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### EDUCATION

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D. in History, August 1998. (Advisor, Dr. Alfred J. Rieber)

M.A. in Russian and European History, 1994.

**Brown University**, Providence, RI

B.A. in History and French, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1990.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor**, Department of History, The Ohio State University, 2004-present

- Leadership Team, Sustainable and Resilient Economy Discovery Theme
- Faculty Associate, Center for Slavic and East European Studies
- Faculty Associate, Program in the Study of Religions

**Assistant Professor**, Department of History, The Ohio State University, 1998-2004

**Teaching Assistant and Lecturer**, History, University of Pennsylvania, 1993-94, 1997

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

#### National Fellowships and Awards

- The Stanton Foundation, Get Acquainted Grant, 2018-2020, for *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*
- The Leverhulme Trust, International Network Grant, for project “Exploring Russia's Environmental History and Natural Resources” 2013-2016. Co-investigator.
  - <http://www.york.ac.uk/history/research/majorprojects/russiasenvironmentalhistory/>
  - <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/news/breaking-fresh-ground-environmental-history-takes-a-new-direction>
  - <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/news/breaking-fresh-ground-environmental-history-takes-to-the-field>
  - <http://discovery.osu.edu/theme-areas/energy-and-environment/news/breaking-fresh-ground.html>
  - <http://history.osu.edu/sites/history.osu.edu/files/Making%20History%20Fall2013.pdf>
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 2013-14.

- National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER), National Research Fellowship, 2009-11.
- ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship, 2006-7.
- American Philosophical Society, Sabbatical Fellowship, 2006-7.
- ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, 2006-7 (declined).
- Visiting Scholar, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, 2006-7.
- American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant, 2005.
- Kluge Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Library of Congress, 2005 (declined).
- Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, Short-Term Research Grants, 1997 and 2003.
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Fellowship for University Teachers, 2000-1.
- NCEEER National Research Fellowship, 1999-2000.
- International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), Short-Term Travel Grant, 1999.
- Sawyer Fellowships at the Advanced Study Center, University of Michigan. Seminar on “Empires, States, and Political Imagination,” 1999-2000; and Seminar on “Theories & Practices of Religious Toleration/Intolerance,” 1997-8.
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, Russia, 1995-6.

### **University Fellowships and Awards**

- Sustainable and Resilient Economy Program (SRE) Seed Grant, for documentary project “Blue Empires,” 2018-19.
- Arts and Humanities: Faculty Research and Creative Activity Support program Small Grant: International Travel, 2018
- Larger Grant Award, Completion Support, College of Arts and Humanities, 2017
- Faculty Mentor Grant, The Global Mobility Project, 2017
- Sustainable and Resilient Economy Program (SRE) Leadership Grant Award, 2017.
- Center for Slavic & East European Studies, Teaching Grant, “A History of the Arctic,” 2015.
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies Faculty Research Grant, for the conference “Water and Human Survival in Global Socio-Economic Perspective: Lessons from the Past,” 2015-2016.
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies Faculty Research Grant, for the conference “World War II and Environmental Changes in the United States,” 2015-2016.
- Discovery Themes Initiative, Sustainability Science & Materials Innovation, Co-Investigator, 2014.
- Research Enhancement Grant, College of Arts and Humanities, 2011,
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies Faculty Research Fellowship, 2010-11.
- Office of International Affairs Faculty Research Grant, 2010-11.
- Arts and Sciences Research Enhancement Grant, “Understanding Sustainability: Cultures, Environments, Societies,” 2010-11 (with Rick Livingston, H. Lewis Ulman, et al.)
- Merton Dillon Faculty Fellowship, Department of History, 2007-10.
- College of Humanities, Faculty Professional Leave, 2006-7.
- College of Humanities, Publication Subvention for “Peopling the Russian Periphery,” 2006.

- College of Arts and Humanities Seed Grant, 2005.
- Office of International Affairs Grant for Interdisciplinary Conferences, 2004.
- Center for Slavic & East European Studies, Teaching Grant, “Siberia in World History,” 2003.
- Center for Slavic & East European Studies, Publication Subvention, 2003.
- Center for Slavic & East European Studies, Research Travel Grant, 2001.
- College of Arts and Humanities Grants-in-Aid, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2013.
- Mershon Center, Faculty Research Grant, 1999-2001.
- College of Humanities Seed Grants, 1999-2001 and 2002.
- Faculty Special Research Assignment (SRA), autumn 1999.
- OSU External Fellowship Subsidy, 1999-2000, 2001-2, 2006-7, 2009-10, 2013-14.
- Probationary Faculty Development Quarter (FPDLQ), 1999.
- New Faculty Research Grant, 1998.
- University Fellowships, History Department, University of Pennsylvania, 1994-5, 1996-7.
- Mellon Dissertation Proposal Writing Fellowship, 1992.
- Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, Russian, 1990-1, 1991-2.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

*Heretics and Colonizers: Forging Russia's Empire in the South Caucasus.* Cornell University Press, 2005. 347 pp. Paperback edition, 2011.  
Awarded the Ohio Academy of History Outstanding Publication Award, 2006

“Baikal: the Great Lake and its People” (manuscript in progress)

“Cathedrals of Concrete: The Hydroelectric Moment in Human History” (manuscript in progress)

### Edited Works

#### Published:

*Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Imperial Russian and Soviet History* (Editor, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018) 424 pp.

- Book interview by New Books in Russian & Soviet History, February 2019.  
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/nicholas-breyfogle-urasian-environments-nature-and-ecology-in-imperial-russia-and-soviet-history-u-pittsburgh-press-2018/>

*Water History: Readings and Sources* (Cognella. Preliminary Edition, 2019, co-edited with Mark Sokolsky)

*Technology, Ecology, and Human Health Since 1850*, Guest Co-Editor (with John Brooke and Chris Otter), thematic Forum in *Environmental History* (vol. 20, Issue 4 (October 2015)): 710–804.

*Health, Disease, and Environment in Global History*, Guest Co-Editor (with John Brooke and Christopher Otter), thematic issue of *Journal of World History* (vol. 24, no. 4 (December 2013)): 737-822.

*Peopling the Russian Periphery: Borderland Colonization in Eurasian History*, co-edited volume with Abby Schrader and Willard Sunderland. (Routledge, 2007, in the BASEES/Routledge Series in Russian and East European Studies.) 288 pp. Paperback & ebook editions, 2009.

*Russian Religious Sectarianism*, Guest Editor for thematic issue of *Russian Studies in History*, vol. 46, no. 3 (Winter 2007-8). 96 pp.

Editor, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, online historical magazine, <http://origins.osu.edu>, 2007-present.

2008: Nominated for the Public History Award from the National Council on Public History and the Ohio Academy of History

2009: Nominated for the Roy Rosenzweig Fellowship for Innovation in Digital History, American Historical Association.

2018-2020: Support from the Stanton Foundation

Editor, *Today and Yesterday*, eBook series from *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*

- *Middle Eastern Politics and Culture* (March 2017)
  - <http://origins.osu.edu/today-and-yesterday/middle-eastern-politics-culture>
- *Environment* (November 2017)
  - <http://origins.osu.edu/today-and-yesterday/environment>
- *Health, Technology, and Science* (November 2017)
  - <http://origins.osu.edu/today-and-yesterday/health-technology-and-science>
- *War and Geopolitics in the Middle East* (December 2018)
  - <http://origins.osu.edu/today-and-yesterday/war-and-geopolitics-in-the-middle-east>

#### In Progress:

*World War II and Environment in the United States* (under contract with Cambridge University Press, co-edited with Tom Robertson, Richard Tucker, Peter Mansoor, in production, forthcoming 2020)

*Place and Nature: Essays in Russian Environmental History* (under contract with Whitehorse Press, co-edited with David Moon and Aleksandra Bekasova, forthcoming 2020)

*Hydraulic Societies: Water, Power, and Control in Greater Eurasian History* (manuscript under review at Oregon State University Press, co-edited with Philip Brown)

*Water and Culture in Eurasian History* (manuscript in preparation, co-edited with Philip Brown)

## Articles

“Toward an Environmental History of Tsarist Russia and the Soviet Union,” in *Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Imperial Russian and Soviet History*, ed. Nicholas Breyfogle (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018), 3-19.

“Introduction to Water History,” “Water, Irrigation, and Civilization,” “Water, Technology, and Power,” “Drinking Water, Sanitation, Pollution, and Disease,” and “Water, War, and Diplomacy” (all co-authored with Mark Sokolsky) in *Water History: Readings and Sources* (Cognella. Preliminary Edition, 2019, co-edited with Mark Sokolsky), i-vi, 1-2, 85-86, 283-284, 383-384.

“Exploration and Place in Studying Russia’s Environmental History,” *The White Horse Press Blog*, February 21, 2017, co-authored with David Moon and Alexandra Bekasova, <https://whitehorsepress.blog/2017/02/21/exploration-and-place-in-studying-russias-environmental-history/>

“A Postcard from Solovki,” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, January 2017, <https://origins.osu.edu/connecting-history/postcard-solovki>

“Sacred Waters: The Spiritual World of Lake Baikal,” in *Meanings and Values of Water in Russian Culture*, eds. Arja Rosenholm and Jane T. Costlow (Routledge, 2017), 32-50.

“Forum Introduction: Pathogen-Ecology Systems in the Anthropocene” (co-authored with Chris Otter and John Brooke) in *Technology, Ecology, and Human Health Since 1850*, Guest Co-Editor (with John Brooke and Chris Otter), thematic Forum in *Environmental History* (vol. 20, Issue 4 (October 2015)): 712-721.

“At the Watershed: 1958 and the Beginnings of Lake Baikal Environmentalism,” *Slavonic and East European Review* 93, no. 1 (2015): 147-180.

- Nominated for the St Andrews Article Prize in European Environmental History from the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH), 2017.

“‘Another Voice from God’: An Orthodox Sermon on Christianity, Science, and Natural Disaster,” in *Orthodox Christianity in Imperial Russia: A Source Book on Lived Religion*, ed., Heather Coleman (Indiana University Press, 2014), 95-106.

“The State and the Epidemiological Transition: An Introduction” (co-authored with John Brooke and Christopher Otter), in *Health, Disease, and Environment in Global History*, Guest Co-Editor (with John Brooke and Christopher Otter), thematic issue of *Journal of World History* (vol. 24, no. 4 (December 2013)), 737-739.

“Solovki 2013. Environment and History” <https://u.osu.edu/breyfogle.1/>

“The Fate of Fishing in Tsarist Russia: The Human-Fish Nexus in Lake Baikal,” *Sibirica: Interdisciplinary Journal of Siberian Studies* 12, no. 2 (Summer, 2013): 1-29.

- Nominated for the 2014 Alice Hamilton Article Prize of the American Society for Environmental History.
- An earlier version of the article appeared as: “The Fate of Fishing in Tsarist Russia: The Human-Fish Nexus in Lake Baikal,” *NCEEER Working Paper*, 2011.

“The Possibilities of Empire: Russian Sectarian Migration to South Caucasia and the Refashioning of Social Boundaries,” in *Migration and Membership Regimes in Global and Historical Perspective*, eds. Ulbe Bosma, Gijs Kessler, and Leo Lucassen (Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2013), 239-272.

“Russia and the Race for the Arctic,” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* 5, no. 11 (August, 2012), <http://origins.osu.edu/article/russia-and-race-arctic>

“Smena religii v pravoslavnoi imperii: politika religioznoi prinadlezhnosti v Rossii XIX veka.” [“Switching Denominations in an Orthodox Empire: The Politics of Religious Affiliation in Nineteenth-Century Russia”], *Tataria Magna*, 1, no. 2 (2012): 16-47.

“The Religious World of Russian Sabbatarians (*Subbotniki*),” in *Holy Dissent: Jewish and Christian Mystics in Eastern Europe*, ed. Glenn Dynner (Wayne State University Press, 2011), 359-392.

“Dry Days Down Under: Australia and the World Water Crisis,” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* 3, no. 7 (April, 2010), <http://origins.osu.edu/article/dry-days-down-under-australia-and-world-water-crisis>

- “Return of the Wet,” January 2011. <http://origins.osu.edu/article/dry-days-down-under-australia-and-world-water-crisis/page/0/1#update>

“Enduring Imperium: Russia/Soviet Union/Eurasia as Multiethnic, Multiconfessional Space,” *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space* (no. 1, 2008): 35-86.

- 2009: Chosen as the second most influential article to appear during the preceding decade in *Ab Imperio*.

“Russian Religious Sectarianism: Guest Editor’s Introduction,” *Russian Studies in History*, vol.

46, no. 3 (Winter 2007-8): 3-9.

“Russian Colonizations: An Introduction,” (co-authored with Abby Schrader and Willard Sunderland) in *Peopling the Russian Periphery: Borderland Colonization in Eurasian History*, ed. idem., (Routledge, 2007), 1-18.

“Prayer and the Politics of Place: Molokan Church Building, Tsarist Law, and the Quest for a Public Sphere in Late Imperial Russia,” in *Sacred Stories: Religion and Spirituality in Modern Russian Culture*, ed. Heather Coleman and Mark Steinberg (Indiana University Press, 2007), 222-252.

- Nominated for The Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture (ASEC) Distinguished Scholarship Award, 2008.

“Colonization by Contract: Russian Peasant Settlers, South Caucasian Nobles, and the Dynamics of Nineteenth-Century Tsarist Imperialism,” in *Extending the Borders of Russian History: Essays in Honor of Alfred J. Rieber*, ed. Marsha Siefert (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2003), 143-166.

“Kontakt kak sozidanie. Russkie sektanty i zhiteli Zakavkaz’ia v XIX v.” [“Colonial Contact as Creation: Relations Between Russian Settlers and the Peoples of Transcaucasia, 1830-1900”] in *Diaspory: nezavisimyy nauchnyy zhurnal [Diasporas: An Independent Academic Journal]* 4, no. 4 (2002), 154-198.

“Swords into Plowshares: Opposition to Military Service Among Religious Sectarians, 1770s to 1874,” in *The Military and Society in Russian History*, ed. Marshall Poe and Eric Lohr (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2002), 441-467.

“Caught in the Crossfire? Russian Sectarians in the Caucasian Theater of War, 1853-56 and 1877-78,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 2, no. 4 (Fall 2001): 713-750.

- Republished in *Orientalism and Empire in Russia*, eds Michael David-Fox, Peter Holquist, and Alexander Martin, *Kritika Historical Studies* 3 (Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers, 2006), 238-276.

“The Historical Parameters of Russian Religious Toleration: The Reign of Alexander I as a Window onto a Contemporary Political Issue,” *NCEEER Working Paper*, 2001.

“Rethinking the Origins of the Doukhobor Arms Burning, 1887-1893,” in *The Doukhobor Centenary in Canada: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective on their Unity and Diversity*, ed. Andrew Donskov, John Woodsworth, and Chad Gaffield (Ottawa: Slavic Research Group, 2000), 55-82.

“Building Doukhoboriia: Religious Culture, Social Identity and Russian Colonization in Transcaucasia, 1845-1895,” *Canadian Ethnic Studies/Etudes Ethniques au Canada* XXVII, no. 3 (1995): 24-51.

“100 Years of National Women’s Suffrage in New Zealand,” *Origins* I, no. 3 (1993): 41-43.

“Japanese Politics in Flux: Mixing Idealism and Realism,” *Origins* I, no. 3 (1993): 7-12.

- Republished online in *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (March 2011) <https://origins.osu.edu/sites/origins.osu.edu/files/origins-archive/Volume1Issue3Article2.pdf>

“The Many Faces of Islamic Fundamentalism: a Profile of Egypt,” *Origins* I, no. 2 (1993): 12-17.

- Republished online in *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (July 2012) <https://origins.osu.edu/sites/origins.osu.edu/files/origins-archive/Volume1Issue2Article3.pdf>

“A Gordian Knot: the Ethnic Relations of the South Slavs,” *Origins* I, no. 1 (1993): 2-9.

- Republished online in *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (December 2009) <https://origins.osu.edu/sites/origins.osu.edu/files/Volume1-Issue1-Article2.pdf>

### **Selected Book Reviews**

Paul Dukes, *A history of the Urals: Russia’s crucible from early empire to the post-Soviet era* in Canadian Slavonic Papers, Volume 61, Issue 3 (2019).

Nigel A. Raab, *All Shook Up: The Shifting Soviet Response to Catastrophes, 1917-1991* in Journal of Interdisciplinary History (2018)

Ryan Tucker Jones, *Empire of Extinction: Russians and the North Pacific’s Strange Beasts of the Sea, 1741-1867* in Slavic Review vol. 74, no. 4 (Winter 2015): 884-887. Featured Review.

David Moon, *The Plough that Broke the Steppes: Agriculture and Environment on Russia’s Grasslands, 1700-1914* in H-HistGeog (February, 2015) <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=42684>

Brian Campbell, *Rivers and the Power of Ancient Rome* in Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective (August 2014) <http://origins.osu.edu/review/romes-wondrous-rivers>

Michael A. Reynolds, *Shattering Empires: The Clash and Collapse of the Ottoman and Russian Empires, 1908-1918* in American Historical Review (June 2013) 118: 816-817.

Charles King, *The Ghost of Freedom: A History of the Caucasus* in American Historical Review, (October 2009), 1187-1188.

Irina Paert, *Old Believers, Religious Dissent and Gender in Russia, 1760-1850* in Canadian Slavonic Papers, 50, no. 1-2 (2008), 227-229.

Arja Rosenholm and Sari Autio-Saraso, eds., *Understanding Russian Nature: Representations, Values, and Concepts* in Slavic Review, 66, no. 2 (Summer 2007): 354-356.

Robert H. Hewsen, *Armenia: A Historical Atlas* in Russian Review, 66, no. 1 (Jan. 2007): 136-137.

Michael Khodarkovsky, *Russia's Steppe Frontier: The Making of a Colonial Empire, 1500-1800*, and Paul Werth, *At the Margins of Orthodoxy: Mission, Governance, and Confessional Politics in Russia's Volga-Kama Region, 1827-1905* in Journal of Modern History, 77, no. 1 (March 2005): 248-251.

Robert P. Geraci and Michael Khodarkovsky, eds., *Of Religion and Empire: Missions, Conversion, and Tolerance in Tsarist Russia* in Russian Review, 60, no. 4 (October 2001): 650-652.

Thomas Barrett, *At the Edge of Empire: The Terek Cossacks and the North Caucasus Frontier, 1700-1860* in Russian Review 59, no. 3 (July 2000): 459-460.

Sebastian Smith, *Allah's Mountains: Politics and War in the Russian Caucasus* in Nationalities Papers 28, no. 2 (June 2000): 381-382.

Nikolai Volkov, *La secte russe des castrates* and Aleksandr Etkind, *Khlyst: Sekty, literatura, i revoliutsiia* in Journal of Modern History 72, no. 1 (March 2000): 280-283.

Adeeb Khalid, *The Politics of Muslim Cultural Reform: Jadidism in Central Asia* in Russian Review 59, no. 1 (January 2000): 138-140.

Thomas Goltz, *Azerbaijan Diary: A Rogue Reporter's Adventures in an Oil-Rich, War-Torn, Post-Soviet Republic* in Nationalities Papers 27, no. 3 (September 1999): 541-543.

Richard Hovannisian, ed. *The Armenian People from Ancient to Modern Times* in Nationalities Papers 27, no. 2 (June 1999): 361-363.

Stephen Cohen and Katrina vanden Heuvel, eds., *Voices of Glasnost: Interviews with Gorbachev's Reformers* in Origins I, no. 2 (July 1993): 36-38.

## DOCUMENTARY FILMS

*Blue Empires: How Water Shaped the Rise and Fall of Great Civilizations.* Co-Host (with Bart Elmore) and Writer of ten-episode documentary series, working with [SoundOff Films](#) and

Emmy-Award Winning Cameraman [Tom Fitz](#). Status: in Development.

### PODCASTS AND INTERVIEWS (RADIO, TELEVISION)

Narration for videos on *Origins* YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9MynOcyWmp93pV-SQW0IuA>

“From Romanovs to Reds: Russia's Revolutions at 100,” [History Talk](#), October 2017

<http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/romanovs-reds-russias-revolutions-100>

“Climate Change and Human Life,” [History Talk](#), November 2015

<http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/climate-change-and-human-life>

and republished in *Fair Observer*: <http://www.fairobserver.com/more/environment/what-do-past-patterns-of-climate-change-tell-us-42914/>

“1989: The Year That Changed It All,” [History Talk](#), October 2014

<http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/1989-year-changed-it-all>

“The Fate of Crimea, the Future of Ukraine,” [History Talk](#), April 2014

<http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/fate-crimea-future-ukraine-part-i>

“America’s Big Brother,” [History Talk](#), January 2014

<http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/america-s-big-brother>

“Russia, the Arctic, and Global Climate Change,” on *Writers Talk History*

○ Monday, March 3, 2013, 7 pm, [WCRC radio](#), 98.3 & 102.1 FM (30 mins)

○ Wednesday, March 5, 2013, 8:00 p.m., [WCBE radio](#)

○ <http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/climate-change-russia-and-race-arctic>

○ <http://cstw.osu.edu/WritersTalk2013Archive>

○ <http://osuorigins.tumblr.com/post/74831795802/we-put-on-some-winter-gloves-and-reach-deep-into> (January 2014)

Georgian National Television, “Georgian Studies at Ohio State,” March 2012

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=2756014784316>

Irkutsk Television (ITV, Russia), “Research in the Irkutsk Archive” June 2010

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Albury TV Affiliate, “Australia, the United States, and Drought,” July 2009

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

Local Arrangements Planning Committee, 2019 National Convention of American Society for Environmental History.

Midwest Slavic Conference Committee, 2019.

Organizing Committee, “The Russian Revolution, 100 Years Later,” multiple public events on- and off-campus to commemorate the October 1917 revolution (film screenings, panel discussions, lectures, and exhibits), 2017.

Organizer, Seminar in Russian, East European, and Eurasian History, 2011-12, 2015-16, 2017-18.

Co-Organizer, “Water, Culture, and Society in Global Historical Perspective: the Culture of Water and the Effluent Society,” The Ohio State University June 2017.

<https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/eventcalendar/eventdetail/603/-/water-culture-and-society-in-global-historical-perspective-ii.html>

[Funding from Mershon Center for International Studies, College of Arts and Humanities Large Grant, East Asian Studies Center, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, the Institute for Korean Studies, OSU History Department, Environmental Studies Network, the Sustainable and Resilient Economy Discovery Theme at Ohio State, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Seminar, the Northeast Asia Council Japanese Studies Grant, Academia Sinica (Tapei), and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.]

Co-Organizer, Water Research Forum, “Is a Sustainable and Resilient Water Infrastructure really Possible?” The Ohio State University, November 18, 2016.

<http://globalwater.osu.edu/event-new-and-current-faculty-forum-sustainable-water-infrastructure/>

Co-Organizer, “Water, Power, and Control in Greater Eurasian History,” The Ohio State University May 2016. <https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/eventcalendar/eventdetail/537/-/water-culture-and-society-in-global-historical-perspective.html>

[Funding from Mershon Center for International Studies, College of Arts and Humanities Large Grant, East Asian Studies Center, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, the Institute for Korean Studies, OSU History Department, Environmental Studies Network, the Sustainable and Resilient Economy Discovery Theme at Ohio State, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Seminar, and the Northeast Asia Council Japanese Studies Grant.]

Co-Organizer, “The Nature of War: American Environments and World War II,” The Ohio State University February 2016. <https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/eventcalendar/eventdetail/506/-/the-nature-of-war-american-environments-and-world-war-ii.html>

<https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/eventcalendar/eventdetail/506/-/the-nature-of-war-american-environments-and-world-war-ii.html>

[Funding from the Mershon Center, The Society for Military History, OSU History Department, and the Sustainable and Resilient Economy Discovery Theme at Ohio State.]

Organizer, “Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Eurasian History,” an international conference at The Ohio State University, September 16-17, 2011.

[Funding from the Social Science Research Council, OSU Slavic Center, Middle East Studies Center, East Asian Studies Center, Department of History, and College of Arts and Humanities, Mershon Center, and Office of International Affairs]

Program Committee, Center for Historical Research, “Health, Disease, and Environment in World History,” 2011-2013.

Program Committee, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Ohio State University, September 15-18, 2011.

Co-organizer (with David Hoffmann and Mollie Cavender) of the Midwest Russian History Workshop, Ohio State University, April 15-16, 2011.

Co-organizer (with David Hoffmann) of the Midwest Russian History Workshop, Ohio State University, March 4-5, 2005.

Organizer, “Peopling the ‘Periphery’: Russian Settlers in Eurasia from Muscovy to the Recent Past,” an international conference at The Ohio State University, September 29-30, 2001.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES**

“Protecting the Pearl of Soviet Asia: Post-War Development, Conservation, and Lake Baikal,” paper presented at the “Russian Environment: Nature and Culture Fall Lecture Series,” Bowdoin College, November 15, 2018.

“Drowning the Sacred Sea: The Hydroelectric Flooding of the Angara River and Lake Baikal in the 1950s,” presentation at the conference “Siberia: Infrastructure and Environment: An interdisciplinary workshop,” Berlin, Germany, October 5–7, 2018.

“Confronting Catastrophe: The 1861-62 Lake Baikal Earthquakes and the Meanings of Nature in Imperial Russia,” presentation at the conference “Asia in the Russian Imagination,” University of Utah, March 23, 2018.

“Blue Empires,” presentation at World Water Day Research Luncheon, Columbus, OH, March 23, 2018 [in absentia].

“Modern Rivers of Eurasia and Water History,” presentation at the conference “Modern Rivers of Eurasia: Potential, Control, Change: An International Symposium in the Environmental Humanities,” University of Pittsburgh, February 24, 2018.

“Russia in War and Revolution: The Worlds of Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich,” “Subject Matter Series” of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, given twice February 9 and 10, 2018.

“The Methodologies of Historical Research,” lecture to the Undergraduate International Studies Program, Ohio State, January 26, 2018.

“Blue Empires,” presentation at the SRE Collaboration Meeting, Columbus, OH, January 11, 2018.

“The Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 and the Fate of the 20th-Century World,” Bexley Public Library, November 15, 2017.

“The People’s Lake: Baikal in the Socialist Anthropocene,” at the Plenary Session – “Northern Lakes in the Anthropocene” at the International Water History Association Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 14 June, 2017.

“Solovki,” at the conference “Place and Nature: Essays in Russian Environmental History,” National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Department of History, 20 March 2017 [presented in absentia]

“The February Revolution in Russia, 1917,” at the Bexley Public Library, March 15, 2017

“Empire, Environment, and the Peoples of Lake Baikal,” at the conference “Nationalism, Revolution & Genocide: A conference inspired by Professor Ronald Grigor Suny,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 8, 2016.

“The Meanings of Disaster: The 1861-62 Lake Baikal Earthquakes and the Culture of Nature in Imperial Russia,” lecture at the Slavic Literature & Culture Forum, Ohio State, February 12, 2016.

“The Methodologies of Historical Research,” lecture to the Undergraduate International Studies Program, Ohio State, September 21, 2015.

“The Local Origins of the Barguzin Nature Preserve,” at the Leverhulme Trust conference “Exploring Russia's Environmental History and Natural Resources,” Davsha, Barguzin Biosphere Zapovdenik, Russia, July 29, 2015.

“Environmental History of Eurasia,” 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference “Recovering Forgotten History. The

Image of East-Central Europe in English-Language Academic Textbooks,” Warsaw, Poland, June 22, 2015.

“Materials, Materiality, and Sustainability: What the Past Tells us about the Future,” at the session “The Role of Materials in a Sustainable and Resilient Economy,” at the 2015 Ohio State University Materials Week conference, Columbus, OH, May 13, 2015.

“The Historiography of Russia and Eurasia since 1991,” Slavic Center, Ohio State University, April 20, 2015.

“Russia and the Race for the Arctic,” CLIO Lecture, Department of History, Ohio State University, April 10, 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0DGwXQVgOA>

“Molokans in Russia (19<sup>th</sup> Century),” lecture at Grace for Hurting Hearts, Fresno, CA, March 7, 2015.

“Protecting the Pearl of Soviet Asia: Post-War Development, Conservation, and Lake Baikal,” lecture at the University of Hawaii-Manoa in the series “Capitalism in Crisis: Development, Sustainability, and Inequality in Global Perspective” December 2, 2014.

“Native Siberians in the Soviet Experiment,” lecture at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, December 1, 2014.

“Russia and Ukraine, Today and Tomorrow,” lecture to the Ohio State College Democrats, October 15, 2014.

“The Methodologies of Historical Research,” lecture to the Undergraduate International Studies Program, Ohio State, September 15, 2014.

“From Tsarist to Soviet Nature Conservation: The Life and Times of the Barguzin Nature Preserve,” World Congress of Environmental History, Guimaraes, Portugal, July 12, 2014

“Empire, Faith, and Environment,” at the conference “New Thinking about the Old Empire: A Celebration of Laura Engelstein's Career,” Yale University, May 3, 2014.

“Russian Imperial Administration in Comparative Perspective,” Roundtable, Ohio State University, graduate seminar on Islamic History, April 2, 2014.

“Understanding Crimea: Ukraine, Russia, and the U.S., Past and Present,” lecture to the Ohio State College Democrats, March 25, 2014.

“The Global Water Crisis in Historical Perspective,” Symposium for Water for the Americas, Ohio State University, February 11, 2014. Can be viewed at:

<http://waterfortheamericas.com/ass-prof-breyfogle-water-crisis-in-a-historical-perspective/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gGjwcoSkes>

<https://esn.osu.edu/news/15000-mile-water-awareness-tour-features-ohio-state-faculty>

“Confronting Catastrophe: the 1861-62 Lake Baikal Earthquakes and the Meanings of Nature in Imperial Russia,” on the panel “The History of Disasters: New Global Approaches,” at the AHA Annual Convention, Washington, DC, January 5, 2014.

“Saving the Sable: Science, Conservation, and the Barguzin Nature Preserve,” at the ASEES Annual Convention, Boston, November 22, 2013.

“Arctic Security,” Security Policy Discussion Group, Mershon Center, November 7, 2013.

“Making History Public: *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*,” at the Ohio State University, October 22, 2013.

“The History of Fishing in Lake Baikal,” at the Leverhulme Trust conference “Exploring Russia's Environmental History and Natural Resources,” St. Petersburg, Russia, August 18-19, 2013.

“Drowning the Sacred Sea: the Hydroelectric Colonization of Lake Baikal and its People in the Mid-Twentieth Century,” at the International Water History Association Conference, Montpellier, France, June 26, 2013

“Drowning the Sacred Waters: The Hydroelectric Flooding of the Angara River and Lake Baikal in the 1950s,” at the international conference “Disasters Wet and Dry: Rivers, Floods, and Droughts in World History,” Renmin University and the Rachel Carson Center (Munich), Beijing, May 24, 2013

“Lake Baikal and Russian Environmental History,” presented at Conceptualizing the Natural Environment: Critical Reflections from Russia, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries,” Icebreaker Krasin, St Petersburg, 22-23 March 2013 [presented in absentia]

“The Roots of the Russian Revolutions of 1917,” Ohio State University, guest lecture in “How to Stage a Revolution” History class, March 8, 2013.

“Russian and Eurasian Historiography After 1991,” Slavic Center, The Ohio State University, September 24, 2012

“Baikal: The Lake and its People, A Brief History,” at The Tahoe-Baikal Institute, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, June 20, 2012.

“Russia and the Race for the Arctic,” at Gustavus Adolphus College, MN, part of the Global Insight, Circumpolar Region Program, April 19, 2012.

- “Sustainability and Economics in the Circumpolar Region,” at Gustavus Adolphus College, MN, part of the Global Insight, Circumpolar Region Program, April 19, 2012.
- “Place and Space in Siberian History,” at the conference “Wrangling Space into Russian Imperial History: Agendas for Digital and Collaborative Scholarship,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, February 24-25, 2012.
- “Children’s Toys in Russia,” at the Columbus Jewish Day School, December 19, 2011.
- “Empire, Towns, and the Environment in Siberia,” presented on the panel, “Empire and the City: A roundtable in Honor of Patricia Herlihy,” ASEEES, November, 2011.
- “Russian and Eurasian Historiography After 1991,” Slavic Center, The Ohio State University, October 25, 2011.
- “The Fate of Fishing in Tsarist Russia: The Human-Fish Nexus in Lake Baikal,” Presented at the University of Michigan Russian History Workshop, October 11, 2011.
- “Stalinism in Siberia,” Presented at the University of Michigan, October 11, 2011.
- “A Revolution for the Fish? The Politics and Culture of Fishing in Lake Baikal,” Presented at the conference “Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Eurasian History,” Columbus, OH, September 16-17, 2011.
- “How I Became an Historian,” Presented to Phi Alpha Theta New Member Induction Ceremony, April 27, 2011
- “Russian Sabbatarians: The Tsar's Forgotten Jews?” Agudas Achim, Columbus, March 30, 2011.
- “Fishing Lake Baikal.” Presented at Wellesley College, March 16, 2011.
- “Russian and Eurasian Historiography After 1991,” Slavic Center, The Ohio State University, February 9, 2011.
- “Confronting Catastrophe: The 1861-62 Lake Baikal Earthquakes and the Meanings of Nature in Imperial Russia.” Presented at the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Stanford University, February 4, 2011.
- “Russian History, Culture, and Law.” Presented to the Judicial College of the Ohio Supreme Court, November 4, 2010.
- “Confronting Catastrophe: Materiality, Environment, and Empire in Russian History.” Presented at the *Ab Imperio* Annual Seminar, “Empire Studies—A Roadmap for the 2010s,” Kazan, Russia, October 7-11, 2010.

- “Orthodox Sermons Address the 1861 Earthquake around Lake Baikal.” Presented (in absentia) at the Conference “Faith and Story in Imperial Russia,” Edmonton, Canada, October 1-2, 2010
- “The Fauna and Flora of Lake Baikal,” The Columbus Jewish Day School, June 1, 2010.
- “Russian and Eurasian Historiography After 1991,” Slavic Center, The Ohio State University, April 28, 2010
- “Sacred Waters: The Spiritual World of Lake Baikal.” Presented at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 12, 2009.
- “Lake Baikal and Russian Environmental History,” lecture to the Board of Directors of the Ohio Environmental Council, September 19, 2009.
- “On Shaky Ground: Earthquakes and Environmental Thought in Russian History,” Lafayette College, September 14, 2009.
- “The Russian Conquest of Siberia, 16th-17th centuries,” Lafayette College, September 15, 2009.
- “Matrieshka dolls in Russian children’s culture,” lecture at the Columbus Jewish Day School, June 1, 2009
- “Earth and Water Unleashed: The 1861-62 Lake Baikal Earthquake and the Meanings of Nature in Imperial Russia.” Presented at the Colloquium “Nature and the Environment in Russian History,” Georgetown University, April, 21, 2009.
- “Earth and Water Unleashed: The 1861-62 Lake Baikal Earthquake and the Meanings of Nature in Imperial Russia.” Presented at the Midwest Russian History Workshop, Michigan State University, April 2, 2009.
- “Russian and Eurasian Historiography After 1991,” Slavic Center, The Ohio State University, October 15, 2008
- “In Spirit and Life: Maksim Rudometkin and the Messianic World of the Molokan Jumpers (*Pryguny*).” Presented at the conference “Jewish and Christian Mystical & Messianic Movements in their Social and Religious Contexts: The Eastern European Case” at The Ohio State University, May 18, 2008.
- “The Empire in Practice: Russian Settlers, the Peoples of South Caucasia, and the Structures of Tsarist Governance.” Presented at the conference “Religion and Conquest: Orthodoxy, Islam and Imperial Policy towards Religious Institutions, 1650-1920” at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, April 25, 2008.

- “The Possibilities of Empire: Russian Sectarian Migration to South Caucasia and the Refashioning of Social Boundaries.” Presented at the conference “Belonging, Membership, and Mobility in Global History” at the University of Minnesota (co-sponsored by the Immigration History Research Center and the Institute for Global Studies), April 19, 2008.
- “Lake Baikal and the Fate of the World’s Water.” Presented to the History Club, Columbus, OH, January 21, 2008.
- “Baikal: the Great Lake and its Peoples.” Presented at the American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellows Conference, Philadelphia, May 17-19, 2007.
- Invited Roundtable Participant at the conference “The Caucasus: New Agendas in Scholarship” at the Woodrow Wilson Center/Kennan Institute, Washington DC, May 10-11, 2007.
- “Saving Baikal: Environmental Activism and the Meanings of Nature after World War II.” Presented at the Russian and East European History Workshop, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, March 21, 2007.
- “Struggle for Baikal: Industrial Development, Environmentalism, and the Meanings of Nature in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia.” Invited Lecture at a joint meeting of the School of Environmental Science and the Departments of Geography and History, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON, February 1, 2007.
- “Living Empire: Understanding Multiethnic Eurasia in the Modern Era.” Keynote Address delivered at the conference “Eurasian Empire: Literary, Historical, and Political Responses to Russian Rule in the Twentieth Century,” Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University, Oxford, OH, October 2006.
- “Population Politics and Russian Colonization in the South Caucasus.” Presented at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Salt Lake City, November, 2005.
- “Molokan History and Culture in Russia.” Presented to the United Molokan Christian Association, Los Angeles, CA, July, 2005.
- “Miliutin and the Caucasus.” Presented at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Pittsburgh, November, 2002.
- “From Colonial Settlers to Pacifist Insurgents: The Origins of the Dukhobor Movement, 1887-1895.” Presented at the Midwest Russian History Workshop, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 2002.
- “Prayer and the Politics of Place: Molokan Church-Building, Tsarist Law, and the Quest for a

- Public Sphere in Late Imperial Russia.” Presented at the Conference “Sacred Stories: Religion and Spirituality in Modern Russian Culture,” University of Illinois, February 2002
- “Empire and Identity: Religious Dissenters and Russian Colonization of the South Caucasus in the Nineteenth Century.” Presented at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto, January 2002.
- “A Georgian Tells Me of ‘Creation’: Researching and Teaching “Russian” History.” Presented to the Department of History, University of Toronto, January 31, 2002.
- “Russian Sectarian Antimilitarists before the Introduction of Universal Military Service (1874).” Presented at the conference “2001: A Peace Odyssey. An International Peace Studies Conference Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize” at Hofstra University, November 2001.  
[A copy of the paper was commissioned for inclusion in the library collections of The Norwegian Nobel Institute, Oslo.]
- “Switching Denominations in a Multi-Confessional Context: The Politics of Religious Affiliation in Nineteenth-Century Russia.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Cambridge, England, April 2001.
- “The Ecology of Colonization: Russian Settlers and the Transcaucasian Environment in the Nineteenth Century.” Presented at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Denver, November 2000.
- “Empire and Ecology: Russian Colonists and the South Caucasian Environment in the Nineteenth Century.” Presented at the Midwest Russian History Workshop, the University of Chicago, October 2000.
- “Swords into Plowshares: Opposition to Military Service among Religious Sectarians, 1770s to 1874.” Presented at the conference “The Military and Society in Russia, 1450-1917” at the Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, September 2000.
- “Molokan History in Russia.” Presented at the Molokan Heritage Center, Los Angeles, August 2000.
- “Caught in the Crossfire: Russian Civilians in the Russo-Turkish Theater of War, 1853-56 and 1877-78” at the Maryland Workshop in Russian Studies, “Occupations and Liberations from 1812 to WWII,” March 2000.
- “Colonial Contact as Creation: Relations Between Russian Settlers and the Peoples of Transcaucasia, 1830-1900.” Presented at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto, March 2000.
- “Empire and Identity: Ethnicity, Religious Affiliation, and State Service among Russian Settlers

- in Transcaucasia, 1830-1900.” Presented at the Sawyer Seminar “Empire, States, and Political Imagination” at the Advanced Study Center of the International Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 2000.
- “Swords into Plowshares: Religious Opposition to Military Service in Nineteenth-Century Russia.” Presented at National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, St. Louis, MO, November 1999.
- “Rethinking the Origins of the Doukhobor Arms Burning, 1887-1893.” Presented at the conference, The Doukhobor Centenary in Canada: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective on their Unity and Diversity, University of Ottawa, October 1999.
- “Exploring the Doukhobor Past in the New Millennium.” Presented at the conference: The Doukhobor Centenary in Canada: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective on their Unity and Diversity, University of Ottawa, October 1999.
- “Empire and Nationalities in Imperial Russian History.” Presented at Roundtable entitled “Empire and Nationalities” at Midwest Russian History Workshop, University of Toronto, April 1999.
- “Toleration Through Isolation: The Edict of 1830 and the Origins of Russian Colonization in Transcaucasia.” Presented at the Midwest Russian History Workshop, The Ohio State University, October 1998.
- “Colonizing the Colonists: Rebellion and Identity Among Russian Settlers in Transcaucasia, 1886-1900.” Presented at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boca Raton, Florida, September 1998.
- “Frontier Encounters: Relations Between Russian Settlers and Non-Russian Transcaucasians, 1830-90.” Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 1998.
- “Toleration Through Isolation: Religious Minorities and Russian Colonization, 1801-1830.” Presented at the Sawyer seminar “Theories and Practices of Religious Toleration/Intolerance” at the Advanced Study Center, University of Michigan, March 1998.
- “Inside Nazi Germany: Total State, Racial State.” Presented at Randolph-Macon Women’s College, Lynchburg VA, February 1998.
- “The Birth of Mass Politics: Europe, 1871-1914.” Presented at C. W. Post Campus, Long Island University, Brookville NY, February 1998.
- “Heretics and Colonizers: Religious Dissent and Russian Colonization of Transcaucasia, 1830-1890.” Presented at the University of Calgary, February 1998.
- “The New Economic Policy (NEP) and the Soviet 1920s.” Presented at the University of Calgary,

February 1998.

“Heretics and Colonizers: Religious Dissent and Russian Colonization of Transcaucasia, 1830-1890.” Presented at The Ohio State University, January 1998.

“Contact, Conflict and Coexistence: Accommodation and Exchange between Russian Settlers and Native Transcaucasians, 1830-1890.” Presented at the Russian and Soviet Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, October 1997.

“Switching Denominations, Restructuring Identities: Conversion and Sectarian Society in Transcaucasia, 1830-1880s.” Presented at the Russian and Soviet Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, April 1997.

“Of Heretics and Colonizers: Religion, Ethnicity and the State in Russia's Transcaucasian Borderlands.” Presented at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 1996.

“To a Land of Promise: Resettlement and Exile of Russia's 'Sectarians' to Transcaucasia, 1830-1860s.” Presented at the Midwest Russian History Workshop, University of Michigan, October 1996.

“Religious Dissent and National Identity in Russia's Transcaucasian Borderlands.” Presented at the Russian and Soviet Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, October 1996.

“Istoriiia russkikh sektantov v Zakavkaz'e.” Presented at the Institute of History, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 1996.

“Building Doukhoboriia: Religious Culture, Social Identity and Russian Colonization in Transcaucasia, 1845-1895.” Presented at the Russian and Soviet Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, May 1995.

### **Other Conference Participation**

Facilitator, the Upper Arlington Book Club meeting discussing the book, *Water: The Epic Struggle for Wealth, Power, and Civilization* by Steven Solomon, September 16, 2018.

Chair, “Recovering from War,” at the conference “Asia in the Russian Imagination,” University of Utah, March 24, 2018.

Commentator, “The Green and the Red: Environmental History and Soviet History,” at the ASEES Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 11, 2017.

Facilitator, the Gramercy Book Club meeting discussing the novel, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, August 22, 2017, <https://www.gramercybooksbexley.com/event/gramercy-book-club-5>

Chair, "Teaching Water History," at the International Water History Association Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 16 June, 2017.

Chair, "Transnational Expertise," at the International Water History Association Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 14 June, 2017.

Roundtable, "So you want to go to Grad School," Faculty Panel, Ohio State University History Department, April 19, 2017.

Commentator and Chair, "Russian Environmental Policy," Midwest Slavic Conference, Columbus, OH, April 9, 2017.

Panelist, "Fellowship Writing in the Arts & Humanities: A Panel Discussion," Ohio State University, February 21, 2017.

Chair and Facilitator, Water Research Forum, "Is a Sustainable and Resilient Water Infrastructure really Possible?" The Ohio State University, November 18, 2016.  
<http://globalwater.osu.edu/event-new-and-current-faculty-forum-sustainable-water-infrastructure/>

Roundtable Participant/Discussant, "Introduction to Sustainable and Resilient Economy," Ohio State University, August 16, 2016.

Chair and Commentator, "The Balkans and Environmental Policy," Midwest Slavic Conference, Columbus, OH, April 10, 2016.

Chair, "Knowledge and memory in a transnational context," at the conference "Iron Curtain Crossings: Eastern Europe and the Global Cold War," Mershon Center, Ohio State University, March 4, 2016

Commentator, "Conservation," at the conference, "The Nature of War: American Environments and World War II," Mershon Center, Ohio State University, February 27, 2016

Chair, "Zionism in Palestine and Palestinian Nationalism," at the conference "History of Zionism in Comparative Perspective," Ohio State University, November 9, 2015.

Roundtable Participant, "Best Teaching Strategies" in Ohio State University History graduate class, 7905, November 5, 2015.

Chair, Workshop 3 of the Leverhulme Trust conference "Exploring Russia's Environmental History and Natural Resources," Lake Baikal, Russia, July 30, 2015.

Moderator, Roundtable, "Exploring Russia's Environmental History and Natural Resources: the Case of Lake Baikal," Buriat State University, Ulan-Ude, Russia, July 25, 2015.

Chair, Center for Historical Research, "State Formations: Histories and Cultures of Statehood": "The State-Society Paradigm in Russian and Soviet History: How the Modern State Taxed Its Population and in the Process Co-opted It" by Yanni Kotsonis, September 19, 2014.

Chair, "Writing History for the Public," American Historical Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC, January 3, 2014

Commentator, "Domination or 'Democracy?' Negotiating Control of Large-Scale Regional Water Projects: Conflicting Levels of Governance: China, Japan, and Switzerland," panel at the International Water History Association Conference, Montpellier, France, June 26, 2013

Commentator, "On the Home Front: Australians and the 1914 Drought," paper at the international conference "Disasters Wet and Dry: Rivers, Floods, and Droughts in World History," Renmin University and the Rachel Carson Center (Munich), Beijing, May 24, 2013

Commentator, "Geo-epidemiology, Chemistry, and Cholera: The Environmental Approach to Cholera in Tsarist Russia, 1892-1905," paper at the Center for Historical Research, The Ohio State University, February 15, 2013.

Commentator, "Environment and Health in the Soviet Periphery," panel at ASEEEES Annual Convention, New Orleans, November, 2012.

Commentator, "Rediscovering Siberia II: Regional Identities and Scientific Practices," panel at ASEEEES Annual Convention, New Orleans, November, 2012.

Chair, "Current Events in Historical Perspective, Part II: Social History," American Historical Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, January 6, 2012.

Commentator, "Expertise and the Transformation of Nature: Knowledge, Authority, and the Eurasian Environment." Panel at the ASEEEES Convention, Washington, DC, November 2011.

Commentator, "Water and the Environmental Transformation of Central Asia." Panel at the conference "Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Eurasian History," Columbus, OH, September 16-17, 2011.

Chair, "Eurasian Environmental History in a Global Perspective: Future Directions for Study and Contributions to the Field," Roundtable at the conference "Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Eurasian History," Columbus, OH, September 16-17, 2011.

Commentator, "Shaping Russia's Borderlands: Priests, Parishioners and Community in Late Imperial Russia." Panel at the National Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Los Angeles, November 20, 2010.

Commentator, "New Directions in Environmental History: Comparative Perspectives on Water Issues in Europe, Africa, and Asia." Panel at the National Convention of the American Historical Association, San Diego, January 10, 2010.

Commentator, "Religion and Property in Imperial Russia." Panel at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 14, 2009.

Panel Organizer, "Water and the Fate of Eurasian History." Panel at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, Nov. 12, 2009.

Chair, "Caucasian Conflicts Across Two Centuries." Panel at the Midwest Slavic Conference, Columbus, OH, April 2009.

Chair, "Making Empire—Making Nation." Panel at the Association for Women in Slavic Studies Gender Studies Conference, Columbus, OH, April, 2009

Commentator, "Agent and Object: The Environment in Japanese History." Panel at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Environmental History, Tallahassee, FL, Feb. 2009.

Discussant, "The Victorian Eye: A Political History of Light and Vision in Britain, 1800-1910" by Chris Otter. OSU Department of History Inaugural "Cookies and Conversation," Columbus, OH, February 2009.

Commentator, "Gender and Empire in the Caucasus." Panel at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, November 2008.

Chair, "Reading Images of Women and War in the Nineteenth Century." Panel at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, November 2008.

Commentator, "Imagining the Caucasus in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union." The Caucasus through Various Perspectives." Panel at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Salt Lake City, November 2005.

Chair, "Spiritual Fathers and their Children in Orthodoxy and Old Belief." Panel at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston,

December 2004.

Chair, "Priestless Old Belief and the Power of the State: Historical and Comparative Perspectives." Panel at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, December 2004.

Chair, "Flight, Order, and Violence along the Early Modern Frontier." Panel at the National Convention of the AAASS, Pittsburgh, November 2002.

Chair, "Mapping the Other: Dealing with Religious Difference in Imperial Russia." Panel at the National Convention of the AAASS, Denver, November 2000.

Commentator, "Cultural Negotiations on the Periphery: Ethnicity and Empire in Late Imperial Russia." Panel at the National Convention of the AAASS, St. Louis, November 1999.

Commentator, "3,000 Years of Migration in the Eurasian Steppe." Panel at the Annual Convention of the American Historical Association, Washington, D. C., January 1999.

Chair, "Old Believers in Traditional Russian Culture." Panel at the International Conference of Russian Old Believers, Erie, PA, October 1998.

Chair, "The Pilgrim's Progress: Religious Travel and Traditional Culture." Panel at the National Convention of the AAASS, Boston, November 1997.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS

### Teaching Honors and Awards

- Guru Vandana Teacher Appreciation Award, April 2017.
- Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award, Nominee, 2013.
- **Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award, Ohio State University, 2011.**  
<https://www.osu.edu/universityawards/2011/teaching.html>
- Phi Alpha Theta CLIO Teaching Award (History Department), 2011.
- Nominated as Faculty Member, Phi Alpha Phi Honor Society, 2011.
- Nominated for the Outstanding Teaching Award for the College of Arts & Sciences, 2004.
- Bucket & Dipper/Chimes Honors Societies Faculty Dinner Invitee, February 2002.
- Dean's Honors Dinner Invitee, autumn 2002.
- "Favorite Faculty" chosen by Student Visitor Center Ambassador for Annual Reception, 2001.

### Undergraduate Courses

- "Water: Human History" (Undergraduate lecture/discussion course)
- "European Environmental History" (Undergraduate lecture/discussion course)
- "Water History" (undergraduate senior seminar)
- "Western Civilization, the Seventeenth Century to the Present" (First-year lecture and discussion course, I have taught both honors and regular versions)
- "Introduction to Historical Thought and Methodology" (Gateway course for History majors)
- "Imperial Russia, 1700-1917" (Upper-level lecture/discussion course)
- "Siberia in World History" (Upper-level lecture/discussion course)
- "Europe, 1815-1914" (Upper-level lecture/discussion course)

### Graduate Seminars

- "Water in Human History"
- "Russia as Multiethnic, Multiconfessional Empire,"
- "Russian Social and Cultural History"
- "Reform, Reaction, and Revolution: Russian Political History"

### Graduate and Undergraduate Thesis Advising (since 1998)

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|---|---------------------------|
| • Dissertation Adviser or Committee Member:         | 17 students, 14 completed |
| • General Exam Adviser or Committee Member:         | 22 students, 19 completed |
| • Masters Thesis Adviser or Committee Member:       | 41 students, 40 completed |
| • Senior Honors Thesis Adviser or Committee Member: | 6 students, 6 completed   |

### **PhDs Completed under my Direction**

Paul N. Niebrzydowski (Summer 2018, co-advisor with Alan Beyerchen), **“Reining in the Four Horsemen: American Relief to Eastern Central Europe, 1915-1923”**

Mark Sokolsky (Summer 2016), **“Taming Tiger Country: Colonization and Environment in Primor’e, 1860-1940”**

Ian Lanzillotti (Autumn 2014), **“Imperial Integration, Nation Building, and Interethnic Relations in the Tsarist and Soviet Caucasus: Kabardino-Balkaria, 1822-1991”**

Peter DeSimone (Summer 2012) **“An Old Believer “Holy Moscow” in Imperial Russia: Community and Identity in the History of the Rogozhskoe Cemetery Old Believers, 1771 – 1917”**

George Lywood (Summer 2012) **“Our Riviera, Coast of Health: Environment, Medicine, and Resort Life in Fin-de-Siècle Crimea”**

Kristin Collins (Summer 2011) **“Negotiating Imperial Spaces: Gender, Sexuality & Violence in the Nineteenth-century Caucasus”**

Mark Soderstrom (Summer 2011) **“Enlightening the Land of Midnight: Peter Slotvsov, Ivan Kalashnikov, and the Saga of Russian Siberia”**

Glenn Kranking (Spring 2009) **“Island people: transnational identification, minority politics, and Estonia's Swedish population”**

Victoria Clement (Autumn 2005) **“Rewriting the "Nation": Turkmen literacy, language, and power, 1904-2004”**

**OSU UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Leadership Team and Executive Committee, Sustainable and Resilient Economy Discovery Theme, 2014-present**

**OAA Sustainability Education Working Group, 2017-present**

**Chair's Advisory Committee, History Department, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2003-4, 2002, 2000-1.**

**Search Committee, Modern European History (Newark Campus), 2018-19**

**Graduate Studies Committee, History Department, 2017-18, 2018-19**

**Graduate Admissions/Fellowship Committee, History Department, 2017-18, 2018-19**

**Salary Advisory Committee, History Department, 2017-18, 2003-4, 2000-1.**

**Presidential Fellowship Committee, History Department, 2017-18**

**Denman Research Forum, Judge for Sustainability Theme, 2018.**

**Search Committee for Associate Director, Business Development for Sustainability (for SRE and OEE), 2018.**

**Workplace Climate Committee, History Department, 2016-17.**

**Undergraduate Studies Committee, History Department, 2016-17, 1998-99.**

**Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 2007-19**

**Slavic Studies MA Application Review Committee, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 2017-18, 2016-17**

**Ad hoc Hiring Committee, Prospective Spousal Hire, Department of History, 2017**

**Chair, Environmental and Sustainability History Search Committee, History Department, 2015-16**

**Awards and Prizes Committee, History Department, 2015-16**

**Chair, Environmental History Search Committee, History Department, 2012-13**

**Semester Conversion Coordinator, History Department, 2009-2013**

**Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies Advisory Council, 2012-19**

**Selection Committee** for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 1998-2006, 2013.

**Faculty Mentor Department of History,**

Jennifer Eaglin, 2016-present

Bart Elmore, 2016-present

Sam White, 2013-2016

**Faculty Mentor Sustainable and Resilient Economy Discovery Theme**

Jennifer Eaglin, 2016-present

Bart Elmore, 2016-present

**Disciplinary Advisory Committee,** College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities, 2010-11

**Central and Eastern European Gateway Faculty Advisory Committee,** Office of International Affairs, 2010-2012

**Steering Committee,** Environment, Technology, and Science Constellation, History Department, 2009-present

**Environmental Citizenship and Sustainability Humanities Committee,** 2009-2011

**Promotion and Tenure Committee,** History Department, 2007-9.

**Academic Performance Review Task Force,** History Department, 2009

**Committee for Strategic Planning,** History Department, 2007-8.

**Search Committee, Assistant Director,** Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 2007

**Search Committee, Eastern European History,** History Department, 2006-7.

**Editor,** *Making History at the Ohio State University*, annual History Department magazine (64 pages, color, distributed internationally), 2000-2006.

**Graduate Studies Committee,** College of Humanities, 2003-5.

**Humanities Scholars Advisory Committee,** College of Humanities, 2004-6.

**University Grant Writing Workshop,** Invited Panelist and Presenter, 2002, 2003, 2017.

**Website Coordinator**, Russian and East European Section of History Department, 2000-4.

**Exam Evaluator**, Advanced Placement Credit Exams, History Department, 2000-4.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Book Manuscript Reviewer**, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Cornell University Press, Routledge, New Academia Publishers, University of Toronto Press.

**Article Referee** for *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, *Ab Imperio*, *Arcadia*, *Environmental History*, *Water History*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, *Slavonic and East European Review*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, and *Canadian Ethnic Studies*

**Tenure Evaluator**,

Wright State University, 2013

Pomona College, 2014

Michigan State University, 2014

Oregon State University, 2016

Northern Illinois University, 2016

University of California-Davis, 2016

Auburn University, 2018

**Jacket Blurb/Monograph Endorser**: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Toronto Press, Cornell University Press

**Project Evaluator, French-German Program in Humanities and Social Sciences (FRAL)**, *Histoire environnementale du temps présent : l'Union soviétique et les États successeurs, 1970-2000. Globalisation écologique et dynamiques regionaux.* 2013

**National Fellowship Committee**, American Philosophical Society (APS), 2007-8 and 2013.

**National Fellowship Committee**, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), 2014-15.

**National Fellowship Committee**, Kluge Center, Library of Congress, 2016-17

**Grant Evaluator**, ACTR/ACCELS Title VIII Programs, 2007.

**Expert Witness/Consultant**, Asylum and Refugee legal cases involving people from the Caucasus.

**Editorial Board Member**, *Symposion: A Journal of Russian Thought*.

**Professional Affiliations:** American Historical Association, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, International Water History Association, American Society for Environmental History, Central Eurasian Studies Society, Midwest Russian Historians' Workshop.

## **LANGUAGES**

Russian - Spoken and written fluency

French - Spoken and written fluency

Spanish - Moderate reading ability