



## Curriculum Vita

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004.  
M.A., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1998.  
B.A., History and Russian, Washington University in St. Louis, 1994.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2019-present: History Department Head, History Department, East Texas A&M University.  
2018-2019: Interim Department Head, History Department, East Texas A&M University.  
2016-2024: Director of Gender Studies, East Texas A&M University.  
2024-present: Professor, History Department, East Texas A&M University.  
2012-2024: Associate Professor, History Department, East Texas A&M University.  
2006-2012: Assistant Professor, History Department, East Texas A&M University.  
2005-2006: Lecturer, History Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
2004-2005: Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, Georgetown University.

### SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

#### Monographs

*Deviant Women: Female Crime and Criminology in Revolutionary Russia, 1880-1930.* DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2009. Winner of the 2012 Best Book Prize from the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS).

#### Articles

"The Group Rape of Mariia N.: Gender, Violence, and the Crisis of Legitimacy in Early Soviet Russia," *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* 50, no. 2 (2023): 120-142.

- “In Pursuit of Social Justice: Modern European Socialism, 1850-1940,” in *Revisiting Modern European History*, ed. Vandana Joshi (Delhi, India: Pearson, 2016).
- “Continuity and Change: Russian and Early Soviet Criminology and the Criminal Woman,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Crime and Criminal Justice*, eds. Paul Knepper and Anja Johansen, 416-432 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).
- “Transforming Society: Criminologists, Violence, and Family in War and Revolution,” in *Russia’s Home Front in War and Revolution, 1914-22, Book 2: The Experience of War and Revolution*, eds. Adele Lindenmeyr, Christopher Read, and Peter Waldron, 343-63 (Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers, 2016).
- “Peace, Land, and Bread: The Russian Revolution,” in *Themes in Modern European History: Social Movements and Cultural Currents, 1789-1945*, ed. Vandana Joshi, 70-125 (New Delhi, India: Orient BlackSwan, 2010).
- “Making Sense of the Murdering Mother: Soviet Criminologists and Infanticide in Revolutionary Russia,” in *Killing Infants: Studies in the Worldwide Practice of Infanticide*, eds. Brigitte Bechtold and Donna Cooper Graves, 167-194 (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 2006).
- “Who’s Responsible for Female Crime? Gender, Deviance, and the Development of Soviet Social Norms in Revolutionary Russia,” *The Russian Review* 62, no. 3 (July 2003): 366-86.
- “Women and Infanticide in Early Soviet Criminology,” *Problemy slavianovedeniia: Sbornik nauchnykh statei i materialov*. Vyp. 1, 139-48 (Briansk: Izdatel’stvo Brianskogo gosudarstvennogo pedagogicheskogo universiteta, 2000).

#### Other Publications and Edited Journals

- Senior Managing Editor, *Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women’s and Gender History* vol. 13 (2019)-vol. 18 (2024).
- Guest Editor, *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*. Special Issue: A Festschrift in Honor of Donald J. Raleigh—Part 1, 50, no. 1 (2023) [“Introduction,” 3-7].
- Guest Editor, *Russian Studies in History* vol. 58, no. 4 (2019): “Justice in Revolutionary Russia.”
- “Contingent Faculty and Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies: A Report by the ASEES Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession,” *NewsNet: News of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies*, v. 57, no. 2 (March 2017): 12-14.

#### **SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES**

- “Gender and Hooliganism in NEP,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Gainesville, FL, March/April 2023.
- “The Friendship of the Peoples? Some Thoughts on the History of Russian-Ukrainian Relations,” Invited public lecture, Allen Public Library, Allen, TX, 10 January 2023.
- “Is the Russian Revolution Still Relevant?” Invited speaker for the monthly Lunch Break Special at the Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum, Greenville, TX, November 2, 2021.
- “Violence, Gender, Family, and Society in Revolutionary Russia, 1900-1936,” Virtual Workshop “A Woman’s Work is Never Done: Female Life and Labor across the Imperial, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Eras,” at the University of Illinois Summer Research Lab, July 10-11, 2021.
- “Gendering the Russian Revolution,” American Historical Association (AHA) 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, January 2020.

- “The Rape of Mariia N.: Violence, Justice, and Norms of Proper Behavior in Early Soviet Russia,” Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Fellows Research Seminars presentation, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, 6 June 2019.
- “Mass Rape and Mass Transformation: Legal Responses to Sexual Violence in Early Soviet Russia,” International Federation for Research in Women’s History (IFRWH) Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, August 2018.
- “Theorizing Female Crime in Russia: The Application of Gendered Analysis to Court Cases,” Social Sciences History Association 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2017.
- “Constitution Day: History and Debates Surrounding the Equal Rights Amendment,” Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX, September 19, 2017.
- “New Opportunities, Old Patterns: Gender, Violence, and Divorce in the Russian Revolution,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, June 2017.
- “Exposing the Underside of Family Life: Conflict, Violence, and the Transformation of Private Life in Early Soviet Society,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Washington, DC, November 2016.
- “Trying the Female Criminal: State, Society, and Social Norms in Revolutionary Russia,” 11<sup>th</sup> European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain, March 2016.
- “Domestic Conflict in 1920s Russia,” *Gender and Conflict* Conference, Highpoint, NC, March 2014.
- “The Family in Transition: Crime, Violence, and Family Relations in War and Revolution,” presented to the Dallas Area Social Historians (DASH) monthly meeting, Dallas, TX, September 2013.
- “Bodies of Evidence: Dealing with Perpetrators and Victims of Violent Crime in Revolutionary Russia,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 44th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, November 2012.
- “Investigating Domestic Violence in Early Soviet Russia,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies 50th Anniversary Meeting, Savannah, GA, March 2012.
- “Family, Law, and Order: Transforming Family Relationships in Early Soviet Russia,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 43rd Annual Convention, Washington, DC, November 2011.
- “Domestic Violence in the Revolutionary Era,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 42nd Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA, November 2010.
- “Beyond Chubarov Alley: Sexual Violence in Revolutionary Russia,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 41st National Convention, Boston, MA, November 2009.
- “Jews and the Russian Revolutionary Movements,” Dallas Jewish Historical Society, Dallas, TX, March 2009.
- “Soviet Family Values: The Problem of Child Care and Domestic Violence in Early Soviet Russia,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 2008.
- “Family Drama, Soviet Style: Exploring Social Relationships in Revolutionary Russia,” Noontime Scholars Lecture for the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Summer Research Lab, July 2007.
- “The Prostitute and the Criminal: Criminological Discourse on Public Women in Revolutionary Russia,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 38th National Convention, Washington, DC, November 2006.
- “1968 in Czechoslovakia,” Panel on 1968, Texas A&M University-Commerce, November 2006.

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2023, Co-PI, The Human Experience Teagle/NEH Foundation Humanities Implementation Grant.

2022, Co-PI, The Human Experience Teagle/NEH Foundation Humanities Planning Grant.  
2018, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Visiting Fellow Award.  
2012, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS) Best Book Prize.  
2010, "Domestic Violence in Russia, 1900-1936," Research Trip to Moscow, Short-Term Travel Grant Program, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).  
2009, "Domestic Violence in Russia, 1900-1936" Research Trip to Moscow, Faculty International Studies Grant, Texas A&M University-Commerce.  
2009, Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Award.  
2003-2004, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," Doris G. Quinn Dissertation Completion Fellowship, History Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
2003, "Who's Responsible for Female Crime: Gender, Deviance, and the Development of Soviet Social Norms in Revolutionary Russia," Graduate Student Essay Prize, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS).  
2001, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," Regional Scholar Exchange Program, American Councils for International Education (ACTR).  
2000-2001, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).  
2000-2001, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," David L. Boren Graduate International Fellowship, National Security Education Program (NSEP).  
2000-2001, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," Smith Research Grant, Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
2000-2001, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," Mowry Research Grant, History Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
2000-2001, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," Pre-Dissertation Grant, Association of Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS).  
1998, "Making Crime and Sex Soviet: Women, Deviance, and the Development of Criminology in Russia," Summer Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University Center for International Studies (UCIS).

#### **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Senior Editor, *Aspasia*, a peer-reviewed yearbook of interdisciplinary women's and gender history of and about Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe, 2018-present.  
Secretary, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2024-present.  
Vice President, Association of Women in Slavic Studies, 2025-2027; Chair of Heldt Best Book Prize Committee  
Board Member, ASEES, 2023-2025.  
Chair, European History Section, Southern Historical Association, 2021-2022.  
Vice-Chair, European History Section, Southern Historical Association, 2020-2021.  
Chaudhuri First Article Prize Committee, Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2018-2020.  
President, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2017-2019.  
Executive Board Member, Association of Women in Slavic Studies, 2011-2024.  
Executive Council Member, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2012-2015.  
Book Review Editor, *Women East-West*, a newsletter of the Association of Women in Slavic Studies, 2015-2024.

Editorial Board Member, *Aspasia*, a peer-reviewed yearbook of interdisciplinary women's and gender history of and about Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe, 2009-2018.