Mira Markham

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* 60, no. 1 (Fall 2026)

2025 "Operation Velehrad, 1950: Communism, Catholicism, and Popular Tradition in Czechoslovakia," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 67, no. 4 (December 2025)

2021 "Světlana: 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

2026 Tatiana Voronina, *Collective Farmers, Master Science! Youth, Education, and Inequality in the Russian Countryside, 1960s-1970s* (2025), in *Global Sixties Review* (forthcoming)

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

2026 Honorable Mention, Stanley Z. Pech Article Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association for "Operation Velehrad"

2025 Canadian Association of Slavists Article of the Year Award for "Operation Velehrad"

2023 Konrad H. Jarausch Essay Prize for Advanced Graduate Students in Central European History

2021 Czechoslovak Studies Association Emerging Scholars Article Prize for "Světlana: Partisans and Power"

2019 Honorable Mention, *Contemporary European History* Prize for "Světlana: Partisans and Power"

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 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 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," ASEEES 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," ASEEES 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," ASEEES 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," ASEEES 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," ASEEES Convention, November 25, 2019

2019 "Světlana: 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, ASEEES Convention, November 15, 2026

2025 Medical Humanities I: Socialist Medicine and Morality in East Central Europe, ASEEES 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, ASEEES Convention, December 2, 2023 (co-organized)

Discussant

2026 "New Interpretations in Modern Slovak and Czechoslovak History," ASEEES 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, Fall 2018 The World Since 1945

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