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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	Pittsburgh, PA
<b>Associate Professor, History</b>	September 2021 – Present
<b>Assistant Professor, History</b>	September 2015 – August 2021
<b>Affiliated Faculty, Religious Studies</b>	May 2020 – Present
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	Cambridge, MA
<b>Visiting Scholar, Asia Center</b>	January 2020 – December 2021
AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES	Vienna, Austria
<b>Visiting Researcher, Institute of Iranian Studies</b>	October 2014 – March 2020
YALE UNIVERSITY	New Haven, CT
<b>Post-Doctoral Associate, InterAsia Initiative</b>	August 2015 – July 2016

## EDUCATION

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	Princeton, NJ
<b>Ph.D. in History</b>	June 2015
<b>Master of Arts in History</b>	May 2010
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	Washington, DC
<b>Master of Arts in Global, International &amp; Comparative History</b>	May 2008
CARLETON COLLEGE	Northfield, MN
<b>Bachelor of Arts in International Relations</b>	March 2005

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs:

*Polymaths of Islam: Power and Networks of Knowledge in Central Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2020). Recipient of Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies First Book Subvention. Honorable mention for the 2021 Albert Hourani Book Award (Middle East Studies Association).

*Russian Subject, Muslim Monarch: Sovereignty, Paperwork, and Colonialism in Bukhara* (in progress).

### Refereed articles & chapters:

“Educating Muslim Intellectuals: Was there a ‘Persianate’ Madrasa in Central Asia in the Nineteenth Century?,” *Comparing Muslim Societies*, ed. Eric Tagliacozzo and David S. Powers. (Cornell University Press: 2023.)

“From the Archetypical Archive to Cultures of Documentation,” co-authored with Paolo Sartori, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 62, no. 5–6 (2019): 773–98.

“The Darker Side of Mobility: Refugees, Hostages, and Political Prisoners in Persianate Asia,” in *Asia Inside Out: Itinerant People*, ed. Eric Tagliacozzo, Helen F. Siu, and Peter C. Perdue (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2019), 201–23.

“Written into Submission: Reassessing Sovereignty through a Forgotten Eurasian Dynasty,” *The American Historical Review* 123, no. 3 (2018): 817–45.

“Mobilizing Magic: Occultism in Central Asia and the Continuity of High Persianate Culture under Russian Rule,” co-authored with Matthew Melvin-Koushi, *Studia Islamica* 111, no. 2 (2016): 231–84.

“Enemies beyond the Red Sands: The Bukhara-Khiva Dynamic as Mediated by Textual Genre,” *Journal of Persianate Studies*, no. 9 (2016): 158–82.

“Nadir Shah’s Peculiar Central Asian Legacy: Empire, Conversion Narratives, and the Rise of New Scholarly Dynasties,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, no. 48 (2016): 491–510.

“Soviet Civilization through a Persian Lens: Iranian Intellectuals, Cultural Diplomacy and Socialist Modernity 1941–55,” *Iranian Studies* 48, no. 5 (2015): 805–26.

### **Encyclopedia articles:**

“Persianate Peregrinations: Elite Migration in Eurasia, from the Eleventh to Nineteenth Centuries,” in *The Cambridge History of Global Migrations: Volume 1: Migrations, 1400–1800*, ed. Cátia Antunes and Eric Tagliacozzo, (Cambridge University Press, 2023), 240–58.

“Central Asia Between Empires: New Research on the 18th and 19th Centuries,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History* (Oxford University Press, 2023).

### **Review essays:**

“The Watchmaker: New Entangled Histories of Eurasia’s Nineteenth Century through the Prism of a Traveler’s Odyssey.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* (forthcoming).

“Categorically Misleading, Dialectically Misconceived: Language Textbooks and Pedagogic Participation in Central Asian Nation-Building Projects,” *Central Asian Survey* 36, no. 4 (2017): 555–74.

### **Book reviews:**

“*Islamic Leadership and the State in Eurasia* by Galina M. Yemelianova,” *Slavic Review* 81, no. 4 (December 2022): 1109–10.

“*In Remembrance of the Saints: The Rise and Fall of an Inner Asian Sufi Dynasty* by Muhammad Šadiq Kashghari, translated by David Brophy,” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 80, no. 3 (August 2021): 722–23.

“*The Bukharan Crisis: A Connected History of 18th Century Central Asia* by Scott Levi,” The Oxus Society for Central Asian Affairs (2020).

“*The Central Asian Revolt of 1916: A Collapsing Empire in the Age of War and Revolution*, eds. Aminat Chokobaeva, Cloé Drieu, and Alexander Morrison,” *Central Asian Survey* (2020).

“*Crisis, Collapse, Militarism and Civil War: The History and Historiography of 18th Century Iran*, ed. Michael Axworthy,” *History: Reviews of New Books* 47, no. 6 (2019).

“*Russian–Turkmen Encounters: The Caspian Frontier before the Great Game* by S. Peter Poullada, trans. Claora E. Styron,” *Iranian Studies* 51, no. 6 (2018).

“*Bukhara and the Muslims of Russia: Sufism, Education, and the Paradox of Islamic Prestige* by Allen Frank,” *Central Asian Survey* 32, no. 4 (2013).

“*Empire, Islam, and Politics in Central Eurasia*, ed. Uyama Tomohiko,” *Nationalities Papers* 36, no. 2 (2008).

### **Publications for a general audience:**

“Wanted: Orientalists and/or Muslim Monarchs,” Study of Islam in Central Asia, March 16, 2022. (Research note.)

“Last Lament of a Fallen Dynasty,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Blog, June 22, 2018. (Summary and translated primary supplementing the article “Written into Submission.”)

“On Language: The Many Flavors of Persian in Eurasia,” *EurasiaNet*, October 11, 2017. (Adapted from the article “Categorically Misleading, Dialetically Misconceived.”)

## **HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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John W. Kluge Fellowship, Library of Congress (August – December 2023): \$25,000

Title VIII Fellowship to study Uyghur language (June – August 2021): \$7,300

Wisconsin Intensive Summer Language Institute Tuition Scholarship to study Uyghur language (June - August 2020): \$4,800

Momentum Seeding Grant, University of Pittsburgh (February 2020 - February 2021): \$13,300

Social Science Research Council Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellowship: InterAsian Contexts & Connections Short-term Residency Grant (January - December 2020): \$10,500

Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activities in the Humanities, University of Pittsburgh (January - December 2019): \$10,000

Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activities in the Humanities, University of Pittsburgh (January - December 2018): \$6,750

Asian Studies Small Grant Award, University of Pittsburgh (Summer 2018): \$2,000

Social Science Research Council Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellowship (April 2017 - August 2018): \$40,000

Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (September 2017 - May 2018): course release

Dietrich School Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh (Summer 2017): \$4,000

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (September 2014 - July 2015): \$38,000

Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship, Princeton University (September 2013 - August 2014): \$77,070

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (September 2012 - July 2013, funded by the Mellon Foundation as the IIE Graduate Fellowship for International Study): \$38,900

IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship (December 2011 - August 2012): \$21,100

American Councils Title VIII Combined Research & Language Training Program (July - November 2011): \$7,450

Princeton Department of Near Eastern Studies Language Grant (February - May 2011)

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant (July - September 2010)

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Language Grant (June - August 2009)

IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Grant (June - September 2008)

NSEP Boren Undergraduate Scholarship (September - December 2003)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited talks:**

“Past Identities, or Moving Past Identity? Literary Cultures, Bureaucratic Aesthetics, and Forgotten Collectives in Eurasian History.” Keynote lecture for the European and Eurasian Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Pittsburgh. March 2024.

“Endemic Colonialism: Sovereignty, Public Health, and Pandemic in Pre-Soviet Bukhara.” Keynote lecture for Graduate Student Conference on Central Asia, Davis Center, Harvard University. April 2023.

“Erudity Islama: Musul'manskie Uchenye v Bukhare, 18go-19go veka.” Bilimkent Seminar, Al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies of Uzbekistan. October 2022.

“Book Talk: Polymaths of Islam.” Embassy of Uzbekistan to the United States. November 2021.

“Bukhara’s Place in Central Asian History.” Embassy of Uzbekistan to the United States. November 2020.

“Islamic Scholars, Wine-Soaked Romance, and Textual Genre: Culture and Contradiction in Pre-Colonial Central Asia.” University of North Carolina Central Asia Working Group. October 2020.

“Was there a ‘Persianate’ Madrasa? Curriculums and Islamic Forms of Knowledge in Central Asia.” UCLA Program on Central Asia. April 2019.

“United in Eclecticism: The Last Ulama of Bukhara.” Comparative Muslim Societies Program at Cornell University. November 2017.

“Centering Bukhara.” Russian/Soviet History Workshop at the University of Michigan. March 2017.

“Between Sharia and the Beloved: Textual Genre and the Many Faces of the High Persianate Intellectual.” South Asian Studies Colloquium Series at Yale University. February 2016.

“What We Talk About When We Talk About ‘Provinces in Rebellion’: Shahrisabz and Premodern Sovereignty, 1694-1870.” Occasional paper at the Institute of Iranian Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. February 2015.

**Conference papers:**

“The Edge Case of Russian Colonialism: Bukhara as a Perso-Islamic State and Russian Protectorate, 1885-1920.” What is Russian Colonialism? international conference at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. June 2024.

“Translation and Archives in Bukhara.” Intersections of History and Literature in Central Asia workshop at Yale University. May 2024.

“Performing Sovereignty in the Dual-State: Bureaucracy and Translation in Colonial-Era Bukhara.” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. October 2023.

“Sovereignty, State, and Society.” Leon B. Poullada Memorial Symposium on Central Asian Studies, Princeton University. March 2023.

“Islamic Scholars, Wine-Soaked Romance, and Textual Genre: Culture and Contradiction in Central Asia.” “Literature Week” lecture series at the Central Asian Studies Institute, American University of Central Asia (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan). November 2021.

“Cultures of Madrasa Learning in Central Asia.” “Ahmad Shah Massoud and the Future of Afghanistan” conference at Cambridge University. September 2021.

“Central Asian Intellectual Networks.” Webinar series on “Republics of Letters around the Globe” at Utrecht University. May 2021.

“Book Forum: Connected Histories in Century Asia.” Association for the Study of Persianate Societies virtual convention. March 2021.

“Knowledge Networks in Central Asia and Beyond on the Eve of Modernity.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. March 2021.

“Northern Afghanistan, Southern Turkestan, or Eastern Khurasan?: Sovereignty and Social Networks at the Edge of the Russian Empire.” Symposium on “Afghanistan at the Edges of Empire” at Rutgers University. October 2019.

“Persianate Migrations.” Workshop on “Global History of Migration” at Leiden University. June 2019.

“What Digital Methods Can Offer the Study of Islamic Documents.” International Summer School on Cultures of Documentation in Persianate Eurasia at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna. June 2019.

“Layered Sovereignty in Eurasia’s Age of City-States.” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. October 2018.

“Intellectual Networks and Persian Cultures of Documentation.” Association for Asian Studies in Delhi, India. July 2018.

“First Among Equals? The Precarious Relationship Between Islamic Scholars and Philosopher-Kings in 18th-19th Century Bukhara.” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. November 2017.

“Subaltern Dynasty?: The Forgotten Persianate Emirate of Shahrisabz.” Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI. October 2017.

“Timorid Renaissance into Manghit Enlightenment?: The Endurance of Turk-Persian High Culture in 19th Century Bukhara.” UNESCO Conference on “The Central Asian Renaissance in the History of World Civilization” in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. August 2018.

“The Darker Side of Mobility: Hostages, Refugees, and Forced Migration in Pre-Colonial Eurasia.” “Asia Inside Out” conference in Hanoi, Vietnam. January 2017.

“The Sovereign and the Sage: Sharia, Scholars, and Islamic Government in Central Asia (1747 - 1917).” Conference on “Sharia in Motion” at Yale University. April 2016.

“Cosmopolitan Culture into Social Currency: The High Persianate Intellectual of Bukhara, 1747-1917.” Conference on “The Frontiers of Persian Learning” at UCLA. February 2016.

“Persianate Cultural Legacies in the Russian Empire and USSR.” Roundtable at the annual convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. November 2015.

“Bukhara Center: Scholarly Exchange Networks in Nineteenth-Century Central Asia.” Conference on “Knowledge and Technology” at the European University in St. Petersburg. November 2015.

“Who Were the ‘Ulama of Bukhara?: High Persianate Intellectuals in the Abode of Knowledge.” International symposium on “Sharia in the Russian Empire” at the Institute of Iranian Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. November 2015.

“The Paradoxical Relationship between Islamic Scholars and State Authority in Central Asia (1747-1917).” Workshop on boundaries between the public and private spheres in the former Soviet space at the Centre for Comparative History and Political Studies of Perm State University. May 2015.

“Centering Bukhara in the Perso-Islamic Tradition.” American University of Central Asia in Bishkek workshop on the intersection of history and literature. August 2014.

“Little Persianate Spheres? Bukhara as a Center of Regional Exchange.” Yale University conceptual inquiry into the Persianate world. May 2014.

“Persianate Islam in Central Asia as a Precursor to Soviet and Post-Soviet Social Movements.” George Mason University conference on Islam, mobilization, and social change. October 2013.

“Opportunity in Upheaval: New Islamic Family Dynasties in Central Asia's Long Nineteenth Century.” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting in New Orleans. October 2013.

“Sources, Prosopography, and Social History in Nineteenth Century Central Asia.” Uzbek Institute of History conference on new approaches to social history in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. September 2013.

“Patricians of Bukhara: Family Dynasties in the Abode of Knowledge 1747-1917.” Association for the Study of Persianate Societies biennial convention in Sarajevo, Bosnia. September 2013.

“Soviet Civilization Through a Persian Lens: Iranian Intellectuals, Cultural Diplomacy and Socialist Modernity 1941-1955.” Oxford University conference on “Russian Orientalism to Soviet Iranology.” December 2012.

#### **Symposia & workshops convened:**

“Masterclass on Eurasia.” Sponsored by the Russia, East European, and Eurasian Studies Center. University of Pittsburgh. March 2021 – present (ongoing series).

“Rethinking India’s Eighteenth Century.” Co-hosted with Nick Abbott. Sponsored by the Dietrich School Faculty Research and Scholarship Program. University of Pittsburgh. November 8, 2019.

“Beyond the Islamicate Chancery: Archives, Paperwork, and Textual Encounters across Eurasia (15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Centuries).” Co-hosted with Paolo Sartori. University of Pittsburgh and Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna. October 4-5, 2018.

“Islamic Cultures of Documentation: An International Symposium.” Co-hosted with Paolo Sartori. Sponsored by the Dietrich School Faculty Research and Scholarship Program and Hewlett International Grant. University of Pittsburgh. May 23-24, 2017.

“Persianate Cultures of Documentation: An International Symposium.” Co-hosted with Paolo Sartori. Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna. June 23-24, 2016.

“Less than a State, More than a Colony: Protectorates and Semicolonialisms in Comparison.” InterAsia Initiative, Yale University. February 13, 2016.

“Between Anarchy and the Police State: Geopolitics and International Development in Central Asia.” InterAsia Initiative Discussion Forum, Yale University. January 27, 2016.

#### **Other conference activities:**

Moderator for numerous panels in Central Eurasian Studies Society annual conference. October 19-22, 2023.

Moderator for panel on “Poetry, wisdom, and transmission of knowledge,” Central Eurasian Studies Society annual conference. October 20, 2022.

#### **On-campus engagement at Pitt:**

“Bukhara as a Mult-confessional Empire.” Islamicate studies working group. March 20, 2024.

“History from Below in Bukhara.” History department work-in-progress seminar. February 21, 2024.

“White Island in a Sea of Red: Revolution on the Frontier of Empire.” Socialist Studies Seminar. January 26, 2024.

#### **Digital humanities engagement:**

Collaborator in “Central Eurasian Digital Historical Gazetteer” project. World History Center (2020 – present)

Participant in “Information Ecosystems: Creating Data (and Absence) From the Quantitative to the Digital Age.” Sawyer Seminar at the University of Pittsburgh. (2019 – 2020)

Participant in “Digital Editions, Digital Corpora and New Possibilities for the Humanities in the Academy and Beyond.” NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities at Tufts University. (2018)

## **TEACHING**

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#### **Undergraduate courses:**

Computational Methods in the Humanities (History 1030, University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2020, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)

Empires of the Steppe: Eurasia from the Mongols to the Soviets (History 0752, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2024)

Russia to 1917 (History 0301, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2024)

Reading Historical Russian (History 1910, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)

History Capstone Seminar on Research and Writing Methods (History 1000, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2021)

Islam in Asia (Religious Studies 1456, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2020)

Rise of Islam (History 0753, University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021)

Introduction to Research in Russian Sources (University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2017, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

Islam and Empire in Central / South Asia (Yale University Seminar: Fall 2015)  
Soviet Empire (Princeton University Undergraduate Precept: Spring 2014)  
Central Asian and Iranian History (American Councils for International Education Workshop: Fall 2011)

**Graduate courses:**

European Empires in the World (History 2540, University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2017)  
Study and Research Methods for Incoming PhD Students (informal annual three-month workshop: Summer 2022 – present)

**Graduate directed studies:**

Advanced Readings in Imperial Russian Historiography (University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2024)  
Graduate Study & Research Hacks Workshop (University of Pittsburgh: Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Summer 2024)  
Advanced Readings in Central Asian History (University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2022)  
Mongol Connectivity in Eurasia (University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2021)  
Colonial Central Asia (University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2020)  
Imperial Russian History through Russian Sources (University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2019)  
Russian and Soviet History (University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2017)  
Indian History through Persian Sources (Yale University: Spring 2016)

**Undergraduate directed studies:**

Soviet Nationalities Policy and the Bashkirs (University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Directed Study: Fall 2022)  
Language History in Ancient Mesopotamia (University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Directed Study: Fall 2021)  
Ottoman History (University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Directed Study: Spring 2020, Fall 2020)  
Persia and Zoroastrianism through Pahlavi Sources (University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2019)  
Nation-building in Central Asia (University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

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## ADVISING

**Graduate and postdoctoral mentorship:**

Committee member for dissertation on “Global Spatial Network and Power Relations in the Late Medieval World” (Sharon Zhang, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: in progress)  
Committee member for dissertation on “Primary Schooling in Dobruja between Nationalism and Pragmatism, 1878-1914” (Ana Fumurescu, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: in progress)  
Faculty mentor for visiting Bolashak postdoctoral fellow (Ulzhan Tuleshova, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University: 2022-2023)  
Committee member for dissertation on “The Communist International within the Context of the Development of International Political Networks in Europe in the 20th Century” (Yagiz Yildiz, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: in progress)  
Evaluator for preliminary exam on Mongol-European exchange (Sharon Zhang, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: Spring 2021).  
Evaluator for doctoral dissertation on legal culture in colonial-era Central Asia (Nasriddin Mirzaev, International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan: Spring 2021)  
Evaluator of comprehensive doctoral exam on gender and sexuality amongst Iranian and Afghan migrants (Anna Mousouli, University of Pittsburgh, Anthropology Department: Fall 2020)

Evaluator of comprehensive doctoral exam on Russia and Austria as multi-confessional empires (Barry Bookheimer, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: Spring 2018)

Committee member for master's thesis on Ukrainian identity in displaced persons camps (Barry Bookheimer, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: Fall 2017)

Evaluator for doctoral dissertation on formation of the Uzbek State Archive (Muhayo Isakova, Institute of History, Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan: Spring 2017)

### **Undergraduate mentorship:**

Advisor for Bachelor of Philosophy thesis on the Manas epic of Kyrgyzstan (Matthew Hickey, University of Pittsburgh, World History Center: 2022-2024)

Advisor for Bachelor of Philosophy thesis on the Sovietization of Bashkiria (Peter Busscher, University of Pittsburgh, World History Center: 2021-2023)

Advisor for undergraduate honors thesis on piracy in the Ottoman-era Persian Gulf (Lawson Pace, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: 2020-2021)

Content advisor for Digital Atlas Internship on Central Asia and the Caucasus in the Russian Empire (Peter Busscher, University of Pittsburgh, World History Center: 2020)

Advisor for undergraduate honors thesis on identity and ideology as expressed through rock and roll and in the late Soviet period (Crissy Shannon, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: 2019-2020)

Advisor for undergraduate honors thesis on Russian identity in Soviet Central Asia (Pablo Lindsay, University of Pittsburgh, History Department: 2017-2018)

Mentor for undergraduate First Experiences in Research project on digitizing sacred geography in Eurasia (Roman Nikonov, University of Pittsburgh: Spring & Fall 2018)

Committee member for undergraduate honors thesis on Kazakh nationalism (Halak Mehta, University of Pittsburgh, Honors College: Spring 2016)

## **SERVICE TO THE FIELD**

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Advisory Board Member for "Translatio" series of Durham University Press (2022-present)

Guest webinar instructor for Engaging Eurasia Teacher Fellowship (2024)

Application Reviewer for 2022-23 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship program

Editorial Board Member for the Persian Manuscripts Association

Editorial Board Member for the World Historical Gazetteer

Cluster Leader for 2021 SSRC InterAsia Academy: Integration and Disintegration

Beta tester for "Central Asian Memoirs of the Soviet Era" project (Russian Perspectives on Islam)

Proposal Reviewer for Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Proposal Reviewer for Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference in Tashkent

Reviewer, Brill Publishers

Reviewer, *asia critique*

Reviewer, *Berichte zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte*

Reviewer, *Central Asian Survey*

Reviewer, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*

Reviewer, *Der Islam*

Reviewer, *Iranian Studies*

Reviewer, *Journal of Asian Studies*

Reviewer, *Journal of Central Asian History*

Reviewer, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*

Reviewer, *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association*

Reviewer, *Marmara Türkiyat Araştırmaları Dergisi*

Reviewer, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*

Reviewer, *Quaderni Storici*

Columnist, Central Eurasian Studies Society Blog

## **SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY**

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Search committee member for endowed chair in British History (2024)

International graduate student liaison, History Department (2024)

Evaluator for G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Award, Honors College (2024)

Evaluator for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program, REEES (2024)

Search committee member for UCIS Postdoctoral Fellowship (2021, 2024)

Search committee chair for Teaching Assistant Professorship (2024)

Instructor in Mellon / Lawler Graduate Funding Proposal Workshop (2022, 2023)

Team Member for REEES / World History Center Transoxiana digital mapping project

Reviewer for Momentum Funds (2022-23, 2023-24)

Convener for Masterclass on Eurasia, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Center (2021-present)

Member of Review Committee for the Afghanistan Program, Center for Markets and Governance (2022)

Member of History Department Graduate Committee (2021)

Faculty Advisor for History Department Asia Cluster Professionalization Series (2020-2021)

Member of Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Faculty Advisory Board (2020-2021)

Panel Discussant for Undergraduate Research Symposium (2021)

Pitt Momentum Funds Seeding Grants Evaluator (2020)

UCIS Postdoctoral Fellow in Russian, East European Studies Search Committee (2020)

Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies Discussion Group Leader (2020)

Judge in DSAS 3MT Competition (*rescheduled due to coronavirus*) (2020)

Asian Studies Center Faculty Awards Committee (2020)

Convener and organizer of “Europe after Eurocentrism” faculty and graduate student workshop (2019-2020)

Search committee member for Russian history position (2018-2019)

Faculty Advisory Committee member (2016-2020)

Search committee member for Islamic history position (2016-2017)

## **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

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**BROOKINGS INSTITUTION**

**Research Assistant, Global Economy & Development Program**

*Washington, DC*

*March 2006 – May 2008*

**TRANSITIONS ONLINE**

**Managing Editor, neweurasia.net**

*Berlin, Germany/Prague, Czech Republic*

*January 2006 – May 2008*

**CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE**

**Researcher, FOREIGN POLICY Magazine**

*Washington, DC*

*September 2005 – March 2006*

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING PARTNERS, INC.**

**Management Analyst**

*Alexandria, VA*

*March 2005 – March 2006*

**U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Research Intern, Bureau for Europe & Eurasia**

*Washington, DC*

*Summer 2004*

## DIGITAL PROFICIENCIES

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**Python (NLTK, Pandas, BS4):** Intermediate  
**Digital Mapping (QGIS):** Intermediate

**XML and Related Methods:** Advanced

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

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**Russian:** Proficient

**Hindi / Urdu:** Intermediate

**Persian (Farsi, Dari, Tajik, Judeo-):** Proficient

**Turkic (Chaghatay, Uzbek, Uyghur):** Advanced

**Arabic (Classical):** Proficient

**Pahlavi / Middle Persian:** Reading

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