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## A C A D E M I C C A R E E R

Chairman, Department of History, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY  
(2012 – 2018).

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Rochester (2005-present).

Visiting International Scholar, Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg, Germany  
(2018-2019)

Foreign Visiting Fellow, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan  
(2005-2006).

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Assumption College, Worcester, MA  
(2001-2005, tenured in 2005).

Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of History, University of Arkansas/Little  
Rock (1997-2001).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Harvard University (1999-2000).

Russian language instructor, Choate Rosemary Hall School, Wallingford, CT  
(1990-1992).

## E D U C A T I O N

Ph.D. in Russian History, University of Chicago (December 1997). Thesis adviser:  
Sheila Fitzpatrick. Dissertation: “Stalinist Mass Journalism and the Transformation of  
Soviet Newspapers, 1926-1932.” Second field in East Asia.

M. A. in Russian History, University of Chicago (1993).

B.A., General Studies in the Humanities, University of Chicago (s u m m a c ŷ) m l a u d e  
B.A. thesis, "The Rhetoric of History in the Mexican Revolution" (1988).

## B O O K S

The Kirlov Murder New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010 (winner  
of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 2011 Zelnik Book

Prize in History; selected by Simon Sebag Montefiore in *Sunday Times* one of the top 10 “books of the year,” 2010).

*Closer to the Masses! Stalinist Culture, Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004.

*Agitation, Propaganda, and the Revolution: The Carl Beck Papers in Russian and East European Studies*, no. 1305, University of Pittsburgh, 1998 (109 pages).

## ARTICLES

“Emotions and Psychological Survival in the Red Army, 1941-1942,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian, Soviet, and Eurasian History* 11, 4 (Fall 2004): 721-730.

“Fear, Loathing, and Conspiracy: The Kirov Murder as Impetus for Terror,” in James Harris, et al, eds., *The Anatomy of Terror*, Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Khrushchev Era Politics and the Investigation of the Kirov Murder, 1956-1957,” *Acta Slavica* 24 (2007): 47-73.

“In Defense of Timasheff’s *Great Purge*,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian, Soviet, and Eurasian History* 4 (Fall 2004): 721-730.

“NEP Newspapers and the Origins of Soviet Information Rationing,” *Russian Review* no. 4 (October 2003): 614-636.

“Did Stalin Kill Kirov and Does It Matter?” Article reviewing the literature on the Kirov assassination, *Journal of Modern History* 81 (June 2002): 352-380.

“Letter-Writing and the State: Reader Correspondence with Newspapers as a Source for Early Soviet History,” *Chiefs and the State* 40 (January-June 1999): 139-170.

“Reader Response to the Soviet Press Campaign against the Trotskii-Zinovev Opposition, 1926-1928,” *Russian Review* 24, no. 1 (1997): 89-116.

## FELLOWSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

Reginald Zelnik Book Prize in History, Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 2011.

Foreign Visiting Fellow, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan (2005-2006).

Andrew Mellon Dissertation Fellowship (1996-97).

Fulbright-Hays, IREX Fellowships for dissertation research (Moscow, 1994-95).

Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 4 years tuition and stipend (1992-96).

Abraham J. Karp Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Rochester Department of History (2007).

Faculty Development Grant for development of new departmental course in World History, Assumption College, summer 2002.

Faculty Scholarship Award for summer research in Russia, University of Arkansas/Little Rock (1999).

American Council of Teachers of Russian Fellowship for summer study of Russian language (1991).

Phi Beta Kappa (1988).

Bobrinsky Prize in Russian language study, University of Chicago (1986).

Honor Scholarship, the College of the University of Chicago; 4-year full tuition scholarship (1981-86).

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“Press,” “Censorship,” in Silvio Pons and Robert Service, eds., *A Dictionary of Twentieth Century Communism*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010.

“Press,” “Censorship,” in Silvio Pons and Robert Service, eds., *Dizionario del Comunismo*, Torino: Einaudi, 2006 (Italian edition of previous entry).

“Sergei Kirov,” “New Economic Policy,” in *Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of War and Peace*, New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006.

“Izvestiya,” “Newspapers,” “Pravda,” “TASS,” in James Millar, et al., eds., *Encyclopedia of Russian History*

The Great Fear: Stably James' Harris, and Agents of the 1930s  
Ordinary Men and Extraordinary Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
Vatlin, Slavonic and East European Review

Stalin: Waiting, by Stephen Kotkin, American Historical Review  
124, no. 1 (February 2019): 376-377.

Y o u t h i n R e v o l u t i o n a r y R u s s i a , by Anne E. E n t h u s i a s t s ,  
Gorsuch, in C a n a d i a n A m e r i c a n S t u d i e s , no. 283 (Summer-Fall 2005): 317-319.

R e d e f i n i n g R u s s i a n I d e n t i t y , by Harold Shukman, in R u s s i a n S t u d i e s , no. 64, Roe 2 (April 2005): 354-55.

T h a n k Y o u , C o u n t r y , by Jeffrey Brooks, in R u s s i a n S t u d i e s , no. 60, Roe 2 (April 2001): 296.

B r o t h e r s i n A r m s : T h e R i s e a n d F a l l o f t h e S o v i e t U n i o n , by Oddl of the S  
Arne Westad, in R u s s i a n S t u d i e s , no. 59, Roe 1 (January 2000): 147-48.

P o p u l a r O p i n i o n i n S t a l i n ' s R u s s i a , by Sarah Davies, in J o u r n a l o f M o d e r n S t u d i e s , no. 3 (Sept. 1999): 789-791.

R e i n v e n t i n g t h e S o v i e t S e l f : M e d i a a n d S o c i a l I d e n t i t y , by Jennifer Turpin, in A m e r i c a n J o u r n a l o f S o c i o l o g y , no. 1 (July 1996): 306-308.

N E W S P A P E R A N D W E B O P E D S A N D F E A T U R E S

"A Precedent for Putin in 19th Century Japan," *The Boston Globe*, May 3, 2000.

"Discipline before Democracy: The People Call for Lenin and October," *Meriden Record Journal*, October 24, 1991.

Studies, University of Rochester, April 3, 2014.

Guest on Even Dawson's "Connections," WXXI (public radio) to discuss Ukrainian crisis, April 3, 2014.

"Russia in World History," nine week lecture series, part of University of Rochester "Always Learning" program at the Highlands at Pittsford (retirement community), Spring 2012.

"A Contentious People: The Struggle for Democracy and Freedom in Late Nineteenth Century Japan," University of Rochester "Always Learning" series, the Highlands at Pittsford (retirement community), June 6, 2012.

"The Kirov Murder and Soviet History," University of Rochester "Always Learning" series, the Highlands at Pittsford (retirement community), Nov. 14, 2011.

Invited discussant for symposium on "The Authority of the Image" T

Speaker on Russian history/politics at Little Rock Art Center, November 1997.

SCHOLARLY PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PANELS

“Experience and Official Discourse in the Red Army: Front Life and r o d in theaGreat  
Patri-



Participant in roundtable on “Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories in Russian History,” 2012 Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Nov. 15-18, 2012.

Chairman of panel “Far from Moscow: Far from the Front: Soviet Writers and the ‘Second Fronts’ of the Great Patriotic War,” 2012 Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Nov. 15-18, 2012.

Participant in roundtable on “Rethinking Authority and Soviet Journalism,” 2011 Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Nov. 20, 2011.

“Children, The Land, and Stalin in Red Army Letters, 1941: Preliminary Findings,” annual meeting of the



"The Bolshevik Press in the Axial Age of Propaganda," Historians' Seminar, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, October 1999.

"Printers versus Journalists: The Myth and the Reality of Socialist Construction in the USSR, 1924-1930," Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Association for Slavic Studies, University of Texas at Arlington, April 1999.

"'Sensation Chasers': The Fate of the Reporter at Soviet Newspapers, 1922-1935," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Seattle, November 1997.

"Soviet Journalists, 'Mass Journalism,' and the Heroism of Industrialization, 1926-1927," Conference on Inventing the Soviet Union: Language, Power, and Representation, 1917-1945, University of Indiana, Bloomington Indiana, November 1997.

"Archival Sources on the Production of Soviet Newspapers and Reader Response: 1922-1932," invited paper at Conference on Assessing the New Soviet Archival Sources, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 1997.

"Reader Letters to the Newspaper as an Intelligence Source in the Soviet Union, 1924-1936," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Boston, MA, November 1996.

"The Creation of Mass Journalism in the USSR: Prelude to Cultural Revolution," Midwest Russian History Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1996.

"Closer to the Reader! The Search for Alternatives to 'Yellow Sensationalism' in the 1920s," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Washington, D.C. Also discussant for panel on "Cultural Creation and the Mythic Imagination in Soviet Russia, 1920-1939, October 1995.

"The Expansion of the 'Strike Campaign' in the Central Soviet Press, 1925-1933." M.A. thesis presented to University of Chicago workshops on Russian History and Culture and Society, 1994.

"The Muscovite Occupation of Western Siberia, 1550-1632." Seminar paper for Richard Hellie, University of Chicago, 1994.

## C O N F E R E N C E S     A N D     P A N E L S     O R G A N I Z E D

Annual meeting of the Association of Slavic, East European & ~~M~~ Westey.

Annual meeting of the “Border Commission” (association of Russian historians of Ontario and Upstate New York), University of Rochester, Sept. 28, 2013.

Workshop on the Neotraditional Image of Leninist Societies, University of Chicago, January 24, 2004 (with Terry Martin, Harvard University).

Messianism, and the Cold War Clash of Messianic Visions, 1945-1962,” defended April 2012. Also member of Learned’s comprehensive exam committee, supervising his major field in Russian and Soviet history, 1861-1991, 2009.

Dissertation committee member for Deniz Aksoy, “Member States’ Success and Influence in European Union Policymaking” (University of Rochester Department

Chairman, Department of History, University of Rochester, 2012 – 2018.

Graduate Placement Officer, Department of History, 2019-2020.

Co-Director, Russian Studies Program, University of Rochester, 2016-2021.

Faculty Committee member, Skalny Center for Polish and East European Studies, 2009-2012.

Steering Committee, program in Archaeology, Technology and Historical Structures, University of Rochester, 2013-2016

Freshman Adviser, University of Rochester, 2009-2012.

Chairman, University of Rochester Department of History African Diaspora Search Committee, 2012-2013.

University of Rochester Department of History Modern US/Women's History Search Committee, 2016-2017.

University of Rochester Department of History Modern Germany Search Committee, 2015-2016.

University of Rochester Department of History Early Modern Europe Search Committee, 2012-2013.

University of Rochester Department of History China Search Committee, 2008-2009.

University of Rochester Department of History Senior Search Committee, 2006-2008.

Dean's Working Group on Area Studies, University of Rochester, Spring 2007.

University of Rochester Department of History representative to College Writing Committee, 2006-2008.

Arranged visit to University of Rochester by Douglas Weiner, Professor of History, University of Arizona. Dr. Weiner presented History Department's Verne Moore Lecture and led a "brown bag lunch seminar" for graduate students, March 29-30, 2007.

Coordinator for West and the World general education course, Assumption College, 2003-2005.

Coordinator for Western Civilization survey, Assumption College, 2002-2003.

Developed new World History course (West and the World) fulfilling General Education requirements at Assumption College, 2002-2003.

Member of Assumption College Faculty Senate, Curriculum Committee, Status and Welfare Committees, 2002-2004.

Adviser for UALR History Honors Society (Phi Alpha Theta), 1998-2001.

Recruiter for Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (Phillips Academy, Andover, MA).  
The IRT prepares minority students to enter graduate programs in education, 1997 to present.

Judge of project entries for Central Arkansas History Day, 1998 and 1999.

Member of UALR History Department's Executive, Planning, Student Recruitment, and Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committees, 1998-2001.

## L A N G U A G E S

English: native speaker.

Russian: fluent spoken language; reading of modern and Middle Russian.

Japanese: fluent spoken language; read with dictionary.

Spanish: speak haltingly; read fluently.

German: reading knowledge, intermediate conversational ability.

## D I R E C T I O N O F C U R R E N T R E S E A R C H

I am currently researching a book on the experiences of Soviet soldiers in the first eighteen months of the Nazi invasion of the USSR.

## S A M P L E O F C O U R S E S T A U G H T T O D A T E :

History 500: Problems in Historical Analysis. Required introductory course for Ph.D. candidates at University of Rochester.

“Totalitarianism” and Everyday Life: The Stalinist Soviet Union, Nazi Germany, and Fascist Italy (Assumption, Rochester).

Seminar on the Eastern Front in World War II (Rochester).

Comparative Modern Revolutions (Rochester, UALR).



Seminar on Stalinism (Assumption, Rochester).

Organizing Opinion in Russia, 1881-1991 (Harvard).

Socialist Realism in Soviet History (Harvard).

Russia in East Asia, 1891-1960 (Harvard, Rochester).

History of Russia to 1692 (Rochester).

History of Imperial Russia, 1692-1917 (Rochester).

History of Russia to 1917 (UALR, Assumption).

History of the Soviet Union (UALR, Harvard, Assumption, Rochester).

History of Modern Japan (UALR, Assumption).

History of East Asia (survey of East Asian history and culture -- UALR, sponsored by Columbia University's Center for Education about Asia).

Kennedy and the Cold War (Assumption College Department of Continuing Education).

The West and the World from 1492 (University of Rochester).

History of the West and the World (Assumption College – focused on interactions and comparisons between cultures in world history).

History of World Civilization (UALR).

History of Western Civilization (Assumption College).