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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of History, Lawrence University, 2007-present.
(Assistant Professor, 2001-2006).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, William Paterson University, 2000-2001.

Graduate Student Instructor, Departments of Political Science and History, University of California, Berkeley, 1991-1992, 1994, 1999.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, History, 1999.

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, 1991.

B.A. Johns Hopkins University, Political Science with Russian minor, 1990.
Received Departmental and General University Honors. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

PUBLICATIONS

“Nation and Empire in Soviet History, 1917-1953,” *Ab Imperio* no 1 (2006): 197-219.

“Cultural Diversity and the Interwar Conjuncture: Soviet Nationality Policy in its Comparative Context,” *Slavic Review* 65, no. 2 (Summer 2006): 273-293.

“Nation-Building or Russification? Obligatory Russian Instruction in the Soviet non-Russian School, 1938-1953.” In *A State of Nations: The Soviet State and Its Peoples in the Age of Lenin and Stalin*, ed. Ronald G. Suny and Terry D. Martin (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 253-274.

“Researching Nationality Policy in the Archives.” *Cahiers du monde russe*, nos. 1-2 (1999): 125-137.

“Selected Bibliography of Recent Published Document Collections on Soviet History.” *Cahiers du monde russe*, nos 1-2 (1999): 307-326.

BOOK REVIEWS

Sarah Davies and James Harris, eds., *Stalin: A New History*. In *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 38, no. 4 (2007): 614-615.

Mark Iunge and Rol'f Binner, *Kak terror stal "bol'shym": Sekretnyi prikaz No. 00447 i tekhnologiia ego ispolneniia*. In *Slavic Review* 65, no. 1 (2006): 190-191.

Niels Erik Rosenfeldt, Bent Jensen, and Erik Kulavig, eds. *Mechanisms of Power in the Soviet Union*. In *Russian Review* 64, no. 4 (2005): 708-09.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Stalin's Nations: Soviet Nationality Policy between Planning and Primordialism, 1936-1953. Book manuscript, ca. 275 pages.

"Inventing a Soviet Nation? The 'History of the USSR' as a National Discourse, 1934-1953." Article, ca 30 pp.

"The 'Basharin Affair' and the Politics of Culture in the USSR, 1940s-1950s." Article, ca. 45 pages.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Был ли Сталинское государство колониальной империи? [Was the Stalinist State a Colonial Empire?]" invited paper for International Conference, "Studying the History of Stalinism: Achievements and Current Problems," Moscow, December 5-7, 2008.

"Inventing a Soviet Nation? The 'History of the USSR' as a National Discourse, 1934-1950," invited paper for workshop, "Socialist InterNationalism: Envisioning and Experiencing Nationalism and Internationalism in the Soviet Union, 1945-1990," Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, July 10-11, 2008.

"The 'Bekmakhanov Affair' in Postwar Kazakhstan: A Postcolonial Interpretation," paper presented at the 39th National Convention of the American Association of Slavic Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 17, 2007.

"The 'Basharin Affair' and the Politics of Culture in the USSR, 1940s-1950s," invited paper for conference, "Empire Speaks Out: Languages of Self-Description and Self-Representation in the Russian Empire," Kazan State University, Kazan, Russia, August 14-18, 2007.

"Speaking Bolshevik on The National Question: Discourses of Colonialism in Comparative Perspective," paper presented at the 35th National Convention of the American Association of Slavic Studies, Toronto, Ontario, November 20-23, 2003.

“Soviet Nationality Policy in Comparative Perspective,” paper presented at the 34th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 21-24, 2002.

“The Soviet Union as Nation and Empire,” paper presented at the 32nd National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Denver, Colorado, November 9-12, 2000.

“How the Postwar Stalinist State fought ‘Ethnic Particularism,’” paper presented at the 30th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boca Raton, Florida, September 24-27, 1998.

“Elder Brothers and Younger Nations, or Some Curious Events in Postwar Yakutia,” paper presented at the 29th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Seattle, Washington, November 20-23, 1997.

“Nation-Building or Russification? The Russian Language in the Non-Russian School, 1938-1953,” invited paper for conference “Empire and Nation in the Soviet Union,” University of Chicago, October 24-26, 1997.

“Implications of the Soviet Institutional Structure for Archival Research on Nationality Policy,” invited paper for conference “Assessing the New Soviet Archival Sources,” Yale University, May 16-18, 1997.

PUBLIC LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS

Discussant, “Soviet Power and the Kazakhs: Nomadic Settlement, Collectivization and Famine in the Kazakh Steppe, 1923-1941,” 40th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, PA, November 22, 2008.

Discussant, “Russia’s Muslims as Subjects and Citizens: War and Revolution,” 39th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 18, 2007.

Discussant, “Center-Republican Relations under Nikita Khrushchev: Ideology and Practice,” 38th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, DC, November 17, 2006.

“Spy vs. Spy: Cold War Espionage and the Collapse of the Soviet Union, Lunch at Lawrence Lecture, March 12, 2005. Revised and published in *Lawrence Today* (Summer 2005), 25-27.

Discussant, "Teaching History, Teaching the Nation in Russia and Eurasia," 36th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, MA, December 6, 2004.

"Stalin's Nationality Policy in its Comparative Context," invited presentation for the Colloquium of the Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte und Landeskunde, Universität Tübingen, June 21, 2004.

"Dostoevsky's Underground Man in his Historical Context," Lawrence University Freshman Studies Lecture, January 7, 2004 and January 5, 2005.

Discussant, "Nation-Making and Conflict in Soviet Central Asia," Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, New York, NY, April 7, 2001.

Discussant, "The Postwar Soviet Countryside," 32nd National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Denver, Colorado, November 10, 2000.

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT

Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century
Spy vs. Spy: Espionage and the Cold War
Imperial Russia
The Soviet Union
Nation and Empire in Russian History
Nazism and Stalinism in Comparative Perspective
Nationalism in Modern History
The Modern World since 1763
Historiography
Freshman Studies

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Committee on Instruction, Lawrence University, 2007-present.
Faculty Committee on Enrollment, Lawrence University, 2005-2007.
Presidential Task Force on the Capital Campaign, Lawrence University, 2004-2005
President, Gamma Delta Chapter of Wisconsin, Phi Beta Kappa, 2004-2006
Ethnic Studies Steering Group, Lawrence University, 2002-present
Committee on Multicultural Affairs, Lawrence University, 2003-2004
Manuscript Reviewer, Cornell University Press, 2003.
Campus Program Advisor, ACM Central European Studies Program, Lawrence University, 2001-
Co-Organizer, Workshop on "Stalin's Last Decade, 1943-1953," March 2000, University of Chicago.
Coordinator, Russian Historians' Working Group, UC Berkeley, 1997-1998.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Faculty Research Grants, Lawrence University, 2004 and 2006
Curriculum Development Grant, Lawrence University, 2006
Dissertation Fellowship, Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, 1998
Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 1998
Macarthur-Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in the Politics of Cultural Identity, UC Berkeley, 1996-1998
Ehrmann Fellowship, Department of History, UC Berkeley, 1995-1996
Dissertation Fellowship, Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, 1995-1996
FLAS for Russian (Studied at Middlebury College Russian School), Summer 1995
Mellon Pre-Dissertation Grant, Department of History, UC Berkeley, Summer 1994
Graduate Training Fellowship, Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, 1994
Joint Committee on Soviet Studies of the Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies, Graduate Training Grant, 1992-1993
FLAS for Russian (Studied at Moscow State Linguistics University), Summer 1992
FLAS for Serbian/Croatian (Studied at Indiana University), Summer 1991
Graduate Training Fellowship, Berkeley-Stanford Program in Soviet Studies, 1990-1991
John Howard Eager Scholarship for Excellence in the School of Arts & Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, 1987-1990

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
Central Eurasian Studies Society

LANGUAGES

Russian (spoken and written)
German, French, Serbian/Croatian (reading knowledge)