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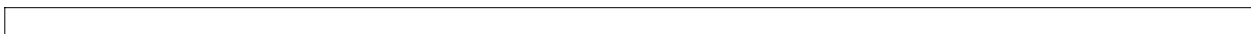
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**EDUCATION:**

- 1998 Doctoral Dissertation: Centralized Distribution and the Market: The Supply for the Population of the USSR during the First Five-Year Plans, 1928-1941. Moscow State University.
- 1987 Candidate Dissertation: The Socio-Economic Structure of the Peasant Economy in the Central Industrial Region of Russia at the End of the 19<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries: A Quantitative Analysis of Zemstvo Statistics. Moscow State University.
- 1981 B.A. and M.A. in History, Moscow State University. Thesis: Peasant Land Petitions of the Second Half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century as a Historical Source on Peasant Mentality

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- 2011 Visiting Fellow, Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007- Present Associate Professor, University of South Carolina
- 2010 Visiting Scholar, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 Ailsa Mellon Bruce Visiting Senior Scholar, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 2005 – 07 Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina
- 2003-05 Assistant Professor, Missouri State University
- 2001-02 Visiting Assistant Professor, Oberlin College, OH
- 2000-01 Post Doctoral Fellow, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University

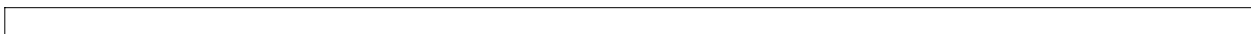


- 1991- 2003 Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Russian History,  
Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- 1999, 1996 Visiting Scholar, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France
- 1997 Visiting Lecturer, Donaueschingen Academy, Germany. On the  
invitation of the Council of Europe
- 1995-96 Visiting Fulbright Lecturer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- 1993-94 Visiting Scholar, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.
- 1993 Visiting Scholar, Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford, USA
- 1988-90 Junior Research Fellow, Moscow State University

**FELLOWSHIPS:**

- 2011 Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center Research Scholarship
- 2009 Ailsa Mellon Bruce Visiting Senior Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study  
in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 2005-2006 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
- 2004 Missouri State University Summer Faculty Fellowship
- 2001, 1993-94 Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, USA
- 2000-01 Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University
- 1999, 1996 Bourse Diderot, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France
- 1995-96 Fulbright, USA
- 1993 International Research and Exchange Board, IREX, USA

**AWARDS:**



- 2011 USC Russell Award for Excellence in research
- 2007-2008 USC Research opportunity grant
- 2006, 2007 Richard L. Walker Institute of International and Area Studies Travel Grant
- 2004 Missouri State University, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Award for Excellence in Research
- 2004 Missouri State University, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Grant Writing Competition Award
- 2004 Missouri State University Faculty Research Grant

**LANGUAGES:**

Russian, English, French

**PUBLICATIONS:**

\*\* Publications in English; \* Publications in French, ^ Publications in Italian, Publications in Russian.

**BOOKS:**

- 2009 GOLD FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION: TORGSIN. MOSCOW: ROSSPEN.
- 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> edition with the new introduction of ZA FASADOM STALINSKOGO IZOBILIIA, 1927-1945 (BEHIND THE FACADE OF STALIN'S PLENTY, 1927-1945). MOSCOW: ROSSPEN.
- 2001 \*\*OUR DAILY BREAD: SOCIALIST DISTRIBUTION AND THE ART OF SURVIVAL IN STALIN'S RUSSIA, 1927-1941. Armonk, New York & London, England: M.E. Sharpe.  
This is an abridged and edited version of a work published in Moscow in 1998 by ROSSPEN under the title Za fasadom "stalinskogo izobilia": Raspredelenie i ryok v snabzhenii naselenia v gody industrializatsii, 1927-1941 . (BEHIND THE FACADE OF STALIN'S PLENTY, 1927-1945).
- 1993 HIERARCHY OF CONSUMPTION. LIFE UNDER THE STALINIST RATIONING SYSTEM. 1928-1935. Moscow: Moscow Open State University Press



### **EDITED and TRANSLATED BOOKS:**

2010 Translator and editor of the Russian edition of Lynne Viola's THE UNKNOWN GULAG. THE LOST WORLD OF STALIN'S SPECIAL SETTLEMENTS. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

### **FILMS:**

2009 EMPIRE TORGSIN: Expropriation a la Soviétique. Studio ART and Russian TV channel RTR. The film is based on my book "GOLD FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION: TORGSIN. MOSCOW: ROSSPEN, 2009.

### **INTERVIEWS:**

2010 "Torgsin's Role in Stalin's Industrialization". Russian radio (*Ekho Moskvy*) and TV interview, Moscow, June 19.

2009 "Famine, Gold and Industrialization". Russian news agency (ITAR-TASS) interview published in *Ekho Planety*, no.41 (1112), November 6-12, 2009, pp. 28-33.

2008 Russian radio (*Ekho Moskvy*) and TV interview on the book "BEHIND THE FACADE OF STALIN'S PLENTY, 1927-1945". Moscow, December 20.

2007 "Closing the Russian Window" by Michael Wayne, "Ottawa Citizen" Interview, November 3.

2002 Radio program "In the Stalin's Archives", University of Toronto and CBC Radio, Canada.

### **SELECTED ARTICLES:**

\*\* Publications in English; \* Publications in French, ^ Publications in Italian, Publications in Russian.

### **Russia in the 20<sup>th</sup> century:**

2010 On Social Immunity: A Critical View of the Concept of Passive Resistance. In *Sotsial'naia Istoriiia. Yezhegodnik. 2010*. Moscow, pp. 284-301.

- 2010 Stalin's Gold. In: *Forbes*. September, pp. 200-204.
- 2010 Socialist Consumer Society. In: *A Dictionary of 20<sup>th</sup> –Century Communism*. Eds. Silvio Pons & Robert Service. Princeton, pp. 731-733.
- 2010 A Secret Buyer. How an American Multimillionaire Financed Soviet Industrialization. In: *Forbes*. May, pp. 286-290.
- 2010 Gold and Industrialization: Torgsin Reveals Its Secrets. In: *Ekonomicheskaiia istoriia. Yezhegodnik, 2009*. Moscow, pp. 168-190.
- 2009 \*\* "Operation Duveen". In: *Treasures into Tractors. The Selling of Russia's Cultural Heritage, 1918-1938*. Anne Odom and Wendy Salmond, eds. Washington, D.C.: Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, pp. 3-107, and In: *Canadian American Slavic Studies*. Vol. 43, nos. 1-4 (Spring- Summer-Fall-Winter), pp. 103-129
- 2009 Olives for the Starving. In: *Rodina*, no. 8, pp. 131-133.
- 2008 \*\*Life and Fate of Western Revisionism. In *Slavic Review*, vol. 67, no. 3 (Fall), pp. 716-719
- 2008 Soviet Everyday Life: A Habit of Adventure, A Custom of Risk (Torgsin and OGPU). In: *Sotsial'naiia Istoriiia. Yezhegodnikl. 2007*, pp. 87-102
- 2007 "Soviet Bordellos": A Story of the Sea-Port Torgsins of the 1930s. In: *Bulleten' Universiteta Druzhby Narodov*, pp. 50-68.
- 2007 "Send Dollars to Torgsin": The White Émigrés Helping Soviet Industrialization. In: *Istoricheskiiie i Antropologicheskiiie Issledovaniia. Yezhegodnik 2006/2007*, pp. 68-94.
- 2007 «Visit Our Cabaret Tonight!» In: *Rodina*, no. 10, pp. 118-123
- 2007 Golden Rush a la Soviétique. In: *Rodina*, no. 9, pp. 111-117
- 2007 Arthur Stashevsky. In: *Otechestvennaia Istoriiia*, no. 2, pp. 33-47.
- 2006 Torgsin: Gold for Industrialization. In: *Cahiers du Monde russe*, 47/4, octobre-décembre, pp. 715-748
- 2006 Setting out on the Highway with Rembrandts. In: *Rodina*, no. 9, pp. 95-106.
- 2006 ^Consumi. In: *Dizionario Del Comunismo*, Robert Service and Silvio Pons, eds. Turin: Giulio Einaudi Editore, Italy, pp. 191-195. In Italian.

- 2005 A Farewell Ode to the Soviet Queue. In: *Neprikosnovennyi Zapas*, no. 3, pp. 48-55.
- 2004 "Dollars for Industrialization". In: *Rodina*, no. 3, pp. 76-81.
- 2003 Antikvariat (Art Exports during Soviet Industrialization). *Ekonomicheskaiia Istoriiia. Yezhegodnik*. Moscow: Rosspen, pp. 233-268.
- 2002 \*\*Economic Disobedience Under Stalin. In: Lynne Viola, ed., *Contending With Stalinism: Soviet Power and Popular Resistance in the 1930s*. Cornell University Press, pp. 170-200.
- 2001 Opposition Entre Societe et Pouvoir Pendant la Crise d'Approvisionnement de 1939-1941. In: *Le Mouvement Social*, Juillet-Septembre, # 196
- 2001 "Losses of Russia were our Gain". Soviet Art Export During the First Five-Year Plan. *Istoriiia*, 41.
- 2000 \*De l'or pour l'industrialisation (La vente d'objets d'art par l'URSS en France pendant la periode des plans quinquennaux de Stalin). In: *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, 41/1, janvier-mars
- 2000 \*\*The Role of Women in Stalin's Russia; Women and Propaganda: Image and Reality; The Role of the Historian in Europe Today. In: The teaching pack "The History of Women in Europe in the XXth Century", The Council of Europe project "Learning and Teaching about the History of Europe in the XXth century"
- 2000 "Shadow Economy" in Stalin's Russia, Part II. In: *Sotsial'naia Istoriiia*.
- 1999 "Shadow Economy" in Stalin's Russia, Part I. In: *Sotsial'naia Istoriiia*.
- 1999 Stalinist Economy of Rationing. In: *Stalinism in the Russian Province: The Smolensk Archival Documents As Read by Western and Russian Historians. Smolensk*
- 1999 USSR at the End of the 1920's – Early 1930's: Chronicle of Famine. In: *Istoriiia*, no. 20
- 1998 \*Une Hierarchie de la Pauvrete. Approvisionnement d'Etat et Stratification Sociale en URSS Pendant la Periode de Rationnement, 1931—1935. In: *Cahiers du Monde Russe*. Vol. 39, n. 1-2, Janvier – Juin
- 1998 War Communism. New Economic Policy. Second and Third Five Year Plans. Results of Industrialization. Red Intelligentsia. Foreigners in the USSR in the 1930s. Grain Procurement Plans and other essays. In: *History of Russia and Its Neighbors. XX*

*Century*. Encyclopedia. Avanta+

- 1998 From the World Experience of Rationing. In: *Istoriia*, no. 34
- 1998 Legend of the Sack of Bread: Food Crisis of 1936/37. In: *Otechestvennaya Istoriia*, no.2
- 1998 Essay on the Material Life of the Soviet Elite (1930's). In: *Istoriia*, no. 26
- 1998 Supply Crises During the Stalin's Plenty. In: *Istoriia*, no. 4
- 1997 Send Dollars for Torgsin! In: *Rodina*, no. 11
- 1997 People During First Five Year Plans: Ways to Survive. In: *Istoriia*, no. 19
- 1997 Cost of the "Big Leap Forward": Supply Crises and Consumption During Five Year Plans. In: *Soviet Society: Creation, Development, Historical Final*. Vol. 1, part 4. Moscow: RGGU
- 1996 People's Letters About the 1939-1941 Supply Crisis. In: *Voprosi Istorii*, no.1
- 1995 People and Power in the 1939-41 Supply Crisis. In: *Otechestvennaya Istoriia*, no. 3
- 1995 Behind the Mirror Door of Torgsin. In: *Otechestvennaya Istoriia*, no. 2
- 1993 \*\*An Application of the Statistical Package "Clams" (An analysis of Central Supply Policy Under the Rationing System of 1928/29-1935). In: *History and Computing in Eastern Europe*. Gottingen (with G.A. Satarov)
- 1993 Development of the System of Centralized Supply at the End of the 1920's - Beginning of the 1930's (On the Archival Materials of the People's Commissariat of Supply). In: *Computer and Mathematical Methods in Historical Research*. Moscow: Academy of Sciences
- 1992 The USSR at the End of the 1920s - Beginning of the 1930s: Trade? Distribution! (On the Establishment of the Administrative System in Trade). In: *Otechestvennaya Istoriia*, no.5
- 1992 Demographic Processes and Centralized Distribution of Foodstuffs in 1933 (Use of the Data Base on Trade and Demographic Statistics). In: *Russia and the USA on the Turn of the Century (Socio-Economic Modeling)*. Moscow: Nauka
- 1992 \*\*The Victims of the Famine of 1933: How Many? (An Analysis of Demographic Statistics of the Central State Archive of the National Economy of the USSR). In: *Russian Studies in History*, fall, 1992. Vol. 31, no. 2

- 1992 \*\*Soviet Workers and Rationing Norms, 1928-1935: Real or Illusory Privilege? In: *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*. Vol.19, Nos. 1-3
- 1991 The Victims of the 1933 Famine: What is their Number? (Analysis of Demographic Statistics). In: *History of the USSR*, no. 5
- 1989 Fatal Inheritance (From the Soviet Trade History of the 1930s). In: *Soviet Trade*, no. 8

### **Imperial Russia:**

- 1991 The Evolution of the Peasant Economic Structure Under the Influence of Market Development. In: *Computer and Mathematical Methods in Historical Research*, vol. 1. Moscow: Institute of History, Academy of Sciences
- 1991 \*\*The Evolution of the Peasant Economy in the Industrial Center of Russia at the End of the 19<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries (According to Zemstvo Statistical Data). In: *Quantum and Historical Social Research/Historisch Sozialforschung. The Official Journal of Interquant*, vol. 16, no. 2
- 1990 New Aspects of Application of Statistic Methods to Study the Agrarian Russian History. In: *Perestroika v Istoricheskoi Nauke I Problemy Istochnikovedenia*. Kiev: Kiev State University (with G.A. Satarov)
- 1989 Peasant Economy of the Central Industrial Region (Quantitative Analysis of Zemstvo Statistics). In: *Matematicheskie Metody v Istoriko-Tipologicheskikh Issledovaniyakh*. Moscow: Nauka
- 1989 Influence of the Market Economy on the Structural Evolution of Peasant Households in Russia at the End of the 19<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. In: *Vzaimosvyazi Goroda i Derevni v Ikh Istoricheskom Razvitii*. Moscow: Academy of Sciences
- 1987 Social and Economic Structure of the Peasant Economy of the Central Industrial Region. In: *Kompleksnye Metody v Istoricheskikh Issledovaniyakh*. Moscow: Institute of History, Academy of Sciences
- 1987 Zemstvo Statistics of 1880-1913: Methods of Analysis in Russian and Soviet Historiography. In: *Istoriograficheskie I Istochnikovedcheskie Problemy Istorii Narodov SSSR*. Moscow: Moscow State University
- 1987 Peasant Letters as a Source to Study Land Relations in Russia at the End of the 19<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. In: *Sotsialnye I Economicheskie Problemy Istorii Narodov SSSR*. Moscow: Moscow State University

1986 Documents of Peasant Administration in Post-Reform Russia. In: *Krestianstvo Tsentral'nogo Promyshlennogo Raiona*. Kalinin: Kalinin State University

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

In 1993-2011 period I gave presentations on my research at the Russian and East-European Centers of Berkeley, Chicago, Columbia, Duke, Drury, Notre Dame, Georgia at Athens, Georgetown, Harvard, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Wisconsin-Madison, Indiana, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Princeton, Stanford, Pittsburgh Universities, Boston College, Library of Congress, Kennan Institute; University of Aberdeen (Great Britain); University of Helsinki (Finland); University of Toronto (Canada), Russian Academy of Sciences, and at the Hillwood Museum in Washington, DC.

In 1987-2010 I took part in major historical conferences and seminars on Slavic studies in the United States of America, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Finland, France, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Kirgizstan, and Estonia.

#### **Presentations/ conferences for the most recent period of 2005-2010**

- 2011 Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. Paper: Gold, Industrialization, and Stalinism. May, 6.
- 2010 Russian History Seminar of Washington, D.C. Georgetown University. Paper: Gold for Industrialization: Torgsin, May 18.
- 2010 Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. 48<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. Gainesville, Fl. March 25-28. Paper: *The Empire Torgsin: Gold for Industrialization*.
- 2010 Rembrandts for Tractors: Soviet At Export under Stalin. Russian and Eurasian Studies Program, USC, Columbia, September 24.
- 2009 Study day at Hillwood Museum, June 5. Paper: *Operation Duveen*.
- 2009 Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. Charlottesville, VA. March 26-28. Paper: *Soviet Everyday Life: A Habit of Adventure, a Custom of Risk*
- 2008 International conference "History of Stalinism". Moscow, December 5-7. Paper: *On Social Immune System or, a Critical View of the Concept of Passive Resistance*.
- 2008 The 39<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. Philadelphia, November 20-23. Paper: "Operation Duveen".



- 2008 Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. Emory University, Atlanta, GA. March 27-29. Discussant.
- 2008 Conference “Hunger, Nutrition and Systems of Rationing under State Socialism (1917-2006)”. University of Vienna, Austria. February 23-25. Paper: *Stalinism and the Power of Bread*.
- 2007 Conference “Creative People in Hard Times. Black Market Activities in Eastern Europe before and after 1989,” University of Toronto, The Munk Centre for International Studies, Toronto. September 15. Paper: *Mimicry of Private Capital: The Black Market and Entrepreneurship in Stalin’s Russia, 1930s*.
- 2006 The 38<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. Washington, DC. November 16-19, 2006. Discussant.
- 2005 Conference “History of Avtovaz: Past, Problems, Present” , October 26-27, Togliatti, Russia. Paper: *The US Congress on the FIAT-Soviet Auto Plant Construction and Communist Economic Reform, late 1960s*”.

#### **Book Reviews (2006-2010)**

- 2011 David C. Engerman. *Know Your Enemy. The Rise and Fall of America’s Soviet Experts*. Oxford University Press, 2009. In: *Slavic Review*. 70:1:207-8.
- 2010 Randall, Amy E. *The Soviet Dream World of Retail Trade and Consumption in the 1930s*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. In: *Slavic Review*. 69:1:256-7.
- 2009 Goldman, Wendy Z. *Terror and Democracy in the Age of Stalin. The Social Dynamics of Repression*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2007. In: *International Review of Social History*, vol. 54:1:116-118.
- 2008 Priestland, David. *Stalinism and the Politics of Mobilization: Ideas, Power, and Terror in Inter-War Russia*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. In: *Slavic Review*. 63:3:773.
- 2006 Rossman, Jeffrey J. *Worker Resistance under Stalin. Class and Revolution on the Shop Floor*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge (Mass.) 2005. In: *International Review of Social History*, 52:1:156-158.