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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Texas A&M University (TAMU)	
Associate Professor of History	2022 – present
Assistant Professor of History	2016 – 2022

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. and M.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)	2010 – 2016
Modern Russian and East European History	
Graduate Certificate in Russian and East European Studies	
B.A., University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS	2005 – 2009
History (with Honors); Russian and East European Studies (with Honors)	

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

*Russia's Entangled Embrace: The Tsarist Empire and The Armenians, 1801-1914* (Cornell University Press, 2020)

- Winner, *Ab Imperio* Book Award “for the best study in new imperial history and the history of diversity in Northern Eurasia, up to the late twentieth century.”
- Winner, Dr. Sona Aronian Book Prize for Excellence in Armenian Studies, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research
- Honorable Mention, Der Mugrdchian Outstanding Book Award, Society for Armenian Studies
- Short-listed, European Studies Book Award, Council for European Studies

### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Neo-Primordialism in the Making of Nations: The Tragedies of Karabakh,” *Ab Imperio*, no. 3 (2023): 171-183.

“Cocooned in the Caucasus: Dreams of French Silk at Russia’s Edge in the 1820s and 1830s,” *Cahiers du Monde russe* 61, no. 1-2 (2020): 205-230.

“British Travelers and the Armenian Question in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century,” *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity* 47, no. 1 (2019): 136-148.

“Neotraditionalist Rule to the Rescue of the Empire? Viceroy I. Vorontsov-Dashkov amid Crises in the Caucasus, 1905-1915,” *Ab Imperio*, no. 3 (2018): 115-139.

“Imperial Challengers: Tsarist Responses to Armenian Raids into Anatolia, 1875-90,” *The Russian Review* 76, no. 2 (2017): 253-271.

### Miscellaneous Essays

(Op-ed) “Don’t blame Armenia for its ties to Russia,” Eurasianet April 2022

(Blog post) “Why Americans Should Care about the Armenian-Azerbaijani War,” Medium October 2020

(Article) “Of Revolutionaries and Realists: Russian-Armenian Relations since the Velvet Revolution,” *ASEEES NewsNet* 59, no. 4 (2019): 9-13.

(Blog post) “Why Georgia’s Last Queen Murdered a Russian General,” *Peripheral Histories?* October 2018

(Op-ed) “Why Russia Won’t Interfere in Armenia’s Velvet Revolution,” *Real Clear World* May 2018

(Op-ed) “Russia Can’t Let Nagorno-Karabakh Slip into War,” *The Moscow Times* August 2014

### Book Reviews

*Geographies of Nationhood: Cartography, Science, and Society in the Russian Imperial Baltic*, by Catherine Gibson, in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 58 (2023): 221-223.

*From the Kur to Aras: A Military History of Russia’s Move into the South Caucasus and the First Russo-Iranian War*, by George A. Bournoutian, in *International Journal of Persian Literature* 7 (2022): 157-159.

*Nested Nationalism: Making and Unmaking Nations in the Soviet Caucasus*, by Krista A. Goff, in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 56, no. 1 (2022): 266-268.

*Aid to Armenia: Humanitarianism and Intervention from the 1890s to the present*, edited by Jo Laycock and Francesca Piana, in *The Russian Review* 81, no. 2 (2022): 382-383.

*Resettling the Borderlands: State Relocations and Ethnic Conflict in the South Caucasus*, by Farid Shafiyev, in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 55, no. 1 (2021): 107-110.

*Roving Revolutionaries: Armenians and the Connected Revolutions in the Russian, Iranian, and Ottoman Worlds*, by Hourii Berberian, in *Slavic Review* 79, no. 1 (2020): 185-186.

*The Tsar’s Armenians: A Minority in Late Imperial Russia*, by Onur Önoel, in *Slavic Review* 77, no. 4 (2018): 1103-1104.

*Tsar and Sultan: Russian Encounters with the Ottoman Empire*, by Victor Taki, in *Revolutionary Russia* 30, no. 2 (2017): 276-277.

“They Can Live in the Desert but Nowhere Else”: *A History of the Armenian Genocide*, by Ronald G. Suny, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 58, no. 4 (2016): 427-428.

*Shattering Empires: The Clash and Collapse of the Ottoman and Russian Empires, 1908-1919*, by Michael Reynolds, in *Traces*, vol. 3 (2015): 320-323.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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At Texas A&M University, Department of History

HIST 210: Introduction to Russian History

HIST 410: Russia to 1801

HIST 411: Imperial Russia, 1801-1917

HIST 475: Empires in History

HIST 481 (capstone seminar): The Multiethnic Russian Empire

HIST 481 (capstone seminar): Europe on the Move in the Nineteenth Century

At UNC – Chapel Hill, Department of History

HIST 264: Gender in Russian History

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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### Extramural

Kluge Fellow, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress	2022-2023
Title VIII Award, Summer Research Laboratory, REEEC, University of Illinois	2021
Publication Subvention Grant, Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund	2020
Research Fellowship to Armenia, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus	2018
Doris G. Quinn Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2015
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship	2014-2015
American Councils Title VIII Research Scholar Fellowship	2013-2014
Fulbright IIE U.S. Student Program Research Fellowship to Russia ( <i>declined</i> )	2013-2014
CLIR/Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Original Sources ( <i>declined</i> )	2013-2014
Short-Term Scholar, Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars	2013
Title VIII Award, Critical Languages Institute, Arizona State University	2011

### Intramural

Strategic Transformative Research Program Grant, College of Arts & Sciences, TAMU	2024
Symposium and Small Conference Grant, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, TAMU	2024
Archive and Fieldwork Grant, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, TAMU	2022-2023
International Research & Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, TAMU	2022
Arts and Humanities Fellow, TAMU	2020-2023
Faculty Research Fellowship, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, TAMU	2020-2021
George Mowry Dissertation Research Award, Department of History, UNC	2013
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Award, UNC	2011
Doctoral Merit Assistantship, The Graduate School, UNC	2010-2011

## CONFERENCES

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ASEEES – Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

### Papers Presented

“Russia’s Civilizing Mission under Western Eyes”

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (Chapel Hill, NC)

March 2024

“Outsourcing Empire-Building: Europeans in the 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Russian Caucasus”

ASEEES (Philadelphia, PA)

December 2023

- “We are special but not too special’: Rostislav Fadeev’s comparison of the North Caucasus with Algeria”  
University of Padua [Padua, Italy], “Comparing Colonial Discourses: Africa and the Caucasus in Russian Thought” conference (virtual) October 2023
- “European Lives in Imperial Russia’s Caucasus”  
Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (Gainesville, FL) March 2023
- “Armenians and Imperial Russia’s Legal Encounter with the Caucasus”  
Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient [Berlin, Germany], “Minorities in Imperial Space” conference (virtual) June 2022
- “Ascending the Mountain of Tongues: Russia’s Annexation of the South Caucasus and its Implications”  
The UCLA Promise Armenian Institute, International Conference (virtual) January 2022
- “Neotraditionalism over Nationalism: Viceroy Vorontsov-Dashkov’s Engagement with Armenian National Movements in the Late-Imperial Caucasus,” ASEEEES (New Orleans, LA) December 2021
- “A War without Winners: Russian Officialdom and the Armenian-Azeri Conflict of 1905-06”  
The UCLA Promise Armenian Institute, International Conference (virtual) October 2020
- “Armenians during Russia’s Administrative Restructuring of the Caucasus in the 1830s-1840s”  
ASEEEES (Boston, MA) December 2018
- “Armenian Economic Integration into the Russian Empire in the 1820s”  
Western Slavic Conference (San Antonio, TX) April 2018
- “Power and Partnership: Religious Kinship in Russia’s Annexation of the South Caucasus”  
ASEEEES (Chicago, IL) November 2017
- “The Tsar’s Diaspora: The Armenian Factor in Russia’s Foreign Policy under Alexander II”  
ASEEEES (Washington, DC) November 2016
- “Temptations of the Caucasus: Imperial Russia Targets Persian Yerevan”  
Central Slavic Conference (St. Louis, MO) October 2016
- “The Lazarev Institute of Oriental Languages in the Service of the Tsarist Empire, 1815-30”  
ASEEEES (Philadelphia, PA) November 2015
- “Spies and Settlers: Armenians in the Tsarist Service, 1804-13”  
Graduate Student Colloquium in Armenian Studies, UCLA February 2015
- “Fractured Loyalties: State Responses to Armenian Nationalism in Late Imperial Russia”  
Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (Greensboro, NC) March 2013
- “Empirical Empire: Russian Geographical Explorations in the 1880s”  
Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (Savannah, GA) March 2012
- “Rebel Thought Unbowed: The Decembrists Against Autocracy”  
Central Slavic Conference (St. Louis, MO) November 2009

#### Panels Chaired, Commented, or Convened

- Discussant, “Borders and Migration in the Late Russian Empire and the Early Soviet Union”  
ASEEEES (Philadelphia, PA) December 2023
- Chair and discussant, “History, Politics, and Memory: The South Caucasus from the Romanovs and Ottomans to the Putin-Erdogan Era”  
ASEEEES (New Orleans, LA) December 2021
- Chair, “Empire in the Highlands: Tsarist Russia and the Caucasus in the Long 19<sup>th</sup> Century”  
ASEEEES (New Orleans, LA) December 2021
- Organizer, “Beyond Friend or Foe: Imperial Russia’s and the Soviet Union’s Engagement with Armenians”  
ASEEEES (Boston, MA) December 2018
- Chair, “Integration in the Russian, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Spaces”  
Western Slavic Conference (San Antonio, TX) April 2018
- Chair, “Comparative Print Perspectives”  
Central Slavic Conference (St. Louis, MO) October 2016

## INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

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“Imperial Russian Diversity” Hunter College, City University of New York (virtual)	March 2024
“Update on Nagorno-Karabakh” World Affairs Council of Maine (virtual)	February 2024
“European Expatriates as the Tsar’s Proxy Civilizers in the Caucasus” Russian History Seminar of Washington, DC, Georgetown University	January 2023
“European Mobilities in Imperial Russia’s Caucasus” Carolina Seminar Series, UNC-Chapel Hill	October 2022
“Armenians in Modern Russian History” Clark University (virtual)	October 2022
“Imperial Russia and the Caucasus” Hastings College (virtual)	November 2020
“Conducting Archival Research in post-Soviet Archives” Hastings College (virtual)	November 2020
“Of Revolutionaries and Realists: Russian-Armenian Ties since the Revolution of May 1818” Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington	March 2020
“French Silk in the Early Nineteenth Century Caucasus” Works-in-Progress Series, Caucasus Research Resource Center, Tbilisi, Georgia	November 2019
“Imperial Battlegrounds: The Second Russo-Persian War (1826-28) in Regional Context” Brusov State University of Languages, Yerevan, Armenia	June 2018
“Denationalizing’ Armenians? Late Imperial Russia’s Policy Reversals in the Caucasus” Russian History Seminar of Washington, DC, Georgetown University	April 2018
“Viceroy I. Vorontsov-Dashkov: The Tsar’s Last Reformer in the Caucasus” Desert Russian History Workshop, University of Nevada, Las Vegas	February 2018
“Divine Diplomacy: the Armenian Church and the Russian State, 1825-1855” Carolina Seminar Series, “Russia and Its Empires,” UNC-Chapel Hill	September 2015
“A Soliloquy of Chaos: Tsarist Perceptions of Armenians in Late Imperial Russia” Oriental Seminar, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia	October 2014
“Methods of Archival Research in St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Washington, D.C.” Higher School of Economics, National Research University, St. Petersburg, Russia	October 2014

### Book Talks on *Russia’s Entangled Embrace*

Amherst College (MA); Indiana University (IN); Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg (Russia); UC-Berkeley; University of Freiburg (Germany); University of Kansas

## SELECTED SERVICE

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### To the Department

*Excludes ad hoc committees*

Member, Executive Committee	2020-22; 2023—
Member, Graduate Committee	2019-20; 2023—
Member, East Asia Search Committee	2023-24
Member, Digital Outreach Committee	2020-22
Member, ACES Fellow Search Committee	2020-21
Member, Undergraduate Committee	2016-19
Steward of the departmental Twitter account	2018-23

### To the University

Member, Selection Advisory Committee, Division of Research	2022-23
Faculty Adviser, Texas A&M Model United Nations	2019-22
Faculty Adviser, Texas A&M Russian Club	2022
[Resigned from both adviser positions in 2022 due to Kluge residential fellowship]	

### To the Profession

Board of Directors, ASEEEES	2024—
Board of Directors, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus	2024—
Volunteer mentor, ASEEEES Mentoring Program	2023-24
Organizing Committee, Society for Armenian Studies 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference	2023-24
Selection Committee, Distinguished Dissertation Award, Society for Armenian Studies	2021
Application reviewer for IDRf-SSRC	2021
Application reviewer for American Councils Title VIII Research Program	2017
Graduate student member, Board of Directors, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus	2011-15
Manuscript and book proposal referee for Oxford University Press, I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury (3), <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> , <i>Sociological Forum</i> , and <i>The Science Journal of Volgograd State University</i>	

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Great Plains Fellow, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas	2021—
Interviewed on the “Parev-TV” online video show	2021
Interviewed on the “All Things Armenian” radio show (Multicultural 1600AM, Fresno, CA)	2020
Interviewed on the New Books Network and the Society for Armenian Studies podcasts	2020
International Associate Research Fellow, Center for Historical Study and Faculty of History, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia	2014
Interviewed in “Dispatch From Armenia: The Not So Frozen War,” <i>World Affairs</i>	2013
Summer Research Laboratory Russian, East European and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois	2011, 2020

### **LANGUAGES**

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Russian – fluency  
Armenian – proficiency  
French – reading knowledge

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Historical Association  
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
Southern Conference on Slavic Studies  
American Research Institute of the South Caucasus  
National Association for Armenian Studies and Research  
Society for Armenian Studies  
The Armenian Society of Fellows