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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of History, Harvard University, expected 2017
A.M., Department of History, Harvard University, 2013
Dissertation: “Personal Experiences of Nationality and Power in Soviet Kazakhstan, 1917-1953”
Advisor: Professor Terry Martin
General Exam Fields: The Soviet Union, Imperial Russian, Central Europe, The Ottoman Empire

M.A., Department of History, Yale University, 2010
B.A., Department of History, Yale University, 2010
Magna Cum Laude, Distinction in History
Thesis: “The Kazakh Alash Movement in the Context of Tsarist and Soviet Nationalities Policy, 1905-1924”

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

“Fatima Gabitova: Repression, Subjectivity, and Historical Memory in Soviet Kazakhstan,”
Central Asian Survey (forthcoming December 2016)

Academic Translations

Paolo Sartori and Ulfat Abdurasulov, “Introduction,” in Paolo Sartori, ed., *Judicial Administration under the Qungrats: The Yasaulboshi Letters* (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming)
[translated from Russian]

Nuryoghdi Toshev, “Introduction,” in Dāmullā Esh Murād Ra’īs, *Jamshīdī ṭavāyifī fathī: The Subjugation of the Jamshidis* (in preparation) [translated from Russian]

Bakhtiyor Babajanov, “Ferghana Valley, Islam in the,” in *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2015)
<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t343/e0199> [translated from Russian]

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2016 American Councils Title VIII Research Scholar Fellowship
2015 IIE Fulbright to Kazakhstan
2014 IREX IARO
2013 SSRC Pre-Dissertation Award

- 2013 Maurice Lazarus Graduate Research Travel Award
- 2013 Harvard History Department Summer Grant
- 2012 Maurice Lazarus Graduate Research Travel Award
- 2012 FLAS Award
- 2011 Merle Fainsod Prize
- 2011 Roger Martin Travel Award
- 2010 Wolfgang Leonhard Prize in Russian and East European Studies

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

- 2016 New Sources on Kazakh History, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Princeton University, November 3
- 2015 Traitors, Spies, and Enemies of the People: The Kazakh Elite in the 20th Century, ASEES Annual Convention, Philadelphia, November 22

Papers Presented

- 2016 “Archival Memoir Collections and the Pre-War Elite in Soviet Kazakhstan,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Princeton University, November 3
- 2016 “Interethnic Marriage Among Kazakhstan’s Pre-War Party Elite,” ASEES-MAG Summer Convention, Ukrainian Catholic University, June 28
- 2016 “‘Nationalists’ and ‘Colonizers’: Factions, Factionalism, and Interethnic Relations in Early Soviet Kazakhstan,” ASN World Convention, Columbia University, April 14
- 2015 “Fatima Gabitova: A Personal Story of Terror and Historical Memory,” ASEES Annual Convention, Philadelphia, November 22
- 2015 “Polish Illegal Migration into the Soviet Union: A View from Soviet Secret Police Files,” Trafficking, Smuggling and Illicit Migration in Historical Perspective, Birbeck College, London, June 19
- 2015 “Alibi Dzhangil’din: Personal Experiences of Nationality and Power in Early Soviet Kazakhstan,” Peripheral Histories? Postgraduate Research into the Late-Imperial Russian and Early-Soviet Provinces, Localities, and Republics, University of Manchester, UK, April 17
- 2014 “Personal Experiences of Nationality and Power in Early Soviet Kazakhstan,” ASN World Convention, Columbia University, April 24
- 2013 “Fighting Jim Crow in Central Asia: Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality in the Soviet Union Through African American Eyes,” ASN World Convention, Columbia University, April 18
- 2012 “African Americans on Soviet Central Asia,” ASEES Annual Convention, New Orleans, November 18

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Digital Teaching Fellow, Modern China (Spring 2016, Prof. Arunabh Ghosh)

Teaching Fellow, Early Modern Europe (Spring 2016, Dr. Michael Tworek)
Tutor, What is Imperial History? (Spring 2014, Prof. Kelly O'Neill)
Head Teaching Fellow, The End of Communism (Fall 2013, Prof. Terry Martin)

Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Visiting Lecturer, New Methodological Approaches to World History (Graduate Student Seminar, Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Workshop Coordinator, Russian and Eastern European History Workshop, Harvard University, 2013-2014

Workshop Coordinator, Central Eurasia Working Group, Harvard University, 2013-2014

LANGUAGES

English: native

Polish: native

Russian: fluent

French: fluent

Kazakh: proficient

Uzbek: proficient

German: proficient