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**EDUCATION**

1989-1996	Ph.D.	University of Chicago Russian and Soviet History
1986-1988	M.A.	Yale University Russian and East European Studies
1981-1985	B.A.	Northwestern University Economics and Philosophy

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2017-present	Director, USF Institute for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies
2019-present	Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies University of South Florida
2018-2019	Interim Chair, Department of History University of South Florida, Tampa
2016-2019	Professor, Department of History University of South Florida, Tampa
1996-2016	Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of History University of South Florida, Tampa

*Research & Teaching Fields:* Russian/Soviet history and politics, authoritarianism and disinformation, comparative communism, health/medicine and society, genocide and human rights

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2020, 2021	US Russia Foundation Grant
2013	Outstanding Faculty Award, University of South Florida
2011-2012	National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship

2007-2008	W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow and the William C. Bark National Fellow Hoover Institution, Stanford University
2003-2004	National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) Research Grant
Summer, 2001	Short-term Grant, Kennan Institute for Russian Studies Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C.
2001	Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award University of South Florida
1997-1998	Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Harvard University
1994-1995	Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
1993-1994	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship and International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Grant
1992-1993	MacArthur Scholar, Center for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation, University of Chicago
1992	ACTR Research Scholar Grant for dissertation work in Russia
1991	Mellon Foundation Pre-dissertation Fellowship
1989-1993	University of Chicago Fellowship
1987-1988	Yale University Fellowship

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS:**

*Illness and Inhumanity in Stalin's Gulag* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017).

*Stalin's Outcasts: Aliens, Citizens, and the Soviet State, 1926-1936* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2003).

Editor, *Jacques The Frenchman: Memories of the Gulag*, Jacques Rossi and Michèle Sarde (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2020).

Co-editor with Julie Hessler and Kiril Tomoff, *Writing the Stalin Era: Sheila Fitzpatrick and Soviet Historiography* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011).

## ARTICLES:

- "Medical Research in Stalin's Gulag," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 90:3 (Fall 2016): 363-393.
- "Destructive-Labor Camps: Rethinking Solzhenitsyn's Play on Words," in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 16, 3 (Summer 2015): 499-526. Reprinted in Michael David-Fox, ed., *The Soviet Gulag: Evidence, Interpretation, and Comparison* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2016).
- "A Torture Memo: Reading Violence in the Gulag," in Golfo Alexopoulos, Julie Hessler and Kiril Tomoff, eds. *Writing the Stalin Era: Sheila Fitzpatrick and Soviet Historiography* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), 159-178.
- "Exiting the Gulag after War: Women, Invalids, and the Family." *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* 57, 4 (2009): 563-579. Reprinted in *Gulag Studies*, vol. 4 (2011): 1-20.
- "Stalin and the Politics of Kinship: Practices of Collective Punishment, 1920s-1940s." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 50 (January, 2008): 91-117.
- "Soviet Citizenship, More or Less: Rights, Emotions and States of Civic Belonging," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 7 (Summer 2006): 487-528.
- "Amnesty 1945: The Revolving Door of Stalin's Gulag," *Slavic Review* 64 (Summer 2005): 274-306.
- "Post-Soviet Improvisations: Life and Work in Rural Siberia," in *Adventures in Russian Historical Research: Reminiscences of American Scholars from the Cold War to the Present*, eds. Samuel Baron and Cathy Frierson (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2003), 243-255.
- "Victim Talk: Defense Testimony and Denunciation under Stalin," *Law and Social Inquiry* 24 (Summer 1999): 501-518. Reprinted in David Hoffmann and Yannis Kotsonis, eds. *Russian Modernity: Politics, Practices, Knowledge* (London: Macmillan Press, 2000), 204-220.
- "Voices Beyond the Urals: The Discovery of a Central State Archive," *Cahiers du Monde russe* 40 (June 1999): 1-17.
- "Portrait of a Con Artist as a Soviet Man," *Slavic Review* 57 (Winter, 1998): 774-790.
- "The Ritual Lament: A Narrative of Appeal in the 1920s and 1930s," *Russian History/Histoire Russe*, 24 (Spring-Summer, 1997): 117-29.
- "Exposing Illegality and Oneself: Complaint and Risk in Stalin's Russia," in *Reforming Justice in Russia, 1864-1994: Power, Culture, and the Limits of Legal Order*, Peter Solomon, ed. (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1997), 168-190.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

*Tampa Bay Times* - "The Stalinist Regime of North Korea," (June 21, 2017); "Russians Are Saying 'Nyet' to Putin" (June 29, 2020); "Putin's War Beyond Ukraine" (March 21, 2022).

"Making Kinship Bigger: Andrew Shryock in Conversation with Golfo Alexopoulos, Nadav Samin, David Henig, and Gísli Pálsson" in *In Dialogue* (Website: April 1, 2018), *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

"Sick Labor: Illness and Treatment in Stalin's Gulags," *Yale Books Unbound* (Website: May 5, 2017).

"The Gulag's Veiled Mortality," *Hoover Institution Library and Archives* (Website: January 7, 2013).

"Letter from the Gulag," *Hoover Digest* (Summer 2008), 159-164.

"Disenfranchised," in Bruce F. Adams, ed., *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet, and Eurasian History* 8 (New York: Academic International Press, 2007), 53-57

"Disenfranchised Persons" and "Passport System" in James Millar, ed., *Encyclopedia of Russian History*, (New York: MacMillan Library Reference, 2004), 397-398, 1143-1144.

"On Negativity in Russia," *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 2004), 161.

### BOOK REVIEWS:

Oksana Kis, *Survival as Victory: Ukrainian Women in the Gulag* (Harvard University Press, 2021) in *Russian Review* 81:2 (April 2022): 384-385.

James Heinzen, *The Art of the Bribe: Corruption Under Stalin, 1943-1953* (Yale University Press, 2016) in *Russian Review* 77:4 (October 2018): 674-675.

Wendy Z. Goldman and Donald Filtzer, eds., *Hunger and War: Food Provisioning in the Soviet Union During World War II* (Indiana University Press, 2015) in *Social History of Medicine* 31:3 (August 2018): 663-664 .

Alexander Vatlin, *Agents of Terror: Ordinary Men and Extraordinary Violence in Stalin's Secret Police*. Seth Bernstein, trans., ed., and intro. (The University of Wisconsin Press, 2016) in *Slavic Review* 77:1 (April 2018): 264-265.

Serhy Yekelchuk, *Stalin's Citizens: Everyday Politics in the Wake of Total War* (Oxford University Press, 2014) in *The American Historical Review* 151:5 (December 2016): 1781-1782.

Yanni Kotsonis, *States of Obligation: Taxes and Citizenship in the Russian Empire and Early Soviet Republic* (University of Toronto Press, 2014) in *The Russian Review* 75:2 (April 2016): 324-325.

- Norman Naimark, *Stalin's Genocides* (Princeton, 2010) in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 47 (2013): 503-504.
- Steven Barnes, *Death and Redemption: The Gulag and the Making of Soviet Society* (Princeton, 2010) in *The Journal of Cold War Studies* (Spring 2012): 173-175.
- Cathy A. Frierson and Semyon S. Vilensky, *Children of the Gulag* (Yale, 2010) in *Slavic Review* (2011).
- Paul R. Gregory and Norman Naimark, eds. *The Lost Politburo Transcripts: From Collective Rule to Stalin's Dictatorship* (Yale University Press, 2008) in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* (March-June, 2010): 195-196.
- Simon Sebag Montefiore, *Stalin: Court of the Red Tsar* (Knopf, 2004) and Robert Service, *Stalin: A Biography* (Belknap, 2006) in *The Journal of Cold War Studies* (Winter 2008): 132-136.
- Sarah Davies and James Harris, eds. *Stalin: A New History* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) in *The American Historical Review* (December 2007).
- Sofia Chuikina, *Dvorianskaia pamiat': "byvshie" v sovetskom gorode: Leningrad, 1920e-1930e gody* (Saint Petersburg: Izdatel'stvo Evropeiskogo universiteta v Sankt-Peterburge, 2006) in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 8:4 (Fall 2007).
- Elizabeth Wood, *Performing Justice: Agitation Trials in Early Soviet Russia* (Cornell University Press, 2005) in *Journal of Modern History* 79 (December, 2007): 957-959.
- Oleg Khlevniuk, *The History of the Gulag* (Yale University Press, 2004) in *Slavic Review* 65 (Spring 2006): 189-190.
- Evgeny Dobrenko and Eric Naiman, eds. *The Landscape of Stalinism: The Art and Ideology of Soviet Space*. (University of Washington Press, 2003) in *Slavic Review* 63 (Winter 2004): 907-908.
- Abby Schrader, *Languages of the Lash: Corporal Punishment and Identity in Imperial Russia*. (Northern Illinois University Press, 2002) in *Law and History Review* 22 (Fall 2004): 652-654.
- Igal Halfin, *Terror in My Soul: Communist Autobiographies on Trial* (Harvard University Press, 2003) in *American Historical Review* 109 (June 2004): 1008.
- Andrea Chandler, *Institutions of Isolation: Border Controls in the Soviet Union and Its Successor States, 1917-1993* (McGill-Queens University Press, 1998) in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* (2004): 190-192.
- Polymeris Volgis, *Becoming a Subject: Political Prisoners during the Greek Civil War* (Berghahn Books, 2002) in *Journal of Slavic Military Studies* 17 (2004):1-3.
- Thomas Ewing, *The Teachers of Stalinism: Policy, Practice, and Power in the Soviet Schools of the 1930s* (Peter Lang Publishing, 2002) in *H-Net Reviews* (December 2003).
- Peter Kenez, *A History of the Soviet Union from the Beginning to the End* (Cambridge University Press, 1999) *Journal of Cold War Studies* 3 (Spring 2001): 111-113.

Vadim Z. Rogovin, *1937: Stalin's Year of Terror* (Mehring Books, Inc., 1998) and Robert W. Thurston, *Life and Terror in Stalin's Russia, 1934-1941* (Yale University Press, 1996) in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* (Spring 2001): 309-311.

Diane P. Koenker and Ronald D. Bachman, eds. *Revelations from the Russian Archives: Documents in English Translation* (Library of Congress, 1997) in *Russian Review* 57 (July, 1998): 486-487.

Elise Kimberling Witschafter, *Social Identity in Imperial Russia*. (University of Northern Illinois Press, 1997) in *Law and History Review* 18 (Fall, 2000): 669-671.

## **PAPERS, CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS**

### INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS:

“Stalin’s Gulag: Medicine and Mortality,” Center for Medicine, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, March 24, 2022.

“Illness and Inhumanity in Stalin’s Gulag,” Yale Franke Seminar and Lecture Series on “Mass Incarceration in the Soviet Union and the United States.” September 30, 2021.

“Stalinist Slavery: Exploitation in the Gulag,” William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia (November 11, 2019).

“Medicine and Mortality in the Gulag,” Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University (April 9, 2019).

“Illness and Inhumanity in Stalin’s Gulag,” Sakharov Seminar on Human Rights, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University (March 28, 2018).

“Stalin’s Forced Labor Camps: A Re-examination,” The Strassler Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Clark University (March 27, 2018).

“The Gulag: Biopolitics and Necropolitics,” for the conference, “Borders of Biopolitics: Population and Power in Modern Russia,” New York University, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, April 7-8, 2017.

“Silences in the Gulag Archive and the Camp Memoir,” for the conference, “Legacies of the Gulag and the Memory of Stalinism,” NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands, November 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

“The Destructive-Labor Camps: Rethinking Solzhenitsyn’s Play on Words,” for the conference, “The Soviet Gulag: New Research and New Interpretations,” Georgetown University, April 25-27, 2013.

"Medical Research in the Gulag," Russian and Soviet History Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 31, 2013.

"Health and Inhumanity in Stalin's Gulag," Hoover Institution Library and Archives, summer workshop on Totalitarian regimes, Stanford University, July 23, 2012.

"Health, Medicine, and Mortality in Stalin's Gulag," the DC Russian History Workshop, sponsored by the Georgetown Institute for Global History (GIGH), the Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies at Georgetown, and the American University History Department, Georgetown University, November 4, 2011.

"Health and Violence in Stalin's Gulag," Walker Institute for International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina, April 1, 2011.

"Making Invalids Invisible: Health Documents and Personhood in the Gulag," for the conference "Can I see your ID? Personhood and Paperwork in and after the Soviet Union," Cambridge Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, U.K., September 24-25, 2010.

"Stalin and the Politics of Kinship," Kruzhek Russian History Working Group, the University of California at Berkeley, October 17, 2007.

"Stalinism and the Family: Collective Punishment and the Logic of Mass Arrest," Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, November 14, 2005.

"The Significance of Class: Bourgeois Behavior in Revolutionary Russia," for the conference "Categorization, Identification, and Recognition in the Imperial and Soviet Periods: A Comparative Perspective," Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, February 7-8, 2003.

"Forgery and Fiction: The Life of a Prominent Con Artist in Stalin's Russia," Historian's Seminar, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, October 3, 1997.

"Responses to Terror: The Case of Soviet *Lisbentsy*," Conference on Terror in Comparative Perspective, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 19-21, 1993.

"Marked and Exiled: The Stigmatized in Soviet Society 1926-1936," Historians Seminar, Russian Research Center, Harvard University, February 26, 1993.

#### CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS:

Panelist for the roundtable on "Emerging Scholarship on the Holodomor" sponsored by the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC), Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), University of Alberta, December 16, 2021.

Panelist for the roundtable on Oksana Kis's book, *Survival as Victory: Ukrainian Women in the Gulag*, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) National Convention, New Orleans, November 20, 2021.

Panelist for the roundtable on "Terror under Soviet Occupation" for the conference on "Totalitarianism in East-Central Europe, 1939-1989," Pilecki Institute's History and Memory Graduate Academy online summer school, Warsaw, September 11, 2021.

"Petitioning in the Soviet Union," for the conference, "Petitions and Petitioning: Voice, Politics, Practices, Codes, Technologies" at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, May 2-3, 2019.

"Lawmaking under Stalin: Legal Intermediaries, Petitioning, and Collectivized Rights and Punishments," for the workshop, "Russia's Legal Tradition: Transformations, Continuities, Ruptures," Co-sponsored by the NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia and the NYU School of Law's Institute for International Law and Justice, New York University, April 8, 2019.

Chair for the session on "Russia and Europe: Friend and Enemy, in that order?" St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs, February 14, 2019.

Panelist for the session on "Are China and Russia Today's Expansionist Powers?" St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs, February 22, 2018.

Panelist for the roundtable on "Hunger, Violence and the State," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) National Convention, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2017.

"The Gulag post-GULAG," for the panel "The Practice and Legacies of Stalinist Repression," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) National Convention, Washington, DC, November 17-20, 2016.

"The Evolution of Stalin's Gulag," for the panel "Comparing Prewar and Postwar Stalinism," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) National Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, November 21-24, 2013.

"The Family as Enemy" for the panel "Thinking beyond Resistance and Cooptation in Authoritarian Regimes: Ba'thist Iraq, Communist Bulgaria and Stalinist Soviet Union," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, December 4, 2011.

"Political and Invalids in the Labor Camps," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS) Annual Meeting in Gainesville, Florida, March 25-27, 2010.

"Comparing Stalinism and Nazism: The Camps," and "Letter From the Gulag to the Kremlin: A Look at Torture," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 20-23, 2008.

"Enemies 'and their Clan': Kinship and Collective Punishment under Stalin," for the conference,



"History and Legacy of the Gulag," Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, November 2-5, 2006.

"The Release of Gulag Prisoners Under Stalin," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Boston, Mass., December 3-6, 2004.

"Stalin's Amnesty of 1945: Some Preliminary Observations," [presented in absentia] American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Toronto, Canada, November 20-23, 2003.

"Life and Work in Rural Siberia," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS) Annual Convention, Savannah, Georgia, March 27-29, 2003.

"Language and the State in the Stalin Era," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS) Annual Convention, Daytona Beach, Florida, March 14-16, 2002.

"Amnesty Tales: WWII and Appeals for Clemency," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Denver, Colorado, November 9-12, 2000.

"The Subversive Nature of Compliance: A Case from Stalin's Russia," for the conference "Historicizing Everyday Life under Communism: the USSR and the GDR," Berlin, Germany, June 8-10, 2000.

"Camp Prisoners and Care Givers: Amnesty in the Post-War Stalin Years," American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 9, 2000.

"The Identities of Stalin's Subjects," New England Slavic Association Meeting, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, March 27-8, 1998.

"Bolsheviks Focus on the Heart: When Insincerity Marked the Enemy," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) Convention, Seattle, November 20-23, 1997.

"Lives and Voices of the Obscure: Combing through *Massovye Istochniki*," Conference on Assessing the New Soviet Archival Sources, Yale University, May 16-18, 1997.

"When Victims Speak: Naming the Real Enemy in Stalin's Russia," Conference on New Approaches to Russian and Soviet History, University of Maryland at College Park, March 14-15, 1997.

"Portrait of a Con Artist as a Soviet Man," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, November 14-17, 1996.

"The Ritual Lament: A Narrative of Rehabilitation in the 1920s and 1930s," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) Convention, Washington DC, October 26-28, 1995.

"Exposing Illegality... and Oneself: The Logic of Complaint in Stalin's Russia," Conference on Administration of Law and Judicial Reform in Russia, University of Toronto, March 31-April 2, 1995.

"Povsednevnost' bezpravnykh liudei: zaiavleniia lishentsev," [The Everyday for Those Without Rights: *Lisbentsy* Petitions], Conference on Everyday Life in Russia, 1921-1941, University of Economics and Finance, St. Petersburg, Russia, August 16-19, 1994.

"Writing to Authority: The Voices of Soviet *Lisbentsy*," SSRC Workshop on Siberia, the Russian Far East and the Northeast Asian Region: Past and Present, Princeton University, December 3-5, 1993.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Executive Committee, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, 2022

USF President's Strategic Planning Advisory Task Force, 2021

USF-CAS Library Committee, 2019-2021

USF School of Humanities (SHUM) T&P Committee, 2018-2019

Associate Chair, USF Department of History, August 2015 - August 2017

USF System Research Council, 2012-2015

USF Library Council, 2002-2005, 2019-2021

Executive Council of the USF History Department, 2008-2010, 2013-2014

USF History Department committees: Graduate, Undergraduate, Library (chair)

Committee on the Student Prize, Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), 2003-2005

Manuscripts reviewed for many presses and journals, including: Cornell University Press, Indiana University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, Wiley-Blackwell, *Aspasia*, *The Canadian Journal of History*, *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *European History Quarterly*, *The Historian*, *The Journal of the Historical Society*, *Kritika*, *Law and History Review*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Region*, *Russian History*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, and *Social History of Medicine*.