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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
PhD, History, 2020.

Dissertation: **“The Cultural Politics of the Nation in the Soviet Union after Stalin, 1952-1991”**

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
MA, Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, 2013.

**Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ  
BA, *summa cum laude*, Majors: History and Global Studies, Minor: Russian, 2009.  
Certificate in Russian and East European Studies

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Assistant Professor**, University of Colorado Boulder, 2020-present.

**Graduate Instructor**, Harvard University, 2018-2019.

**Teaching Fellow**, Harvard University, 2015-2016, 2017-2018.

**Fulbright English Teaching Assistant**, Comrat State University (Moldova), 2009-2010.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Soviet Union	Comparative imperial history	Nationalism & empire
Russia	Caucasus & Central Asia	Ukraine
Eastern Europe	Modern Europe	History methodology & pedagogy

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

- 2023      “Gathering the Nation in the Village: Intellectuals and the Cultural Politics of Nationality in the Late Soviet Period,” *The Russian Review* 82, no. 1 (2023): 91–112.  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/russ.12396>
- 2021      “*Ivan Denisovich* on Trial: Soviet Writers, Russian Identity, and Solzhenitsyn's Failed Bid for the 1964 Lenin Prize,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 21, no. 4 (Winter 2021): 75-106. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/784775/summary>

**Book Reviews and Other Articles**

- 2024 “It Takes a Village” (Levin Prize article), *The Russian Review*, published online December 16, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1111/russ.12726>
- 2021 “Review of Catriona Kelly, *Socialist Churches: Radical Secularization and the Preservation of the Past in Petrograd and Leningrad, 1918-1988*,” *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 55, no. 2 (2021): 188-191. [https://brill.com/view/journals/css/55/2/article-p188\\_12.xml](https://brill.com/view/journals/css/55/2/article-p188_12.xml)

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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- 2024 *Writing the Nation after Stalin: How Soviet Cultural Politics Produced Nationalism*. Book manuscript under review with Oxford University Press.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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- 2024 “The Syrian Revolution in Historical Context,” panel hosted by CU Boulder Department of History and Program in International Affairs, December 12, 2024.
- 2024 “Soviet DIY Folk Museums,” interview on *The Eurasian Knot* podcast, October 8, 2024, <https://www.euraknot.org/soviet-diy-folk-museums/>
- 2022 “Why is Russia invading Ukraine?” interview on Vermont Public Radio’s *But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids*, March 11, 2022. <https://www.vermontpublic.org/podcast/but-why-a-podcast-for-curious-kids/2022-03-11/why-is-russia-invading-ukraine>. Selected by the hosts as one of their favorite episodes of 2022.
- 2022 “War and Crisis in Ukraine,” panel hosted by CU Boulder College of Arts and Sciences’ Program in International Affairs, February 28, 2022. <https://youtu.be/i7SqUzqTGeA>
- 2021 “Ivan Denisovich on Trial,” *Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Insights*, December 10, 2021. <https://daviscenter.fas.harvard.edu/insights/ivan-denisovich-trial>
- 2021 “A Brief History of the Soviet Union,” interview on ABC Radio Australia’s *Overnights with Rod Quinn*, November 5, 2021. <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/overnights/soviet-union/13617996>
- 2021 Interview with *Arhiva RSSM* (podcast about the history of Soviet Moldova), Episode 2, April 20, 2021. <https://rssm.platzforma.md/?cat=176>
- 2020 “Soviet Writers Between Center and Periphery, or How I Discovered My Dissertation Topic in a Village,” *Peripheral Histories* blog, September 30, 2020. <https://www.peripheralhistories.co.uk/post/soviet-writers-between-center-and-periphery-or-how-i-discovered-my-dissertation-topic-in-a-village>

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

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2024	Levin Article Prize, <i>The Russian Review</i>
2021	Harold K. Gross Dissertation Prize, Harvard University
2021	Finalist for Cohen-Tucker Dissertation Prize, ASEES
2020-2021	Postdoctoral Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University
2020-2021	Kennan Institute Research Scholar, Wilson Center (declined)
2019-2020	Davis Center Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
2019, 2018	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University (also in '17)
2019	History Prize Instructorship, Harvard University
2019, 2018	Center for Jewish Studies Graduate Summer Research Grant, Harvard University
2019, 2018	Davis Center Graduate Research Travel Grant, Harvard University (also in '15, '14, '12)
2018-2019	Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute Graduate Research Fellowship
2016-2017	Cohen-Tucker Dissertation Research Fellowship, ASEES
2016-2017	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (declined)
2011-2013	Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship for Russian, Harvard University
2011	Title VIII Funding Recipient for Armenian, Arizona State Critical Languages Institute
2009-2010	Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Moldova
2008	Critical Language Scholarship for Russian, U.S. State Department
2006-2007	National Security Education Program/David L. Boren Scholarship for study in Armenia

## INVITED TALKS

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2024	“Defending the Nation: Soviet Writers' Activism During Glasnost and the Breakup of the USSR,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, September 27, Boulder, CO.
2024	“Defending the Nation: Soviet Writers' Activism During Glasnost,” Columbia University Harriman Institute, March 25, New York, NY.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2024	“What We Talk About When We Talk About Stalin: De-Stalinization in the Context of Multinational Soviet Literature,” Conference “Soviet Multinational Literature as an Imperial Practice,” Technical University of Dresden, October 24-25, Dresden, Germany.
2024	“Defending the Nation: Soviet Village Writers as Activists in the Era of Glasnost,” Summer Research Lab Workshop “Soviet Citizenship in Flux: New Perspectives on Late Socialism and After,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 14-15, Urbana, IL.
2022	“Literary Networks and the Development of Nationalism and Internationalism in the USSR,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, November 10-13, Chicago, IL.
2021	“The Cultural Politics of State Prizes in Multinational Soviet Literature,” Conference on (Post-)Soviet Cosmopolis: The Soviet Project of World Literature and its Legacies, Leibniz Center for Literary and Cultural Research, Berlin, Germany, December 9-11, virtual.

- 2021 “Chingiz Aitmatov Between Kyrgyzstan and Moscow: The Cultural Politics of Nationality during the Thaw,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, December 1-3, virtual.
- 2021 “‘An Amoral Ecology:’ Environmental Activism, Moldovan Writers, and the Birth of the National Movement in the MSSR,” Conference “Nationalism from Below: Popular Responses to Nation-Building Projects in Bessarabia, Transnistria, Moldova,” Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg, Germany, October 1-2, virtual.
- 2021 “Depicting the Famine in Soviet Ukrainian Literature: A Comparative Perspective,” Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 5-8, virtual.
- 2020 “Soviet Writers, Moscow Institutions, and the Spread of Nationalist Environmentalism during *Glasnost*,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, November 5-8 and 14-15, virtual.
- 2019 “National Writers Between Moscow and the Soviet Periphery: Pushing the Boundaries of the Thaw in Armenia and Moldova,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, November 23-26, San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 “Between Moscow and the Republics: Publishing Practices of National Writers During the Thaw,” Conference on Multinational Soviet Literature: Ideology and Cultural Heritage, May 24-25, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia.
- 2019 “Religion and the National Past in the Late Soviet Union: The Debate over the Preservation of Historic Churches in Moldova,” Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 2-4, Columbia University, New York City, NY.
- 2018 “The Rise of the Periphery in Russian Literature in the 1960s,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, December 6-9, Boston, MA.
- 2018 “Collecting Material Culture from the Village in the Soviet Sixties,” Conference on the Late Soviet Village, May 31-June 2, German Historical Institute, Moscow, Russia.
- 2018 “Oles’ Honchar’s *Cathedral* and the Role of Religion in National Identity in the Soviet Union after Stalin,” Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 3-5, Columbia University, New York City, NY.
- 2017 “Роль литературных учреждений в развитии многонациональной литературы в СССР после смерти И.В.Сталина” [“The Role of Literary Institutions in the Development of Multinational Literature in the USSR after the Death of Stalin”], Conference on Russia in the World, September 25-26, Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia.
- 2016 “The Village Strikes Back: Hrant Matevosyan and the Redefinition of the Nation in the Postwar Soviet Union,” Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 14-16, Columbia University, New York City, NY.
- 2015 “Soviet Culture and Monuments to the Great Patriotic War in the Armenian and Moldovan SSRs,” Symposium on Belonging, Politics and Knowledge in Central Asia and the Caucasus, January 30, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

- 2014 “Soviet Identity and Monuments to the Great Patriotic War in the Armenian and Moldovan SSRs,” Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 24-26, Columbia University, New York City, NY.
- 2012 “Double Minorities in the Former Soviet Space,” Title VIII scholar presentation, October 24, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO

- 2024 European Graduate Colloquium
- 2022, '24, '25 Empire, Revolution and Global War: European History Since 1600
- 2022, '25 The Russian Revolution and the Soviet Regime
- 2022, '24 Revolution in History: Russia and the USSR
- 2021, '22, '24 Imperial Russia
- 2021 Seminar in Russian History: World War II Through Soviet Eyes

### Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- 2019 World War II Through Soviet Eyes
- 2018-2019 History Department Pedagogy Fellow
- 2018-2019 Graduate Colloquium on Teaching Practices (Co-Instructor)

## SERVICE

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- 2023 Mentor, Russian and East European Think Tank, Howard University

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, STUDY & EMPLOYMENT

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- 2019 Summer dissertation research in Russia
- 2018 Summer dissertation research in Russia and Ukraine
- 2016-2017 Year-long dissertation research in Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Armenia
- 2015 Summer dissertation research in Russia and Kazakhstan
- 2014 Summer dissertation research in Armenia and Moldova
- 2012 Summer MA thesis research in Moldova
- 2011 Summer Title VIII-funded Armenian language study in Armenia
- 2010-2011 Resident project officer at Future Voters of Kosovo (10 months)
- 2009-2010 Year-long Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Moldova
- 2008 Summer Russian language study at Linguistic University of Nizhny Novgorod in Russia
- 2006-2007 Year-long study abroad program at Yerevan State University in Armenia
- 2005, 2006 Summer Armenian language study in Armenia

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

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Russian (professional fluency); Eastern Armenian, French, Ukrainian (advanced); Moldovan/Romanian (intermediate)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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2022 Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity  
2020-2021 Faculty Development Program, University of Colorado Boulder  
2021 Virtual Summer Research Laboratory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
2019 Teaching Certificate, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University  
2019 Teaching the Caucasus Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
2013 Digital Tools for Historical Teaching and Research Workshop, Harvard University

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies