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## **EDUCATION**

- 2012 PhD, Comparative History Program, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts
- 2004 MA, Comparative History Program, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts
- 1999 MPhil, Russian and East European Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom
- 1997 BA, Double Major: Philosophy; History of Mathematics and Science, St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland

## **TRANSLATIONS**

- Served as main translator into English of a Russian-language historical monograph, Professor Tatiana Tairova-Yakovleva's *Ivan Mazepa and the Russian Empire*, forthcoming from McGill-Queen's University Press and Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press (2017–18).
- Translated numerous academic articles from Russian into English, published primarily in *State, Religion and Church* (RANEPa, Moscow) (2014–18, 2020–present).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Perspectives on the West in the Orthodox Church Press of Kyiv Diocese, 1900–1914." *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 57 (1–2), 2015: 35–55.

"The Russian Orthodox Church, the Ukrainian Village, and Religious Identity in Kyiv Province, 1870–1913." In *Church and Society in Modern Russia: Essays in Honor of Gregory L. Freeze*, edited by M. Hildermeier and E. K. Wirtschafter, 185–207. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2015.

"Kievskie eparkhial'nye otchety kak istoricheskii istochnik." In *Provintsial'noe dukhovenstvo dorevoliutsionnoi Rossii* ["Kiev diocesan annual reports as an historical source." In *Provincial Clergy of Pre-Revolutionary Russia*], edited by T. G. Leont'eva, 46–57. Tver, Russian Federation: Tver State University, 2008.

## **RESEARCH**

**Think tank internship (June–September 2013 and October–December 2013)**

**Center for Political-Military Analysis, Hudson Institute, Washington, D. C.**

Telecommuting, part-time

- Employed a range of open sources to contribute to reports on WMD issues in nations of the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, and the West.
- Researched and prepared short reports on military exercises and economic matters in Eurasia.
- Located and incorporated Russian-language government and press sources.

## **RESEARCH, cont.**

### **Archival Dissertation Research**

#### **Title VIII Research Scholar (Spring 2007) and U.S. Student Fulbright Fellow in Kyiv, Ukraine (Fall 2007-Summer 2008)**

- Located, selected, and analyzed primarily Russian-language documents produced by state and religious entities and press sources in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
- Presented research findings in a doctoral dissertation on Russian Orthodoxy and Protestant-like dissent in a Ukrainian province in the late imperial period (2012).

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Perspectives on the West in the Orthodox Church Press of Kiev Diocese, 1900-1914," 12th Annual Young Researchers Conference: Orthodox Christianity in Russia and Eastern Europe, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, February 14–16, 2013.

"The Individual, Community, and Authority: The Orthodox Church and Stundist (Protestant) Sectarianism in Kyiv Province, 1870–1917," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, November 15–18, 2012.

### **THESES**

Dissertation (Brandeis University, 2012): "Religion, Authority, and the Individual: The Russian Orthodox Church and Stundist Sectarianism in Kiev Province, 1870–1917"  
Advisor: Professor Gregory L. Freeze

MA Thesis (Brandeis University, 2004): "Sectarianism and the Orthodox Church in Kiev Diocese, 1905–1907"

MPhil Thesis (Oxford University, 1999): "Colonel V. A. Pashkov and the Late Nineteenth-Century Protestant Movement in Russia"

### **TEACHING**

#### **Instructor, Brandeis University Summer School, Waltham, Massachusetts (2012)**

Course: Imperial Russia, 1700–1904

- Conducted an intensive course on imperial Russian history (one semester in five weeks).
- Prepared lectures, PowerPoint presentations, and examinations and facilitated discussions.
- Incorporated textbook and primary source readings, as well as literary texts.

#### **Teaching Assistant, Brandeis University (2004–2006, 2009)**

Courses: "Imperial Russia"; "Twentieth-Century Russia"; "Fascism East and West"; "Cultures in Conflict"; "Roman History to 455 CE"; "Introduction to International and Global Studies"; "Red Flags/Black Flags: Marxism vs. Anarchism 1845–1968"

- Evaluated student writing and examinations.

### **ADDITIONAL TEACHING**

#### **Harrisburg Academy, Wormleysburg, Pennsylvania**

##### **Kindergarten Assistant and Extended Day Program Teacher (August 2018–August 2020)**

- Assisted lead teacher with classroom management, materials preparation, and assessment.
- Created and led cross-cultural activities and content under a “Global Perspectives” rubric for primarily Early Childhood students on selected non-school days.

##### **Full-time Guest Teacher and First Grade Classroom Assistant, Harrisburg Academy (August 2017–June 2018)**

- Served as a guest teacher at all grade levels (Early Childhood through grade 12) and in numerous subjects (including English, the sciences, history, mathematics, music, Early Childhood strings classes, art, French, and physical education).

##### **Substitute Classroom Teacher, Harrisburg Academy (November 2015–June 2017)**

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Canadian Association of Slavists

### **AWARDS and HONORS**

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Brandeis University (2009)

Senkowsky Prize for Demonstrated Achievement in Ukrainian Studies, Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute (2006)

### **LANGUAGES**

Russian: proficient reading; intermediate speaking

Ukrainian: intermediate reading