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CURRENT POSITION

Affiliate Assistant Professor (with Graduate Faculty status) / Director of Technical Services
Department of History, University of Washington
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EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D. in History, University of Washington
 Diss: “‘Our Dear Kazan’: Urban Initiatives and Imperial Legacies, 1774-1860”
 Primary Advisor: Dr. Elena Campbell

1992 BA in Computer Science, BA in Managerial Studies, Rice University

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017-present Affiliate Assistant Professor / Director of Technical Services
 Department of History, University of Washington

2011-2017 Teaching Assistant / Research Assistant
(intermittent) Department of History, University of Washington

1992-2008 Employed in the computer software industry (details available on request)

PUBLICATIONS

Book manuscript currently under contract, co-authored with Talant Mawkanuli (lecturer in the University of Washington’s Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization), titled *Voices From the Qazaq Steppe: A Linguistic and Historical Study of the 18th Century Kazakh Diplomatic Correspondence*. Our proposal has been accepted and placed under contract by Brill’s Inner Asian Library Series, with publication anticipated in 2021-2.

“Review: *The Bukharan Crisis: A Connected History of 18th century Central Asia*, by Scott Levi”
Slavic Review, (forthcoming)

“Review Essay: Recent works on Late-Imperial Russia,” *Kritika* (forthcoming)

“When Endemic met Epidemic: Cholera, Chronic Disease and Public Health in Kazan, 1788-1842,” *Urban History* (2020).

“Review: *Knowledge and the Ends of Empire: Kazak Intermediaries & Russian Rule on the Steppe, 1731-1917*, by Ian Campbell” *Slavic Review*, vol. 78, no. 2 (Summer, 2019): 562-563.

Contributor to *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History 1500-1900* (Leiden: Brill):

Entries focused on the attitudes of Russian administrators and officers toward the Ottoman Empire during the late eighteenth century (vol. 14, 2020):

- “Engelgart, L. N., *Zapiski*.”
- “Prozorovskii, A. A., *Zapiskii general-fel'dmarshala kniaza A. A. Prozorovskogo*.”
- “von Raan., *Perechen' iz sobstvennogo svoiego zhurnala v prodolzhenie proshedshei voiny*.”

Entries focused on Muslim-Christian relations in Kazan during the early nineteenth century (forthcoming):

- “Eliseev, G., *Zhizneopisaniia sviatitelei: Guriia, Germana i Varsonofii, Kazanskikh i Sviazhskikh chudotvoretsev*.”
- “Fuks, A., *Kniazhna Khabiba, povest' v stikhakh vziatai iz tatarskikh predanii*.”
- “Fuks, A., *Osnovanie goroda Kazani: povest' v stikhakh iz tatarskikh predanii*.”
- “Fuks, K., *Kazanskie Tatary v statisticheskom i etnograficheskom otnosheniiakh*.”

DIGITAL HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Creator of ongoing digital research and outreach project, *Kazan 19th c. / Казань XIX в.* (<https://kazan19c.com>)
- Designed and taught undergraduate class on digital history approaches and technologies: “HSTCMP292 - Exploring History Through New Media and Technologies”, Spring 2018 & Winter 2019
- Served four years on UW History Department’s Digital History Steering Committee
- Have provided support for a variety of digital projects undertaken by faculty and graduate students of the department
- Employed three years as research-assistant in charge of UW History Department’s website
- Served as volunteer webmaster for UW Turkic Studies website.
- Consulted with faculty & graduate students on numerous digital research and teaching projects, including: content-management systems and websites, GIS and mapping, animation and simulation, optical character recognition and text mining
- Computer Science degree, with extensive professional experience in software architecture and design, web and application development, computer networking

TEACHING

Instructor HSTAFM162, “History of the Islamic World, 1453-1800”
 HSTCMP292, “Exploring History Through New Media and Technologies”

	HSTEU415, “The Second World War”
	HSTEU444, “Imperial Russia, 1700-1900”
	HSTEU445, “The Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia”
Assistant Instructor	NEARE 270, “The Turks: A Global Perspective”
Teaching Assistant	HSTEU240, “Russian History Through Biography”
	HSTAFM163, “Modern Middle East”
	HIST245, “Exploration and Empire”
	HIST112, “The Medieval World”
Instructor	Osher Institute, “Exploring Crimea’s Turbulent Past”

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & COLLOQUIA

October 2021 (pending)	Presented Paper: “Reading Between the Lines: Using Qazaq Diplomatic Correspondence as a Source on Qazaq Society” 21st Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Columbus OH
November 2020	Panel Organizer: “Geographies of Health: Exploring the Nexus of Medicine, Locale & Commodity in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union” Presented Paper: “Health as a Provincial Commodity: Medical Professionals and the Promotion of Mineral Water in Early-Nineteenth-Century Kazan” 52 nd Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC
November 2019	Roundtable Participant: “What Was—and When Was—Russia’s 19th Century?” 51 st Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco CA
February 2019	Presented Paper: “Contemplating Kazan's Divides: Local Discourse on Cultural and Religious Difference, 1800-1860” 3 rd Annual Desert Workshop of Russian History, Phoenix AZ
December 2018	Invited Discussant: “The Baltic Sea Region in 1918: The Formation of Foreign Policy in New Independent States” 50th Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston MA
October 2018	Invited Discussant: “Ruin and Knowledge: Writing the History of Genoese Pera in the Moment of its Destruction” (Koca Mehmet Kentel) History Colloquium Series, Department of History, University of Washington
November 2017	Invited Discussant: “Soviet Foreign Policy and New International Order” 49th Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago IL

- October 2017 Panel Organizer and Chair: “Nomads and Empire: New Perspectives on Central Asian Encounters with Imperial States and Spaces”
18th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Seattle WA
- October 2017 Presented Paper: “Navigating the Scylla of Empire and the Charybdis of Tribal Politics: Nurali and the Younger Horde, 1748- 1786”
18th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Seattle WA
- January 2017 Presented Paper: “Two Tales of the City: Local History in ‘Russian Kazan’ and ‘Tatar Kazan’”
History Colloquium Series, Department of History, University of Washington
- November 2016 Presented Paper: “Seeking a Metaphor for Russianness: The Interplay of Local and National Identity in Mid-Nineteenth Century Kazan (1815-1861)”
48th Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC
- November 2015 Invited Discussant: “Digital Mapping of American Social Movements Through the 20th Century” (James Gregory)
History Colloquium Series, Department of History, University of Washington
- November 2015 Presented Paper: “Confession and the City: Seeking Civic Unity Amidst Religious Diversity in Kazan, 1800-1850”
47th Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia PA
- May 2015 Invited Panel Chair: “Religion & Identity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Europe and Central Asia”
21st Annual Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Seattle WA
- October 2013 Presented Paper: “Exploring the Frontiers of Tradition and Translation: Early Findings from the Textual Analysis of Pugachev-Era Kazak Documents”
14th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Madison WI
- April 2011 Presented Paper: “Claiming the Pamiatnik: Transforming a National Monument into a Symbol of Local Identity in 1830’s Kazan”
17th Annual Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Seattle WA

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Fluent Russian
Read/Research Chagatay Turkic, Tatar, Kazakh

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- 2021 William J. Rorabaugh Departmental Service Award
History Department, University of Washington
- 2017 Selected Nominee, Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award
History Department, University of Washington
- 2017 Silk Road Research Grant
Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington
- 2016-2017 Presidential Dissertation Fellowship
Graduate School, University of Washington
- 2015-2016 Joff Hanauer Fellowship for Excellence in Western Civilization
College of Arts & Sciences, University of Washington
- 2015-2016 Dr. Ebba Dahlin Dissertation Fellowship
History Department, University of Washington
- 2014-2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
History Department, University of Washington
- 2014 Digital History Fellowship
History Department, University of Washington
- 2013-2014 Chester A. Fritz International Research Fellowship
Graduate School, University of Washington
- 2012-2013 Foreign Languages and Areas Studies Fellowship (Kazakh)
United States Department of Education
- 2011-2012 Thomas M. Power Prize for Outstanding Graduate Research Paper
History Department, University of Washington
- 2011-2012 Foreign Languages and Areas Studies Fellowship (Kazakh)
United States Department of Education

ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2019-present Member, Diversity Committee
Department of History, University of Washington
- 2018-present Lead organizer for new public-history archival collection:
“Seattle Cold-War Citizen Diplomacy Collection”
Special Collections, University of Washington Libraries

To date, three new collections have been taken into the UW Libraries archive:
- “Seattle-Tashkent Sister City Association records, 1972-2018”

	- “Ploughshares collection, 1984-2006”
	- “Accent on Understanding records, 1988-2018”
2018-present	Supervisor for Graduate Assistant in charge of Department Website, Social Media & Communications
2017-present	Member, Digital History Steering Committee Department of History, University of Washington
2020	National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Reviewer Humanities Collections and Reference Resources
2019-2020	History Honors Faculty Advisor (student: Yourong Pan)
2018-2019	Selection Committee Member, Digital History Summer Fellowships Department of History, University of Washington
2015-2016	Graduate Student Representative Digital History Steering Committee Department of History, University of Washington
2015-2017	Graduate Website Assistant Department of History, University of Washington
2014-2015	Graduate Student Representative Faculty Search Committee—“Pre-Modern Islamic World” Department of History, University of Washington
2010-present	Webmaster (volunteer), Turkic Studies website Near Eastern Languages & Culture Department, University of Washington

LECTURES AND TALKS

May 2021	“Gunpowder Empires: The Age of Turkic-Islamic Dynasties (1400s-1700s)” NEARE270, The Turks: A Global Perspective, University of Washington
July 2020	“The Middle East & Central Asia: Seven Lasting Historical Moments” NEARE266, The Modern Middle East and Central Asia, Univ. of Washington
February 2020	“Beyond Istanbul: The ‘Other’ Turkic Gunpowder Empires” NEARE 270, The Turks: A Global Perspective, University of Washington
October 2019	“Travelers of the Silk Road: Images and Empires” NEARE228, Introduction to the Silk Road, University of Washington
May 2018	“The Role of Digital Assignments in History Pedagogy” Faculty Workshop, Department of History, University of Washington
February 2018	“Muslim Modernizers” NEARE358, Islam in China, University of Washington

- October 2017 “Separating Fact from Fiction: The Historian’s Toolkit”
HSTAA203, History in the Age of Trump, University of Washington
- August 2017 “Autocrats, Bureaucrats, Kleptocrats—19th Century Imperial Russian Politics
and 21st Century Parallels”
Public Lecture, Newcastle Regency
- February 2017 “Russian Marxism, the Revolution of 1905, and the Duma Monarchy”
Russia Falls - the Soviet Union Rises, Evergreen State College
- October 2016 “Travelers of the Silk Road: Observations and Imaginings”
NEARE228, Introduction to the Silk Road, University of Washington
- February 2016 “Serfdom and Rebellion: The Pugachev Rebellion as a Case Study”
HSTEU240, Russian History Through Biography, University of Washington
- August 2015 “Forces of Unity and Division in Islamic History”
NEARE266, The Modern Middle East and Central Asia, Univ. of Washington
- May 2015 Digital History Colloquium: “In the Archives”
Department of History, University of Washington
- April 2015 “Three Crucial Eras in Central Asian Historical Memory”
NEARE472, Peoples and Cultures of Central and Inner Asia, U. of Washington
- March 2015 Digital History Colloquium: “Space and Spatialization”
Department of History, University of Washington
- November 2013 “Uneasy Subjects: Muslims in the Russian Empire, 1552-1917”
NEARE596, The Middle East and Central Asia, University of Washington
- June 2013 “The Era of the Duma Monarchy”
HSTEU444, History of Imperial Russia, University of Washington

AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies
Central Eurasian Studies Society
Council for European Studies
Urban History Association