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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2024-	Fellow, The Raoul Wallenberg Institute, University of Michigan
2023-	Lecturer, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (CREES), University of Michigan
2023-	Lecturer, Claims Conference University Partnership Program in Holocaust Studies, Kherson State University
2022-25	Fellow, Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia (WCEE), University of Michigan
2020-	Associate Professor, Department of National, International Law, and Law Enforcement, Kherson State University
2020-	Director of The Raphael Lemkin Center for Genocide Studies, Kherson State University
2018-20	Associate Professor, Department of History and Law, Kherson State University
2009-18	Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, History and Sociology, Kherson State University
	[Assistant Professor 2009-2012]

HONORS AND AWARDS

2022-25	Scholars at Risk Fellow, Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia (WCEE), University of Michigan
2022-24	Visiting Fellow, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
2022	Visiting Fellow, Center for Holocaust Studies at the Institute for Contemporary History, Munich (2 months)
2021-22	Research Fellow, New Europe College, Bucharest (10 months)
2020	Research Fellow, Yahad - In Unum, Paris (3 months)

2018-19 Post-Doctoral Fellow, the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC (8 months)

EDUCATION

2022 M.A. in Law, Kherson State University
2015 Docent, Kherson State University
2012 Ph.D. in History, The Ukrainian Research Institute of Archival Affairs and Records in Kyiv
2008 M.A. in History, Kherson State University
2007 B.A. in History and Law, Kherson State University

PUBLICATION (selected)

Books

2014 "Oleksandr Ryabinin-Sklyarevsky (1978-1942): Intellectual Biography of a Historian", Helvetica, 236 pp. (in Ukrainian)

Book chapters

2024 "The crime of genocide: Historical aspects, political discussions and memory laws in Ukraine", 53-70, in Grzebyk, P., & Uczkiewicz, D. (Eds.). (2024). The Russian-Ukrainian Conflict and War Crimes: Challenges for Documentation and International Prosecution (1st ed.). Routledge.

Refereed Articles

2024 Tureby, Malin Thor and Kaparulin, Yurii. "Oral History and the Holocaust – An Introduction" Eastern European Holocaust Studies, vol. 2, no. 1, 2024, pp. 15-23.
2024 Yurii Kaparulin and Olena Zadorozhnia. "Protection of the rights of indigenous peoples: international standards and Ukrainian experience", *Scientific Bulletin of KSU Series Legal Sciences*, Issue 2, 2024, pp. 48-54. (In Ukrainian)
2023 "The ruined "new world": Holocaust in the village of Nayvelt", *Ukraina Moderna*, vol. 34, 117-140. (in Ukrainian)
2023 "Eyewitness Account of the Nazi Occupation in the South of Ukraine: Diary of a Kherson Resident", *Eastern European Holocaust Studies*, vol. 1, 215-239.

- 2022 "Between Soviet terror and The Holocaust: The Experience of Arcadii Weispapir (1921-2018)", *Holocaust Studies: A Ukrainian Focus*, vol. 13, 10-37.
- 2020 "The Holocaust in the South Ukraine: Response of Survived Jews of Kalinindorf District after Occupation", *Colloquia Humanistica*, vol. 9, 153-190.
- 2020 "Chronicle of the Kherson Ghetto (1941)", *City History, Culture, Society Journal*, Vol. 9 (2), 88-104. (in Ukrainian)
- 2020 "Jewish agrarian settlements in Southern Ukraine: origin and change of toponyms under the impact of state policy", *The Ideology and Politics Journal*, vol. 1 (15), 172-187. (in Ukrainian)
- 2019 "The Holocaust among the Agrarian Jews of Kherson Region", *Holocaust and Modernity*, Vol. 1 (17), 31-47. (in Ukrainian)
- 2018 "The Epistolary Heritage of Ilya Ehrenburg and the Problem of (Non)Return of the Evacuated Jews of Kalinindorf (Kalininske) after the Holocaust", in *Holocaust Studies: A Ukrainian Focus*, vol. 10, 189-204. (in Ukrainian)
- 2017 "In Search of a Better Destiny: Kherson House of Settlers of the Society for Settling Working Jews on the Land", *Scriptorium Nostrum*, vol. 2, 146-156. (in Ukrainian)
- 2016 "OZET Lottery Campaign and its Impact on Jewish Settlers in Kherson Province, 1927-1928", *Scriptorium Nostrum*, vol. 2, 215-226. (in Ukrainian)
- 2015 "Oleksandr Ryabinin-Sklyarevsky: last years of life in Gulag and posthumous rehabilitation of a scholar", *Intellectuals and State Power*, vol. 32, 401-410. (in Ukrainian)

Study guides

- 2015 Military history: study guide (in Ukrainian), *Holovko*, 2015, 52 pp.
- 2015 History of the Soviet Union and Russia: a study guide (in Ukrainian), *Holovko*, 2015, 68 pp.

Other articles and blogs

- 2025 "The Crime of Genocide in the History of Ukraine": Experience Teaching a Course at the University of Michigan, (In Ukrainian), [Ukraina Moderna](#)
- 2024 "Jewish Responses to the Holocaust: Dispossession, Restitution, and Home Rebuilding": Overview and Reflections on the Seminar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (In Ukrainian), [Ukrainian Jewish Encounter](#)
- 2024 "Jewish Responses to the Holocaust: Dispossession, Restitution, and Home Rebuilding": Overview and Reflections on the Seminar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (In Ukrainian), [Ukraina Moderna](#)
- 2024 "From Urban Legend to Documented Fact: The History and Memory of the Jewish Ghetto and the Holocaust in Kherson", [EHRI Document Blog](#)
- 2023 "Children-heroes," or How Russian propaganda teaches children to die "for the Motherland" from an early age, [Detector Media](#)

- 2021 “The Holocaust in Southern Ukraine: The Fate of the Rescued Jews of the Kalinindorf after the German Occupation”, [Ukraina Moderna](#)
- 2021 “The Holocaust in Ukraine. The forgotten history of the Kherson ghetto”, [BBC Ukraine](#)
- 2021 “Holocaust by the Sea. The Forgotten History of the Kherson Ghetto”, [BBC Russia](#)
- 2020 “Jews in the steppes of Kherson region and the incredible journey of Mike Johansen”, [Kavun](#)
- 2019 Humanity is still far from learning the terrible lessons of the past, [Most](#)
- 2015 “The annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea by the Russian Federation's troops within the framework of the Indirect Action Strategy,” *Annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the War in Donbas. 2014 - 2015: a collection of scientific papers based on the materials of the All-Ukrainian Scientific Military History Conference, September 23, 2015*, 118-120.

GRANTS

- 2023 **Research Grant**, *The Sorrell & Lorraine Chesin JDC Archives Grand*
- 2022 **Research Grant**, *Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC)*

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES (selected)

- “Ukraine Testifies: War Crimes, Prosecution, and Commemoration.” *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies*, Boston, November 2024.
- “Concealment, Denial, and Instrumentalization of Genocide: From Late Stalinism to Contemporary Putinism.” *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies*, Philadelphia, November 2023.
- “The Crime of Genocide in the History of Ukraine: Legal Regulation and Historical Reflections.” *Russia's War of Aggression Against Ukraine*, Berlin, February 2023.
- “Jewish experience during the Holodomor.” *The Holodomor Era: (Re)thinking in the Context of Research Strategies of Local History, Regional Studies, and Local History*, Kyiv, November 2022.
- “Documentary project “(Un)Known Holocaust””. *Eastern European Displaced Persons, Refugees, and POWs during and after the Holocaust*, Riga, September 2022.
- “Ghettoization and mass shooting of the Jewish population during the Holocaust”, *The Mass Shootings During the Holocaust as a Criminal Process*, Kyiv, October 2021.

“Holocaust research using the case study method.” *Holocaust in Ukraine: historiographical tendencies, honoring the memory and understanding of the crime*, Lviv, September 2021.

“Genocide de jure and de facto.” *Current Issues of History, Philosophy and Law in the Research of Young Scientists*, Kyiv, June 2021.

"The Reaction of Returning Jews to the Holocaust in the Kalinindorf District of the Kherson Oblast in 1944." *Special Lessons & Legacies Conference Munich. The Holocaust in Europe. Research Trends, Pedagogical Approaches, and Political Challenges*, Munich, November 2019.

“Soviet policy toward Jews in Ukraine.” International Association for the Humanities (MAG) Annual Convention, Lviv, June 2018.

INVITED LECTURES (selected)

“What Is Genocide and Should We Name It?”, Raoul Wallenberg Conversation Series, University of Michigan, March 18, 2025

“Between Soviet Modernization and the Holocaust: Jewish Agrarian Settlements in Southern Ukraine (1924-1948)”, [JDC Archives](#), July 29, 2024

“Food as a Weapon,” Forum “Russia's 10-Year War on Ukraine”, *Michigan State University*, East Lansing, April 3, 2024.

“Exploring Jewish history and Holocaust in Ukraine through research and documentary filmmaking,” *The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel*, *Michigan State University*, East Lansing, February 1, 2024.

“The Crime of Genocide: Historical Aspects, Memorial Laws, and Political Discussions in Ukraine,” Kherson State University, Ivano-Frankivsk, October 18, 2023

“Holocaust Remembrance in Ukraine,” The Holocaust in the Former Soviet Union: A Focus on Ukraine, Past & Present Three-Day Virtual Seminar, The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, June 27, 2023.

"Jewish Experience during the Holodomor of 1932-1933: Cases from Southern Ukraine," Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, April 3, 2023.

“The Ruined ‘New World’: the Holocaust in the Village of Nayvelt”, Department of History, Georgetown University, March 24, 2023.

“Film and Discussion. Kalinindorf”, the University of Michigan Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia, January 27, 2023.

DOCUMENTARY FILM PROJECTS

2020 Director, “[Kalinindorf](#)” (29 min.)

2021-	Director, “(Un)Known Holocaust” (four episodes of 15 min.)
2025	Director, WCEE Ukrainian Scholars at Risk at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

TEACHING

University of Michigan	✓ <i>The Holocaust in Ukraine: History and Memory</i> (Fall 2024-25)
	✓ <i>The Crime of Genocide in the History of Ukraine</i> (Fall 2023-24, Winter 2024-25, Fall 2025-26)
Kherson State University	✓ <i>Genocide and Crimes against Humanity</i> (Fall 2022)
	✓ <i>History of State and Law</i> (2020-2021)
	✓ <i>History of Ukraine in World War II</i> (2018-2019)
	✓ <i>History of Eastern Europe (20th century)</i> (2015-2017)
	✓ <i>History of the Soviet Union</i> (2012-2014)
	✓ <i>Military History</i> (2014-2016)
	✓ <i>Introduction to Museum Studies</i> (2012)

LANGUAGES

Ukrainian (native), *Russian* (fluent), *English* (fluent), *Yiddish* (basic)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ [Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies](#)
- ✓ [International Association for the Humanities](#)
- ✓ [Shevchenko Scientific Society](#) (United States)
- ✓ Editor board member, *Eastern European Holocaust Studies*, De Gruyter