

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

History of the Soviet Union, Imperial Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus, the Ottoman Empire, the Middle East, ethnicity and nationalism, world history, oral history, cultural history, historiography and theory

**EDUCATION**

1994-2004 Ph.D., Department of History, University of Washington, Seattle  
1992-1993 M.A., Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, University of Washington, Seattle  
1982-1983 M.A., Graduate School of Public & International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh  
1974-1979 Bursa İktisadi ve Ticari İlimler Akademisi, (Uludag University), Bursa, Turkey

**AWARDS**

2011 Early Career Excellence Award, university-wide, CSULB  
2009-10 SCAC (Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee) Award, CSULB for the book manuscript  
2008-09 SCAC (Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee) Award, CSULB for the book manuscript  
2004 Schwartz Fellowship for the study of non-western History  
2003-04 Andy Studebaker Award for Conference participation  
2003 Social Science Research Council, Eurasia Program Dissertation Development Workshop, Central Asia and the Caucasus, University of Michigan  
2001-02 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship in Kyrgyzstan  
2000-01 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for Dissertation Research  
2000 Rondeau Laverne Evans Dissertation Fellowship for research in Turkey  
2000 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for Russian language  
1999 Maclyn P. Burg Scholarship for research in Turkey  
1997 Social Science Research Council Fellowship for Tajik language  
1996-97 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for Russian language  
1995 United States Information Agency Grant for teaching in Kyrgyzstan  
1994 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for Kazakh language  
1993 Social Science Research Council Fellowship for Kyrgyz language

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- 2006- Assistant Professor of Central Asian and Oral History (tenure-track position)  
2006- Director of Oral History Program, Department of History, CSULB  
Summer 2010 Visiting Professor, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey  
2005-06 Kemal H. Karpat Visiting Assistant Professor of Central Asian History, Department of History, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
2004-05 Lecturer, Department of History, University of Washington, Seattle  
2002 Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic  
1995 Lecturer, Department of History, Osh State University, Kyrgyz Republic

## **BOOK**

- 2011 or 2012 *Speaking Soviet with an Accent: Crafting Culture in Kyrgyzstan*. "Central Asia in Context Series," Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, under peer review

## **EDITED VOLUMES**

- 2011 or 2012 "Kyrgyz Houses of Culture, 1920s and 1930s" in *Reconstructing the Soviet and Eastern European Houses of Culture*, Joachim Otto Habeck and Brian Donahoe, editors, Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung, New York: Berghahn Press, forthcoming
- 2008 "Finding History in Chingiz Aitmatov's Early Prose and in the Memories of Veterans: Kyrgyz Women of 'The Great Patriotic War,'" in *Tabur: Koebner Yearbook for Central European History, Culture & Thought*, The Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History, Jerusalem: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 76-86.

## **ARTICLES AND REPORTS**

- 2011 "Four Daughters of Tököldösh: Kyrgyz Actresses Define Soviet Modernity." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East (CSSAAME)*, forthcoming
- 2010 "No Tulips This Time, But Hope: Where did the Tulips Go?" *UCLA International Institute On-Line Journal*, April 8, 2010
- 2008 "Reconstructing the House of Culture." *Central Eurasian Studies Review (CESR)* 7 (1): 16-20
- 2007 "Eurasian Women and Self-Reliance: Religion and Education in the Contemporary World" *Central Eurasian Studies Review (CESR)* 6 (1/2): 22-24
- 2006 "Viewing Kyrgyz Politics through 'Orientalist' Eyes." *Central Eurasian Studies Review (CESR)*, 5 (2): 13-19
- 2005 "Central Eurasia Across the Curriculum and Beyond Institutional Walls: A Tale From Real Life." Co-author: Daniel C. Waugh, *Central Eurasian Studies Review (CESR)*, 4 (2): 43-45

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

- 2011 Review of Paul Stronsky, *Tashkent: Forging a Soviet City, 1930-1966*, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh, 2010. *The History Teacher*, forthcoming
- 2010 Review of Luisa del Guidice, ed., *Oral History, Oral Culture and Italian Americans*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2009. *Altreitalie (International Journal of Studies on Italian Migrations in the World)*, 40: 179-182
- 2008 Review of Marianne Kamp, *The New Women in Uzbekistan: Islam, Modernity, and Unveiling under Communism*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2006. *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (IJMES)*, 40: 515-516

## **INVITED LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS**

- Mar 2011 "Crafting Culture in Soviet Central Asia: Writers, Actors and Ordinary People," Saturday University: World Little Known, Central Asia, Its Histories and Place in Today's World, Gardner Center for Asian Art & Ideas, Seattle Asian Art Museum
- Mar 2011 "Modern Kyrgyz Girls: Soviet Actresses and National Heroines," The Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington
- Jan 2011 "Discussant: the Panel on the Swedish/Kyrgyz film *Long Distance Love*, The International Institute Human Rights Film Series, UCLA
- Dec 2010 "The Walnut Tree" (Ceviz Agaci) by Nazim Hikmet, "Poetry Without Borders: Musing About Nature," poetry reading with Professor Claire Martin of CSULB
- July 2010 "Roundtable: Recent Events in Kyrgyzstan." Second Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference, Center for Black Sea and Central Asia (KORA) at Middle Eastern Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey
- Dec 2009 "Revolutionary Moments." Commentator, Jews and Empire Conference, UCLA
- Nov 2009 "Ottoman Grandmothers and Modernity." Islam and Modernity, CSULB
- Mar 2009 "The Changing Social Role of Islam in Post-Soviet Eurasia." Project on Islam in Eurasia Conference (invited to participate in the workshop), Harvard University
- May 2008 "Enforced Migration and Sedentarization in Central Asia." Central Asia Initiative Conference: Mobility and Governability in Central Asia, UCLA Asia Institute
- Feb 2008 "Modern Genocides and Global Responsibility." President's Forum on International Human Rights, CSULB
- Nov 2007 "Central Asian Girls become Soviet Women: Usurping Soviet Theater in Kyrgyzstan." Department of History Research Seminar, CSULB
- Oct 2007 "Cross-Cultural Oral History Workshop: Challenges and Solutions." Karen Harper and I offered this workshop at the Oral History Association Conference, Oakland, California
- Sep 2007 "Soviet Houses of Culture in Kyrgyzstan: the 1920s and 1930s." Workshop on Reconstructing the House of Culture. Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung (Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology) Halle, Germany
- July 2007 "Central Asia and Afghanistan: interactions between Muslims and Europeans between the tenth and fifteenth centuries." Middle East -- European Intersections: Synergies through the Ages." The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UCLA

- Nov 2005 "Identity versus Community: Constructing Kyrgyzzness in the Soviet Houses of Culture during the 1920s and 1930s." University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Nov 2005 "The Changing Face of Islam in Kyrgyzstan: Self-fashioning Kyrgyzzness in Soviet Houses of Culture, and after 9/11." University of Texas, Austin
- May 2005 "How Does the March 2005 Revolution in Kyrgyzstan Transform the Discussion of Islam for the Historians of Central Asia? Islam, Asia, and Modernity Conference on a panel with Partha Chatterjee, Sumit K. Mandal, Cabeiri Robinson and Laurie Sears, University of Washington, Seattle
- June 2003 "A Kyrgyz Soviet Enthusiast on Stage: Sabira Kumushalieva." The Modern Girl around the World Symposium at the Institute for Transnational Studies. University of Washington, Seattle

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Nov 2010 "Negotiations and Resistance in the Soviet Union," Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Los Angeles
- "Governance in Russia and Eastern Europe," Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Los Angeles
- Oct 2010 "Roundtable: Teaching Central Asian History: the Islamic Central Asia Anthology," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing
- July 2010 "Histories of Eurasia II." Second Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference, Center for Black Sea and Central Asia (KORA) at Middle Eastern Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey
- Oct 2009 "State and Society Relations in the Middle East, North Africa and Southeast Asia," The Middle East and Islamic Studies Conference, San Francisco State University
- Mar 2009 "New Destinations in Oral History." The Southwest Oral History Association Conference, Los Angeles
- Sep 2008 "Finding an Artistic Space between Soviet Communism and Kyrgyz Ethnicity in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century." The International Oral History Conference, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Nov 2007 "Anti-religious Activity in Kyrgyz Soviet Houses of Culture." American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Conference, New Orleans
- Apr 2007 "Armenian-Turkish Reconciliation: In Memoriam of Hrant Dink" CSULB
- Mar 2007 "Heroines, Actresses and the Soviet State: Kyrgyz Women Assert Themselves." Conference on Eurasian Women and Self-Reliance: Religion and Education in the Contemporary World, CSULB
- Nov 2006 "Re-fashioning the 'Asiatic' as Soviet Heroes: Kyrgyz Images of the Self during the Soviet Celebrations of the 1930s." American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Conference, Washington D.C.
- Nov 2006 "What Borat is not telling you about Central Asia," International Education Week, Center for International Education, CSULB
- Sep 2006 "Four Daughters of Tököldösh: From Kyrgyz Village to Soviet Stage." Central Eurasian Studies Association Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- May 2004 "Teaching Central Asian History." Nicholas Poppe Symposium. University of Washington
- Oct 2003 "Finding History in Chingiz Aitmatov's Prose: Kyrgyz Women in the WWII Period and after." Central Eurasian Society Conference. Harvard University
- Apr 2003 "Sabira Kumushalieva, a Kyrgyz Theater Actress and a Soviet Enthusiast." Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies Conference at the Jackson School of International Studies. University of Washington, Seattle
- Apr 2003 "Educating the Public with the Journals of Peoples' Houses: Uludağ, the Journal of Bursa Peoples' House." Central Eurasian Studies Conference. Indiana University
- Nov 2002 "The Culture Houses of Soviet Kyrgyzstan." Middle East Studies Association Conference. Washington, D.C.

### **ARCHIVAL AND ORAL HISTORY FIELDWORK**

- Fall 2009 Oral History Project: The Resistance and Antiwar Movement in Los Angeles
- Summer 2007 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, and Istanbul, Turkey
- Summer 2002 Bishkek, Osh, and Naryn, Kyrgyzstan
- Winter 2000 Bursa and Istanbul, Turkey
- May-Dec 1995 Preliminary field interviews and archival research, Osh, Kyrgyzstan

### **COURSES TAUGHT at CSULB**

#### **2006-present**

Undergraduate Courses:

Oral History Methods; Theory and History; History Core Courses; Central Asia and Afghanistan; Foundations of Russia; Twentieth-Century Russia; Islam, Reform and Revolution in Central Asia; Contemporary World History; Middle East History

Graduate Courses:

Theories and Methodologies of History; The Silk Roads;  
Comparative History: From Empire to Nations in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries

### **COURSES TAUGHT at other institutions**

#### **Boğaziçi (Bosporus) University**

#### **Summer 2010**

Central Asia and Afghanistan: From the Mongol Era to WWI  
Nations and Nationalism in Eastern Europe and the USSR

#### **University of Wisconsin, Madison**

#### **2005-2006**

Islam, Reform and Revolution in Central Asia  
Twentieth-Century Central Asia

#### **University of Washington, Seattle**

#### **2004-2005**

Stalin's Great Terror; History of Communism; Stalinism and Islam; Stalin's Muslim Comrades and Enemies; From Russia with Love: American and European Dissidents in the USSR; Middle East since 1789; Muslim Near East

**Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

**2005**

Peoples of the USA

**Osh State University, Osh, Kyrgyzstan**

**1995**

Central Asia Through Western Eyes

**THESIS COMMITTEES**

2009-Present Matthew Lorscheider

2008-Present Chris Puder, "Central Asia and the Middle East"

2007-10 Joseph Hammond, "Competing Goals: Iran, Saudi Arabia and the The Organization of the Islamic Conference 1979-1997"

2007-10 Steven Rodriguez, "Devotion to Land: The Images of the Virgin Mary and the Mudejar in Thirteenth-Century Castille"

2007-10 Colin Rutherford, "Arab-Americans and 9/11"

2006-08 Kareem Captan, "American Orientalism"

2006-08 Elisa Herrera, "Orientalism in the USA"

**SERVICE AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH**

**At the University level:**

2008-Present Mentor and Advisor: Junior Scholars from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) of the United States Department of State  
ACTR/ACCELS

Eliza Taitelieva, Kyrgyz State University (2008)

Cholpon Bakirova, Kyrgyz State University (2009)

Gulshat Maatkerimova, Kyrgyz International University (2010)

Elvira Stamalievna of Arabaev University (2011)

2006-2010 Curriculum and Educational Policies Council Member

May 2008 Juror, the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual CSULB Student Research Competition

Mar 2006 Organizer of an interdisciplinary conference: "Eurasian Women and Self-Reliance: Religion and Education in the Contemporary World" in cooperation with the Center for European and Eurasian Studies at UCLA

**At the College level:**

2006-Present Director, Oral History Program

2007-08 Co-Director of the Middle Eastern Studies Program

2007-08 Assistant Director, the Faculty Council of the College of Liberal Arts

2006-08 Faculty Council Member, College of Liberal Arts

**At the Department level:**

2009-10 Search Committee Member (Indian Ocean and East Africa Search)

2009-11 Awards Committee Member

2008-09 Events Committee Member

2008-09 Curriculum Committee Member

2007 Chair's Advisory Committee Member

2006-Present Graduate Committee Member

2006-Present Core Curriculum Committee Member

### **SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE**

2002-03 Long-Range Planning Committee Member, Department of History  
2002-03 Undergraduate Advisor, Department of History  
2000-01 Graduate Liaison Committee, Department of History  
1998-2000 Undergraduate Advisor, Department of History  
1995 Review Committee of Department of Systematic Musicology  
1994-95 Graduate Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Senate  
1992-93 President of the Student Association of Inner Asian Studies

### **OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

2010 Member of the Organizing Committee: Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Los Angeles  
2010 Research Grant Application Evaluator: NCEEER (National Council for Eurasian and East European Research) Grants: Collaborative Projects between Eurasian and American scholars, ACTR/ACCELS (American Councils for International Education).  
2009-10 Research Grant Application Evaluator: Title VIII Fellowship Programs of American Councils for International Education, Five Doctoral Candidates in the Eurasian Field  
Oct 2009 Interviewer, An Oral History Interview Demonstration: Kaye Briegel, Professor Emerita, the former Director of the Oral History Program, CSULB  
Oct 2008 Interviewer, An Oral History Interview Demonstration: Sherna Berger Gluck Professor Emerita, the former Director of the Oral History Program, CSULB  
May 2008 Research Project and Ethics Evaluator, McMaster Research Ethics Board of Canada, "From special settlement to agricultural cooperative in Kyrgyzstan"  
Feb 2008 Commentator, "Tribal Nation: The Making of Soviet Turkmenistan," a book discussion by the author Adrienne Edgar of University of California, Santa Barbara. The Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA  
Jan 2008 Reviewer, *The History Teacher*, "The Impact of John Dewey on Teacher Training System in Turkey"  
July 2007 Referee, *Nations and Nationalism*, "Empire, Nation and Film: The Kyrgyz 'Wonder' Years"  
Nov 2007 Research Grant Application Evaluator, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, An oral history project on Kyrgyzstan  
Oct 2007 Commentator, "Decolonizing Palestinian History: On remembering, National Memories, and Political Humor." Oral History Association Conference, Oakland, California  
Sept 2007 Commentator, "Citizenship and National Identity in Kyrgyzstan." Central Eurasian Studies Association Conference, Seattle  
Sept 2007 Commentator, "Doing Oral History of Central Asian Transformations." Central Eurasian Studies Association Conference, Seattle  
Mar 2007 Reviewer, *The History Teacher*, "Doing Oral History in the Future Tense: Prospects in Oral History"  
Sept 2006 Commentator, "Easterns and Westerns in Post-Soviet Cinema" Central Eurasian Studies Association Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
2005-- Editor-at-large, Central Eurasian Studies Society: Editorial Board of *Central Eurasian Studies Review (CESR)*, and a member of the Conference Committee, 2005-Present

## **LANGUAGES**

Turkish: native speaker

English: second language, and the language of higher education

Kyrgyz: professional reading and archival research ability, and fluency in everyday conversation

Russian, Kazakh and Uzbek: professional reading knowledge and speaking ability

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association

Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies

Central Eurasian Studies Society

International Oral History Association, and Oral History Association

Middle Eastern Studies Association

## **REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

Professor Nancy Quam-Wickham, Chair of the History Department, California State University, Long Beach, [quamwick@csulb.edu](mailto:quamwick@csulb.edu)

Professor Glennys Young, Department of History, University of Washington, [glennys@u.washington.edu](mailto:glennys@u.washington.edu),

Professor Bruce Grant, Department of Anthropology, New York University, [bruce.grant@nyu.edu](mailto:bruce.grant@nyu.edu)

Professor Sarah Abrevaya Stein, Maurice Amado Chair in Sephardic Studies, Department of History, UCLA, [sstein@history.ucla.edu](mailto:sstein@history.ucla.edu)

Professor Hourii Berberian, Department of History, California State University, Long Beach, [hberber@csulb.edu](mailto:hberber@csulb.edu)