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Curriculum Vitae
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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, Donald J. Raleigh, Eren Tasar, Melissa Feinberg (Rutgers University)
- 2019 M.A., History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2016 M.Ed., University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2010 B.A., History, Mount Holyoke College

Appointments

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

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

- 2026 “Persuasion, Recruitment, and Repression in the Czechoslovak Campaign for Collectivization,” *Journal of Social History* (online first)
- 2025 “Operation Velehrad: Communism, Catholicism, and Popular Tradition in Communist Czechoslovakia,” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 67, no. 4, December 2025
- 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 make a good 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

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

- 2025 Canadian Association of Slavists Article of the Year Award for “Operation Velehrad, 1950: Communism, Catholicism, and Popular Tradition in Communist Czechoslovakia”
- 2023 Konrad H. Jarausch Essay Prize for Advanced Graduate Students in Central European History

- 2021 Czechoslovak Studies Association Emerging Scholars Article Prize for “Světlna: Partisans and Power in Postwar Czechoslovakia”
- 2019 Honorable Mention, *Contemporary European History* Prize for “Světlna: Partisans and Power in Postwar Czechoslovakia”

Grants and fellowships

- 2023 Ross and Charlotte Johnson Family Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Royster Society of Fellows, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2022 Central European History Society Initiative to Support Junior Scholars
- 2020 Social Sciences Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 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 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (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

- 2026 “Folk Democracy in Czechoslovakia,” Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, February 10, 2026
- 2025 “Partyzáni jednotní v odporu?” [“Partisans United in Resistance?”], 1945, Konec války a začátek mýtů: Kritická reflexe druhé světové války [1945, The End of War and the Beginning of Myths: Critical Reflections on the Second World War], organized by *Deník Alarm*, Prague, Czech Republic, November 4, 2025
- 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” (Power in the Village: Political Life in Wallachia, 1945-1954), Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, November 24, 2021

Conference and workshop activity

Papers presented

- 2026 “‘You Can Get To Europe Without Your Clothes On, Too’: Debating Morality, Taste, and the Market in Czechoslovakia, 1990-1992,” ASEEES Convention, November 15, 2026

- 2025 “‘We’re Informed You’ve Become a Notorious Drunkard: Alcohol and Democracy in Czechoslovakia, 1945-1954,” ASEEEES Convention, 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,” ASEEEES Convention, 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,” ASEEEES Convention, 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,” ASEEEES Convention, 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,” ASEEEES Convention, November 25, 2019
- 2019 “Světлана: 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

- 2026 Morals, Markets, and the Post-Socialist Condition, ASEEEES Convention, November 12-15, 2026
- 2025 Medical Humanities I: Socialist Medicine and Morality in East Central Europe, ASEEEES Convention, 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, ASEEEES Convention, December 2, 2023 (co-organized)

Discussant

- 2026 “New Interpretations in Modern Slovak and Czechoslovak History,” ASEEEES Convention, November 12-15, 2026

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

Summer 2018 The Texture of Memory: Jewish Life and the Holocaust (study abroad in Poland)

Service to field

2026 Reviewer, *Slavic Review*

2026 Moderator, ASEEES Meetup Series: Doing Research in the Czech Republic, April 23, 2026

2025 Reviewer, *Contemporary European History*

2025 Reviewer, *Church History*

2025 Moderator, ASEEES Meetup Series: Doing Research in the Czech Republic, April 10, 2025

2023 Committee member, Emerging Scholar Article Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association

University service

2025 Co-organizer, Emerging Scholars Workshop on Sources and Approaches in the Study of East-Central and Southeastern Europe, May 2, 2025

Departmental service

2024 Graduate Student Representative, search committee for Assistant Professor of Russian imperial/Soviet/Eurasian history

2023-2024 Graduate History Society President

2022-2023 Graduate History Society Academic Professional Development Coordinator

2022-2023 Co-organizer, European History Graduate Seminar

2021-2022 Writer, *The Department Historian*

2019-2020 Co-organizer, European History Graduate Seminar

Media coverage

- 2022 [“Partyzáni chtěli skutečnou lidovou demokracii. Diktatura KSČ byla pro řadu z nich nepřijatelná”](#)
[“Partisans wanted a true people’s democracy. The Communist Party dictatorship was unacceptable for many of them”], interview by Ondřej Bělíček, *Deník Alarm*, May 2022

Languages

Czech (fluent)
Russian (intermediate)
Polish (elementary)
German (elementary)

Professional memberships

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