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Indiana University
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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—MADISON

2007 PhD in History

1996 MA in History

1992 BA in History

PRESENT POSITION

Associate Professor
Department of Religious Studies
Indiana University
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ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (INDIANA UNIVERSITY)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies (2020–2023).
Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures (2019–Present).
Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of History (2017–Present).
Affiliate faculty member in the Russian and East European Institute (2011–Present).

SCHOLARLY REFEREE

Presses

Bloomsbury Books, Cambridge University Press, Indiana University Press, Lexington Books, Northern Illinois University Press, Routledge, University of Wisconsin Press

Journals

Acta Slavica Iaponica, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *Church History*, *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *Politics and Religion*, *The Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Slavonic and East European Review*, *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*

Organizations

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“God Is with Us: War, Orthodoxy, and the Enemies of Russia, 1812–2022” (book manuscript).

BOOKS

Beyond the Monastery Walls: The Ascetic Revolution in Russian Orthodox Thought, 1814–1914 (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2017).

Reviewed in:

Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas (2020)
Religion und Gesellschaft in Ost und West (2020)
Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies (2019)
Vestnik Pravoslavnogo Sviato-Tikhovskogo Gumanitarnogo Universiteta (2019)
American Historical Review (2019)
Journal of Modern History (2019)
Reading Religion (2019)
Slavic Review (2018)
Regnum.ru (2018)
Ab Imperio (2018)

Patrick Lally Michelson and Judith Deutsch Kornblatt, eds., *Thinking Orthodox in Modern Russia: Culture, History, Context* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2014).

Reviewed in:

Religion und Gesellschaft in Ost und West
American Historical Review
Slavic Review
The Russian Review
Slavonic and East European Review
Canadian Slavonic Papers
Slavonica
Ab Imperio
Revue des Études Slaves

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND PUBLIC ESSAYS

“Orthodox War: History, Tradition, and the Christian Soldiers of Holy Rus’,” *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies* (forthcoming 2025).

“War, History, and the Limits of Russian Orthodox Studies,” *Religion, State & Society* 52:4 (2024), 408-10.

[“Eine kurze Geschichte des „unverhohlenen Satanismus“ in Russlands Krieg gegen den Westen,”](#) trans. Natalija Zenger, *Nachrichtendienst östliche Kirchen*. 17 November 2022.

[“A Church at War: Heresies, History, and a Russian Orthodoxy Otherwise,”](#) *Public Orthodoxy*. April 2022.

“Russian Orthodox Thought in the Church’s Clerical Academies,” in *Oxford Handbook of Russian Religious Thought*, ed. George Pattison, Caryl Emerson, and Randall Poole (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020), 94-110.

“Freedom of Conscience in the Clerical Imagination of Russian Orthodox Thought, 1801–1865,” in *Religious Freedom in Modern Russia*, ed. Randall A. Poole and Paul W. Werth (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018), 81-103.

“Preface” to *Religion and Magic in Socialist and Post-Socialist Contexts*, ed. Alexandra Cotofana and James Nyce (Stuttgart: Ibidem Verlag, 2017).

Co-authored “Introduction,” in *Thinking Orthodox in Modern Russia: Culture, History, Context*, ed. Michelson and Kornblatt (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2014), 3-39.

“Freedom of Conscience and the Limits of the Liberal Solovyov,” *Soloveskie issledovaniia* [Solovyov Studies], no. 1 (March 2014), 25-45.

“Illiberal Russia and the Varieties of Slavophilism,” *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* 38:1 (2011), 63-72. Review article of Laura Engelstein, *Slavophile Empire: Imperial Russia’s Illiberal Path* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2009).

“Slavophile Religious Thought and the Dilemma of Russian Modernity, 1830–1860,” *Modern Intellectual History* 7:2 (2010), 239-67.

REVIEWS & TRANSLATIONS

Reviews

Scott Kenworthy and Alexander Agadjanian, *Understanding World Christianity: Russia* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2021), for *Church History* (June 2023), 501-03.

Nadieszda Kizenko, *Good for the Souls: A History of Confession in the Russian Empire* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021), for *Russian Review* (April 2022), 371-72.

Heather L. Bailey, *The Public Image of Eastern Orthodoxy: France and Russia, 1848-1870* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2020), for *Slavic Review* (Winter 2021), 939-40.

Aileen E. Friesen, *Colonizing Russia’s Promised Land: Orthodoxy and Community on the Siberian Steppe* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2020), for *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* (2021), 299ff.

Ruth Coates, *Deification in Russian Religious Thought: Between the Revolutions, 1905–1917* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019), for *Slavonic and East European Review* (April 2021), 337-39.

Paul Robinson, *Russian Conservatism* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2019), for *Russian Review* (July 2020), 514-15.

Sean Griffin, *The Liturgical Past in Byzantium and Early Rus* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019), for *Slavic Review* (Summer 2020), 465-66.

Martha M. F. Kelly, *Unorthodox Beauty: Russian Modernism and Its New Religious Aesthetic* (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2016), for *Russian Review* 76:2 (2017), 362-63.

Thomas Marsden, *The Crisis of Religious Toleration in Imperial Russia: Bibikov’s System for the Old Believers, 1841-1855* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), for *The English Historical Review* (April 2017), 416-18.

Aileen Friesen, “Building Orthodox Communities outside Mother Russia: Church and Colonization in Omsk Diocese, 1885–1917” (PhD dissertation, University of Alberta, 2013), for *Dissertation Reviews* (online publication, Jan. 2015).

Judith E. Kalb, *Russia’s Rome: Imperial Visions, Messianic Dreams, 1890–1940* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2008), for *Russian Review* 72:4 (2013), 664-65.

Isaiah Gruber, *Orthodox Russia in Crisis: Church and Nation in the Time of Troubles* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois Press, 2012), for *Slavonica* 19:1 (2013), 64-65.

Gregory L. Nichols, *The Development of Russian Evangelical Spirituality: A Study of Ivan V. Kargel (1849–1937)* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publication, 2011), for *Russian Review* 71:3 (2012), 520-21.

Robert O. Crummey, *Old Believers in a Changing World* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2011), for *Slavonica* 18:2 (2012), 144-45.

Jennifer Hedda, *His Kingdom Come: Orthodox Pastorship and Social Activism in Revolutionary Russia* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2008), for *Journal of Religious History* 36:3 (2012), 441-43.

Avril Pyman, *Pavel Florensky: A Quiet Genius: The Tragic and Extraordinary Life of Russia’s Unknown Da Vinci* (New York: Continuum, 2010), for *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 53 (2011), 164-5.

Freedom, Faith, and Dogma: Essays by V. S. Soloviev on Christianity and Judaism, ed., trans., and intro. Vladimir Wozniuk (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2008), for *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 52 (2010), 218-19.

Translation

Sergei Horujy, “The Origins of Russian Philosophical Humanism: The Dispute between Slavophiles and Westernizers,” trans. Patrick Lally Michelson, in G. M. Hamburg and Randall A. Poole, eds., *The History of Russian Philosophy: Faith, Reason, and the Defense of Human Dignity, 1830–1930* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 27-51.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

“‘The First and Most Sacred Right’: Religious Freedom and the Liberation of the Russian Nation, 1825-1905” (University of Wisconsin, 2007).

PAPERS, PANELS, AND SYMPOSIA

May 2023. “Russian Orthodox Thought and Event-Driven History.” Paper presented at *The Russian Empire and Its Legacies: A Workshop to Celebrate David McDonald*. Hosted by the University of Wisconsin’s Department of History, Madison, WI.

November 2021. Organizer and chair of five-person roundtable titled “The Past, Present, and Future of Russian Orthodox Studies.” Hosted by the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) annual convention, New Orleans.

December 2019. Organizer of day-long international symposium titled “An Excess of Seeing: The Pasts, Presents, and Futures of Mikhail Bakhtin.” Presented by Indiana University’s Center for

Theoretical Inquiry in the Humanities. Co-Sponsored by IU's departments of Anthropology, Comparative Literature, English, Germanic Studies, Religious Studies, Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures, and the Russian and East European Institute.

Fall 2019. Convener of semester-long reading group titled "The Architectonics of Being: The Early Writings of Mikhail Bakhtin." Hosted by Indiana University's Center for Theoretical Inquiry in the Humanities. Proposal for reading group competitively selected by the Center's Steering Committee.

May 2019. "Russian Religious Governance at Home and Abroad." Paper presented at the Politics of Religion at Home and Abroad workshop. Funded by the Luce Foundation. Hosted by Indiana University's Center for Religion and the Human.

April 2019. Co-presenter (with Lisa Sideris) of working paper titled "In the Beginning: Science, Orthodoxy, and the Good Anthropocene's Russian Roots," at Faculty Colloquium. Hosted by Indiana University's Department of Religious Studies.

Oct. 2018. Invited lecture titled "Orthodox Impossible: History and the Limits of Studying Religion." Hosted by the University of Wisconsin's Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia.

April 2018. Presenter on New Book Panel at Midwestern Russian History Workshop, promoting my book *Beyond the Monastery Walls*. Hosted by Indiana University.

April 2018. Chair of Russian Orthodoxy panel at Midwestern Russian History Workshop. Hosted by Indiana University.

November 2017. "Orthodox Asceticism and Narratives of Russian History and Culture." Paper presented at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) annual convention, Chicago.

June 2017. "The Church Abroad: Russian Orthodoxy on a Global Stage." Talk delivered as part of the Strategic Languages and Cultures Seminar. Host by Indiana University's School for Global and International Studies.

November 2015. "Freedom of Conscience in the Clerical Imagination of Russian Orthodox Thought, 1801–1865." Paper presented at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) annual convention, Philadelphia, PA.

November 2014. "War, Asceticism, and the Paradox of Religion in the Russian Orthodox Church, 1914–1917." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) annual convention, San Diego, CA.

April 2014. "War, Religion, and the Making of Ascetic Russia, 1914–1917." Invited annual lecture. Hosted by the Russian Studies program, University of Montana.

April 2014. "Modernity without Secularization: The Ascetic Revolution in Late-Synodal Russian Orthodox Thought." Paper presented at the annual conference of the British Association for

- Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES). Hosted by Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge (UK).
- January 2014. Respondent to “Mr. Putin Goes to Church: Religion and Freedom of Speech in Modern Russia,” by Nadieszda Kizenko. Hosted by the Center for Faith and Vocation, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN.
- September 2013. Participant in “Historians by Any Other Name: The IU Adjuncts’ Roundtable.” Conversation hosted by Department of History, Indiana University.
- April 2013. “Freedom of Conscience and the Limits of the Liberal Solov’ev, 1881–1884.” Paper presented at *Literature, Society, and Religion in Modern Russia: A Symposium in Honor of Judith Kornblatt*. Hosted by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- March 2013. Chair of and commentator on “Vladimir Solov’ev and Russian Orthodoxy.” Panel at biennial conference of the Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture (ASEC). Hosted by Georgetown University.
- March 2013. Commentator on “Theology, Law, and Politics” panel at *Ready for Democracy? Religion and Political Culture in the Orthodox and Islamic Worlds* conference. Hosted by Indiana University.
- January 2013. “Ascetic Activism and Rational Religion at the Moscow Clerical Academy, 1890–1895.” Paper presented at the Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History (ASCH), New Orleans.
- June 2012. “The Russian Orthodox Idea of Deification in an Age of Revolution, 1903–1909.” Competitively selected paper for the annual conference of *Commission Internationale d’Histoire et d’Etudes du Christianisme* (CIHEC). Hosted by the University of Tartu (Estonia).
- Oct. 2011. “From August Putsch to the Transfiguration of the Lord: 1991 through the Lens of the Russian Church Calendar.” Invited talk for the conference *Revisiting the Fall of the Soviet Union*. Hosted by Indiana University.
- May 2011. Co-organizer of and participant at “Rethinking Russian Religious Thought” (volume symposium). Hosted by the University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- Nov. 2010. Organizer of and contributor to “Rethinking Russian Religious Thought” (roundtable). Presented at the annual convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Los Angeles.
- Apr. 2010. “The Search for Renewal in an Age of Revolution: I. V. Popov and the Creation of Russian Orthodox Deification, 1903–1909.” Draft paper presented at the Midwest Russian Historian Workshop. Hosted by the University of Wisconsin, Department of History.
- Nov. 2009. “Against ‘Banal Eudemonism’ and ‘Egoistic Strivings’: Ivan Vasil’evich Popov and the Creation of the Modern Orthodox Self, 1891–1914.” Paper presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Boston.

July 2009. "Providence, Perfectibility, and Progress: The Vekhi Critique of Intelligentsia Anthropology in the Context of the Modern Orthodox Self." Paper presented at Vekhi Centenary Conference, 1909–2009. Hosted by the University of Bristol (UK) and the Bristol Institute for Research in the Humanities and Arts.

Nov. 2008. "Creating the Modern Religious Self: Neo-Patristic Anthropology in the Moscow Spiritual Academy, 1814–1914." Paper presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Philadelphia.

Oct. 2008. "Restoring Wholeness in an Age of Disorder: Europe's Long Spiritual Crisis and the Genealogy of Slavophile Religious Thought." Paper presented at *The Weimar Moment: Liberalism, Political Theology, and Law* symposium. Hosted by the University of Wisconsin's Institute for Legal Studies, Madison, WI.

April 2008. Commentator at *The History of Russian Philosophy: Faith, Reason, and the Defense of Human Dignity, 1830–1930* symposium. Hosted by Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA.

GUEST LECTURES AND PUBLIC TALKS

Radio interview about the role of religion in Russia's war against Ukraine. KFFR's Public Affairs show (88.3 FM and kffr.org), Fraser, CO.

"A Church at War: Orthodox Christianity and Russia's Invasion of Ukraine." The Parker Wilson Series. Hosted by the University Presbyterian Church. Baton Rouge, LA (Oct. 2022).

"A Church at War: Orthodox Christianity and Russia's Invasion of Ukraine." Kentuckiana Mensa. Lexington, KY (Apr. 2022)

"A Church at War: Orthodox Christianity and Russia's Invasion of Ukraine." Teach-In. Hosted by Indiana University's Russian and East European Institute. Bloomington, IN (Feb. 2022).

"History and the Humanities" undergraduate seminar, Tel Aviv University's International BA in Liberal Arts program (Dec. 2020).

"Secularism," undergraduate Q-Project seminar, hosted by Indiana University's Collins Living Learning Center (November 2020).

"Russian Orthodox Perceptions of the 'West,'" undergraduate lecture, IU's Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures (Fall 2017).

"The Baptism of the Eastern Slavs: Orthodox Discourse, Identity, and Experience in Rus'," graduate seminar, Slavic Department, Indiana University (Fall 2014).

"The Religious Turn in Russian and East European Studies," graduate pro-seminar, Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University (Fall 2013).

"The History and Historiography of the Modern Russian Church," graduate pro-seminar, Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University (Fall 2012).

“From Patriarch to Punk Prayer: The Orthodox Church in Putin’s Russia,” presentation at Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages, Indiana University (Summer 2012).

“The Ambiguities of Church-State Relations in Post-Soviet Russia,” graduate pro-seminar (REEL-R 600), Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University (Fall 2011).

“Recent Historiographical Developments in the Study of Russian Orthodoxy,” graduate colloquium, Department of History, Indiana University (Fall 2011).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: INDIANA UNIVERSITY

REL-A250 Introduction to Christianity (lecture)

REL-A320 Jesus (undergraduate seminar)

REL-A355 Right Belief: A History of Orthodox Christianity (lecture)

REL-A351 Christianity and Modernity (undergraduate seminar)

REL-D301 Religion and Its Critics: The Death of God (undergraduate seminar)

REL-R133 Introduction to Religion (lecture)

REL-R300 Fasting the Body, Feeding the Soul: Interpretations of Asceticism (undergraduate seminar)

REL-R389 Undergraduate Majors Seminar: Being Human

REL-R389 Undergraduate Majors Seminar: Crisis and Critique

REL-R389 Undergraduate Majors Seminar: Religious Enlightenment and Its Discontents

REL-R680 Crisis, Anxiety, and Prophecy in Philosophies of Religion (graduate seminar)

CTIH-T700 The Architectonics of Being: The Early Writings of Mikhail Bakhtin (graduate seminar)

GRANTS, AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS

Grant from the First Book Subvention Program of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (2017).

Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award (2016).

Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University, Course Development Grant (2012).

George L. Mosse Program Development Grant (2010–11).

Worldwide University Network Seed Grant (2010–11).

Alice D. Mortenson/Michael B. Petrovich Development Grant (2010–11).

George L. Mosse Program Fellowship (2002–03).

Bradley Foundation Fellowship (2002–03).

Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship (2000–01).

UW–Wisconsin, Department of History, Distinguished Teaching Service (1998–99).

SERVICE: INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Faculty mentor for the IU-Ukraine Nonresidential Scholars Program (2022–present).

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Religious Studies (2020–2023).

Member of the Russian and East European Institute’s Executive Committee (2020–2022).

Workshop leader for “The What? Why? And How? of Humanities Research,” for IU’s Annual Research Day. Hosted by IU’s *Journal of Undergraduate Research* (Nov. 2019).

Chair of the Subcommittee for Undergraduate Curriculum, Dept. of Religious Studies (2018–2019).

Co-organizer (with Tatiana Saburova) of Themester and Russian Studies Workshop public lecture “Producing Ideological Reindeer: Capitalists and Communists on the Bering Strat Tundra, 1890–1980” by Bathsheba Demuth (25 Oct. 2018).

Co-organizer (with Tatiana Saburova) of IU’s Themester and Russian Studies Workshop public lecture “Hybrid Vigor: The Agency of Dogs in Space” by Amy Nelson (19 Oct. 2018).

Faculty Adviser for the Undergraduate Religious Studies Association (2018–2023).

Member of the Academic Fairness Committee, College of Arts & Sciences (2017–2023).

Chair of the Committee for Community Outreach & Engagement, Dept. of Religious Studies (2017–18).

Member of the Russian Studies Workshop Advisory Board (2016–2019).

Chair of the Committee for Teaching Excellence, Dept. of Religious Studies (2016–2017).

Member of the Committee for Community Outreach and Engagement, Dept. of Religious Studies (2014–2016).

Member of the Search Committee for Early Christianity, Religious Studies (2012–2013).

Member of the Graduate Studies Committee, Religious Studies (2011–2012).

RESEARCH & STUDY ABROAD

Russia, fall 2002–winter 2003 (archival research).

Russia, Ukraine, Eastern Europe, Finland, May–August 1992 (personal travel).

Russia, fall 1991 (undergraduate language study).

LANGUAGES

Russian

German (reading knowledge)

French (reading knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture

American Society of Church History

American Academy of Religion

British Association of Slavic and East European Studies

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Executive Board, St. John of Damascus Society, Bloomington, IN (2012–2015)