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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2011
Dissertation: "Faith on the Margins: Jehovah's Witnesses in the Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia, Ukraine, and Moldova, 1945-2010"
Major field: Russian and East European History. Minor field: Modern European History
- M.A. History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006
"Contested Victims: Jehovah's Witnesses and the Russian Orthodox Church, 1990-2004"
- B.A. History, Russian, Macalester College, 2003

EMPLOYMENT

2012-present: Assistant Professor of Eastern European History, Department of History, Middle Tennessee State University

2011-12: Visiting lecturer, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2012: Visiting lecturer, Department of History, Campbell University (Ft. Bragg, North Carolina)

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

Russia in the Twentieth Century
Russia to the Twentieth Century
Russian History from 1861 to the Present
History of the Former Soviet Union and Soviet Bloc, 1989 to the Present
Twentieth Century Genocide
Modern Eastern Europe
Western Civilization to 1715

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

Topics in European History: The Soviet Bloc
Research in European History
Historiography

BOOKS

Dissent on the Margins: How Soviet Jehovah's Witnesses Defied Communism and Lived to Preach About It. Oxford University Press, 2014.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Communism or Armageddon? Forging an Atheist State in Postwar Ukraine

Embassy Squatters: Soviet Pentecostals and the End of Détente

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“‘I Saw the Light:’ Former Believer Testimonials in the Soviet Union, 1957-1987.” *Cahiers du Monde russe* 52, no. 1 (2011): 163-84.

“Jehovah’s Witnesses and Post-Soviet Religious Policy in Moldova and the Transnistrian Moldovan Republic.” *Journal of Church and State* 53, no. 3 (2011): 421-41.

“Contested Victims: Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Russian Orthodox Church, 1990 to 2004,” *Religion, State and Society* 35, no. 3 (2007): 261-78.

“Negotiating the Limits of Religious Pluralism in Post-Soviet Russia: The Anticult Movement in the Russian Orthodox Church, 1990-2004,” *Russian Review* 65, no. 4 (2006): 637-56.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Eduard Uspenskii” and “Non-Traditional Religion and Spiritualism” In *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Russian Culture*, eds. Tatiana Smorodinskaya, Helena Goscilo, and Karen Evans-Romaine (New York: Routledge, 2007).

BOOK REVIEWS:

Jacob A. Neufeld. *Path of Thorns: Soviet Mennonite Life under Communist Rule and Nazi Rule*. *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, 2014 (forthcoming).

“Review of *The Constructed Mennonite: History, Memory, and the Second World War*,” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 56, nos. 2-3 (2014): 197-98.

“Review of *Religious Diversity in Post-Soviet Society: Ethnographies of Catholic Hegemony and the New Pluralism in Lithuania*,” *Russian Review* 72, no. 1 (2013): 176-77.

“Review of *Secularism Soviet Style: Teaching Atheism and Religion in a Volga Republic*,” *Religion and Society* 3, no. 1 (2013):

“Review of *Conscience on Trial: The Fate of Fourteen Pacifists in Stalin’s Ukraine, 1952-53*,” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 54, nos. 3-4 (2012): 565-66.

“Review of *Letters from Heaven: Popular Religion in Russia and Ukraine*,” *Russian Review* 66, no. 4 (2007): 727-28.

INVITED TALKS

“Weapons of the Watchtower: Jehovah’s Witnesses and Resistance to Soviet Power”

- Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. February 2014
- Miami University. November 2014
- Ohio State University-Newark. November 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Basement Crusade: Billy Graham and the Siberian Seven Incident.” Protestantism and the Superpowers: Mission, Spirituality, and Prayer in the USA and USSR. University of Leicester, UK. September 2014.

“Forging an Atheist State in Postwar Ukraine: A Case Study of Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Village of Bila Tserkva.” Biennial Conference on the History of Religion. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. March 2014.

“This Land is Your Land: The Embassy as a Site of Asylum.” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Boston, Massachusetts. November 2013.

“It’s the End of the World as We Know It: Soviet Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Armageddon Scare of 1975.” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. Greensboro, North Carolina. March 2013.

“Faith on Trial: Criminal Prosecutions of Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Post-Stalin Era.” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Washington, DC. November 2011.

“Faith, Historical Memory, and Human Rights on Trial: Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Russian Courts,” Conference on Human Rights and Religion in Historical Perspective. Boston, Massachusetts. April 2011.

“‘Exile Them Forever:’ The 1949 and 1951 Exiles of Jehovah’s Witnesses from Soviet Moldavia.” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. Alexandria, Virginia. April 2011.

“Into the Lion’s Den: Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Arrival of Soviet Power in Western Ukraine,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Los Angeles, California. November 2010.

“‘Shrewd as Snakes, Innocent as Doves:’ Soviet Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Post-Stalin Era,” The Carolina Seminar on Russia and Its Empires, East and West. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. October 2010.

“Religious Freedom in Post-Soviet Disputed Territories: Jehovah’s Witnesses in Transnistria,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. Gainesville, Florida. March 2010.

“Real Witnesses, Imagined Crimes: Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Postwar Soviet Press,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. Montgomery, Alabama. March 2007.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant, Middle Tennessee State University, 2014-15.

Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant, Middle Tennessee State University, 2013.

Access and Diversity Grant, Middle Tennessee State University, 2013.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 2010-2011.

Title VIII Fellowship for Romanian language study, ACIE and the U.S. Department of State, 2010.

Helen Darcovich Memorial Doctoral Fellowship, University of Alberta, 2010.

International Dissertation Research Fellowship, SSRC-ACLS, 2008-2009.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 2008-2009.

George E. Mowry Dissertation Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008.

FLAS Fellowship, Romanian language, Duke University, 2007-2008.

Predissertation Travel Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007.

FLAS Fellowship, Ukrainian language, University of Kansas, 2007

FLAS Fellowship, Russian language, Duke University, 2004-2006.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Finalist for Robert C. Tucker/Stephen F. Cohen Dissertation Prize, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 2012.

Linda Dykstra Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Humanities, University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2012.
Finalist for Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, History Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008.
Best Graduate Student Paper, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 2007.
Title: "Communism or Armageddon?: Representations of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the Soviet Press, 1954-1985."
Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2007.
Title: "Communism or Armageddon?: Representations of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the Soviet Press, 1954-1985."

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor, *Tractus Aevorum* (scholarly journal of Belgorod State University, Russia)
Executive board member, Association of Women in Slavic Studies, 2007-2011
Manuscript Reviewer, *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Russian Review*, *Cahiers du Monde russe*

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Russian (fluent)
Ukrainian (reading)
Romanian (reading)