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EDUCATION:

- 2019 – present University of California, Santa Barbara
Ph.D in History (Modern Europe)
Dissertation Committee: Adrienne Edgar
Estimated graduation: 2023
- 2017 – 2019 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
M.A. in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Thesis Advisers: Mark D. Steinberg, Donna A. Buchanan
Graduated *summa cum laude*
- 2009 – 2013 Bradley University
B.A. in History, minor in English
Graduated *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- 2019 – present University of California, Santa Barbara
Ph.D. dissertation research
Adviser: Adrienne Edgar
- 2017 – 2019 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
M.A. thesis research
Advisers: Mark D. Steinberg, Donna A. Buchanan
Identity Politics and Intellectual Trajectories in Bukhara, 1917-1924
- 2018 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Graduate research
Adviser: Michael Finke
Among the Damned: An Examination of Hellish Motifs in Chekhov's Sakhalin Island
- 2017 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Graduate research
Adviser: Mark D. Steinberg
Reformulating the Muslim Question: the Emergence of Active Islam in Russian Turkestan, 1905-1914

HONORS/AWARDS:

- 2013 Sipple Poetry Prize, Third Place
2013 Academy of American Poets Prize, Honorable Mention
2013 Suffolk County Community College Creative Writing Award, Honorable Mention

- 2013 Mortar Board National Honors Society
 2013 Sigma Tau Delta English honors fraternity
 2013 Phi Alpha Theta History honors fraternity
 2009 Bradley University Honors Program

PUBLICATIONS:

Blogs

- 2019 “Review, Joint Area Centers Lecture with Jessie Labov, ‘The Politicization of Discipline in Central and Southeastern Europe: Humanities under Siege,’ 22 April 2019,” Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2019 “‘The Tallest Tower in the World’: A Review of the Recent Performance of ‘Brooklyn Babylon’ and an Interview with Music Director Karen Blackall (DMA candidate, Jazz Studies),” Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2018 “Why Aren’t Russians Studying in the US?,” Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2017 “Revolution and Renewal: a Review of the Revolutionary Poetry Slam,” Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Poetry

- 2014 “Confessions of an Aging Lesbian Poet,” *Contrary Magazine* (Spring 2014).
 2013 “Lines from the Desiderata,” *Bluestem Magazine* 14 (December 2013 and Spring 2014).
 2013 “Esperanto,” *Seldom Review* (Fall 2013).
 2013 “My Blondie--er Debbie Harry—Impression,” *Bluffs Literary Magazine* (Spring/Summer 2013): 17-18.
 2013 “East of Eden,” *Fifth Wednesday Journal* 12 (Spring 2013): 170-171.
 2013 “There’s a Line Somewhere, I Don’t Remember,” *Fifth Wednesday Journal* 12 (Spring 2013): 172-173.
 2012 “Girl with the Tuna Tattoo Behind your Lower Lip,” *Broadside Writers and Artists Literary Arts Mini Journal* 4 (2012-2013): 5.
 2012 “Tori Amos’s Plastic Surgery,” *Broadside Writers and Artists Literary Arts Mini Journal* 4 (2012-2013): 10.
 2012 “Jesus is a Cigarette,” *Broadside Writers and Artists Literary Arts Mini Journal* 3 (2011-2012): 5.
 2012 “Ababel,” *Broadside Writers and Artists* 31 (March 2012): 16.
 2012 “Strong Shouldered,” *Broadside Writers and Artists* 31 (March 2012): 28.
 2012 “Der Fuehrerbunker,” *Broadside Writers and Artists* 31 (March 2012): 70.
 2012 “Examples of Communism in Star Trek,” *Broadside Writers and Artists* 31 (March 2012): 73.
 2011 “And you don’t even know my name,” *Broadside Writers and Artists* 30 (March 2011): 16.

FUNDING:

Current

Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara 2019-2023

Previous

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, United States Department of Education 2018-2019

Graduate Assistantship, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2018-2019

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, United States Department of Education Summer 2018

Graduate Assistantship, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2017-2018

Amount: xxx,xxx

TEACHING:

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara

2019

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2017-2019 Outreach Assistant, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Duties included: editing and publishing the REEEC Newsletter, managing the website and opportunities page, Title VIII Grant reporting, graphic design, and outreach.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

2019 Russian and Ukrainian translation (pro bono), National Immigrant Justice Center
 2019 Slavic Story Time reader, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 2019 Master of Ceremonies, Slavic Students' Talent Show (16 April 2019), Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2018 Study abroad graduate, Summer Russian Language and Area Studies Program in Almaty, Kazakhstan, American Councils for Higher Education
 2018 Organizer and proctor, Olympiada of Spoken Russian, American Council of Teachers in Russian (ACTR), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2013 "Poets' Voices," radio interview with Professor Jim Sullivan, 90.7 FM WAZU
 2013 Student representative for Creative Writing concentration and curriculum, Bradley University Board of Trustees meeting
 2012 "Into Siberia," presentation, Bradley University Fall English Colloquium

VOLUNTEER WORK:

2015 GED tutor, Moonlight Coalition for Adult Learning
 2015 Disaster Action Team volunteer, American Red Cross
 2015 Home Fire Preparedness Campaign volunteer, American Red Cross

LANGUAGES:

English - native
 Russian - advanced
 German - intermediate
 Uzbek - beginner
 Persian - beginner
 Kazakh - beginner