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EDUCATION

- 2017 PhD**, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
History
Dissertation: “‘In the language of the Patriarch’: Patriarch Tikhon, the Soviet State, and the Orthodox Church, 1865-1925.”
Supervisor: Professor Lynne Viola
- 2011 MA**, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
History
- 2010 BA**, McGill University, Montreal, QC
Dean’s Honour List, History and English Literature

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 Postdoctoral Fellow & Visiting Lecturer**, Russian Studies Workshop
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
2016 Aiken-Woods Memorial Graduate Scholarship in History
2014 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship
2012 Canadian Association of Slavists’ Graduate Paper Award Winner
2012 Ontario Graduate Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

- “‘Indeed I was in America’: Patriarch Tikhon, Freedom of Conscience, and the Response to Soviet Power,” in Vitaly Permiakov, ed., *St. Tikhon: His Life and Times* (Jordanville: Holy Trinity Press). (Forthcoming).

- “A New ‘Scenario of Power’? The Russian Orthodox Patriarchate as a Vessel for Narratives of Russia and Revolution (1917-1918),” (Accepted by journal *Revolutionary Russia* with minor revisions).
- Review of Hyacinthe Destivelle, *The Moscow Council (1917–1918): The Creation of the Conciliar Institutions of the Russian Orthodox Church* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2015) for *Theological Studies* 78, no. 1 (2017): 273.
- “Redefining Orthodoxy: Patriarch Tikhon and the Russian Revolution,” (introduction and translation of texts) in Patrick Lally Michelson, ed. *Russian Thought in an Age of Empire and Revolution, 1809-1927* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press). (Forthcoming, 2020).
- “Russian Orthodox Piety During World War One,” article with Monica Cognolato, PhD, University of Padova, *Archivio italiano di storia della piet *. (Solicited article to be submitted in November, 2019).
- “Christmas in Russia and Orthodox Europe,” in Timothy Larsen, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Christmas* (New York: Oxford University Press) (Solicited article to be submitted in August, 2019).

WORKING PROJECTS

- Co-editor with Alexander Agadjanian, Scott Kenworthy, Nadieszda Kizenko and Vera Shevzov of volume *Religion and the Russian Revolution* (Planned for autumn, 2020).
- “Contesting Authority and Identity: Patriarch Tikhon, the Russian Orthodox Church, and the Response to Pogroms in the Russian Civil War, 1919,” article in progress.
- “Orthodoxy on Trial: The Show Trials of Orthodox Believers in Soviet Russia (1922-1923),” next major research project.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2012** **Research Assistant**, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
Professor Lynne Viola

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2018** **Instructor**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Russian and East European Institute and Department of Religious Studies

Course

Religions of Russia Since 1991 (300/500 level)

- 2011-2013** **Teaching Assistant**, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
Department of History

Courses Taught

HIS103: Statecraft & Strategy, 1648-1945

HIS 250: History of Russia, 860-1991

HIS 242: Europe in the 20th Century

**2013 Writing Instruction for TAs (WIT) Trainee, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
Department of History**

Completed special training for TAs handpicked by Professor Doris Bergen for the course “Europe in the 20th Century” to incorporate writing instruction into the structure of weekly seminars, and to assist students in completing a unique project meant to improve their writing skills.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Given

- 2018 “Assigning Blame and Imagining Solutions: Russian Orthodox Leaders, Jews, and the Russian Revolution,” Midwest Russian History Workshop, Bloomington, IN, April 15-17, 2018
- 2017 “‘Death to old law and its old servants’”: The Orthodox Church, Canon Law, and the Development of Soviet Law in NEP (1922-1923),” Conference on the Legacy of the Russian Revolution, Germantown, PA, November 16-18, 2017
- 2017 “‘Clothe yourselves in sackcloth’”: Asceticism as an Orthodox Challenge to Revolutionary Ideals (1917-1919),” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 9-12, 2017
- 2017 “The Russian Orthodox Church, Canon Law, and the Russian Revolution,” Conference on Religion and the Russian Revolution, Moscow, RU, October 26-28, 2017
- 2017 “‘A meeting of two worlds’: The 1917 Patriarchal Enthronement Ceremony and Narrating the Russian Revolution,” The Havighurst Center’s International Young Researchers Congress (YRC), Cuma, Italy, June 13-16
- 2017 “Exclusion and Inclusion: Patriarch Tikhon, the Russian Orthodox Church, and the Response to Pogroms in the Civil War, 1919,” Symposium: Religion and Ethno-nationalism in the Era of the Two World Wars, Toronto, ON, May 21-23
- 2016 “Perceptions of the Patriarchate, Russia, and the Revolution in 1917,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Washington, DC, November 17- 21
- 2016 “‘In defense of the ‘living man’: Patriarch Tikhon, Learned Monasticism, and Orthodox Journalism (1890-1917),” Canadian Association of Slavists Convention, Calgary, AL, May 30-June 1
- 2015 “‘So You Live by Your Own Laws?’: Patriarch Tikhon and the Church Confiscation Trials of 1922,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, November 19-22

- 2015 “‘Indeed I was in America’: Patriarch Tikhon, Freedom of Conscience and the American and Soviet Experiences,” Symposium: Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow (1865-1925): His Life and Times, Jordanville, NY, October 9-11
- 2014 “The Russian Orthodox Church Council’s Response to the October Revolution,” Slavic Studies Graduate Conference, Toronto, ON, April 24-25

Panels Organized

- 2017 “Rethinking Asceticism: Asceticism, Russia, and Orthodoxy (1861-1924),” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 9-12, 2017
- 2016 “The Russian Patriarchate: A Lens Onto Russia’s Past and Present,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, Washington, DC, November 17-21
- 2016 “Crossing Boundaries: Russian Religious Thought in the 19th and 20th Centuries,” Canadian Association of Slavists Annual Conference, Calgary, AB, May 30-June 1
- 2015 “The Politics of Legitimacy, Unity, and Repression: The Orthodox Church in Post-Revolutionary Russia and Ukraine,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, November, 19-22

Campus Talks

- 2017 “‘Death to old law and its old servants’”: The Orthodox Church, Canon Law, and the Development of Soviet Law in NEP (1922-1923),” Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, November 30, 2017

PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2017-2018 Conference Organizer, Bloomington, IN

Lead organizer of a symposium on religion and the Russian Revolution to be held in Berlin in the spring of 2018. Scholars of a variety of disciplines from the United States, Canada, and Russia will gather to discuss pre-selected papers treating the historical and contemporary relationship between religion and the Russian Revolution.

2018 Workshop Co-Organizer, Bloomington, IN

Working with three other scholars to help organize the annual “Midwest Russian History Workshop,” which is taking place at Indiana University this year.

2015 Conference Co-Organizer, Toronto, ON

Worked with graduate students in the Slavic Studies department to organize the “Slavic Studies Graduate Conference” at University of Toronto, whose goal was to provide graduate students a forum to present their work to seasoned professors, and to encourage interdisciplinary thought and relationships amongst students studying Russia, Eurasia, and Eastern Europe.

2013 Secretary of Russian Historians Reading Group, Toronto ON

Arranged for graduate students and professors studying Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European History at the University of Toronto to meet to present and discuss their work.

LANGUAGES

Russian (Reading, Speaking, and Proficient Writing); Italian (Reading, Speaking, and Proficient Writing); French (Reading)

AFFILIATIONS

Member of Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) (Since 2012)

Member of Canadian Association of Slavists (CAS) (Since 2015)

Member of Association for the Study of East Christian History and Culture (ASEC) (Since 2015)