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EMPLOYMENT

2018 – present	Associate Professor, Department of History, University at Albany, SUNY
2013-2018	Assistant Professor, Department of History, University at Albany, SUNY
2010-2017	Senior Research Fellow (in absentia from Fall 2013), Center for Byzantine Studies, Institute of General History, Russian Academy
2008-2010	Research Fellow of the Centre for Byzantine Studies, Russian Academy, Institute of General History
2006 - 2007	Research Fellow (Dumbarton Oaks/Trustees for Harvard University)
2003 – 2006, Summer 2007	Junior Research Fellow (Wolfson College, Oxford)
1996 - 1999	Research Fellow of the Centre for Byzantine Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of General History, 119334, Russian Federation, Moscow, Leninskii Prospect, 32 A. Member of the editorial board of “Vizantiiskii Vremennik”

EDUCATION

2000 – 2004	<u>The University of Oxford, Exeter College</u> . Dissertation <i>Byzantium and the Turks in the Thirteenth Century</i> (supervisor – Dr M. Whittow, St Peter's College). Degree: D.Phil. (Oxford)
1993-1998	<u>Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of General History, Center for Byzantine Studies (Moscow)</u> . Dissertation <i>Northern Anatolia in the Eleventh-Fifteenth Centuries: The Byzantine Heritage in the Time of Turkic (Seljukid and Ottoman) Conquests</i> (supervisor – academician G.G. Litavrin). Degree: Ph.D. (Moscow)
1988-1993	<u>Moscow University, History Faculty, Department of Mediaeval History</u> : Thesis <i>Paphlagonia and Western Pontus in the Thirteenth-Fifteenth Centuries. A study in political and confessional history</i> (supervisor – Dr R.M. Shukurov). Red

1978-1988	diploma (cum laude). Secondary school 1133 (Moscow): gold medal (cum laude)
Languages	Russian (native), English (fluent), French, German, Ottoman Turkish, Turkish, Classical and Byzantine Greek, Modern Greek, Arabic, Classical Armenian, Church Slavonic, Latin, Medieval French, Persian, Syriac, Mongolian
Research	Byzantine Studies: Political history of Byzantium, 1000-1453; agrarian history; administrative structures of the Byzantine Empire; Byzantine-Turkish relations from the eleventh to the fifteenth century, with special emphasis on the political history, state-building and confessional relations; history of the Crusader states, Byzantine-Latin relations and Levantine history in the eleventh through the sixteenth century; Christian-Muslim relations.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK: *Byzantium and the Turks in the Thirteenth Century* (Oxford, OUP, 2014) ISBN 978-0-19-870826-1 [published in October 2014, released in the USA market in November 2014]

The book received the 2018 John Nicholas Brown Prize of the Medieval Academy of America, at the Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting 3 March 2018 (Atlanta)

Reviews:

Matthew Kinloch: *English Historical Review* 130 (May 2015), pp. 699-700

Nicholas Morton: *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 26/4 (December 2015), pp. 501-3, DOI: 10.1080/09596410.2015.1087112, URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09596410.2015.1087112>

Ioannis Polemis: *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 108/1 (2015), pp. 245-9

Michael Angold: *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 67 (Issue 02) (April 2016), pp. 409-11

Demetrios Kyritzes: *Byzantina Symmeikta* 26 (2016), pp. 483-486

Jean-Claude Cheynet: *The American Historical Review* December 2016, pp. 1729-1730

Daniele Tinterri: *Byzantinoslavica* 74 (2016), pp. 280-282

Sergei Prokoshin: *Vizantiiskii Vremennik* 100 (2016), pp. 321-325 (in Russian)

Albert Failler: *Revue des Études Byzantines* 75 (2017), pp. 346-349

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Aleppo and its prisoners after the campaign of Nikephoros Phokas in December 962”, in *War with Byzantium. Legitimation, Consequences and Reception*, eds. Johannes Pahlitzsch, Roman Shliakhtin, Ute Verstegen (BEEK 4), Mainz University Press (submitted for publication)

“The city of Sinop: Between the Ottomans, Sivas emirate, and the Empire of Trebizond”, in *İnalçik ve Oğuzoğlu Anısına Osmanlı Devleti’nin Kuruluşundan Cumhuriyet Türkiye’sine Yalاکova’dan Yalاکova’ya*

- 2024 [In Memoriam of İnalçik and Oğuzoğlu. From the Foundation of the Ottoman Empire to the Republic of Turkey. From Yalakova to Yalova 2024], eds. Hacer Karabağ Arslan, Yusuf Ziya Karaaslan, 2 vols (Ankara: Ekin Kitabevi Yayınları, 2024), i, pp. 75-84
- “Two Paradoxes of Border Identity: Michael VIII Palaiologos and Constantine Doukas Nestongos in the Sultanate of Rûm”, in *Identities and Ideologies in the Medieval East Roman World*, ed. Yannis Stouraitis (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2022), pp. 319-345
- “On the Byzantine-Mongol marriages”, in *Istoriia (Electronnyi Nauchno-obrazovatel'nyi Zhurnal, Rossiiskaia Akademiia Nauk)*, vol. 13 *Translation in the Profession of a Historian | The Historical Heritage of the Middle Ages and the Horizons of European Civilization*, issue 11 (121) (2022)
URL: <https://history.jes.su/s207987840023180-7-1/>
DOI: 10.18254/S207987840023180-7
PII: S207987840023180-7-1
- “Byzantine Traditions of the Sublime Porte: The Title qayşar-i Rûm in the Ottoman Political Thought”, in *The Journal of Education and Science “İSTORIYA” (“History”) 12 (2021): The Eastern Christian World and the World of Islam in the Eurasian Space: Politics, Religion, Culture*, published online 06/21/2021, doi: 10.18254/S207987840015717-7, URL: <https://history.jes.su/s207987840015717-7-1/?sl=ru>, code S207987840015717-7-1
- “These are the narratives of bygone years”: Conquest of a Fortress as a Source of Legitimacy”, in *Urban Agencies: Reframing Anatolian and Caucasian Cities (13th-14th Centuries) & Movement and Mobility in the Medieval Mediterranean: Changing Perspectives from Late Antiquity to the Long-Twelfth Century*, eds. M. Kinloch and B. de Nicola, published as a special issue of *Medieval Worlds* 14 (2021), pp. 179-201, doi:10.1553/medievalworlds_no14_2021s179, Open Access Publication, URL: http://www.medievalworlds.net/medieval_worlds?frames=yes
- “Crossing the Border: Shifting Identities in Byzantine Anatolia in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries”, in *Space and Communities in Byzantine Anatolia. Papers From the Fifth International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, eds. Nikos D. Kontogiannis and B. Tolga Uyar (Istanbul, 2021), pp. 423-441
- “From Plousias to Düzce : wars and migrations in Northern Anatolia”, in *Konuralp Gazi ve Düzce Tarihi Sempozyumu, 23-24 Kasım 2018, Düzce, bildiriler*, eds. Ali Ertuğrul and Fırat Yaşa (Ankara, 2020), pp. 295-318
- “The Ilkhans in the Byzantine Sources” in *New Approaches to Ilkhanid History*, eds. Timothy May, Bayarsaikhan Dashdondog, and Christopher P. Atwood (Leiden: Brill, 2020) [Brill's Inner Asian Library, Volume: 39], pp. 385–424
- “Byzantine Emperors and Sultans of Rum: Sharing Power?”, in *The Emperor in the Byzantine World. Papers from the Forty-Seventh Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies*, ed. S. Tougher. Proceedings to the Byzantine Spring Symposium, Cardiff University, United Kingdom (Routledge: London and New York, 2019), pp. 83-111.
- “Konostavl ili kundistabl? Prikliucheniiia titula konnetabl' v Vostochnom Sredizemnomorie”, in *Istoriia (Electronnyi Nauchno-obrazovatel'nyi Zhurnal, Rossiiskaia Akademiia Nauk)*, vol. 10, issue 3 (77) (2019) [Konostaulos or Kundistabl? Adventures of the Office of Constable (Connétable) in the Eastern Mediterranean, in *The Journal of Education and Science “İSTORIYA” (“History”)*, Russian Academy of Sciences, 10/3 (77) (2019)]
URL: <https://history.jes.su/s207987840005468-3-1/>
DOI: 10.18254/S207987840005468-3
PII: S207987840005468-3-1
- “Royal titles of the Germiyanogulları”, in *Uluslararası Batı Anadolu Beylikleri. Tarih, Kültür ve Medeniyeti Sempozyumu- III (Germiyanogulları Beyliği) 8-10 Mayıs 2014*, eds. M. Ersan and M. Seker (Ankara 2017) pp. 303-11
- “The Enigma of Vatopedi cod. 760 (olim 680)”, in *Kapterevskie Chteniia* 14 (Moscow, 2016), pp. 31-38 (in Russian)

- “A Byzantine Family: the Bardakhlades in the Byzantine and Seljuk Service”, in *Vizantiiskie Ocherki [Byzantine Essays]*, (Moscow and St Petersburg, 2016), pp. 87-101 (in Russian)
- “The Formation of Turkish principalities in the boundary zone: from the emirate of Denizli to the beylik of Menteşe (1256-1302)”, in *Uluslararası Batı Anadolu Beylikleri Tarih, Kültür ve Medinîyetleri Sempozyumu-II Menteşeoğulları Tarihi*, 25-27 Nisan 2012, Muğla (Bildiriler). *Proceedings of the Second International Symposium of the History, Culture and Civilization of Western Anatolian Principalities: Menteşe Principality*, 25-27 April 2012, Muğla (Ankara, 2016), pp. 65-76
- “The Byzantine-Seljuk Border in Times of Trouble: Laodikeia in 1174-1204”, in *Byzantium, 1180-1204: ‘The Sad Quarter of a Century’?*, ed. A. Simpson (Athens, 2015), pp. 49-81
- “The Cumans in Paphlagonia”, *Karadeniz İncelemeleri Dergisi. Journal of Black Sea Studies*, 18 (2015), pp. 29-44
- “Before Mantzikert: An Armenian Colophon of 1067”, in *Miscellanea Orientalia Christiana*, eds. N. Seleznev, Iu. Arzhanov (Moscow, 2014), pp. 207-222 (in Russian)
- “The Kipchaks in Paphlagonia”, in *The Kipchaks of Eurasia: History, Language and Written Records. Materials of International Scientific Conference, Republic of Kazakhstan, 29-30 May 2013*, ed. B.E. Komekov et al. (Astana, 2013), pp. 100-108 (in Russian)
- “The King of the East and the West: the Seljuk dynastic concept and titles in the Muslim and Christian Sources”, in *The Seljuks of Anatolia. Court and Society in Medieval Middle East*, eds. A.C.S. Peacock and Sara Nur Yıldız (London and New York, 2013), pp. 68-90
- “The Cumans on the Eastern Frontier of the Empire of Nicaea”, in *ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑΚΟΙ: In memoriam of Professor V. Kuchma*, ed. N.D. Barabanov (Volgograd, 2012), pp. 343-358 (in Russian)
- “The Seljuk Conquest of Asia Minor (1064-1091)”, in *Proceedings of the XXIV Symposium ‘Ancient and Medieval Eastern Europe (In memoriam of V.T. Pashuto) (Moscow, 2012)*, pp. 132-133 (in Russian)
- “Michael VIII Palaeologus in the Sultanate of Rum: the evidence of the later sources concerning Constantine Doukas Nestongos”, *Vizantiiskie Ocherki [Byzantine Essays]* (Moscow, 2011), pp. 116-138 (In Russian)
- “Gennadii Grigorievich Litavrin (1925-2009): in memoriam” in *Bulletin of British Byzantine Studies* 37 (2011), pp. 148-151
- “How ‘Byzantine’ Were the Early Ottomans? Bithynia in c. 1290-1450”, in *Osmanskii mir i osmanistika*. Eds. I.V. Zaitsev, S.F. Oreshkova (Moscow, 2010), pp. 215-239
- “A Turkic inscription on MS 1, New York Public Library, Slavic Division”, in G.R. Parpulov, “Pre 1650 Cyrillic Manuscripts in U.S. Public Collections: A Catalogue”, *Paleoslavica* 18 (2010), pp. 5-6
- “An Adventure of the Word: τὸ ζῆλον in the Greek Language”, in *Vizantiiskii Vremennik* 69 (93) (2010), pp. 201-218 (in Russian)
- “The Byzantine Commonwealth in the Islamic Sources. Part 1”, in *Vizantiiskii Vremennik* 68 (92) (2009), pp. 75-90 (in Russian)
- “Iconium” in *The Orthodox Encyclopaedia*, vol. xxii (Moscow, 2009), pp. 26-30 (in Russian)
- “A Greek Orthodox Armenian in the Seljukid Service: the Colophon of Basil Meliteniotes”, in *Mare et litora. Essays presented to Sergei Karpov for his 60th birthday*, ed. R. Shukurov (Moscow, 2009), pp. 709-724
- “Raiders and Neighbours: the Turks (1040-1304)”, in *The Cambridge History of the Byzantine Empire, c. 500-1492*, ed. J. Shepard (Cambridge, 2008), pp. 692-730
- “A Broken Mirror: the Kıpçak World in the Thirteenth Century”, in *The Other Europe in the Middle Ages: Avars, Bulgars, Khazars and Cumans*, ed. F. Curta, with the assistance of R. Kovalev (Leiden: Brill, 2007), pp. 379-413
- “A Sultan in Constantinople: the feasts of Ghiyāth al-Dīn Kay-Khusraw I”, in *Eat, Drink and Be Merry (Luke 12:19) – Food and Wine in Byzantium. Papers from the 37th Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies, in Honour of Professor A.A.M. Bryer*, eds. L. Brubaker and K. Linardou [Publications for the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies, 13] (Aldershot, 2007), pp. 93-108

- “How Asia Minor was lost? Byzantium and the Turks in 1071-1081”, in *Proceedings of the 21st International Congress of Byzantine Studies, London, 21-26 August, 2006*, 3 vols (Aldershot, 2006), iii: Abstracts of Communications, pp. 8-9
- “Master of Constantinople the Great City? Titles of the Byzantine Emperors in Diplomatic Correspondence with Muslim Potentates from the seventh to the tenth century”, in *Vizantiiskie Ocherki [Byzantine Essays]* (St Petersburg, 2006), pp. 92-109 (in Russian)
- “Michael VIII Palaeologus in the Sultanate of Rūm”, in *Vizantiiskii Vremennik* 64 (89) (2005), pp. 77-98 (in Russian)
- “Orthodox Communities in Eastern Anatolia in the 13th-14th centuries. Part 2: The Time of Troubles”, in *Al-Masāq* 17 (2005), pp. 1-29
- “The Revolt in Kastamonu, c. 1291-1293”, in *Byzantinische Forschungen* 28 (2004), pp. 87-117
- “Diplomatic Correspondence between Byzantium and the Mamlūk Sultanate in the Fourteenth Century”, in *Al-Masāq* 16 (2004), pp. 53-74
- “Orthodox Communities in Eastern Anatolia in the 13th-14th centuries. Part 1: The Two Patriarchates: Constantinople and Antioch”, in *Al-Masāq* 15 (2003), pp. 197-214
- “The revolt in Kastamonu, 1291-1293”, in *Vizantiiskie Ocherki [Byzantine Essays]* (St Petersburg, 2001), pp. 74-111 (in Russian)
- “The Byzantine-Turkish border in Asia Minor in the end of the 13th century”, in *XXe Congrès International des Études Byzantines, Collège de France-Sorbonne, 19-25 Août 2001. Prè-actes* (Paris, 2001), ii: Tables rondes, p. 309
- “The Oriental sources of Laonikos Chalcocondyles: Bayezid I Yıldırım’s campaigns in Asia Minor”, *Bulletin of British Byzantine Studies* 27 (2001), pp. 74-75
- “From the ΣΥΓΓΡΑΦΙΚΩΝ ΙΣΤΟΡΙΩΝ of George Pachymeres”, *Vizantiiskii Vremennik* 59 (84) (2000), pp. 288-292 (in Russian)
- “The royal traveller against his own will: Michael VIII Palaeologos in the Rum Sultanate”, in *Bulletin of British Byzantine Studies* 26 (2000), pp. 62-63
- “Byzantium and the Ilkhans: the imperial diplomacy in the Orient ca. 1250-1310”, in G.G. Litavrin, ed., *Byzantium between West and East* (St Petersburg, 1999), pp. 428-473 (in Russian)
- (with R.M. Shukurov) “The Grand Komnenoi, Sinope and Rum in 1223-1230 (the enigma of John Lazaropoulos’ Synopsis)”, in S.P. Karpov, ed., *The Black Sea region in the Middle Ages*, 3 (St Petersburg, 1998), pp. 178-200 (in Russian)
- “Byzantium and the Ilkhans: the imperial diplomacy in the Orient ca. 1250-1310”, in *Byzantium: Identity, Image, Influence. XIX International Congress of Byzantine Studies. Copenhagen, 18-24 August 1996. Abstracts of Communications* (Copenhagen, 1996), p. 1318
- “The Oriental sources of Laonikos Chalcocondyles: Bayezid I Yıldırım’s campaigns in Asia Minor”, in *Vizantiiskie Ocherki [Byzantine Essays]* (Moscow, 1996), pp. 152-168 (in Russian)
- “The Pontic Metropolitan Sees on the Muslim Lands in the 14th century”, in *Vizantiiskii Vremennik* 56 (81) (1995), pp. 156-169 (in Russian)

REVIEW:

E. A. Ζαχαριάδου, *Ιστορία και θρύλοι τῶν παλαιῶν σουλτάνων, 1300–1400* (Athens, 1991).
Published in *Vizantiiskii Vremennik* 55 (80), part 2 (1998), pp. 251-3 (in Russian)

PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

BOOK: Syriac, Armenian, and Arabic Seals from the collections of the Dumbarton Oaks Museum. This will be a monograph study of the most important Byzantine lead seals of the eleventh and twelfth century now in Dumbarton Oaks. These seals (approx. 100 specimens) comprise fifty per cent of such seals in the world. I was offered by the curator of the collection to submit a short monograph study describing the most important seals. The tentative date of the monograph submission is the end of 2025.

BOOK: *From Byzantium to the Ottoman Empire: Paphlagonia and Western Pontos, 1061-1461*. Based on my Russian dissertation, the book will focus on the transformation of a Byzantine province to the Ottoman one. After completing a revision in English while on fellowship at Dumbarton Oaks, The Harvard University Center for Byzantine Studies in Washington, D. C., in April 2019, I shall submit the manuscript to Oxford University Press.

BOOK: *Byzantium and the Turks from the Eleventh to the Twelfth Centuries*. This will be vol. 1 of the trilogy I am committed to submitting to Oxford University Press. Vol. 2 is the book I published in 2014.

BOOK: *Byzantium and the Turks from the Fourteenth to the Fifteenth Century*. This is vol. 3 of the trilogy promised to Oxford University Press.

ARTICLE (in cooperation with Professor Christos Simelides, Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece): An edition of and analysis of an unpublished letter of the metropolitan John Cheilas (Synod. Greek 368 (Vlad. 240) on the Union at the Lyons, 1274, between the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

FELLOWSHIPS & RECOGNITION:

Dumbarton Oaks (Trustees for the Harvard University) Fellowship (Spring 2021) \$17,500

Summer Fellow 2017 (Dumbarton Oaks/Trustees for Harvard University)

FRAP-A Research Award, 2016-2018 (University at Albany, SUNY)

One-Month Research Stipend (Dumbarton Oaks/Trustees for Harvard University) April, 2016

Senior Research Fellow (Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, University of Koç, Turkey) 2013

Research Fellow (Dumbarton Oaks/Trustees for Harvard University) 2006

Junior Research Fellow (Wolfson College, Oxford) 2003

CONFERENCES & ANNUAL MEETINGS:

18-24 August 1996: XIX International Congress of Byzantine Studies: Byzantium: Identity, Image, Influence (Copenhagen, Denmark)

1-4 April 2000: 34th Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies: Travel in the Byzantine World (Birmingham, UK)

31 March – 2 April 2001: 35th Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies: 'Writing Byzantium': Rhetoric and Byzantine Culture (Oxford, UK)

9-12 July 2001: International Medieval Congress: 'Familia' and 'Domus' (Leeds, UK)

12-15 July 2001: Between Empires: 'Orientalism' Before 1600 (Cambridge, UK)

19-25 August 2001: XX International Congress of Byzantine Studies (Paris, France)

20 October 2001: Byzantium and Islam (Research Colloquium, Leeds, UK)

6 November 2001: Oxford Byzantine Seminar: 'Diplomatic Correspondence between Byzantium and Oriental Powers in the 13th-14th centuries' (Oxford, UK)

14 March 2002: Seminar of the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies (University of Birmingham, UK): 'Diplomatic correspondence between Byzantium and the Oriental Powers, 1204-1453'

8-11 July 2002: International Medieval Congress: Exile (Leeds, UK)

29-31 March 2003: 37th Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies: Eat, drink and be merry (Luke 12:19). The Production, consumption and celebration of food and wine in Byzantium (Birmingham, UK)

- 23 November 2004: Oxford Byzantine Seminar: 'How Asia Minor was lost. The Byzantines and the Turks in 1040-1081' (Oxford, UK)
- 22 January 2005: Oxford Byzantine Conference: Byzantium and the Arabs. Paper: 'Malik of the maliks of the Syrians'? The titles of the Byzantine Emperors in the diplomatic correspondence with Muslim rulers (7th-11th cent.) (Oxford, UK)
- 3 February 2006: Oxford Byzantine Seminar: 'How Byzantine were the Early Ottomans: Bithynia ca. 1290-1480' (Oxford, UK)
- 11 May 2006: Armenian Seminar, Oriental Institute, Oxford: 'Lost Kingdoms, New Lords: the Greater Armenia between Byzantium and the Seljūqs in ca. 1050-1090' (Oxford, UK)
- 21-26 August 2006: XXI International Congress of Byzantine Studies: Display (London, UK)
- 9-12 July 2007: International Medieval Congress: Medieval Cities (Leeds, UK)
- 10-12 September 2008: 11ème Conférence générale de l'Association internationale des Études Arméniennes (Paris, France)
- 20-21 October 2008: XVIII Conference of Byzantine Studies in Russia: Rus' and Byzantium. The Byzantine Commonwealth between East and West (Moscow, Russia)
- 16-17 October 2009: Workshop 'Court and Society in Seljuk Anatolia,' British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara and Orient-Institut, Istanbul: 'The King of the East and the West': the Seljuk dynastic concept and titles in the Muslim and Christian Sources' (Istanbul, Turkey)
- 11-14 July 2011: International Medieval Congress: Poverty and Wealth (Leeds, UK)
- 14 February 2012: Oxford Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Seminar: 'Sultan and Emperor: means and ends of diplomatic rapprochement between Byzantium and the Seljuks (11th -14th centuries)' (Oxford, UK)
- 18-20 April 2012: XXIV Symposium of Ancient and Medieval Eastern Europe (In memoriam of V.T. Pashuto): 'War, Migration, Settlement' (Moscow, Russia)
- 25-27 April 2012: II International Symposium of the History, Culture and Civilization of Western Anatolian Principalities II: Menteşe Principality (Muğla, Turkey)
- 22 February 2013: International Symposium at the Netherlands Institute in Turkey organized in cooperation with Frouke Schrijver Emperors, Sultans, Khans. Dynastic Rulership at the Crossroad between East and West. A Comparative Perspective: 'Dual Sovereignty? Byzantine-Seljuk relations in the thirteenth century' (Istanbul, Turkey)
- 19 April 2013: RCAC Fellows' Mini-Symposia 2013: 'Changing Identities: Anatolia between East and West at the end of the eleventh and the beginning of the twelfth century' (Istanbul, Turkey)
- October 31 – November 3, 2013: 2013 Byzantine Studies Annual Conference of the Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA) (Yale University, New Haven, CT)
- April 25-27, 2014: 47th Byzantine Spring Symposium: 'The Emperor in the Byzantine World' (Cardiff University, UK)
- May 21-13, 2014: International Conference: 'New Approaches to the Il-Khans', Ulan-Bator, Mongolia
- October 22-23, 2015: I. Uluslararası Anadolu Uygarlıkları Sempozyumu (First International Symposium on Anatolian Civilizations), Muğla, Turkey. Paper: 'The nomadic Turks in Asia Minor in the twelfth century'
- March 24, 2016: Guest lecture and a seminar "Deus vult! God Wills It! The First Crusade (1096–1099) as observed through Byzantine and Muslim sources: Anna Comnena, Matthewl of Edessa, Bar Hebraeus, Ibn al-Athir" at Holy Trinity Seminary (Jordanville, NY)
- April 12, 2016: Informal talk "Emperors of Byzantium and Sultans of Rūm: a dual sovereignty? Byzantine aristocratic families and their relations with the Seljuks" at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC (Harvard University).
- August 22-27, 2016: International Congress of Byzantine Studies. Paper "Byzantine Despoinas in the Mongol World: Marriage as a Diplomatic Tool", presented at the Round Table "Transformation Processes between Byzantium and the Islamic World" (Belgrade, Serbia)

- October 6-8, 2016: 42nd Annual Byzantine Studies Conference of the Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Paper “A Byzantine Family: the Bardakhlades”
- January 13-15, 2017: First Annual Conference of Byzantine and Medieval Studies, Nicosia, Cyprus. Paper: “A Byzantine Family: the Bardakhlades”
- November 23, 2018, “Via Duzce and Plousias: Kipchak Migrations in Northern Anatolia”, *Uluslararası Konur Alp Gazî ve Düzce Tarihi Sempozyumu (International Symposium of Konur Alp Gazî and History of Düzce)*, Düzce, Turkey
- May 12, 2018: 53rd International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Paper: “Two Unpublished Armenian Seals of the Eleventh Century from the Collections of Dumbarton Oaks”
- June 7, 2019 “Understanding Political Space: Urbanism as a Source of Legitimacy”, presented at the international workshop Urban Agencies: Personal and collective agency in Anatolian and Caucasian Cities (13th-14th centuries), co-organised and co-sponsored by the Institute of Iranian Studies (OeAW - <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/iran/>) and the FWF Wittgenstein-Award Project ‘Mobility, Microstructures and Personal Agency’ of Prof. Dr. Claudia Rapp (University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences - <http://rapp.univie.ac.at/>), Vienna, Austria
- June 24, 2019 “Crossing the border: Shifting Identities in Byzantine Anatolia in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries”, FIFTH INTERNATIONAL SEVGİ GÖNÜL BYZANTINE STUDIES SYMPOSIUM, Istanbul, Turkey
- February 27, 2021 “Being Byzantine outside Byzantium”, online teaching class presented at the Virtual Teaching Day *Whose Byzantium? Identity, Ownership, and Legacy*, hosted by Dumbarton Oaks Library and Collections, Harvard University, URL: <https://www.doaks.org/research/byzantine/scholarly-activities/whose-byzantium-identity-ownership-and-legacy>
- March 15, 2021 “Toward a New Concept of the Christian-Muslim Boundary Zone: Byzance en dehors de Byzance in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries”. Research report presented in Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University
- June 10, 2022, “The War: Aristocratic families on both sides of the Byzantine-Arab and Byzantine-Seljuk border, from the eleventh to the thirteenth century”, Conference *War with Byzantium - Legitimation, Consequences and Reception*, hosted by Research Training Group 2304 “Byzantium and the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War”, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Mainz, Germany
- August 23, 2022 “Neither Byzantine Nor Seljuk? Cities and Fortresses in the Boundary Zone at the End of the 13th and the Beginning of the 14th Century”, *24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies Byzantium – Bridge Between Worlds*, Venice and Padua, 22-27 August 2022, Italy
- August 24, 2022 Byzantine Traditions of the Sublime Porte: The Title Qayṣar-i Rûm in the Ottoman Political Thought”, *24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies Byzantium – Bridge Between Worlds*, Venice and Padua, 22-27 August 2022, Italy
- 14 December 2022 “Byzantium outside Byzantium: The evidence of the non-Greek Seals from Dumbarton Oaks collection”. Invited lecture at Bilkent University, Ankara
- 17 December 2022 “Anatolian cities’ shift of power as seen by the Seljuks, Mamluks, and the Early Ottomans”, colloquium *Zooming in on Byzantine Cities*, hosted by Bilkent University, Ankara
- 22 September 2023, “Peoples and Settlement around the Black Sea: The Travels of Ibn Sa’id al-Maghribi (d. c. 1286)”, *Black Sea Migrations in the Long Thirteenth Century: Bodies, Things, Ideas*, Princeton University, 22-23 September 2023
- 17 October 2023, “The Seals of Armenian Women of Nobility as Tour de Force”, *Departmental Colloquium*, Department of History, SUNY Albany, 17 October 2023
- 1 May 2024, “The Prisoner of War in the Tenth-Century Middle East: Aleppo and the Byzantine Expansion under Nicephorus Phocas”, *Colloquium on Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, department of History, SUNY Albany, 1 May 2024
- 26 June 2024, “The Non-Greek Seals as a Recurring Image of Piety and Authority in Byzantium and Beyond”, The Eighth International Conference of the Society for the Medieval Mediterranean (SMM):

Being Human: Rhythms, Actions, Inter-actions in the Medieval Mediterranean, 24-27 June 2024, Edinburgh, UK

27 July 2024, “The city of Sinop: Between the Ottomans, Sivas emirate, and the Empire of Trebizond”, Prof. Dr. Halil İnalcık’ın Mirası: Osmanlı Devleti’nin Kuruluşundan Cumhuriyet Türkiye’sine Uluslararası Tarih Araştırmaları Sempozyumu“, Yalova, Turkey, 27-29 July 2024

TEACHING, MENTORSHIP, & ORGANIZATION

COURSES TAUGHT:

At the University at Albany SUNY:

AHIS 130 *Western Civilization I*: Survey of Western Civilizations from Ancient Civilizations until the Enlightenment

AHIS 463/563 (shared course for undergraduate and graduate students) *History of Byzantine Empire*: Byzantine History from AD 330 to 1461

AHIS 289 *Topics in World History: Eastern Medieval Christian Societies*: Survey of the history of the Christian communities before and under Islam

AHIS 352 *History of Eastern Europe I*

AHIS 354 *History of Russia I*

AHIS 381 *History of the Middle East I*

AHIS 387 *Islam in the Middle East: Religion and Culture I*: Early and Medieval Muslim history

AHIS 395 *The Historian’s Craft: Methods*

AHIS 611 *The Crusaders* (reading course for graduate students)

AHIS 611 *The Ottoman Empire* (reading course for graduate students)

AHIS 611 *Nomadic Empires* (reading course for graduate students)

AHIS 699 *Byzantine Greek. A survey of the language and documents of the Byzantine Empire*

AHIS 897 *Classical Arabic* (Direct reading in History): Introduction to the Classical Arabic language (with emphasis on the medieval Arabic texts and the Qur’ān)

AHIS 897 *Ottoman Turkish. A survey of the language and documents of the Ottoman Empire*

AREL 100 *Introduction to the Study of Religion*

INDEPENDENT STUDIES (AHIS 697) AND DIRECTED READING IN HISTORY (AHIS 497, 697, 897) COURSES:

Spring 2014:

- AHIS 697: *The Crusades* (Joseph Erman)

Fall 2014:

- AHIS 897: *Classical Arabic* (John Stovall)

Spring 2015:

- AHIS 897: *Classical Arabic* (John Stovall)

Fall 2015:

- AHIS 497: *Byzantine studies* (Marven Corrielus)
- AHIS 697: *Medieval Greek* (Brian Murphy)
- AHIS 899: *Doctoral dissertation, Classical Arabic* (John Stovall)

Spring 2016:

- AHIS 497: *Byzantine studies* (Marven Corrielus)
- AHIS 697: *Medieval Greek* (Brian Murphy)
- AHIS 899: *Doctoral dissertation, Ottoman paleography* (John Stovall)

Fall 2016:

- AHIS 497: *Islamic Studies* (Jordan Attias)

- AHIS 697: *Latin* (Connor Becz)
- AHIS 899: *Doctoral dissertation, Ottoman paleography* (John Stovall)

Spring 2017:

- AHIS 497: *Islamic Studies* (Jonathan Wild)
- AHIS 697: *Latin & Byzantine Greek* (Connor Becz)
- AHIS 899: *Doctoral dissertation, Ottoman paleography* (John Stovall)

Fall 2017:

- AHIS 697: *Latin & Byzantine Greek* (Connor Becz)

Spring 2018:

- AHIS 697: *Byzantine Greek* (Marven Corrielus)
- AREL 697: *Islamic political thought* (Kyle Krebs and Jonathan Wild)

Fall 2018:

- AHIS 697: *Byzantine Greek* (Connor Becz, Marven Corrielus, and Nicholas Truax)

Spring 2019

- AHIS 497: *Classical Arabic* (Brandon Augugliaro)
- AHIS 697: *Ottoman Turks* (Casey Kush)
- AHIS 897: *Classical Arabic* (Marven Corrielus)

Summer 2019

- AHIS 497: *Independent Study: Early Christianity* (Joseph DiPaola)

Summer 2023

- AHIS 497: *Independent Study: Christianity* (Joyce Lee)

Spring 2025

- AHIS 897: *Directed Reading in History: Byzantine Greek* (Edward Novis)

EXAM COMMITTEES:

Comprehensive exam:

PhD level: John Stovall

MA level: Marc Beneducci, Nicholas Charnley, Joseph Erman, Bill Sorel, Mindy Reeder, Brian Murphy, Connor Becz

SUPERVISOR:

Dissertations supervised:

S. Denisov, *Political elite of the Epirus Principality (Despotate), 1205-1261* (Moscow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy). Successfully passed viva voce in September 2015.

T. Beliakova, *Royal women as patrons of the pious foundations in the Balkans in the thirteenth and fifteenth century* (Moscow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy)

Dissertations currently under supervision:

Edward Novis (PhD student), “Stephanus of Alexandria and Byzantine astrology and alchemy”

Hamzah Khiati (MA student), “The Fakhkh revolt and the rise of the Idrisid dynasty”

SERVICE

CAMPUS SERVICE:

Interim Director of the Program in Religious Studies, History Faculty, SUNY Albany, 2023-2024, 2025-present

CAS Faculty Council member, 2021-present

CAS Academic Programs Committee member, 2023-2024
CAS Academic Programs Committee member, Chair, 2024-present
CAS Benevolent Committee, Chair, 2024-present
FRAP-A Award Committee member, 2023-2024
CAS Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair, 2021-2022
Member of Judaic Studies Search Committee, 2016-2017
Member of Persico Award Committee, 2017-18
Member of Graduate Committee, Department of History at the University at Albany-SUNY, 2015-2-16
Member of Undergraduate Committee, Department of History at the University at Albany-SUNY, 2014-2015
Information officer, Department of History at the University at Albany-SUNY, 2013-2014

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- 15 March 2015. Public lecture 'How Islam won Asia Minor: the Byzantines and the Turks in 1060-1081', delivered at the Islamic Center of the Capital District, Albany, NY.
- 24 March 2016. Lecture and seminar in the Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville, NY. The lecture title: "Deus vult! God Wills It! The First Crusade (1096–1099) as observed through Byzantine and Muslim sources: Anna Comnena, Matthew of Edessa, Bar Hebraeus, Ibn al-Athir." In the seminar, the group discussed C. MacEvitt's book, *The Crusades and the Christian World of the East. Rough Tolerance* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008).
- 15 February 2017. Lecture "Islam" in the 6th grade class at Saint Gregory's School, Albany, NY.
- 25 February 2025, Guest lecture "The Orthodox Church of Tourkokratia", at the Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville, NY. Course *Church History 320/520*, instructor Professor Protodeacon A. Psarev.

PEER REVIEWING

- Dumbarton Oaks Studies
- Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies
- Vizantiiskii Vremennik (*Byzantine Chronicle*)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020 - Supervisor of the European Research Council project *Armenia Entangled: Connectivity and Cultural Encounters in Medieval Eurasia*, University of Florence, Italy, Primary Investigator Prof. Zara Pogossian. A subproject is established at the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) and conducted by two experts in the dynamics of interreligious encounters in the Middle East, Prof. Alexandra Cuffel and Dr. Barbara Roggema,
<https://ceres.rub.de/en/research/projects/armen/>, <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/865067>

MASS MEDIA ACTIVITY

"Studying Particles of the Past", interviewed by May Wang for *Dumbarton Oaks Newsletter*, June 25 2021, URL: <https://www.doaks.org/newsletter/studying-particles-of-the-past>
"Byzantium beyond Its Borders, interviewed by May Wang for *Dumbarton Oaks Newsletter*, April 30, 2021, URL: <https://www.doaks.org/newsletter/byzantium-beyond-its-borders>

Interview about the civil war in Syria published (in Russian) in the e-newspaper *Rosbalt*, 4 January 2016: <http://www.rosbalt.ru/main/2016/01/04/1476550.html>