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Education:

Ph.D., Harvard University, Russian History, 1981
M.A., Harvard University, Soviet Studies, 1971
M.L.S., Simmons College, 1969
B.A., Reed College, Russian Literature, 1967

Employment:

New York University, Professor of History and Russian and Slavic Studies, 2002-
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, Directeur d'études, 2006
Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Professeur invité, December 2003-January 2004
University of Michigan, Associate Professor, 1987-1995; Professor, 1995-2001
University of Michigan, Director, Center for Russian and East European Studies, 1992-5;
1998
University of California, Santa Barbara, Assistant Professor, 1985-1986; Associate
Professor, 1986-1987
Harvard University, Assistant Professor of History; Head Tutor, Committee on Degrees
in History and Literature, 1981-1985

Publications:

Books:

Russian Empire: Space, People, Power, 1700-1930, eds. Jane Burbank, Mark von Hagen,
Anatolyi Remnev (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007)
Russian Peasants Go to Court: Legal Culture in the Countryside, 1905-1917
(Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004)
Imperial Russia: New Histories for the Empire, edited with David L. Ransel
(Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998)
Perestroika and Soviet Culture, edited with William G. Rosenberg, Michigan Quarterly
Review, special issue, Fall 1989
Intelligentsia and Revolution: Russian Views of Bolshevism, 1917-1922 (New York:
Oxford University Press, 1986; paperback, 1989)

Articles:

Major Publications:

- "Coming into the Territory: Uncertainty and Empire," with Mark von Hagen, in Jane Burbank et al, eds., Russian Empire: Space, People, Power 1700-1930 (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007), 1-29.
- "Thinking Like an Empire: Estate, Law, and Rights in the Early Twentieth Century," in Jane Burbank et al, eds., Russian Empire: Space, People, Power 1700-1930 (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007), 196-217.
- "An Imperial Rights Regime: Law and Citizenship in the Russian Empire," Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 7, 3 (Summer 2006): 397-431.
- "Mercy, Punishment, and Law: The Qualities of Justice at Township Courts," Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 7, 1 (Winter 2006): 23-60.
- "Political Cultures of Advanced Autocracy: Can the Russian Historian Speak?," Russian History/Histoire russe 31, no. 4 (Winter 2004): 465-475.
- "Mestnye sudy, imperskoe pravo i grazhdanstvo v Rossii," in Aleksei Miller, ed., Rossiiskaia imperiia v sravnitel'noi perspektive (Moscow: Novoe izdatel'stvo, 2004), 320-358.
- "Litiges civiles et société dans la Russie rurale, 1905-1917," Genèses 50 (March 2003): 24-49.
- "Pravovaia kul'tura, grazhdanstvo i krest'ianskaia iurisprudentsiia: Perspektivy nachala XX veka," in Michael David Fox, ed., Amerikanskaia rusistika. Vekhi istoriografii poslednikh let. Imperatorskii period. Antologiiia (Samara: Izdatel'stvo 'Samarskii universitet,' 2000), pp. 269-299. (American Russistika: Landmarks in Recent History. The Imperial Period. An Anthology)
- "Insult and Punishment in Rural Courts: The Elaboration of Civility in Late Imperial Russia," Etudes rurales 149-150 (January-June 1999): 147-171.
- "Novye techeniia v amerikanskoii istoriografii o Rossii: vlast' i kul'tura," Istoricheskii ezhegodnik, Omskii gosudarstvennyi universitet (1998): 60-68.
- "Introduction," with David Ransel, in Jane Burbank and David L. Ransel, eds., Imperial Russia: New Histories for the Empire (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998), pp. xi-xxiii.
- "In Place of a Conclusion," in Jane Burbank and David L. Ransel, eds., Imperial Russia: New Histories for the Empire (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998), pp. 333-345.
- "Legal Culture, Citizenship, and Peasant Jurisprudence: Perspectives from the Early Twentieth Century," in Peter Solomon, Jr., ed., Reforming Justice in Russia, 1864-1994: Power, Culture, and the Limits of Legal Order (Armonk, New York: M. E. Sharp, 1997), pp. 82-106.
- "Imperiia i grazhdanskoe obshchestvo: Imperskaia konstruktsiia Rossii i Sovetskogo Soiuza," in P. I. Savel'ev, ed., Imperskii stroi Rossii v regional'nom izmerenii (XIX-nachalo XX veka), (Moscow: Moscow Public Science Foundation, 1997), pp. 19-35.
- "The Intelligentsia," in Critical Companion to the Russian Revolution 1914-1921, eds. Edward Acton, Vladimir Iu. Cherniaev and William G. Rosenberg (London: Arnold, 1997), pp. 515-528. Articles for both Russian and English editions.
- "Were the Russian Intelligenty Organic Intellectuals?," in Leon Fink, Stephen T. Leonard, and Donald M. Reid, eds., Intellectuals and Political Life (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1996), 97-120.

- "A Question of Dignity: Peasant Legal Culture in Late Imperial Russia," Continuity and Change 10, no. 3 (1995), 391-404.
- "Lenin and the Law in Revolutionary Russia," Slavic Review 54, no. 1 (Spring 1995), 23-44.
- "Discipline and Punish in the Moscow Bar Association," Russian Review 54, no. 1 (January 1995), 44-64.
- "Revisioning Imperial Russia," Slavic Review 52, no. 3 (Fall 1993): 555-567.
- "Controversies over Stalinism: Searching for a Soviet Society," Politics and Society 19, no. 3 (1991): 325-340.
- "The Shatrov Controversy," in Jane Burbank and William G. Rosenberg, eds., Perestroika and Soviet Culture, special issue of the Michigan Quarterly Review, Fall 1989, pp. 580-603.
- "Waiting for the People's Revolution: Martov and Chernov in Revolutionary Russia, 1917-1923," Cahiers du monde russe et soviétique, 26, no. 3-4 (1985): 375-394.

Other Publications:

- "Intelligentsia" in Europe: 1789-1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire Scribner Library of Modern Europe (Detroit, New York: Thomson Gale, 2006), 3: 1170-1172.
- "Kommentarii k dokladam," Teoreticheskie problemy istoricheskikh issledovaniï, vyp. 4 (May 2002), Trudy istoricheskogo fakul'teta MGU, 26: 108-114.
- "Meeting with the KGB: A Midsummer Night in Russia," Michigan Quarterly Review 40, no. 2 (Spring 2001): 412-420.
- "Paysans et Intellectuels en Russie: Entretien," Etudes rurales 149-150 (January-June 1999): 173-180.
- "All the King's Horses and All the King's Men," Davidson Institute Window, Fall 1994, 1-2, 4-5.
- "Jak Widza Postkomunizm?" [How is Post-Communism Perceived?], trans. Dariusz Filar, Przeglad Polityczny 12: no. 25 (Jesien 1994), 90-91.
- "Seeking the Truth Amidst Darkness," Michigan Today 25: no. 3 (October 1993): 1-3.
- "Moscow Does Not Believe in Tear Gas," Detroit News, October 10, 1993.
- "Jane Burbank Responds," Politics and Society 20, no. 3 (September 1992): 377.
- "Reconstructing the History of Imperial Russia," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Newsletter 32, no. 2 (March 1992): 9.
- "Reconstructing the History of Imperial Russia," Items: Social Science Research Council 46, no.1 (March 1992): 9-10.
- "Pre-History of the Soviet Coup," Michigan Today 23, no. 3 (October 1991), 4.
- "The New Russian Politics and the Soviet Coup," University of Michigan Residential College Newsletter (Fall 1991), 14-15.

Reviews:

- "E. A. Pravilova. Zakonnost' i prava lichnosti: Administrativnaia iustitutsiia v Rossii (vtoraia polovina XIX v.-Oktiabr' 1917 g.)" Slavic Review, 65, no. 2 (Summer 2006): 373-374.
- "Chris J. Chulos. Converging Worlds: Religion and Community in Peasant Russia, 1861-1917." Cahiers du Monde russe 45, no. 3-4 (juillet-décembre 2004): 651-652.
- "Ferro, Marc (dir.). Le livre noir du colonialisme. XVI-XXI siècle: de l'extermination à

- la repentance and Courtois, Stéphane et. al., eds. *Le livre noir du communisme: crimes, terreurs et répression.*" With Frederick Cooper, *Cahiers d'Etudes africaines*, 44, no. 1-2 (2004): 455-463.
- "Stephen P. Frank. Crime, Cultural Conflict, and Justice in Rural Russia, 1856-1914." *American Historical Review* (February 2002): 308-309.
- "Yanni Kotsonis. Making Peasants Backward: Agricultural Cooperatives and the Agrarian Question in Russia, 1861-1914." *Social History*, 262 (May 2001): 253-55.
- "Melissa Kirschke Stockdale. Paul Miliukov and the Quest for a Liberal Russia, 1880-1918." *Journal of Modern History*, 71, no. 4 (December 1999): 1020-1022.
- "Peter H. Solomon, Jr. Soviet Criminal Justice under Stalin." *The Russian Review*, 57, no. 2 (April 1998): 310-311.
- "Hilde Hardeman. Coming to Terms with the Soviet Regime: The "Changing Signposts" Movement among Russian Emigrés in the Early 1920s." *American Historical Review*, 101, no. 5 (December 1996): 1584-1585.
- "Russia Abroad: A Cultural History of the Russian Emigration, 1919-1939. By Marc Raeff." *Journal of Modern History*, 66, no. 3 (September 1994): 667-669.
- "The Menshevik Leaders in the Russian Revolution: Social Realities and Political Strategies. By Ziva Galili." *Journal of Modern History*, 64, no. 1 (March 1992): 184-186.
- "Emmons, Terence, Time of Troubles: The Diary of Iurii Vladimirovich Got'e," *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, 15, no. 1/2 (June 1991): 228-230.
- "Vera Broido, Lenin and the Mensheviks: The Persecution of Socialists under Bolshevism," *American Historical Review*, 96, no. 2 (April 1991): 566-657.
- "Vladimir Brovkin, The Mensheviks After October: Socialist Opposition and the Rise of the Bolshevik Dictatorship," *Slavic Review*, 49, no. 4 (Winter 1990): 650-651.
- "Russian Studies. By Leonard Schapiro." *Journal of Modern History*, 61, no. 2 (June 1989): 439-441.
- "Robert C. Williams, The Other Bolsheviks," *American Historical Review*, 93 (October 1988): 1091-1092.
- "Mark Jansen, A Show Trial Under Lenin," *Russian Review*, 43, no. 1 (January 1984): 85-86.
- "Leikina-Svirskaia, V.R., Russkaia intelligentsiia v 1900-1917 godakh," *Kritika*, 19, no. 1 (Winter 1983): 16-40.

Work in Progress:

- A Different Justice: Legal Culture in the Russian Empire. Monograph about the intersections and divergences among official law, local legal practice, professional culture, and legal theory in imperial Russia.
- Empires and Political Imagination in World History. Study written with Frederick Cooper, under contract with Princeton University Press.

Collective Projects:

- "Legal claim and economic possibility," co-organizer with Alessandro Stanziani, C.N.R.S., Paris. International workshop, Paris, June 10-11.

Presentation at International Congress of Economic Historians, Helsinki
2006. Publication in planning stage.

"Law and Transformation in the Russian and Ottoman Empires," co-
organizer with Huri Islamoglu, Bogazici University, Istanbul.
Second workshop, June 16-19, 2005, Istanbul. Publication planned.

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards:

Phi Beta Kappa, 1967

Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University 1977-1978 (declined)

Krupp Foundation Fellowship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University,
1977-1978

American Association of University Women Fellowship, 1980-1981 (declined)

Whiting Fellowship, 1980-1981

Harvard University Faculty Research Grants, 1982, 1983, 1984

American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship for Studies in Modern Society and
Values, 1983-1984

National Endowment for the Humanities, Travel Grant, 1984

Regents' Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of California, 1986, 1987

IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board), U.S.S.R., 1987-1988

Hoover Institution Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, 1990-1991

University of Michigan, Faculty Recognition Grant, 1990

IREX, American Council of Learned Societies/Soviet Academy of Sciences Exchange,
1991

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Award, 1991

University of Michigan, Faculty Recognition Award, 1991

University of Michigan, Research Partnership Award, 1993-1994

University of Michigan, Career Development Award, 1994

National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers, 1997-1998

University of Michigan, Faculty Recognition Award, 1997

University of Michigan, Rackham Research Partnership, 2001

Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, Fellow, 2002-2003

Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Resident Fellow, 2006

Humanities Initiative Research Fellowship, New York University, 2007-2008

Teaching Interests and Courses Taught:

My teaching interests include Russian cultural and intellectual history; European
intellectual history and social theory; rural people; legal cultures; gender and
social organization; press, literature and politics in Imperial Russia, the Soviet
Union and the Russian Federation; political cultures of empires, Eurasian history.

Courses taught:

The Russian Revolution

History of the Soviet Union

History of Imperial Russia

Politics and Culture, Russia, 1900-1917

Contemporary Soviet (and Post-Soviet) Politics and Culture
 Russian Intellectual History
 The New Social History of the Soviet Union
 The Socialist Idea of the Russian Revolution: Western Socialism and the Revolution of 1917
 Problems in the History of Soviet Society
 Soviet Women's Fiction
 Seminar in Russian Cultural History
 Family and Politics in Contemporary Soviet (and Post-Soviet) Literature
 Survey of the Soviet Union and Its Successor States
 Colloquium on Post-Soviet Studies
 Cultural History of Russia
 The Russian Federation in the Post-Soviet Period (with Iurii Afanas'ev, Rector, Russian State University for the Humanities)
 From Social Contract to Oedipus Complex: Social Science Theory in Bourgeois Europe
 Why Did the Soviet Union Collapse?
 Aspirations to Legality: European Theories and Regional Practices in Russia and Brazil
 Empires, States, and Political Imagination (with Fred Cooper)
 Polity, Belief and Affiliation [in Russia] From Muscovy to the Present (with Valerie Kivelson)
 Political Cultures of Empires (with Lauren Benton)
 Empire, Law and Citizenship: The Russian Case (Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan)
 Russia as an Empire
 The Mongol Empire and its Successors (with Zvi Benite Ben-Dor)

Doctoral Dissertations Directed:

Chair or co-chair of 7 completed dissertation committees; member of 27 completed dissertation committees; chair, co-chair, or member of 6 active dissertation committees.

Administrative Experience:

Director, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, 1992-1995, 1998. Directed programming for 66 faculty associates, 4.5 staff members, over 200 affiliated graduate students; supervised M.A. degree in Russian and East European Studies, joint degree programs in Russian and East European Studies and Law, Business, Journalism, Public Policy, and Natural Resources, exchange programs with foreign universities.
 Head Tutor, Program in History and Literature, Harvard University, 1981-1985. Supervised honors tutorial instruction for 240 undergraduates and a tutorial board of graduate students, lecturers, and faculty.
 Director, Graduate Studies, History Department, University of Michigan, 1999-2001. Redesigned graduate funding program for equity and multi-year funding in 1999-2000 with excellent enrollment results. Led faculty in reform of preliminary examination rules, 2000-2001.

Professional Service:

ACTR/ACCELS (American Council of Teachers of Russian/American Council for Collaboration in Education and Language Study), National Board of Senior

Advisors, 1998-1999
 American Council of Learned Societies, Selection Committee, 1999
 American Historical Association, Member
 American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Member
 Ford Foundation and Harriman Institute: "Region and Empire: the Russian Case":
 Member, Organizing Committee, 1997-2002
 Indiana-Michigan Series in Russian and East European Studies, Editorial Board, 1996-2001
 IREX: Predoctoral Research Awards, Panel Member, 1993-1996
Kritika, Editorial Board, 1998-
Michigan Quarterly Review, Editorial Board, 2001
 Moscow Public Science Foundation/Ford Foundation International Expert Committee, 1996-1997, 1999
 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Director, 1994-; Executive Committee, 1998-2000; Vice-President, Executive Committee, 1999-2000
 National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowships for University Teachers, Panel Member, 1992; Project Reviewer, 1993
 National Endowment for the Humanities, Kluge Fellowships at Library of Congress, Project Reviewer, 2005
 National Research Council, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Chair, Working Group on Training and Institution Building in the former Soviet Union, "Improving Social Science in the Former Soviet Union," August 31-September 1, 1992
 Open Society Institute, Visiting Scholar Program, Selection Committee, 1997-1999
 Russian Scientific Fund, Moscow Division/Ford Foundation, Summer School on Research in the Humanities for Young Scholars, Guest Lecturer in History, Vladimir, Russia, June 25-July 3, 1996; Yaroslavl, June 23 to July 5, 1997
 Social Science Research Council, Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, 1988-1993.
 International Fellows Program, 1989; Delegate to Joint Committee on Eastern Europe, 1990; Organizer, SSRC Planning Initiative--"Reconstructing 'Russian' History: Culture and Empire," 1991--; Chair, Pre-Doctoral Fellowships Committee, 1992
 Soros Foundation, Research Support Scheme, Prague, Reviewer, 1995-2000

New York University Service:

FAS:

Advisory Committee on Policy and Planning of FAS, 2005-2008
 Chair, Promotion Committee, Departments of Comparative Literature and Russian and Slavic Studies, 2004-2005
 Co-Director: Eurasian Connections Group

History Department:

Admissions Committee, 2006-7
 Placement Officer, 2003-2005
 18th Century Europe Search Committee, member, 2003-2004
 Ottoman Search Committee, member, 2004-2005

Third Year Review Committee, 2007

Department of Russian and Slavic:

Search Committee, 2002

Chair, Promotion Committee, 2006

Other Professional Activities:

Editor, Kritika (a review of current Soviet books on Russian history), 1978-1980

Associate Editor, Europe: 1789-1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire
Scribner Library of Modern Europe (Detroit, New York: Thomson Gale, 2006)

Reviewer: American Philosophical Society, Princeton University Press, Oxford
University Press, Ukrainian Research Institute Harvard University, University of
Michigan Press, University of Washington Press; Cahiers du monde russe, Law
and Society, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Russian Review, Slavic
Review; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

University of Michigan, 1988-2001, Service:

Advisory Faculty Fundraising Committee, 2000; Budget Priorities Committee,
1991-1992; Advisory Committee on University Budgets, 1992-1993; College of
Literature, Science and the Arts, Nominating Committee, 1996; Horace H.
Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Divisional Board, Social Sciences, 1999-
2000; International Institute: Governing Board, 1993-5, 1998; Library and
Building Committee, 1994-5; Advisory Board, Grounding, Translation, and
Expertise, Revitalizing Area Studies Across the University (Ford Foundation),
1999; Advanced Study Center, Faculty Co-Director, "Empires, States, and
Political Imagination," 1999-2000; Fulbright Selection Committee, 1999;
Graduate Board, 1999-2000; William Davidson Institute: Search Committee for
Director, 1992-1993; Instructional Committee, 1992-; Faculty Director,
Orientation Programs on Russia and Eastern Europe, 1992-; Coordinator,
Orientation Program on Contemporary Russian Business, Moscow, May 7-19,
1993, May 6-18, 1994, May 9-16, 1995; Center for Russian and East European
Studies, University of Michigan, Director, 1992-1995, 1998; Executive
Committee, 1991-1992, 1996-1997; Working Group on South East European
Studies, Chair, 1994-1995, 1996-1997, 1998; Organizer, "Chechnya: War,
Politics, and Empire in the New Russia," February 21, 2000; Faculty Advisor,
Citizens' Exchange Council, Inter-University Exchange University of L'viv, 1988-
1990; Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Exchange with the Soviet Union, 1989-
1990; Faculty Representative, Student Delegation to L'viv University, Ukraine,
USSR, March 3-17, 1990 and May 12-19, 1991; Organizer, Visit of Mikhail
Shatrov, February 10-23, 1990, Performance and Symposium, Onward! Onward!
Onward!, February 16-19, 1990; Wallenberg Committee, 1993-1994; History
Department: Executive Committee, 1989-1992, 1997; Chair, Graduate Program,
1999-2001; Residential College: Evaluation Committee, 1988-1990, 1996-1997,
2000-2001; RC Project Abroad, Chair, Selection Committee, 2000

Selected Presentations, 1997-2007 only:

"Empire, Rights, and Citizenship: 212 to 1946," with Fred Cooper, University of
Queensland, Brisbane, June 5, 2007

- "The Middle Ground of Russian Law," Department of History, University of Sydney, June 4, 2007
- "Empire, Rights, and Citizenship: 212 to 1946," with Fred Cooper, University of Tasmania, Hobart, June 1, 2007
- "Empire, Rights, and Citizenship: 212 to 1946," with Fred Cooper, University of Otago, New Zealand, May 23, 2007
- "The Middle Ground of Russian Law: Litigation, Supervision, and Governance in the Early Twentieth Century," University of Otago, New Zealand, May 18, 2007
- "Imperial Trajectories and Imaginaries in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," UCLA William Andrews Clark Memorial Library conference, "From Early-Modern to Modern Empire and from Empire to Nation-State," April 28, 2007
- "Empire and Citizenship, 212-1946," University of Texas, Law, History and Humanities Colloquium, 26 March 2007
- "Securing Peasant Society: Constables and Courts in Rural Russia, 1905-1917," Staats-Gewalt: Ausnahmezustand und Sicherheitsregimes: Historische Perspektiven, Goettingen, March 9, 2007
- "The Middle Ground of Law: Litigation, Supervision, and Governance in Late Imperial Russia," Princeton University, March 6, 2007
- "Clash and Rupture in a System of Empires," for conference "Imperialist Order Transformed? Global Perspectives on the Legacies of World War I," Duke University, March 2-4, 2007
- "The Well-Ordered Peasant Village: Law and Sanitation at the Township Courts," Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, D. C., 16 November 2006
- "The Middle Ground of Law: Litigation, Supervision, and Agencies of Change in Late Imperial Russia," Davis Center, Harvard University, November 9, 2006
- "Empire and Citizenship: 212 to 1946," with Frederick Cooper, Ohio State University, October 27, 2006
- "Citizenship and Empire: 212 to 1946," with Frederick Cooper, Columbia University, Center for International History, September 29, 2006
- "Moving Land by Law: Litigation and Economic Agency in Late Imperial Russia," XIV International Economic History Congress, Helsinki, Finland, 23 August 2006
- "Les paysans vont en justice et les historiens aux archives: les sources de la culture judiciaire en Russie," Séminaire « Sources, méthodes, expériences en histoire fwcoloniale », Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 2 and 9, 2006
- "The Middle Ground of Law: Litigation, Supervision, and Agencies of Change in Late Imperial Russia," Centre d'Etudes des Mondes Russe, Caucasien et Centre-Européen, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 1, 2006
- "Empire à la russe: droits et différences," Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, May 18 mai 2006
- "Imperial Legacies Affecting Identities," Discussant, Conference on "Identity and Social Change in Russia," Harriman Institute, Columbia University, March 3, 2006
- "Reflections on Alexander Cooley's Logics of Hierarchy," Respondent, Conference on "Rationalist Approaches to Empire: Theoretical Contributions and Limits," Harriman Institute, Columbia University, February 10, 2006

- "Empires: From Ancient to Contemporary Times," New York University, January 28, 2006, Commentator on "Elite Formation and Imperial Culture"
- "Le droit et les droits: la vie quotidienne de la justice dans l'empire russe," Centre d'études russes, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, January 13, 2006
- "Empire and Inclusion: Law, Rights, and Difference in Late Imperial Russia," University of Washington, December 1, 2005
- "Contesting Rights at Rural Courts: The Everyday Life of Russian Law," International Council for Central & East European Studies (ICCEES) World Congress, Berlin, July 25, 2005
- "Law, property and social imagination in the Russian and Ottoman empires, 1850-1918," Workshop on Law and Transformation in the Russian and Ottoman Empires, Buyukada, Turkey, June 17, 2005.
- "Moving Land by Law: Litigation, Property, and Economic Agency in Late Imperial Russia," Workshop on "Making markets through the law: Legal claim and economic possibility," Paris, June 10, 2005
- "The Rights of Difference: Law and Belonging in the Russian Empire," Cambridge University, Cambridge, U.K., June 3, 2005
- "Alternité et paysans russes," École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, January 12, 2005.
- "Law, Property and Social Imagination in the Russian and Ottoman Empires, 1850-1918," Bogazici University, Istanbul, June 19, 2004
- "Droit et Empire: Un projet de comparaison entre la France et la Russie," Centre d'études russes, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, June 11, 2004
- "Rights, Courts, and Citizenship: Law and Belonging in the Russian Empire," Harvard-Maryland Workshop "Citizenship, Nationality, and the State in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union" Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, March 28, 2004.
- "Empire, droit et citoyenneté: le cas russe," Series of four lectures, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, December 2003 - January 2004
- "Paternalism and Patriarchs: Punishment at Rural Courts in the Early Twentieth Century," Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 23, 2003
- "State and Peasantry in Late Imperial Russia," Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 22, 2003
- "Imperial Rights and the Politics of Difference," NYU History Department on Empire, October 3, 2003
- "The Rights of Difference: Law and Citizenship in the Russian Empire," Advanced Seminar: "Empires: Thinking Colonial Studies Beyond Europe," School of American Research, Santa Fe, October 26-30, 2003
- "Local Courts, Imperial Law and Citizenship in Russia," Mega Project Conference "History of Empires: Comparative Approaches to Research and Teaching," Moscow, June 7-9, 2003, Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation)-Russia
- "A Russian Success Story? Peasants, Law, and Civil Society in Late Imperial Russia," University of British Columbia, February 13, 2003
- "Russia's Success Stories," Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Successful

- Societies Program Meeting, Stanford California, January 17-18, 2003
- “Civil Society in the Village: Rural People and the Law in Late Imperial Russia,” Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences,” December 18, 2002.
- “Civil Society and Political Culture in Late Tsarist Russia: Society vs. Autocracy,” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Pittsburgh, November 24, 2002
- “Legal Reform and Legal Culture: The Unrecognized Success of the Township Courts in Imperial Russia.” Presented in Russian. Plenary session of the international conference, Problems in the History of State Administration: The State Apparatus and Reforms, Law Faculty, St. Petersburg University, Russian Federation, October 24-25, 2002
- “Thinking Like an Empire: Estate, Law, and Rights in Late Imperial Russia,” Workshop, Empire and Region: The Russian Case, Samara, Russian Federation, July 7-12, 2002.
- “Civil Suits and Civility at the Volost’ Courts,” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, D.C., November 15, 2001.
- “Recontextualizing Russian Intellectual History,” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, D.C., November 15, 2001.
- “Paysans et collectivité,” Ecole Normale Supérieure, Programme Folfjuif, June 7, 2001
- “Civil Society in the Village: Responsibility, Law and Citizenship in Rural Russia, 1905-1917,” New York University, April 4, 2001
- “Archival Politics in Dissolving States: The Post-Soviet Region,” Commentator, Advanced Study Center, University of Michigan, February 7, 2001
- “Post-Soviet Russian Research Realities and New Approaches,” Comment, VI World Congress of the International Council for Central and Eastern European Studies, Tampere, Finland, 31 July 2000
- “Thinking like an Empire: Estate and Reform in Imperial Russia,” Advanced Study Center, University of Michigan, “Imperial Politics and the Limits of Reform: The Ottoman, Habsburg, and Romanov Empires,” February 19, 2000
- “Status, Civility and the Law in Rural Russia, 1905-1917,” Columbia Faculty Seminar, Columbia University, February 4, 2000
- “A Defense of Dignity: Insults at the Cantonal Courts of Late Imperial Russia,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 8, 1999
- “The Imperial Construction of Russian and Soviet Citizens,” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 20, 1998
- “What’s Empire Got to do With It?”, Bogazici University, Istanbul, July 1998
- “Legal Consciousness and the Volost Courts,” (in Russian), Summer School, “New Perspectives in the Social Sciences,” Moscow Public Science Foundation, Yaroslavl’, Russia, June 25, 1997
- “New American Historiography on Russia” (in Russian), Summer School, “New Perspectives in the Social Sciences,” Moscow Public Science Foundation, Yaroslavl’, Russia, June 26, 1997
- “The Imperial Construction of Russian and Soviet States,” Bogazici University, Istanbul, May 28, 1997/September 25, 2007/September 25, 2007