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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grinnell College

Associate Professor of History

August 2015 – Present

Assistant Professor of History

August 2009 – July 2015

Interim Director, Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs,
International Relations, and Human Rights

January 2015 – June 2015

Visiting Assistant Professor of History

August 2007 – July 2009

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, the University of Chicago

August 2007

Dissertation: “Disciplining the Party: The Expulsion and Censure of Communists in the Post-War Soviet Union, 1945-1961”; committee: Sheila Fitzpatrick (advisor), Richard Hellie, Ronald Grigor Suny, and Jan Goldstein

M.A. in History, the University of Chicago

December 2001

B.A. with High Honors, Swarthmore College

May 1999

with a major in history and a minor in political science

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph (peer-reviewed)

The High Title of a Communist: Postwar Party Discipline and the Values of the Soviet Regime.
DeKalb, Illinois: Northern Illinois University Press, 2015.

Reviewed in *The American Historical Review*, *The Journal of Modern History*, *Slavic Review*, *The Russian Review*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, *Cahiers du Monde russe*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Science Research*, and H-Net.

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

“A Soviet Theory of Broken Windows: Prophylactic Policing and the KGB’s Struggle with Political Unrest in the Baltic Republics.” Forthcoming in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*.

“Coercion, Reeducation, and the Prophylactic Chat: *Profilaktika* and the KGB’s Struggle with Political Unrest in Lithuania, 1953-64.” *The Russian Review* 76:2 (April 2017), 272-293.

“Policing the Party: Conflicts between Local Prosecutors and Party Organs under Late Stalinism.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 65:10 (December 2013), 1912-1930.

“Sex and the Married Communist: Marital Infidelity, Family Troubles, and Communist Party Discipline in the Post-War USSR, 1945-1964.” *The Russian Review* 68:3 (July 2009), 429-450.

Book chapters (peer-reviewed)

“Prophylactic Policing and the Epidemiology of Dissent in the Soviet-Era Baltic States.” In *Transforming Contagion: Risky Contacts among Bodies, Nations, and Disciplines*, ed. Breanne Fahs, Annika Mann, Sarah Stage, and Eric Swank (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2018), 189-203.

“The Paradox of Party Discipline in the Khrushchev-Era Communist Party.” In *Communist Parties Revisited: Socio-Cultural Approaches to Party Rule in the Soviet Bloc, 1956-1991*, ed. Rüdiger Bergien and Jens Gieseke (New York: Berghahn, 2018), 23-45.

Book reviews

Willimott, Andy. *Living the Revolution: Urban Communes & Soviet Socialism, 1917-1932*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. Review forthcoming in *The Journal of Modern History*.

Smith, Kathleen E. *Moscow 1956: The Silenced Spring*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2017. Reviewed for *The Slavonic & East European Review*, April 2018.

Dale, Robert. *Demobilized Veterans in Late Stalinist Leningrad: Soldiers to Civilians*. New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015. Reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, October 2016.

Varga-Harris, Christine. *Stories of House and Home: Soviet Apartment Life during the Khrushchev Years*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015. Reviewed for *The Russian Review*, October 2016.

Davies, Sarah, and James Harris. *Stalin's World: Dictating the Soviet Order*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014. Reviewed for *The Journal of Modern History*, September 2016.

Švedas, Aurimas. *In the Captivity of the Matrix: Soviet Lithuanian Historiography, 1944-1985*. New York: Rodopi, 2014. Reviewed for *Slavic Review*, Summer 2016.

Plokhyy, Serhii. *The Last Empire: The Final Days of the Soviet Union*. New York: Basic Books, 2014. Reviewed for *The Russian Review*, October 2014.

Koenker, Diane. *Club Red: Vacation Travel and the Soviet Dream*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013. Reviewed for *Europe-Asia Studies*, September 2014.

Brown, Kate. *Plutopia: Nuclear Families, Atomic Cities, and the Great Soviet and American Plutonium Disasters*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. Reviewed for *The Russian Review*, October 2013.

Crowley, David and Susan E. Reid, eds. *Pleasures in Socialism: Leisure and Luxury in the Eastern Bloc*. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2010. Reviewed for *The Russian Review*, July 2011.

Narskii, I.V. *Fotokartochka na pamiat': Semeinye istorii, fotograficheskie poslaniia i sovetskoe detstvo (Avtobio-istorio-graficheskii roman)*. Cheliabinsk: Entsiklopedia, 2008. Reviewed for *The Russian Review*, October 2009.

Writing for a non-specialist audience

“What ‘The Americans’ Gets Wrong about the Cold War.” Entry on the *Washington Post*’s “Made by History” blog, March 28, 2018.

SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Workshop grant from the Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges (AALAC) on the theme “The Future of History in the Liberal Arts” (with Ernesto Capello of Macalester College and Leslie Offutt of Vassar College).

Fellowship-in-Residence at the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, the University of Iowa, Spring 2017.

Grinnell College Study Leave. Competitive year-long research leave (awarded in conjunction with a regularly scheduled semester-long sabbatical) for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Short-Term Fellowship. Awarded by the Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia at New York University, March-April 2016.

Summer Stipend. Awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, 2015.

Franklin Research Grant. Awarded by the American Philosophical Society, 2015.

Grinnell College Innovation Fund. Co-director of the project “External Respondents for Multi-Student MAPs” (with Caleb Elfenbein). Awarded \$18,000 over three years to bring six scholars from outside Grinnell to act as discussants on panels of student research. Awarded January 2015.

Emerging Scholar Research Grant. Awarded by the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, 2013.

Tucker-Cohen Dissertation Prize, Honorable Mention, 2008. An annual prize awarded by the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies to “an outstanding doctoral

dissertation in the tradition of historical political science and political history of the Soviet Union.”

Kennan Center Research Scholarship, 2008-2009 and 2009-10 academic years (declined both times).

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship. Awarded April 2004.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2013)

“Intimidation, Reeducation, and the Management of Dissent: The KGB’s Use of ‘Prophylactic Measures’ in the Baltic Republics.” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, November 2017.

“Intimidation, Reeducation, and the Management of Dissent: The KGB’s Use of ‘Prophylactic Measures’ in the Baltic Republics.” Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe, the University of Latvia, June 2017.

“A Soviet Theory of Broken Windows: Prophylactic Policing and the KGB’s Struggle with Political Unrest in the Baltic States.” Midwest Russian History Workshop, Northwestern University, March 2017.

“Prophylactic Policing and the KGB’s Struggle with Foreign Influence in Lithuania, 1959-1991.” Vilnius Symposium on Late Soviet and Post-Soviet Issues (Vilnius, Lithuania), December 2016.

“Prophylactic Policing and the KGB’s Struggle with the Baltic Dissident Movement in the 1970s and 1980s.” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, November 2016.

“Prophylactic Policing and the KGB’s Struggle with the Baltic Dissident Movement in the 1970s and 1980s.” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies conference, the University of Pennsylvania, May 2016.

“A Soviet Theory of Broken Windows: Prophylactic Policing and the KGB’s Struggle with Political Unrest in the Baltic States.” Colloquium presentation at the Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University, April 2016.

“Prophylactic Policing and the Epidemiology of Dissent in the Soviet-Era Baltic States.” Interdisciplinary symposium on “Transforming Contagion,” Arizona State University, October 2015.

“Containing the Foreign Threat: The KGB’s Use of *Profilaktika* to Fight Foreign Influence in Lithuania from the 1950s to the 1980s.” The Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe, Marburg, Germany; September 2015.

“Containing the Foreign Threat: The KGB’s Use of *Profilaktika* to Fight Foreign Influence in Lithuania in the 1960s and 1970s.” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, November 2014.

“*Profilaktika* and the Struggle with Political Unrest in Brezhnev-Era Lithuania.” Yale Conference on Baltic and Scandinavian Studies, March 2014.

“The Paradox of Party Discipline in the Khrushchev-Era Communist Party.” Presented at the conference “Communist Parties Revisited: Socio-Cultural Approaches to Party Rule in the Soviet Bloc, 1956-1991.” Center for Contemporary History, Potsdam, Germany, December 2013.

“*Profilaktika* and the Roots of Dissent: The KGB’s Use of the ‘Prophylactic Conversation’ in the Republic of Lithuania, 1953-1964.” Midwest Russian History Workshop, Indiana University, September 2013.

“The KGB’s Use of Prophylactic Measures against Lithuanian Youth, 1953-1964.” The Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe, Tallinn University (Estonia), June 2013.

COURSES OFFERED AT GRINNELL COLLEGE

First-Year Tutorial: The Life and Times of Nikita Khrushchev

First-Year Tutorial: The History of Reading

History 100: Introduction to Historical Inquiry: Europe under the Great Dictators

History 105: Cultural Encounters in History

History 241: Origins of Modern Russia

History 242: The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union

History 244: Ivan and Fritz Go to War: The Nazi-Soviet Conflict on World War II’s Eastern Front

History 295: Who Killed Kirov? Understanding Soviet History through an Assassination of the 1930s

History 342: Stalinism

History 352: Film and Historiography

History 382: Advanced Tutorial: Modern Classics of Historical Writing

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bessie Pierce Prize Preceptor, the University of Chicago history department (2006-2007)

Lecturer in European Civilization, the University of Chicago (Winter 2006)

Teaching Intern in European Civilization, the University of Chicago (Fall 2003 and Winter 2004)

Lector in the Little Red Schoolhouse, an undergraduate course on academic and professional writing offered by the University of Chicago Writing Program (Spring 2004)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Editorial intern, *The Journal of Modern History* (September 2005–June 2007)

Staff writer, *The American Prospect* magazine (July 1999–September 2000)

SERVICE TO GRINNELL COLLEGE

Social Studies Division chair (and divisional representative to Executive Council)	2017–Present
Russian, Central, and Eastern European Studies Concentration chairman	2009–2012; 2014–2016; 2018–Present
committee member	2007–Present
Faculty Handbook Revision Committee	2018–Present
Faculty Advisory Committee, Dean of the College search	2018–Present
Mellon Grant Planning Committee	2018–Present
Writing Advisory Committee	2014–2016; 2018–Present
Faculty Salary Committee (as division chair)	2017–Present
International Curriculum Planning Group	2017–Present
Search Committee, Director of Academic Support for Writing and Speaking, member	Spring 2018
Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations, and Human Rights committee member	2011–2016
interim director	Spring 2015
Curriculum Committee elected representative (Social Studies Division)	2015–2016
Scholars' Convocation Committee member	2014–2017
Chrystal Fund for Distinguished Foreign Visitors steering committee member	2014–2016
Equity advocate (non-voting search committee member and faculty resource on diversity) participant in two library searches	2015–2016

Faculty Organization Committee
elected representative (Social Studies Division) 2013-2014

Scholarship Selection Committee
member Spring 2010; 2011-2013

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

The American Historical Association (AHA); The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES); The Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS); Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)

LANGUAGES

Russian, proficient; Lithuanian, elementary-to-intermediate; German, reading knowledge