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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Houston

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| Instructional Associate Professor, The Honors College | 2022-present |
| Instructional Assistant Professor, The Honors College | 2016-2022 |
| Visiting Assistant Professor, The Honors College | 2015-2016 |

Columbia University in the City of New York

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| Postdoctoral Fellow, Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies | 2014-2015 |
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New York University

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| Postdoctoral Fellow, College of Arts and Science | 2013-2014 |
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Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia (NYU)

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| Writer in Residence | 2013-2014 |
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Center for the Humanities (NYU)

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| Academic Coordinator, Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative | 2015 |
| Research Fellow | 2012-2013 |

Remarque Institute for the Study of Europe (NYU)

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| Research Fellow | 2012 |
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EDUCATION

New York University, New York, New York

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| Ph.D., modern European and Russian history | 2013 |
| <i>Review of dissertation:</i> http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/13166 | |

Drew University, Madison, New Jersey

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| M.A., history, <i>with distinction</i> | 2007 |
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Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, California

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| B.A., history (philosophy minor), <i>highest honors</i> | 2002 |
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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| Lerner Family Faculty Award, University of Houston | 2021-2022 |
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| Vince and Louise Foster Teaching Excellence Award, University of Houston | 2019-2020 |
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| University of Houston Teaching Excellence Award | 2019-2020 |
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| “Human Situation” Best Lecture Award (6 times), University of Houston | 2018-2020 |
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| Jane and Ron Lerner Family Faculty Award, University of Houston | 2018-2019 |
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| University of Houston Energy Fellow | 2017-2018 |
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| American Councils for International Education, CLS Alumni Development Award | 2017-2018 |
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| United States Department of Education, Title VI Course Development Award | 2017-2018 |
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| Bee and Kee Wong Faculty Engagement Award, University of Houston | 2016-2017 |
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| Stanford University, Hoover Institution Archives and Library, Research Fellowship | 2015 |
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| Columbia University, Harriman Institute, Postdoctoral Fellowship | 2014-2015 |
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| New York University, College Core Curriculum Postdoctoral Fellowship | 2013-2014 |
| Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in History, NYU (declined) | 2013-2014 |
| Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, NYU, Writer-in-Residence | 2013-2014 |
| Center for the Humanities, NYU, Research Fellowship | 2012-2013 |
| Remarque Institute for the Study of Europe, NYU, Doctoral Fellowship | 2012 |
| Fullbright IIE, Dissertation Research Fellowship (Russia) | 2010-2011 |
| Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, five years of full funding, NYU | 2007-2013 |
| IREX and Woodrow Wilson International Center/Kennan Institute, Research Award | 2010 |
| Howard C. Reese Prize, best graduate student paper in diplomatic history, NYU | 2010 |
| United States Department of State, Critical Language Enhancement Award (Russian) | 2010 |
| History Departmental Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship, NYU | 2009 |
| United States Department of State, Critical Language Scholarship (Russian) | 2008 |
| Finn M. W. and Barbara Caspersen Scholarship, multi-year award, Drew University | 2005-2007 |
| Academic Merit Scholarship, Drew University | 2004-2005 |
| Alpha Chi National College Honor Society | 2002 |

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Ideologies of Race: Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union in Global Context (McGill-Queens University Press, 2019), editor.

Book manuscript in progress: *Autonomy and Empire: Siberian Regionalism in Late-Imperial and Early-Soviet Russia*.

Book chapters (peer reviewed):

“Race as Ideology: An Approach,” in *Ideologies of Race: Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union in Global Context* (McGill-Queens University Press, 2019), 3-26.

“Racial ‘Degeneration’ and Siberian Regionalism in the Late Imperial Period,” in *Ideologies of Race: Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union in Global Context*, (McGill-Queens University Press, 2019), 179-207.

“Revolution from Abroad: Siberian Regionalism in the 1920s,” chapter solicited for *Dreams of Emancipation: A Transnational History of Revolutionary Russia*,” ed., Norihiro Naganawa. [forthcoming]

Journal articles:

“Amerikanskoe proniknovenie? Proekt soedineniia rossiiskoi i amerikanskoi seti zheleznykh dorog v nachale XX v.” [American Penetration? A Project to Unite the Russian and American Railroad Networks at the beginning of the Twentieth Century], *Vestnik Omskogo universiteta*, no. 3 (2011), 122-130.

Book reviews:

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye, et al. (eds.), *Russian International Relations in War and*

Revolution, 1914-1922, Book 2: Revolution and Civil War (Bloomington, 2021) in *Ab Imperio* (2023).

Jonathan D. Smele, *The “Russian” Civil Wars, 1916-1926: Ten Years that Shook the World* (Oxford, 2015), in *World History Connected* (June 2017).

Roland Cvetkovski and Alexis Hofmeister, eds, *An Empire of Others: Creating Ethnographic Knowledge in Imperial Russia and the USSR* (Budapest, 2014), in *The Russian Review*, vol. 74, no. 2 (April 2015).

Julia Fein, “Cultural Curators and Provincial Publics: Local Museums and Social Change in Siberia, 1887-1941,” PhD diss., University of Chicago, 2013, in *DissertationReviews.org* (March 2014).

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye, *Russian Orientalism: Asia in the Russian Mind from Peter the Great to the Emigration* (New Haven, 2010), in *Nationalities Papers*, vol. 39, no. 5 (September 2011): 851-853.

Other writing:

“Radioactive Waste and the Hidden Costs of the Cold War,” Forbes.com, December 4, 2017, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/uhenergy/2017/12/04/the-hidden-costs-of-cold-war/#c5b88f7136ff>

“Unity and Diversity: The Soviet Union and *Animal Farm*,” historical notes for the production of *Animal Farm* at the University of Houston, Spring 2017.

“External and Internal Enemies: Protecting the Revolution,” historical notes for the production of *Animal Farm* at the University of Houston, Spring 2017.

“Baja California Here We Come! Separatism and the Russian Solution,” All the Russia’s Blog, NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, entry posted September 18, 2014, <http://jordanrussiacycenter.org/news/separatism-russian-solution-baja-california-come/#.VRmYBEKGRb6> (accessed March 30, 2015).

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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| “Russia + Ukraine War Panel,” discussion, Baker Institute, Rice University. | 2022 |
| “Memories of Stalin: Russia and its Dictator,” lecture, The Women’s Institute of Houston. | 2021 |
| “The Grand Inquisitor,” discussion and reading, UH Honors College. | 2021 |
| “Treasures of Russian Culture,” lecture, The Women’s Institute of Houston. | 2020 |
| “Ideologies of Race,” book roundtable discussion of <i>Ideologies of Race</i> , Honors College, UH. | 2019 |
| “The New Cold War,” Grand Challenges Forum, University of Houston. | 2019 |
| “Pick your Putin: Russia Today in the Shadow of the Past,” four public lectures, “The Houston Seminar.” | 2019 |
| “Legacies of Soviet Diplomacy: Andrei Gromyko,” exhibit-opening talk, <i>Andrei Gromyko</i> , Russian Cultural Center of Houston, Texas. | 2019 |
| “Ideologies of Race,” presentation delivered at colloquium, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University. | 2018 |
| “The Utopian and the Mundane,” exhibit-opening talk, <i>Russia, 1917: Photography from the Museum of Multimedia in Moscow</i> , Williams Tower Gallery, Houston, Texas. | 2017 |

- “Gorky’s Russia and the 1905 Revolution,” post-performance talk, *Enemies*, Main Street Theater, Houston. 2017
- “Orwell, Animal Farm, and the Russian Revolution,” post-performance talk, *Animal Farm*, School of Theater and Dance, University of Houston. 2017
- “Russian Orientalism,” commentary performance by *Slavs and Tatars*, The Honors College, University of Houston. 2016
- “Race in North Asia,” presentation delivered at symposium, “Contact Zones: Articulating and Practicing Difference,” Seton Hall University. 2015
- “Separation Anxiety in an Age of Reform: Siberia in the 1860s,” paper presented at the Russian History Kruzhok, Columbia University. 2015
- “Siberian Mestizos: Race and Ethnicity Late Imperial Russia,” lecture delivered at the University Seminar on Slavic History and Culture, Columbia University. 2013
- “Derailed Development: A Plan to Tunnel the Bering Strait, 1902-1907,” lecture delivered at Omsk State Regional Academic Library, Omsk, Russia. 2011
- “American Invasion! A Plan to Tunnel the Bering Strait,” lecture delivered at Irkutsk Regional Academic Library, Irkutsk, Russia. 2010
- “Regionalism that Strengthens the State? Understanding the Bases for Stability in Russian Federalism,” presentation at the Policy Symposium on Regional Security in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, IREX and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars’ Kennan Institute, Washington, DC. 2010

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- “New York to Paris by Rail: Foreign Investment, Eastern Siberia, and the Bering Strait, 1898-1907,” paper presented at conference, “Capital, Commodities and Empire,” Portland State University. 2022
- “Ideologies of Race,” roundtable book discussion (“featured event) at the International Council for Central and East European Studies World Congress, Montreal, Canada. 2021
- “Racial ‘Degeneration’ in Late-imperial Siberia,” paper presented at symposium, “Thinking Race in the Russian and Soviet Empires,” University of Chicago. 2020
- “Revolution from Abroad: Siberian Regionalism in the 1920s,” paper presented at symposium, “Tsar’s Regions,” Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido, Japan. 2019
- “Uniting the Pacific with a Tunnel under the Bering Strait, 1902-1907,” paper presented at “Imperial Connections” symposium, New York University. 2019
- “Class, Race and Siberia in the Late Imperial Period,” paper presented at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Boston. 2018
- “From Enemies to Servants of the State: Siberian Political Activists,” paper presented at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Chicago. 2017
- “The Great Transgression: Instrumentalizing Race in Russian and Soviet History,” discussant for panel at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Chicago. 2017
- “Exploring the Spatial Turn in Imperial Russia,” discussant for panel at the Northeast Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies Conference, New York University. 2015

- “Life’ as Political Metaphor in Late Imperial Russia,” paper presented at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio, Texas. 2014
- “Politics and Metaphor: The Life of Siberia in Late Imperial Russia,” paper presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, Columbia University. 2014
- “Siberian Mestizos: Race and Ethnicity in Late Imperial Russia,” paper presented at the Doctoral Workshop in European History, New York University. 2013
- “Siberian Mestizos: Race and Ethnicity in Late Imperial Russia,” paper delivered at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans. Panel co-organizer. 2012
- “Saving the Russian Body: Siberian States and the Russian Civil War,” paper delivered at the Slavic Colloquium, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University. 2012
- “Counting Sheep: Statistics in Asian Russia during the Late Imperial Period,” paper delivered at the Northeast Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies Conference, Seton Hall University. 2012
- “Counting Sheep: Statistics and Governance in Siberia in the Late Imperial Period,” paper presented at the Doctoral Workshop in European History, New York University. 2012
- “Saving the Empire: Siberian Patriotism and the Russian Civil War,” paper delivered at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington, DC. 2011
- “Inside the State: Siberian Regionalism and the Russian Empire in the 1880s,” paper delivered at the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University. 2010
- “Siberian Patriotism and the Imperial State: Autocracy, Governance, and the Publishing Habits of Nikolai Iadrintsev in the 1880s,” paper delivered at the Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, Swarthmore College. 2010
- “Regional News and the Politics of Siberian Patriotism in the 1880s,” paper delivered at the Organization for the Advancement of Studies of Inner Eurasian Societies, Columbia University. 2009
- “What's So Dystopian About Reason? The Radical Yevgeny Zamyatin and Ivan Kireevskii’s Slavophile Philosophy,” paper delivered at the Programme in Social and Political Thought Annual Conference, York University, Canada. 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Honors College, University of Houston

Heterodoxy: An Intellectual History
History of the Russian Frontier
Ideology: A History
European Intellectual History
Russian History through Literature
Russian Revolution
History of Energy in Russia and Eurasia
Russian Empire

The Human Situation: Modernity and Antiquity

Russian Intellectual History

The Women’s Institute of Houston (adult continuing education)

Russian Empire (ten-week lecture course)

Russian Cultural History (eight-week lecture course)

Ruling Russia: From Peter to Putin (six-week lecture course)

Dostoevsky and His World (eight-week lecture course)

Exile in Modern History (six-week lecture course)

Russian Revolution (six-week lecture course)

New York University

Seminar in Research Methods

Forced Exile in World History

Regionalism in Russia and Eurasia

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

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| CITE grant, University of Houston Office of the Provost Awarded \$2,750 to develop oral history project with Russian immigrants | 2019 |
| Global Faculty Development Fund Award, UH Global Awarded \$1,200 to promote Russian and Eurasian Studies at UH | 2018 |
| Global Faculty Development Fund Award, UH Global Awarded \$1,500 to promote Russian and Eurasian Studies at UH | 2018 |
| Curriculum Development Award, Department of Education Awarded \$2,265 through Title VI to develop course, “History of Energy in Eurasia.” | 2017 |
| “Reacting to the Past: Game Development Conference” Participant in four-day pedagogy conference for college instruction, Newman University. | 2017 |
| Teaching and Learning Colloquia, NYU College Core Curriculum Co-organizer, six colloquia on pedagogy featuring guest speakers from various disciplines. | 2013-2014 |
| Curriculum Development, NYU Shanghai Developed core curriculum course with Vice Chancellor of NYU Shanghai, Jeffrey Lehman. | 2013 |
| Building on ‘Difference’ in the Classroom Faculty development program, NYU Center for the Advancement of Teaching. | 2013 |
| Teaching Digital Natives and the Global Classroom Faculty development program, NYU Center for the Advancement of Teaching. | 2013 |
| Certificate, Advanced Teaching and Learning Seminar | 2011-2012 |

Selected by NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to participate in yearlong seminar.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Team Leader

“The Human Situation” course, Team Omega, University of Houston (spring 2022)

Coordinator

Russian and Eastern European Initiative, University of Houston

Faculty Sponsor and Organizer

“Open Mind Society,” student organization dedicated to free speech and open inquiry.

Interviewee

Invited for a radio interview and to co-host of “Town-Square with Ernie Manouse,” an episode during Teacher Appreciation Week, 88.7FM Houston Public Media, May 5, 2021.

Organizer

Russians in Houston Oral History Project, fall 2019.

Museum tour: Icons at The Menil, fall 2019.

Russian Geography Quiz Bowl, Russian Consulate and Honors College, fall 2019.

“Russian American Speaker Series.” University of Houston, spring 2018.

“Enchanting World: Centennial of the 1917 Russian Revolution.” A series of 13 public events at the University of Houston and several cultural institutions in Houston, January-November 2017.

“Revolution and the Making of the Soviet Union,” undergraduate research symposium, UH Honors College.

“Fight of the Red Knights: Russian Propaganda Art, 1917-1930,” student-curated art exhibit, M.D. Anderson Library, UH Special Collections, April 2017-present.

“Honors Night at the Opera.” Several outings per semester to Houston Grand Opera with UH freshmen, 2015-2017.

Study abroad/ Away, University of Houston

Southern Oregon (2021-postponed due to Covid)

San Francisco and Northern California (2020-postponed due to Covid)

Israel and Greece (2018)

Egypt (2017)

Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia (2017)

Faculty advisor, University of Houston

“Frameworks” undergraduate research program

Senior Honors thesis advisor

Mellon Undergraduate Research Fellowship advisor

Houston Scholars Program undergraduate research adviser

Houston Scholars Program seminar leader

Critical Language Scholarship workshop

Committee member, University of Houston

Dean's search, Honors College

Faculty search (chair and member of hiring committees)

Faculty award selection

Russian Learning Abroad scholarship selection committee

Human Situation writing committee

Fullbright review committee member

Tier One Scholars interview committee member

Senior Honors Thesis advisor and committee member

Arete Award committee member

Co-organizer

Six Colloquia on Teaching and Learning: College Core Curriculum, NYU, 2013-2014

Conference: "Seeing Eurasia Inside and Out: Representation, Authority, Inequity,"
Organization for the Advancement of Studies of Inner Eurasian Societies, Columbia
University, 2013

Conference Panels: "Rediscovering Siberia, I and II" Association for Slavic, East European
and Eurasian Studies Conference, 2012

Dissertation Writing Group, Department of History, NYU, 2012-2013

Conference: "Power and Movement Across Eurasia," Organization for the Advancement of
Studies of Inner Eurasian Societies, Columbia University, 2010

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial board member

Revolutio: The Journal for the Study of Wars and Revolutions

Organizer

Workshop: "Russia's Races: Meanings and Practices of Race in Imperial Russia and the Soviet
Union." Received major multi-source funding for interdisciplinary workshop with over twenty
participants from around the U.S. and Europe. Hosted by the Jordan Center for the Advanced
Study of Russia, NYU, February 2015. For more on the workshop:

<http://jordanrussiacycenter.org/event/russias-races-meanings-and-practices-of-race-in-imperial-russia-and-the-soviet-union/> (accessed May 14, 2018).

Exam reader

Advanced Placement: European History, 2014, 2016-2019

Reviewer

Ab Imperio

Sibirica: Interdisciplinary Journal for Siberian Studies

The Russian Review

Fulbright Scholars Program, Russia (2017-2019)

Critical Language Scholarship Program (2017-2019)

Mega-Grants Competition, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Russian Federation

Graduate student convener

Modern History and Literature Program, Drew University, 2005-2006

Seminar participant

“Opyt mezhdunarodnogo sotrudnichestva vysshykh uchebnykh zavedenii g. Omska i perspektivy ego razvitiia” [The experience of international collaboration in Omsk’s institutions of higher education and the prospects for its development], Omsk, December 2010. A two-day seminar.

Updated: October 2022