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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020- Assistant Professor of History, National Research University Higher School of
Economics, Moscow
2017- 2021 British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Exeter
2020 *Maternity Leave*

EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D., Modern European History, University College London
2011 M.A., History, New York University
2006 M.Sc., International Relations, with Distinction, London School of Economics
and Political Science
2005 B.A., History and German Language, Certificate in Russian and Eastern
European Studies, *cum laude*, Georgetown University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

In the Spirit of the Laws: The Russian Empire in the International Order 1700-1856 (book
manuscript-in-progress)

*Russian Faith, Honour & Courage Displayed in a Faithful Narrative of the Russian
Expedition by Sea in the Years 1769 & 1770 by Rear-Admiral John Elphinston*
(Hakluyt Society, forthcoming 2023, with E. B. Smilianskaia)

2020 “*Russkaia vernost’, chest’ i otvaga*” *Dzhnona Elfinstona. Povestvovaniie o sluzhbe
Ekaterine II i ob Arkhipelagskoi Ekspeditsii rossiiskogo flota. Issledovanie, perevod s
angliiskogo i kommentarii* (Moscow: Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie, 2020) (with E.
B. Smilianskaia)

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

“Russia’s Mediterranean Moment: Constellations of Sovereignty and the Making of a
Region, 1770-1830” (Accepted manuscript, c. 18,500 words, *Journal of Modern
History*)

2017 “‘Prostitution of the Russian Flag’: Privateers in Russian Admiralty Courts, 1787-
1798.” *Law and History Review* 35, no. 4 (November 2017): 1049-81.

Book chapters

- 2021 “From Northern Europe to the Aegean Archipelago: Lord Effingham’s Military Tour with the Russian Navy in 1770,” in *Magic, Texts and Travel*, ed. Janet Hartley and Denis Shaw, 245-258 (London: SGEER, 2021). (with E. B. Smilianskaia)
- 2019 “Greeks into Privateers: Law and Language of Commerce Raiding under the Imperial Russian Flag, 1760s-1790s” in *Ideologies of Western Naval Power, 1500-1815*, ed. J. D. Davies, Alan James, and Gijs Rommelse, 209-225 (London: Routledge, 2019).

Review essays

- 2021 “From Comparative to Entangled Histories: Perspectives on the Russian and Ottoman empires” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 22, no. 1 (2021): 167-76.
- 2016 “Across the Seven Seas: Is Russian Maritime History More than Regional History?” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 17, no. 3 (2016): 631-46.

Encyclopedia articles

- 2017 “The Muscovy Company” and “Russia (1450-1770)” in Stephen K. Stein, ed., *The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade*, 2 vols. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.)

Translations

- 2021 Elena Smilianskaia, “Preface,” in Alessandro Cont, *Le marchis de Cavalcabò. Vita di un grande avventuriero nell’Europa del Settecento*, 9-15 (Provincia autonoma di Trento, 2021).
- 2017 Evgenii Trefilov, “Proof of Sincere Love for the Tsar: Popular Monarchism in the Age of Peter the Great,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 18, no. 3 (Summer 2017): 461-85.

Book reviews

- 2018 “Edyta Bojanowska. *A World of Empires: The Russian voyage of the frigate Pallada.*” *Studies in Travel Writing* 22, no. 4 (2018): 437-39.
- 2017 “Andrew Robarts. *Migration and Disease in the Black Sea Region.*” *European History Quarterly* 47, no. 4 (2017): 777-78.
- 2017 “Brian L. Davies. *The Russo-Turkish War, 1768-1774: Catherine II and the Ottoman Empire.*” *European History Quarterly* 47, no. 2 (2017): 337-38.
- 2014 “Robert E. Jones. *Bread Upon the Waters: The St. Petersburg Grain Trade and the Russian Economy, 1703–1811.*” *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space* no. 1 (2014): 420-26.
- 2013 “Eric Lohr. *Russian Citizenship: from Empire to Soviet Union.*” *Slovo: an interdisciplinary journal of Russian, East-Central European, and Eurasian affairs* 25, no.1 (Spring 2013): 88-90.

Magazine and web-based writing

- 2022 “Head to Head.” *History Today*, March 2022
- 2019 “Seeking Thomas Howard in Rotherham: local groundings for a global life.” *RHS Historical Transactions blog*, 13 May 2019.
<https://blog.royalhistsoc.org/2019/05/13/thomas-howard-rotherham/>

- 2015 Book Review. Galina A. Grebenshchikova. *Rossiiskie flotilii v Sredizemnom more i morskaiia politika Rossii pri Ekaterine II. Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia Newsletter* vol. 3 (2015).
- 2014 “Religion as Legal Strategy in the East Mediterranean and on the Black Sea.” *Heritage Turkey* 4 (2014): 16-18.
- 2014 “Imperial Russian Naval History Resources in St. Petersburg.” *Dissertation Reviews*. November 10, 2014.
- 2014 “Imperial Russia Salutes Its Navy,” *UCL SSEES Research Blog*, 9 June 2014, and *The Coastal History Blog*, May 16, 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2021-2022 Kluge Fellowship, Library of Congress, Washington D. C.
- Winter 2020 Research Fellowship in Global History, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich
- 2019 Hurst Fellow, Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Fisher Fellowship, Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2017-2020 British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2017-2022 Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem (declined)
- 2017 Short-term Research Fellowship, The Hakluyt Society
- 2017 Visiting Research Fellowship, German Historical Institute, Moscow
- 2016 SSEES Postgraduate Research Student Fund Award, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies
- 2016 Conference Travel Award, American Society for Legal History
- 2015-2016 Scouloudi Doctoral Fellowship, Institute of Historical Research
- 2015 Kathryn W. Davis Graduate Student Travel Grant, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- 2015 Research and Development Grant, British Association for Slavonic & East European Studies
- 2015 SSEES Excellence Scholarship, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies
- 2015 Overseas Doctoral Travel Grant, Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies
- 2014-2015 Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship, IREX
- 2014 Gay Clifford Bursary for Outstanding Women Students, UCL Graduate School
- 2013 Funding for Research Outside the United Kingdom, Royal Historical Society
- 2013 Lindsey Hughes Postgraduate Bursary, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies
- 2013 Overseas Doctoral Travel Grant, Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies
- 2013 Strategic Research Initiatives Study Grant, British Institute at Ankara
- 2013 John Morrison Memorial Fund for Hellenic Maritime Studies, British School in Athens
- 2012 Lindsey Hughes Postgraduate Bursary, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies
- 2009-2011 MacCracken Fellowship, New York University

SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2015-PRESENT)

2022

- Apr 21-24 Invited participant, “Capital, Commodities, and Empire: Doing Business at Long Distance,” Richard Robinson Business History Workshop, Portland State University, Oregon
- Feb 25 “When the Projector Met the Nabob: The Imperial Ambitions of an Eighteenth-Century Merchant,” Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions, University of California – Los Angeles [virtual]

2021

- Dec 2 Invited participant, “Legal Coasts” Roundtable, Institute of Historical Research, London
- Nov 19 “Russia’s North Pacific Shores,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, New Orleans
- Oct 18 “Russia’s Mediterranean Moment, 1770-1830,” Russian History and Culture Workshop, University of Pennsylvania
- Sep 21 Invited talk, International Laboratory: Russia’s Regions in Historical Perspective, Higher School of Economics, Moscow
- Apr 21 Invited participant, “Law and Imperial Borderlands” Roundtable, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee

2020

- Nov 18-20 Participant, “The Russian Shore: Sea Coasts and River Regions in Russian History, 1700-1991,” International Workshop, Higher School of Economics, Moscow
- Nov 5-8 “The Veneer of Impropriety in the Everyday Business of Russia’s Black Sea Ports,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. (Panel organizer: “Markets of Dubious Legality in the Russian Empire in the Long Eighteenth Century,” ECRSA-sponsored panel).
- Mar 20 “*Russian Faith, Honor, and Courage: Capturing John Elphinstone’s Travels with the Imperial Russian Navy, 1769-1770*,” Hakluyt Society Editorial Workshop, London [cancelled due to Covid]

2019

- Nov 14 Invited talk, Seminar on Global History, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich
- Jun 9-22 Invited participant, Legal History Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- May 17-21 Invited participant, Maritime History workshop, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg

2018

- Dec 6-9 Roundtable participant, “An Empire of the Seas? The Future of Russian Maritime and Oceanic History” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Boston
- Oct 17 Invited talk, Centre for Maritime Historical Studies Seminar, University of Exeter
- Sep 18 “Russia’s Laws of the Sea in Historical Perspective,” BISA Working Group on Russian and Eurasian Security, King’s College London

- Jul 6-11 “Half Your Kingdom for My Scheme: Projectors and Imperial Imaginaries in Late Eighteenth-Century Russia,” Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia, X International Conference, Strasbourg
- Jun 19 Noontime lecture, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Jun 15-16 Invited participant, “The Caucasus and Central Asia in Conversation: The Importance of Stories and Archives from the Soviet and Post-Soviet Periphery,” Second Annual Ralph T. Fisher Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Feb 22 Invited talk at the Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Central European University, Budapest
- Feb 16-17 Invited participant, “Russia's Global Legal Trajectories: International Law in Eurasia Past and Present,” UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London
- 2017**
- Nov 18-21 “At Odds with European Conventions: Russian Laws of Maritime Warfare in the 1768-1774 Russian-Ottoman War,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Apr 22 Invited participant, “Across the Black Sea: Russian-Ottoman Encounters in the 18th and 19th Centuries,” Workshop at Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- Mar 31-Apr 2 “Render unto the Captain What Is His: State Service and Personal Property in the Long Eighteenth Century,” British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies Annual Convention, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, UK
- 2016**
- Nov 17-20 “Catherine II’s Publicist: The Russian Empire and the Law of Nations in the Eighteenth Century,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
- Oct 27-30 “Maritime Frontiers and Legal Boundaries: The Russian-Ottoman Maritime Encounter in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries,” American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Toronto
- Sep 16-18 Invited participant, “Russians in the Aegean 1770-1775,” Colloquium at the Cultural Park of Paros, Greece
- Jun 9-10 “For Tsar and Profit? Motivation, morale, and honor in the imperial Russian navy, 1720-1806,” Invited talk at The Centre for Maritime Studies, University of Stockholm Symposium: Naval Officers in the Baltic, 1700-1800
- Mar 10 “Rebellion, Seafaring and Plunder in the Russian Mediterranean, 1768-1807,” Invited talk at the EAST Seminar, University of Amsterdam
- Feb 22 “Between Istanbul and Sevastopol: A tale of plunder, bureaucracy, and betrayal,” Invited talk at the UCL SSEES Modern Russian History Seminar, London
- Jan 4-6 “There is more than one way to serve the ruler: Exploring *kazennye*, *vol'nye*, and *partikuliarnye* forces in the long eighteenth century,” Invited talk at the Study Group for Eighteenth-Century Russia, Hoddesdon, UK

2015

- Nov 18-21 “Catherine II’s Foreign Policy on Trial: The Commission for Archipelago Affairs after the second Russo-Ottoman War, 1787-1798,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia
- Aug 3 “Prize Law, Maritime Neutrality, and the Law of Nations in Imperial Russia, 1768-1856,” Invited talk at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt am Main
- Apr 21-23 “National identity as legal strategy in imperial Russian admiralty courts, 1769-1792,” Association for the Study of Nationalities, London School of Economics, (Panel organizer: Imperial Sovereignty and National Identity)
- Apr 10-11 “Do You Have a Flag? Prize law in Imperial Russia in the time of Catherine the Great, 1768-1798,” New Researchers in Maritime History Conference, University of Greenwich, UK
- Mar 28-30 “Rethinking the Declaration of Armed Neutrality: Russia and the battle for neutral navigation in the long eighteenth century,” British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, UK
- 2014**
- Jul 23-26 “The Legal Status of Greek Privateers in the Imperial Russian Navy,” Second International Congress of Eurasian Maritime History, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 2013**
- Jun 12-13 “Institutionalizing Prize Law in Imperial Russia,” IHR History Lab Annual Conference 2013: Institutions, Institute of Historical Research, London
- Apr 10-12 “Prize Law in Imperial Russia, late 18th – early 19th century,” *Clio* 2013, Third International Open Conference of Young Scholars and Specialists at RGASPI, Russian State Archive for Social and Political Studies, Moscow (in Russian)
- Mar 14-15 “A Widow’s Plea: The Role of Diplomacy in Prize Law, 1816-1819,” Harvard Conference on International History: Law and International History, Harvard University, Cambridge
- Feb 18 “Prize Law and Russian Diplomacy,” SSEES Arts and Humanities Research Student Seminar, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London
- 2010**
- Apr 10 “Hearing the Political Chorus: Newspapers and Russian Foreign Policy in the Balkans, 1876-1877,” OASIES Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University, New York

COMMENTATOR, CHAIR, ORGANIZER

- 2021 Roundtable organizer. “Russia and Europe in the Age of Revolutions: Beyond War and Diplomacy,” ASEES Annual Convention, November 19 [postponed until 2022]
- 2021 Commentator. Special issue of *Artefact*, “Histoire de la maritimité (XVIIIe-XXIe siècles)”, Université de Paris, October 13
- 2021 Commentator. “Paper Empires: Layers of Law in Colonial South Asia and the Indian Ocean,” Centre of Imperial and Global History, University of Exeter, January 7
- 2020 Panel organizer. “Markets of Dubious Legality in the Russian Empire in the Long Eighteenth Century,” ECRSA-sponsored panel, November 6 [virtual]

- Chair. "Law in the Shadow of War: Russian International Law and International Lawyers before, after, and during World War I," ASEEEES Annual Convention, November 6 [virtual]
- 2018 Discussant. "Commerce, Empire, and Difference in Eurasia," ASEEEES Annual Convention, December 8, Boston
- 2016 Organizer. "Best-Laid Plans: A History Colloquium about Schemers and Their Schemes," Institute of Historical Research, London
- 2010 Co-organizer. "Power and Movement Across Eurasia," Third Annual OASIES Student Conference, Columbia University, New York

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021- Higher School of Economics, Department of History
Methods and Approaches to Writing History (Master's Research seminar)
- 2017-2021 University of Exeter, Department of History
Critical Approaches to Global and Imperial History (Team-taught MA course)
Critical Approaches to Maritime and Naval History (Team-taught MA course)
MA History Skills Workshop (Team-taught advanced research skills course)
Doing History: Perspectives on Sources (Second-year elective)
Imperial Russia Engages the World, 1700-1917 (First-year elective)
- 2015-2019 Sovereign Education, UK
Occasional Lecturer in Russian and Soviet History
- 2016 Course Tutor, UCL Department of History
Writing History (Convener: Professor Adam Smith)
- 2013-2015 Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies
History of Russia 1598-1856 (Instructor: Professor Simon Dixon)
Society and Politics in Late Imperial Russia (Instructor: Professor Susan Morrissey)
Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (Instructor: Dr. Richard Mole)

LANGUAGES

Russian (native); German (fluent); French, Spanish (reading); Turkish/Ottoman (elementary)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate

Summer 2017 Curriculum Redesign for "Napoleon and Europe" course in the Department of International History, London School of Economics and Political Science

Research Assistant

- 2013 Daniel Siemens, DAAD Francis L. Carsten Lecturer at UCL SSEES
- 2011-2013 Stephen F. Cohen, Professor, New York University
- 2010-2011 Yanni Kotsonis, Associate Professor, New York University
- 2009-2010 Helaine Blumenthal, Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Berkeley

2003, 2005 Kurt Jankowsky, Professor, Georgetown University

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004–present **Freelance Translator and Editor**, Russian and English
 2008–2009 **Institutional Investor**, New York, Associate Research Editor and Reporter
 2006–2008 **Worth Capital**, New York, Analyst
 2006 **Celtic Research**, London, Genealogy and Family History Researcher
 2004–2005 **Center for Strategic and International Studies**, Washington, D.C., Russia and Eurasia Program, Research Assistant

SERVICE

2020–present Manuscript peer reviewer for Brill; *Journal of the British Academy*
 2021 Committee member, Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Program
 2021 External reviewer for Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia
 2020–present Editorial Board, *Coastal Studies and Society*
 2020–2021 Facilitator, Writing Groups for Early Career Researchers, Exeter
 2019 University of Exeter, Inward Mobility Academic Fellowship (hosted Professor E. B. Smilianskaia, Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
 2018–2021 Secretary, Exeter Russian Studies Reading Group (*Kruzhok*)
 2013 Student Coordinator, School of Slavonic and East European Studies Arts and Humanities Research Student Seminar series
 2005–2006 Editorial Board, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*
 2002–2005 Section Editor, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

2019 Associate, Summer Research Laboratory Associate, Easter European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2018 Hakluyt Society Editorial Workshop, London
 2018 Creator, Study Group on Eighteenth Century Russia Oral History Project
 2015 Participant, Teaching Associate Programme (Six-week developmental course on teaching in higher education), UCL Center for Advanced Learning and Teaching
 2015 Invited participant, Summer Academy in Legal History, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History
 Summer 2010 Cours de civilisation française (Eight-week intensive course in French language), Sorbonne University, Paris
 Spring 2010 Invited participant, “The Constitution and the Economy,” Institute for Constitutional History, New York Historical Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Legal History (ASLH)
 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
 British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES)
 Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions (FEEGI)
 Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia (SGEER)
 The Hakluyt Society