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## Education

Ph.D., Modern History, University of Oxford, 2011

Fields: Modern Russian History; Eastern European History; Modern European History

M.Phil., *with distinction*, University of Oxford, 2005

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of California, Los Angeles, 2001

-----, Moscow State University, Department of History, 2002-03, 2006-07

History Faculty Visiting Scholar

## Appointments

Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University, 2019-present

Assistant Professor of Modern European History, Utah State University, 2014-2019

Visiting Research Fellow, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, 2019

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Southern Methodist University, 2012-2014

Adjunct Lecturer, Florida State University, 2009-12

Fixed-Term University Lecturer, University of Wales, Swansea, 2009

Fixed-Term College Lecturer, Hertford College, Oxford, 2008-09

## Research

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

*The Soviet Myth of World War II: Patriotic Memory and the Russian Question in the USSR.*

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021 (\*Selected by *Foreign Affairs* as one of the "Best Books of 2022).

"Wartime Mobilizational Strategies and the Origins of Soviet War Memory." In *The Memory of the Second World War in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia*, edited by David Hoffmann, 1-30. London: Routledge, 2021.

"Elder Brother, Loyal Friend, and the Stalinist Myth of War: Recasting Soviet Ethnic Hierarchy, 1945-1953." *Ab Imperio*, no. 3 (2019): 88-116.

"Bureaucratizing the Glorious Past: Moscow's Victory Memorial Project during Late Socialism."

In *Excavating Memory: Material Culture Approaches to Sites of Remembering and Forgetting*, edited by John Roby and Maria Theresia Starzmann, 25-41. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2016.

"Remembrance of the Great Patriotic War in the Development of the Concept of the 'Soviet People'" [in Russian]. *Forum for Contemporary East European History and Culture*, no. 2 (2013): 194-213.

"The Soviet Myth of the Great Fatherland War and the Limits of Inclusionary Politics under

Brezhnev: The Case of Chalmers Literature.” *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity* 41, no. 1 (2013): 146-165 (\*Winner Evan and Peggy Anderson Best Article Prize).

“Building a Pan-Soviet Past: The Soviet War Cult and the Turn Away from Ethnic Particularism.” *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* 38, no. 2 (2011): 149-171.

#### Non-Refereed Publications

“A Question of Patriotism: Public Memory of World War II in Soviet Russia and Kazakhstan,” *IREX Research Brief*, March (2015), 1-7.

#### Reviews and Review Essays

“Review of *Stalinism at War: The Soviet Union in World War II* by Mark Edele.” *Russian Review* 81, no. 4 (2022): 774-776.

“Review of *Rites of Place: Public Commemoration in Russia and Eastern Europe* by Julie Buckler and Emily D. Johnson, eds.” *Modern Language Review* 3, no. 2 (2016): 607-609.

“Review of *The Great War in Russian Memory* by Karen Petrone.” *Journal of Contemporary History* 48, no. 1 (2013): 207-209.

“Review of *A Failed Empire: The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev* by Vladislav Zubok.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 61, no. 3 (2009): 556-558.

#### Projects in Preparation

Book: *Our Cause Is Always Just: Cold War Interventionism in the Shadow of the Second World War*, research ongoing.

Article: “In the Shadow of Victory: World War II Analogies in Soviet Popular Reactions to the Six-Day War,” under revision.

#### Doctoral and Masters Research

“Forging Common Glories: Soviet Remembrance of World War II and the Limits of Russian Nationalism, 1960s-1991,” Ph.D. diss., University of Oxford, 2011.

“‘The Two Sides of Comrade Stalin’: Stalin in the Soviet Press, 1953-1966,” M.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford, 2005 (*with distinction*).

#### Competitive Grants, Fellowships, and Awards:

- CAS Research Impact Award for 2023, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M U, 2023
- *Foreign Affairs* Selection for “Best Books of 2022,” Council on Foreign Relations, 2022
- NEH Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2022 (extended to 2023)
- Schlesinger Writer-in-Residence Fellowship, St. Paul's School (New Hampshire), 2022

- Kennan Title VIII Research Scholar Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2021
- Scowcroft Faculty Research Grant, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, 2020
- CIRTS International Research Support Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M, 2020
- History Department Travel/Research Grants x 4, Texas A&M University, 2019-2022
- Aleksanteri Visiting Research Fellowship, University of Helsinki, 2019
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences Travel Grants (x 7), Utah State University, 2015-19
- Holocaust Faculty Fellowship, George Washington Univ. / March of the Living Foundation, 2018
- Creative Activity and Research Enhancement (CARE) Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University, 2018
- Washington Faculty Fellow, RGS Office, Utah State University, 2015
- Independent Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship (IARO), IREX, 2014
- HOPE Honoree for Teaching Excellence, Southern Methodist University, 2013-14
- Evan and Peggy Anderson Best Article Prize (best peer-reviewed work in any area of Eurasian social sciences or humanities), Oxford University, 2013
- Kennan Institute Title VIII Short-Term Grant, Woodrow Wilson Center, 2010
- Andrew Smith Memorial Foundation Dissertation Write-up Award, Oxford University, 2009
- Kathryn Davis Grant, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 2009
- Archie Brown Bursary Dissertation Write-up Award, Oxford University, awarded 2007
- Peter Fitzpatrick Scholarship, St. Antony's College, Oxford University, awarded 2007
- Scatcherd European (Dissertation Year) Scholarship, University of Oxford, awarded 2006
- SRAS Research Grant, School of Russian and Asian Studies, awarded 2006
- Colin Matthew Fund, St. Hugh's College, Oxford University, awarded 2006
- Ilchester Fund, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, Oxford University, awarded 2006
- Carr, Stahl, and JCR Travel Funds, St. Antony's College, Oxford University, awarded 2006-07
- HEFCE Postgraduate Studentship/Fellowship, Oxford University, awarded 2004
- Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship (Russia/CIS), Rotary International, 2002

#### Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

“Book Roundtable: *The Soviet Myth of World War II*”: ASEES annual convention, Chicago, Nov. 2022.

“The ‘Soviet Vietnam’ Analogy in the USSR during the Afghan War, 1979-89: Origins and Impact”: ASEES annual convention, Chicago, Nov. 2022.

“The Soviet Myth of World War II”: Book Talk, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., June 2022 (<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/soviet-myth-world-war-ii-patriotic-memory-and-russian-question-ussr>).

“Refighting Vietnam: Multidirectional Memory and the Soviet-Afghan War”: Society for Military History annual conference, Fort Worth, TX, April 2022.

“History & Memory: Knowing the Difference and Why It Matters”: Schlesinger Lecture (Keynote), St. Paul's School, Concord, NH, April 2022.

- “Interpreting War: The Russian-Ukrainian War in Historical Context”: Public Seminar, Cambridge University Press, Contemporary European History Division, April 2022 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9vb0-DaynE&t=734s>).
- “History, Culture, War: The Ideological Underpinnings of Putin’s Invasion of Ukraine”: Public Lecture, Wende Museum of the Cold War, Los Angeles, CA, Mar. 2022 (<https://vimeo.com/686870345>).
- “Entangled Defeats: Vietnam in the Veterans’ Press of the Soviet-Afghan War”: AHA annual convention, New Orleans, Jan. 2022.
- “Memory Studies and the Remembrance of Russian/Soviet Wars of the Twentieth Century: State of the Field Roundtable”: ASEES annual convention, New Orleans, Nov. 2021.
- “What’s in an Analogy? Rethinking Vietnam during the Soviet-Afghan War”: Kennan Institute Seminar, Washington, DC, Sep. 2021.
- “Usable Past after Stalin: The Crisis of Patriotism and the Origins of the Soviet Cult of World War II”: Aleksanteri Alumni Talk, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, Sep. 2021 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WXq23JpM0&t=166s>).
- “An Irresistible Parallel: Soviet Intervention in Afghanistan and the Lens of Vietnam”: AHA annual convention, Seattle, Jan. 2021 (convention suspended due to Covid-19).
- “A Template for Quagmire: Vietnam and the Outbreak of the Soviet-Afghan War”: Presented at ASEES annual convention, Washington DC, Nov. 2020.
- “Kulikovo, 1980: Russian War Memory in the Age of Late Socialism”: Presented at ASEES annual convention, San Francisco, Nov. 2019.
- “Compartmentalizing Patriotism: Russian National-Patriotic Discourse and Memory of World War II”: Invited Lecture, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, March 2019.
- “Visions of Victory: Postwar Debates over an All-Soviet War Monument in Moscow”: Presented at American Historical Association annual convention, Chicago, Jan. 2019.
- “(Un)usable Past: Russo-centrism and the Rise of the War Cult”: Presented at ASEES annual convention, Boston, Dec. 2018.
- “‘A Nightmare on the Brains of the Living’: Moscow’s 800-Year Jubilee and the Nature of Soviet Patriotism under Stalin”: Presented at the AHA Pacific Coast Branch conference, Santa Clara, CA, Aug. 2018.
- “Elder Brother, Loyal Friend, and the Stalinist Myth of War: Reconsidering the Framework of Russian Guidance”: Presented at the Asia in the Russian Imagination conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, Mar. 2018.
- Dolowitz Endowed Lecture in Human Rights: “The Global Resurgence of Violent Extremism,”

- Invited Lecture (Co-Speaker), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Nov. 30, 2017.
- “Victory Days: The Great Patriotic War in the Stalinist Commemorative Landscape”: Presented at ASEES annual convention, Chicago, Nov. 2017.
- “Across the Revolutionary Divide? The Meaning of 1917 in the Stalinist Myth of the Second World War”: Presented at BASEES annual conference, Cambridge, United Kingdom, Apr. 2017.
- “No Longer is Our Rus’ the Same: The Postwar Victory Myth and the Doctrine of Russian Leadership”: Presented at ASEES annual convention, Washington DC, Nov. 2016.
- “A Worthy Opponent: The ‘Enemy’ in Soviet and American Popular Culture of the Cold War”:  
Invited lecture delivered at the Faculty Forum, Logan, UT, Sep. 2016.
- “‘Not a Nation, but Something Higher’: The Second World War and the Origins of Soviet Nationhood”: Presented at ASEES annual convention, Philadelphia, Nov. 2015.
- “Recasting Victory: The All-Soviet Theme in Early Narratives of the Great Patriotic War”:  
Presented at the ICCEES World Congress, Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 2015.
- “Ambiguous Nation: ‘Sovetskii Narod’ and Late Socialist Discourse about the War”: Invited lecture delivered at the International Center for the Study of World War II and its Consequences, Moscow, Russia, Nov. 2014.
- “The Soviet War Cult: What, When, and Why?”: Presented at the Dallas Area Social History Society meeting, Dallas, Jan. 2014.
- “Between Soviet and Russian: Varieties of Russocentrism in Late Soviet Discourse about the War”:  
Presented at ASEES annual convention, Boston, Nov. 2013.
- “Researching Cultural Memory of War: The Case of the Soviet Union”:  
Invited Lecture, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, 4 Nov. 2013.
- “The Great Patriotic War and the ‘Single Stream’ of Russian History: Nationalist Narratives of the War under Brezhnev”:  
Presented at ASEES annual convention, New Orleans, Nov. 2012.
- “Between Nostalgia and Expedience: Moscow’s Poklonnaia Hill as Site of Soviet World War II Memory”:  
Presented at the Society of American Archaeology convention, Memphis, April 2012.
- “Glasnost and the Russification of the Soviet Myth of the Second World War”:  
Presented at the ASN annual world convention, Columbia University, 14-16 Apr. 2011.
- “Project for Moscow’s National Second-World-War Memorial and the Limits of Russocentrism, 1960-85”:  
Presented at ASEES annual convention, Los Angeles, CA, 11-14 Nov. 2010.
- “Building a ‘Boundary of Glory’: Conceptions of National Identity along Moscow’s Battlefield”:

Presented at the AAASS annual convention, Boston, MA, 12-15 Nov. 2009.

“The Party-State and the Search for Public Memory in the Era of Stagnation”: Presented at the BASEES workshop Remembering the Past, St. John’s College, Oxford, 29 Nov. 2008.

“The Post-Stalin Era in the Archives: Deciphering Central Themes from Peripheral Sources”: Presented at Russian Archives Training Scheme Workshop (BASEES), London, Nov. 2008.

“Monumentalizing Moscow: War Memorial Politics in the Soviet Capital, 1966-1991”: Presented at The Russian National Idea in the 19th and 20th Century, Oxford, June 2008.

“War Memory and ‘Memory Distortion’ in the USSR”: Presented at the Medieval and Modern Language’s Russian Graduate Seminar, Oxford, 29 May 2008.

“The Transnational Roots of the Soviet Cult of World War II: A Case for Further Investigation”: Presented at the Russian History Graduate Seminar, Oxford, 5 May 2008.

“Soviet Remembrance of the Second World War in its Pan-European Context”: Presented at the conference The Borders of Europe and the European, Univ. of Birmingham, Apr. 2008.

“Memorials to the Great Patriotic War: Recent Findings from the Archives”: Presented to the Russian History Graduate Seminar, Oxford, 21 January 2008.

Panel Discussant and/or Organizer:

“The Use and Abuse of Historical Analogies in Russia and the Soviet Union”: Chaired by Jeremi Suri, AHA annual convention, New Orleans, Jan. 2022.

“(re)Visions of War: Opportunitieis and Limits of Theater, Museums, and Literature”: Chaired by Jonathan Brunstedt, ASEEEES convention, New Orleans, Nov. 2021.

“Soviet War Memorialization: Beyond the Propaganda Paradigm”: Chaired by Marina Dmitrieva, ASEEEES convention, Boston, Dec. 2018.

“Performing Nationality, Patriotism, and Gender in Russian War Memory”: Chaired by Gregory Carleton, ASEEEES convention, Washington DC, Dec. 2018.

“The Great Patriotic War and the Problem of Representation in the USSR, 1941-1960s”: Chaired by Mark von Hagen, ASEEEES convention, Chicago, Nov. 2017.

“The Legacy of the Second World War in Russia and the Former Soviet Union”: Chaired by Brandon Schechter, ASEEEES convention, Washington DC, Nov. 2016.

“The Russian Idea in Soviet and Post-Soviet Representations of World War II”: Chaired by Stephen Norris, ASEEEES convention, Boston, Nov. 2013.

“Cultural Memory of World War II and Russian National Identity”: Chaired by Stephen Norris, ASEEEES convention, New Orleans, Nov. 2012.

“Scripting a Heroic Past: Soviet War Memory and Commemoration”: Chaired by Nina Tumarkin, AAASS annual convention, Boston, MA, 12-15 Nov. 2009.

## Teaching

### Texas A&M University

- HIST102: Western Civilization (modern: 1648-present)
- HIST280: The Historian’s Craft
- HIST303: History & Memory
- HIST339: History of Eastern Europe
- HIST340: Global Communism (\*new course, from Spring 2023)
- HIST412: The Soviet Union, 1917-1991
- HIST481: Capstone Seminar: Remembering and Forgetting War

### Utah State University

- \*Study Abroad Program Faculty: Europe at War, 1914-45: England, Belgium, France
- HIST6900 Graduate Research Seminar on Europe at War, 1914-45
- HIST6160 Graduate Seminar in Modern European History
- HIST6990 Graduate Reading Colloquium: Eastern Europe under Communism
- HIST4990 Senior Research Seminar
- HIST4820 World War II in Europe
- HIST3330 Modern Russia and the Soviet Experiment
- HIST1110 Foundations of Modern Western Civilization

### Southern Methodist University

- HIST2366 Europe in the Modern World
- HIST3365 Eastern Europe and the Balkans
- HIST3328 History of Modern Germany
- HIST3366 World War II

### Florida State University

- EUH4576 History of Russia in the 20th Century

### University of Wales, Swansea (UK)

- HI-M69 Graduate Seminar: Collective Memories of War in 20th-Century Europe
- HII3210 Graduate Seminar: Themes of the Second World War
- HII206 Detours to Modernity
- HII122 Making History: An Introduction to Historical Methodology

### Hertford College, Oxford University

- Tutorial Seminar: The Rise of Hitler and the “Final Solution”
- Tutorial Seminar: The Rise of Stalinism, 1924-41
- Tutorial Seminar: The Russian Revolution
- Tutorial Seminar: The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe
- Tutorial Seminar: Political Transitions in Post-Communist Eastern Europe

- Tutorial Seminar: The History of Imperial Russia from Peter the Great to Nicholas II

## Professional Activities and Service:

### Professional Activities

- Book Manuscript Peer Reviewer: Cambridge University Press (Dec. 2022: Manuscript on Famine in the Soviet Union)
- Journal Peer Reviewer (ongoing): *Problems of Post-Communism*; *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies*; *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*; *The Journal of Contemporary History*; *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity*
- ASEEES Conference Program Committee Member (2021)
- Grant/Fellowship Referee: *Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA)* (2021)

### Media / Public Outreach

- Interview: “New Books in History, An Interview with Jonathan Brunstedt,” *New Books Network*, Nov. 2022 (<https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-soviet-myth-of-world-war-ii>).
- Interview: “Soviet WWII Mythologies,” *The SRB Podcast*, hosted by Sean Guillory, Aug. 2022 ([https://srbpodcast.org/2022/08/09/soviet-wwii-mythologies/?fbclid=IwAR3yax6AyXOAShwBGSmQB4g5mI5fF9vItzs5Vsaj8\\_HQ\\_PWs3tLbrX0ZiOo](https://srbpodcast.org/2022/08/09/soviet-wwii-mythologies/?fbclid=IwAR3yax6AyXOAShwBGSmQB4g5mI5fF9vItzs5Vsaj8_HQ_PWs3tLbrX0ZiOo)).
- Public Lecture: “The Use and Abuse of History in the Russian-Ukrainian War: Vladimir Putin’s World War II Rhetoric Explained,” OWLS Monthly Talk, Peace Lutheran Church (College Station, TX), June 2022.
- Schlesinger Writer-in-Residence Fellowship, St. Paul’s School (New Hampshire), April 2022 (<https://www.sps.edu/news/jonathan-brunstedt-inspires-schlesinger-writer-residence>).
  - Public Lecture: “History & Memory: Knowing the Difference and Why It Matters,” Schlesinger Lecture, St. Paul’s School (New Hampshire), April 2022.
  - Public Seminar: “Keeping It Simple: Why Anyone Can Write a Book,” Schlesinger Writers’ Seminar, St. Paul’s School (New Hampshire), April 2022.
- Public Lecture: “The Soviet Myth of World War II,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, June 2022 (<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/soviet-myth-world-war-ii-patriotic-memory-and-russian-question-ussr>).
- Public Lecture: “Interpreting War: The Russian-Ukrainian War in Historical Context,” Cambridge University Press, April 2022 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9vb0-DaynE&t=734s>).
- Public Lecture: “History, Culture, War: The Ideological Underpinnings of Putin’s Invasion of Ukraine,” Wende Museum of the Cold War, Mar. 2022 (<https://vimeo.com/686870345>).
- Interview: “Soviet Myths and Historical Memory,” *Wilson Center Now* with John Melewski, Jan. 13, 2022 (<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/video/kennan-scholar-spotlight-soviet-myths-and-historical-memory>).
- Interview: “Drawing Lessons from the Soviet-Afghan War,” Kennan Institute, Aug. 2021 (<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/drawing-lessons-soviet-afghan-war-conversation-title-viii-research-scholar-jonathan>).
- Expert Recommended Summer Reading on Russia/Eastern Europe, Kennan Institute, Jul. 2021 (<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/kennan-institute-summer-2021-reading-list>)
- Organizer: Tanner Talk (Public History Lecture), Utah State University, 2018
- Public Lecture: Dolowitz Public Lecture on Human Rights, University of Utah, 2018

### University/College/Departmental Service

- History Department Head Search Advisory Committee, 2023
- Graduate Committee, Texas A&M University History Dept., 2022-present
- Faculty Awards Committee, Texas A&M University History Dept., 2022-present
- Ad Hoc Committee on Public History, Texas A&M University History Dept., 2022-23
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society, Texas A&M University History Dept., 2019-23
- Climate & Inclusion Committee, Texas A&M University History Dept., 2019-22
- Undergraduate Committee, Texas A&M University History Dept., 2019-21
- Heravi International Experience Scholarship, Utah State University History Dept., 2018
- Visiting Search: “World History,” Utah State University History Dept., 2018
- Tenure-Track Search: “United States and the World,” Utah State University History Dept., 2016-17
- Visiting Search: “World/Environmental History,” Utah State University History Dept., 2016
- Tenure-Track Search: “18th-century Europe,” Utah State University History Dept., 2015-16
- Post-Doctoral Search: “Modern Europe,” Utah State University History Dept., 2015

### Other Service

- Elected Faculty Senator, Utah State University, 2017-2019
- Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society Academic Advisor, Utah State University, 2015-17
- Senior thesis oral examiner, School for the Talented and Gifted, Dallas, TX, 2013
- UCAS undergraduate admissions interviews and applicant evaluations, University of Wales, Swansea, 2009 incoming class
- Undergraduate admissions interviews and applicant evaluations, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University, 2009 incoming class

### **Societies and Affiliations (Current and Former)**

- American Historical Association
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Society for Military History
- British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies
- Association for the Study of Nationalities
- Society for American Archaeology

### **Languages**

English: Native; Russian: Advanced Reading/Speaking; Italian: Advanced Reading/Speaking;  
German: Reading Knowledge