

Research Interests

Refugee history, Middle Eastern, Ottoman, Eastern European, Eurasian, and Russian history, humanitarianism, international institutions, identity formation, agency and memory

Positions

- 2026-present Processing Archivist at the Russian History Museum, Jordanville, NY
2024-2026 Researcher at the Ottoman Demographic, Social & Family History Research Group, Binghamton University
2023-2024 Graduate Assistant at the Center for Middle East and North Africa Studies (CMENAS), Binghamton University
2015-2023 Teaching Assistant, Grading Assistant, Adjunct Lecturer, Binghamton University

Education

- 2025 Ph.D. History, Binghamton University
Dissertation title: *Russian Exiles in Post-WWI Istanbul: The Emergence of Modern Refugees under the Ottoman Post-War Government and the Allied Occupational Administration.*
2017 M.A., Middle Eastern and Ottoman History (minors: Russian History, Imperialism in East Asia), Binghamton University
2012 B.A., Modern Middle Eastern and North African History & Political Sciences, Tel Aviv University

Professional Training/Programs

- Summer 2023 Digital Humanities Research Institute (DHRI) Workshop
Spring 2022 Ladino Apprenticeship Program, Binghamton University
Fall 2021 Tableau for Data Analysis & Visualization, Binghamton University
Spring 2020 Teaching Online Certification Program, Binghamton University
2019-2020 ASEEES Mentoring Program
Spring 2019 Harpur Online Teaching Pedagogy, Binghamton University
Summer 2017 Ottoman Turkish Summer School, Ibn Haldun University, COTS

Grants, Awards, Fellowships, Scholarships

- 2023 Silas Palmer Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Library and Archives

Publications

- "Cossack Letters, Noble Lineages, and Aviation Pioneers: Stories from the Russian History Museum Archives," Russian History Museum, June 15th, 2026.
"The Case of the Evacuees from Russia in Occupied Istanbul as the Foundation of Modern Refugee Regime." In *Occupied Istanbul: Urban Politics, Culture, and Society, 1918-1923*, edited by Yaşar Tolga Cora, Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal, and Gizem Tongo. New York-Oxford: Berghahn Books, June 2026.
"Russian Civil War Refugees in Occupied Istanbul." In *Istanbul, 1914-1922: War, Collapse, Occupation, and the History of Resistance*, edited by Ohannes Kılıçdağı, 349-367. Hrant Dink Foundation Publication, December 2025.
"Constructing a Refugee Through Producing a Refugee Space: Russian Migrants in Occupied Istanbul (1919-1922)," *International Journal of Islamic Architecture*, 10:2, pp. 337–360, 2021.
"איסטנבול - קונסטנטינופול - צארגרד: הבירה הראשונה של הגלות הרוסית"
["Istanbul – Constantinople – Tsargrad: The First Capital of Russian Emigration,"] *Zmanim: A Historical Quarterly*, Issue 137, 2018, 90-101.

Conferences

April 18, 2026	2026 NESEEEES Annual Conference, Jordan Center, New York University: <i>Beyond Humanitarianism: Russian Civil War Refugee Polity in Istanbul.</i>
November 8, 2025	Ottoman Grand Strategy Workshop II, Binghamton: <i>Ottoman Post-WWI Nation-State Building Project and Refugees.</i>
July 9, 2025	EUME workshop at the Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin, Germany: <i>Diasporas, Exiles, Migrants, and Refugees from Europe in the Middle East and North Africa in the 19th and 20th Centuries: Ottoman Governing of Russian Refugees.</i>
February 15, 2024	Binghamton REEES Graduate Student Workshop: <i>Self-Organizational Viability of the Community of the Evacuees from South Russia in Occupied Istanbul.</i>
September 22, 2023	Turkologentag 2023, Vienna: The Fourth European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies: <i>The Post-WWI Ottoman Government's Response to the "Russian Refugee Question"</i>
July 1, 2023	7th ENIUGH congress: "Conflict and Inequity, Peace and Justice: Local, Regional and International Perspectives," The Hague. Panel: "Spaces of Exception and Refugees: Beyond the Refugee Camp": <i>Russian Exiles in Post-WWI Occupied Istanbul: Becoming a Refugee.</i>
May 20, 2023	Russian Nobility Association in America, Constantinople: The Emigration's First Stop on the Journey to Create an Independent "Russia Abroad" (with Dr. Anatol Shmelev).
November 5, 2022	Hrant Dink Foundation International Conference – "Istanbul 1914-1922: War, Collapse, Occupation, and the History of Resistance": <i>Russian Civil War Refugees in Occupied Istanbul.</i>
July 2, 2022	British Institute at Ankara, International Conference, Istanbul - Occupied Istanbul: Urban Politics, Culture, and Society, 1918-1923: <i>Istanbul – Constantinople – Tsargrad: Russian civil war refugees in the occupied City.</i>
March 28, 2022	Binghamton REEP Webinar: Conquests and Escapes: Historical Perspectives on Russia's War in Ukraine.
November 14, 2020	ASEEES 2020 Annual Conference: <i>Russian Community in post-WWI Occupied Istanbul: Émigrés or Refugees?</i>
October 8, 2020	MESA 2020 Annual Conference: <i>From Colonial Business to Humanitarian Cause: Treatment of Russian Refugees in Post-WWI Istanbul</i>
February 6-7, 2020	UC Berkeley, Graduate Student Conference "Turning points: The Middle East and Balkans, 1918-1923": <i>The Balkans: The Allies' "Dumping Ground" for Russian Refugees in Istanbul</i>
November 14-17, 2019	MESA 2019 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA: <i>Turning Migrants into Refugees in the post-WWI Middle East: Russian Expatriates</i>
September 20, 2019	Institute for Middle East Studies at GWU, Graduate Student Symposium: <i>Treatment of Russian Refugees in and around Istanbul in the 1920s as a Case of Modern Humanitarianism in the Middle East</i>
June 20-22, 2019	26th International Conference of Europeanists, Madrid, Spain: <i>Refugeeization and Survival of Russian Migrants in Istanbul in the Aftermath of WWI</i>
May 2-4, 2019	ASN World Convention, NYC: <i>Transformation of Russian Migrants' National Identity in Istanbul in the Aftermath of WWI</i>
March 30-31, 2018	Grate Lake Ottoman Workshop, Chicago, IL: <i>White Russians: Commercial Entertainment in Occupied Istanbul</i>
December 7, 2017	Russian History Workshop, Binghamton, NY: <i>White Russians in Occupied Istanbul: Forging Profit from Amusement</i>
June 1, 2015	The Israeli Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East European Studies, Annual Young Scholars Conference, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel: <i>Entertainment Entrepreneurship Managed by the White Russians in Istanbul</i>

Guest Lecturer

- 2022, Nov. 16 “Placing Russian Revolution in the World Context,” in *HIST 130A: Modern World History (Zeynep Otluoğlu Dursun)*, week: “Post War Period, Political Turmoil, Introduction to WWII,” Binghamton University
- 2022, Mar. 24 “Russian Refugees during the Occupation of Istanbul,” in *KHAS 1308: After the War: Occupation, Mandates and the Middle East (1918-1939) (Ceren Abi)*, week: “Life in Occupation Istanbul,” Kadir Has University
- 2020, Mar. 9 “First Jewish Settlers in Palestine,” in *HIST 275: History of the Modern Middle East (Bradley Hutchison)*, week: “Nationalism in the Post WWI Middle East,” Binghamton University

Teaching Experience (Binghamton University)

Instructor of Record (online, up to 20 students):

- HIST Z318 Refugees in the Modern World (RN-BSN – 7-week class)-*Summer 2022, Fall 2021*
- HIST 386C Refugees in the Modern World (winter semester)-*Winter 2021, Winter 2023*
- HIST 186A Introduction to Forced Migration (full semester)-*Fall 2021*

Courses designed:

- HIST Refugees in the Modern World
- HIST Humanitarianism, Refugees, and the Middle East

Teaching Assistant (mostly in-person, 2 sections of 25 students):

- HIST 257 History: Methods and Practices (Prof. Elizabeth Casteen-*Spring 2023*)
- HIST 104 Modern American Civilization
(Prof. Chelsea Gibson-*Spring 2022*; Prof. Hannah Ontiveros-*Fall 2022*)
- HIST 231 Animals and Society (Prof. Fa-ti Fan-*Spring 2021*) - *online*
- HIST 130 Modern World History
(Prof. Burak Basaranlar-*Fall 2020 – online*; Prof. Jean Quataert-*Spring 2018*)
- HIST 275 History of the Modern Middle East (Prof. Bradley Hutchison-*Spring 2020*)
- HIST 103 Foundations of America (Prof. John Patrick Riley-*Spring 2019*)
- HIST 285H Women & Gender in the Middle East (Prof. Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer-*Fall 2017*)
- HIST 285F United States and the Middle East (Prof. Nilay Ozok-Gundogan-*Spring 2017*)
- HIST 106 East Asian Civilizations (Prof. Yi Wang-*Fall 2016*)
- HIST 225 Imperial Russia (Prof. Heather D. DeHaan-*Spring 2016*)
- HIST 285B Islamic World (Prof. Kent F. Schull-*Fall 2015*)

Academic, Professional and Community Service

- 2024 Reviewed for Journals: *YILLIK; Ab Imperio*
- 2024, 2025 The New York State Education Department, Broome-Tioga BOCES, Seal of Biliteracy Program Evaluator (Russian)
- 2020-2021 Professional Development Committee graduate representative, History Department, Binghamton University
- 2020 MESA 2020 panel organizer: *Occupied Istanbul and Its People*
- 2019-2020 Affirmative Action Committee graduate representative, History Department, Binghamton University
- 2019-2020 Member of a search committee – Professorship in Early Ottoman History, History Department, Binghamton University
- 2019-2020 President of the Binghamton University Parents Collective (BUPC), subsidiary of the Graduate Students Organization

Languages

Russian (native), English (fluent), Hebrew (fluent), Modern Turkish (advanced), Ottoman Turkish (working knowledge), Arabic – reading (beginner), Ladino (beginner).