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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* (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,” University of Colorado Press (2005)

Working Projects:

- *The inevitable conflict: the Soviet delimitation of Central Asia, case study of northern Tajikistan, 1930s-1990s* (received the American Council of Learned Societies fellowship (ACLS) to research this study)
- *Construction of national and personal identities: Oral History of Jewish Muslims-Chala (ho) in Soviet Tajikistan, 1940s-1980s* (planned for submission in Fall, 2024)

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

Ph.D. in History, 2015

- Research areas: 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

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

M.A. in International Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, 2006

American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

BA in American Studies (major) and Comparative and International Politics (minor), 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

San Diego State University

- Assistant Professor in History/Comparative and International Studies Departments (Fall 2024)
- Director, Comparative International Studies major (Fall 2018-Present)

- Responsibilities: Major development and outreach, student advising, teaching senior capstone course, curriculum development, assessment
- Core Faculty for the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies; Lecturer in History Department, Women's Studies, European Studies, The Weber Honor's College (Fall 2015-Present)
 - 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 Excellence 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

Grossmont College

- Lecturer (2016-2022)
 - Courses: HIST 148: Emerging Modern Middle East, HIST 106: Western Civilization, HIST 101: World History from 1700 to present, HIST 100: World history from the beginning to 1700

Mesa College

- Lecturer (Fall 2016-2018)

- Courses: HIST 130: Modern Middle East History, HIST 106: Western Civilization, HIST 101: World History from 1700 to present, HIST 100: World history from the beginning to 1700

University of California, Santa Barbara

- Summer Session Instructor (2017-2019)
 - Courses: HIST 46: Modern Middle East History
- Instructor (Summer 2014)
 - Course: History of the Middle East and Gender
- Teaching Assistant (2009-2013)
 - Courses: Introduction to Feminist Studies, Modern Middle East, World History (Prehistory–1700), Western Civilization (1700–Present)
- 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 (2011-2012)

Other Professional Experiences

- Research Specialist/ Project Manager/ Community Organizer, University of Minnesota, the Sabes Jewish Community, and Jewish Community Action, Twin Cities, MN (2007-2009)
- Research Intern, Counterpart International, Washington, D.C. (2007)
- Research Specialist and Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota (2006)
- Consultant, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, St. Paul, MN (Fall 2006)
- Intern, The Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia (2005)
- Election Observer, The Carter Center, Monrovia, Liberia (2005)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the SDSU Academic Senate, SDSU (2021-2024)
- 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)
- Reviewed manuscript for University of Toronto Press (2024)