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Curriculum Vitae

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The University of Michigan
History Department
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History
2023-present

University of Michigan

Advisors: Douglas Northrop, Valerie Kivelson

M.A. in Regional Studies:
Russia, Eastern Europe,
and Central Asia
2020-2022

Harvard University

Thesis: "Research on Frontiers: Sino-Soviet Knowledge Campaign on the Central Asian Borderland"

Advisor: Terry Martin

B.A. in Russian Language
and Literature
2016-2020

Zhejiang University

Thesis: "The Motif 'Joke' in Alexandra Vampilov's Plays"

Advisor: Yong Wang

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad "fields": Imperial Russian History, Soviet History, Central Asian History, Environmental History, STS (Science and Technology Studies), Digital Scholarship

Topics: Mining, Infrastructures, Environmental Justice, Environmental Health, Migration, Knowledge Production, Energy, Mapping, Historical Data

PUBLICATIONS

Journalism Essay "Global Energy Transitions Encounter Kazakhstan's Industrial Legacies," *New Lines Magazine*, contracted, 2024.

Case Study "[Dirty Jobs for 'Clean' Energy: Global Energy Transitions Encounter Industrial Legacies on the Kazakh Steppe](#)," UM-SEAS Environmental Justice Library, *Gala*, December 2023.

- Policy Memo [“Greener Pastures: China’s Clean Energy Engagement in Central Asia,”](#) Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, March 21, 2023.
- Journal Article “Research on Frontiers: Sino-Soviet Knowledge Campaigns on the Central Asian Borderland,” *Central Asian Survey*, revise and resubmit as of 2023.

DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Digital Resource [“Digital Handbook for Research on Soviet History,”](#) Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, creator.
- Digital Resource [“Fontes: Open Access Sources for Ukrainian History,”](#) Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, web designer.
- Digital Resource [“Caspiana: A Digital Toolbox for Students and Scholars of Central Asia and the Caucasus,”](#) Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, contributor and website maintainer.
- Research Guide [“Soviet History: a Bibliographic Guide to Published Sources,”](#) Harvard Library, contributor.
- Web Map [Mapping Soviet-Xinjiang Dynamics, 1950s-1960s,](#) January 2021, creator.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 05 - 08/2024 Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia Research Grant for Ph.D. Students, Summer archival research in Central Asia, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. \$9,500.
- 05 - 08/2024 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Summer Uzbek language learning, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. \$1,500.
- 05 - 08/2024 Sydney Fine Teaching Partnership, History Department, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. \$5,000.
- 03 - 07/2024 Fellow, Monterey Summer Symposium Fellowship, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.
- 06/2024 Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. \$1,400.

07 - 09/2023	Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.
2023	J. Frederick Hoffman Award, History Department, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. \$3,000.
2021 - 2022	Innovation Fellow, Program on Central Asia, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University. \$7,500.
2020 - 2022	Kathryn W. and Shelby Cullom Davis Scholarship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University.
2021	Craig and Anna Kennedy Graduate Student Travel Grant, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University. \$3,000.
2019	China National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China. ¥8,000.
2018 - 2019	China-Russia Intergovernmental Scholarship, China Scholarship Council.
2018 - 2019	Zhejiang Provincial Government Scholarship, Government of Zhejiang Province, China. ¥5,000.
2018 - 2019	National Undergraduate Innovation Training Program, Ministry of Education of China. PI: Yipeng Zhou. ¥8,000.

HONORS & AWARDS

2022	2022 CESS Conference Graduate Student Paper Award, Central Eurasian Studies Society.
2017	Second Prize in China National College Russian Language Contest, Ministry of Education of China.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

06/2024 (forthcoming)	“(Un)Replicable Russian Factories, Quirky Asian Rocks, and ‘Enlightened Absolutism’ in Eighteenth-Century Inner Asian Mining Zones,” 2024 Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
04/2024 (forthcoming)	“(Un)Replicable Russian Factories, Quirky Asian Rocks, and ‘Enlightened Absolutism’ in Eighteenth-Century Inner Asian Mining Zones,” Graduate Student Conference on Central Asia, Davis Center

for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

- 12/2023 “Who’s Doing the Dirty Job for the ‘Clean’ Energy Transition? Minerals, Environment, and Just Transition in Kazakhstan,” Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies 2023 Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.
- 10/2022 “Academic Piedmontism: Soviet-Xinjiang Dynamics in Soviet Uyghur Studies,” Central Eurasian Society Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.
- 06/2022 “Research on Frontiers: Sino-Soviet Knowledge Campaigns on the Central Asian Borderland,” Central Eurasian Society Summer Conference, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- 05/2022 “Research on Frontiers: Sino-Soviet Knowledge Campaigns on the Central Asian Borderland,” 26th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Online.
- 04/2019 “Implicitness and Explicitness: The Motif ‘Joke’ in Alexandra Vampilov’s Plays,” 7th International Smolny Student Conference, Saint-Petersburg, Russia.

EVENTS, TALKS & WORKSHOPS

- 05/2023 Panelist, “[China’s Clean Energy Engagement in Central Asia](#),” Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Webinar.
- 05/2023 Event Organizer, “[Many Voices: Many Shapes: An Empire Revisited](#),” Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.
- 04/2023 Panel Organizer, “Design Scholarly ‘Products’: History, GIS, and the Art of Balancing Scholarly Agendas and User Needs,” Greater Boston Digital Research & Pedagogy Symposium 2023, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.
- 04/2023 Moderator & Organizer, Inaugural Graduate Student Conference on Central Asia, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.
- 10/2022 Presenter, “Research on Frontiers: Sino-Soviet Knowledge Campaigns on the Central Asian Borderland,” New Directions in the History of Central and Inner Asia Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

05/2022 Speaker, “Research on Frontiers: Sino-Soviet Knowledge Campaigns on the Central Asian Borderland,” Advisory Board Meeting of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

RELEVANT RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

12/2022 - **Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University**
07/2023 Coordinator, The Imperia Project (Supervisor: Kelly O’Neill)

10/2022 - **Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University**
07/2023 Research Fellow, Program on Central Asia (Supervisor: Nargis Kassenova)
Research Assistant, Program on Georgian Studies (Supervisor: Stephen Jones)

07 - 10/2022 **Department of History, Harvard University**
Project Lead for a digital project, Digital Handbook for Research on Soviet History (Supervisor: Terry Martin)

09/2022 - **Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University**
06/2023 Innovation Fellow, Program on Central Asia, Renewable Energy Transition in Central Asia Project

08 - 11/2019 **Culture Wuzhen Co., Ltd.**
Coordinator & Interpreter for the Lensovet Theater and the Moscow Art Theatre at the 2019 Wuzhen International Theater Festival Jiaxing, China

08 - 09/2018 **Hangzhou Regional Center (Asian-Pacific) for Small Hydro Power**
Coordinator & Interpreter for the “Water Management and Hydropower Development for Uzbekistan” seminar series Hangzhou, China

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & STUDY

05 - 08/2024 Ph.D. dissertation research in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and
(forthcoming) Kyrgyzstan.

05/2022 Fieldwork with the Davis Center Program on Central Asia in Kazakhstan.

- 09/2020 - 07/2021 Master's thesis fieldwork in Xinjiang, Guangzhou, and Beijing, China.
- 10/2018 - 07/2029 Undergraduate study abroad at Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, Russia.
- 08/2018 Undergraduate summer program at Brno University, Brno, Czech Republic.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2023 - present Graduate Student Associate, Center for Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- 2023 - present Member, Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies.
- 2021 - present Member, Central Eurasian Studies Society.
- 07 - 09/2023 Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.
- 2022 - 2023 Member, Association for the Study of Nationalities.
- 2020 - 2022 Graduate Student Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University.

SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent), Western Armenian (intermediate).

Computational: R, C, Python, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS StoryMaps, QGIS, SPSS, Tableau, Omeka, Scalar, WordPress.