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CURRENT POSITION

2017- Assistant Professor of Imperial Russian History
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

EDUCATION

Harvard University
Ph.D., History
Dissertation: "The Eye of the Tsar: Intelligence-Gathering and
Geopolitics in Eighteenth-Century Eurasia"
Advisors: David Armitage, Mark Elliott, Kelly O'Neill, John Randolph

Cambridge, MA
May 2016

Fordham University
B. A. Honors, History and Philosophy

New York, NY
February 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016- Lecturer on History
Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies
Department of History, Harvard University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2017 Hieromonk Feodosii Smorzhevskii, *Notes on the Jesuits in China*, ed. and trans. Gregory Afinogenov (Boston: Institute of Jesuit Sources, 2017) (in press).

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2017 "Research Note: The Manchu Book in Eighteenth-Century St. Petersburg," *Saksaha: A Journal of Manchu Studies* 14 (2016), <http://dx.doi.org/10.3998/saksaha.13401746.0014.001>.
- 2015 "Jesuit Conspirators and Russia's East Asian Fur Trade, 1791-1807," *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 2, no. 1 (February 2015), 56-76.
- 2013 "Andrei Ershov and the Soviet Information Age," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 14, no. 3 (Summer 2013), 561-584.
- 2009 "Otium cum Dignitate: Economy, Politics, and Pastoral in Eighteenth-Century New York," *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 42, no. 4 (Summer 2009), 581-602.
- 2008 "Lawyers and Politics in Eighteenth-Century New York," *New York History* 89, no. 2 (Spring 2008), 143-162.

Book Chapters

- In press Carolin Roeder and Gregory Afinogenov, "Cold War Creatures: Soviet Science and the Problem of the Abominable Snowman" in *Frost, Ice, and Snow: Cold Climate in Russian History*, ed. Julia Herzberg (forthcoming).

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2015 Gregory Afinogenov and A. A. Korolev, "Katolitsizm," in "Kitai," *Pravoslavnaia entsyklopediia (The Orthodox Encyclopedia)*, vol. 35 (Moscow, 2015).

Book Reviews

- 2017 Review of Nikolaos Chrissidis, *An Academy at the Courts of the Tsars: Greek Scholars and Jesuit Education in Early Modern Russia* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2015), *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 4, no. 2 (forthcoming).
- 2016 Review of Marek Inglot, S.J., *How the Jesuits Survived Their Suppression. The Society of Jesus in the Russian Empire (1773-1814)*, ed. and trans. D. L. Schlaflly (Philadelphia: Saint Joseph's University Press, 2015), *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu* 85, Fasc. 169.
- 2016 Review of Robert Danieluk, S.J., and Bernard Joassart, S.J., eds., *Au service de la reconciliation des Églises: Jean Gagarin, Jean Martynow et Victor de Buck: Correspondance* (Bruxelles: Société des Bollandistes, 2014), *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 3, no. 2 (March 2016): 344-346.

Selected Other Publications

- 2017 "In the Booth," *n+1* (website), January 28, 2017, <https://nplusonemag.com/online-only/online-only/in-the-booth/>.
- 2016 "When Humanitarianism Became Imperialism," *Jacobin* (website), September 17, 2016, <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/09/when-humanitarianism-became-imperialism/>.

- 2016 "I Try Not to Think Too Hard" (review of Dominic Lieven, *Towards the Flame: Empire, War, and the End of Tsarist Russia*), *London Review of Books* 38, no. 3 (4 February 2016).
- 2015 "Breaking Muscovy's Silence: Edward Keenan, 1935-2015," *n+1* (website), March 17, 2015, <https://nplusonemag.com/online-only/in-memoriam/breaking-muscovys-silence/>.
- 2015 "Milwaukee's Gilded Age and Aftermath," in *City by City: Dispatches from the American Metropolis* (New York: Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux, 2015), 191-206.
- 2014 "What Kind of Target Are You?," *n+1* (website), March 1, 2014, <https://nplusonemag.com/online-only/online-only/what-kind-of-target-are-you/>.
- 2013 "The Unlucky Skeleton" (review of Robert Chandler, trans., *Russian Magic Tales from Pushkin to Platonov*), *London Review of Books* 35, no. 17 (12 September 2013).
- 2013 Review of Kirill Medvedev, *It's No Good*, trans. Keith Gessen, *Bookforum* (website), April 9, 2013, <http://bookforum.com/review/11396>.
- 2013 "The Tsar in Tears" (review of Marie-Pierre Rey, *Alexander I*, trans. Susan Emanuel), *London Review of Books* 35, no. 3 (7 February 2013), 17-19.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2015 Samuel P. Huntington Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- 2014 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
- 2013-14 Title VIII Research Scholar Fellowship, American Councils for International Education
- 2012 ROSSICA Young Translator Award
- 2011 Pre-Dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- 2010 Summer Language Study Grant, Graduate Student Council, Harvard University
- 2009 Fainsod Prize, Harvard University
- 2009 Martin Scholarship, Harvard University

CONFERENCES

Invited Talks

- 2016 "A Russian View on the Jesuits in Beijing," Four Centuries of Jesuit History in China, Boston College, November 2016
- 2015 "Beijing-Moscow-Amsterdam-Arkhangelsk: Nikolai Spafarii's *Description of China* and the Circulation of Muscovite Manuscripts," Early Slavists' Seminar, Davis Center, Harvard University, September 2015
- 2013 "The Ambassador and his Audience: Performance and Knowledge in Early Modern Russian Diplomacy," Boston University, March 2013

Panels Organized

- 2015 Towards a Trans-Imperial Intellectual History of Central Eurasia, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2015.

Papers Presented

- 2017 “Manchu Maps and the Space of the Russian Empire,” International Congress for the History of Science and Technology, Rio de Janeiro, July 2017.
- 2016 “Visible from Space: Cartographic Perspectives on Early Modern Russo-Qing Relations,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Meeting, November 2016.
- 2016 “The Rectification of Names: Russia and ‘China’ in the High Qing,” Manchu Studies Conference, University of Michigan, May 2016.
- 2015 “Trust No One: Intelligence Failure and the Threat of War with the Qing, 1760-1792,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Meeting, November 2015.
- 2015 “Words and Places: China and Kitai in 17th and 18th Century Russia,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2015.
- 2014 “The Art of the Extract: Gathering Intelligence on the Mongolian Frontier, 1755-1769,” Information Technologies and Transfer in Russia, 1450-1850, Darwin College, Cambridge University, September 2014.
- 2014 “Survival and Conspiracy: Russia, the Jesuits, and the Macartney Embassy, 1791-1810,” Jesuit Survival and Restoration: 200th Anniversary Perspectives, Boston College, June 2014.
- 2014 “Noble and Common: Ideas and Objects in the St. Petersburg-Beijing Correspondence,” The Materiality of Chinese-Western Relations in the Ming-Qing Period: Methodological Approaches, Empirical Cases, KU-Leuven, May 2014.
- 2013 “Wandering Letters: Sender and Recipient in Russo-Qing Relations,” Ralph and Ruth Fisher Forum, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, June 2013.
- 2013 “Roots of Power: Natural Resources and the Genres of Sinology,” Conceptualizing the Natural Environment: Critical Reflections from Russia, 18th-20th Centuries, European University – St. Petersburg, March 2013.
- 2012 “Travel, Espionage, and Information on the Road from St. Petersburg to Beijing,” British Society for Slavic and Eastern European Studies, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University, April 2012.

Discussant

- 2016 People, Empire, and Environment in the Russo-Chinese Borderlands, 1880-1916, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Meeting, November 2016.

- 2015 Eurasian Exchanges: Circulating Goods, Knowledge, and People Across the Russian Empire, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Meeting, November 2015.
- 2015 Secession, Harvard Graduate Conference on International History (Con-IH), Harvard University, March 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University (Lecturer)

The Silk Road: Recentring World History from
Alexander the Great to Osama bin Laden
Senior Thesis Seminar

Spring 2017
Fall-Spring 2016-17

Harvard University (Teaching Fellow)

Early Modern Europe, 1450-1789 (Daniel Jütte)
Historical Analysis (Emmanuel Akyeampong)
Henry Kissinger: Statecraft in Theory and Practice (Niall Ferguson)
Historical Analysis (Lisa McGirr)
Empire and Exploration (Kelly O'Neill)

Spring 2015
Spring 2014
Fall 2012
Spring 2012
Fall 2011

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Acting Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies
Department of History, Harvard University (Fall 2015)

RESEARCH AND PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- 2013-14 Digital History @ Harvard, site designer and administrator.
Worked with department faculty and staff to design the Drupal website for the History Department's digital history initiative.
<http://dighist.fas.harvard.edu>
- 2011-12 TakeNote project, curator and project coordinator.
Worked with librarians, developers, and faculty to curate and present an online exhibition of archival material organized by the Radcliffe Institute.
<http://bookhistory.harvard.edu/takenote/>

TEACHING AREAS

Modern Europe (1800-)
Early Modern Europe (1450-1800)
Imperial Russia (1613-1917)
Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia (1917-)
Early Modern Eurasia (1600-1900)
Eighteenth-Century Europe and the Enlightenment
Early Modern Science/Intellectual History (1600-1800)

LANGUAGES

English	Native speaker.
Russian	Native speaker.
French	Advanced reading, conversational speaking.
German	Intermediate reading and speaking.
Latin	Intermediate reading.
Mandarin Chinese	Read with a dictionary.
Classical Chinese	Read with a dictionary.
Manchu	Read with a dictionary.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies

REFERENCES

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