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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Current Position**

Assistant Professor, History Department, The European University at Saint Petersburg, 2017 to the present

**Past Positions**

Research fellow\Lecturer, Center for Comparative History and Political Studies at Perm State National Research University, 2014-2016

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. History, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 2017

**Dissertation:** The Kitchen Maid That Will Rule The State: Domestic Service and the Soviet Revolutionary Project, 1917-1953

**Major:** Modern European History

**Minors:** Women's and Gender History (concentrations: history of sexuality; nation, state, and civil society);  
Global and Comparative History (concentrations: modern empires, postcolonial theory, memory studies)

*Kandidat Nauk* (Candidate of Science), Perm State University, 2012

**Dissertation:** Domestic Service As A Social Institute Of The Stalinist Epoch

*Spetsialist*, History, Perm State University, 2006.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

“Lenin’s Cohort: The First Mass Generation of Soviet Pensioners and Public Activism of the Khrushchev’s Era,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, Summer 2018 (forthcoming) Co-authored with Maria Romashova

**Edited Volumes**

‘The Kitchen Maid as Revolutionary Symbol: Paid Domestic Labour and the Emancipation of Soviet Women, 1917-1941’, *The Palgrave Handbook on Women and Gender in Twentieth-Century Russia and the Soviet Union*. Ed. Melanie Ilic. (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), 83-100.

### **Editor-Reviewed Articles**

“Svetlyi put’: Institut domashnei prislugi kak migratsionnyi kanal i mechanism sotsial’noi mobil’nosti epokhi stalinizma,” [The Radiant Path: Domestic Service as a Migration Channel and Social Mobility Mechanism of the Stalinist Epoch] *Novoie Literaturnoie Obozreniie* 117:5 (2012): 40-52

### **Reviews**

Review of Jennifer Utrata, *Women without Men: Single Mothers and Family Change in the New Russia*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015. *Kotrapunkt: Zhurnal o Politike i Obschestve*, 2018 11 (forthcoming)

Review of Dirke Hoerder, Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk, and Silke Neunsinger, eds. *Towards a Global History of Domestic and Caregiving Workers*. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2015, *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*, 2016 8(3):124-126.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“The Kitchen Maid That Will Rule The State: Domestic Service In The Soviet Union,” book-length manuscript

“Young Minds – Young Bodies: The Emotional and Physical in the Late Soviet Discourse on Aging,” article-length manuscript for the edited volume *Many Faces of Socialism*. Maike Lehmann, ed. With Maria Romashova

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Susman Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2016.

Research Stipend, German Historical Institute, Moscow, May-July 2014.

Global Supplementary Grant, Open Society Foundations, 2013

Andrew W. Mellon Summer Research Grant, Rutgers University, 2013

Davis Graduate Travel Grant, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 2012

Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2011-2012

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

#### **Invited Talks**

“An Integral Part of Socialist Economy: Paid Domestic Labor and Etatization of the Soviet Home,” College of William and Mary, November 3, 2017.

“The Kitchen Maid as Revolutionary Symbol: Paid Domestic Labor and Emancipation of the Soviet Woman, 1917-1941”, Séminaire "L'univers des choses soviétiques," School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, March 19, 2015

“And Any Kitchen Maid Will Be Able to Rule the State: Domestic Servants and the Revolution,” German Historical Institute in Moscow and French-Russian Center for Humanities and Social Sciences Joint Seminar, Moscow, January 14, 2014

### **Papers Presented**

“Young Minds – Young Bodies: The Emotional and Physical in the Late Soviet Discourse on Aging,” presented at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Chicago, November 9-12, 2017. With Maria Romashova.

“Servants into Workers: Domestic Service and the Creation of a New Soviet Person, 1920-1928,” presented at the conference Beyond the Home: New Histories of Domestic Servants, Oxford, September 7-8, 2017.

“An Integral Part of Socialist Economy: Paid Domestic Labor and Etatization of the Home in the 1930s,” presented at Fisher Workshop “The Soviet Home: Domestic Ideology and Practice,” Urbana-Champaign, June 23-24, 2017.

“*Arkhivatsiia ‘(ne)obyknovennogo’: dokumenty lichnogo proiskhozhdeniia i kommémorativnye prakiki starshego pokoleniia v SSSR 1960-1980-kh godov*” [Archiving the “(Un)Usual: Personal Documents and Commemorative Practices of the Older Generation in the USSR in the 1960s-1980s], presented at the international conference A ‘Memory Revolution’: Soviet History through the Lens of Personal Documents, Moscow, June 7-8, Moscow.

“Pain in My Heart, Memory in My Soul: Gender, Aging and Soviet Subjectivity in the Diaries of Valentina Sokolova,” presented at the workshop “The Many Faces of Late Socialism. The Individual in the ‘Eastern Bloc’, 1953-1988,” Cologne, May 26-28, 2016. With Maria Romashova

“How Non-Work Becomes Work: Paid Domestic Labor and the Construction of the Soviet Working Class, 1917-1941,” presented at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Philadelphia, November 19-22, 2015 and at 51<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Labour and Social History “Work and Non-Work,” Berlin, September 17-19, 2015

“*Domashniie rabotnitsy v SSSR: Sotsialisticheskiie migratsii i neravenstva*” [Domestic Workers in the USSR: Socialist Migrations and Inequalities] presented at International Conference

“Domestic Workers in the Countries of Central Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Union: Postsocialist Migrations and Inequalities”, St. Petersburg, April 24-26, 2015.

“*Kto my – sluzhanki ili rabochiie? Professional’nyie soiuzy domashnikh rabotnits do i posle Oktabr’a*” [Who Are We – Servants or Workers? Professional Unions of Domestic Workers Before and After October] presented at *Rabocheie Profsoiuznoie Dvizhenie v Rossii: Iz proshlogo v budushcheie* [Workers’ Union Movement in Russia: From the Past into the Future], Moscow, April 17-19, 2015.

“Can a Bolshevik Have a Servant? Paid Domestic Labor Under The Dictatorship Of The Proletariat, 1917-1941,” presented at British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference Cambridge, March 28-30, 2015.

“*Barski’e zamashki: na’emnyi domashniy trud i pozdnestalinskaia respektabil’nost’*” [Lordly Manners: Paid Domestic Labor and Late Stalinist Respectability] presented at the VII International Conference “Late Stalinism. Soviet State and Society in the Post-War period. 1945-1953», Tver’, December 4-6, 2014

“*Profso’uzy protiv partii? Prosvetrabota v so’uze Narpit I bor’ba za sovetского rabochego*” [Unions versus the State? Educational Work in the Narpit Union and the Struggle for the Soviet Worker, 1921-1930» presented at the “Exhibition Achievements of National Sciences-8”, European University at Saint Petersburg, November 8-9, 2014

“*Kukharka kak simvol revoliutsii: na’emnyi domashniy trud i osvobozhdenie sovetской zhenshiny*” [Kitchen Maid as a Revolutionary Symbol: Paid Domestic Labor and the Liberation of the Soviet Woman, 1917-1941] presented at the VII International Convention of the Russian Association for Research in Women’s History “Sex. Politics. Policulturalism: Gender Systems and Gender Relations in Past and Present”, Ryazan’, October 9-12, 2014

“*Iz prislugi v rabochi’e: prosvetitel’skaia rabota profso’uza rabochikh narodnogo pitani’a I sovet’ska’a politika identichnosti, 1917-1930*” [Servants into Workers: Educational Work in the Union of people’s Food Services and Soviet Identity Politics, 1917-1930” presented at the International Conference “Conceptual Foundations of Soviet Educational Politics” (Laboratory of Historical and Cultural Studies at the School of Contemporary Humanitarian Research, RANEP, Moscow, September 26-27, 2014

“Domestic Servants and the Myth of 1905: A Revolution of Their Own?” presented at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) and the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Joint Regional Conference, Astana (May 22-24, 2014)

“And Any Kitchen Maid Will Be Able to Rule the State: Domestic Servants and the Revolution”, presented at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Boston (November 21-24, 2013)

“Nannies in the Homes of Soviet Elite: Transcending Borders of Class, Ethnicity, and Culture”, at “Projects of Modernity: Constructing the “Soviet” in European Perspective,” Perm National Research University, Russia (June 24-26, 2013); and at the Association for Slavic,

East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, New Orleans  
(November 15-18, 2012)

### **Discussant**

Panel "Letter-writing and Subjectivity," at the Colloquium "Letters to Authorities:  
Interdisciplinary Approaches," European University at Saint Petersburg, April 16, 2017.

Panel "Memory-Making and Resistance: Cultural and National Identity Formation in Modern  
Europe," at the Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference On Culture and Society "Myth,  
Memory, and History: New Approaches to an Elusive Past", Rutgers University, April 20,  
2013.

### **Conferences and Workshops Organized**

International Conference "Exclusiveness of the Excluded: Marginality and Historical Change in  
Imperial, Soviet and Post-Soviet Times", Perm State National Research University,  
February 18, 2016.

International Workshop "Sexuality and the State: Mobilization Strategies within the Soviet and  
Post-Soviet Space", Perm State National Research University, February 27-28, 2015.

International Graduate Student Conference "Mobilization and Movement in Eastern Europe and  
Eurasia," Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, March 28, 2014

International Conference "Projects of Modernity: Constructing the "Soviet" in European  
Perspective," Perm State National Research University, June 24-26, 2013

### **Conferences and Workshops Organized – Funding and Awards**

Funding awarded to International Workshop "Sexuality and the State: Mobilization Strategies in  
the Soviet and Post-Soviet Space," Perm State National Research University, February  
27-28, 2015, from the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

## **INTERNATIOANL SUMMER SCHOOLS**

### **Student**

5<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian International Summer School "Challenging the Social Order: Revolution, Reform,  
and Transformation Under and After Socialism, Mykolaiv, July 2-9, 2013

"Stalinism in the Works of Young Researches: New Sources, New Approaches", Smolensk, June  
28-30, 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> Ukrainian International Summer School "Soviet Legacies and post-Soviet practices:  
economy, politics, everyday life", Ostroh, July 4-10, 2011

International School of Leadership and Social Management “The League of Action”

Druskininkai, Lithuania, July 14-24, 2004

Eurostory Seminar: Poland and Europe – Historical and Current Perspectives, Warsaw-Krakow,  
October, 2001

### **Instructor**

8<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian International Summer School “War and Violent Conflict in Socialist and Post-Socialist Societies,” Kharkiv, July 4-10, 2016.

7<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian International Summer School “Borders in Post-Socialist Space: Past, Present, Future,” Chernivtsi, July 3-9, 2015.

6<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian International Summer School “Embracing the City,” L’viv, July 1-8, 2014.

### **PUBLIC LECTURES**

“*Sovetskaia sem’a v proshlom i nastoiashchem*” [The Soviet Family in the Past and in the Present], European University at Saint Petersburg, December 18, 2017.

“*Komsomolka, sportsmenka, krasavitsa: konstruirovaniie sovetskoi zhenschiny*” [Komsomol Activist, an Athlete And a Beauty: Constructing the Soviet Woman], Educational Project “Progress School,” June 14, 2017.

“*Boitsy nevidimogo fronta: domashniye rabotnitsy v gody voidy*” [Fighters of the Invisible Front: Domestic Workers During the War], Perm Local History Museum, Perm, March 5, 2015

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

History of Soviet Culture, Perm State National Research University (Spring, 2015)

Cultural Studies, Perm State National Research University (Fall, 2015)

#### **Graduate Courses**

Gender and Modern Empires, European University at Saint Petersburg (Spring 2017)

Gendering Modern Russian History, European University at Saint Petersburg (Spring 2017)

Academic Writing, Perm State National Research University (Spring, 2016)

Introduction to Postcolonial Theory, Perm State National Research University (Fall, 2015)

#### **Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University**

Development of Europe I, (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

History and the News (Spring 2013)

Sexuality in America (Fall 2012)

Grader, Revolutionary Russia and the Soviet Union (Spring 2012; Fall 2016)

### **THESIS/DISSERTATION ADVISOR**

Ph.D. dissertation, Advisor

Daria Navolotskaya, *Tekhstil'shitsy i mobilizatsia zhenshin v gody pervykh p'atiletok, 1928-1940 gg.* [Female Textile Workers and Mobilization of Women During The First Five-Year Plans, 1928-1940], European University at Saint Petersburg, in progress

M.A. Thesis, Advisor

Daria Fetisova, *Perestroika i zhenskii vopros* [Perestroika and the Women's Question], European University at Saint Petersburg, in progress

Sofia Danilova, *Vliianie votori mirovoi voiny na representatsii otsovstva, 1945-1955* [The Impact of the Second World War on the Representations of Fatherhood, 1945-1955], European University at Saint Petersburg, in progress

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

Peer-reviewer, *Vestnik Permskogo Universiteta. Istoriiia* [Perm University Herald. History]

### **DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Member, Department Council, History Department

Member, Newly Hired Faculty Committee

Member, Academic Planning Committee, History Department

### **ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE**

Department of History, University of Pennsylvania (Fall 2014, Fall 2013)

Freedom Support Act/Future Leaders Exchange High School Exchange, US Department of State (AY 1998-1999)

### **LANGUAGES**

Russian: native

English: fluent

German: Intermediate

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

Association for Women in Slavic Studies

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, member

### **REFERENCES**

Jochen Hellbeck, Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University, Department of History, 217A Van Dyck Hall, 16 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, United States

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