

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph. D., History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2005

M. A., History, Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary, 1998

B.A., History, *Cum Laude*, American University in Bulgaria (AUBG), Blagoevgrad, 1996

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of History, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 2011-

Assistant Professor of History, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 2004-2011

Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois, 2002-2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant, *Slavic Review*, University of Illinois, 2002-2003

Cedime Minority Project Researcher for Greek Helsinki Monitor and Minority Rights Group,
Greece, 1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

“The Bulgarian PEN: A Study in Interwar Cultural Internationalism,” *East European Politics and Societies and Cultures* (forthcoming)

“In Defense of Native Literature: Writers’ Associations, State and the Cult of the Writer in pre-1945 Bulgaria,” *Slavic Review* 77, no. 2 (Summer 2018): 417-440

“Communism and Its Legacy,” co-authored with Malgorzata Fidelis, in Irina Livezeanu and Klimo von Arpad, eds. *The Routledge History of East Central Europe Since 1700* (Routledge, 2017): 365-414

“The Feeble Charm of National(ist) Communism: Intellectuals and Cultural Politics in Zhivkov’s Bulgaria,” in Yana Hashamova and Theodora Dragostinova, eds. *Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Alternative Narratives to the Nation in the Balkans* (Central European University Press, 2016): 151-177

“Sofia Was Bombed?: Bulgaria’s Forgotten War with the Allies,” *History & Memory* 23, no. 2, Fall/Winter 2011): 132-171

“The City and the Nation: Sofia’s Trajectory from Glory to Rubble in WWII” *Journal of Urban History* 37, no. 2 (March 2011): 155-175

“The Feminisation of Bulgarian Literature and the Club of Bulgarian Women Writers,” *Aspasia: International Yearbook for Women’s and Gender History of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe*, vol. 2 (2008): 91-119

Conference proceedings

“At Crossroads, or Why and How to Study a Generation of Bulgarian Writers,” *Beyond the Borders*, 10th Joint Conference of Bulgarian and North American Scholars. Sofia, 26-30 June 2016 (2019)

Works under Preparation

“Crossroads: A Generation of Writers in Modern Bulgaria’s History” (book manuscript)

“Between Nation and Humanity: Bulgarian Women Writers’ International Cultural Diplomacy” (in progress)

Book Reviews

John Frederick Bailyn, Dijana Jelača and Danijela Lugarić, eds. *The Future of (Post)Socialism: Eastern European Perspectives* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2018) for *Slavic Review* (forthcoming).

Kristen Ghodsee, *The Left Side of History: World War II and the Unfulfilled Promise of Communism in Eastern Europe* (Duke University Press, 2014) for *Journal for the Study of Radicalism* 11, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 211-13

Maria Todorova, Augusta Dimou, and Stefan Troebst, eds. *Remembering Communism: Private and Public Recollections of Lived Experience in Southeast Europe* (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2014) for *Journal of Modern History* 89, no. 1 (March 2017): 175-7

“The Good Life and Post-Communist Nostalgia,” review essay for *East European Politics* 29, no. 4 (December 2013): 536-42

Theodora Dragostinova, *Between Two Motherlands, Nationality and Emigration among the Greeks of Bulgaria, 1900-1949* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2011) for *Social History* 37, no. 2 (May 2012)

Kristen Ghodsee, *Muslim Lives in Eastern Europe: Gender, Ethnicity, and the Transformation of Islam in Postsocialist Bulgaria*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009, reviewed for *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 52, no. 3-4 (Sep-December 2010)

Bernd J. Fischer, ed. *Balkan Strongmen: Dictators and Authoritarian Rulers of South Eastern Europe*, reviewed for *Balkan Academic News*, February 2010. URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balkans/message/9262>

Zoltan Barany and Robert G. Moser (eds.), *Ethnic Politics after Communism*, reviewed for *Balkan Academic News*, July 2006. URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balkans/message/6157>

Mary Neuburger, *The Orient Within: Muslim Minorities and the Negotiation of Nationhood in Modern Bulgaria*, reviewed for *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 46, no. 3-4 (September–December 2004)

Christopher Merrill, *Only the Nails Remain: Scenes from the Balkan Wars*, reviewed for *Balkan Academic News*, April 2002. URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balkans/message/1960>

Susan Reid and David Crowley (Eds), *Style and Socialism: Modernity and Material Culture in Post-War Eastern Europe*, reviewed for *Balkan Academic News*, September 2001. URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balkans/message/1529>

John Higley and György Lengyel (Eds), *Elites after State Socialism: Theories and Analysis*, reviewed for *Southeast European Politics* 2, no. 1 (March 2001)

Sorin Antohi and Vladimir Tismaneanu (Eds), *Between Past and Future: The Revolutions of 1989 and Their Aftermath*, reviewed for *Balkan Academic News*, June 2000. URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balkans/message/677>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Bulgarian Pen Center: A Study in Cultural Internationalism,” 51st National Convention of the Association of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco, November 2019

“Between Nation and Humanity: The Bulgarian PEN Club in the Interwar Years,” “State and Non-State Actors in Central and Eastern Europe,” 42nd IARCEES Conference, Dublin, May 2019

"The World of Yesterday: Bulgaria's Wars of 1912-18 in Konstantin Konstantinov's Memoirs," 49th National Convention Association of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 2017

“Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Alternative Narratives of the Nation in the Balkans,” roundtable at 48th National Convention, Washington, DC, November 2016

“At Crossroads, or Why and How to Study a Generation of Bulgarian Writers,” Beyond the Borders, 10th Joint Conference of Bulgarian and North American Scholars. Sofia, 26-30 June 2016

“High Culture on the Radio Waves: Bulgarian Literati Adapt (to) the Early Radio,” 47th Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 19-22, 2015

“Publicizing National Literature: Professionalization of Writers in Interwar Bulgaria and Their Case for Social Relevance,” 53 Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Lexington, KY, March 5-7, 2015.

“From Proletarian Literature to Socialist Realism: The Twisty Path of Bulgaria's 'Left Generation' (1920s-1950s),” 45th National Convention of the Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 21-24, 2013

“The Feeble Charm of National Communism: Writers and Cultural Politics in Zhivkov’s Bulgaria,” 18th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, NY, April 2013

Workshop for *ROUTLEDGE History of East Central Europe since 1700*, St. Andrews University, March 2013

“The Pen and the Red Star: Rethinking the Absence of Bulgarian Dissidence,” 43rd National Convention of the Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC, November 2011

“What is East European History Now?,” roundtable, 43rd National Convention of the Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington, DC, November 2011

“Negotiating National and Cosmopolitan Impulses in Socialist Bulgaria: Bulgarian Writers in Texts and Words,” *Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Negotiating Religious and Ethno-National Identities in the Balkans*, The Ohio State University, October 2011

“Re-Writing East Central European History since 1700”, roundtable, 42th National Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Los Angeles, November 2010

“The Capital of ‘Greater Bulgaria’: Sofia’s Trajectory from Glory to Rubble in WWII”, 13th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, NY, April 2008

“The Winter of Shattered Dreams: Popular Reactions to Allied Bombing of Sofia,” 39th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, New Orleans, November 2007

“Poetic Visions of the State: The Myth of ‘National Revival’ in Interwar Bulgaria,” 38th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, November 2006

“Building a National Utopia: Culture as Propaganda in Right-Wing and Socialist Bulgaria,” 37th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Salt Lake City, November 2005

“After the ‘Thaw’: Writers and Bulgarian Culture of the 1960s,” 36th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, December 2004

“The Club of Bulgarian Women Writers and the Failed Feminization of Bulgarian Literature,” Inaugural Conference of Association for Women in Slavic Studies, Urbana-Champaign, June 2004

“The End of an Era: Allied Bombing, Bulgarian Intellectuals and the Socialist Revolution,” 28th Annual Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, Barnard College, New York City, March 2004

“Staging and Subverting Authorized Identities in Socialist Bulgaria,” panel organized for the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Toronto, November 2003

“Writers of the Nation: Politics of Intellectual Identity in Bulgaria, 1939-1953,” 3rd Junior Scholars’ Workshop, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 2003

“Artists or Shock Workers: Daily Life of Intellectuals in Early Socialist Bulgaria,” *Everyday Socialism: States and Social Transformations in Eastern Europe, 1945-1965*, London, England, April 2003

“From Libertarians to Socialist Mothers: Bulgarian Women Writers in Transition to Socialism,” Berkeley, CA., November 2002

“Interviewing Writers: The Construction of Intellectuals in Socialist Bulgaria,” Congress for the Canadian Association of Slavists, Quebec City, Canada, May 2001

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences Discretionary Fund, \$750 (2017)

MAYS Grant for Faculty-Student Undergraduate Research, with Janis Dabbs, \$800 (2013)

Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences Discretionary Fund, \$1030 (2012)

Alternate for the ACLS Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research in Southeast European Studies (2008)

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Grant, College of Charleston, 2006 and 2007

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2003 - 2004

Incomplete List of Outstanding Instructors, University of Illinois, 2003

History Department Fellowship, spring of 2002

Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant, Fall 2001

Harrison Small Travel Award, SEESA, 2001 and 2003

COURSES TAUGHT

College of Charleston, Honors College

- Honors Colloquium in Western Civilization

College of Charleston, Department of History

- My Rights and Yours: Individual and State in Modern West
- Rise of Western Civilization
- Modern Europe
- The Historian’s Craft
- Empire, Nation, Class in Eastern Europe / Modern Eastern Europe
- Cities and Urban Cultures/ The Modern City
- Comparative Nationalism (undergraduate and graduate seminar)
- Everyday Communism
- Research Seminar: The Cold War in Europe

University of Illinois, Department of History

- Instructor, Summer 2004: Modern Europe, 1870-1914
- Teaching Assistant, 2002-2003: Western Civilization, 1650 to present

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

- Senior Paper, HIST 498: Michael Holmes, “Leaving the Void: Revolutionary Experience in Socialist Russia,” Fall 2018
- Independent Study, HIST 403: Corey Hammond, “Interwar German Communism,” Fall 2015
- Independent Study, HIST 770: Matthew Dietrich, History of Nationalism, Summer 2015
- Independent Study, HIST 403: William Maurides, US Policy in the “Third World”, Summer 2014
- Bachelor’s Essay, HIST 499: Janis Dabbs, Feminism in Eastern Europe, Fall 2013-Spring 2014
- Bachelor’s Essay, HIST 499: Rebecca Hughes, “Human Trafficking in Eastern Europe: A Comparative Study of Greece and Romania,” Fall 2013-Spring 2014
- Independent Study, HONS 398: Rebecca Hughes, Human Trafficking: Evolution, Causes, Consequences, Spring 2013
- Independent Study, HIST 770: Everyday Communism in the Soviet Union, Fall 2009
- Independent Study, HIST 403: Stalin’s Russia, Spring 2009
- Bachelor’s Essay, HIST 499: Gypsies: Transnational Ethnic Group, Fall 2008
- Independent Study, HIST 770: Modern Eastern Europe, Spring 2008
- Independent Studies, HIST 403: Russia, Women’s Studies, Spring 2007

COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

Campus-wide

- Urban Studies Committee, 2017-
- Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Identity and Vision, 2017-2018
- Task Force for the Undergraduate Major in General Studies, 2016-2017
- Faculty Budget Committee, 2016-2018
- General Education Assessment Committee, Humanities, 2015-
- Faculty Senate: HSS Senator at large, 2009-2011, 2013-2015, 2016-2018
- Tenure, Promotion and Third Year Review, 2013-2016; Chair, 2015-2016
- Member of Third-Year-Review for Jewish Studies, 2017

- Member of Third-Year-Review for Classics Department, 2012
- Honors College Committee, 2008-2011
- Global Awareness Group, 2005-2007
- Campus Recycling Committee, 2005-2006

History Department

- Search Committee, African American History, 2017-2018
- Visiting Professor Search Committee, Summer 2014
- Search Committee, Department Chair, 2012
- Search Committee, Middle East/ Islamic World, 2010
- Search Committee, American South in the 20th century, 2009
- Curriculum and Standards Committee, 2005-2006, 2009-2010
- Research and Development, 2008-2011, 2015-; Chair, 2016-8
- Scheduling Committee, 2006-2009
- Joint MA Program Graduate Committee, 2005-8, 2012-5
- Speakers/Phi Alpha Theta Committee, 2004-2005

Community Service and Talks

- Invited speaker, Kiwanis Club of Mount Pleasant, May 2019
- Board of Trustees/Faculty Shadowing Program, March 2015
- Thesis Adviser for Cameron Waters (Magnet Academic School), 2014-15
- “Which Side You Root for in Ukraine,” Unitarian Church Forum, November 2014
- Panel speaker, “Ukraine’s Protests: Authoritarianism and the Spirit of Resistance,” March 2014
- “The Feeble Charms of National Communism: Cultural Politics in Zhivkov’s Bulgaria,” sabbatical presentation, April 2013
- “Historical Ambivalence in Eastern Europe Towards Russia,” presentation at the *Slavic Night* organized by the CofC Russian Club, April 2013
- “You’d Think They Would Remember It: The Forgotten Allied Bombing in Bulgaria in 1943-44,” presentation at the Honors College Faculty Lecture Series, September 2012
- “The Development of Slavic Cultures,” presentation at the *Slavic Night* organized by the CofC Russian Club, March 2012
- “Communism in Eastern Europe from the Perspective of Everyday Life,” presentation at the Lowcountry Senior Center, September 2011
- Lunch Buddy, Fall 2010-11
- Co-facilitator in the MLK Challenge, January 2008

- Judge in the District Contest of the National History Day in South Carolina, April 2007
- Thesis Adviser for Lauren McKenzie (Magnet Academic School), 2005-2006

Service to the Profession

- Panel discussant, 51st National Convention of the Association of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco, November 2019
- Panel discussant, 56th Annual Conference of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, March 2018
- Student Awards Committee, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Spring 2017
- External reviewer for tenure and promotion, Old Dominion University, 2015
- Referee for *Slavic Review*, *Aspasia*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Journal of Migration History*, *East European Politics & Societies*, *Oxford University Press*

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

Bulgarian Studies Association (2016-)

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (formerly AAASS, 1999-)

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (2015-)

American Historical Association (1999-2010)