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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., with distinction, Georgetown University, History, 2001  
Dissertation: "The Empress and the Heretics: Catherine II's Challenge to the Uniate Church, 1762-1796." Director: Dr Andrzej Kaminski
- M.A., with distinction, Georgetown University, Russian Area Studies, 1993
- B.A., *cum laude*, Yale University, Russian and East European Studies, 1985

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

Monograph: *The Western Front of the Eastern Church: Uniate and Orthodox Conflict in Eighteenth-Century Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia*. DeKalb, Ill.: Northern Illinois University Press, 2009.

"Uniate Moral Theology in the Eighteenth Century," *Kyivs'ka Akademiia*, 7 (2009), 146-161.

"Khmelnysky's Shadow: The Confessional Legacy," in *Citizenship and Identity in a Multi-national Commonwealth: Poland-Lithuania in Context, 1569-1772*, edited by Karin Friedrich and Barbara Pendzich (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2009), 149-169.

"Eighteenth Century Social Values of the Uniate Church," in *The Geopolitical Place of Belarus in Europe and the World*, ed. Valer Bulhakau. (Warsaw: Wyzsza Shkola Handlu i Prawa, 2006), 205-213. (Also published in Belarusian and Polish translation.)

"Borderlands of Faith: Reconsidering the Origins of a Ukrainian Tragedy," *Slavic Review* 64, no. 1 (spring 2005): 88-116.

"The Irreparable Church Schism: Russian Orthodox Identity and its Historical Encounter with Catholicism," in *The Polish Mirror, Russian Identity*, edited by David Ransel and Bozena Shallcross, (Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2005), 20-36.

Review essay of Valerie A. Kivelson and Robert H Greene, *Orthodox Russia: Belief and Practice Under the Tsars* (University Park, Penn., 2003) and A.I. Pliguzov, *Polemika v russkoi tserkvi pervoi treti XVI stoletia* (Moscow, 2002) in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 6, 2 (Spring 2005): 393-408.

"Identity Formation in the Russian Cossack Revival," *Europe-Asia Studies* 46, no. 6 (1994): 1017-1037.

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

Social Science Research Council (Eurasia Program) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2006-7  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2005-2006  
Adelphi University President's Faculty Development Award (competitive), summer 2003  
International Research Exchange Board, Short-term Grant (Ukraine), summer 2002  
Social Science Research Council (Eurasia Program) Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 1998-1999  
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant (Poland and Russia), 1997-1998  
International Research Exchange Board, Individual Advanced Research grant (Russia), 1998  
Georgetown University, History Department Fellowship, 1994-1996  
Georgetown University, Russian Area Studies Research Fellowship, 1992-1993

#### **LANGUAGES USED IN SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH**

Russian, Polish, French, Church Slavonic, Ukrainian, Belarusian, Latin.

#### **RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (from 2002)**

"From Heresy to Humor: The Kiev Academy Spoofs the Uniate Church," in panel "Compromise, Renewal, and Rejection in Eastern Christianity in the Early Modern Period," biennial conference of the Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, Columbus, Ohio, October 2009.

"Guidelines to Faith: Instructional Literature for Russian Orthodox Clergy and Laity in the Late Eighteenth Century," in panel "Shaping Orthodox Thought in the Age of Enlightenment," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies national convention, Philadelphia, November 2008.

"Belorusskii uniatskii prikhod v kontse 18-go veka" (The Belarusian Uniate Parish in the Late Eighteenth Century), presented in Russian at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual "St. Petersburg and Belarusian Culture" conference, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 2008.

"Eighteenth Century Uniate Identity," in panel "State and Church: Shaping Local Interaction," Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture biennial conference, Columbus, Ohio, October 2007.

“Development and Use of Moral Theology in the Uniate Church of the Eighteenth Century,” at the international conference “Ethics of the Church Fathers in Kyivan Theological Thought in the Age of Reform (late 16<sup>th</sup> – early 18<sup>th</sup> centuries),” Kyiv, Ukraine, September 2007.

“Faith and Power in the Eighteenth Century Polish-Russian Borderlands.” Research presentation for the Indiana State University Social Science Research Colloquium, March 28, 2007.

“Confessional and Political Tensions in the Polish-Russian Borderlands,” in panel “Across Unstable Borders: Politics, Ethnicity, and Religion in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Seventeenth-Eighteenth Centuries,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, Jan. 2007.

Organizer and participant in roundtable, “Confessionalization and its Discontents: Orthodoxy in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Washington D.C., November 2006.

Commentator for panel “New Expressions of Political Power within Eighteenth Century Russia,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Washington D.C., November 2006.

“Eighteenth-Century Social Values of the Uniate Church,” at the international conference “The Geopolitical Place of Belarus in Europe and the World,” Warsaw, Poland, November 2006.

“Russia as ‘Protector’ of Orthodoxy in Poland-Lithuania under Catherine II: A Reassessment” in panel “Religious Crossings: Confessional Issues Across the Borders of the Russian Empire in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, March 2006.

“The Polish Partitions as the ‘Reunification of (Orthodox) Rus’: Catherine’s Construction of Myth and Reality in Russian’s Western Expansion,” in panel “‘In the Imperial Manner’: Catherine II and Empire,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Salt Lake City, November 2005.

“Blaming the Muscovites: The 1789 Uprising that Never Happened,” in panel “Crime and Violence in 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Russia,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Boston, December 2004.

“The Basilians in the Russian Empire, 1772-1839,” in panel “Russian Encounters with Catholicism, 17th-19th centuries: New Perspectives,” American Catholic Historical Association spring conference, Miami, Florida, April 2004.

“The Origins of the 1768 Massacre,” in panel on 18th-century Russian history, Southern Conference of Slavic Studies annual conference in Roanoke, Virginia, March 2004.

“Absorbing the West: Eighteenth-Century Expansion and Russian State Controls over Non-Orthodox Christian Faiths,” in panel, “The Empire Confronts Confessional Diversity,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Pittsburgh, November, 2002.

## TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana (from January 2006). Specific courses taught include:

- *Tsarist Russia* (history of Russia and former Russian Empire, c. 900 -1855), also taught as a General Honors seminar called *Russia Under the Tsars*
- *Modern Russia* (history of former Russian Empire and Soviet Union, 1855 - present)
- *Christianity and Society in European History* (comparative, thematic survey of the development of Eastern and Western Christianity and their impact on European society from antiquity to the modern era)
- *Methods and Theory*, graduate core course reviewing major historical trends and theoretical influences on historical writing since the mid-twentieth century.
- *Studies in World Civilization to 1500* (the foundations of civilization in the Middle East, Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas)
- *Studies in World Civilization since 1500* (the rise and demise of Western domination of the Americas, Asia, Africa, Oceania; the development of modern states, conflicts, and globalization)

From fall 2007, also advising undergraduate history majors.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York (2002-2005). Courses taught included *Russian History I and II*, *Cold War*, *Medieval Europe*, *World Civilizations I and II*, and *Sophomore Research Skills Seminar*.

Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana (1999, 2000, 2002). *Western Civilization I and II* and *Cold War*.

Professorial Lecturer, Department of History, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2001). Upper-level undergraduate colloquium, *The Soviet Experience*, and School of Foreign Service undergraduate pro-seminar, *A World Divided: Understanding the Cold War*.

Visiting Lecturer, Russian and East European Institute and the Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington (Spring 2001). *The Eastern Orthodox Church in Russia and Eastern Europe: Tradition, History, and Identity (9<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Centuries)*, graduate and undergraduate sections.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Indiana State University (from January 2006)

- *University-wide committees:*
  - International Studies Program: Coordinator from fall 2009 and Advisory Board member from fall 2007
  - Faculty Affairs Committee: secretary from spring 2009 and member from fall 2008
  - Graduate Council Program Development Committee (fall 2007-spring 2008)
  
- *History Department committees and responsibilities:*
  - Assessment Committee (fall 2006-spring 2009)
  - Graduate Committee (fall 2006-spring 2008, and fall 2009)
  - Secretary (fall 2008)
  - Grievance Committee (fall 2006-spring 2007 and fall 2009)
  - Curriculum Committee and Budget Committee (spring 2006)
  - representative to College Council on Academic Advising (spring 2006).

Adelphi University (2002-2005): 2003-2005: College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee; Chair, History Department Curriculum Committee; history-major student advisement; fall 2004: representative to Faculty Senate (replaced faculty on leave).

## SERVICE TO THE HISTORY PROFESSION

Referee for articles for *Europe-Asia Studies* and *Slavic Review* (1-2 manuscripts per year).

Co-editor on volume of articles from the 2007 conference of the Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture (for publication as Vol. 3 of the series “Eastern Christian Studies,” sponsored by Ohio State University, 2010).

### Book Reviews:

- *Jews and Heretics in Catholic Poland: A Beleaguered Church in the Post-Reformation Era* by Magda Teter (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006). *Slavic Review*, vol. 66, no. 4 (Winter 2007), 732-733.
- *Ukrainian Church History: In Tribute to Bogdan R. Bociukow*. Harvard Ukrainian Studies, vol. 26, no. 1-4 (2002-2003). (Cambridge: Ukrainian Research Institute of Harvard University, 2007). *Russian Review*, vol. 67, issue 3 (July 2008), 517-518.
- *Ukraine and Russia: Representations of the Past* by Serhii Plokhy (Toronto/Buffalo/London: University of Toronto Press, 2008). *Slavic Review*, vol. 68, no. 3 (fall 2009), 680-681.

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH RUSSIA AND FORMER SOVIET UNION**

Study Tour Lecturer and Manager, 1988 - 2005: Lecturer for Smithsonian Institution Study Tours to Poland, Baltic countries, and Mongolia; through 2001, manager for multiple study tours to all regions of former Soviet Union.

CNN/Turner Publishing, Inc., 1992-94: Field producer, researcher, and translator for illustrated book on the cultural and daily life of St. Petersburg: Steve Raymer, *St. Petersburg* (Atlanta, 1994).

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C., 1994: Coordination, administration, and overseeing post-conference publications for international scientific conference "Bridges of Science" in Vladivostok, Russia (August 1994), involving 450 U.S. and Russian scientists.

National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C., 1988-91: Interpreter, translator, field producer and researcher for *National Geographic* Magazine articles about the former Soviet Union, including on Siberia, Lake Baikal, the Pacific Salmon industry, the Bering Strait, and Gorbachev's "New Russia."

Freelance journalist, 1993-1997, articles on Russia, Poland, and Burma, *New York Times* and *National Geographic* News Service and Syndicate.

System Planning Corporation, Arlington, VA, 1985-1988: Analyzed Soviet legal documents and journals for the Soviet interpretation of international law and compiled a data base on the topic. Wrote bi-weekly summaries of Soviet media views on arms control initiatives and policies.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies  
American Historical Association  
Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture  
Study Group on Eighteenth Century Russia  
American Catholic History Association