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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," *Pravoslavnaya entsyklopediya (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. Schlafly (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: Recentering 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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Teaching Reference

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