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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, Medieval History *August 2018—Present*

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Dissertation: “Mobility and the Making of the North Atlantic World, ca. 750-1250 CE”

Advisor: Carol Symes

Examined Major Field: History of Medieval Europe, Passed with Distinction

Examined Minor Fields: Russian History, Transatlantic History, Passed with Distinction

Unexamined Minor Field: History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

MA, History *Conferred December 2019*

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

BA with Distinction, History (Highest Honors) and English (Honors) *Conferred May 2018*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Global Middle Ages, slavery and captivity in the early north Atlantic, religious mobility, print culture, material culture, digital humanities.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- 2021 “Magic, Genderfluidity, and queer Vikings, ca. 750-1050.” *History Compass* (2021): 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12657>.
- 2019 “‘Я Тоже:’ The Rape of Katerina Stepanova and John Paul Jones’s Russian Legacy.” *Past Tense: Graduate Review of History* 7, issue 1 (Spring 2019): 36-57.
- 2019 “Russia's Empress-Navigator: Transforming Modes of Monarchy during the Reign of Anna Ivanovna, 1730-40,” *Madison Historical Review* 16, article 3 (Spring 2019).
- 2018 “‘To Make my Happiness and His Own:’ Male Homosexuality in Catherinian Russia.” *History Matters: An Undergraduate Journal of Historical Research*, Vol 15 (May 2018): 1-24.

Book Reviews:

- 2019 “*Retseniia na Knige: Franklin S. The Russian Graphosphere, 1450-1850*.” Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2019. 414p.” *Al'manakh severoevropeiskikh i baltiiskikh issledovaniï* 4 (2019), DOI: 10.15393/j103.art.2019.1321.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Race and Slavery in the Stories of Geirmundr Heljarskinn.” 18th International Saga Conference — University of Helsinki, Finland and Tallinn, Estonia.
- 2021 “Towards a Reoriented Global North Atlantic: Race and Captivity in the Stories of Geirmundr Heljarskinn.” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting 2021 — Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (Held virtually due to Covid-19).
- 2020 “Religious Mobility: Reimagining the Early Rous’ian Church, 1050-1350 CE.” Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World Regional Colloquium — University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2019 “‘Я Тоже:’ The Rape of Katerina Stepanova and John Paul Jones’s Russian Legacy.” 11th Annual Northeastern Conference in World History, “(Re)Writing Global Histories: Movement, Memory, and Materiality” — Northeastern University, Boston, MA.
- 2019 “‘A Day of Perfect Metamorphosis’: The Cross-Dressing Balls of Elizabeth Petrovna and Catherine II.” 2019 Women’s and Gender History Symposium — University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- 2019 “God(dess) of War: Poetics, Androgyny, and Performance in the Image of Catherine the Great as Minerva.” “The Weight of Antiquity: Early-Modern Classicisms” — University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2018 “Russia’s Empress-Navigator: Transforming Modes of Monarchy during the Reign of Anna Ivanovna, 1730-40.” 2018 Paul Lucas Graduate Conference, “Agents of Change in the New World”—Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-2022 The Leifur Eiriksson Foundation Fellowship, Republic of Iceland. Residency at Arni Magnússon Institute for Manuscript Studies, University of Iceland.

- 2021 A.G. Leventis Foundation Scholarship, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Athens, Greece.
- 2020-2021 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Year, Russian), U.S. Department of Education.
- 2020 Summer Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Department of History.
- 2019-2020 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Year, Russian), U.S. Department of Education.
- 2017-2018 David Anthony Kusa Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of History.
- 2017 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Summer, Russian), U.S. Department of Education.
- 2016 Michael L. and Matthew L. Boyatt Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of History.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Laurence M. Larson Scholarship for Studies in Medieval or English History, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2020 Frederick S. Rodkey Memorial Prize for Most Promising Graduate Student in Russian History, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2019 James Madison Award for Excellence in Historical Scholarship, James Madison University.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 2021 Medieval Greek Summer Session of the Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens – Athens, Greece (Held virtually due to Covid-19).
- 2021 2021 Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians – Urbana, IL (Held virtually due to Covid-19).
- 2019 ASEES Annual Convention 2019 – San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 Slavic Digital Humanities Summer Workshop – Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

- 2019 Midwestern Russian History Workshop – Northwestern University,
Chicago, IL.
- 2018 ASEEES Annual Convention 2018 – Boston, MA.
- 2017 Summer Language Workshop – Russian, Indiana University,
Bloomington.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SourceLab

- **Managing Editor** *May 2020-September 2021*
- **Editorial Board Member** *December 2018-Present*
 - Oversees logistical functions of editions of *SourceLab*, an academic digital publication of undergraduate students' analyses of primary sources for use in the classroom.
 - Provides feedback on all drafts of editions before and after a peer review process.
 - Manages a specific edition, mentoring student authors of a specific selected source and supporting them through the publication process.
 - Uses Scalar and other digital humanities tools and methods to publish editions digitally.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

- **Substitute Lecturer** *March 2019*
 - Led discussion in an undergraduate history seminar, HIST 345: Medieval Civilization, for three class periods (March 7, March 14, and March 26, 2019).

The National Park Service, Cowpens National Battlefield *Chesnee, SC*

May 2015- June 2018

- **Volunteer-in-Parks**
 - Managed visitor center desk, interacted with and directed visitors to the different services of the park.
 - Researched, created, and delivered interpretive programs, using various interpretive methods, to a variety of audiences.

LANGUAGES

English (Native speaker).

Russian (Research and oral proficiency).

French (Research and oral proficiency).

Old Norse/Icelandic (Research proficiency).

Old English (Research proficiency).

Old French (Research proficiency).

Greek/Ancient (Research proficiency).

ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Ancient Historians (AAH).

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

The American Historical Association (AHA).

The Medieval Academy of America (MAA).

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH SKILLS

Project management, grant and proposal writing, research methodology and design, online survey design and programming (Qualtrics), oral presentations, archival research.