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EDUCATION

- 2015-present PhD Imperial Russian History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- *Candidacy status achieved March 2018*
 - *Fields: Russian and Soviet History, Modern European History, Global Urban History; all three passed “with distinction”*
- 2015 MA European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto
- 2013 BA (Hons) with High Distinction, University of Toronto

PUBLICATIONS

- Cowan, Felix. “The Democracy Versus Democracy: Representation and Politics in Odessa During the 1912 State Duma Election.” *Revolutionary Russia* (forthcoming, 2020).
- Cowan, Felix. “‘Everyone is a Citizen, Everyone is a Revolutionary!’: Citizenship and Democracy in the Odessa Penny Press.” In *Imagining the Future in Russia’s February Revolution: Instant Voices in the Press Across the Empire*, edited by Franziska Schedewie and Dennis Dierks. Brill: forthcoming, 2020.
- Cowan, Felix. “Popular Liberalism: Vladimir Anzimirov and the Influence of Imperial Russia’s Penny Press.” *Past Tense: Graduate Review of History* 5, no. 1 (2017): 8-28.
- Clarkson, Stephen with Abdi Aidid, Felix Cowan, Christine Farquharson, John Henderson, Jason Li, and Anna Postelnyak. “Primary or Secondary?: Regionalism’s Multiple Roles in Brazil’s International Emergence.” KFG Working Paper Series No. 69, *Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG)* “The Transformative Power of Europe.” Freie Universität Berlin, January 2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “How Large was the Late Imperial Russian Public Sphere? Assessing the Audience of the Penny Press.” 2020 Midwest Russian History Workshop (MRHW), Evanston, April 2020.

“Gender Non-Conforming Lives in the Late Imperial Russian Press, 1911-14.” 20th annual University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Women’s and Graduate History Symposium (WGHS), Urbana, April 2020.

“Women’s Rights and Emancipation in the Russian Penny Press, 1908-1917.” 2020 Feminist inter/Modernist Association (FiMA) Conference, Chicago, April 2020.

“How Large was the Late Imperial Russian Public Sphere? An Investigation into the Audience of the Penny Press.” 2019 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, San Francisco, November 2019.

- *Also panel organizer.*

“Social Reform in the Kopeck Newspapers of Imperial Russia.” 2019 British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK, April 2019.

“‘Russia is Dying’: Political Polarization and Liberal Discourse in the 1917 Penny Press.” 2017 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Chicago, November 2017.

“Reading Past the City: Global Narratives in an Urban Russian Newspaper.” 2017 Osaka City University-University of Illinois Symposium, Urbana, March 2017.

“Beyond Urban Boundaries: The Penny Press and Lower-Class Integration in the Russian Empire.” 2016 Midwest Popular Culture Association (MPCA) Annual Conference, Urban Studies area, Chicago, October 2016.

- *Also served as panel chair*

“Popular Liberalism: Vladimir Anzimirov and the Influence of Imperial Russia's Penny Press.” University of Toronto 12th Annual Graduate History Symposium, Toronto, May 2016.

- *Winner, AGHS-Past Tense Best Paper Award*

“Historical Narratives of Stalinism in Post-Soviet Russia and Ukraine.” University of Toronto Slavic Studies Conference, Toronto, April 2014.

INVITED TALKS

“Coalition-Building and Identity Politics: Representation and Democracy in Odessa During the 1912 State Duma Election.” European University at Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg, Russia, May 2019.

“Gazety kak istochniki dlia istoricheskogo issledovaniia” (“Newspapers as Sources for Historical Research”). National Research University Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg, Russia, January 2019. In Russian.

“The Russian Revolution.” Guest lecture for the course “Western Civilization Since 1660,”
Professor Mark Micale. University of Illinois, November 2017.

“Professor Panel: The Russian Revolution.” Invited participant. Phi Alpha Theta, University of
Illinois, October 2017.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2019	Conference Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Illinois
2019	Davis Graduate Student Travel Grant, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
2019-20	Illinois Distinguished Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Illinois
2019	Conference Travel Grant, Graduate College/Department of History, University of Illinois
2019	Conference Travel Grant, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC), University of Illinois
2018-19	ABD Research Fellowship, Department of History, University of Illinois
2018	Frederick S. Rodkey Memorial Prize for Most Promising Graduate Student in Russian History, Department of History, University of Illinois
2017	Yaro Skalnik Prize for Best Graduate Essay, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC), University of Illinois
2017	Summer Pre-dissertation Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Illinois
2015-16, 2016-17	Illinois Distinguished Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Illinois
2016	AGHS-Past Tense Best Paper Award for “Popular Liberalism: Vladimir Anzimirov and the Influence of Imperial Russia’s Penny Press,” 12 th Annual Graduate History Symposium, University of Toronto
2016	Conference Travel Grant, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC), University of Illinois
2014-15	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Graduate Scholarship, Master’s

2013-14, 2014-15	Graduate Fellowship, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (CERES), University of Toronto
2013	Louis Savloc UC '37 Scholarship, University of Toronto
2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13	Howard Ferguson Scholarship, University of Toronto
2011, 2012	Moffatt and Eleanor Woodside Prize for History, University of Toronto
2011	Canadian International Council Book Prize, University of Toronto
2010	Alen Milne McCombie Award, University of Toronto

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2017, Spring 2018	Teaching Assistant, Western Civilization Since 1660, Advanced Composition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rated as "outstanding" in student evaluations, Fall 2017</i>• <i>Rated as "excellent" in student evaluations, Spring 2018</i>
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ACADEMIC SERVICE

2019-20	Illinois Promise mentor, University of Illinois
2017-present	Blog Contributor, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC), University of Illinois
2016-17	SourceLab Research and Development Committee, Department of History, University of Illinois
2015-16	SourceLab Working Group, Department of History, University of Illinois
2014	Research Intern, Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies (UCRS; now the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, IRES), Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Assisted organization of two academic conferences, <u>Translation in Russian Contexts</u> (3-7 June 2014) and <u>Kazakhstan: Beyond Economic Success</u> (13-14 June 2014)</i>• <i>Edited book chapters for <u>Punishment as a Crime?: Perspectives on Prison Experience in Russian Culture</u>, ed. Julie Hansen and Andrei Rogachevskii (Uppsala: Uppsala University Press, 2014)</i>

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2013-15 Information and Privacy Analyst, Archives of Ontario, Toronto, Canada

ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

LANGUAGES

Russian (Advanced)

French (Intermediate reading, basic spoken)

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