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Curriculum Vitae  
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## **Education**

### **Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences**

Master's Degree: May 2014

Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe & Central Asia

Focus: History

Master's Thesis: "Stalinism in the Countryside: Collectivization and the Famine in Soviet Ukraine as Formative Experiences"

Committee: Dr. Terry Martin (advisor), Dr. Serhii Plokhii

GPA: 3.83/4.0

### Awards and Honors

- Harvard Graduate Prize Fellowship (2012-2014)
- Peter and Mary Novak Ukrainian Fellowship Fund Research Travel Grant, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (Summer 2013)
- Maurice Lazarus Graduate Research Travel Award, Harvard Davis Center for Russian & Eurasian Studies (Summer 2013)
- Contextualizing the Holodomor Conference Travel Grant Recipient, Holodomor Research and Education Center (Fall 2013)
- Holodomor Graduate Student Workshop, Paper Presenter and Participant, HREC (Summer 2014)

### **Swarthmore College**

Bachelor's Degree: May 2012

Major: History

Undergraduate Thesis: "Baba, Proletarka and the Kolkhoznitsa: Soviet Depictions of Women in Anti-Religious Posters"

Advisor: Dr. Robert Weinberg

Published on the website *Museum Studies Abroad*, <https://museumstudiesabroad.org/baba-proletarka-and-the-kolkhoznitsa-soviet-depictions-of-women-in-anti-religious-posters/>

GPA: 3.6/4.0

### Awards and Honors

- Richard Rubin Scholar Program, Swarthmore College (Spring 2009-May 2012)
- Swarthmore Foundation Grant Recipient (2011-2012 Academic Year)
- Robert C. Byrd National Scholarship Recipient (Fall 2008-Fall 2011)
- J. Roland Pennock Fellowship in Public Affairs (Summer 2011)
  - The research focused on Stalinism and the Russian Orthodox Church
- Kathryn Davis Projects for Peace Scholar (Spring and Summer 2009)

### Other Coursework

**Adams State University** (Fall 2016-Summer 2017) (January 2019-July 2019)

Graduate Courses in US History for community college teaching credential  
GPA: 4.0

**Study Abroad** (Full Academic Year, 2010-2011)

Sarah Lawrence Program at the University of Oxford-Wadham College  
Tutorials on European History and Russian Language

**Language Acquisition**

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French: Intermediate Working Proficiency (Reading, Writing, Translating, Speaking)

Russian: Advanced Working Proficiency (Reading, Writing, Translating, Speaking)

German: Elementary Working Proficiency (Reading, Writing, Translating, Speaking)

**Conferences, Presentations, Publications, and Invited Talks**

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- Ohio State University, Midwest Slavic Conference, April 7-8, 2017
  - Panel: *Voices from Below: Personal and Social Formative Experiences during the Holodomor*
  - Paper: "Stalinism in the Countryside: Collectivization and the Famine in Soviet Ukraine as Formative Experiences"
  
- *East-West Journal of Ukrainian Studies, Vol 4, no 2 (2017)*
  - Book Review, *Jewish City or Inferno of Russian Israel? A History of the Jews in Kiev before February 1917* by Victoria Khiterer (September 2017)
  
- Swarthmore College, Living the Liberal Arts, invited talk, December 2017
  - Living the Liberal Arts Keynote Speech: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/living-liberal-arts/kimberly-st-julian-varnon-12>
  
- *East-West Journal of Ukrainian Studies, Vol 6, no 1 (2019)*
  - Book Review, *Total Wars and the Making Modern Ukraine, 1914-1954* by George O Liber (March 2019)
  
- San Jacinto College-Central, College Symposium, March 6-7, 2019
  - Paper Presentation: The American Negro in the Soviet Union: African American Experiences and Identity in Stalin's USSR
  
- New York University, Northeast Slavic Conference, March 31, 2019
  - Panel: *The Ukrainian Holodomor in Experience and Remembrance*
  - Paper: "The Holodomor as Subjectivizing Process"
  
- Howard University, invited talk, April 23, 2019
  - "Blackness in the Red Land: The American Negro in Stalin's Soviet Union"
  
- Howard University, Conference on Minorities in Slavic Studies, October 23-25, 2019
  - Keynote Talk: "Making Space: Being a Minority Scholar in Slavic Studies"
  
- Association of Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies National Conference,

November 23-26, 2019

- Panel: *Seeing and Believing: African American Experiences in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Space and Soviet Understandings of Blackness*
  - Paper: “The American Negro in Stalin’s Soviet Union: African Americans and Identity in the “colorless” Soviet Union”
- Roundtable member: “Engaging Approaches to Teaching Central-Eastern Europe and Russia II”

## **Research, Teaching, and Writing Experience**

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**History Instructor (Full-time)** August 2019-Present  
*San Jacinto College-Central Campus, Pasadena, TX*

- Teaching United States History Survey Courses (5/7 load)
  - History 1301: US History Up to 1877
  - History 1302: US History Since 1877
- Dual Credit Pathways Committee Member
- Adjunct Instructor: August 2018-May 2019

**Book Review Editor** August 2019-Present  
*H-Net Ukraine*

- Member of the book review editorial team for H-Net Ukraine, an H-Net (Humanities and Social Sciences Online) network

**Interviewer and Writer** November 2017-Present  
*New Books Network, Remote*

- Identify new and appealing books in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies
- Acquire books from publishers through establishing publisher relations
- Research monograph and write the interview
- Coordinate with the publisher to disseminate interview across social networks

**History Instructor (Full-time)** August 2018-July 2019  
*Lee College, Baytown, TX*

- Letter of Appointment Position (5/6 load)
- Teaching United States History Survey Courses (online, dual credit, and traditional)
  - History 1301: US History Up to 1877
  - History 1302: US History Since 1877
- Lee College Pathways Committee Department Coordinator (Social and Behavioral Sciences)
- Adjunct instructor: August 2016-July 2018

**United States and Advanced Placement World History Teacher** July 2015-June 2018  
*Dayton High School, Dayton, TX*

- TEA Certified in History (7-12)

- District Education Improvement Committee: Vice-Chair
- Member of the Campus Improvement Committee: Co-Chair

**Advanced Placement United States History Teacher**

*Crosby High School, Crosby, TX*

August 2014-June 2015

**Research Assistant to Joshua Rubenstein**

*Cambridge, MA*

September 2012-May 2014

- Served as a research assistant to an independent scholar/historian
- My work included locating and preparing primary sources in English, French, and Russian to discern the reaction to/interpretations of Stalin's sickness and eventual death in March 1953
- The research used in Rubenstein's *The Last Days of Stalin* (Yale University Press, 2016)

**Contributor to *Vostok Cable***

*Remote*

January 2013-August 2014

- Contributed to the online-based publication by writing analysis pieces and interviewing Russian and Soviet historians

**Leadership and Project Management**

**Swarthmore College Alumni Council**

August 2018-Present

**Media and Communications Coordinator, Swarthmore Black Alumni Network**

January 2019-Present

**Frank 5 Fellow in Education, Swarthmore College (Aydelotte Foundation)**

June 2017-June 2018

- Member of the inaugural five-person cohort of Frank 5 Fellows
- <http://www.swarthmore.edu/aydelotte-foundation/2017-2018-frank-5-fellow-education>
- Featured on the cover of the Swarthmore College *Bulletin* (alumni magazine), Summer 2018: <https://bulletin.swarthmore.edu/summer-2018-issue-iv-volume-cxv/life-mind#>

**Guest Editor and Reviewer, *Vestnik: The Journal of Slavic Studies* (School of Russian and Asian Studies)**

Summer 2016

**Professional Organizations and Service**

**Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies**

November 2011-Present

- Member of ASEES
- Communications Advisory Committee member for the 2020-2022 term
- Former President of the Association for Diversity in Slavic and Eastern European

Studies, a subgroup of ASEEEES (now defunct)