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## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Coerced Liberation: Muslim Women in Soviet Tajikistan* (University of Toronto Press, May 2024)

“History of women’s movements in Soviet Tajikistan: early to mid-20th century,” *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Fall (2019)

“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.

### **Working Projects:**

*The inevitable conflict: the Soviet delimitation of Central Asia, case study of northern Tajikistan, 1930s-1990s*  
(Book manuscript in progress)

*Construction of national and personal identities: Oral History of Jewish women in Soviet Tajikistan, 1940s-1980s*  
(planned for submission in Fall, 2024)

## **EDUCATION**

2015	Ph.D., History, University of California, Santa Barbara Areas of Concentration: Eurasia, Soviet Union/Russia, and Modern Middle East
Dissertation Title:	“State feminism in Soviet Central Asia: A Case Study of Muslim women in Soviet Tajikistan, 1924-1982” Advisor: Adrienne Edgar
2006	M.A., International Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
2004	B.A., American Studies and International Relations, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Starting Fall 2024	Assistant Professor in History/Comparative and International Studies Departments, San Diego State University
Fall 2018-Present	Director, Comparative International Studies major, SDSU <i>Responsibilities</i> – Major development and outreach, student advising, teaching senior capstone course, curriculum development, assessment
Fall 2015-Present	Core faculty for the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies Lecturer in History Department, Women’s Studies, European Studies, The Weber Honor’s College at San Diego State University

### **Courses:**

WMNST 560: Women in Muslim Societies  
HONORS 495: Capstone course Honors seniors

EUROP 430: Muslims in Europe  
 HIST 411: World History for Teachers  
 CINTS 400: Capstone course for CINTS seniors  
 HONORS 313: The Soviet Experiment and its Legacy  
 HONORS 113: Gender in the Middle East  
 HIST 106: Western Civilization  
 HIST 101: World History from 1700 to present  
 HIST 100: World history from the beginning to 1700

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS**

2024	American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship, NY
2024	Most Influential Faculty Award for Comparative and International Studies (CINTS), SDSU
2023	Most Influential Faculty Award for History, SDSU
2023	Most Influential Faculty Award for CINTS, SDSU
2023	Critical Thinking Grant Award, SDSU
2023	CAL Microgrant, SDSU
2022	AAUW American Short-Term Research Publication Grant
2022	Most Influential Faculty Award for the Weber Honors College, SDSU
2022	Most Influential Faculty Award for CINTS, SDSU
2022	Darlene Shiley Faculty Award for Excellent in Teaching for the Weber Honors College, SDSU
2021	Most Influential Faculty Award for Social Science, SDSU
2020	Critical Thinking Grant Award, San Diego State University
2019	Most Influential Faculty Award CINTS, SDSU
2019	Grossmont College Canvas Training Certification
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, EVENTS, AND INVITED TALKS**

2024	The European Studies Department and the Comparative and International Studies Program event, Ukraine at the Crossroads: Assessing Two Years of War and Current Trends, SDSU
2023	UCSD Extensions, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Guest speaker, The Soviet emancipation of women, 1920s-1980s.
2023	AAUW Monterey Peninsula and Santa Cruz County Branches, Annual Luncheon Guest Speaker, The Soviet emancipation of women, 1920s-1980s.

- 2022 AAUW (The American Association of University Women) California Branch Annual Fund Event  
Guest Speaker, The Soviet emancipation of Muslim women, 1920s-1980s.
- 2022 Organized an event, "Voices from Ukraine," in collaboration with the European Studies Department, San Diego State University
- 2021 Organized an event, "Building Solidarity with Afghan Women," in collaboration with the Women's Studies and the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, San Diego State University
- 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 *zhensovet*—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**

- 2016-2022 Lecturer, Grossmont College  
HIST 148: Emerging Modern Middle East  
HIST 106: Western Civilization  
HIST 101: World History from 1700 to present  
HIST 100: HIST 100: World history from the beginning to 1700
- Fall 2016-2018 Lecturer, Mesa College  
HIST 130: Modern Middle East History  
HIST 106: Western Civilization  
HIST 101: World History from 1700 to present  
HIST 100: HIST 100: World history from the beginning to 1700
- 2017-2019 Summer session instructor, University of California, Santa Barbara  
HIST 46: Modern Middle East History
- 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)
- 2011-2012 Conducted oral history interviews for Adrienne Edgar, Professor at the University

of California-Santa Barbara on inter-ethnic marriages in the Soviet Union, in various cities in Tajikistan

- 2007-2009      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            Research Specialist and Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota  
Course: Islamist Politics in Central Asia
- Fall 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)

### **SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member of the SDSU Academic Senate, SDSU, 2020-present

Member of the Chairs and Directors Committee, College of Arts and Letters, SDSU, 2018-present

Member of the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies at SDSU, 2019-present

Member of the SDSU Women Faculty of Color Empowerment Group, 2021

Faculty Advisor for the Middle Eastern Student Association, Grossmont College, CA, 2019-2021

Member of the International Studies Curriculum Committee, SDSU, 2019

Student Organization Advisor- Preposterone Acapella Group, SDSU, 2018-2019

Member of the Diversity Committee at Mesa College, San Diego, CA Fall 2016-2018

### **REVIEWS**

- Reviewed Isaac McKean Scarborough's book, Moscow's Heavy Shadow: The violent collapse of the USSR for the Slavic Review Journal, 2024.
- Reviewed a grant for the ISRF Flexible Grants for Small Groups, 2024
- Reviewed an article for the Slavic Review Journal "Women in the public sphere of Dagestan: tradition, religion and modernization," 2021.