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Education

Ph. D., History, The University of Texas, 1990 M. A., History, The University of Texas, 1986 B. A., History, Texas A&M University, 1981

Employment

Professor, Texas A&M University, 2005-present Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, 1996-2005 Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, 1990-1996

Publications

Books

Russia's Army: A History from the Napoleonic Wars to the War in Ukraine. (Norman, Okla: University of Oklahoma Press, 2023)

The Imperial Russian Army, in Peace, War, and Revolution, 1856-1917. (Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 2019). Winner of the Norman B. Tomlinson, Jr. Book Prize of the World War One Historical Association

Why Stalin's Soldiers Fought: The Red Army's Military Effectiveness in World War II. (Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 2011)

The Russian Imperial Army, 1796-1917. Edited. (Aldershot, Hants: Ashgate, 2006)

Red Commanders: A Social History of the Soviet Officer Corps, 1918-1991. (Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 2005)

The Soviet Military Experience: A History of the Soviet Army, 1917-1991. (London: Routledge, 2000)

Stalin's Reluctant Soldiers: A Social History of the Red Army, 1925-1941. (Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 1996)

Books in progress

"A Social History of the Russian Army: Different Perspectives since 1690," is now under contract with Bloomsbury Academic. The first draft of the manuscript has been delivered to the press.

I have just begun an edited project called *The Armies of the Great War before the War*. I am in the process of assembling the authors. I will write the chapter on the Russian army.

My follow-on project is a history of war and society in Europe from the Crimean War to the War in Ukraine.

Articles in Refereed Journals

"The Legacy of World War II for Putin's Russia," *South Central Review* vol. 35, no 1 (Spring 2018), 196-212.

"What to Give: Popular Response in the Soviet Union to the Warm Clothes Drive during the Great Patriotic War," *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, vol. 63, no. 3 (2015), 412-429

"Ten Jewish Red Army Veterans of the Great Patriotic War: In search of the Mythical Representative Soviet Soldier," *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, vol. 27, no. 3 (September 2014), 420-429

"The Russian Orthodox Church and Patriotic Support for the Stalinist Regime during the Great Patriotic War," *War & Society*, vol. 33, no. 2 (May 2014), 137-158

"Surrender and Capture in the Winter War and Great Patriotic War: Which was the Anomaly?" *Global War Studies: The Journal for the Study of Warfare and Weapons, 1919-1945,* vol. 8, no. 1 (2011), 87-98

"Lessons of the Winter War: A Study in the Military Effectiveness of the Red Army, 1939-1940," *Journal of Military History*, vol. 72, no. 3 (2008), 825-52

"Motivations to Serve: The Soviet Soldier in the Second World War," *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, vol. 20, no. 2 (June 2007), 263-282

"Red Army Professionalism and the Communist Party, 1918-1941," *Journal of Military History*, vol. 66, no. 1 (January 2002), 71-102

"Red Army Opposition to Forced Collectivization, 1929-30: The Army Wavers," *Slavic Review*, vol. 55, no. 1 (Spring, 1996), 24-45

"The Impact of the Great Purge on the Red Army: Wrestling with Hard Numbers," *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, vol. 19, nos. 1-3 (1992), 51-70

"A Note on a Consequence of the Expansion of the Red Army on the Eve of World War II," *Soviet Studies*, vol. XLI, no. 1 (January 1989), 135-140

Book Chapters

"The End of Glory? Putin's Use and Abuse of the Legacy of the Second World War," in Andrew Natsios, ed., *Putin's Russia Reconsidered: Fragile State or Revisionist Power*? (Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2025).

"The Soviet Soldier at War: Discipline, Motivation, and Morale," in Yan Mann and Olga Kucherenko, ed., *The Eastern Front: War, Myth and Memory*, (London: Routledge, 2025). 59-81.

"Russian strategy across three eras: Imperial, Soviet, and contemporary," in Jeremy Black, ed., *The Practice of Strategy from Ancient Times to Today*, (Rome: Società Italiana di Storia Militare. Nadir Media Srl., 2024), 455-474

"Eastern Europe's Reluctant Soldiers: Recruitment to the Armies of the Warsaw Pact, 1956-1991," in Brendan Maarten and Thomas Blivin, ed., *Propaganda and Public Relations in Military Recruitment: Promoting Military Service in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries,* (London: Routledge, 2021), 131-144

"Remembering the Soviet-Afghan War in Russia," in Derek Mallett, ed. *Monumental Conflicts? Twentieth Century Wars and the Evolution of Public Memory*, (London: Routledge, 2018), 179-200

"La creation de l'Armée rouge" in Stéphane Courtois, ed., *Communismé 2017: 1917 La revolution bolchevique*. (Paris: Vendemiaire, 2017), 88-112

"The Military and the Revolutionary State" in *The Cambridge History of War, vol. IV.* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), 352-377

"The Red Army and the Great Purge" in J. Arch Getty and Roberta Manning, ed., *Stalinist Terror: New Perspectives*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993), 198-214

Book Chapters in progress

"The Soviet Soldier in the Second World War," in David Stahel, ed., *The Cambridge Companion* to the Nazi-Soviet War 1941-1945, under contract with Cambridge University Press. Expected in print in 2025.

"Manning the Forces in Imperial, Soviet, and Contemporary Russia," in Amy Rutenberg, ed., *Conscription in the Global Twentieth Century* under contract with the University Press of Kansas. Expected in print in 2026.

Non-refereed Articles

"El soldado soviético Disciplina, motivación, moral," Desperta Ferro Historia Moderna, forthcoming.

- "Los mandos del Ejército Rojo en visperas de Barbarroja," *Desperta Ferro Historia Moderna,* no. 6 (2024), 38-41.
- "La reforma del Ejército ruso, 1856-1877," Desperta Ferro Historia Moderna, no. 54 (2021), 22-26.

"Stalin Attacks the Red Army," Military History Quarterly Autumn (2014), 38-45

"Zhukov: What made him Great?" Military History, September (2012), 64-70

"Soviet Women at War," Military History, May (2011), 44-53

"Zavtra byla voina . . . Krasnaia Armiia glazami amerikanskogo istorika," *Krasnaia zvezda*, 12 April 2003, 5

Book Reviews

Victor Taki, *Russia's Turkish War: The Tsarist Army and the Balkan Peoples in the Nineteenth Century*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2024 in *Russian Review*, vol. 83, no. 3 (July 2024), 477-478.

Mikaberidze, Alexander. *Kutuzov: A Life in War and Peace*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023. *War Studies Journal*, vol. 1, no. 1 (2024)

Schechter, Brandon M. *The Stuff of Soldiers: A History of the Red Army in World War II through Objects*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019. *The Russian Review* vol. 79, no. 2 (April 2020), 336-337.

Ethem Çeku, "The Policy of Serbian Expansionism, with Specific Reference to Albanians in the Decade Preceding the Balkan Wars," in *The International History Review* vol. 41, no. 1 (2019), 23–38 for H-Diplo. Published on 16 December.

Mark Edele, *Stalin's Defectors: How Red Army Soldiers became Hitler's Collaborators, 1941-1945.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. *The American Historical Review*, vol. 123, no. 4 (2018), 1429-30.

Lynne Viola. *Stalinist Perpetrators on Trial: Scenes from the Great Terror in Soviet Ukraine*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. *Global War Studies*,

David Glantz with Mary Elizabeth Glantz. *Battle for Belorussia: The Red Army's Forgotten Campaign of October 1943-April 1944.* Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 2016. *Slavic Review*, vol. 76, no. 4. (2018), 1124-1125.

Peter Whitewood. *The Red Army and the Great Terror: Stalin's Purge of the Soviet Military*, Lawrence Kans, University Press of Kansas, 2015. *Canadian Slavonic Studies*, vol 58, no. 3 (Sept., 2016), 304-306.

Laurie R. Cohen. *Smolensk under the Nazis: Everyday Life in Occupied Russia*. Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2013. *War in History*, vol. 23, no. 1 (2016), 139-40.

Roger D. Markwick and Euridice Charon Cardona. *Soviet Women on the Frontline in the Second World War*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, *Russian Review*, vol. 74, no. 3 (July 2015), 534.

Paul Robinson. *Grand Duke Nikolai Nikolaevich: Supreme Commander of the Russian Army*. DeKalb, Illinois: Northern Illinois University Press, 2014. *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue Canadienne des Slavistes*, vo. 57, 1-2 (2015), 160-162.

Niklas Zetterling & Anders Frankson. *The Drive on Moscow 1941: Operation* Taifun *and Germany's Frist Great Crisis in World War II.* Havertown, Pa.: Casemate, 2012. *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 77, no. 2 (2013), 734-35.

Bair Irincheev. *The War of the White Death: Finland against the Soviet Union 1939-40*, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, UK: Pen & Sword, 2011. *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, vol. 25, no. 3 (2012), 435-36.

Stuart D. Goldman. *Nomonhan, 1939: The Red Army's Victory That Shaped World War II.* Annapolis: Annapolis, Maryland: Naval Institute Press, 2012. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. August, 2012. URL: http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=36367

Anna Krylova, *Soviet Women in Combat*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. *Slavic Review*, vol. 70, no. 3 (Fall 2011), 703-04.

Jonathan Harris, *The Split in Stalin's Secretariat, 1939-1948*, Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2008. *Global War Studies: The Journal for the Study of Warfare and Weapons, 1919-1945*, vol. 7, no. 2 (2010), 296.

Christopher Bellamy, *Absolute War: Soviet Russia in the Second World War.* New York: Vintage Press, 2007. *Slavic Review*, vol. 68, no. 3 (2009), 702-03.

Daniel Kowalsky, *Stalin and the Spanish Civil War*. (Gutenberg-e.) New York: Columbia University Press. 2004. Electronic book. *American Historical Review*, (Feb 2009), 250-51.

Alexander Hill, *The War behind the Eastern Front: The Soviet Partisan Movement in North-West Russia, 1941-1944.* London: Cass, 2005. *Slavic Review*, vol. 65, no. 1 (Spring 2006), 195-96.

Eric Lohr and Marshall Poe, eds. *The Military and Society in Russia, 1450-1917.* Leiden: Brill, 2002. *The Journal of Modern History,* vol. 76, no. 4 (December 2004), 1001-004.

Steven J. Zaloga and Leland S. Ness. *Red Army Handbook 1939-1945*. Stroud, UK: Sutton, 2003 [1998]. *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 68, no. 3 (2004), 994.

Brian D. Taylor, *Politics and the Russian Army: Civil-Military Relations, 1689-2000.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003. *Slavic Review*, vol. 63, no. 3 (Fall 2004), 648-49.

Joshua A. Sanborn, *Drafting the Russian Nation: Military Conscription, Total War, and Mass Politics, 1905-1925.* DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2003. *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 67, no. 3 (2003), 964-65.

Battle for L'vov July 1944: The General Staff Study. Translated and edited by David Glantz and Harold S. Orenstein. London: Frank Cass, 2002. *The Journal of Military History* vol. 67, no. 1 (January 2003), 279.

Reina Pennington, *Women, Wings, and War: Soviet Airwomen in World War II Combat.* Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 2001. *American Historical Review* (February 2003), 298-99.

Kostiantyn P. Morozov, *Above and Beyond: From Soviet General to Ukrainian State Builder*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 2001. *The Historian*, vol. 65, no. 3 (Spring 2003), 763-64.

Frederick Kagan, *The Military Reforms of Nicholas I: The Origins of the Modern Russian Army*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999. *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* vol. 36, no. 1 (Spring 2002), 136-37.

David R. Stone, *Hammer and Rifle: The Militarization of the Soviet Union, 1926-1933*. Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 2000. *The Journal of Modern History*, vol. 74, no. 1 (March 2002), 212-214.

Robert Thurston and Bernd Bonwetsch, ed. *The People's War: Responses to World War II in the Soviet Union*. Urbana and Chicago, Ill: University of Illinois Press, 2000. *Slavic Review*, vol. 60, no. 4 (Winter 2001), 863-64.

Gabriel Gorodetsky, *Grand Delusion: Stalin and the German Invasion*. New Haven, Conn: Yale University Press, 1999 *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, vol. 35, nos. 2-3 (Summer-Fall, 2001), 315-17.

David Glantz, *Stumbling Colossus: The Red Army on the Eve of World War*. Lawrence, Kans: University Press of Kansas, 1998, *Slavic Review*, vol 59, no. 1 (Spring, 2000), 227

John Barber and Mark Harrison, eds. *The Soviet Defence-industry Complex from Stalin to Khrushchev*. London: MacMillan Press, 2000, *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 64, no. 4 (2000), 1180-81.

Norman Friedman, *The Fifty Year War: Conflict and Strategy in the Cold War*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2000, *The Russian Review*, vol. 59, no. 4 (2000), 657-58.

Jamie H. Cockfield, *With Snow on their Boots: The Odyssey of the Russian Expeditionary Force in France in World War I.* New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998, *Slavic Review*, vol. 58, no. 1 (1999), 232-33

Carl Van Dyke, *The Soviet Invasion of Finland, 1939-40*, London: Frank Cass, *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol. 50, no. 3 (1998), 567-568

John Erickson and Ljubica Erickson, *The Soviet Armed Forces, 1918-1992: A Research Guide to Soviet Sources*, Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press, 1996, *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, vol. 9, no. 4 (1996), 907

Daniel Calingaert, Soviet Nuclear Policy under Gorbachev: A Policy of Disarmament. New York: Praeger, 1991, Armed Forces and Society, vol. 21, no. 2 (1995), 303-305

Film Review

"Enemy at the Gates," in *Headquarters Gazette*, of the Society for Military History, Vol. 12, No. 2 (Spring 2001), 1-2.

Bibliographies

"The Russian Civil War, 1918-1921." 2017 In Oxford Bibliographies in Military History. "World War I: The Eastern Front." In Oxford Bibliographies in Military History. Ed. Kaushik Roy. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.

Encyclopedia entries

International Encyclopedia of Military History, twelve entries Encyclopedia of Russian History, two entries Great Military Leaders and Their Campaigns, two entries Elite Fighting Forces, one entry

Teaching

Regularly teach the survey course on Western Civilization from 1660 to 2000, and upper division courses on Imperial Russia, Nineteenth-Century Europe, war and society in twentieth-century Europe, Europe since 1919, the Second World War, and the Soviet Union. Occasionally teach graduate seminars on Soviet history, European history, War and Society, and historiography, and undergraduate senior seminars on various topics in Russian, Soviet, modern European, and military history, and also supervise individual studies for both undergraduate and graduate students on the aforementioned topics.

Awards and Prizes

The Ralph R. Thomas '21 Endowed Professorship in Liberal Arts, since spring 2025 The '41 Award of the Bush School of Government and Public Service, 2024

The Norman B. Tomlinson Jr. book prize from the World War One Historical Association, 2019 University Distinguished Achievement Award in the Area of Teaching, 2009 The Moncado Prize for outstanding article in military history awarded by the Society for Military History, 2003

Fellowships and Grants

Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University, Spring 2025 Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Cornerstone Faculty Fellowship, 2017-2021 Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University, Spring 2017. Scowcroft Institute Faculty Research Grant, 2016 Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Short-Term Grant. 2011 Scowcroft Institute Faculty Research Grant, 2011 Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University, 2009-10 Glasscock Center for the Humanities travel to archives grant, 2009 Glasscock Center for the Humanities travel to archives grant, 2008 Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activity grant, Texas A&M, 2008 Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University, 2003-04 Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activity grant, Texas A&M, 2003 Military Studies Institute of Texas A&M University, summer research grant, 2002 Associate of the Summer Research Laboratory of the Russian and East European Center, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2001 Texas A&M Faculty Mini-grant, to utilize Yale University's Russian State Military Archive holdings, 2000 Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University 1997 Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Short-Term Grant, 1997 Texas A&M Scholarly and Creative Activity research award, 1997 National Endowment for the Humanities Special Opportunities for Archival Research, 1993 Texas A&M International Research Travel Grant, 1993 Military Studies Institute of Texas A&M University, research grant, 1993 Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Short-Term

Grant, 1990

Professional Service

Member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Slavic Military Studies and Canadian-American Slavic Studies

Review book manuscripts for the University Press of Kansas, Texas A&M University Press, Bedford's/St. Martin's, Cornell University Press, Palgrave-MacMillan

Review article manuscripts for Russian Review, Journal of Military History, Journal of Slavic Military History, Journal of Contemporary History, Carl Beck Papers in Russian and East European Studies of the University of Pittsburgh, Governance and Security Issues of the European Union, War & Society, Canadian-American Slavic Studies

University Service

College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Instruction Committee, 2022-2025 College of Liberal Arts, Planning and Resources Committee 2015-16, 2020-21 University Honor Council, 2008-2012 University Libraries Committee, 2007-2011, vice chair in 2009-2010, chair 2010-2013 Faculty Senate 2006-2008 Faculty Advisory Committee to the Dean of Student Services, 2004-2008 Faculty Advisory Committee to the Texas A&M University Press, 2000-2005 Bush Excellence Award for Faculty in International Teaching Selection Committee, 2006 College of Liberal Arts Teaching Awards Committee, 2009 College of Liberal Arts Council, 1994-1996, 1999-2001, 2020-2022

Department Service

Director of Graduate Studies, 2021-2024 Member, Graduate Committee, 2018-2021 Member or chair of five promotion and tenure committees Member or chair of four hiring committees

Professional Conferences and Invited Lectures

Invited Lectures

"Motivation and morale in the Russian army in the war in Ukraine," Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, UK, 8 April 2024.

Vieslekcija "Padomju Savienības vēsture starpkaru periodā: militārie un sociālie aspekti" (History of the Soviet Union during the Interwar Period: Military and Social Aspects) Latvian University, Riga, March 14, 2023

"Russia's Civil War," National World War I Museum, virtual, 28 February 2022.

"Order No. 1, Motivation, Morale, and Officer-Enlisted Relations in the Russian Army during the First World War," Oxford University (All Souls College) November 3, 2021.

"The Formative Years of the Red Army, 1918-1936," Angelo State University, October 21, 2021

"The Soviet-Polish War: Causes, Conduct, and Consequences." Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, February 11, 2020.

"Why Stalin's Soldiers Fought," The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Roundtable of the Minnesota Historical Society: Minneapolis, Minnesota, 14 January 2016.

"Why Stalin's Soldiers Fought and how the Red Army Defeated the *Wehrmacht*." Congreso Internacional Del 70 Aniversario La Division Azul en el Frente del Este, Madrid, Spain, 27-29 October, 2011. Sponsored by the CEU Instituto de Estudios Historicos.

"Soviet Military Leadership in World War II," The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Table of the Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 14 January 2010.

"Paper Tiger, Oil Bully: Russian foreign and domestic policy under Putin," delivered before The St. Paul-Minneapolis Committee on Foreign Relations, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 13 January 2010.

"The Use and Abuse of Social History: A Case Study from the Great Patriotic War." Contemporary History Institute at Ohio University on 10 January 2008.

Papers presented

"Popular resistance to militarism in Russia," British Association for the Study of Slavonic and East European Studies, Cambridge, UK, 5-7 April 2024. (Panel organizer)

"The long-term effects of the First World War on Russian diplomacy and domestic policy." Western Association of Slavic Studies annual convention, Denver, April 2, 2022

"Russian soldiers and officers in the First World War" Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention, a panel in honor of Mark von Hagen: New Orleans, November 16, 2021

"The Consequences of the Red Army being formed during a period of revolution and civil war and their long-term effects on civil-military relations," Conference title: 1918-2018: The End of the War & the Reshaping of the Century. Wolverhampton University, Wolverhampton, UK. 6-8 September 2018.

"La creation de l'Armée rouge." Conference title: *Colloque: Il y a cent ans la Revolution Russe*. Sponsored by Collége Belgique, Brussels, Belgium, 13-14 November 2017.

"Remembering the Soviet-Afghan War in Russia." Panel organizer and presenter at the Society for Military History annual conference, 14-17 April 2016, Ottawa, Canada. Panel title: *Twentieth Century Wars and the Evolution of Popular Memory*.

"The Legacy of World War II for Putin's Russia." Conference title: Reassessing Putin's Russia: Tsarist Dinosaur, Failed State, or 21st Century Predator? Sponsored by the Bush School, Scowcroft Institute, and the Glasscock Center of Texas A&M University. November 3, 2014.

"The Soviet Female Experience as Soldiers in World War II," The Second Annual University of Victoria Military Oral History Conference, Victoria, British Columbia, 5-7 May 2010

"Jewish Red Army Veterans of the Great Patriotic War: In search of the mythic representative soldier's story," University of Victoria Military Oral History Conference: Between Memory and History, Victoria, British Columbia, 20-23 February 2008

"Surrender and Capture in the Winter and Great Patriotic Wars: Which was the Anomaly?" at the annual British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) conference at Fitzwilliam College of the University of Cambridge, England, 31 March – 2 April 2007.

"Military Service in the Great Patriotic War: Patriotism, Memory, and Stalinism" delivered at the Melbourne Conferences on Soviet and Australian History and Culture, University of Melbourne, Australia, July 4-8, 2006.

"Putting a Face on the Red Army Soldier in the Second World War" delivered at the Society for Military History annual conference, Calgary, Canada, May 24-27, 2001.

"Red Army Professionalism and the Communist Party, 1918-1941" delivered at the Southern Historical Association annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, November 8-11, 2000.

Commentator

Chair and commentator, "Identity, Violence, and Authority on the Eastern Front" ASEEES (Association of Slavic, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian Studies) November 6, 2020. Virtual.

"Neglected Writers of the Gulag," symposium sponsored by the Texas A&M Glasscock Center for the Humanities, 19 November 2014.

Chair and commentator of panel titled: "The Imperial Game and its Players." The Southern Historical Association, Houston, Texas, 6-9 November 2003.

Panel title, "Military Classics and Military Thinkers." Society of Military History annual convention, Madison, Wisconsin, 5-7 April, 2002.

Membership in Professional Societies

Society for Military History Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies