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Education

Ph.D.—In progress University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Slavic Languages and Literatures
Minor: American Indian Studies
Head 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

2022-2023 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

Conference Presentations

May, 2023
(upcoming) “Reading Through Contexts: Russia and Critical Indigenous Theory.”
Panel: Stories and Histories of Russia’s Arctic and Siberian Indigenous
—Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) 2023
Conference

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

March 25, 2023 “The Poetics of Alienhood in Late Soviet Sci-Fi and Indigenous
Literature.” Panel: Cultural Collisions in Literature, Music, and Visual
Arts—Midwest Slavic Conference 2023, Ohio State University

- March 22, 2023 “Reading across the Bering Strait: Towards a Transdisciplinary Approach to the Study of Siberian and Arctic Literatures”—19v Seminar Series: Emerging Scholars Showcase, NYU’s Jordan Center
- February 17, 2023 “‘Becoming Indigenous?’: Indigenous Possibilities in Indigenous Siberian Literature.” Panel Stream: Indigenous Possibilities in Post-Russian Spaces— American Association of Teachers for Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL) 2023 Conference
- April 8, 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 19, 2017 “Modernity and Dwelling in Soviet Siberia”— Global Studies Undergraduate Conference, UCR
- May 3, 2017 “Always Dwelling in the Sleeping Land: The Spaces of Modernity in Soviet Siberia”— Undergraduate Research Symposium, UCR
- November 12, 2016 “Soviet Society in Color: The Stilyagi”—Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research

Conference Service: Discussant, Chair, and Organizer

- May, 2023 (upcoming) Organizer and chair. Panel: Stories and Histories of Russia’s Arctic and Siberian Indigenous—NAISA 2023
- February 19, 2023 Chair. Panel: Network Analysis of Soviet and Post-Soviet Literature—AATSEEL 2023
- February 17, 2023 Chair. Roundtable: Indigeneity in Post-Russian-Centric Pedagogy—AATSEEL 2023
- February, 2023 Co-organized. Conference Stream: Indigenous Possibilities in Post-Russian Spaces—AATSEEL 2023

Organized Events and Sessions

- April 15-16, 2022 Shifting Grounds: Changing Models of Nature in the Soviet Sphere—Slavic Graduate Students’ Association (SGSA) Conference 2022, UIUC

Fellowships and Grants

- 2023 summer Title VIII Fellowship, Kyrgyz, Indiana University Summer Language Workshop
- 2023 summer Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Kyrgyz (declined)
- 2022-2023 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, Yakut, UIUC (declined)

2022 Summer Title VIII Fellowship, Russian, Indiana University Summer Language Workshop (declined)

2022 Summer Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), Russian (alternate)

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 (alternate)

2017-2018 Fulbright Fellowship, English Teaching Assistant, Russia (alternate)

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

Language Knowledge

English	Native	Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian	Intermediate
Mandarin	Heritage	German	Intermediate
Russian	Advanced	French	Intermediate
Old Church Slavonic	Reading knowledge		