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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Washington State University, Pullman Washington, May 2004

- Primary field in World History
- Dissertation title: *Journeys of Faith and Fortune: Christian Travelers in the Dār al-Islām in the 15th and Early 16th Century*
- Dissertation Committee: Heather Streets (chair), Edwin Garretson, Brigit Farley

M.A. History, Washington State University, 1999

- Thesis title: *Sanctity and Power: The Life of Mikhail Iaroslavich Tverskoi 1271-1318*

B.A. History *Summa Cum Laude*, Whitworth College, Spokane, WA, 1997

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming article: "Art and Architecture in the Early Islamic World: Cross-Cultural Influences in the Expanding Dar al-Islam," a paper co-written with Green Mountain College student Clara Walsh in *Middle Ground*, 2011.

Forthcoming article: "Nutmeg and Cloves." *Commodities, Culture and History: The Products That Have Changed the World*, Facts on File 2011.

Article: "Afanasii Nikitin: An Orthodox Russian's Spiritual Voyage in the Dār al-Islām, 1468-1475," in *Journal of World History* vol 17, no.3, September 2006.

Article: "The Role of the Individual in World History," *World History Connected* vol. 3, no. 3, July, 2006.

Article: "Structuring the World History Survey," *World History Connected* vol. 2, no. 2, May, 2005.

Encyclopedia Entry: "European Travelers to South Asia before 1498," in the ABC-CLIO *Encyclopedia of World History*, 2010.

Encyclopedia Entry: "Russia and the Mongols, Thirteenth to Fifteenth Centuries," in the ABC-CLIO *Encyclopedia of World History*, 2010.

Book Reviews

Book Review: Anthony Penna, *The Human Footprint: A Global Environmental History*. (Sussex, United Kingdom: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010) in *World History Connected* vol. 7, no. 1, Feb. 2010.

Book Review: David Arnold, *The Tropics and the Traveling Gaze: India, Landscape and Science, 1800-1856* (University of Washington Press: 2006) *Itinerario* vol 31, no. 1, 2007.

Book Review: Richard C. Foltz, *Religions of the Silk Road* (St. Martin's Press: 1999) in *World History Connected* vol.1 no. 2, May 2004.

Book Review: A.G. Hopkins (ed), *Globalization in World History* (W.W. Norton: 2002) in *World History Connected* vol. 2, no. 1, November 2004.

Book Review: Blanche D'Souza, *Harnessing the Trade Winds* (Zand Graphics: 2008) in *The Historian*, Winter 2010.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Forthcoming Conference Paper: "Voices on the Periphery: Female Tantric Poet Saints in Buddhist South Asia." World History Association Annual Conference, Beijing, China July 7-10, 2011

Conference Paper: "Art and Architecture in the Early Islamic World: Cross-Cultural Influences in the Expanding Dar al-Islam," a paper co-written with Green Mountain College student Clara Walsh. Northwest World History Association, Eugene, OR Oct 7-9, 2010.

Conference paper: "Divine Love in a World History Perspective: Contributions of Medieval Female Saints," at the World History Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA June 24-27, 2010.

Chair and Comment, "The Politics and Meanings of Commodities, Resources, and Capitalism: Uganda, France, and South Korea," at Ohio Valley History Conference, Western Kentucky University, October 19, 2007.

Conference paper, "Journeys of Faith and Fortune: Christian Merchants in the Dar al-Islam," at the annual meeting for Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction at Georgetown University, February, 2008.

Conference paper, "From Imposter to Imperialist: Ludovico De Varthema's Journey from Italy to India 1502-1503," 2005 WHA Annual Conference, Ifrane, Morocco, June, 2005.

Conference paper, "The Role of the Individual in World History," Northwest Affiliate of the World History Association in Portland, Oregon October, 2004

Guest Speaker for the Early Slavists' Seminar at Harvard's Davis Center in Cambridge, MA. September 24, 2004. Topic: "Trade and Conversion: Afanasii Nikitin's *Voyage* in World History."

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Conference paper, "In the Midst of the Faiths: Afanasii Nikitin's Spiritual Journey in 15th Century India," presented at "World History: The Next Ten Years" Boston, March, 2004. Conference sponsored by the World History Association and The World History Center at Northeastern University.

Paper presentation "Christian Travelers in the *Dār al-Islām*" at Washington State University's Spring 2004 History Colloquium

TEACHING

Assistant Professor of History and Religious Studies, Green Mountain College 2008-present

- Courses taught: Islamic World, World Religions, World History and the Environment, Civilization of India, Medieval Russia, Soviet Russia, Silk Road, Mysticism, Classical and Christian Europe, Voices of Community (Freshman Writing Seminar)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Western Kentucky University 2007-2008

- Fall Semester: Western Civilization I and Modern South Asia
- Spring Semester: Western Civilization I, Colonial Latin America and Islamic World History (graduate course)

Lecturer, Penn State University 2006-2007

- Fall Semester: Western Civilization I; Colonial Latin America; Survey of Indian History
- Spring Semester: World Civilizations I and Survey of Indian History

Instructor, Washington State University 2004-2005

- Fall Semester: World Civilizations I and Modern Europe
- Spring Semester: World Civilizations I and European Expansion 1400-1800

Graduate Instructor, Washington State University 2000-2004

- Classical and Christian Europe and Modern Europe

SERVICE

Editorial Board *World History Connected* August 2004 to present

Associate Book Review Editor *World History Connected* August 2010 to present

Secretary-Treasurer for New England Regional World History Association
September 2010 to present

Program Committee for World History Association 2011 Beijing Conference
September 2010 to present

Chair of Speakers Bureau, Green Mountain College September 2010 to present

Academic Standards Committee, Green Mountain College September 2010 to present

Budget Advisory Committee, Green Mountain College December 2010 to present

Religious Life Committee, Green Mountain College November 2010 to present

International Programs Committee, Green Mountain College Jan 2011 to present

Faculty Mentor, Green Mountain College History Club September 2010 to present

FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFERENCES

Salzburg, Austria July, 1998

Sponsor and participant of a one-week Young Presidents Organization (YPO) conference exploring the current, major political issues facing Europe. Keynote speakers: Simon Weisenthal (in Vienna), and Otto von Hapsburg (European Parliament). Duties: chair of Holocaust segment on a genocide panel. I introduced and made arrangements for author Gerta Weissman Klein (author of *All But My Life*) who spoke alongside genocide victims from Rwanda and Croatia.

Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria September, 1997

Participant in a two-week study tour in Warsaw and Krakow guided by Holocaust scholars and survivors. Participated in a seven-day YPO geopolitical seminar in Budapest. The seminar consisted of daily education classes examining the complexities facing post-communist Europe. Keynote speakers in Budapest included: George Soros, founder of the Open Society Institute, Kurt Waldheim, former Prime Minister of Austria, Russia's Prince Nickolas Romanoff, Parliament member Peter Zwack, Budapest Mayor Gabor Dempsky and Hungary's President, Arpad Goncz.

Istanbul, Turkey June/July 1996

Seven-day YPO geopolitical education conference featuring keynote speakers such as Mesut Yilmaz, Prime Minister of Turkey, and Tansu Ciller, former Prime Minister. Attended classes taught by Princeton University's Near Eastern Studies Chair, Heath

Lowry, faculty members of Ankara University, members of NATO's International Staff, and members of the Turkish Parliament.

LANGUAGE STUDY

Scuola Insieme, Grado, Italy Summer 2003

- Nine week intensive Italian language study

St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia 2000

- CIEE Language Program, Spring Semester 2000

Tver' State University, Tver', Russia (Research and Language Courses) Fall 1997, Summer 1998, and Spring 2002

Norwich University Russian Language School, Northfield, VT. Summer 1997

TRAVEL

India, Egypt, Morocco, Russia, China, Mexico, Croatia, Slovenia, France, England, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Turkey, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Hungary, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Italy, and Tahiti.

AWARDS

- Bernard Bobb Excellence Award (Outstanding Graduate Instructor) 2004
- Aiken Travel Grant 2004
- Morris Reed Scholarship for Excellence in European History Research 2003
- Undergraduate History Academic Award 1997
- Pew Younger Scholar Award 1997. Topic: "Buried Treasure: The Pleasures of Archival Research."

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

New England Regional World History Association (Member Executive Board)
World History Association (Member Program Committee)
Forum European Expansion and Global Interaction