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Associate, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute  
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### Education

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University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
MA, Russian History, July 2002  
PhD, August 2006 (Defended with Distinction, June 12, 2006)

Bates College, Lewiston, ME  
BA, History, May 1998  
Secondary Concentration: Russian Language

### Teaching Experience

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#### Wittenberg University

Associate Professor, and tenured, 2013–present  
Interim Chair of the History Department, Spring 2017–Fall 2017  
Assistant Professor, 2008–2013  
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2007–2008

Courses taught: Byzantium: The Mediterranean World, Visions of Byzantium, Medieval Europe on Film, Medieval Eastern Europe, Medieval Europe, Conversion in Medieval History, Premodern and Ancient World Studies Capstone Seminar, The Viking World, Eurasian Nomads in the Ancient and Medieval World, Premodern and Modern World History, Medieval Russia, Soviet Russia, Russian History to 1796 and from 1796, Russian Revolution, Senior Seminar, Russian and Central Eurasian Studies Capstone Seminar

#### University of Nebraska at Omaha

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006–2007  
Courses taught: Medieval European History, World Civilization to 1500, The Viking World, Graduate Directed Readings Course: The Making of Europe, Graduate Directed Readings Course: Russian/Soviet Leaders, Russian History to 1796 and from 1796

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### *Monographs*

*Reimagining Europe: Kievan Rus' in the Medieval World, 988–1146* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2012).

Winner – 2013 Ohio Academy of History Publication Award

*Ties of Kinship: Genealogy and Dynastic Marriage in Kyivan Rus'* (Cambridge: Mass.: Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute Publications, 2016).

This project has parallel Digital Humanities components which may be viewed at [genealogy.obdurodon.org](http://genealogy.obdurodon.org).

The mapping portion of the project (funded by the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute and completed in collaboration with the Harvard Center for Geographical Analysis) is located at: [gis.huri.harvard.edu](http://gis.huri.harvard.edu)

*The Kingdom of Rus* (Kalamazoo, Mich.: ARC Humanities Press, 2017)  
Russian translation in 2018, forthcoming in 2019

*Conflict, Bargaining, and Kinship Networks in Medieval Eastern Europe* (New York and London: Lexington Books, 2018)

### **Edited Volumes**

Co-Editor with David Olster, *Radical Traditionalism: The Influence of Walter Kaegi in Late Antique, Byzantine, and Medieval Studies* (New York and London: Lexington Books, 2018)

Co-Editor with Donald Ostrowski, *Portraits of Medieval Eastern Europe, 800-1300* (New York: Routledge, 2017)

The online component of this project is available at -  
[routledgetextbooks.com/textbooks/9781138701205/default.php](http://routledgetextbooks.com/textbooks/9781138701205/default.php)

Co-Editor with Valentina Pichugina, *Twentieth Anniversary Volume – Midwest Medieval Slavic Workshop in Russian History/Histoire Russe* 44:2-3 (2017)

Consulting Editor – Mykhailo Hrushevsky, *History of Ukraine-Rus'*: Volume 2, *From the Eleventh to the Thirteenth Century*: trans. J. Ian Press; ed.: Paul Hollingsworth and Christian A. Raffensperger, with Tania Plawuszczak-Stech/Marko Stech/ Uliana Pasicznyk (*tentative*). (Toronto: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, [Forthcoming – 2019])

Consultant – Mykhailo Hrushevsky, *History of Ukraine-Rus'*: Volume 3, *To the Year 1340*: trans. Bohdan Strumiński; ed. Robert Romanchuk, with Uliana Pasicznyk (and Marta Horban-Carynyk). (Toronto: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, 2016)

Editor, *Festschrift in Honor of Norman W. Ingham* in *Russian History/Histoire Russe* 33:2–4 (2006). Contributed the introduction and bibliography.

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

“Visualizing Prosopography Through Digital Humanities – The Case for Rus’” *Medieval Prosopography* (Forthcoming)

“The Byzantine World of the Slavs” in *The Cambridge Guide to the Worlds of Byzantium*, eds. Elizabeth Bolman, Scott Fitzgerald Johnson, and Jack Tannous (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020 [Anticipated]) (in process)

“Conflict and Coexistence: Kyivan Rus’ and Europe” in *Research Companion to Medieval Eastern Europe* (volume in process)

“Reimagining Europe: An Outsider Looks at the Medieval East-West Divide” in *Medieval Networks in East Central Europe: Commerce, Contacts, Communication*, eds. Balázs Nagy, Felicitas Schmieder and András Vadas (New York: Routledge, 2018): 9-24.

“The Optics of Byzantine Blinding in Medieval Eastern Europe” in *Radical Traditionalism: The Influence of Walter Kaegi in Late Antique, Byzantine, and Medieval Studies*, ed. Christian Raffensperger and David Olster (New York and London: Lexington Books, 2018), 115-135.

“Volodimer the Bold” in *Twentieth Anniversary Volume – Midwest Medieval Slavic Workshop in Russian History/Histoire Russe* 44: 2-3 (2017): 398-410.

“Iziaslav Iaroslavich’s Excellent Adventure: Constructing Kinship to Gain and Regain Power in Eleventh-Century Europe” *Medieval Prosopography* 30 (2015), 1-30.

“Identity in Flux: Finding Boris Kolomanovich in the Interstices of Medieval European History” *The Medieval Globe* 2:1 (2016), 15-39.

“Reimagining Europe: Discussing Rus’ in a Wider Context” in “Forum on *Reimagining Europe: Kievan Rus’ in the Medieval World*” *Russian History* 42:2 (2015), 204-216.

“The Place of Rus’ in Medieval Europe” *History Compass* 12:11, 853-865 (November, 2014)

“Mia syntome istoria tou kratous ton Ros [A brief history of the kingdom of Rus],” in P. Sophoulis and A. Papageorgiou (eds), *Mesaionikos slavikos kosmos* (Herodotus: Athens 2014), 213-248.

“The Missing Russian Women: The Case of Evpraksia Vsevolodovna.” In *Putting Together the Fragments: Writing Medieval Women’s Lives*. Ed. Amy Livingstone and Charlotte Newman Goldy (New York: Palgrave, 2012), 69–84.

“Mapping History: Using Technology to Showcase Medieval Familial Interconnectivity.” With David J. Birnbaum. Festschrift in Honor of Orysia Karapinka in *Russian History/Histoire Russe* 37:4 (2010), 305–21.

“Dynastic Marriage in Action: How Two Russian Princesses Changed Scandinavia” In *Imenoslov: Istoriiia iazyka. Istoriiia kul’tury*: 193–205. Ed. F. B. Uspenskij Moscow: Aleteja, 2010.

“Shared (Hi)Stories: Vladimir of Rus’ and Harald Fairhair of Norway” *Russian Review* 68:4 (2009), 569–82.

“Rurik and the First Rurikids,” with Norman W. Ingham. *The American Genealogist* 82:1 (2007), 1–13 (part 1); 82:2 (2007), 111–19 (part 2).

“Russian Economic and Marital Policy: An Initial Analysis of Correlations.” Festschrift in Honor of Richard Hellie in *Russian History/Histoire Russe* 34:1–4 (2007), 149–59.

“Russian Influence on European Onomastic Traditions.” In *Imenoslov: Istoricheskaia semantika imeni*. F. B. Uspenskii, ed. (Moscow: Indrik, 2007), 116–34.

“Revisiting the Idea of the Byzantine Commonwealth.” *Byzantinische Forschungen* 28 (2004), 159–74.

“Evpraksia Vsevolodovna between East and West.” *Russian History/Histoire Russe* 30:1–2 (2003), 23–34.

### ***News Analysis***

“Were Dutch Voters Right to Reject Ukraine’s EU Bid? Ukraine has been part of Europe for nearly a millennium” *Washington Post*: Monkey Cage. 4/7/2016

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/04/07/were-dutch-voters-right-to-reject-ukraines-e-u-bid-ukraine-has-been-part-of-europe-for-nearly-a-millennium/>

### **Online Publications**

“The Princess of Discord: Anna of Kyiv and Her Influence on Medieval France” *Krytyka: Thinking Ukraine*, 6/2017

<https://krytyka.com/en/articles/princess-discord-anna-kyiv-and-her-influence-medieval-france>

“Kings or Princes? Why do the Titles of Russian Rulers Matter” *Krytyka: Thinking Ukraine*, 12/2016

<https://krytyka.com/en/articles/kings-or-princes-why-do-titles-russian-rulers-matter>

### **Collaborative Projects**

Secondary Proposer – COST Action “Troubling Europe”

Main Proposer – Felicitas Schmieder, FernUniversität Hagen

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

“Russo-Byzantine Treaty of 944,” *Encyclopedia of Diplomacy*. Ed. Gordon Martel (Wiley Blackwell, 2018): IV: 1663-1666.

“The Byzantinized States of Eastern Europe,” *The World History Encyclopedia*. Ed. Alfred Andrea (ABC-CLIO, 2010)

“Alexander Nevsky,” *The World History Encyclopedia*. Ed. Alfred Andrea (ABC-CLIO, 2010)

“The Last of the Macedonians,” *The World History Encyclopedia*. Ed. Alfred Andrea (ABC-CLIO, 2010)

“Gender and Politics in Byzantium (1000–1500),” *The World History Encyclopedia*. Ed. Alfred Andrea (ABC-CLIO, 2010)

### **Book Reviews**

*The American Historical Review* 121:4 (2016), Wolverton, Lisa. *Cosmas of Prague: Narrative, Classicism, Politics*. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2015.

*The Medieval Review* 16.06.12 (2016), Selart, Anti. *Livonia, Rus’ and the Baltic Crusades in the Thirteenth Century*. Transl. Fiona Robb. (East Central Europe and Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages, 450-1450.) Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2015.

*Speculum* 90:3 (2015), Berend, Nora, Przemysław Urbańczyk, and Przemysław Wiszewski. *Central Europe in the High Middle Ages: Bohemia, Hungary and Poland, c. 900-1300*. (Cambridge Medieval Textbooks.) Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

*Russian Review* 73:3 (April 2014), White, Monica. *Military Saints in Byzantium and Rus’, 900-1200*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

*Canadian American Slavonic Studies* 48:1-2 (2014), “The Book of Royal Degrees” and the Genesis of Russian Historical Consciousness. UCLA Slavic Studies, New Series, Volume VII. Edited by Gail Lenhoff and Ann Kleimola. Bloomington, Ind.: Slavica, 2011.

*Speculum* 88:2 (2013) Antonsson, Haki and Ildar H. Garipzanov, eds., *Saints and Their Lives on the Periphery: Veneration of Saints in Scandinavia and Eastern Europe (c.1000–1200)*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2010.

*Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*; jgo.e-reviews 3 (2013), A.F. Litvina and F. B. Uspenskii, *Traektorii Traditsii: Glavy iz istorii dinastii i tserkvi na Rusi kontsa XI-nachala XIII veka* (Moscow: Iazyki slavianskoi kul'tury, 2010).

*Slavonica* 19:1 (2013), Bulat Rakhimzianov. *Kasimovskoe kbanstvo (1445-1552 gg.): Ocherki istorii*. (Kazan: Tatarskoe knizhnoe izdatel'stvo, 2009).

*Russian Review* 71:1 (2012), Donald Ostrowski and Marshall Poe, eds. *Portraits of Old Russia: Imagined Lives of Ordinary People, 1300–1725*. (Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 2011).

*Speculum* 87:2 (2012), Jiří Macháček. *The Rise of Medieval Towns and States in East Central Europe: Early Medieval Centres as Social and Economic Systems*. Trans. Miloš Bartõn. (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2010).

*Speculum* 87:1 (2012). Robert Romanchuk. *Byzantine Hermeneutics and Pedagogy in the Russian North: Monks and Masters at the Kirillo-Belozerskii Monastery, 1397–1501*. (Toronto; Buffalo, N.Y.; and London: University of Toronto Press, 2007)

*The Medieval Review* 11.06.35 (2011), Przemyslaw Wiszewski. *Domus Bolesłai: Values and Social Identity in Dynastic Traditions of Medieval Poland (c. 966-1138)*. (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2010).

*Russian Review* 67:1 (2008). Kevin Alan Brook. *The Jews of Khazaria*. (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006)

*Canadian Journal of History* 42:2 (2007). Florin Curta. *Southeastern Europe in the Middle Age, 500–1250*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006)

*Social History* 32:4 (2007). Serhii Plokhy. *The Origins of the Slavic Nations, Premodern Identities in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006)

*Canadian Slavonic Papers* XLVI:3–4 (2004). Martin Dimnik. *The Dynasty of Chernigov, 1146–1246*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003)

### ***Conferences Organized***

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“Portraits of Medieval Eastern Europe” [co-organized with Donald Ostrowski]

Harvard University, April 8, 2016

Sponsored by: the Committee on Medieval Studies, the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, the Early Slavists Seminar, the Early Slavic Studies Association, and the Harvard Extension School

### ***Awards and Fellowships***

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Mary Jaharis Center Panel Sponsorship and Travel Funding – Leeds International Medieval Congress 2017

Gamma Phi Beta (Alpha Nu Chapter) Award for Faculty and Staff – 2017

Class of 2018 Faculty Appreciation Award – 2016-2017

Faculty Project Grant – Wittenberg University – 2015, 2018

Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute – Funding for Digital Mapping Project (part of the online Russian Genealogy at [genealogy.obdurodon.org](http://genealogy.obdurodon.org) and the Mapa project at [gis.huri.harvard.edu](http://gis.huri.harvard.edu)), in collaboration with the Harvard Center for Geographical Analysis

Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute – Eugene and Daymel Shklar Research Fellowship in Ukrainian Studies – 2013  
 2013 Publication Award (for *Reimagining Europe*) – Ohio Academy of History  
 Faculty Research Award – Wittenberg University – 2013  
 Southwestern Ohio Conference on Higher Education Excellence in Teaching Award – 2012  
 Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Outstanding Teaching – Wittenberg University, 2012  
 New Course Grant (Medieval Russia)—Wittenberg University, 2012  
 New Course Grant (Conversion in Medieval History)—Wittenberg University, 2010  
 New Course Grant (Medieval Eastern Europe) —Wittenberg University, 2008  
 Course Revision Grant (Russian History to 1796) —Wittenberg University, 2008  
 Professional Enrichment Grants—Wittenberg University, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017  
 Charles and Mary Caldwell Martin Grant—University of Nebraska at Omaha, May 2007  
 Division of Arts and Sciences Travel Fellowship—University of Chicago, November 2006  
 Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship—University of Chicago, November 2005  
 Mellon Foundation Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2005–2006  
 Kunstadter Travel Grant—University of Chicago, February 2005  
 Dumbarton Oaks Short Term Residency Program, June 2004  
 Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship—University of Chicago, February 2004  
 University of Chicago predissertation research grant for archival research in Russia, Summer 2003  
 Title VI (FLAS) Fellowship, 2002–2005

### **Invited Lectures**

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“The Kinship Web Across Medieval Europe”  
 Ohio Medieval Colloquium Keynote Address– The Ohio State University, March 25, 2017

“Ties of Kinship and Mapping Medieval Marriage”  
 Harvard University – sponsored by the Ukrainian Research Institute and Early Slavists’ Seminar, October 31, 2016

“Friends, Enemies, Kin: Constructing Kinship Webs and Situational Kinship Networks in Medieval Eastern Europe”  
 Cambridge University – Cambridge Center for Slavonic and East European Studies, October 25, 2016

“Kinship Networks in Action”  
 The Ohio State University Medieval History Seminar, September 28, 2016

“Reimagining Europe: An Outsider Looks at the Medieval East-West Divide”  
 Investing in the Past: Medieval Europe in the Globalized 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sarajevo, September 9–11, 2015

“Kinship, Identity, and Conflict in Medieval Eastern Europe”  
 University of Michigan Russian History Workshop, January 22, 2015

“Iaroslav Sviatopolchich versus Volodimer Monomakh: Civil War, Invasion, Rebellion, or Negotiation”  
 Древняя Русь и германский мир в историко-филологической перспективе (Rus’ and the Germanic World in Historica-Filological Perspective), Institute of Higher Economics and Russian Academy of Sciences, June 9-10, 2014

*Reimagining Europe: Kievan Rus' in the Medieval World* by Christian A. Raffensperger (Book Panel featuring the 2013 Ohio Academy of History Publication Award Winner)

Ohio Academy of History, The Ohio State University, April 5, 2014

Adam Davis, Denison University

Anthony Kaldellis, The Ohio State University

Stephen Norris, Miami University

Christian A. Raffensperger, Wittenberg University

Chair: Mary Ann Heiss, Kent State University

“The Forgotten Kingdom of Rus’: A Modern Revision to the Titulature of Medieval Rus’”

Harvard Early Slavists’ Seminar, Harvard University, February 21, 2014

“What is a Rurikid? Situational Kinship and Identity in Medieval Eastern Europe”

Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute Seminar Series, February 3, 2014

“Grant me a death by an unknown hand!’ Kinship and Death among the Volodimerovichi”

Harvard Early Slavists’ Seminar, Harvard University, October 11, 2013

“Who’s Afraid of Macrohistory? The Joys and Pains of Crossing Traditional Boundaries in History Research and Writing”

The Medieval Globe Symposium, University of Illinois, April 12–14, 2012

“Imagining a Larger Medieval Europe: The Unknown Kingdom of Rus’”

Speaker Series, Western Michigan University, March 29, 2012

“Marriage, Family Politics, and Identity in Medieval Eastern Europe”

Early Slavists Seminar at Harvard University, November 12, 2010

“What’s in a Name? The case of the Kingdom of Rus’”

Wittenberg University History Colloquium Series, December 3, 2009

### **Graduate Workshops**

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Mary Jaharis Center Graduate Student Panel on Publishing with Images

Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Texas – San Antonio, October 5, 2018

Russia and the Soviet Union – Grad/Undergrad Class Presentation

University of Michigan, September 11, 2018

Mary Jaharis Center Graduate Student Panel on Digital Humanities

Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Minnesota, October 7, 2017

“Kinship Networks in Medieval Eastern Europe”

Medieval Slavic Summer Institute – Hilandar Research Library, The Ohio State University, June 26, 2017

Rus’ Culture and History – Grad/Undergrad Class Presentation

Cambridge University, October 26, 2016

Mary Jaharis Center Graduate Student Panel on the job market

Byzantine Studies Conference, Cornell University, October 7, 2016

## Conference Presentations

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International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, July 1-4, 2019

Presentation Title: "Adam of Bremen's Medieval World"

Panel Organizer: "Medievals' World View"

Medieval Academy of America, University of Pennsylvania, March 7-9, 2019

Presentation Title: "Dynastic Marriage and Familial Aid in a Wider Medieval Europe"

Panel Organizer and Chair: "Medievals' World View"

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies – Boston, MA, December 6-9, 2018

Round Table Member: "Hrushevsky's *History of Ukraine-Rus'* in English: The Process and Impact of a Translation Project"

Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Texas – San Antonio, October 4-7, 2018

Presentation Title: "The Kingdom of Rus': A Weak Power State"

International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, July 2-5, 2018

Round Table Member: "Troubling Concepts of Medieval Europe: A Round Table Discussion"

Presentation Title: "Mykhailo Hrushevsky and the Construction of a Non-Byzantine History of Rus'"

53<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, University of Western Michigan, May 10-13, 2018

Round Table Member: "Central Europe Across and Without Borders: A Round Table"

Medieval Central European Research Network Conference, University of Zagreb, April 12-14, 2018

Presentation Title: "The Optics of Byzantine Blinding in Medieval Eastern Europe"

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 9–12, 2017

Presentation Title: "Conflict As Bargaining: Conflict Resolution among the Volodimerovichi Clan of Rus'"

International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, July 3–6, 2017

Presentation Title: "Tweeting the Past: Russian Women, Digital Humanities and Modern Politics"

Panel Title: Byzantine Exceptionalism: New Perspectives (Panel Organizer)

52<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, University of Western Michigan, May 11–14, 2017

Panel Title: Central European Medieval Networks

Presentation Title: "Comparative Political Development in the Arc of Medieval Europe"

Ohio Academy of History, The Ohio State University, March 31 – April 1, 2017

Roundtable Entitled: "Byzantine Exceptionalism: Reality or Historiographical Fiction?"

Panel Organizer

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 19–22, 2015

Roundtable Entitled: "Portraits of Rus' and its Neighbours"

Panel Organizer

Byzantine Studies Conference, New York City, October 22–25, 2015

Presentation Title: "Questioning Titulature and Identity: The Kingdom of Rus'"

CARMEN – The Worldwide Medieval Network – Annual Meeting, Sarajevo, September 11-13, 2015  
Round Table Participant – Memory and Identity: A Round Table

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 21–24, 2013  
Presentation Title: "The Lost Kingdom of Rus': A Challenge to the Traditional Translation of Kniaz"

Medieval Academy of America, University of Tennessee, April 4-6, 2013  
Presentation Title: *The Missing Arpad Prince: Finding Boris Kolomanovich in the Interstices of Medieval Europe*

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, November 15–18, 2012  
Panel Title: Reimagining Europe: Kievan Rus' in the Medieval World: Christian Raffensperger's Bold New Hypothesis  
Roundtable Participant  
Panel Title: Borderlands as a Problem for "Political Geography" of Pre-Petrine Rus'  
Discussant

Missouri Valley History Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 1-3, 2012  
Presentation Title: *Arpads, Rurikids, and Komneni, Oh My!: Geza II's Kin Relations and their Consequences*  
Chair and Commentator: *River and Shore: Moravians, Vikings, and Turkish Pirates in the Middle Ages*

Byzantine Studies Conference, DePaul University, October 20–22, 2011  
Presentation Title: *An Attempt at a Byzantine Hungary: The Lost Birthright of Boris Kolomanovich*

Fourteenth Annual Winter Workshop in Medieval and Early Modern Slavic Studies, UCLA, February 18, 2011  
Presentation Title: *The Unknown Queen of Chernigov*

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Los Angeles, November 18–21, 2010  
Panel Title: War and Peace Among the Medieval Slavs  
Panel Organizer  
Presentation Title: *Marriage as a Prelude to War: Russian–Polish Relations in the Eleventh Century*

Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Pennsylvania, October 8–10, 2010  
Presentation Title: *The Advantages and Disadvantages of Familial Ties: Hungary Between Rus' and Byzantium in the mid-Twelfth Century*

Thirteenth Midwest Medieval Slavic Workshop, University of Chicago, April 23, 2010  
Presentation Title: *Russian–Polish Dynastic Marriages: A Consanguineous Mess*

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 12–15, 2009  
Panel Title: Medieval Slavic-German Relations, Real and Imagined  
Panel Organizer  
Presentation Title: *Russian-German Marital Ties in the Eleventh Century: Real and Imagined*

Midwest Medieval History Conference, University of Notre Dame, September 25–26, 2009  
Presentation Title: *The Forgotten Kingdom of Rus'*

Twelfth Midwest Medieval Slavic Workshop, University of Chicago, April 24, 2009  
Presentation Title (w/ David Birnbaum, U. Pittsburgh): *Mapping History: Using Technology to Showcase Medieval Familial Interconnectivity*

Midwest Slavic Conference, Ohio State University, April 16–18, 2009  
Presentation Title (w/ David Birnbaum, U. Pittsburgh): *Mapping History: Using Technology to Showcase Medieval Familial Interconnectivity*

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, November 20–23, 2008  
Panel Title: Foreign Political Influences in Rus'/Muscovy  
Presentation Title: *Comparative Rulership in Rus' and Scandinavia*

Midwest Medieval History Conference, Denison University, October 3–4, 2008  
Presentation Title: *The Creation of Royalty: The Foundation Story of Vladimir of Rus'*

Eleventh Midwest Medieval Slavic Workshop, University of Chicago, April 25, 2008  
Presentation Title: *Shared (Hi)stories: Vladimir of Rus' and Harald Fairhair of Norway*

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, New Orleans, November 15–18, 2007  
Panel Title: Warlords, Saints, and 'Mounds' of Evidence: Comparative Perspectives on Late Pagan and Early Christian Rus' and Scandinavia  
Presentation Title: *Creating Kings and Kingdoms: Harald Fairhair of Norway and Vladimir of Rus'*

42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, University of Western Michigan, May 10–13, 2007  
Panel Title: Center and Periphery Relations in Medieval Europe  
Panel Organizer  
Presentation Title: *Rusian–German Marital Relations in the Tenth Century*

Medieval Association of the Pacific, University of California at Los Angeles, March 2–3, 2007  
Panel Title: "In partibus remotis": Fringeness and its Consequences in the Central Middle Ages  
Presentation Title: *The Papacy and Rus'*

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington D.C., November 16–19, 2006  
Panel Title: The Creation of Medieval and Early Modern Biography  
Panel Organizer  
Presentation Title: *Writing Medieval Rusian Family Biography*

### **Professional Service**

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Series Editor – Beyond Medieval Europe  
ARC Humanities Press  
<https://mip-archumanitiespress.org/series/arc/bme/>

Governing Board Member – The Byzantine Studies Association of North America  
2014–2018

Board Member – Medieval Central Europe Research Network  
2018–Present

Editorial Board Member – *The Medieval Globe*

- Founding member of the journal and editorial board  
2013–Present
- Advisory Council Member – Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies – The Ohio State University  
2016–Present
- Executive Council Member – Ohio Academy of History  
2015–2018
- Treasurer – The Byzantine Studies Association of North America  
2015–2017
- External Faculty Reviewer, University of Athens  
2014–Present
- Board Member – H-Medieval  
Founding member of the board  
2014–Present
- Program Committee Member: Ohio Academy of History 2018  
University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
- Program Committee Member: Byzantine Studies Conference 2014  
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Program Chair: Byzantine Studies Conference 2013  
Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
- Ohio Academy of History Dissertation Award Committee Member, 2012-2013
- Program Committee Member: Byzantine Studies Conference 2012  
Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Mass.
- Program Chair: Midwest Medieval History Conference 2011  
University of Missouri at Kansas City
- Newsletter Editor: Early Slavic Studies Association  
2004–2011  
Duties were to collate information relevant to our membership and create a newsletter twice yearly.
- Councilor: Midwest Medieval History Conference  
2008–2010
- Outside Dissertation Committee Member, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto  
Natalia Zajac, “Women Between West and East: The Inter-Rite Marriage of the Kyivan Rus’  
Dynasty, ca. 1000-1204” August 30, 2017
- Manuscripts reviewed for academic journals and presses including Oxford University Press, Pontifical  
Institute of Medieval Studies, Brill, Cognella Publishing, *Byzantino-Slavica*, *Medieval Prosopography*,  
*The Medieval Globe*, *Historical Research*, *Russian Review*, *Russian History*, *Journal of World History*,  
*Middle Ground*, *Traditio*, and *Canadian American Slavonic Studies*

## **University Service**

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Director, Premodern and Ancient World Studies Minor: Wittenberg University

August 2015–Present

June 2010–May 2013

Premodern and Ancient World Studies Minor Steering Committee: Wittenberg University

August 2007–Present

Director, Russian and Central Eurasian Studies Program: Wittenberg University

September 2014–Spring 2018

Russian and Central Eurasian Studies Program: Wittenberg University

August 2007–Present

Coordinator: History Department Colloquium Series: Wittenberg University

2015–Present

2009–2013

Interim Department Chair: History Department, Wittenberg University

February 2017–December 2017

Faculty Development Board: Wittenberg University

August 2011–May 2013

Faculty Executive Fund Board: Wittenberg University

August 2008–May 2012

Phi Alpha Theta Advisor: Wittenberg University Chapter

2014–2016

Faculty Advisor—Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity

2009–2013

Medieval and Renaissance Studies Minor Steering Committee: University of Nebraska at Omaha

September 2006–2007

Library Committee: University of Nebraska at Omaha

September 2006–2007

World Civilization Teaching Circle: University of Nebraska at Omaha

September 2006–2007

## **Languages**

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Reading Knowledge: Greek, Old Church Slavonic, Latin, Old Norse, Russian, Ukrainian, German, French

## **Professional Organizations**

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Byzantine Studies Association of North America

Medieval Academy of America

Medieval Central Europe Research Network  
Early Slavic Studies Association  
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
Ohio Academy of History  
American Historical Association