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ACADEMIC POSTS:

Oglethorpe University, Division of History, Politics and International Studies

Associate Professor of History, 2010-present

Leave of absence, 2012-14

Assistant Professor of History, 2008-2010

Wake Forest University, Department of History

Visiting Associate Professor, 2013-14

Visiting Senior Lecturer, 2012-13

Various ranks, 2001-2008

Wake Forest University, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-07

Duke University, Department of History

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2000-01

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

Director, Center for Global Education, 2014-present

Oglethorpe University

Chair, Interim, Department of History, 2013-14

Wake Forest University

Director of Curricular Development in Service Learning, 2010-2012

Oglethorpe University

EDUCATION:

PhD, *Duke University*, Durham, North Carolina, 2000.

Department of History

Dissertation: "Roads to Glory? Sergei D. Sazonov, the Turkish Straits, and Russian Foreign Policy, 1910-1916"

Advisor: Professor Martin A. Miller
Major fields: Modern European, European international, Imperial Russian, and Soviet histories

MSc, *London School of Economics and Political Science*, London, England, 1994.
Department of International History
Advisor: Professor David Stevenson

MA, *Duke University*, Durham, North Carolina, 1993.
Department of History

BA, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1991.
Cum laude with distinction in major (Slavic Studies)

PUBLICATIONS:

“Squabbling over the Spoils: Late Imperial Russia’s Rivalry with France in the Near East” in Mara Kozelsky and Lucien Frary, eds., *Russian-Ottoman Borderlands: The Eastern Question Reconsidered*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2014, 281-302

“War accepted but unsought: Russia’s growing militancy and the July Crisis, 1914” in Jack Levy and John Vasquez., eds. *The Outbreak of the First World War: Structure, Politics and Decision-Making*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014, 227-51

Roads to Glory: Late Imperial Russia and the Turkish Straits. London: I. B. Tauris, 2006

“Devolution in Wartime: Sergei D. Sazonov and the Future of Poland, 1910-1916.” *International History Review* 22: 3 (2000) 505-28

“Behind the Balkan Wars: Russian policy towards Bulgaria and the Turkish Straits, 1912-1913.” *Russian Review* 59: 1 (2000) 76-95

DIGITAL PUBLISHING

Online forum post: “The origins of the First World War: the Russian role”, H-German, December 2014 (<https://networks.h-net.org/node/35008/discussions/55703/ann-h-german-forum-first-world-war-bobroff-december-2014>)

“Imperial Russia’s Use and Abuse of Proxies during the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913.” *Fletcher Security Review* December 2013. (<http://www.fletchersecurity.org/#!/imperial-russia-use-of-proxies/c1p4e>)

BOOK REVIEWS

Andrei P. Tsygankov, *Russia's Foreign Policy: Change and Continuity in National Identity* in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 49: 4 (2015) 488-490

William Mulligan, *The Great War for Peace* in *Choice* 52: 8 (2015)

Nikolai Ia. Danilevskii, *Russia and Europe: the Slavic world's political and cultural relations with the Germanic-Roman West* in *Choice* 51: 11 (2014)

Evgeny Sergeev, *The Great Game, 1856-1907: Russo-British Relations in Central and East Asia* in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 56: 1-2 (2014) 190

Sean McMeekin, *The Russian Origins of the First World War* in *Revolutionary Russia* 26: 1 (2013) 82-84

Irwin Halfond, *Maurice Paléologue: The Diplomat, the Writer, the Man, and the Third French Republic* in *International History Review* 31: 3 (2009) 104-06

Alexander Bitis, *Russia and the Eastern Question: Army, Government and Society, 1815-1833* in *Slavic Review* 67: 3 (2008) 761-62

Dale C. Rielage, *Russian Supply Efforts in America during World War I* in *Russian Review* 62: 3 (2003) 474-75

Michael Hughes, *Diplomacy before the Russian Revolution: Britain, Russia and the Old Diplomacy, 1894-1917* in *Russian Review* 60: 1 (2001) 123-24

CURRENT PROJECTS

Book chapter: "The Izvolskii Embassy: Franco-Russian relations during the First World War" in Oleg Budnitskii, Michael Hughes, David McDonald, and David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye, eds. *Russia's Great War and Revolution* vol. 3 "International History." Bloomington: Slavica, edp. [all volumes] 2014-2018. In progress, edp 2017

Book chapter: "The Question of the Turkish Straits during World War I" in Oleg Budnitskii, Michael Hughes, David McDonald, and David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye, eds. *Russia's Great War and Revolution* vol. 3 "International History." Bloomington: Slavica, edp. [all volumes] 2014-2018. Edited and resubmitted, edp 2017

Book project: *Ties that bind: The Franco-Russian Alliance in State and Society, 1890-1920*. Book-length treatment of the political, military, diplomatic, social and cultural facets of the Franco-Russian Alliance. In preparation

CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS:

Roundtable Member: "Russia Enters the War: New Interpretations 100 Years after the Fact" Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2014

Roundtable Member: "Late Imperial Autocratic Governance: Worth Reconsidering?" Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2014

"France, the Franco-Russian Alliance, and the Origins of the First World War," Society for French Historical Studies annual meeting, Montreal, QB, April 2014

"Russia, the Franco-Russian Alliance, and the Origins of the First World War," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2014

"MID and Stavka: The Foreign Ministry's Struggle for Relevance during World War I," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, Boston, MA, November 2013

"War Accepted but Unsought: Russia's Growing Militancy and the July Crisis, 1914," in a Workshop "The War of 1914: Analytic Perspectives on Historical Debates" International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2013

"Russia and the Origins of World War I," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Greensboro, NC, March 2013

Roundtable member, "Late Imperial Autocratic Governance: Worth Reconsidering?" Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Greensboro, NC, March 2013

Roundtable member, "The Eastern Question on the Borderlands," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, New Orleans, LA, November 2012

Discussant, "Issues in Contemporary Politics in the Former Soviet Union," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, March 2012

Discussant, "New Approaches to Studying the Experience of World War II," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Alexandria, VA, April 2011

Discussant, "Visions of War and Peace: Russia and the Eastern Crisis, 1875-1878," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, Los Angeles, CA, November 2010

Roundtable member, "Diplomacy and World War I," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Gainesville, FL, March 2010

Discussant, "Civilians, Volunteers, Officers: Wartime Experiences during the Crimean War and World War I" panel at Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Gainesville, FL, March 2010

"Russia and the Franco-Russian Alliance: Expectations and Realities" Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting, Decatur, GA, February 2010.

Discussant, "Preparing for the Best, Preparing for the Worst: Russia's projects to ready itself for the future," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, VA, March 2009

"Russia and the First World War: Getting in, Getting out," Table Talk Series, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA, September 2008

"Like Pulling Teeth: Russia's use of threats to gain support from its ally, France, 1914-1916," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 2008

"Eastern Questions: The Ottoman Dimension of the Franco-Russian Rivalry during the Last Years of the Alliance," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies annual conference, New Orleans, LA, November 2007

"Sacred Ground: Russia and the Problem of Palestine in Allied Diplomacy during WWI," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL, March 2007

Discussant, "A Tribute to Warren Lerner," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Columbia, SC, March 2006

"Imperial Russia's Contribution to the Modern Middle East: Russia's Role in the Sykes-Picot Talks," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, April 2005

"The Russian Foreign Ministry and the Press: The Late Imperial Experience," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Roanoke, VA, March 2004

Chair, "Crime and Social Deviance in Soviet Russia," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Roanoke, VA, March 2004

"Now or Never!: The Causes and Consequences of Russian Policy toward the Turkish Straits in the First World War" American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies annual conference, Toronto, ON, November 2003

"Russia and the alliance with France: perceptions and frustrations before World War I," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, March 2003

Chair, "Youth and Deviance in Soviet Russia," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, March 2003

"Cultural Influences on Late Imperial Russian Diplomacy: A Quest for Origins (Masculinity and the Origins of the First World War)," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Daytona Beach, FL, March 2002

Panelist, "Security, Military and Migratory Issues of the Black Sea Region," Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium, administered by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) and the Woodrow Wilson Center, Leesburg, VA, March-April, 2001

"Foreign Policy under Fire: Russian Diplomacy and Public Criticism, 1910-16," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies annual conference, Denver, CO, November 2000

"Southern Discomfort: Russian Civil-Military relations and the Russo-Turkish rivalry on the Black Sea, 1910-1914," Department of History Clioquium, Durham, NC, December 1999

"Behind the Balkan Wars: Russian policy towards the Turkish Straits, 1912-13," Midwest Russian History Workshop, Toronto, ON, April 1999

"A Case Study in Russian Civil-Military Relations: Russo-Turkish Relations, 1910-14," Piedmont Slavic Colloquium, Durham, NC, February 1999

"Sazonov's Mazurka: Sergei D. Sazonov and the problem of Polish autonomy entangling domestic and international politics, 1914-16," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies annual conference, Seattle, WA, November 1997

"The Cultural Origins of the Russian Revolution: The English and French Experiences and New Paths for Anglo-American Research," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL, March 1995

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Russia and the Origins of the First World War," The Great War, A Hundred Years On: Origins, Lessons and Legacies of the First World War, Georgia Gwinnett College, November 2014

"The Origins of the First World War and their contemporary resonances," Farmington Ruritan Club, June 2014

Panelist on Ukrainian crisis, Guilford College, March 2014

"Bulgakov's Russia," First Year Experience course "Weird Science," Guilford College, October 2006, October 2007, November 2013

“The Origins of the First World War,” The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, April 2012

“The Holocaust in an Age of Mass Murder,” Oglethorpe University Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA, April 2009

“Russia’s Last Forty Years. A personal history” Omicron Delta Kappa “Last Lecture”, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA, April 2009

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NAFSA Management Development Program, May 2015

CIC Workshop for Department and Division Chairs, May 2013

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS:

Faculty Development Grant, Oglethorpe University, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014

Visiting Fellow, Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, 2012-2015

Griffin Fund, Department of History, Wake Forest University, Faculty Research/Travel Grant, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2013, 2014

Archie Fund for the Arts and Humanities Grant, Wake Forest University, 2006, 2013

Faculty Service Award, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, Oglethorpe University, 2010

Service-Learning Course Development Stipend, Oglethorpe University, 2010

Publication and Research Fund Grant, Graduate School, Wake Forest University, 2006

Center for European Studies and the European Union Center, Duke University, Faculty Travel/Research Grant, 2001

International Research and Exchanges Board Participation Grant for the Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium, 2001

Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies Faculty Travel Grant, Duke University, 2000

Foreign Language for Area Studies Academic-Year Grant—Russian, 1999-2000

Foreign Language for Area Studies Summer Grant—Russian, 1993, 1999

Center for International Studies/Duke University Graduate School International Research Award, Duke University, 1996, 1998

International Research and Exchanges Board Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Dissertation Fellowship, 1996-97

Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies Dissertation Travel Grant, Duke University, 1996, 1997

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Reviewer of article manuscripts for *Historical Journal*, *International History Review*, *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*

Reviewer for *Choice*

Reviewer of book manuscripts for Northern Illinois University Press

Member, Academic Programs Committee, Oglethorpe University, 2010-12, 2015-2017

Observer, Advancement Committee, Board of Trustees, Oglethorpe University, 2015-17
 QEP Working Group, 2015
 Member, Executive Council, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2011-14
 Member, Curriculum Committee, Wake Forest University, 2013-14
 Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies annual meeting in Greensboro, NC, 2013
 Convener, Southeast Workshop on Russian History, 2011-12
 Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), Oglethorpe University, 2011-12
 Observer, Academic Affairs Committee, Board of Trustees, Oglethorpe University, 2010-12
 Member, Core Program Committee, Oglethorpe University, 2009-12
 Member, Sullivan Foundation Award Selection Committee, 2012
 Member, Student Paper Prize Committee, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2007, 2012
 Member, Information Technology Council, Oglethorpe University, 2010-11
 Member, Campus Technology Use Policy Subcommittee, Oglethorpe University, 2011
 Chair, Non-profit Management Minor Design Group, Oglethorpe University, 2010-11
 Member, Nominating Committee, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2009-11
 Member, Technology Advisory Group, Oglethorpe University, 2009-10
 Member, Honor Council, Oglethorpe University, 2008-10
 Member, Faculty Council, Oglethorpe University, 2008-10
 Observer, Campus Life Committee, Board of Trustees, Oglethorpe University, 2009
 Member, ad hoc group on the Core curriculum and Dachau exhibit, Oglethorpe University, 2008-09
 Chair, Student Paper Prize Committee, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2008
 Reader, Senior Theses, Department of History, Wake Forest University, 2004-05
 Pre-major advisor, Wake Forest University, 2004-05
 Member of Selection Committee and associate advisor, Wake Forest University Service trip to an orphanage in Russia, 2004, 2005
 Faculty Advisor, Wake Forest University Service trip to an orphanage in Russia, 2002-03
 Senior Thesis Advisor, Department of History, Wake Forest University, 2002-03
 Selection Committee Member for 2002-03 Regional Scholar Exchange Program, International Research and Exchanges Board, 2001-02
 Moderator, "Recruiting Faculty: The View from Both Sides." Panel by the Career Development Center, Duke University, 2000
 Member, Library Council, Duke University, 1999-2000
 Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Council, Duke University, 1999-2000
 Chair, History Graduate Student Association, Duke University, 1995-96, 1997-98
 Member, Committee on Facilities and Environment, Duke University, 1997-98
 Member, Interviewing Committee for Regional Scholar Exchange Program/Contemporary Issues Program, International Research and Exchanges Board, 1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Historical Association

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
 International Society for First World War Studies
 NAFSA: Association of International Educators
 Society for French Historical Studies
 Southern Conference on Slavic Studies

COURSE OFFERINGS

Russian History

- “Russia under the tsars” 2008, 2011, 2015
- “Russian History after 1861” 2002, 2004, 2009, 2012, 2014
- “Russia’s Social Crisis: Understanding Russian Orphans in Context” [Service-learning & Study Abroad], 2011
- “Imperial Russian and Soviet Exile System” directed reading. 2007
- “Fall from Grace: Decline of the Russian Aristocracy” 2006
- “The Bolshevik Revolution” directed reading. 2005

International History

- “Origins of World War I” 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014
- “European International History, 1815 to the present” 2015
- “European Diplomacy, 1914-1993” 2005
- “European Diplomacy, 1848-1914” 2003, 2005, 2008, 2014
- “European Diplomacy, 1648-1814” 2007
- “The Great Game: Imperial Rivalry in Central Asia” 2002
- “One Hundred Years of Russian Foreign Policy” 2001, 2003
- “Two Centuries of Russian Foreign Policy” 2006
- “History of Diplomacy: the evolution of the modern diplomatic system” 2000, 2010

European History, Other

- “Modern European Imperialism” 2011
- “Europe in the Age of World War, 1914-1945” 2008, 2011
- “Age of Empire and Nationalism, Europe 1848-1914” 2010
- “Age of Revolutions: Europe and the Atlantic World, 1776-1849” 2009
- “Modern France” 2010, 2014
- “German History since 1800” 2009, 2011
- “Europe and the World, 1650/1715 to the present” 2001-08, 2012-13, 2015-16
- “Europe and the World, Ancient Times to 1700” 2002

General Education and Other Classes

- “Historical Perspectives on the Social Order, II” 2009-2012, 2015-16
- “Historical Perspectives on the Social Order, I” 2008-2010
- “Honors Seminar: Manhattan Madness: The Race for Atomic Weapons” 2012
- “Honors Seminar: Role of the Jews in the Rise of the New South” 2011
- “Fresh Focus: The Russian Revolution, 1917, in fact and fiction” 2009