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EDUCATION

Ph.D. January 2007, Department of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

M.A. May 2000, Department of History, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

B.A. May 1997, Department of Political Science, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern and Contemporary U.S. History; American History in Global Perspective; History of American Foreign Relations; Cold War History; Vietnam War History; History of the 1960s; Russian History; Soviet and East European History; European Diplomatic History; Global History.

RECENT RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES

*Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, November 2010 (Los Angeles, CA).

*"Cold War Cultures: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives," October 2010 (Austin, TX).

*Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, April 2010 (Washington, DC).

*"Cold War Interactions Reconsidered," October 2009 (Helsinki, Finland).

*"Face-off to Facebook: From the Nixon-Khrushchev Kitchen Debate to Public Diplomacy in the 21st Century," July 2009 (Washington, DC).

*Joint National Conference of the Popular Culture and American Culture Associations, March 2008 (San Francisco, CA).

COMMITTEE SERVICE AT WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Lyceum Committee (2010-Present), Travel Study Committee (2009-2010), Cultural Diversity Committee (2008-2010), Library Committee (2007-2008), and WSU History Department's Sub-Committees (2007- Present).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- "Cold War Communications: The Experience of American Exchange Exhibitions in the Soviet Union, 1959-1991" in *Winter Kept Us Warm: Cold War Interactions Reconsidered*, Sari Autio-Saraso and Brendan Humphreys, eds. (Helsinki: Kikumora Publications, 2010), pp. 44-59.
- "Cold War 'Bridge-Building: U.S. Exchange Exhibits and Their Reception in the Soviet Union, 1959-1967" in the *Journal of Cold War Studies* (Vol. 12, No. 4, Fall 2010, pp. 3-31).

PUBLIC AND OTHER EVENTS

- Organizer of Professor Daniel Byman's Public Lecture, "Al Qaeda after the Death of Bin Laden and the Arab Spring," WSU Campus in Winona, September 26, 2011.
- Organizer, Screenings and Discussions of Famous Polish Films, 2010 - 2011 (Winona Polish Museum).
- Organizer, Public Lectures on the Vietnam War Literature by Professor Wayne Karlin: *Wondering Souls: Journeys with the Dead and the Living in Viet Nam* and Literature as a Form of Healing and Reconciliation, WSU Campus in Winona, March 15-16, 2011.
- Organizer of Mr. Joe Morse's (Local Activist's) Public Lecture, "The African American Struggle for Voting Rights in Mississippi: Reflections on Freedom Summer 1964," WSU Campus in Winona, November 19, 2008.
- Guest Lecturer on the Historiography of the Cold War, Prof. John Campbell's "Historical Research Methods and Historiography" Classes, April 18, 2011, November 28, 2011, March 30, 2012, and December 5, 2012 (WSU).

AWARDS

- WSU Foundation's "Special Projects" Grants to Participate in International Cold War Conference in Finland in October 2009 and to Host Guest Speaker, Writer, and Vietnam War Veteran Professor Wayne Karlin on WSU Campus, in March 2011.
- PIF Grants to Participate in Interdisciplinary Conferences in Austin, TX and in Los Angeles, CA in 2010; to Conduct Archival Research in College Park, MD and in Washington, DC, in 2009; and to Participate in the National Conference of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association in San Francisco, CA in 2008.
- The Peter Rollins Travel Grant for Early-Career Faculty to Attend the Annual Conference of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association in San Francisco, CA in 2008.

LANGUAGES

- Fluency in Lithuanian and English; Working knowledge of Russian and French.