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EMPLOYMENT

2020 - Tobor Family Endowed Professor of Modern European Jewish History, University of Illinois

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2023-2028 Editor-in-Chief of *Slavic Review*

2018-2024 Co-editor of book series "Russian Shorts," Bloomsbury Publishing

2017-2019 Co-editor of *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2022-2026 Director of Jewish Studies, University of Illinois

2018-2022 Associate Director of Jewish Studies, University of Illinois

VISITING POSITIONS

Summer 2017 Visiting Lecturer, Center for Urban History, Lviv, Ukraine

2004-2006 Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Colby College

EDUCATION

1997-2004 Ph.D. University of Michigan

BOOKS

Jews and the Imperial State: Identification Politics in Tsarist Russia (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2010)

The Velizh Affair: Blood Libel in a Russian Town (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018)

- Russian edition published by Academic Studies Press, 2020
- Paperback edition, 2022

Racism in Modern Russia: From the Romanovs to Putin (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022;

revised edition, 2026)

- Available as an open access resource:
<https://www.bloomsburycollections.com/book/racism-in-modern-russia-from-the-romanovs-to-putin/>
- Revised Russian-language edition published by Academic Studies Press, 2025.

Pogroms: A Very Short Introduction, co-authored with Elissa Bemporad (New York: Oxford University Press, in preparation).

EDITED VOLUMES

Oxford Handbook of the History of Race in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia, ed. Eugene M. Avrutin, Nana Osei-Opare, Sunnie Rucker-Chang, and Adrienne Edgar (New York and London: Oxford University Press, in preparation)

Pogroms: A Documentary History, ed. Eugene M. Avrutin and Elissa Bemporad (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021)

Ritual Murder in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Beyond: New Histories of an Old Accusation, ed. Eugene M. Avrutin, Jonathan Dekel-Chen, and Robert Weinberg (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2017)

Anna Pavlovna Vygodskaya, *The Story of a Life: Memoirs of a Young Jewish Woman in the Russian Empire*, ed. and trans. Eugene M. Avrutin and Robert H. Greene (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2012)

Jews in the East European Borderlands: Essays in Honor of John D. Klier, ed. Eugene M. Avrutin and Harriet Murav (Brighton: Academic Studies Press, 2012)

Russia in Motion: Cultures of Mobility since 1850, ed. John Randolph and Eugene M. Avrutin (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2012)

Photographing the Jewish Nation: Pictures from S. An-sky's Ethnographic Expeditions, ed. Eugene M. Avrutin, et al. (Waltham: Brandeis University Press, 2009)

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, and BOOK CHAPTERS

"Antisemitism in the Russian Empire," *Cambridge History of Antisemitism*, in press

"The End of Everything? Pogroms in Wars and Revolutions," *Journal of Modern History*, vol. 95, no. 3 (2023): 668-91

"Pogroms in Russia's Borderlands, 1881-1884," in *Pogroms: A Documentary History*, ed. Eugene M. Avrutin and Elissa Bemporad (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021), 23-46

"Ritual Murder in a Russian Border Town," *Jewish History*, vol. 26, no. 3/4 (2012): 309-326; reprinted in slightly revised form in *Ritual Murder in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Beyond: New*

Histories of an Old Accusation, ed. Eugene M. Avrutin, Jonathan Dekel-Chen, and Robert Weinberg (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2017), 56-72; and *Evrei pogranič'ia: Smolenshchina* (Moscow: The Moscow Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization "Sefer," 2018), 191-206

"Pogroms in Russian History," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, vol. 14, no. 3 (2013): 585-598

"Jewish Neighborly Relations and Imperial Russian Legal Culture," *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, vol. 9, no. 1 (2010): 1-16; reprinted in revised form as "Economic Entanglements and Neighborly Disputes in the Northwest Provinces of the Russian Empire," in *Religion in the Mirror of Law: East European Perspectives from the Early Modern Period to 1939*, edited by Yvonne Kleinmann, Stephan Stach, and Tracy Wilson (Frankfurt am Main: Vittorio Klostermann, 2016), 329-346

"Racial Categories and the Politics of (Jewish) Difference in Late Imperial Russia," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, vol. 8, no. 1 (2007): 13-40

"Returning to Judaism after the 1905 Law on Religious Freedom in Tsarist Russia," *Slavic Review*, vol. 65, no. 1 (2006): 90-110

"The Politics of Jewish Legibility: Documentation Practices and Reform during the Reign of Nicholas I," *Jewish Social Studies*, vol. 11, no. 2 (2005): 136-169

"Kreshchenye evrei, etnicheskii konflikt, i politika povsednevnoi zhizni v Rossii vo vremia pervoi mirovoi voiny [Baptized Jews, Ethnic conflict, and the Politics of Everyday Life during Russia's Great War]," in *Mirovoi krizis 1914-1920 godov i sud'by vostochnoevropetskogo evreistva* [The World Crisis of 1914-1920 and the Fate of East European Jewry], edited by Oleg Budnitskii, et al. (Moscow: ROSSPEN, 2005), 99-123

"The Power of Documentation: Vital Statistics and Jewish Accommodation in Tsarist Russia," *Ab Imperio*, no. 4 (2003): 271-300