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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025-present Dean of the College, Brown University
2023-present Abbott Gleason University Professor of History, Brown University
2020-2025 Chair, Department of History, Brown University
2020-present Professor, Department of History, Brown University
Courtesy Appointment, Professor, Department of Slavic Studies, Brown University
2009-2020 Associate Professor, Department of History, Brown University
Courtesy Appointment, Associate Prof., Department of Slavic Studies, Brown University
2006-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Brown University
2002-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Syracuse University
2002-2003 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
2000-2002 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the History of Recent Science and the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, The George Washington University
1991-1993 Lecturer in American History, International University, Moscow Aviation Institute and Mendeleev Institute, Moscow, Russia

EDUCATION

2000 University of California, Berkeley, Department of History, PhD
1995 University of California, Berkeley, Department of History, MA
1991 Tufts University, History, BA
1990 Russian Language Certificate, Pushkin Institute, Moscow

BOOKS

Without the Banya We Would Perish: A History of the Russian Bathhouse (Oxford University Press, 2019; ppb. 2022).

Reviewed in: *Financial Times* (Top 10 History Books of 2019), *Foreign Affairs* (“Best book of 2019”), *LA Review of Books*, *Literary Review*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Wall Street Journal*, etc.

Когда б не баня, все бы мы пропали (Corpus, 2021) -- Russian translation of *Without the Banya We Would Perish*.

Reviewed widely in the Russian press.

Stalin and the Soviet Science Wars (Princeton University Press, 2006; paperback 2008).

Shortlisted for the Vucinich Book Prize 2007

Honorable mention for the Bruce Lincoln Prize 2008

Reviewed in: *The Age*, *American Historical Review*, *Budapest Times*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *European Legacy*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *ISIS*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Kritika*, *Moscow Times*, *Russian Review*, *Slavonic and East European Review*, *Slavic Review*, *South East Europe Review for Labour and Social Affairs*, and *Technology and Culture*.

EDITED VOLUME

Co-editor and co-author of the introduction for a special volume on "Physicists in the Postwar Political Arena: Comparative Perspectives," *Historical Studies in the Physical and Biological Sciences* 30:1 (1999).

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Of Poetry and Power: Robert Frost in Khrushchev's Russia and the Emergence of a Cold War Consensus

FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS

Frost in Russia Project

2020 Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University

Russian Bathhouse Project

2018 Fernand Braudel Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
2013-14 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, Ca.
2013-14 Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship, ACLS
2008-09 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Research Grant
2009 Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Faculty Fellowship
2008-15 Office of the VP for Research, Brown University, Department Research Funds
2006 Pigott Fund, Syracuse University, Research Grant
2005 Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Short-Term Research Grant
2005 Appleby-Mosher Fund, Syracuse University, Research Grant

Soviet Science Project

2002-03 Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Post-Doctoral Fellow
2002-03 Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Post-Doctoral Fellow, declined
2002-03 Center for the History of Recent Science, GWU, Post-Doctoral Fellow
1999-2000 SSRC, Eurasia Program Dissertation Fellowship
1997-98 Fulbright-Hays, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
1997-98 IREX, Dissertation Research Fellowship
1995 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Summer Research Fellowship
1993-95 Program in Soviet Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Training Grants

Teaching Award

2016 William G. McLoughlin Prize for Teaching Excellence in the Social Sciences, Brown University

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND CHAPTERS

"Public Health and Bathing in Late Imperial Russia: A Statistical Approach," *The Russian Review* 72 (January, 2013), 66-93 with Konstantin Kashin.

"'Real Men Go to the Bania': Postwar Soviet Masculinities and the Bathhouse," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 11, 1 (Winter 2010): 47-76.

"'From Partiinost' to Nauchnost' and Not Quite Back Again: Revisiting Lessons of the Lysenko Affair,'" *Slavic Review*, 68, no. 1 (Spring 2009): 95-115.

“Stalin as the Coryphaeus of Science: Ideology and Knowledge in the Post-war Years,” in *Stalin: A New History*, Sarah Davies and James Harris, eds., (Cambridge University Press, 2005). Republished in Georgian, 2015.

"Science under Socialism in the USSR and Beyond," *Contemporary European History*, 10, 3 (2001), 523-535.

"Oshibki, vyzvannye emotsiiami; predstavleniia amerikantsev o vozmozhnosti sovetskikh atomnykh razrabotok, 1945-1949 g. g." ["Distortions Engendered by Emotions: American Assessments of Soviet Atomic Capabilities, 1945-1949"], *Nauka i obshchestvo: Istoriiia sovetskogo atomnogo proekta (40-e – 50-e gody)*, *Trudy mezhdunarodnogo simpoziuma ISAP-96*, IzdAT, tom 3, 203-206.

TRANSLATION

"Conversations with Stalin on Questions of Political Economy," *Cold War International History Project Working Paper*, Working Paper No. 33 (July 2001).

REVIEWS and REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of *Nuclear Russia: The Atom in Russian Politics and Culture* by Paul Josephson, *Technology & Culture*, January 2024: 388-389.

Review of *Roy and Zhores Medvedev: Loyal Dissent in the USSR* by Barbara Martin, *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement*, January 12, 2024, p. 21.

Review of *Tunguska: A Siberian Mystery and Its Environmental Implications* by Andy Bruno, *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement*, October 14, 2022, p. 24.

Review of *Nuclear Folly: A New History of the Cuban Missile Crisis* by Serhii Plokhyy, *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement*, October 1, 2021, p. 11

Review of Dissertation: “Stalin’s Think Tank: The Varga Institute and the Making of the Stalinist Idea of World Economy and Politics, 1927-1953” (University of Chicago, 2010) by Kyung Deok Roh (<http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/2982>), 2013.

Review of *The Red Rockets' Glare: Spaceflight and the Soviet Imagination, 1857-1957* by Asif Siddiqi, *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement*, April 15, 2011, p. 13.

Review of *Red Cloud at Dawn: Truman, Stalin, and the End of the Atomic Monopoly* by Michael D. Gordin, *Metascience* (published online January 20, 2011): 449-453.

Review of *The Body Soviet: Propaganda, Hygiene, and the Revolutionary State* by Tricia Starks, *Slavonica* 16, 1 (2010): 55-56.

Review of *Renovating Russia: The Human Sciences and the Fate of Liberal Modernity, 1880-1930* by Daniel Beer, *American Historical Review* 114, 4 (2009): 1188-1189.

Review of *The House in the Garden: The Bakunin Family and the Romance of Russian Idealism* by John Randolph, *Journal of Modern History*, 81, 2 (2009): 490-491.

Review of *Stalin's Great Science: The Times and Adventures of Soviet Physicists* by Alexei B. Kojevnikov, *Slavic Review*, 66, 3 (2007), 560-561.

Review of *Creative Union: The Professional Organization of Soviet Composers, 1939-1953* by Kiril Tomoff, *Social History*, 32, 2 (2007), 242-243.

Review of *Science for the Masses: The Bolshevik State, Public Science, and the Popular Political Imagination in Soviet Russia, 1917-1924* by James T. Andrews, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 58, 6 (2006), 998-999.

"Lysenko Affair," in *Europe Since 1914 – Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction*, Jay Winter and John Merriman, eds., (Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006).

Review of *The Cure: A Story of Cancer and Politics from the Annals of the Cold War* by Nikolai Kremontsov and *Delo KR: Sudy chesti v ideologii i praktike poslevoennogo stalinizma* by V. D. Esakov and E. S. Levina, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* (Summer 2003), 768-775.

Review of *Akademiia nauk v resheniakh politburo TsK RKP(b) - VKP (b)* by V. D. Esakov, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* (Spring, 2001), 456-461.

Review of *Stalinist Science* by Nikolai Kremontsov in *Historical Studies in the Physical and Biological Sciences* 28:1 (1997), 204.

Review of *Stalin's Captive: Nikolaus Riehl and the Soviet Race for the Bomb* by Nikolaus Riehl and Frederick Seitz in *Historical Studies in the Physical and Biological Sciences* 27:2 (1997), 267.

Review of *Science in Russia and the Soviet Union: A Short History* by Loren Graham in *Historical Studies in the Physical and Biological Sciences* 27:1 (1996), 181-182.

INVITED LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS

"Without the Banya We Would Perish," (book talk), Pushkin House, London, February 11, 2021.

"Without the Banya We Would Perish," (book talk), New Books Network podcast, March 4, 2021.

"Without the Banya We Would Perish," (book talk), Yale University's MacMillan Center, October 31, 2019.

"Without the Banya We Would Perish," (book talk), Wesleyan University, October 30, 2019.

"Without the Banya We Would Perish," (book talk), Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, October 18, 2019.

"Civilized Cleansing and Barbarous Nudity: The Russian Bathhouse and De-modernization," European University Institute, conference on *Demodernization: A Global and Comparative History*, Florence, Italy February 10, 2018.

"National, Social, Sexual, Sinful: The Russian Bania at the Fin-De-Siècle," *Russian History Kruzhok*, UC Berkeley, March 2017.

“Bathing in Russian History”, *Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS)*, Palo Alto, California, February 2014.

“Socialist Realist Baths v. Real Socialist Baths,” *Center for Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies*, Stanford University, March 2014.

“Evaluating the State of Russian History and Russian Area Studies since 2000,” *Institute of Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies*, UC Berkeley, April 2014.

"Russkaia bania i Russkaia povsednevnost' (The Russian Bania and Russian Everyday Life)" and "Istoriia pozdnego stalinizma (The History of Late Stalinism)" (both in Russian) *Summer School for the Study and Teaching of Russian Culture*, Crimea, Ukraine, July 2009.

"A Party Minded Science and a Science Minded Party: The Lysenko Affair Revisited." *Institute for International and Regional Studies, Russian and Eurasian Studies Lecture Series*, Princeton University, April 14, 2009.

"On Saturday All of Russia Goes to the Bania': Bathing and Hygiene in Late Imperial Russia," *Munk Centre for International Studies, Russian History Lecture Series*, University of Toronto, February 2009.

"Real Men Go to the Bania': Postwar Soviet Masculinities and the Bathhouse," *DC Russian Historians Workshop*, Georgetown University, December 2008.

“Confronting the Myth of the Bathhouse,” *Center for Slavic Studies*, Duke University, February 2008.

“From Partiinost’ to Nauchnost’ and Not Quite Back Again,” *Department of History*, UNC – Chapel Hill, February 2008.

“The Space Race and the Cold War,” *Institute of Slavic Studies Conference on Remembering 1957*, UC Berkeley, October 2007.

“Stalin and the Soviet Science Wars,” *European Studies Council Lecture Series: What’s New in Soviet History*, Yale University, November 2004.

“Ideology and Science in American and Soviet Cold War Cultures,” *Culture and Power during the Cold War*, Saratov University, Saratov Russia, July 2004.

“Stalin and the Cold War’s Philosophical Front,” *Harriman Institute*, Columbia University, April 2003.

"The Late-Stalinist Roots of De-Stalinization: Soviet Physicists and Economists after the Second World War," *Institute of Advanced Study workshop: Across and Beyond the East-West Divide*, Budapest, Hungary, February 2003.

"Stalin, the Coryphaeus of Science," *Stalin: Power, Policy and Political Values*, Durham University, Durham, England, January 2003.

"Stalin, Science, and the Crisis of Soviet Ideology," *Seminar Contemporary Science and Technology*, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC, April 2002.

"Sergei Kaftanov and the Soviet Science Wars," *Department of Chemistry Seminar Series*, Bowling Green State University, March 2002.

"The Varga Affair: When Knowing the Enemy Means Becoming the Enemy," *International Center for Advanced Study, seminar on Know Your Enemy/Ally*, New York University, February 2002.

"Stalinism and Postwar Stalinism," *World War Two, Postwar, and Thaw: Moving Soviet Historiography beyond the 1930s*, Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, Washington, DC, April 2001.

"Stalin and Ideology: The Crisis in Postwar Soviet Philosophy," Seminar on Russian/Soviet History, Georgetown University, April 2001.

"Stalin and the Cold War: The Battle on the Economic Front," *Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies Seminar on the Cold War*, The George Washington University, March 2001.

"Party Ideology and Soviet Science," *International Workshop Stalin's Last Decade*, University of Chicago, March 2000.

"The Postwar 'Philosophical Front'," *School of Slavonic and East European Studies*, University College London, March 1999.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"May the Steam Be With You: Book Discussion of 'Without the Banya We Would Perish,'" *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)*, San Francisco, November 2019.

"Cultural Exchange in the Global Cold War," chair and discussant, *ASEEES*, San Francisco, November 2019.

"Space Bridges, Earth Stations, and Circulating Experts: Infrastructural Approaches to Transnational Cold War History," discussant, *ASEEES*, Boston, December 2018.

"Consuming Manhood: Soviet Masculinity During the Thaw," discussant, *ASEEES*, Chicago, November 2017.

"The Brezhnev Dynamo: New Narratives from Late Socialism," discussant, *ASEEES*, Philadelphia, November 2015.

"The Genius of Foreign Lands: Assimilating Western Medicine in Soviet Russia," discussant, *ASEEES*, San Antonio, November 2014.

"The Senses in Russia: Taste," discussant, *ASEEES*, Boston, November 2013.

"Coming of Age in Late Socialism or What Children of Good Soviet Families Did Next," chair, *ASEEES*, Boston, November 2013.

"Flawed, Violated, and Redeemed: Bodies of Russian and Soviet Subjects in the Revolutionary Period," chair, *ASEEES*, New Orleans, November 2012.

"Manufacturing Soviet Ideology: Institutes and Mechanisms, 1953-1985," chair, *ASEEES*, New Orleans, November, 2012.

"Cleaning Bodies in Filthy Baniyas: Confronting the Paradoxes of Health and Hygiene in Late Imperial Russia," *ASEEES*, Washington, DC, November 2011.

"Wine in the Land of Tsar and Commissar," chair, *ASEEES*, Washington, DC, November 2011.

"What Was the Soviet Union? Looking Back at the Brezhnev Years," discussant, Wesleyan University, October 2011.

"Banias and Bodies: Life and Death in the Soviet Bathhouse" *American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS)*, Boston, November 2009.

"Official Reconceptualisations of Post-War Soviet Masculinities," chair, *AAASS*, Philadelphia, November 2008.

"The Science of Everyday Life in the Soviet Union," chair, *AAASS*, Philadelphia, November 2008.

"The Bania and Postwar Soviet Masculinities," *AAASS*, New Orleans, November 2007.

"Stalin, Science, and the Cold War," *AAASS*, Washington, DC, November 2006.

"From Prison Labs to Nuclear Plants: Revisiting the Soviet Technical Intelligentsia," discussant, *AAASS*, Washington, DC November 2006.

"The Fall and Rise of T.D. Lysenko," University College, London conference, *The Relaunch of the Soviet Project, 1945-1964*, September 2006.

"'Tovarishch Stalin – Bolshoi uchenyi': The Linguistics Discussion of 1950," *AAASS*, Boston, December 2004.

"New Perspectives on Postwar Soviet Politics," discussant, *AAASS*, Toronto, Canada, November 2003.

"Ideas Have no Borders: Rethinking the History of Science and Social Science in a Transnational Context," *AAASS*, Toronto, November 2002.

"Soviet Public Health During Late Stalinism: A Reevaluation," discussant, *AAASS*, Toronto, November 2002.

"Philosophers, Scientists and the Crisis of Stalinist Ideology" presented to the *British Association for Slavic and East European Studies*, Cambridge, England, March 1999.

"In Stalin's Shadow: K. Simonov and the Question of Scientific Servility," *AAASS*, Boca Raton, September, 1998.

"Soviet Physics and the Anti-Cosmopolitan Campaign" *Physics in the Postwar Political Arena: Comparative Perspectives* conference at UC Berkeley, January 1998.

"Soviet Physics and Politics During the Zhdanovshchina," *AAASS*, Boston, November 1996.

"Oshibki, vyzvannye emotsiami: predstavlenie amerikantsev o vozmozhnosti sovetskikh atomnykh razrabotok, 1945-1949 gg.," *International Scientific Symposium: The History of the Soviet Atomic Bomb*, Dubna, Russia, May 1996.

DEPARTMENT and UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Brown University (fall 2006 – present)

The College

2025-present

Dean of the College

Department of History

2020-2025

Department Chair, History

2018-20

Graduate Committee

2019

Bathsheba Demuth Reappointment Committee (chair)

2018

Annual Review Coordinator

2018

Tenure Committee for Jennifer Johnson

2014-17

Director of Undergraduate Studies

2014-17

Planning and Priorities Committee (ex officio)

2015-16

Search Committee for Modern Europe

2012-13

Search Committee for History of Capitalism

2007-08, 2010-12

Planning and Priorities Committee

2010-2011

Pre-Select Committee (chair) for Beshara Doumani

2010

Lecture Series on Modern Middle East (chair)

2009-10

Chair's Advising Executive Committee

2007 – 2010

Brown Journal of History – Faculty Advisor

2009

Pre-Select Committee for Wendy Goldman

University Service

2019-2020

Academic Priorities Committee

2015-16

Co-Organizer, *History of the Nuclear Age* lecture series

2016-17

Dean's Fellowship Review Committee (Dean of Grad. School)

2015, 2016

Keynote Speaker, Meiklejohn Training Session

2015

DOC Ad-Hoc Committee on Advising

2014-present

Mentor (through DOF) to two assistant profs

2007 – 2012

Faculty Advising Fellow (FAF)

2011-2012

Faculty Coordinator for FAF

2010-2012

Honorary Degrees Committee

2010-2011

Search Committee, Watson Institute, Prof. of Diplomatic Studies

2010

Campus Center Planning Committee

2007-2008

Committee on the Residential Experience

2008

Ad-Hoc Library Committee on Soviet Propaganda Art

2006-2007

Visiting Faculty Fellow for Pembroke Campus

Syracuse University (2003-2006)

2003-06

Committee to create an MA in Documentary Film and History

2004-05

Department Search Committee for Modern European History

2004-05

Department Executive Committee

2004-05

Center for European Studies Steering Committee

2004-05

Honors Program Subcommittee on Global Awareness

PROFESSIONAL REFEREEING and EDITING

Manuscript referee for journals and presses:

Ab Imperio, Berghahn Books, Bloomsbury, Cornell UP, *Journal of The History of Sexuality*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, Karl Beck Papers (Univ. of Pittsburgh Press), *Kritika*, Metropolitan Press, Oxford UP, Princeton UP, *Slavic Review*, *Social History of Medicine*, Yale UP

Fellowship Reviewer:

American Councils for International Research Title VIII Research Program, Israeli Science Foundation, Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorship, MacArthur Foundation Fellows Program (“Genius Grant”), National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Columbia Council for European Studies, Mellon-Dissertation Fellowship, Review Committee Chair 2019-20

Columbia Council for European Studies, Mellon-Dissertation Fellowship, Review Committee 2018-19

Manuscript Workshop Participant:

UC Berkeley (book published by Princeton UP), University of Chicago (book published by Harvard UP), Brandeis University (book published by Harvard UP)

Editorial Boards

Russian Studies Dissertation Review Advisory Board Member (2012-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Cultural Revolutions: Russia in the Twentieth Century* (Academic Studies Press) (2010 – present)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Tenure and/or Promotion Review Outside Evaluator: University of Chicago, Boston College, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, University of Miami, and Syracuse

Co-Organizer (with Bathsheba Demuth) of the Brown *Kruzhok* (workshop) in Russian/Soviet History, 2017 and 2019 and 2020 (Cancelled due to Covid) and 2023

Association for Slavic and East European and Eurasian Studies, Mentorship Committee, 2014-2016
Mentorship Committee Chair, 2015

Association for Slavic and East European and Eurasian Studies, Mentor, 2014-2015

Outside Examiner, Swarthmore College Honors Program, 2009, 2010.

Co-Organizer, International Workshop, “Stalin’s Last Decade,” Univ. of Chicago, 2000.

Co-Organizer, International Conference, “Physicists in the Postwar Political Arena: Comparative Perspectives,” University of California, Berkeley, 1998.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board of Directors, Brown Fox/Point Early Childhood Education Center, 2015-2020

“Russian History and Russia Today,” Castilleja School, Palo Alto, California, 2014.

Festival Scholar, Aspen Ideas Festival, Aspen, Colorado, July 2009.

Featured Speaker, “Fifty Years in Space: The Legacy of Sputnik”, Brown University, October, 2007.

20-minute interview about *Stalin and the Soviet Science Wars* on Late Night Live with Phillip Adams on Australian National Radio, January, 2007.

Tolley Minnowbrook Retreat, lecture on “Ideas of the Future in Russia’s Past”, 2005.

Keynote talk at “Eurasia in Syracuse:” sponsored by the Slutzker Center for International Affairs, 2004.

Associate Producer, *Citizen Kurchatov: Stalin’s Bomb Maker*, PBS/NEH documentary, 1997-1999.

Moscow Coordinator, Tufts University-Moscow Global Classroom Project, 1991-1992.

TEACHING

Spring 2026 (while dean)

UNIV0123 “Practical Introduction to Peer Advising” (co-taught) – 49 students

Fall 2025 (while dean)

UNIV0456 “Exploring Career Options (co-taught) – 37 students

Spring 2025 (while chair)

HIST2910 “History Dissertation Writing Workshop” – 8 students

Fall 2024 (while chair)

HIST 1965C “Stalinism” – 14 students

HIST2910 “History Dissertation Writing Workshop” – 6 students

Spring 2024 (while chair)

HIST2910 “History Dissertation Writing Workshop” – 5 students

Fall 2023 (while chair)

HIST 0623 “Americans in the USSR,” – 6 students

HIST 2991 “History Dissertation Writing Workshop” – 6 students

Spring 2023 (while chair)

HIST 0276 “A Global History of the Atomic Age” (w/ Kerry Smith) – 68 students

Fall 2022 (while chair)

HIST 0623B “The Russian Revolution” – 15 students

Spring 2022 (while chair)

HIST 0623C “Americans in the USSR” – 8 students

Fall 2021 (while chair)
 HIST 1965C “Stalinism” – 9 students

Summer 2021 (while chair)
 HIST 0623B “The Russian Revolution” – 10 students

Spring 2020
 HIST 1268B “Russia in the Era of Reforms, Revolutions, and World Wars” – 65 students
 HIST 1965D “The USSR and the Cold War” – 15 students

Fall 2019
 HIST 1268A “Rise of the Russian Empire” – 44 students
 HIST 2940 “Graduate Writing Workshop” – 7 students

Spring 2019
 HIST 0276 “A Global History of the Atomic Age” (w/ Kerry Smith) – 63 students
 HIST 1965C “Stalinism” – 13 students

Fall 2018
 HIST 1268C “Fall of the USSR and the Rise of New Russia” – 62 students
 HIST 2940 “Graduate Writing Workshop” – 11 students

AY 2017-2018 (on leave, Brown/EUI)

Spring 2017 (while Director of Undergraduate Studies)
 HIST 1992 “Workshop for Potential Honors Students” – 14 students
 HIST 1994 “Workshop for Honors Students Completing the Thesis’ – 14 students
 HIST 2910 “Graduate Readings Course” -- 2 students

Fall 2016 (while Director of Undergraduate Studies)
 HIST 0276 “Global History of the Atomic Age” (w/Kerry Smith) – 85 students
 HIST 1992 “Workshop for Potential Honors Students” – 10 students
 HIST 1993 “Workshop for Honors Students Beginning the Thesis” – 15 students
 HIST 1994 “Workshop for Honors Students Completing the Thesis – 3 students

Spring 2016 (while Director of Undergraduate Studies)
 HIST 1992 “Workshop for Potential Honors Students” – 15 students
 HIST 1993 “Workshop for Honors Students Beginning the Thesis” – 3 students
 HIST 1994 “Workshop for Honors Students Completing the Thesis – 12 students

Fall 2015 (while Director of Undergraduate Studies)
 HIST 1268B “Russia in the Era of Reforms, Revolutions, and World Wars”
 -- 47 students
 HIST 1992 “Workshop for Potential Honors Students” – 11 students
 HIST 1993 “Workshop for Honors Students Beginning the Thesis” – 13 students
 HIST 1994 “Workshop for Honors Students Completing the Thesis – 1 student

Spring 2015 (while Director of Undergraduate Studies)
 HIST 1420 “End of USSR and the Rise of New Russia” – 68 students

HIST 1992 "Workshop for Potential Honors Students" – 11 students
HIST 1993 "Workshop for Honors Students Beginning the Thesis" – 1 student
HIST 1994 "Workshop for Honors Students Completing the Thesis" – 14 students
HIST 1990 "Independent Reading" 1 student

Fall 2014 (while Director of Undergraduate Studies)

HIST 1992 "Workshop for Potential Honors Students" – 8 students
HIST 1993 "Workshop for Honors Students Beginning the Thesis" – 18 students
HIST 1994 "Workshop for Honors Students Completing the Thesis" – 2 students

AY 2013-14 (on leave, ACLS Burkhardt/CASBS)

Spring 2013

HIST 13420 "End of the USSR and the Rise of New Russia" -- 35 students

Fall 2012

HIST 140 "Russia in the Era of Reforms, Revolutions, and World Wars" -- 25 students

Spring 2012

HIST 1420 "Russia in the 20th Century" – 28 students

Fall 2011

HIST 1975 "Stalinism" – 5 students

Spring 2011

HIST 1420 "Russia in the 20th Century" – 89 students

Fall 2010

HIST 1410 "Russia to the Revolution" -- 30 Students
HIST 1975 "Clean and Modern" – 15 students

Spring 2010

HIST 1420 "Russia in the 20th Century" – 30 students
HIST 1975B "USSR and the Cold War" – 12 students

Fall 2009 (on leave, NCEEER)

Spring 2009

HUM 1970 B "Clean and Modern: Meanings of Health and Hygiene" – 12 students

Fall 2008 (on leave, Brown/Cogut Center)

Spring 2008

HIST 2971 G "Notions of Public and Private" (Graduate Research Seminar) – 7 students
HIST 1420 "Russia in the 20th Century" – 58 students

Fall 2007

HIST 1410 "Russia to the Revolution" – 14 students
HIST 1973 "Stalinism" – 9 students
HIST 1990 S15 Undergraduate Reading Course – 1 student

Spring 2007

HIST 0197 “USSR and the Cold War” – 11 students
HIST 0142 “Russia in the 20th Century” – 36 students
Independent Study – 1 independent study on “Soviet Nationality Policies”

Fall 2006

HIST 0197 “Stalinism” – 13 students
Grad. Student Independent studies – 3 graduate students

Spring 2006 (Syracuse)

HST 401 “USSR and the Cold War” – 15 students
HST 365 “Russia in the 20th Century” – 60 students
Independent Study – 1 graduate student

Fall 2005 (Syracuse leave)

Spring 2005 (Syracuse)

HST 401 “Stalinism” – 16 students
HST 365 “Russia in the 20th Century” – 48 students
Grad. Student Independent studies – 2 graduate students

Fall 2004 (Syracuse)

HST 364 “Origins of Modern Russia” – 23 students
HST 300 “Reds: China and Russia in the 20th Century” – 14 students

Spring 2004 (Syracuse)

HST 112 “Europe Since Napoleon” – 167 students
HST 401 “Stalinism” – 13 students

Fall 2003 (Syracuse)

HST 364 “Origins of Modern Russia” – 36 students
Grad. Student Independent Study – 3 graduate students

ADVISING

Dissertation Committees – (completed)

2026 Fernando Norat

2025 Ji Soo Hong, “Business of Détente: Synthetic Materials and the Making of U.S.-Soviet Trade and Economic Relations, 1956-1965”

2024 Jenny Lhamo Tso Tsundu, “How a Place Moves: Soviet Bratsk and the Practice of History”

2024 Emily Roche, “The Necessity of Building: The Architects Who Built Modern Poland”

2022 James Wang, “Contesting Mitteleuropa, the Middle European Idea in German Political Thought between Liberalism and Nationalism 1880-1919”

2020 Harry Merritt, “For the Homeland, Against Each Other: Latvian Soldiers in Nazi German and Soviet Service in World War II”

2015 Jonathan Gentry, “Sound Bodies: Biopolitics in German Musical Culture, 1850-1910”

2012 Julia Timpe, "Hitler's Happy People: Propaganda, Policies, and Practices of the Nazi Leisure Organization *Kraft durch Freude* in the Third Reich"

2011 Elisa Gollub, "Many Perestroikas: a Social History of Collective Farm Privatization in Russia"

Senior Thesis Advisor:

2026 Maria Gomberg Schkolnikova (honors), "The Unlikely Homelands of George Abramovich Koval"

2025 Samuel Schwartz (honors), "The Wilderness of Mirrors: Nikolai Bukharin and Soviet Subjectivity during Stalin's Purge"

2022 Emma George (honors, the John Thomas Memorial Award for the Best History Department Thesis), "Engraving Empire: Lubko Prints and Russian Identities from the Enlightenment to Romanticism"

2022 Noam Bizan (honors), "Political Dance: American Depictions of U.S.-Soviet Ballet Exchanges, 1966-1979"

2015 Athena Bryan, 2015 (honors)

2013 Fiona McBride, (honors and winner the Christian Yegen Prize awarded for an outstanding thesis)

2010 Joy Neumeyer, (honors, winner of the Marjorie Harris Weiss Prize for an "outstanding undergraduate woman majoring in History" and the Helen Terry MacLeod Research Grant from the Pembroke Center.)

First-Year Advisor: 2009-2012, 2014-17, 2019, 2025-present.

Second-Year Advisor: 2009-13, 2015-17, 2019, 2025-present.