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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., History, University of California, Santa Barbara
Areas of Concentration: Soviet Union/Russia, Central Asia, Modern Middle East, Western Civilization, World History
- Dissertation Title: "State feminism in Central Asia and the Middle East: A Case Study of Muslim women in Tajikistan, 1924-1982,"
- 2006 M.A., International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2004 B.A., American Studies and International Relations,
American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

PUBLICATIONS

Soviet state feminism in Muslim Central Asia: urban and rural women in Tajikistan, 1924-1982
(manuscript in progress)

"Women and Islam: Analysis of the Soviet atheist propaganda, 1953-1982." *Women and Gender in Twentieth-Century Russia and the Soviet Union*, Palgrave Handbook (2017)

"Peacebuilding in Tajikistan: The Beyond Intractability Project." (2005)
University of Colorado.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2018 Director, Comparative International Studies major, SDSU (CAL)
Responsibilities – Major development and outreach, student advising, teaching senior capstone course;
- Fall 2015-Present Adjunct Professor, San Diego State University
Course: World History; Western Civilization; World History;
- Fall 2016--2018 Adjunct Professor, Mesa College
Courses: Modern Middle East History 130; World History 101;
Western Civilization 106; World History 100;
- Summer 2017 Instructor, University of California, Santa Barbara
Course: Modern Middle East History
- Spring 2015 Adjunct Professor, Grossmont College
Course: History of Modern Middle East
- Summer 2014 Instructor, University of California, Santa Barbara

Course: History of the Middle East and Gender

2009-2013 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara
Courses: Introduction to Feminist Studies, Modern Middle East,
World History (Prehistory–1700), Western Civilization (1700–Present)

Fall 2006 Research Specialist and Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota
Course: Islamist Politics in Central Asia

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2015 UCSB Affiliates Graduate Fellowship
2015 UCSB Academic Senate Nomination for Excellence in Teaching
2014 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, UCSB
2014 Albert and Elaine Borchard European Studies Fellowship, UCSB
2012-2014 Center for Middle Eastern Studies Summer Research Award, UCSB
2013 Steve and Barbara Mendell Graduate Fellowship in Cultural Literacy,
Department of Religious Studies, UCSB
2012-2013 Dean’s Graduate Fellowship, UCSB
2012-2013 Fellowship, American Association of University Women, Washington, D.C.
2009-2012 The Global Supplementary Grant, Open Society Institute, New York City, NY
2010-2011 The Stephen and Eloise Hay Prize, Islamic Studies, UCSB
2000-2004 George Soros Full Scholarship, AUCA, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

2016 Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, UCSB
“The beneficiaries of Soviet state feminism: Tajik women professionals and their short-lived influence: 1953-1982.”

2014 The Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio, TX
“The Emancipation of the Muslim Women of Tajikistan under the Khrushchev regime, 1953-1964.”

2014 Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UCSB
Conference on Women, Children, and Human Rights in the Middle East
“State feminism in Muslim Central Asia, 1924-1982.”

2014 UCSB/GWU/LSE International Graduate Conference on the Cold War, UCSB
“The Emancipation of the Muslim women of Tajikistan under the Khrushchev regime, 1953-1964.”

2013 3rd Annual Graduate Student Islamic Studies Conference, UCSB
Theme: Reconstituting Female Authority. “The revival of the *zhensoveti*—women’s councils, emancipation of the Muslim women of Tajikistan under the Khrushchev regime, 1953-1964.”

2012 Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University

“Emancipation of Muslim Women of Central Asia, 1945-1982: Analysis of Soviet propaganda in women’s periodicals.”

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009-2017 Research Specialist/ Project Manager/ Community Organizer for a joint outreach project with the University of Minnesota, the Sabes Jewish Community, and Jewish Community Action, Twin Cities, MN.
- 2007 Research Intern, Counterpart International, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 Consultant, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, St. Paul, MN
Assessed women’s human rights violations in Tajikistan.
- 2005 Intern, The Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Researched political developments in West Africa and Southeast Asia.
- 2005 Election Observer, The Carter Center, Monrovia, Liberia
Investigated democratic reform issues and monitored elections.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (fluent)	Tajik/Farsi (native)
Russian (native)	Uzbek, Kyrgyz (proficient)

REFERENCES

Adrienne Edgar Associate Professor Department of History UC Santa Barbara edgar@history.ucsb.edu	Nancy Gallagher Professor Emerita Department of History UC Santa Barbara gallagher@history.ucsb.edu	Kathleen Collins Associate Professor Dept. of Political Science University of Minnesota colli433@umn.edu
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