Late Imperial Russia,” review of four books in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 7.4 (2006): 843-863.

Awards

- 2015 Donald Schmiedel Service Award (UNLV, College of Liberal Arts)
- 2014 William Morris Award for Excellence in Scholarship (UNLV, College of Liberal Arts)
- 2010 Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year (UNLV, College of Liberal Arts)
- 2007 University Distinguished Teaching Award, UNLV
- 2003 William Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching (UNLV, College of Liberal Arts)
- 2002 William Morris Award for Excellence in Scholarship (UNLV, College of Liberal Arts)
- 2002 Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year (UNLV, College of Liberal Arts)
- 1990 John C. Weigel and E. Inman Fox Prizes (Knox College)
- 1990 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Fellowships and Grants

Faculty Opportunity Research Grant, UNLV (2012)
 Fellowship at the Black Mountain Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2012).
 Fellowship at the Center for Advanced Study, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich (2011).
 National Humanities Center Fellowship, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina (2007-2008)
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2007-2008)
 Center for Advanced Research Award at UNLV for individual research in Eurasia (2006)
 Foreign Visiting Fellow at the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan (2004-05)
 Stimulation, Implementation, Transition & Enhancement Award at UNLV for individual research in Eurasia (2004-05).
 International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) grant for Individual Advanced Research in Russia (2001).
 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) grant for research in Russia. (2001).
 Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Post-Doctoral Fellowship (1997-99).
 Research Scholarship at the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC (1997).
 Sawyer Fellowship at the Advanced Study Center of the International Institute, University of Michigan (1996-97).
 University of Michigan Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship (1995-96).
 Joint Committee on the Soviet Union and its Successor States (JCSSS) of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Fellowship (1995-96).
 Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities (1990-92, 1994-95)
 International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) Grant for Individual Advanced Research in Russia (1993-94).
 American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) grant for research in Russia (1993-94).
 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) grant for study of Tatar at University of Wisconsin (1993).
 FLAS grant for Russian Language for Research Program in USSR (1991).
 Scholarship from the Program for Inter-Institutional Collaboration in Area Studies for Russian language study at University of Michigan (1988).
 Ford Foundation Undergraduate Fellowship (1987).
 Holder of Presidential Scholarship at Knox College (1986-90)

Languages

Russian (fluency: я говорю и понимаю по-русски довольно хорошо)
 Danish (quasi-native language: jeg taler rimelig godt dansk)
 German (basic reading knowledge: ich verstehe, aber nicht sehr gut)
 French (basic proficiency: je parle français comme une vache espagnole)
 Tatar (very basic knowledge: мин татар телен өрендем, ämma онаттым)
 Chinese (rudimentary speaking and reading knowledge: 我的中文不好)

Professional Service

- Member, Board of the Association for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, or ASEEEES (2017-2019)
- Member, Leadership Committee (fundraising entity) for ASEEEES (2018-present)
- Editor, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* (2010-2015), with responsibility for organizing special issues, commissioning essays, editing and evaluating manuscripts, and overseeing activities of book-review editors.
- Associate Editor of *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* (2007-2009), with responsibility for commissioning and editing extended book reviews.
- Organizer and Convener of the Inaugural and Second Annual Desert Workshop in Russian History, held at UNLV in March 2017 and February 2018.
- Redaction committee of *Central Eurasian Reader: A Biennial Journal of Critical Bibliography and Epistemology of Central Eurasian Studies*, ed. Stéphane Dudoignon, (2007-present).
- Member of Program Committee for the Association for the Study of Nationalities (2003-07)
- Reviewer of article submissions for *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Slavic Review*, *Slavonic and East European Review*, *Kritika*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Cahiers du Monde russe*, *Russian Review*, *Acta Slavica Iaponica*, *Central Asian Studies Review*, *Studies in Religion*, *The Journal of Icon Studies*, *The Journal of Post-Soviet Power Institutions*, and *Journal of the Institute of Latvian History*.
- Reviewer of book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press (1 manuscript), Central European University Press (1), Cornell University Press (3), Harvard University Press (1), Indiana University Press (2), Woodrow Wilson Center Press (1), Princeton University Press (1), McGill-Queen's University Press (1), University of Pittsburgh Press (1), and Brill (1).
- Reviewed chapters & manuscripts for textbooks and trade books with Houghton Mifflin and Bedford/St. Martin's.
- Reviewer of grant applications for Regional Scholar Exchange Program at American Councils for International Education (1999 and 2009); Collaborative Research Program with the National Endowment for the Humanities (2000); Academia Europaea Prize for Young Russian Scientists (2005); National Endowment for the Humanities summer grant applications (2010).
- Site visit at the Center for Jewish History, New York City, for Fellowship Program at Independent research Institutions, national Endowment for the Humanities (October, 2016).
- Reviewer of sixteen cases for tenure and/or promotion for universities in the United States and Canada
- External reviewer of candidates for position in Central Asian history at Harvard University (2010)
- External reviewer for dissertations committees in Russia (1) and Latvia (1)
- Foreign Supervisor for dissertation at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, (Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan), 2017-2019.
- Founder of Desert Russian History Workshop, and convener of the first and second iteration, Las Vegas, March 2017 and February 2018.

**Major
University
Service**

Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of History (2019-present)
 Member, University Faculty Leave Committee (2018-2020)
 Member, Personnel Committee, College of Liberal Arts (2018-2020; chair, 2019-20)
 Chair, Department of History (2015-2017)
 Chairs' representative, University Policy Committee (2015-present)
 Chair, University Promotion & Tenure Committee, UNLV (2014-15)
 Member, Executive Committee of UNLV Faculty Senate (2014-15)
 Faculty Senate Representative, University Policy Committee (2014-15)
 Faculty Senate Representative, Presidential Advisory Committee (2014-15)
 Member, UNLV Tier One Initiative Committee (2014-15)
 Chair, UNLV Faculty Senate (2013-14)
 Vice-Chair & member, Executive Committee, UNLV Faculty Senate (2012-13)
 Vice-chair, University Tenure & Promotion Committee (2012)
 Member, Executive Vice-President & Provost Search Committee (2012)
 Faculty Leader, "Tale of Two Cultures" museum exchange to Kazakhstan (2012).
 Chair, History Department Strategic Planning Committee (2011-12)
 Senator, Faculty Senate (2011-12)
 Member, College of Liberal Arts By-Laws Committee (2011-12)
 Member, History Department Search Committees (1997-98, 2005-06 [two searches at once!], 2008-09)
 Member, History Department Graduate Committee (2005-09)
 Member, Awards Committee for Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching (2003-08)
 Member, Awards Committee for Morris Award for Excellence in Scholarship (2002-07)
 Member, College of Liberal Arts Financial Aid Committee (2000-2004)
 (Note: lesser service activity not listed here)

**Courses
Taught**

European Civilization (2 semesters, with break at 1648)
 Survey of Russian history (2 semesters, with break at 1825)
 Empires and the US Constitution
 Revolutions & Constitutions: US, Russia, Iran
 World War I: Origins, Experience, Aftermath
 Terrorism in the Russian Empire
 The USSR and its Successors
 Religion in Modern Russian History
 Revolutionary Russia, 1905-1921
 Europe since 1914
 European Diplomatic History since 1815
 Russia and USSR as Empires [graduate]
 Religion in Modern European History [graduate]
 Europe and the World in the Nineteenth century [graduate]

**Recent
Conference
& Invited
Presentations**

- “Destruction, Reconstruction, Belief: The 1837 Fire at the Winter Palace and its Aftermaths (A Paper in Verse),” annual convention of Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco (November, 2019).
- “Provincial Flowering,” paper presented and the Third Annual Desert Workshop in Russian History, Arizona State University (March, 2019)
- “Opera and the Sense of Russian History: Mikhail Glinka’s *A Life for the Tsar* and the Articulation of National Historical Consciousness,” at MLA Convention Chicago (January, 2019)
- “Manifest Ecstasy: The Performance of *Poddanstvo* in Grand Prince Alexander Nikolaevich’s Epic Tour in 1837,” a paper in verse at the annual convention of Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Boston (December, 2018).
- “Trajectories of Toleration in the Russian Empire—with a View to the East” [in Russian], keynote address at the conference, “Religious (In)tolerance in the Russian Empire,” Nazarbaev University, Astana, Kazakhstan (October, 2018)
- “Unruly Khanate and Cold War 1.0: An Extract from the Project *Quiet Revolution: Russia in 1837*,” open lecture at Nazarbaev University, Astana, Kazakhstan (October, 2018)
- “Meet the Empire: The Heir’s Epic Tour of Russia in 1837,” draft paper presented at the Jordan Institute, New York University (September, 2018) at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow (October, 2018)
- “What is a ‘Minority’ in an Imperial Formation? Thoughts on the Russian Empire,” paper for the workshop “Minority: A Short History of the Twentieth Century,” Harriman Institute, Columbia University (September, 2018)
- “A Problem with Khiva: Russian Captives and Chastisement of the Khanate in the 1830s,” paper presented at 24th Annual Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and central Asian Studies, University of Washington (April, 2018)
- Discussant at conference “Imperial Government and Russian Nationalist Alliance in the Western Borderlands during the Late Imperial Period” University of Tokyo (February, 2018)
- “Tikhaia Revoliutsiia: Rossiia v 1837-om godu,” Presentation at European University in St. Petersburg (December, 2017); presentation in English at Tokyo University (February, 2018)
- “Quiet Revolution: Russia in 1837,” book proposal presented at the UC-Berkeley *kruzhok* in Russian History (February, 2017).
- “On Eastern Church or Two? Armenians, Orthodoxy, and Ecclesiastical Union in 19th-Century Russia, at ASEEES-MAG conference in Lviv, Ukraine (June, 2016).
- “Mobilities in Russian Asia,” paper presented at University of Basel, Switzerland (February, 2016).
- “The French Connection and the Holy Alliance: Two Sources of Russia’s Multiconfessional Establishment,” at the conference Die Heilige Allianz, Friedrich-Alexander Universität, Erlangen, Germany (February, 2016).