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Education

Ph.D.—In progress University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Slavic Languages and Literatures
Advisor: Harriet Murav

M.A.—2019 University of Toronto
Slavic Languages and Literatures

B.A.—2017 University of California, Riverside
Languages and Literatures/Languages—Concentration: Russian and
German

Research Interests

Indigenous peoples of Siberia and the Russian Arctic; Critical Indigenous theory; Decolonial methods and pedagogy; Indigenous literatures; Literatures of contact; (meta)Ethnography; History of anthropology, Epistemology; Evidence; Dungan and Sinophone diasporas in post-Soviet spaces

Assistantships

August, 2022-
Present Editorial Assistant for *Slavic Review*

2021 Fall BCS115, South Slavic Cultures, Grader—UIUC

2018-2019 Russ 101, First-Year Russian, Grader—University of Toronto

Teaching Experience

2022 Spring Russ 102, Introduction to Russian II, Instructor—UIUC

Presentations

May, 2023
(upcoming) “Reading Through Contexts: Russia and Critical Indigenous Theory”—
2023 Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA)
Conference

May, 2023
(upcoming) “Reading across the Bering Strait: Decolonizing Land, Love, and
Kinship” —Yale University’s Conference: *The Imperial Plow: Settler
Colonialism in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union*

March, 2023
(upcoming) “The Poetics of Alienhood in Late Soviet Sci-Fi and Indigenous
Literature”—*2023 Midwest Slavic Conference*

- February, 2023 “‘Becoming Indigenous?’: Indigenous Possibilities in Indigenous Siberian Literature” —2023 *AATSEEL conference* stream *Indigenous Possibilities in Post-Russian Spaces*
- April, 2022 “Indigenous Discourse as Race Discourse in the Russian Context”—*Russia and the Global Color Line pedagogy workshop* “Thinking About Race: Perspectives on Pedagogy,” UIUC
- May, 2017 “Modernity and Dwelling in Soviet Siberia”—*UCR Global Studies Undergraduate Conference*
- April, 2017 “Always Dwelling in the Sleeping Land: The Spaces of Modernity in Soviet Siberia”—*UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium*
- September, 2016 “Soviet Society in Color: The Stilyagi”—*Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research*

Discussant and Chaired Sessions

- February, 2023 Roundtable: “Indigeneity in Post-Russian-Centric Pedagogy” (Chair and Discussant)—*AATSEEL 2023*

Organized Sessions

- 2023 Organized “Stories and Histories of Russia’s Arctic and Siberian Indigenous”—*NAISA 2023*
- 2023 Co-organizing “Indigenous Possibilities in Post-Russian Spaces”—*AATSEEL 2023* (American Association of Teachers for Slavic and East European Languages) Conference Stream
- 2022 Co-organized “Shifting Grounds: Changing Models of Nature in the Soviet Sphere”—*SGSA conference at UIUC*

Fellowships and Grants

- 2022-2023 Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, UIUC
- 2022 Summer Title VIII Fellowship, Russian in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Critical Language Institute of Arizona State University
- 2022 Summer FLAS Fellowship, Russian, UIUC
- 2022 Summer FLAS Fellowship, Yakut, UIUC (*declined*)
- 2022 Summer Title VIII Fellowship, Russian, Indiana University Summer Language Workshop (*declined*)

2022 Summer	Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), Russian (<i>alternate</i>)
2021-2022	FLAS, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, UIUC
2021 Summer	Title VIII Fellowship, BCS, Indiana University Summer Language Workshop
2021 Summer	FLAS Fellowship, BCS, UIUC
2020-2021	FLAS Fellowship, Russian, UIUC
2020 Summer	Title VIII Fellowship, Russian, Indiana University Summer Language Workshop
2019 Summer	Title VIII Fellowship, Russian, Indiana University Summer Language Workshop
2018-2019	Fulbright Fellowship, English Teaching Assistant, Russia (<i>alternate</i>)
2017-2018	Fulbright Fellowship, English Teaching Assistant, Russia (<i>alternate</i>)

Honors and Awards

2022	Departmental teaching award for Introduction to Russian 102, UIUC
2021	Outstanding achievement in Intensive Summer First-Year Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Indiana University
2017	Academic Excellence Award for the Department of Comparative literature and languages, UCR
2016	Phi Beta Kappa

Service to the Profession

2021-present	President of the Slavic Graduate Student Association at UIUC
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Non-Academic Work Experience

February-May, 2020	English and Math tutor; No Fuss Tutors, Toronto, ON
November, 2017- June, 2018	ISEE and ESL tutor; Young Scholars Institute, San Marino, CA

Language Knowledge

English	Native
Mandarin	Heritage

Russian	Advanced
Bosnian/Croatian/ Montenegrin/ Serbian	Intermediate
German	Intermediate
French	Intermediate
Old Church Slavonic	Reading knowledge