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## Appointments

2025-27 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan

## Education

- 2025 PhD, History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Dissertation: "Power in the Village: Folk Democracy and Party Dictatorship in the Czechoslovak Countryside, 1944-1954"  
Committee: Chad Bryant (chair), Karen Auerbach, Melissa Feinberg, Donald J. Raleigh, Eren Tasar
- 2019 M.A., History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2016 M.Ed., University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2010 B.A., History, Mount Holyoke College

## Publications

### Peer-reviewed articles

- 2025 "Persuasion, Recruitment, and Repression in the Czechoslovak Campaign for Collectivization," *Journal of Social History* (forthcoming)
- 2025 "Operation Velehrad: Communism, Catholicism, and Popular Tradition in Communist Czechoslovakia," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* (forthcoming)
- 2021 "Světlna: Partisans and Power in Postwar Czechoslovakia," *Contemporary European History* 30, no. 1, February 2021

### Public-facing work

- 2024 ["Hodí se Čech za partyzána? Boj proti fašismu měl tvořit politický základ nového zřízení"](#) ["Can a Czech be a partisan? Antifascist struggle was supposed to create the political foundation of a new order"], *Deník Alarm*, September 2024
- 2024 ["Partizáni a partizánčina"](#) ["Partisans and *partizanshchina*"], *Kapitál*, August 2024
- 2022 ["My Trips to Vsetín."](#) *Contingent Magazine*, May 2022
- 2022 ["Partyzáni chtěli skutečnou lidovou demokracii. Diktatura KSČ byla pro řadu z nich nepřijatelná"](#) ["Partisans wanted a real people's democracy. The Communist Party dictatorship was unacceptable for many of them"], interview by Ondřej Bělíček, *Deník Alarm*, May 2022

### Book reviews

- 2023 Tomáš Nigrin, *The Rise and Decline of Communist Czechoslovakia's Railway Sector* (2022), in H-Sci-Med-Tech, October 2023, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=59608>

- 2022 Jan Boštík, *Mladočovské Jericho: kolektivizace jedné vesnice* (2021) in *Časopis Matice moravské* 141, no. 1, 2022

### **Awards**

- 2023 Konrad H. Jarausch Essay Prize for Advanced Graduate Students in Central European History, North Carolina German Studies Seminar
- 2021 Emerging Scholars Article Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association
- 2019 Honorable Mention, *Contemporary European History* Prize

### **Grants and fellowships**

- 2023 Ross and Charlotte Johnson Family Dissertation Fellowship, Royster Society of Fellows, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2022 Initiative to Support Junior Scholars, Central European History Society
- 2020 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Sciences Research Council
- 2020 Fulbright-IIE Fellowship, Czech Republic
- 2020 Central European History Society Travel Grant
- 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, UNC Center for European Studies
- 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, UNC Center for European Studies
- 2019 ASEEES Graduate Student Travel Grant
- 2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies
- 2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, UNC Center for European Studies
- 2017 Digital Humanities Graduate Recruitment Fellowship, Carolina Digital Humanities

### **Invited talks**

- 2024 “Operation Velehrad, 1950: Communism, Catholicism, and Popular Tradition in Czechoslovakia,” North Carolina German Studies Seminar, January 19, 2024
- 2021 “Moc na vesnici. Politický život na Valašsku, 1945-1954,” Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, November 24, 2021

### **Conference and workshop participation**

- 2025 “‘We’re Informed You’ve Become a Notorious Drunkard: Alcohol and Democracy in Czechoslovakia, 1945-1954,’ Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, November 20, 2025
- 2025 “‘Thanks to the Party, to the Government, to Ourselves’: Municipal Elections in 1954 and the Consolidation of the Czechoslovak Communist Regime,” Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop, April 24, 2025

- 2025 "The Youth Demand Organic Unity! Youth and Sports Associations in Czechoslovakia, 1945-48," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 4, 2025
- 2024 "'Who is a Rich Villager?' Identifying Rural Class Enemies during the Czechoslovak Collectivization Campaign," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, November 30, 2024
- 2024 "The Nedašov Affair: Investigating a Riot and its Aftermath in Czech Archives," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, March 16, 2024
- 2024 "'The Best Representatives of the Liberated People': Local Legacies of Resistance in Postwar Czechoslovakia," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 6, 2024
- 2023 "'Heritage of our Fathers': Sts. Cyril and Methodius under Communist Rule," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, December 2, 2023
- 2023 "Living with the Old Ways: Rural Society and Collectivization in Stalinist Czechoslovakia," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, June 10, 2023
- 2022 "Folk Democracy in Moravian Wallachia," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, November 11, 2022
- 2022 "Myths and Legends from Moravian Wallachia," Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop, April 29, 2022
- 2021 "Operation Velehrad: State-Sponsored Pilgrimage in Stalinist Czechoslovakia," Microhistories of Socialism Doctoral Workshop, Juraj Dobrila University, August 26, 2021
- 2019 "Partisan Politics in Eastern Moravia, 1945-1950," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, November 25, 2019
- 2019 "Světlna: Networks of Local Resistance in Moravian Wallachia," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, March 15, 2019
- 2018 "Rural Communists and Partisans: Resistance and Revolution in Moravian Wallachia," Making and Remaking Europe: The Czech and Slovak Contribution, University of Toronto, November 9, 2018

### **Panels organized**

- 2025 Medical Humanities II: Socialist Medicine and Morality in East Central Europe, Association for Slavic, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies Annual Conference, November 20, 2025
- 2025 Join the Club: Voluntary Associations and the State in 20th-Century Central Europe, American Historical Society Annual Meeting, January 4, 2025
- 2023 Hej Slované: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Czech Pan-Slavism, Association for Slavic, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies Annual Conference, December 2, 2023

### **Teaching experience**

*Instructor of record, Department of History, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*

Fall 2024 Russia under the Last Tsars and Soviet Commissars

*Teaching assistant, Department of History, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*

Spring 2025 Genocide in Global Perspective

Spring 2023 History of the Holocaust

Fall 2022	History of Lies, Conspiracy, and Disinformation
Fall 2020	Liberalism, Socialism, and Fascism in Europe (online)
Fall 2020	Human Rights in History (online)
Spring 2019	The World Since 1945
Fall 2018	The World Since 1945
Summer 2018	The Texture of Memory: Jewish Life and the Holocaust

### **Academic service**

2024	Graduate Student Representative, search committee for Assistant Professor of Russian imperial/Soviet/Eurasian history, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill
2023-2024	President, Graduate History Society, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill
2023	Committee member, Emerging Scholar Article Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association
2022-2023	Academic Professional Development Coordinator, Graduate History Society, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill
2022-2023	Co-organizer, European History Graduate Seminar, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill
2021-2022	Writer, <i>The Department Historian</i> , Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill
2019-2020	Co-organizer, European History Graduate Seminar, UNC-Chapel Hill

### **Languages**

Czech (fluent)  
Slovak (reading knowledge)  
Russian (intermediate)  
German (elementary)

### **Professional memberships**

Association for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies  
Czechoslovak Studies Association  
Central European History Society