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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of European History, University of Texas at San Antonio; 2026-
Postdoctoral Fellow in European History, University of Texas at San Antonio; 2025-2026.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia; New York University; 2024-2025.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History [Research Cluster on Global Transformations]; Harvard University; 2023-2024 (stipendiary).
Research Scholar, Kennan Institute; Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; 2023-2024.
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Assistant Lecturer of Modern Global and European History; 2022-2023.

EDUCATION

Ph. D., History, 2022, Duke University.

Dissertation Title: "Making Socialism Work: The Shchekino Method and the Drive to Modernize Soviet Industry."

- Winner of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Robert C. Tucker / Stephen F. Cohen Dissertation Prize (2023).
- Winner of the Southern Historical Association (European History Section) Parker-Schmitt Award for best dissertation in European History (2022).
 - o Shortlist for the Business History Conference Herman E. Krooss Prize for Best Dissertation in Business History (2024).

Certificate in Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies.

Certificate in Interdisciplinary European Studies.

Certificate in College Teaching.

M. A., History, 2014, Miami University.

B. A., Cum Laude, History, 2012, University of Houston-Downtown.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Co-Editor with Emily Elliott

Soviet Workers in the World: Soviet Labor and Working-Class History in Global Context (Bloomsbury, 2026).

[Contributors include: Anna Krylova, Lewis Siegelbaum, Wendy Goldman, Ron Suny, Donald Filtzer, Andrew Sloat, Alexandra Oberländer, Sergei Volodin, Brian LaPierre, Susan Grunewald, Kateryna Burkush, Mikhail Piskunov, Patrick Brown.]

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

“Measuring Time, Measuring Labor in the Soviet Union...and Beyond” in *The Temporalities of Capitalism: Empire, Labor, and the Commodification of Nature since 1600*, Cambridge University Press Imperial and Postcolonial Studies series, eds. Richard Drayton and Saul Dubow (under contract with Cambridge University Press, 2027).

“The Shchekino Method: Flexible Production with Socialist Characteristics,” *Contemporary European History* 34, 3 (August 2025): 932-953.

- Winner of the 2023 *Contemporary European History* Essay Prize

“Ovsei Shkaratan and the Soviet Social Structure after Stalin,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 23, 1 (Winter 2022): 77-102.

“Mikhail Tomskey’s Navel and the Soviet Trade Unions, 1918-1921,” *Romanian Review of Eurasian Studies*, No. 1-2 (2013): 75-100.

Book Reviews:

Stalin's Quest for Gold: The Torgsin Hard-Currency Shops and Soviet Industrialization. By Elena Osokina (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2021), 348 pp. *Revolutionary Russia* 36, 1 (2023): 128-129.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**External Grants and Fellowships:**

The Russia Program at George Washington University Grant; 2023, 2025.

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) Research Grant; 2023-2024.

Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia Short-Term Visiting Fellowship; New York University; Summer 2022.

Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History; American Historical Association; 2022.

Cohen-Tucker Dissertation Completion Fellowship; Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies; August 2021 – May 2022.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship; US Department of Education; March – December 2018.

American Councils Title VIII Research Scholars Program Advanced Research Fellowship; US Department of State; September – December 2017.

American Councils Title VIII Research Scholars Program Advanced Research Fellowship; US Department of State; June – September 2017.

Summer Research Laboratory on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia Fellowship; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; 2015, 2013.

Title VIII Award for Research and Training in Eastern Europe and Eurasia; Indiana University-Bloomington; 2013.

Internal Grants and Fellowships:

Bass Instructional Fellowship; Duke University, 2020 – 2021 (competitive).

Bass Teaching Assistant Fellowship; Duke University, 2020 – 2021 (competitive).
Conference International Travel Grant; History Department/Graduate School; Duke University; 2019.
Summer Research Fellowship for Third-Year and Beyond PhD Students; Duke University; 2019.
Anne Firor Scott Merit Award; History Department/Women's Studies; Duke University; 2018 (competitive).
Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Award; Duke University; 2018 (competitive).
Center for International and Global Studies Graduate Research and Training Grant; Duke University; 2017 (competitive).
Summer Research Fellowship for Third-Year and Beyond PhD Students; Duke University; 2017 (declined).
Council for European Studies Research Scholar Travel Award; Duke University; 2016 – 2017.
Summer Research Travel Grant; Duke University; 2016, 2015.
Havighurst Center Travel Grant; Miami University; 2013.
Miami University Travel Grant; Miami University; 2013.
Berthe O Normano Scholarship; Middlebury College; 2012 (competitive).

PRESS and PUBLIC-FACING WORK

“Making Socialism Work: Economic Reform and the Soviet Enterprise, 1960s-2000s” 19 September 2024.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeJ-UJpVGLE&t=4s>

(Wilson Center public seminar on my research project.)

“From “Experiment” to “Method”: The Dispersal of the Shchekino Method throughout Soviet Industry” Working Paper

Research supported under the authority of the Title VIII program: Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union contained in the Soviet-Eastern European Research and Training Act of 1983 (22 U.S.C. 4501-4508, as amended). [available upon request]

“Member Spotlight: James Nealy,” *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies NewsNet* 63, 5 (September 2023): 20-21.

(Interview with ASEES representative about my career trajectory and research interests.)

Sergei Mitrofanov, “Izuchaia shchekinskii metod,” *Tul'skie izvestiia* 3 August 2018, 3.

(Interview with journalist about my research project in Tula.)

“CES Fellows: James Nealy and Thomas Prendergast,” *John Hope Franklin Center at Duke University* 8 May 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LSvWHEKXfM>

“Adeeb Khalid's Central Asia,” *The New Contemporary: Notes from the Havighurst Center* 27 March 2014.

<https://sites.miamioh.edu/havighurst/2014/03/27/adeeb-khalids-central-asia/>

TRANSLATIONS

with Petr Podkopaev and Karen Dawisha

“The Reform of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation”

https://miamioh.edu/cas/_files/documents/havighurst/english-putin-reform-admin.pdf

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record (graduate):

“Global Cold War;” University of Texas at San Antonio; spring 2026.

Instructor of Record (undergraduate):

“Nineteenth Century Europe;” University of Texas at San Antonio; fall 2026.

“Russia before Peter the Great;” University of Texas at San Antonio; fall 2026.

“Twentieth Century Europe;” University of Texas at San Antonio; spring 2026.

“The Soviet Union And After;” University of Texas at San Antonio; fall 2025.

“Twentieth Century Russia;” University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; spring 2023.

“Global Cold War;” University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; spring 2023.

*seminar taught in the UW-EC Honors Program

“World History since 1500;” University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; spring 2023.

“Twentieth Century Europe;” University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; fall 2022.

“World History since 1500;” University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; fall 2022.

“Global Cold War;” University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; fall 2022.

“Global Cold War;” Duke University; fall 2020.

“Twentieth Century Europe;” Duke University; spring 2020.

Teaching Assistant:

“Europe in the Twentieth Century;” James Chappel; Duke University; spring 2021.

“Foundations of Modern Terrorism;” Martin Miller; Duke University; fall 2019, fall 2016.

“Globalization and History;” Giovanni Zanalda; Duke University; spring 2019.

“World History 1500 – Present;” Andrew Cayton; Miami University; spring 2014.

“World History to 1500;” Tatiana Seijas; Miami University; fall 2013.

“Putin’s Russia;” Miami University; Karen Dawisha; spring 2013.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Anna Krylova at Duke University academic year 2014-2015, summer 2016

Karen Dawisha at Miami University fall 2012, summer 2014

INVITED TALKS

“Time, Labor, and State Socialism...(and Capitalism?)” at Temporalities of Capitalism Conference; Basel, Switzerland; August 27-August 29, 2026.

“On Aleksei Gastev” at Soviet Modernity: Reconsidering Modernity & Socialism Workshop; Princeton, New Jersey; Princeton University; October 17-October 18, 2025.

“The USSR and Global Capitalism: Pariah or Participant? A View from the Factory Floor” at International Conference: Global Histories of Capitalism and the Environment; Basel, Switzerland; June 3, 2025.

“Responsibility in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Factory” at the Capitalism as Cure: Dynamics of Responsibilization in East and West, 1960-2000 Workshop; The University of Tübingen; Tübingen, Germany; March 27, 2025.

“The Soviet Economy after Stalin” at the University of Houston History Department (Guest of Alexey Golubev); Houston, Texas; October 30, 2024.

“Work in a Planned Economy” at the University of Pittsburgh History Department’s Alice and Staughton Lynd Working Class History Seminar (Lecture Series); Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; September 19, 2024.

“Making Socialism Work: The Shchekino Method and the Drive to Modernize Soviet Industry” at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (Weekly Lecture Series); April 20, 2023.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“How Workers Learned to Compete for Higher Profits,” at The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention; Washington, DC; November 22, 2025.

“The USSR and Global Capitalism: Pariah or Participant? A View from the Factory Floor” at the Texas Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Seminar; Houston, Texas; September 27, 2025.

“The Shchekino Method: Flexible Production with Socialist Characteristics in the Soviet Union” at the The State-Owned Enterprise as Site of Solidarity and Conflict Workshop; Vienna, Austria; 13 February 2025.

“Soviet Women, Soviet Industry, and Social Welfare in the 1970s,” at The Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention; Boston, MA; November 24, 2024.

“Soviet Women in Soviet Industry: Problems and Solutions” at the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy Conference; Istanbul, Türkiye; September 5, 2024.

“The Shchekino Method: Flexible Production with Socialist Characteristics” at the Business History Conference; Providence, Rhode Island; March 15, 2024.

“From Gas Factory to Industrial Giant: The Shchekino Chemical Combine and the ‘Chemicalization’ of the Soviet Economy” at The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention; Chicago, Illinois; November 11, 2022.

“Flexible Production with Socialist Characteristics in the Soviet Union: The Case of the Shchekino Chemical Combine, 1967–1971” at Southern Conference on Slavic Studies; Richmond, Virginia; February 25, 2022.

“From ‘Experiment’ to ‘Method’: The Dispersal of the Shchekino Method throughout Soviet Industry” at The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention; [held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic]; December 1, 2021; (organized panel).

“Soviet Women, Soviet Industry, and Non-Monetary Compensation in the 1970s” at Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center and the Slavic Reference Service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; [held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic]; July 11, 2021.

“Flexible Production with Socialist Characteristics in the Soviet Union: The Case of the Shchekino Chemical Combine, 1967–1971” at Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference; [held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic]; May 27, 2021; (organized panel).

“The Factory: Labor Relations, Profits, and Incentives in Developed Socialist Industry” at The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention; San Francisco, CA; November 25, 2019; (organized panel).

“The Shchekino Method: Late Soviet Labor Relations in a Chemical Combine” at European Labour History Network Conference; Amsterdam, the Netherlands September 20, 2019.

“Shchekinskii metod: Predvaritel’nyi itog” v Gosudarstvennom arkhive Tul’skoi oblasti, g. Tula 22 Oktiabria 2018 / “Shchekino Method: A Preliminary Summary” at the State Archive of the Tula oblast’; Tula, Russian Federation; October 22, 2018.

“Ovsey Shkaratan and the Structure of the Soviet Working Class After Stalin” at Southern Conference on Slavic Studies; Alexandria, Virginia April 7, 2017; (organized panel).

“The Stagnating Class?: Ovsey Shkaratan and the Evolution of a Category, 1962-1973” at Council for European Studies Annual Meeting; Durham, North Carolina; October 16, 2016.

“The Working Class in Soviet Historiography Since 1991” at Midwest Slavic Conference 2013; Columbus, Ohio; April 6, 2013.

SERVICE

Guest Lecture; Honors College; University of Texas at San Antonio; October 30, 2025.

*discussed the major themes in Wolfgang Becker’s film *Goodbye, Lenin!* (2003).

Roadrunner Preview Day Volunteer; University of Texas at San Antonio; October 25, 2025.

Guest Speaker; McNair Scholars Program; University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; April 4, 2023.

*discussed the challenges of graduate school for first-gen students.

Duke F1rst Undergraduate Mentor; Duke University; 2020-2021.

Graduate Student Association Co-President at Duke University; 2019-2020.

Graduate Student Conference Chair at Duke University; 2015-2016.

WORKSHOPS

Temporalities of Capitalism; University of Basel; 27 August-29 August, 2026.

Political Economy of Finance Summer School; Brown University; June 17-June 21, 2024.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Teaching Academy; University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; August 15-19, 2022.

History of Capitalism Summer Camp; Cornell University; July 12-23, 2021; [held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic]

“A Woman’s Work is Never Done: Female Life and Labor across the Imperial, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Eras;” Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center and the Slavic Reference Service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; July 10-11, 2021; [held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic]

German for Reading; Duke University; 2020.

French for Reading; Duke University; 2019.

Data Matters; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; 2016.

Summer Language Workshop; Russian; Indiana University-Bloomington; 2013.

Summer Language School; Russian; Middlebury College; 2012.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social History of Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union and its Successor States, Modern Europe, and the Modern World

Political Economy of Contemporary Russia and the World

History of the Economy

History of Capitalism

History of Socialism

History of the Cold War

Labor and Working-Class History

History of the Social Sciences

Social and Cultural Theory and Research Methods

Transnational and Global History since the 19th Century

LANGUAGES

English. Russian. Ukrainian (reading). Belarusian (reading). French (reading). German (reading). Polish (reading). Vietnamese (beginner). Estonian (beginner).

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

Journal of Modern History

Business History Review

Reviews Editor, *Cold War History* (April 2024-April 2025)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Sociological Association

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies

Social Science History Association

European Consortium for Political Research

Business History Conference

REFERENCES

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