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Education:

- 2022- Ph.D. Student, University of California, Santa Barbara
History of Soviet Central Asia
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Edgar
- 2016-2022 M.A., California State University, Long Beach
Modern European History; World History
M.A. Thesis: *Qoralash: Cotton, Corruption, and the Assault on Uzbek National Identity in the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, 1983-1991*
Advisor: Dr. Ali İğmen
- 2010-2013 B.A., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
History

Employment:

- 2024-Present Time Management Associate
UC Santa Barbara
- 2023-Present Teaching Assistant
UC Santa Barbara, Department of History
- 2018-2021 Instructional Student Assistant
CSU Long Beach, History Department

Publications:

- May 2020 Review of *Enemy Number One: The United States of America in Soviet Ideology and Propaganda* by Rósa Magnúsdóttir
The History Teacher 53, no. 3 (2020), 593-594
- 2014 “Echoes of a Dying State: Perestroika Propaganda in the Soviet Foreign Press”
The Forum: Journal of History 6 (2014), 89-115

Conference Presentations:

- 2024 “‘Glasnost’ in the Qishloq: Activist Journalism and Programs for Reform in the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, 1989-1991”, Uncertain Liberations: Central Asia in Transition from Soviet Socialism, Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Boston, November 2024

- 2023 “Children Martyred in Peaceful Times: The Recruit Murder Scandal and Glasnost’ Nationalism in Soviet Uzbekistan, 1989-1991”, Nation and Controversy in Late Soviet Central Asia, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 2023
- 2022 “Qoralash: The Uzbek Cotton Scandal and the 1980s Soviet Press Narrative of Uzbek Cultural Backwardness”, Scandals and Government Abuses in Soviet Period Central Asia, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 2022
- 2021 “Burying the Past, Growing the Future: Cotton Agriculture and the War on Feudalism in the Uzbek SSR, 1917-1941”, Looming Modernity: A History of Commodities in the Soviet Periphery, A World of Things World History Association of Texas, February 2021
- 2019 “Neighbor Killing Neighbor: Ethnic Violence in Central Asia, 1989-1991”, Riots, Strikes, and Conspiracies, CSU Long Beach, November 2019
- 2018 “White Gold, Red Banner: Cotton and Identity Construction in the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, 1924-1991”, CSULB Graduate Research Conference, CSU Long Beach, November 2018
- 2018 “Out with the Old, in with the Older: Gorbachev’s Reforms and Restructuring Memories of Lenin and Stalin, 1985-1991”, CSULB History Graduate Student Association Conference, CSU Long Beach, October 2018

Invited Lectures:

- 2025 “Speaking Russian Beyond Russia: Travels & Studies in Central Asia” Presented to Dobro Slovo Slavic Honor Society, UCSB
- 2025 “The Timurid Empire: A Renaissance in Central Asia?” Presented to Dr. Debra Blumenthal’s HIST 2B, UCSB
- 2023 “The Social and Economic Origins of the Salem Witch Trials” Presented to C. McCombs’s HIST-172, CSU Long Beach
- 2020 “Why Study Central Eurasian History?” Presented to Dr. Ali İğmen’s HIST-440, CSU Long Beach
- 2020 CESSI Student Alumni Panel
University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2019 “Dividing the Fergana Valley, 1924-1930” Presented to Dr. Ali İğmen’s HIST-418, CSU Long Beach
- 2019 “Interpreting Visual Sources in History” Presented to Dr. Michiko Takeuchi’s HIST-101, CSU Long Beach

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| 2018 | “The Uighur Muslim Tragedy”
CSU Long Beach Muslim Student Association’s <i>Human Rights Week</i> |
| 2017 | “The Soviet Delimitation of Central Asia”
Presented to Dr. Ali İğmen’s HIST-418, CSU Long Beach |

Courses Taught:

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| Summer 2025 | INT 93R, “Intro to Interdisciplinary University Research”
Dr. Lina Kim, UCSB |
| Spring 2025 | HIST 20 “Science and the Modern World”
Dr. Patrick McCray, UCSB |
| Winter 2025 | HIST 2B “World History, 1000-1700”
Dr. Debra Blumenthal, UCSB |
| Fall 2024 | HIST 5, “History of the Present”
Dr. Giuliana Perrone, UCSB |
| Summer 2024 | INT 93R, “Intro to Interdisciplinary University Research”
Dr. Lina Kim, UCSB |
| Spring 2024 | HIST 2C, “World History, 1700-Present”
Dr. Paul Spickard, UCSB |
| Winter 2024 | HIST 10B, “Contested Visions of American Liberty, 1840-1920”
Dr. John Majewski, UCSB |

Academic Activities:

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| 2024-2025 | UC Santa Barbara History Graduate Student Association
Treasurer |
| 2023-2024 | UC Santa Barbara History Graduate Student Association
Chair for Social Affairs |
| 2022-2023 | UC Santa Barbara History Graduate Student Association
Secretary |
| 2018-2019 | CSU Long Beach College of Liberal Arts Graduate Council
Graduate Student Representative |
| 2019 | CSU Long Beach History Graduate Student Association
President |
| 2018 | CSU Long Beach History Graduate Student Association
Vice President |

2015-2017	CSU Long Beach Russian Club President
2012-2013	<i>The Forum: Journal of History</i> California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Executive Editor

Internships:

2016-2017	Wende Museum of the Cold War, Culver City, CA Collections Intern
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Awards and Fellowships:

2022	UC Santa Barbara History Department Graduate Fellowship
2021	US State Department, Title VIII Fellowship Arizona State University, Critical Languages Institute Intermediate Uzbek
2019	US Department of Education, FLAS Scholarship University of Wisconsin, Madison Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute Elementary Tajik
2018	US State Department, Title VIII Fellowship Arizona State University, Critical Languages Institute Elementary Uzbek
2016	CSU Long Beach Romance, German, and Russian Languages and Literatures Department Russian Program Scholarship

Professional and Academic Affiliations:

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Central Eurasian Studies Society

Dobro Slovo Slavic Honor Society

Languages:

English - Native Speaker

Russian - Advanced

Uzbek – Intermediate

Tajik - Intermediate