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Academic Appointments

2012- Associate Professor of History, Binghamton University
2005-2011 Assistant Professor of History, Binghamton University

Education

Ph.D. History, University of Toronto, 2005
Dissertation title: "From Nizhnii to Gor'kii: The Reconstruction of a Russian Provincial City in the Stalinist 1930s" (advisor Lynne Viola)
M.A. History, University of Toronto, 1998
MA thesis title: "Depictions of Socialist Rebirth in the Soviet Women's Journal *Rabotnitsa*"
B.A. History Honors & French Minor, Redeemer University College, 1996

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Award to Scholarly Publication (\$8000) to support open access for edited collection, 2025 (details at <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/programs-policy/scholarly-book-awards>)
Harpur Finish-Line Grant, Fall 2025
Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities Stipended Faculty Fellowship, Binghamton University, Spring 2024
Kennan Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center (DC), Spring 2022 *Together with Shalala Mammadova
Fulbright Scholar to Azerbaijan, 2019-2020
I-GMAP Fellowship, Binghamton University, 2018-2019
University Award for Excellence in International Education, 2018
Binghamton University Council/Foundation Award for Excellence in University Service, 2017
Community-Engaged Learning Fellowship, Binghamton University, 2015-2016
SUNY Russian Program Network Summer Travel Award, summer 2015
Individual Development Award, Binghamton University, 2013-2014
Jean-Pierre Mileur Faculty Development Fund Grant, 2013-2014
Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (Stipended) Faculty Fellowship, Binghamton University, fall 2013
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend, May to July 2013
SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2012
Title VIII Research Scholarship, Kennan Institute in Washington, DC, Jan - May 2009
Tucker/Cohen Prize for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Soviet Political History, 2006
Individual Development Award, Binghamton University, 2006-2007
Kenneth McNaught Fellowship in History, 2004
Travel Grant, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto, 2003
Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1998-2002
Karen and Ellen Buzek Scholarship, 2000
Graduate Student Essay Award, Canadian Association of Slavists, 1998.

University of Toronto Connaught Fellowship, 1998.
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 1997-8.

Publications:

Monographs and edited collections:

In the Neighborhood of Empire: Baku Communities After the Second World War, MSS in process

Other Voices in Soviet History: Collected for a Devil's Advocate (Essays in Honor of Lynne Viola), co-edited with Dan Healey and Tracy MacDonald. Kingston, Ontario: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2025.

Stalinist City Planning: Professionals, Performance, and Power in 1930s Nizhnii Novgorod, University of Toronto Press, 2013.

Articles and Book Chapters (**peer-reviewed items marked with double asterisk)

"Cities as Archives: Urban Landscapes as Subversive Texts." Being written.

"Becoming Neighbours: Social Relations in Soviet Baku, 1950s-1970s," submitted to *Journal of Urban History* after acceptance of proposal for special issue forum.

"Socio-Spatial Differentiation in Late Soviet Baku," submitted to *Kritika*.

* "The Politics of the Past: Reconsidering the Socio-Political Tensions of 1950s-1970s Baku," to be published in the next issue of ASIAC – Studies on Central Asia and the Caucasus (SCC). **

"I'll Burn Myself Up!": Borderland Subalterns in the Writing of Mirza Ibragimov," in *Other Voices in Soviet History: Collected for a Devil's Advocate*, edited by Dan Healey, Tracy MacDonald, and Heather DeHaan. Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024. 66-92.

"Chronopolitics: Restoring 'Backward' Spaces to Modern Time in Soviet Baku after WWII," in *Time and Material Culture: Rethinking Soviet Temporalities*, edited by Anatoly Kalashnikov, Julia Deschepper, and Federica Rossii. *Routledge Histories of Central and Eastern Europe* (London and New York: Routledge, 2024): 15-35.

"Review Essay: Framing the Socialist City as Practice," *Contemporary European History* 31.3 (August 2022), 469-477. doi:10.1017/S0960777321000734.

Co-authored with Dr. Shalala Mammadova, "War and Sovereignty: Lessons from Putin's War for the South Caucasus," *Kennan Cable* #78 (23 June 2022), <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/kennan-cable-no-78-war-and-sovereignty-lessons-putins-war-south-caucasus>.

"Remembering Our Worth: Commemorating the Azerbaijani Nation Through Exchange," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 63, nos. 1-2 (2021): 168-186. doi:10.1080/00085006.2021.1915523.

"The Cities: Urbanization and Modern Life," chapter three of *Life and Times in Stalin's Russia*. Bloomsbury Academic (a textbook), 2019.

"Baku's Soviet *Vnye*: The Post-Soviet Creation of a Soviet Past." In *The Future of Post-Socialism: East European Perspectives*, edited by Dijana Jelaca and Daniela Lugaric. 145-162. State University of New York Press, 2018. *Featured as new and noteworthy in *Global Urban History Project Newsletter* on 11 November 2019. **

“Censorship in the Soviet Archives: The Problem of Ethnicity,” in *Istoriia knigi I tsenzury v Rossii. III Bliumovskie chteniia (Materialy mezhdunarodnoi nauchnoi konferentsii, posviashchennoi pamiati Arlena Viktorovicha Bliuma, 27-28 maia 2014 goda.*, edited by M. V. Zelenov. 335-340. St. Petersburg: LGU im. A.S. Pushkina, 2015.

“Reading a Master Plan Through Text,” submitted to (and commissioned for) an online discussion forum hosted by the Second World Urbanity group in 2015:
<http://www.secondworldurbanity.org/category/master-plan-of-the-socialist-city/>

“Dynamic Cityscapes: Contesting the Soviet City,” *Russian Analytical Digest* 85 (1 Nov. 2010): 2-4.

“Urban Studies Within Russian History: Challenges Ahead,” *Antropologicheskii forum* 12 (2010): 53-62.

“Finding the Soviet in Post-Soviet Space: An Excavation of the Post-Soviet City of Nizhnii Novgorod,” in *What is Socialism Now*, edited by Thomas Lahusen and Peter Solomon. 277-305. London: LIT Verlag, 2008.

“Modernizatsiia, otstalost' v Rossiia,” in *Problemy modernizatsii rossiiskogo obshchestva: sotsiokul'turnye, pravoye, ekonomicheskie, ekologicheskie aspekty* (Nizhnii Novgorod: NF MNEPU, 2006), 55-57. Translation: “Modernization, Backwardness, & Russia,” in *Problems of Modernization in Russian Society*.

“Engendering a People: Soviet Women and Socialist Rebirth in Russia,” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 3-4 (Sept-Dec. 1999): 431-455. **

Book Reviews:

A History of Beekeeping and the Honeybee in Contested Eastern European Landscapes: Empires of the Bee, by Catherine B. Clay, submitted to *Russian Review*.

Spatial Revolution: Architecture and Planning in the Early Soviet Union, by Christina E. Crawford, *Ab imperio*, no. 2 (2023): 294-300. doi:10.1353.imp.2023.a915240.

Gender in Georgia: Feminist Perspectives on Culture, Nation, and History in the South Caucasus, edited by Maia Barkaia and Alisse Waterston, *Women: East-West Newsletter (Association for Women in Slavic Studies)* 12, no. 1 (Spring 2023),
https://mcusercontent.com/f2f4173e59a1f1e3c68ba4ff4/files/bc450422-8886-fed6-d901-eea81232fc7b/2023_Gender_in_Georgia_review_by_DeHaan.pdf.

Remains of Socialism: Memory and the Futures of the Past in Postsocialist Hungary, by Maya Nadkarni, *Slavic Review* 81, no. 1 (July 2022): 248-249.

Nested Nationalism: Making and Unmaking Nations in the Soviet Caucasus, by Krista Goff, *Russian Review* 81, no. 1 (January 2022): 174-175.

The Sovietization of Azerbaijan: The South Caucasus in the Triangle of Russia, Turkey, and Iran, 1920-1922, by Jamil Hasanli. *Journal of the Turkish Studies Association* 6, no. 2 (fall 2019): 180-182.

Petersburg: Shadows of the Past, by Catriona Kelly, published on H-Urban in spring 2015.

Tankograd: The Formation of a Soviet Company Town. Cheliabinsk, 1900s-1950s, by Lennart Samuelson, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 55, no. 1-2 (March-June 2013): 259-60.

Master of the House: Stalin and His Inner Circle, by Oleg Khlevniuk, *The Historian* 73, no. 3 (2011): 623-634.

The Political Economy of Socialist Realism, by Evgeny Dobrenko, *European History Quarterly* 40, no. 2 (2010): 316-317.

Von Niznij zu Gor'kij: Metamorphosen einer russischen Provinzstadt: die Entwicklung der Stadt von den 1890er bis zu den

1930er Jahren, by Kristina Küntzel, *Canadian American Slavic Studies* 42, no. 1-2 (2008): 207-209.

Russian Art and the West: A Century of Dialogue in Painting, Architecture, and the Decorative Arts, edited by Rosalind P. Blakesley and Susan E. Reid, *Canadian Journal of History* 42, no. 3 (2007): 524-526.

Building Utopia: Erecting Russia's First Modern City, 1930, by Richard Cartwright Austin, *Urban Morphology*, 10, no.2 (2006): 162-164.

Provincial Landscapes: Local Dimensions of Soviet Power, 1917-1953, edited by Donald J. Raleigh, *Journal of Slavic Military Studies* 18, no.1 (March 2005), 161-163.

Architectures of Russian Identity: 1500 to the Present, ed. by James Cracraft and Daniel Rowland, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* XLVI, no.3-4 (Sept-Dec. 2004): 535.

Architecture in the Age of Stalin: Culture Two (Eng. ed., by Vladimir Paperny, *Slavonic and East European Studies Journal* 47, no.3 (fall 2003): 525-527.

Women at the Gates: Gender and Industry in Stalin's Russia, by Wendy Goldman, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* XLIV, no.1-2 (March-June 2002): 158-159.

"Godless Communists": *Atheism and Society in Soviet Russia, 1917-1932*, by William Husband, *Slavonica* 7, no.2 (2001): 84-85.

Invited Lectures/Presentation:

"How Socialist Citizens Fabricated Cities: Making Neighborhoods in Soviet Baku," University of Maastricht. 12 March 2025.

Neighboring in Soviet Space: Baku Communities After the Second World War, British Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Eurasian Regions Study Group, ZOOM (host organization was SOAS University of London, 29 June 2022.

Examining the Socialist City Through a Neighborhood Lens, Higher School of Economics in Moscow, ZOOM (target audience was graduate seminar in architecture under Dr. Anna Guseva), 12 May 2021.

What is a Neighbour?: The Practice of Living Together in Late Soviet Baku. Zentrum für Osteuropa und international Studien (ZOiS), Berlin, ZOOM, 25 March 2021.

The Iron Curtain Moves East: US-Russian Tensions Since 2014, SUNY Orange Cultural Affairs/Global Initiative, April 2019.

The Building of Stalin-Era Nizhnii Novgorod (Gor'kii): Matter, Metaphor, and Power. University of Michigan. (*Invited lecture*), Feb. 2009.

Modernizm i planirovka gorodov: nekotorye zamechaniia o Nizhnem Novgorode i gorode Toronto. State Center for Contemporary Art in Nizhnii Novgorod, Russia. (*Invited lecture*, given in Russian), July 2006.

By-Invitation Workshop Presentations and Papers:

"Addressing the Politics of the Soviet Archives." Invited (brief) remarks for the invitation-only workshop, "Rethinking Soviet History: Attempts, Compromises, Complications." Princeton University, 3 November 2023.

Soviet Urban Planning: Embedding Futures into the Past, for "China and the World: 1950s Urban Culture and Planning, a workshop hosted by SUNY Buffalo, April 2016.

Modernization and Community in Soviet and post-Soviet Azerbaijan, presented for a colloquium in Development and Modernization in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Periphery, Leiden University, 25-26 September 2015.

Baku's Spatial Imaginaries: The Many Futures of a Contested Past. The Futures of Post-Socialism Symposium at Stony Brook University, 17-18 April 2015.

Modernization and Community: The Evolution of Socio-Cultural Space in Baku from the 1930s to 1980s,

presented at the Baku: Metropolis on the Periphery conference hosted by Von Humboldt University in Berlin, November 2014.

Architects to the Scaffolds: Professionals and Power in Stalin's Russia. Conference on State-Society Relations. St. Petersburg, Russia (*in Russian*), May 2013.

Emplacing Power: The Spatial Restructuring of Gor'kii in the 1930s – Conference on Eurasian Cities, University of Toronto, 14 March 2008

The Archaeology of a Post-Soviet City: Nizhnii Novgorod, Conference on “What is Soviet Now?,” 3rd Real Socialism Conference, University of Toronto, 6 April 2006.

What Was Socialist in Soviet City Planning? Nizhnii Novgorod in the 1930s, Conference on “What Was Soviet Real Socialism?,” first session of the Real Socialism Conference Series,” University of Toronto, 4 April 2003.

Conference Presentations:

Finding a Place in Postwar Baku: Social and Cultural Challenges of Integration for Migrants from the Village in the 1940s to 1950s, ASIAC Conference, Rome, Italy, 15 December 2023.

Affective Modernity: Relating to an Altered and Industrial Nature in Bee Stories, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, 3 December 2023.

Space Outside of Time: Rethinking “Backward” Urbanity in Soviet Baku, National Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, 13 November 2022.

Baku's Commemorative Landscape and the Karabakh Wars, Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (online), 5 May 2022.

Remembering our Worth: Commemorating the Azerbaijani Nation Through Cultural Exchange, International Council for Central and East European Studies, 10th International Congress, Concordia University (online due to pandemic), 6 August 2021.

Mapping Soviet Sub-Cultures and Societal Hierarchy Through Consumption Networks in Baku, Azerbaijan, National Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Nov. 2020.

Baku as Soviet “Cosmopolitan” Urbanity: Assessing Cultural Identities and Social Hierarchies in a Soviet Urban Context, for conference “Cities in the USSR and the Eastern Bloc: Urbanization, Ecology, and the Municipal Economy,” University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany. Feb. 2020.

Bodies as Sovereignities: The Armenian Genocide and the Southern Caucasus, Council of European Studies Convention (Madrid, Spain), June 2019.

Nagorno Karabakh and the Failures of Regional Memory-Making, delivered at the Frontiers of Prevention II (I-GMAP) conference, Binghamton University April 2019.

The Social Life of Things: Community Belonging in Post-Stalin Baku, Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies. Chicago, Illinois. Nov. 2017.

Spatial “Fixes” to Urban Problems in the USSR and Post-Soviet Moscow. Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies. Washington, D.C. Nov. 2016.

Gangs of Baku: Masculinity, Territoriality, and the City in the Stalin and Khrushchev Eras. Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES). Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 2015.

Masculinity and Neighborhood Power in Stalin-Era Baku. Convention of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. Washington DC. Oct. 2015.

The Making of Community in Soviet Baku. New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture. St. Petersburg, Russia. July 2015.

Modernizing Communities in Baku. Annual Convention of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. Harriman Institute (Columbia U), October 2014.

Planners, Squatters, and Activists in the Socialist City. 45th Annual Convention of ASEEEES. Boston, MA, November 2013.

In the Neighborhood of Empire: Baku in the Early Soviet Period. Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Binghamton University, October 2013.

Legitimizing Spaces: Garnering Authority for Architectural Professionals in Stalin's Gorky. 43rd National Convention of ASEEEES. Washington, DC, Nov. 2011.

Making Space, Making Selves: Personalizing the Public in Stalin's Russia. Convention of the American Historical Association. Washington, DC, January 2008.

The Urban Landscape and the Politics of Soviet Identity: Producing the Local Cityscape through Popular Mobilization. 38th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS). Washington, DC, November 2006.

Finding the Soviet in Post-Soviet Spaces: An Excavation of the City of Nizhnii Novgorod. Harpur College Dean's Workshop in Visual Culture. Binghamton University, October 2006.

The Struggle Over the Left Bank: Settlement, Sanitation, and City Planning in Gor'kii (Nizhnii Novgorod) in 1932. 36th National Convention of AAASS. Boston, MA, Nov. 2004.

Urban Planning in Nizhnii Novgorod, 1928-1939, 34th National Convention of AAASS. Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 2002.

Turning Professionals' Plans into Local Vision. Midwest Russian History Workshop. University of Michigan, October 2002.

The Mind of the Socialist City: Turning Professionals' Plans into Popular Vision. Conference of the Canadian Association of Slavists. Toronto, ON, May 2002.

Languages:

Russian - reading, writing, and speaking (advanced/fluent)

French - reading, writing, and speaking (advanced)

Azeri –reading and basic speech

German – reading and basic speech