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## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Religion, war, conflict mediation, animal studies, migration, social theory;  
Ukraine, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union

## **EDUCATION**

1996 Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, Columbia University  
1990 M.A. Cultural Anthropology, Columbia University  
1983-84 Ethnology, Universität Zürich  
1982 B.A. International Studies, Franklin & Marshall College

## **EMPLOYMENT**

2024-Present Senior Advisor, Religion and Inclusive Societies, US Institute of Peace  
2024-Present Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of History, Anthropology and Religious Studies, Penn State University  
2018-Present Affiliated Faculty, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University  
2017-Present Affiliated Faculty, School of International Affairs, Penn State University  
2013-2019 Barry Director of the Paterno Fellows Program, Penn State University  
2010-2024 Professor, Penn State University, Departments of History, Anthropology, and Religious Studies  
2007-2010 Associate Professor, Penn State University, Departments of History, Anthropology, and Religious Studies  
2001-2007 Assistant Professor, Penn State University, Departments of History and Anthropology

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award for contributions to the field of Slavic, East Eurasian, and Eurasian Studies as a scholar, teacher, and mentor, Association of Women in Slavic Studies

- Omeljan Pritsak Best Book in Ukrainian Studies co-winner, Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 2023
- Honorable Mention, Heldt Prize for introducing new, innovative, and underrepresented perspectives into any area of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Association for Women in Slavic Studies, 2023
- *Burden of Dreams* short-listed for 2023 Sophia Book of the Year in the category of Non-Fiction Philosophy, Anthropology, Psychology
- Distinguished Scholar Award, Association for the Study of Eastern Christianity, 2020
- Fulbright Scholar Award, Ukrainian Catholic University, L'viv, Ukraine, 2019-20
- Welch Alumni Relations Award, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State, 2018
- Convenor, Working Group on Lived Religion in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, 2014 to Present
- Elected Chair, Academic Advisory Council, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Kennan Institute, 2011-2016
- Heldt Best Book Prize, Association for Women in Slavic Studies, 2008
- William C. Douglass Best Book Award, American Anthropological Association, 2008
- Best Book Prize, American Association of Ukrainian Studies, 2008
- Honorable Mention, Harvard Davis Center Outstanding Monograph in Political and Social Studies, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 2008
- Choice Outstanding Academic Title, American Library Association, 2008
- Kent Forster Memorial Junior Faculty Development Award, 2005
- Best Article Prize, American Association for Ukrainian Studies, 2001-03

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

- Petro Jacyk Distinguished Fellow Award, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, 2023-24
- Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Kennan Institute Title VIII Fellowship, Spring 2024
- Visiting Scholar, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt Universität, 2016-17
- Institute for Arts and Humanities Fellowship, Penn State, 2002
- National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Fellowship, 2001-02
- Social Science Research Council International Migration Fellowship, 2001-02
- Neporany Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1998-99
- Social Science Research Council Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 1995-96
- Harriman Institute Junior Fellowship, 1994-95
- Columbia University Traveling Fellowship, 1993-94
- IREX Research Fellowship, 1992-93
- MacArthur Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93
- President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1990-95

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Monographs

*Ecocide and War: Animals, Empathy, and the Law After the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.* Work in Progress. EDC: 2025.

- 2022 *Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.  
Tome Open Access Grant Awarded: [Link](#)  
2024 Ukrainian translation, Academic Studies Press. [Link](#)
- Co-Winner of the Omeljan Pritsak Prize for Best Book in Ukrainian Studies, 2023
  - Honorable Mention, Heldt Best Book Prize for introducing new, innovative, and underrepresented perspectives into any area of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2023
- 2007 *Communities of the Converted: Ukrainians and Global Evangelism*. Culture and Society after Socialism Series, Bruce Grant and Nancy Ries, editors, Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [Link](#)  
Russian translation, Karazin National University Press.
- William C. Douglass Best Book Award in Europeanist Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2008
  - Best Book in Ukrainian Studies Prize, American Association of Ukrainian Studies, 2008
  - Heldt Best Book Prize in Slavic/East European/Eurasian Studies, Association for Women in Slavic Studies, 2008
  - Honorable Mention, Harvard Davis Center Outstanding Monograph in Political and Social Studies, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 2008
  - Choice Outstanding Academic Title, American Library Association, 2008
- 1998 *Burden of Dreams: History and Identity in Post-Soviet Ukraine*. Post-Communist Cultural Studies Series, Thomas Cushman, editor, University Park, PA: Penn State Press. [Link](#)  
Ukrainian translation, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, Dukh i Litera. <https://duh-i-litera.com/vanner-ketrin>
- short-listed for 2023 Sophia Book of the Year in the category of Non-Fiction Philosophy, Anthropology, Psychology

### **Edited Volumes**

- 2024 Editor, *Dispossession: Anthropological Perspectives on Russia's War against Ukraine*. New York: Routledge. Open Access. [Link](#)
- 2019 Co-editor with Julia Buyskykh, *Antropolohiia Relihii: Porivnial'ni Studii vid Prikarpatia do Kavkazu*. [*The Anthropology of Religion: Comparative*

*Studies from the Carpathians to the Caucasus*] Kyiv: Dukh i Litera (in Ukrainian). Author of one article and co-editor of eleven articles. [Link](#)

2012 Editor, *State Secularism and Lived Religion in Soviet Russia and Ukraine*; Author of one article and editor of ten articles. New York: Oxford University Press. [Link](#)

2008 Co-editor with Mark Steinberg, *Religion, Morality and Community in Post-Soviet Societies*; Co-author of two articles and co-editor of nine articles. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. [Link](#)

### **Edited Journal Issues**

2025 Co-editor with Heather Coleman, “War and Religion in Ukraine,” special double issue, *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue Canadienne des Slavistes*, co-author of one article and co-author of introduction. Forthcoming. Vol 67, Issue 1-2.

2023 Co-editor with Neringa Klumbyté, “Research and Ideological (Dis)Engagement,” *Ethnologia Polona*, Issue 44. Open Access December 2023. Co-author of two articles and co-editor of seven. [Link](#)

2022 Co-editor with Nancy Ries, *Society for Cultural Anthropology Hot Spots*, Two-part series “Russia’s War in Ukraine” March 11, 2022 and March 28, 2022. Author of one article, translator of three, co-editor of twenty-one. Part 1: [Link](#); Part 2: [Link](#)

2018 Editor, special issue. “Public Religion, Ambient Faith” *Religion, State and Society*. Author of one article and editor of five articles.

2017 Editor, “Religion and Politics in Ukraine After the Maidan Protests” *Euxeinos*. 24. Author of one article and editor of four articles. [Link](#)

2015 Editor, “Religion and Political Crisis in Ukraine” *Euxeinos* 17. Author of one article and one editorial; editor of nine articles. [Link](#)

2015 Co-editor with Stefan Kube, special issue, “Ukraine: Religionsgemeinschaften nach dem Majdan” [Ukraine: Religious Communities after the Maidan] *Religion & Gesellschaft in Ost und West* [Religion and Society in East and West] 43:2. Author of one article and co-editor of six articles (in German).

1998 Co-editor with Nancy Ries, special issue, "Out of the Ruins: Cultural Negotiations in the Soviet Aftermath," *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 16(2) (Fall 1998). Author of one article and co-editor of 17 articles. [Link](#)

### Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2025 “Creating a Culture of Dialogue During War” with Tetiana Kalenychenko, *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue Canadienne des Slavistes*, Forthcoming. Vol 67, Issue 1-2.
- 2025 “War as a Path to a Crossroads: The Fate of Covenantal Pluralism in Ukraine” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, Forthcoming, Vol 23.
- 2023 “The Intersections of Academic Research and Ideological Engagement” with Neringa Klumbyte in “Research and Ideological (Dis)Engagement,” *Ethnologia Polona*. 44: 5-18. DOI: 10.23858/ethp.2023.44.3619. [Link](#)
- 2023 “A Gallery of Ghosts: Death and Reburial in Lands Marked by Trauma” with Zuzanna Bogumil, Sergei Shtrykov, and Ketevan Gurchani. *Material Religion* 19(3). [Link](#)
- 2022 “Sectarian Traitors?: Factors that Supported and Thwarted Conversion among Baptist Communities under Two Regimes in the Early Twentieth Century” *Review of Ecumenical Studies* 22(1): 218-239. Open Access. [Link](#)
- 2021 “Empathic Care and Healing the Wounds of War in Ukraine” *Emotions and Society*. 3(1): 155-70. [Link](#)
- 2020 “An Affective Atmosphere of Religiosity: Animated Places, Public Spaces and the Politics of Attachment in Ukraine and Beyond” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 62(1): 68-105. [Link](#)
- 2020 “Empathy and the Militant Middle Ground” *History and Anthropology* 31(1): 21-23. [Link](#)
- 2019 “Commemoration and the New Frontiers of War in Ukraine” *Slavic Review* 79(2): 328-35. [Link](#)
- 2018 “Public Religions after Socialism: Redefining Norms of Difference” *Religion, State and Society* 46(2): 88-95. [Link](#)
- 2017 “What is this Thing we Call Religion?” *Forum for Anthropology and Culture* 13: 130-137. [Link](#)  
• Reprinted as “Chto my nazyvaem religiei?” [What is Religion?] In *Antropologicheskii Forum* [Anthropological Forum]. 35: 13-25. (in Russian). [Link](#)
- 2017 “Interiorizovani ta Eksteriorizovani Formi i Atributi Relihiinoi Viri” [Interiorized and Exteriorized Attributes of Religious Faith] co-authored

- with Valentyna Pavlenko in *Relihiia ta Sotsium* [Religion and Society] 3-4 (27-28): 114-123 (in Ukrainian).
- 2017 “The Political Valence of Dignity and the Maidan Protests” *Euxeinos* 24: 3-9. [Link](#)
- 2016 “The Return of Czernowitz: Urban Affect, Nostalgia, and the Politics of Place-making in a European Borderland City” *City and Society*. 28(2): 198-221. [Link](#)
- 2015 “Orthodoxie und Perspektiven einer säkularen Gesellschaft nach dem Majdan” [Orthodoxy and the Future of Secularism after the Maidan] *Religion & Gesellschaft in Ost und West* [Religion and Society in East and West] 43(2): 3-5 (in German). [Link](#)
- Reprinted as “Orthodoxy and the Future of Secularism after the Maidan” *Euxeinos* 17/2015: 8-12.
- 2015 “Religion and Political Crisis in Ukraine” *Euxeinos* 17/2015: 4-7.
- 2014 “Religion as Politics by Other Means” *Cultural Anthropology* – Hot Spots. October 28, 2014. [Link](#)
- 2014 “‘Fraternal’ Nations and Challenges to Sovereignty in Ukraine: The Politics of Linguistic and Religious Ties” *American Ethnologist* 41(3): 427-439. [Link](#)
- 2013 “The city as promised land: moral reasoning, evil and the dark side of capitalism in Ukraine” *Religion* 43(3): 365-384. [Link](#)
- 2012 “Perezhivaemaia religiia: Kontseptual’naia schema dlia ponimaniia pogrebal’nykh obriadov v prigranichnykh raionakh Sovetskoi Ukrainy” [Lived Religion: A Conceptual Framework for Understanding Death Rituals in Soviet Ukrainian Borderlands] *Gosudarstvo, Religiia, i Tserkov’* [State, Religion and Church] 3/4 (30): 464-484 (in Russian). [Link](#)
- 2012 “An Anthropological Light: Ethnographic Studies of Russia and Ukraine in the Post-Soviet Era” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 53(2-4): 45-58. [Link](#)
- 2010 “Southern Challenges to Eastern Christianity: Pressures to Reform the Church-State Model,” *Journal of Church and State*, 52(4): 644-661. [Link](#)
- 2010 “Up and Out: Movement and Mobility among Pentecostals in Eurasia” *PentecoStudies*. Special issue on “Mobility, Time and Space in Global Pentecostalism,” 9:(2): 195-210. [Link](#)

- 2009 "Locating Home: Religion and Refugee Migration from Soviet Ukraine to the U.S. After World War II" *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*. 44 (3-4):37-58.
- 2007 "Evanhelysm, Identychnist' ta Kul'turni Zminy v Ukraini" [Evangelicalism, Identity and Cultural Change in Ukraine] *Ahora* 5: 29-39 (in Ukrainian).
- 2005 "Money, Morality and New Forms of Exchange in Ukraine" *Ethnos* 70(4): 515-537. [Link](#)
- 2004 "Missionaries of Faith and Culture: Evangelical Encounters in Ukraine" *Slavic Review* 63(4): 732-755. [Link](#)
- 2004 "Osobennosti Psikhologii Evangel'skikh Khristian-Baptistov" [Psychological Aspects of Evangelical Christian-Baptists] with V. Pavlenko, *Voprosy Psikhologii* [Issues of Psychology] 5/2004: 72-86 (in Russian).
- 2003 "Advocating New Moralities: Conversion to Evangelicalism in Ukraine" *Religion, State and Society*. 31(3): 273-87. [Link](#)
- 2001 "Crafting Identity, Marking Time: An Anthropological Perspective on Nation Building in Ukraine" *Harvard Ukrainian Studies Journal*. XXIII (3/4): 105-131. [Link](#)
- 1998 "Introduction to Out of the Ruins: Cultural Negotiations in the Soviet Aftermath" *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 16(2): 4-8 (Fall 1998). [Link](#)
- 1996 "Historical Narratives, Personal Narratives: Ethnographic Perspectives on Nationness" *The Harriman Review* 9(1): 11-15 (Spring 1996).
- 1995 "Educational Practices and the Making of National Identity in Post-Soviet Ukraine" *The Anthropology of East Europe Review*. 13 (2): 8-18 (Fall 1995).

### Book Chapters

- 2024 "Exploring How and Why Minorities Can Shape the Majority" in Elmira Muratova and Nadia Zasanska, eds., *Minorities at War: Cultural Identity and Resilience in Ukraine* London: Routledge, 2024.
- 2024 "War and Dispossession" in *Dispossession: Anthropological Perspectives on Russia's War Against Ukraine*, Catherine Wanner, ed. New York: Routledge, 2024. Open Access. [Link](#)



- 2023 “Cultivating an Empathic Impulse in Wartime Ukraine,” co-authored with Valentyna Pavlenko in Mezzenzana, Francesca and Daniela Peluso, eds. *Conservations on Empathy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Imagination and Radical Othering*. London: Routledge. Open Access. [Link](#)
- 2019 “Religion and the Cultural Geography of Ukraine” co-authored with Viktor Yelenskii in *Regionalism without Regions: Reconceptualizing Ukraine’s Heterogeneity*, Ulrich Schmid and Oksana Myshlovska, eds. Budapest: Central European University Press. [Link](#)
- 2017 “Uvichnennia pam’iati pro Smert’ i Zhertvu: potriasiniia i transformatsii publichnoho prostory v Kyivi” [Commemoration of Death and Sacrifice: Affect and Transforming Public Space in Kyiv] in Svitlana Shlipchenko and Ihor Tishchenko, eds. *(Ne)zadovolennia Publichnymy Prostoramy* [Public Space and its (Dis)Contents]. Kyiv: Vsesvit (in Ukrainian).
- 2017 “Quelling the ‘Unquiet Dead’: Popular Devotions in the Borderlands of the USSR” in *Authority, Innovation and Mortuary Rites*. Sébastien Penmellen Boret, Susan Long and Sergei Kan, eds. Farnham: Ashgate. 2017. [Link](#)
- 2015 “Novye Religioznye Dvizheniia i ‘Al’ternativnoe Moral’noe’ Rassuzhdenie v Ukraine” [New Religious Movements and Alternative Moral Reasoning in Ukraine] in Jeanne Kormina, Alexander Panchenko and Sergey Shtyrkov, eds. *Izobretenie Religii v Post-Sovetskoi Rossii* [The Invention of Religion in Post-Soviet Russia]. St. Petersburg: European University of St. Petersburg Press (in Russian).
- 2013 “Foreword: On the Tenacity of Informality” in Jeremy Morris and Abel Polese, eds. *The Informal Post-Socialist Economy: embedded practices and livelihoods*. Oxford: Routledge. [Link](#)
- 2012 “Soviet Sacred Spaces and their Remaking” in Liliana Gomez and Walter van Herck, eds. *The Sacred in the Modern Metropolis*. London: Continuum.
- 2011 “Multiple Moralities, Multiple Secularisms” in Jarrett Zigon, ed., *Multiple Moralities and Religions in Postsoviet Russia*. Oxford: Berghahn. [Link](#)
- 2011 “Foreword: Culture and Remaking the Second Nature of Gender-based Roles” in Marian Rubchak, ed., *Mapping Difference: The Many Faces of Women in Ukraine*. Oxford: Berghahn. [Link](#)
- 2009 “Conversion and the Mobile Self: Evangelicalism as ‘Traveling Culture’” in Mathijs Pelkmans, ed. *Conversion after Socialism: Disruptions, Modernisms, and Technologies of Faith*. Oxford: Berghahn. [Link](#)
- 2009 “Missionaries and Pluralism: How the Law Changed the Religious Landscape in Ukraine” in Larissa Z. Onyshkevych and Maria G.



Rewakowicz, editors, *Contemporary Ukraine on the European Cultural Map*. Volume sponsored by the Shevchenko Scientific Society. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe. [Link](#)

- 2008 "Reclaiming the Sacred: Morality, Community, and Religion after Communism" co-authored with Mark Steinberg in Mark Steinberg and Catherine Wanner, eds., *Religion, Morality and Community in Post-Soviet Societies*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. [Link](#)
- 2008 "Policy Implications of the Research and Analysis" co-authored with Mark Steinberg in Mark Steinberg and Catherine Wanner, eds., *Religion, Morality and Community in Post-Soviet Societies*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- 2006 "Explaining the Appeal of Evangelicalism in Ukraine" in Dominique Arel and Blair Ruble, eds., *Rebounding Identities in Russia and Ukraine*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 243-272.
- 2002 "Children Have Become a Luxury: Everyday Dilemmas of Poverty in Ukraine" with Nora Dudwick in Nora Dudwick, Elizabeth Gomart, Alexandre Marc, and Kathleen Kuehnast, eds., *When Things Fall Apart: Qualitative Studies of Poverty in the Former Soviet Union*. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 2002, pp. 260-299. [Link](#)
- 1997 "Nationalism on Stage: Music and Change in Soviet Ukraine" in Mark Slobin, ed., *Retuning Culture: Musical Change in Eastern/Central Europe*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1997, pp. 136-155. [Link](#)

### **Invited Journal Articles**

- 2023 "On the Challenges of Engagement and Doing Ethnographic Research in Conflict Zones" with Sandra King-Savic, Jelena Tomic, and Oleksandra Tarkhanova in *Ethnologia Polona*. 44: 5-18. DOI: 10.23858/ethp.2023.44.3619. [Link](#)
- 2022 "Powers of Observation" *Religion and Society* 13(2): 81-83. Author Meets His Critics, *Remaking Muslim Lives: Everyday Islam in Postwar Bosnia and Herzegovina* by David Henig. [Link](#)
- 2022 "We are All Ukrainians Now" *Historian Speaks*, February 26, 2022. [Link](#)  
• Reprinted in *The Good Men Project*, March 6, 2022. [Link](#)
- 2022 "Parallel Pilgrimage: Reflections on the Space/Time of Shrines, with Bruce Grant, A. Azfar Moin, Catherine Wanner, Wei-ping Lin, Ismail Fajrie Alatas, and Michael Christopher Low," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. [Link](#)

- 2020 “From Chaplains of Maidan to Military Chaplains: One Year after the Tomos” with Tetiana Kalenychenko, *Talk About Law and Religion*, Brigham Young University, January 9, 2020. [Link](#)
- 2019 “The Price of Excluding the ‘Unworthy’,” *Current History*. October 2019: 285-287. [Link](#)
- 2019 “Julie McBrien and Catherine Wanner Contemplate Secularism, Belonging, and Belief. *Anthropology News*, October 17, 2019. [Link](#)
- 2014 “Ukraine and the Enigma of Defining Regions in a Borderland Zone” *CritCom: A Forum for Research and Commentary on Europe*. April 28, 2014.
- 2014 “Ukraine: Church and State” *History Today*. 64(4). [Link](#)
- 2012 “Pussy Riot, the Media and Church-State Relations in Russia Today” *Religion and Culture Web Forum*, University of Chicago Divinity School. November 2012. [Link](#)
- 2010 “Social Ministry and Missions in Ukrainian Mega Churches: Two Case Studies” *East-West Church and Ministry Report*. Printed in two parts, 18(4): 1-7 (Summer 2010) and 19.1: 9-13 (Fall 2010). [Link](#)
- 2009 “The Rewards of Suffering: Ukrainian Evangelical Immigrants in the United States” *East-West Church and Ministry Report*. 17(3): 5-7 (Summer 2009). Translated into Russian. [Link](#)

### **Working Papers**

- 2024 “Religious Persecution of Evangelicals in the Occupied Territories of Ukraine” Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: U.S. Helsinki Commission, Congressional Testimony, U.S. Congressional Record. July 24, 2024. [Link](#)
- 2024 “On the Importance of Religious Minorities for Ukraine’s Present and Future,” Institute for Global Engagement. March 8, 2024. [Link](#)
- 2019 “Religion as Soft Power, Tolerance, and the Russo-Ukrainian War,” Baker Institute for Public Policy. Rice University. August 20, 2019. [Link](#)
- 2018 “Divided by Common Faith: From the Battlefield to the Altar,” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs. Georgetown University. December 15, 2018. [Link](#)

- 2006 “Evangelicalism and the Resurgence of Religion in Ukraine” NCEEER Working Papers. February 15, 2006. 21 pp. [Link](#)
- 2004 “Understanding the Transformation of Ukraine: Assessing what has been Learned, Devising a Research Agenda” Danyliw Seminar Working Papers. October 15-16, 2004. 16 pp. [Link](#)
- 2004 “Religion and Refugees: Migration from Ukraine in the Twentieth Century” Social Science Research Council International Migration Program. January 2004. 35 pp.
- 1996 *Ethnographic Study of Poverty in Ukraine*. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank. May 1996. 107 pages.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2025 Shevtsova, Maryna, ed., *Feminist Perspective on Russia’s War in Ukraine*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2024. *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*. Forthcoming.
- 2020 Kapaló, James A. *Inochentism and Orthodox Christianity: Religious Dissent in the Russian and Romanian Borderlands*. London: Routledge, 2019. *Religion, State and Society* 48(2-3), 213-214.
- 2017 Wessel, Martin Schulze and Frank E. Sysyn, eds., *Religion, Nation, and Secularization in Ukraine*. Edmonton: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, 2015. *Church History*. 86(2): 555-557 (June 2017).
- 2016 Khanenko-Friesen, Natalia. *Ukrainian Otherlands: Diaspora, Homeland, and Folk Imagination in the Twentieth Century*. Folklore Studies in a Multicultural World. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2015. *Russian Review*. 75(3): 539-40 (July 2016).
- 2014 Lesiv, Mariya, *The Return of Ancestral Gods: Modern Ukrainian Paganism as an Alternative Vision for a Nation*. Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2013. *Slavic Review* 73(4): 940-941 (Winter 2014).
- 2011 Himka, John-Paul and Andriy Zayarnyuk, eds. *Letters from Heaven: Popular Religion in Russia and Ukraine*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2006. *Journal of Ukrainian Studies*, 33-34: 559-561.
- 2008 Marples, David R., *Heroes and Villains: Creating National History in Contemporary Ukraine* Budapest. Central European University Press, 2007. *Slavic Review*, 68 (1): 201-202 (Spring 2009).

- 2008 Pelkmans, Mathijs, *Defending the Border: Identity, Religion, and Modernity in the Republic of Georgia Ithaca*. Cornell University Press, *American Ethnologist*, 35 (4): 4095-4098.
- 2008 Phillips, Sarah D. dir., *Shapes in the Wax: Tradition and Faith among Folk Medicine Practicioners in Rural Ukraine*, Media Production, Instructional Support Services, prod., Indiana University. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 22(2): 211-212 (Spring 2008).
- 2008 Vekelchyk, Serhy, *Ukraine: Birth of a Modern Nation*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007 in *Slavic Review* 67(2): 459 (Summer 2008).
- 2005 Plokyh, Serhii and Sysyn, Frank, *Religion and Nation in Modern Ukraine*. Toronto and Edmonton: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, 2003 in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 47(3): 445-46 (Sept-Dec 2005).
- 2004 Goluboff, Sascha L, *Jewish Russians: Upheavals in a Moscow Synagogue*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003 in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 46(1-2): 261-62 (March-June 2004).
- 2002 Markowitz, Fran, *Coming of Age in Post-Soviet Russia*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2000 in *American Ethnologist*. 29(1) 181-82 (February 2002).
- 2001 Nahaylo, Bohdan, *The Ukrainian Resurgence*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999 in *Slavic and East European Journal*. 45(4): 792-3 (Winter 2001).
- 2001 Reid, Anna, *Borderland: A Journey Through the History of Ukraine*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1997 in *Slavic and East European Journal*. 45(1): 165-66 (Spring 2001).
- 1999 Wicker, Hans-Rudolf, ed., *Rethinking Nationalism and Ethnicity: The Struggle for Meaning and Order in Europe*. Oxford: Berg, 1997 in *American Anthropologist*. 101(1): 222-23 (March 1999).
- 1996 Balzer, Marjorie, ed., *Culture Incarnate: Native Anthropology from Russia*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1995 in *American Anthropologist* 98 (3): 657-58 (September 1996).

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- 2025 Black Sea Initiative, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, Universität Saint Gallen, Pending.

2024	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Connections Grant, with Heather Coleman, #611-2023-0439, CAD \$37,444
2024	Centre of Culture and Governance, Universität St. Gallen, \$12,500
2023	Killam Research Fund, with Heather Coleman, CAD \$10,000
2023	Kule Institute, University of Alberta, with Heather Coleman, CAD \$13,500
2021-2024	Secretariat for Education, Research, and Innovation, \$175,000
2017-2020	Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, Universität St. Gallen, Switzerland, \$132,000 (ca. \$34,000 annually)
2016-2017	Swiss National Science Foundation, \$46,000
2011-2015	Swiss National Science Foundation, co-PI with Ulrich Schmid, \$489,000
2009	Woskob Family Fund for Ukrainian Studies, \$12,500
2004-07	NSF-COBASE Project Development and Initiation Grant, \$20,000
2006	Woskob Family Fund for Ukrainian Studies, \$2,000
2003-05	National Council for Eurasian and Eastern European Research National Grant Competition, \$35,500
2002	Kent Forster Memorial Junior Faculty Development Award, \$5,000
2000-02	NSF Twinning Grant, \$15,000
1992-93	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Award, \$32,000
1992	Harriman Institute Research Grant, \$3,000
1991	MacArthur Pre-Dissertation Award, \$3,000
1991	Pepsico Grant Competition, \$1,500
1991	Sheldon Schepps Memorial Award, \$3,000

### **INVITED KEYNOTES, LECTURES, PLENARIES**

2025	“Mediating Conflict, Resilience, and Recovery in Ukraine,” Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame,” March 6-8, 2025.
2025	“Religious Freedom and the Quandaries of Moral Responsibility” Munich Security Conference, Ludwig Maximilian University, the Ukrainian Catholic University, and the University of Notre Dame, Munich, February 12-13, 2025.
2024	<i>Plenary Panel:</i> “Ecocide and War: How Animals Experience the Russian Invasion of Ukraine,” Shevchenko Scientific Society, New York, December 14, 2024.
2024	“Everyday Diplomacy in Ukraine” Ukrainian Catholic University and St. Gabriel Institute, online, November 20, 2024.
2024	“Ecocide and War: How Animals Experience the Russian Invasion of Ukraine,” Department of Political Science and Public Policy Initiative, Penn State-Behrend, October 17, 2024.

- 2024 *Book Discussion: Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine*, Kyiv School of Economics, online, October 8, 2024.
- 2024 “On the Importance of Social Cohesion,” Ecumenical School for Dialogue, Ukrainian Catholic University, online, October 7, 2024
- 2024 “The Rights of Nature through the Prism of War,” Human-Animal Studies Israel and the Collier-Menmon Program for Animal Rights and Welfare, Tel Aviv University, online, September 29, 2024.
- 2024 “Visualizing Nature and Landscape Photography,” Ukraine House, Washington, D.C., September 23, 2024.
- 2024 “Religious Persecution in the Occupied Territories of Ukraine,” U.S. Congressional Hearing, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: U.S. Helsinki Commission, Cannon House Office Building, July 24, 2024.[Link](#)
- 2024 “Ecocide and Reevaluating the Moral Worth and Sacredness of Nature” Ecology through the Prism of War: Challenges for Ukraine and the World webinar series, Ecumenical School for Dialogue, Ukrainian Catholic University, online, July 5, 2024.
- 2024 *Book Discussion: Burden of Dreams: History and Identity in Post-Soviet Ukraine*, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Williams College, online, April 29, 2024.
- 2024 “On the Peoples and Histories of Borderlands: Polish-Ukrainian Palimpsest” Fulbright Ukraine. online. April 25, 2024.
- 2024 *Book Discussion: Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine*, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. online. March 20, 2024.
- 2024 “A Historical Overview of the Origins and Consequences of the Russo-Ukrainian War,” The War in Ukraine: The Impact on People, Forests and the Environment webinar series, Penn State College of Agriculture, March 1, 2024.
- 2024 “Russia’s Religious Persecution and Misinformation in Ukraine” Center for Strategic and International Studies, webinar, February 29, 2024. [Link](#).
- 2024 *Book Panel Discussion: Dispossession: Russia’s War Against Ukraine*, Property and Dispossession Research Group webinar, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria, February 15, 2024. [Link](#).

- 2024 “Foundations of Decolonization,” Decolonizing Ukraine in Theory and Practice, Annual Temerty Contemporary Ukraine Program Conference, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, February 2-3, 2024. [Link](#).
- 2024 *Book Panel Discussion: Dispossession: Russia’s War Against Ukraine*, Petro Jacyk Seminar in Ukrainian Studies, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, January 24, 2024. [Link](#)
- 2024 “Religious Actors and Peacebuilding in Ukraine” US Institute of Peace webinar, January 18, 2024. [Link](#)
- 2023 “The Church’s Unholy War: Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine and Orthodoxy” with Nicholas Denysenko, webinar, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, November 9, 2023. [Link](#)
- 2023 “State Church, National Church: The Religious Proxy in the Russo-Ukrainian War” Religious Nationalism in a Global Context NEH Seminar, Harvard Divinity School, August 3, 2023.
- 2023 “Two Orthodoxies? The Weaponization of Religion after Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine,” War Lecture Series: History, Media, Religion, and Identity, Universität Flensburg, online. May 23, 2023.
- 2023 *Book Panel Discussion: Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine*, Association for Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, May 19, 2023.
- 2023 “Multifaith Ukraine” Fordham University Orthodox Christian Studies Center, New York, NY, webinar, May 4, 2023. [Link](#)
- 2023 *Book Panel Discussion: Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine*. Women Scholars of Orthodox Christianity, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, April 23, 2023.
- 2023 “The Weaponization of Religion after Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine” Asbury University, Wilmore, KY, March 28, 2023.
- 2023 “The World Making and World Breaking Capacities of Religion in the Russo-Ukrainian War” World Religions Working Group, University of Kentucky, March 27, 2023.
- 2023 “Trust and other Changes to the Religious Landscape in Ukraine since 24.02.2022 5am.” European Association for the Study of Religions, online. February 25, 2023.



- 2023 “The Religious Question and the War in Ukraine” Le Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Paris, online. February 23, 2023.
- 2023 “Is Religious Freedom Under Threat in Ukraine?” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, January 30, 2023.
- 2023 “Human Rights and Religious Regulation in Light of the Russo-Ukrainian War,” American Association of Law Schools, San Diego, CA, January 4-7, 2023.
- 2022 *Book Panel Discussion: Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine*, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 10-13, 2022.
- 2022 *Sochor Parry Memorial Lecture: “Religion and Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine”*. Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute. Harvard University. November 2, 2022. [Link](#)
- 2022 “Religion and Russia’s War on Ukraine” Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University, October 28, 2022
- 2022 *Book Panel Discussion: “Everyday Religiosity and the Changes in Orientation since the Full-scale Russian Invasion of Ukraine”* Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine, University of Ottawa, October 13-15, 2022.
- 2022 “Non-Orthodox Faith Groups in Ukraine” Shevchenko Scientific Society, New York, online. September 24, 2022.
- 2022 “Doing Research on Russia and Beyond” Graduate Training Research Methods Workshop. Russian and East European Institute. Indiana University-Bloomington, September 21, 2022.
- 2022 “Reflections on Ideology and (Dis)Engagement” Center for Governance and Culture, University of St. Gallen, July 7, 2022
- 2022 “Religion and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine” Center for Religion, Culture and Society, Universität Tübingen, July 5, 2022.
- 2022 “Forgiveness and the Unforgivable: Moral and Ethical Dimensions of Interpreting History” Political Theology Network Conference, Truth, Post-Truth and Democracy, Arizona State University, online, May 12, 2022.
- 2022 “The Challenges Faced by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate in Times of War” University of Ottawa, online, May 11, 2022.

- 2022 “Lived Catholicism,” Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, Holy Cross College, online, April 23, 2022.
- 2022 “The Religious Dimension of the Russo-Ukrainian War” Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College, online, April 21, 2022.
- 2022 “Fieldnotes: Reflections on Religion and Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine” Religious Studies Department, Brown University, online, April 20, 2022.
- 2022 “Fieldnotes: Reflections on Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine,” Ethnography Collective, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, online, April 12, 2022.
- 2022 “Violence, Resistance, Displacement: War in Ukraine” Deutsche Gesellschaft für Empirische Kulturwissenschaft Annual Conference, hosted by Universität Bremen, online, April 4, 2022
- 2022 “Russia’s War on Ukraine,” Pozen Family Center for Human Rights and Global Studies Department, University of Chicago, online, April 1, 2022
- 2022 “Multilingualism in Ukraine,” Perspectives for Peace: Scholars of Multilingualism on Ukraine and Russia, Roundtable sponsored by the Journal of Literary Multilingualism, online, March 28, 2022
- 2022 “The Theo-Politics of Trust, Hope and Empathy,” The Bohdan Bociurkiw Memorial Lecture, University of Alberta, online, March 24, 2022.
- 2022 “Religion and the Politics of Belonging during the War on Ukraine” Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life and the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, online, March 22, 2022.
- 2022 *Keynote Address*: “Religion and Conflict versus Religious Conflict: Comparing Religious Involvement in Peace-keeping and Violence in the former Soviet Union.” Conference: Religion, Society and State in Post-Communist Countries: Thirty Years after the Cold War, University of Tartu School of Law, Estonia, online, March 4, 2022.
- 2022 “Ukraine and Russia at War” Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society, School of International Affairs, Penn State University, March 1, 2022.
- 2022 “The Securitization of Religion? What’s Next in the Hybrid War on Ukraine’s Borders” Society for the Study of Religion, Penn State University, online, February 16, 2022

- 2021 *Keynote Address*: “Lost and Found: Anthropology and the Religious Imaginary of the Past” Conference: The Secret Police and Study of Religions: Archives, Communities and Contested Memories in Central and Eastern Europe. University of Cork, Ireland. online, March 18-19, 2021.
- 2020 “The Making and Breaking of the ‘Russian World’.” New Arts of Persuasion? Charisma, Aesthetics, and the Making of Religio-Political Publics Research Initiative Workshop. University of Toronto, online, December 8, 2020.
- 2020 “The Black Sea Region as Contact Zone” Transculturality in the Black Sea Region: New Theoretical Approaches and Research Methodologies Conference, Chisinau, Moldova, September 10-12, 2020. Cancelled.
- 2020 “From Chaplains of Maidan to Military Chaplains: Fostering Empathy and Activism on the Homefront” University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland, June 23, 2020. Cancelled.
- 2020 “Everyday Diplomacy: Theorizing the Neighborhood During a Time of War” Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 5, 2020. Cancelled.
- 2020 “From Chaplains of Maidan to Military Chaplains: Fostering Empathy and Activism on the Homefront” Yaroslav the Wise National Law University, Kharkiv, Ukraine, May 21, 2020. Cancelled.
- 2020 “Militarized Care or Spiritualized Healing? Religious Activism and Cultivating the Empathetic Impulse” Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin, online. March 12, 2020.
- 2020 *Keynote Address*: “Religion and Social Activism” Conference: Religion, Society and State in Post-Communist Countries: Thirty Years after the End of the Cold War. University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, February 4-5, 2020. Cancelled.
- 2019 “On the Anthropology of Religion” Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Kyiv Ukraine, October 8, 2019.
- 2019 *Keynote Address*: «Шлях до гуманітарних наук»[The Path to the Humanities], Keynote Convocation Speaker, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine, September 14, 2019.
- 2019 “Vernacular Religious Practices and the Rise of the “Nones,” Borderlands and Contact Zones in Ukraine and the Black Sea Region Conference, Vinnytsia, Ukraine, September 11-14, 2019.

- 2019 “Religion, Tolerance and the Russo-Ukrainian War” Baker Institute for Public Policy and Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance, Rice University, Houston, TX, April 26, 2019
- 2018 “Martyrs and the Creation of an Affective Atmosphere of Religiosity in Kyiv” Center for East European and International Studies (ZOiS), Berlin, Germany, March 1-2, 2018.
- 2017 “Lenin and the Bolshevik Revolution: 100 Years Later” Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, November 1, 2017.
- 2017 “Human Rights Around the Globe: Flourishing or Failing?” School of International Affairs, Penn State University, September 12, 2017.
- 2017 “Affective Materiality and its Relation to the Transformation of Public Space” Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany, June 13, 2017.
- 2017 *Keynote Address*: “The Myth of “Happy Austria”: Nostalgic Cosmopolitanism in Western Ukrainian Borderlands” Imaginary Borderlands Workshop, National Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Kyiv, Ukraine, June 1-3, 2017.
- 2017 “Public Religion, Popular Practice: Comparing the Politics of Religion in Russia and Ukraine” Universität Passau, Passau, Germany, May 3, 2017.
- 2017 “Animated Places in Ukraine and Beyond,” University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, April 28, 2017.
- 2016 “Sacred Spaces and the Public Sphere in Post-Maidan Ukraine” University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, November 28, 2016.
- 2016 *Keynote Address*: “Understanding Urban Space: Ethnographic Perspectives on Mythical Depictions of Austro-Hungarian Rule in Western Ukrainian Cities,” Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, September 28, 2016.
- 2016 “Asserting the Right to Live and Die with Dignity: The Maidan Protests and their Aftermath,” State Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 17, 2016.
- 2016 “Religion and Transnational Contact Zones” Religion, Nation and Beyond Research Group, Zürich, Switzerland, April 14-15, 2016.
- 2015 “Religion and the Cultural Geography of Ukraine” V.N. Karazin National University, Kharkiv, Ukraine, June 25, 2015.

- 2015 *Keynote Address: "Mourning on the Maidan"* New Europe College – Institute for Advanced Study, Religious Connections and Divisions in the Black Sea Region Workshop. Bucharest, Romania, June 22-23, 2015.
- 2015 "Splits and Schisms: Law and Orthodoxy in Russia and Ukraine" Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton University, Symposium on Law and Religious Freedom, May 18, 2015.
- 2015 "War, Grief and Rage: Popular Commemorations of the Maidan" Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh, April 1, 2015.
- 2015 "Sergei Loznitsa's Maidan" Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, February 3, 2015.
- 2014 "Soyuz at Twenty: Past, Presents and Futures of post-Socialist Cultural Studies." Invited Session. Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2014.
- 2014 "Religion as Catalyst, Religion as Consequence: Religiosity and the Maidan" Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine, September 26, 2014.
- 2013 "Region, Religion and Shifting Attachments to Place in the former Soviet Union" Havighurst Center for Eurasian Studies, Miami University of Ohio, Miami, OH, October 23, 2013.
- 2013 "Rituals of Belonging: Religion and Regionalism in Contemporary Ukraine," Myrhorod, Ukraine, September 12, 2013.
- 2013 "Attachments to Place and the Transnational Habitus of Refugees from Ukraine to the U. S." Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, May 28, 2013.
- 2013 "Wealth and Power: Religious Responses to Suffering and Injustice in Ukraine" Post-Atheism Symposium: Religion, Society, and Culture in Post-Communist Eastern Europe and Eurasia, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, February 7-9, 2013.
- 2012 "The Future of Disbelief in Russia and Ukraine" Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, May 29, 2012.
- 2012 "Understandings of Evil in Post-Soviet Ukraine" European University at St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Russia, May 10, 2012.

- 2012 “Commemorating the Living and the Dead: Death Rituals in Soviet Borderlands” Conference on “Lived Religion” in the USSR: Survival and Resistance under Forced Secularization, Russian State University of the Humanities, Moscow, February 12, 2011.
- 2011 “Reflections on Religion and Secularization in Communist Societies”, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Religion and Communism Workshop, Göttingen, Germany, May 5-7, 2011.
- 2011 “Religion and Understandings of Suffering in Contemporary Ukraine” Miami University of Ohio, April 18, 2011.
- 2011 “Commemorating the Living and the Dead in Postwar Bukovyna,” The Bogdan R. Bociurkiw Memorial Lecture, Research Program on Religion and Culture, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta, March 25, 2011.
- 2010 “Religion and the State in Desecularizing Russia” Keston Institute of Baylor University and Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., October 28, 2010.
- 2010 “Does East Goes West? Conducting Research in the former Soviet Union,” featured speaker, The Future of Anthropology in Postsocialist Societies, Institute of Social Anthropology, Université de Fribourg, Switzerland. September 16, 2010.
- 2010 “Explaining Conversion and the Growth of Religious Communities in Secularized Societies” featured speaker, Exploring the Dialectics of Revitalization, St. Andrew’s School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. May 31, 2010.
- 2010 “Religion and Secularization in Soviet Borderlands” Donald W. Treadgold Memorial Lecture, Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 12, 2010.
- 2009 *Keynote Address*: “Southern Challenges to Eastern Christianity: New Pressures for Reform in Contemporary Ukraine” Bi-annual conference of the Association for the Study of Eastern Christianity, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 1, 2009.
- 2009 “New Sacred Spaces: From Socialist Monuments to New Ethical Selves” University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium. March 24, 2009.

- 2009 “Salvation Economics: A New Ethics of Benevolence After Socialism” Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris, France. March 20, 2009.
- 2009 “Religion and the Legacy of Soviet Secularization” Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France. March 19, 2009.
- 2009 “New Sacred Spaces: From Socialist Monuments to New Ethical Selves” Department of Anthropology, University of Maynooth, Ireland, March 12, 2009.
- 2009 “The Future of Disbelief: Religion and Secularization in Eastern European Borderlands” Institute for the Study of Wider Europe, University of Maynooth, Ireland. March 11, 2009.
- 2009 “Salvation Economics: A New Ethics of Benevolence After Socialism” Department of Anthropology, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. March 10, 2009.
- 2008 “Multiple Moralities, Multiple Secularisms,” Department of Anthropology, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway. October 8, 2008.
- 2008 *Keynote Address:* Max Planck Institute Conference on Multiple Moralities, “Multiple Moralities: Religion and Transnational Influences in Shaping Everyday Life” Max Planck Institute, Halle, Germany, September 16, 2008.
- 2008 “The Sacred and the Secular in Soviet Ukraine” Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University, June 26, 2008.
- 2008 “Conversion and Time in Global Pentecostalism” Vrei Universitat, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 11-13, 2008.
- 2008 “Blending Sacred and Secular Concerns: How Evangelical Communities in Ukraine seek to Remake the ‘World’ after Socialism” University of Michigan, Center for Russian and East European Studies Center, Ann Arbor, MI, February 20, 2008.
- 2007 “Missionizing Eurasia: The Global Networks of Ukrainian Evangelicals” invited session, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 11-December 2, 2007.
- 2006 Commentator, Second Annual Danyliw Research Seminar in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, October 12-15, 2006.



- 2006 “Evangelicalism in Late Soviet/Post-Soviet Ukraine”, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, April 6, 2006.
- 2005 Commentator, First Annual Danyliw Research Seminar in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, September 29-October 1, 2005.
- 2005 “New Directions in Anthropological Research in Ukrainian Studies” Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, April 16, 2005. Presentation sponsored by the Kennan Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 2005 “Religion, Morality and the Ukrainian Orange Revolution” Religious Studies Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series, Penn State University, April 12, 2005.
- 2005 “Conversion and Cure: Faith Healing Among Pentecostals in Ukraine” Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, April 7-8, 2005.
- 2004 “Assessing What We Have Learned, Devising Research Agendas for the Future: New Directions in Anthropological Research on Contemporary Ukraine”, Danyliw Research Seminary in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, October 14-16, 2004.
- 2004 “Wealth and Moral Order in Ukraine” Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., February 23, 2004.
- 2004 “Ukrainian Immigration to the U.S. in the Twentieth Century,” SSRC International Migration Fellows Meeting, Santa Cruz, CA, January 7-11, 2004.
- 2003 "Morality and Inequality After Socialism" Invited session, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 19-23, 2003.
- 2003 “The Rise of Evangelicalism in Ukraine and other Multicultural Legacies of Atheism” Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, April 5, 2003.
- 2001 "Forbidden Ideologies: The Experience of Suffering Among Political and Religious Prisoners in the Soviet Union" Invited session, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D. C., November 28-December 1, 2001.
- 2001 "Recent Immigrants from Ukraine: Is the Diaspora Growing?" Harvard University Ukrainian Research Institute, August 7, 2001.

- 2000 "Rituals of Rule, Rituals of Resistance: Constructing Self and Nation in Contemporary Ukraine," Harvard University Ukrainian Research Institute, October 23, 2000.
- 2000 "Analyzing the Demographic Crisis in Ukraine" MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health, Prague, Czech Republic, October 11-12, 2000.
- 2000 "Statecraft and the Art of Forging a National Culture in Post-Soviet Ukraine" Kennan Institute, Washington, DC, March 20, 2000.
- 1997 "Socioeconomic Status and Health in Ukraine" MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health, Harvard University, December 10, 1997.
- 1997 "Transnational Families and Fictive Kin: Changes in Familial Relations in Post-Soviet Ukraine" Invited session, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D. C., November 19-23, 1997.
- 1995 "Historical Narratives, Personal Narratives: Ethnographic Perspectives on Nationness." NEH Conference, The Russian-Ukrainian Encounter, Columbia University, September 21-23, 1995.
- 1993 "Multiculturalism and American Education," Kiev Mohyla Academy, Kiev, Ukraine, March 1993.

### **WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED**

- 2014-2024 Convenor of the Working Group on Lived Religion. [Link](#).  
Co-organizer of Annual Workshops funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation 2014-2016; University of St. Gallen, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe 2017-2021; Secretariat for Research, Education, and Innovation 2021-24 with Ilia State University 2022; Harvard University 2023; and Center for Culture and Governance of the University of St. Gallen, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Connections Grant, and Killam Research Fund 2024.
- “Religion and War in Ukraine: The Public, The Political and the Possible,”  
March 14-16, 2024, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.  
*Presentation:* Religious Actors and Creating a Culture of Dialogue during War

“Domesticating, Rewilding, Sacralizing: Modes of Engaging Nature in Everyday Life” November 1-3, 2023, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“The Materialities of Lived Religion: Evocations, Persuasions, Outrage”, June 22-24, 2022, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

“Unions and Divisions: Religion and Reconciliation in the Black Sea Region” June 17-18, 2021, Center for International and East European Studies (ZOiS), Berlin, Germany.

“Unions and Divisions: Religion and Reconciliation in the Black Sea Region” June 11-13, 2020, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine; cancelled due to Covid-19.

“State, Church, and Power: Religion and Politics in the Black Sea Region,” September 27-29, 2019, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine.

“Everyday Diplomacy: Religious Encounters from the Baltics to the Black Sea Region,” June 14-16, 2018, Kyiv, Ukraine.

“Religion, Faith and Public Space in the Black Sea Region” May 28-31, 2017, Kyiv, Ukraine.

*Presentation:* “Making Space Sacred: Vernacular Commemorations of the Maidan”

“Public Religion, Ambient Faith: Religion and Politics in the Black Sea Region” September 28-October 1, 2016, Kyiv, Ukraine.

“Religion in the Black Sea Region,” June 29-30, 2015, Kyiv, Ukraine.

*Presentation:* “The Boundary Work of Religion”

“Religion in a time of Crisis,” September 29-30, 2014, Kyiv, Ukraine.

*Presentation:* “Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Religion in Ukraine: Prospects for the Future.”

2019 Co-Organizer; “The Aftermath of the Maidan Protests: Five Years Later,” April 11, 2019, Penn State University. Funded by the Woskob Family Fund for Ukrainian Studies.

2019 Organizer and participant: “Orthodoxy, Politics, and the Consequences of the Split between the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches,” March 15, 2019, Penn State University. Funded by the Woskob Family Fund for Ukrainian Studies.  
*Presentation:* “Vernacular Religion, Belonging and the Politics of Orthodoxy.”

- 2011 Co-organizer and Participant; "Landscapes of Ukraine: Regional Diversity Twenty Years after Independence," September 29-October 2, 2011, Penn State University. Funded by the Woskob Family Fund for Ukrainian Studies.  
*Presentation:* "From Chernowitz to Chernivtsi: Historical Inscriptions in the Urban Landscape in Bukovyna."
- 2010 Organizer and Participant; "New Religious Histories: Rethinking Religion and Secularization in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Ukraine and Russia," March 25-27, 2010, Penn State University. Funded by the Woskob Family Fund for Ukrainian Studies.  
*Presentation:* "Soviet Practices of Secularization and Sacralization".
- 2005-06 Co-Director with Mark Steinberg; Religion in Soviet and Post-Soviet Societies, Kennan Institute, Washington, D.C. October 28-29, 2005, April 28-29, 2006.
- 2005-06 Selection Committee Member and Participant; Danyliw Foundation First Annual Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine, University of Ottawa, September 29-October 1, 2005 and October 14-16, 2006.
- 2002-03 Participant; Multicultural Legacies of Soviet Rule Workshop, Kennan Institute, Washington, D.C.  
*Presentations:* "New Rich, New Poor: Religion and Moral Order in Ukraine" November 14-15, 2003.  
  
"Evangelical Communities and the Legacy of Atheism in the former Soviet Union", November 15-17, 2002.  
  
"Religion and Migration after the Fall of the Soviet Union" March 20-22, 2002.
- 1994 Participant; Social Science Research Council Workshop for Underrepresented Fields in Soviet Studies: Anthropology and Sociology, University of Michigan, June 1994.  
*Presentation:* "Where History Survives: Signs Old and New in the Urban Landscape in Post-Soviet Ukraine."
- 1992 Participant; Social Science Research Council Workshop for Underrepresented Fields in Soviet Studies: Anthropology and Sociology, Stanford University, June 1992.  
*Presentation:* "Memory and a Musical Mission: The Politics of Chervona Ruta."

### **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

- 2024 “The Religious Underpinnings of Reproductive Health in Russia” Roundtable Participant on Michele Rivkin-Fish’s book *Unmaking Russia’s Abortion Culture*, American Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 21-24, 2024.
- 2023 “Teaching in a Time of War: Russia and Ukraine after February 2022”. Roundtable Participant, American Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 30-December 3, 2023.
- 2023 “Precariousness in times of Uncertainty: Vulnerability and Violence after a Year of the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine,” Roundtable Participant, American Anthropological Association, Toronto, November 15-19, 2023.
- 2023 Commentator on *Russia’s War in Ukraine 2022: Personal Experiences of Ukrainian Scholars*, Association for Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, May 18-20, 2023.
- 2022 “Religion & the War in Ukraine” Roundtable Discussion. American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 19-22, 2022, Denver, CO.
- 2022 “The Moralist International: Russia in the Global Culture Wars,” Roundtable Participant, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 19-22, 2022, Denver, CO.
- 2022 “Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Causes and Consequences,” Roundtable Participant, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 10-13, 2022.
2022. “Belonging and the Politics of Religion in Ukraine,” Presenter, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 10-13, 2022.
- 2022 “Blasphemy, History and Other Prospects for Conflict and Solidarity in Russia and Ukraine,” Roundtable Participant, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, May 4-7, 2022, online.
- 2022 “Faith, Nationalism, and Democracy,” Roundtable Participant, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, May 4-7, 2022, online.
- 2021 “Remaking Muslim Lives in Postwar Bosnia,” Roundtable Participant, Society for the Anthropology of Religion Bi-annual Conference, May 14-16, 2021, online.
- 2021 “Memory and Religion: Do Memory Studies need a Post-secular Turn?” Roundtable Participant, Memory Studies Association Annual Conference, July 5-9, 2021, online.

- 2021 “The Anthropology of Blasphemy in Russia and Elsewhere,” Roundtable Participant, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 17-21, 2021, online.
- 2021 “Intra-Orthodox Conflict in Ukraine,” Roundtable Participant, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, LA, December 2-5, 2021, online.
- 2021 “Understanding World Christianity” Roundtable participant, American Association for Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 18-21, 2020, online.
- 2020 “Cultivating the Empathetic Impulse: Military Chaplains on the Home Front in Ukraine” Presenter, American Association for Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 5-8, 2020.
- 2019 “Why we Need to Think Outside the Box when it Comes to Religion in Ukraine” Presenter, American Association for Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies Annual Conference, San Francisco, November 23-26, 2019.
- 2019 “Empathy for the Enemy: War and Death in Ukraine” Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, November 20-24, 2019.
- 2019 “Vernacular Religion and Ways of Knowing in Ukraine” Presenter, Society for the Anthropology of Religion Conference, Victoria College, University of Toronto, May 21-23, 2019.
- 2018 “The Affective Materiality of Death in Ukraine” Presenter, American Association for Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies Annual Conference, Boston, December 6-9, 2018. Co-organizer of Panel.
- 2018 “Imagining and Managing Death and the Dead Across the Soviet Period” discussant, ASEEES-MAG Summer Convention, Lviv, Ukraine, June 27-29, 2018.
- 2017 “Politics, War and the Affective Materiality of Death in Ukraine” Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 29-December 2, 2017.
- 2016 “Sacred Space and the Maidan: Popular Memorials and the Rites of Mourning” Presenter, ASEEES-MAG Summer Convention, Lviv, Ukraine, June 26-28, 2016.

- 2016 “Protest and Religious Affect” Presenter, American Ethnological Conference, Washington, D.C., March 31-April 2, 2016.
- 2015 “Mourning on the Maidan” Presenter, Society for the Anthropology of Religion Bi-Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, April 16-19, 2015.
- 2014 “Love thy Neighbor: Religion, Place and Protest in Ukraine” Presenter, American Ethnological Society Annual Conference, Boston, MA, April 10-12, 2014.
- 2013 “Urban Ambiance and the Comforts of Imperial Pasts,” Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 20-24, 2013.
- 2013 “Syncretic Secularism: Ritual Life in Soviet Borderlands” Presenter, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Pasadena, CA, April 11-14, 2013.
- 2009 “Enchanted Understandings of Wealth and Consumption: A Blessing from God or Evil Afoot?” Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, December 2-6, 2009. Organizer of Panel.
- 2009 “Reenchanting Public Space in the Ukrainian Landscape” Presenter, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, Boston, November 12-15, 2009. Organizer of Panel.
- 2007 “Missionizing Eurasia: The Global Networks of Ukrainian Evangelicals” Presenter, Soyuz Annual Symposium, Princeton University, April 27-29, 2007.
- 2005 “Evangelical Encounters Behind the Iron Curtain: Western Missionaries and Underground Religious Communities in the Soviet Union” Presenter, American Historical Association Annual Conference, Seattle, January 6-9, 2005.
- 2004 “Faith Healing in Ukraine” Presenter, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Dec 1-5, 2004, Organizer of Panel.
- 2004 “Morality and Civil Religion in the Soviet Union” Presenter, Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, San Francisco, August 13-15, 2004.
- 2004 “Patriotism and Migration: Attitudes Among Ukrainian Youth” Presenter, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 15-17, 2004.



- 2003 "Pentecostal Practice After the Fall of the Soviet Union: Explaining Change in Post-Soviet Ukraine," Presenter, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA, October 24-26, 2003.
- 2003 "After Atheism: Soviet Immigrant Evangelical Communities in America," Presenter, Oral History Association Annual Conference, Bethesda, MD, October 8-12, 2003.
- 2003 "From Rejecting the World to Embracing the Global: Shifts in Pentecostal Practice in Post-Soviet Ukraine" Presenter, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, April 24-26, 2003.
- 2002 "Transgressive Practices, Transgressive Words: Practicing Religion in the Soviet Union." Presenter, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 26-29, 2002.
- 2002 "Missionizing and the Growth of Protestant Fundamentalism in Post-Soviet Society" Presenter, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 11-13, 2002.
- 2001 "Baptist Missionaries in Ukraine and the Making of a Soviet Diaspora in America," Presenter, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 15-18, 2001.
- 1999 "Commemoration and Remaking the State Calendar in Post-Soviet Ukraine," Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 17-21, 1999.
- 1998 "The Urban Landscape in Post-Soviet Ukraine" Presenter, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, Boca Raton, FL, September 23-27, 1998.
- 1995 "An Appeal to History: Ukrainianizing Russified Ukrainians." Presenter, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 26-29, 1995.
- 1995 "Institutionalizing Memory: Commemoration in Post-Soviet Ukraine." Presenter, Post-Soviet Cultural Studies Conference, Columbia University, April 1995.
- 1995 "An Accident of History: Chernobyl and New National Histories in Post-Soviet Ukraine." Presenter, Central States Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, March 1995.

- 1993 "The Folk Fetish and Ukrainianizing Russified Ukrainians." Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 1993.
- 1992 "Representations of the Nation: Issues of Identity in Ukraine." Presenter, Conference on Peasant Society and Culture in Eastern Europe, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, April 1992.
- 1991 "Nationalism, Russification and Contested Identities." Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, November 1991.
- 1991 "A Matter of Faith: Nation-building in Ukraine." Presenter, MacArthur Seminar on Peace and Conflict, Columbia University, November 1991.
- 1991 "The Social Construction of National Identity: A Case Study of the Ukraine." Presenter, Soviet Cultural Studies Conference, Columbia University, April 1991.

#### **SELECT RECENT MEDIA AND PODCASTS, 2021-24**

- 2024 "The Russian World Narrative and the Russian Aggression in Ukraine" FoRB Podcast, September 30, 2024. [Link](#)
- 2024 "Recent Reflections on the Consequences of Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine" Forum for Ukrainian Studies, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta, July 30, 2024. [Link](#)
- 2023 "Multifaith Ukraine: Muslim-Christian Relations" Fordham University, The Orthodox Christian Studies Center, May 4, 2023. [Link](#)
- 2023 Women Scholars of Orthodox Christianity Podcast, Fordham University Center. April 24, 2023. [Link](#)
- 2023 "Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine" New Books Network. April 11, 2023. [Link](#)
- 2023 "Lived Religion in the Soviet Union," University of Pittsburgh, Center for Russian and East European Studies, Lived Religion Series. March 17, 2023. [Link](#)
- 2023 "The Effects of War and Collaboration on Trust in Ukraine" Talk About Law and Religion. February 23, 2023. [Link](#)

- 2022 “Religious Minorities in Ukraine and Poland” British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies podcast on East Europe’s Minorities in a Century of Change. Episode 27, July 29, 2022. [Link](#)
- 2022 “When We Speak with Each Other Amidst” *Anthropology News*, June 1, 2022. [Link](#)
- 2022 “Moscow patriarch stokes tensions with war remarks” *The Washington Post*. March 9, 2022. [Link](#)
- 2022 “Russia is Waging a Religious War on Ukraine and Israel is Involved” Op-Ed Haaretz, February 27, 2022; top ten viewed articles for 4 days. [Link](#)
- 2021 “Religion in Post-Communist Countries” Talk About Law and Religion. December 21, 2021. [Link](#)
- 2021 “Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine” Conversations Series: Christianity, Nationalism, and Populism. [Link](#)

## **TEACHING**

### *Graduate Courses:*

Religion and Secularization  
 Imperial Borderlands in Modern Europe  
 Soviet History  
 Modernism Proseminar

### *Undergraduate Courses:*

Everyday Diplomacy  
 Socialism and the State  
 The Politics of Belonging: Techniques of Inclusion/Exclusion  
 History of Communism  
 Identity Politics in Post-Socialist Societies  
 Postwar Eastern European History, 1945 to Present  
 History of the Soviet Union  
 Ethnographies of Religion and Secularism  
 Theories of Religion  
 Religion and Gender  
 Anthropology of Religion  
 Political Anthropology  
 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

### **Ph.D. Committees**

Member, Steven Casement, History, 2024  
 Member, S.H. Kang, History, 2024  
 Member, Valeriya Minakova, Applied Linguistics, 2023

Member, Anthony Irizarry, Communication Arts and Sciences, 2023  
Member, Peter Paine, Sociology, 2023  
Member, Ivan Sidorov, Economics, 2021  
Member, Tetiana Kalenychenko, Sociology, 2019  
Member, Igor Mikeshin, Anthropology, 2017  
Member, Cyndi Corn, Labor and Employee Relations, 2013  
Member, Jóhanna Gísladóttir Bissat, Anthropology, 2012  
Member, Marta Kebalo, Anthropology, 2011  
Member, Gretchen Schrock-Jacobson, Political Science, 2010  
Member, Russell Spinney, History, 2010  
Member, Nicole Edgar Moreford, Political Science, 2007  
Member, Claudiu Tufis, Political Science, 2007  
Member, Sarah Philipps, Anthropology 2002  
Member, Moshin Hashim, Political Science, 2000

### **Master's Theses**

Supervisor, William Baumgardner, School of International Affairs, 2022  
Supervisor, Nicholas Borosik, School of International Affairs, 2021  
Member, Shureka Nyawalo, French and Francophone Studies, 2007  
Member, Elena Kirtcheva, Political Science, 2005

### **Undergraduate Honors Theses**

Supervisor of 16 theses, including two College of Liberal Arts Student Marshalls and three Department Marshalls: Katherine Felt, Eliza Klein, Patrick Chung, Jessica Freese, Devon Lash, William Baumgardner, Anna Zuckermann, Tod Hartmann, Kylie Doran, Jessica Herzog, Jessica Harvey, O'Neill Kennedy, Margaret Eppinger, Rachel Hanson, Brian Palmer  
Over 40 co-advised additional theses as Honors Advisor for the Department of History, 2001-2007 and Director of the Paterno Fellows Program, 2013-2019.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **National Association Executive Board and Committee Membership**

- Learned Secretary, Shevchenko Scientific Society, 2025-28
- Nominating Committee, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 2020-22
- Executive Board, Association of Women in Slavic Studies, 2011-16 and 2020-22;  
Mentoring Committee, 2020-Present; Nominating Committee, 2020-22
- Executive Board, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, American Anthropological Association, 2010-13
- Executive Board, American Association of Ukrainian Studies, 2006-10  
Chair, Nominating Committee, American Association of Ukrainian Studies, 2023-26
- Executive Board, Association for the Study of Nationalities, 2003-007
- Executive Board, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Mid-Atlantic Region, 2003-06
- Chair, Nominating Committee, American Association of Ukrainian Studies, 2003-06

- Outreach Coordinator, American Association of Ukrainian Studies, 1999-01
- Coordinator, Ethnographic Research in Formerly Socialist Societies, MacArthur Foundation Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health, 1997-01

### **Advisory Boards**

- Advisor, Pew Research Center, Sociological Survey of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe and Evaluation of Results, 2015-19
- Chair, Academic Advisory Council, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2012-16, chair of four grant and two fellowship competitions; Advisory Council Member since 2010

### **Editorial Boards**

- *Journal of Global Catholicism*, 2017-Present
- Penn State University Press, 2014-16

### **Book Prize Committees**

- Pritsak Book Prize, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2019-21, Chair 2021
- Clifford Geertz Book Prize, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, American Anthropological Association, 2011-13
- Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 2009-11; chair 2011
- American Association of Ukrainian Studies Best Book Prize, 2008-09

### **Tenure/Promotion Review**

27 reviews since 2008

### **Research Groups, Conferences and Panels Organized**

- Co-founder of the Working Group on Lived Religion in the Black Sea Region, 2014; later the Working Group on Lived Religion in Eastern Europe and Eurasia
- Co-Founder of the Post-Soviet Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association, 1997
- Panels for the American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, 2006, 2004, 1993, 1991
- Panels for the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, 2006, 2004, 2001, 1998
- Co-organizer, Post-Soviet Cultural Studies Conference, Columbia University, 1999, 1998, 1992, 1991
- Co-Founder of the Soyuz Research Network for Post-Communist Cultural Studies, 1990

### **Reviewer of Article Submissions**

*Slavic Review*, *Russian Review*, *Eastern European Politics and Societies*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, *Krytyka*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI)*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *History and Anthropology*, *Social History*, *Social Anthropology*, *Religion*,

*Religion State and Society, Ethnos, City and Society, Urban Anthropology, The Anthropology of East Europe Review, and others.*

### **Reviewer of Manuscript Submissions**

Cornell University Press, Harvard University Press, Indiana University Press, Oxford University Press, Penn State Press, University of California Press, University of Toronto Press, Fordham University Press, Central European University Press, M.E. Sharpe, and others.

### **Reviewer of Grant Applications**

MacArthur Foundation, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Awards, National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Fellowship Competition, Social Science Research Institute Doctoral Dissertation Research Awards, American Council of Learned Societies International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Residential Fellowship Competition, American Council of Learned Societies Research and Combined Language Training Grant Competition, National Council for Eastern European and Eurasian Research, Short-Term Travel Grant Competition

### **Recent Service to Penn State, 2020 to Present**

#### University

2023-25 Faculty Representative, BTAA Non-Residential Fellowship Program for Displaced Scholars

2022-23 Faculty Representative, WorkGroup Scholars at Risk Program, Global Programs

2020-23 Undergraduate Research Committee

#### College of the Liberal Arts

2025 Chair, Committee for new Director of the PFP Honors Program

2023 Chair, AC14 Review, Department of English head

2022-23 Organizer, Teach-in on War in Ukraine; 17 sessions with 35-60 students in attendance each session

2020-23 RSGO Dissertation Completion Award in Humanities and Social Sciences

2020-23 Paterno Fellows Advisory Board

2020-22 Dean's Advisory Committee on Tenure-line Faculty

#### Department of History

2021-25 Promotion to Full Professor

2022-23 Policy Committee

2020-23 Catto Le Count Fellows Program.

2020-22 P&T

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies

Association of Women in Slavic Studies  
American Anthropological Association  
Association for the Study of Nationalities  
American Association of Ukrainian Studies  
Shevchenko Scientific Society (full member)