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# **CURRENT POSITION**

Assistant Professor of History, School of Sciences and Humanities, Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, August 2015 – Present

# **EDUCATION**

Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Ph.D. Russian History, August, 2012
Dissertation: "The White Priest at Work: Orthodox Pastoral Activism and the Public
Sphere in Late Imperial Russia" Advisor: Catherine Evtuhov

# PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Russia's Social Gospel: Orthodox Pastoral Activism in Famine, War, and Revolution. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2022.

# **Articles in Refereed Journals**

- "Moskovskaia eparkhial'naia revoliutsiia," *Gosudarstvo, religiia, tserkov' v Rossii i za rubezhom* / State, Religion and Church in Russia and Worldwide, №1-2 (37) 2019, 104-126.
- "Faith without Works is Dead: Sacred Space and Civil Society in Late Imperial Moscow and Tver," *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* Band 63 / 2015 / Heft 2, S. 207-232.
- "The Pastoral Dilemma: Clerical Mutual-Aid and Famine Relief during Russia's Crop Failure of 1905" *Russian History* 41 (2014): 68-83

# **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

"Missionaries of Official Orthodoxy: Agents of State Religion in Late Imperial Russia," in Randall Poole and Paul Werth, eds. *Religious Freedom in Russia*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018, 142-159.

## **Encyclopedia Entries**

"Eugenios Voulgaris (Bulgari, Evgenii)"; "Reflections on the Current Critical Condition of the Ottoman Empire"; "Iakov Bulgakov"; "A Russian Embassy in Constantinople" in David Thomas and John Chesworth (eds), *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History. Volume 22: Central and Eastern Europe*, Leiden: Brill, (Forthcoming in 2023)

### Translations (Russian-English dual-language books)

- G. S. Gadalov, ed. *Pervyi patriarch sviatitel' Iov* (Tver: Biblioteka fonda vozrozhdeniia staritskogo sviato-uspenskogo monastyria, 2014).
- A. Salimova and A. Shitko. *Staritskii Sviato-Uspenskii Muzhskoi Monastyr': v risunkakh i ofortakh Liudmuly Iuga.* (Tver: Staritskii Sviato-Uspenskii Monastery, 2010).

# **Public History**

E-atlas of Kazakhstan's Sacred Geography (Contributor): <u>https://eatlas.kz/en/</u> Church of the "Life-Giving Spring": <u>https://eatlas.kz/en/obekty/map\_blog5/</u> Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Uralsk: <u>https://eatlas.kz/en/obekty/map\_blog3/</u>

### **Opinion Pieces**

"Russia's Intellectual Isolation Presents Opportunities for Central Asian HE," Times Higher Education (2022)

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/campus/russias-intellectual-isolation-presents-opportunities-central-asian-he

"As Russia Closes its Doors on Academics, Central Asian Universities Have an Opportunity to Expand their Networks" South China Morning Post (2022) <u>https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3182174/russia-closes-its-doors-academics-central-asian-universities-have</u>

"Why is it Important to Study History?" Open Access Government (2022) https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/important-to-study-history-historicalresearch/146829/

### **Articles in Non-Refereed Journals**

"Turkestanskaia eparkhiia i narodnoe pravoslavie: sluchai Zhivonosnogo istochnika," Vestnik Evraziiskogo natsional'nogo universiteta imeni L.N. Gumileva, No. 2 (132)/2020: 68-76.

# **Book Reviews**

Review of My Life for the Book: the Memoirs of a Russian Publisher by Ivan D. Sytin, Translated, edited, and annotated by Charles A. Ruud and Marina E. Soroka. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2012. In Canadian-American Slavic Studies 49/2 (2015): 498-499.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

#### External

University of Liverpool Virtual Fellowship for Teaching Relief, February - August, 2021

- Research Grant from the Ministry of Education of Kazakhstan for the e-atlas project, "Mapping the Sacred Geography of Kazakhstan," Co-investigator, 2017-2020
- Havighurst Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Miami University, Oxford, OH, September 2013 May 2015
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship for archival research in Russia, January 2008-December 2008
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship (Russian), September 2005-May 2006

#### Internal

Nazarbayev University Social Policy Grant for archival research in Russia and Kazakhstan, May 2016-December 2016

#### AWARDS

"Academic Faculty Member of the Year" awarded by Nazarbayev University students, 2022

Award for "Overall Excellence in Teaching" from Nazarbayev University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2018

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan Assistant Professor, Fall 2015 – Present Russian History I from Catherine the Great to 1917 Russian History II from Riurik to Catherine the Great Russian Intellectual History The History of Kazakhstan Modern European History Introduction to World Religions Eastern Christianity Christian Religious Traditions

Miami University, Oxford, OH

Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2013 – Spring 2015 Religions of Russia and Eurasia Imagining Russia Global Christianity

**Georgetown University**, Washington, DC *Adjunct Professor*,

World History I, Summer 2015 Terrorism, Summer 2014 Introduction to Late Modern Europe, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Summer 2014. Colloquium: Russia's Silver Age, 1890-1920, Fall 2010, Fall 2012.

### Howard University, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2011 – Spring 2013 Terrorism Introduction to World Civilization Seminar: Modern Europe European Civilization to 1815

#### Marymount University, Arlington, VA

*Adjunct Professor*, Fall 2012 – Summer 2013 European History I Modern France

### **INVITED LECTURES**

"Diocesan Congresses: Civil Society Institutions or Revolutionary Assemblies?" *Department* of History, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

"The Russo-Japanese War" *Strategy and War Fleet Seminar*, US Naval War College Whidbey Island Naval Base, WA, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Ft. Meade, MD, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Beyond Binarism: Southern Eurasia from the Cold War to the Post-Soviet Period," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, November 2022
- "The Missionary Monastery on Lake Issyk-Kul: Orthodox Sacred Space on the Imperial Periphery," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, November 2022
- "Sacred Objects as Tools of Imperialism: Orthodox Christianity in Kazakhstan," *European* Association for the Study of Religions (Pisa/Online), September of 2021
- "Regulating Vernacular Religion in the Russian Empire," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Virtual Conference, November 2020
- Panel Chair "Christianity: Sacred Geography and Symbolism," *Sacred Geography: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to Space and Time*, Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, September 2020.
- "Folk Orthodoxy in Kazakhstan: The Sacred Spring at Kosmos," Central Eurasian Studies Society, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, October 2019

- "The 1917 All-Russian Congress of Clergy and Laity in Moscow," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Boston, MA, December 2018
- "Миссионеры официального православия," Религиозная (Не)терпимость в Российской Империи, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, October 2018
- "Революция и каноническое право," Методологический семинар: Веротерпимость и Религиозная политика в Российской империи и Советском Союзе, Карагандинский Государственный Университет, Karaganda, Kazakhstan, April, 2018
- "The 1917 Congresses of Clergy and Laity in Moscow and Tver," *Havighurst* International Young Researchers Conference, Cuma, Italy, June 2017
- "Revolution and Canon Law," International Conference: On the Periphery of Collapsing Empire: National Minorities and the 1917 Revolution, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, November 2017
- "Disputed Canonicity in the Moscow Diocesan Congress of 1917," Conference on Religion and the Russian Revolution at RANEPA, Moscow, October 2017
- "Clerical Solidarity: Political Self-Assertion by the Orthodox Pastorate in the Duma Era," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 2016
- "The Internal Mission of the Orthodox Church: A Changing Concept of Spiritual Renewal in Late Imperial Russia," *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2015
- "Russian Orthodox Judeologies: Roundtable," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2014
- "Imperial Russia's Bureaucrat-Missionaries: State Regulation of Inter-Confessional Interaction after the Edict of Toleration," *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, November, 2013

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2009-Present

Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture, 2013-Present

Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2019 - Present

#### SERVICE

IREC Board Member for the School of Sciences and Humanities, Fall of 2020 - Present

Coordinator for the team-teaching of the History of Kazakhstan, September 2019 – June 2022

Teaching and Learning Committee, September 2017 – May 2018

Student Affairs Committee, September 2016 - May 2019

Havighurst Library Committee Member, September 2013 - May 2015

Member of the Campus Committee Evaluation for Fulbright applicants at Miami University, October 2013

Directed Readings Mentor at Howard University, September 2012 - May 2013