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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Post-Soviet studies
- Morality
- Poetics and performance
- Language variation and register formation

### EDUCATION

PhD candidate, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, December 2014-present.

M.A. Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, May 2012.

M.A. Thesis Title: "The Russian Male Macho Register and Performances of Masculinity"  
Advisor: Nancy Levine (Anthropology)

Graduate Student At-Large/ Returning Scholar, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, Autumn 2008-Spring 2009. Enrolled as a visiting student taking Kazakh language courses.

M.A. Social Sciences, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 2009.

M.A. Thesis Title: "Soviet Reflections: Music, Nostalgia, and Personhood among (Post-) Soviet Immigrants"  
Advisor: Robert Bird (Slavic Languages and Literatures)

B.A. Anthropology and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX, May 2004 (high honors, special honors in anthropology).

B.A. Thesis Title: "Searching for Authenticity: Ethnic Identity in Rural Siberia"  
Advisor: Pauline Turner Strong (Anthropology)

### PUBLICATIONS

2014 "Soviet Reflections: Music, Nostalgia, and Personhood among (Post-) Soviet Immigrants." In *Memory and Periphery*. Special issue, *Hagar* 12(1): 46-72.  
<https://www.scribd.com/doc/284373896/Soviet-Reflections-Music-Nostalgia-and-Personhood-among-Post-Soviet-Immigrants>

2014 (short story) "Two Miles of Earth." *Ishaan Literary Review* 5. Available at [http://ishaanliteraryreview.com/?page\\_id=974](http://ishaanliteraryreview.com/?page_id=974)

- 2012 "‘How it Was’: Semiotic Approaches to Soviet References." *Laboratorium* 4(2): 27-50.  
<http://www.soclabo.org/index.php/laboratorium/article/view/22/55>
- 2011 "Aleksandr Galich: Performance and the Politics of the Everyday." *Limina* 17: 1-13.  
<http://www.limina.arts.uwa.edu.au/volumes/17/garey>
- 2010 "‘Why is the Cook on the Radio?’: Warrior Women and Welfare Mothers in the American Armed Forces." *Michigan Feminist Studies* 23: 53-75.  
<https://www.scribd.com/doc/284376449/Why-is-the-Cook-on-the-Radio-Warrior-Women-and-Welfare-Mothers-in-the-American-Armed-Forces>

#### PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 "After the Komsomol: Youth Comedy Competitions in Russia and Ukraine." Paper presented at the symposium, City, Community, and the Transformation of Space in Post-Eastern Bloc Societies, Lazarski National University, Warsaw, Poland, June 2017.
- 2016 "‘To Live More Joyfully’: Moral Cosmologies in Post-Soviet Sketch Comedy." Paper presented at the SOYUZ: Postsocialist Cultural Studies annual symposium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 2016.
- 2016 "Blood, Sex, Silence: Nonreferential Indexes in Pasternak’s *Above the Barriers*." Paper presented at the American Association of Teachers of Russian and Eastern European Studies Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, January 2016.
- 2015 "Imagined Community in Russian Comedy." Paper presented at the International Geological Conference, "The Science of Laughter: Methodology and Terminology," St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 2015.
- 2015 "The Russian Male Macho Register and Performances of Masculinity in Russian Sketch Comedy." Paper presented at the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and Eastern European Languages Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, January 2015.
- 2012 "Blood, Sex, Silence: Violence in Boris Pasternak's *Above the Barriers*." Paper presented at the UCLA Pasternak Roundtable, Los Angeles, CA, February 2012.
- 2011 "Digging Up Potatoes: Semiotic Approaches to Soviet References." Paper presented at the UCLA History Graduate Students Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 2011.
- 2011 "Ask the Dead: Studying the Intangible in the Social Sciences." Paper presented at the UCLA Discourse Laboratory, Los Angeles, CA, October 2011.
- 2010 "Performing Masculinity in Post-Soviet Sketch Comedy." Paper presented at the Soyuz (Society for the Anthropology of Postsocialism) Symposium, Chicago, IL, April 2010.
- 2009 "Cannot Forget What You Never Knew: Soviet Nostalgia among Young Russian Immigrants." Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, December 2009.

- 2009 "Aleksandr Galich: Performance and the Politics of the Everyday." Paper presented at the Slavic Forum Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, May 2009.
- 2007 "Soviet Reflections: Music, Nostalgia, and Personhood among (Post-) Soviet Immigrants." Paper presented at the Anthropology of Europe Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, October 2007.
- 2003 "Nuptiality and Nonmarital Fertility Trends in Kazakhstan: Economics, Culture, and Female Social Status." Paper presented at the Southern Demographic Association Conference, Alexandria, VA, October 2003.

#### **FIELD RESEARCH**

- Odessa, Ukraine Participant observation and interviewing. Spring 2017.
- Irkutsk, Russia Participant observation and interviewing. Fall 2015 and fall 2016.
- Wisconsin and Chicago region Participant observation at musical performances at Russophone folk music festivals and interviewing. September 2006-December 2007.
- Kuita, Russia Participant observation and interviewing in a village in the Irkutsk Region of Siberia. April 2003.

#### **PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2005 Intern and research assistant for the Angel Coalition, Moscow, Russia. I assisted with research on human trafficking and translated documents from English to Russian and Russian to English. April 2005-July 2005.
- 2004 Research consultant for the Texas Association of Public and Nonprofit Hospitals, Austin, TX. July 2004.

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- 2017 STARTALK Institute for Teachers of Russian. Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, July 12-23, 2017.
- 2009 Junior Scholars Training Workshop, "Islam and Muslim Identities in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 10-12, 2009.
- 2003 NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Minority Group Demography, University of Texas, Austin, TX. June-August 2003.
- 2003 Russian Culture and Diversity Program, School for International Training, St. Petersburg and Irkutsk, Russian Federation. February-May 2003.

## LANGUAGES

Advanced Russian. Intermediate French. Elementary Kazakh. Elementary Ukrainian.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English as a Second Language Teacher, Jewish Family Services, San Diego, CA. July 2014-February 2015.

Teaching Assistant, Anthropology Department, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. September 2011-April 2012.

Religious Education Instructor, 3-5 year old class, St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL. September 2009-May 2010.

Speech and Debate Teacher/Program Coordinator, Winning Words Program, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. January 2009-May 2010.

English as a Second Language Teacher, Language Link, Korolev, Moscow region. October 2004-July 2005.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Editorial Board, *UC Undergraduate Journal of Slavic and East/Central European Studies*, UCLA, October 2015-October 2016.

Secretary, Graduate Social Sciences Council, UCLA, September 2011-April 2012

Listserv Editor, Soyuz: The Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies, March 2010-March 2012.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

*Middlebury College*  
2017 Full scholarship, STARTALK Institute for Teachers of Russian

*American Councils*  
2016 Title VIII Research Scholar Fellowship, Russia and Ukraine

*Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*  
2012 First Place, Young Scholars Contest

*University of California-Los Angeles*  
2015 Field Research Grant, Anthropology Department  
2011 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship  
2010 University Fellowship

*Institute of International Education*

2010 U.S. Student Fulbright Full Grant to Kazakhstan (declined due to institutional obligations)

*University of Chicago*

2006 Merit partial tuition waiver

*University of Texas*

2003 Rappaport Russian Scholar  
Liberal Arts Honors Scholarship  
College of Liberal Arts Merit Scholarship

2002 Hibbs Anthropology Scholarship  
Rappaport Russian Scholar  
College of Liberal Arts Merit Scholarship  
Liberal Arts Honors Junior Scholarship  
Liberal Arts Council Study Abroad Scholarship

2001 Noakes Speech and Debate Scholarship