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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<p><b>Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2016-present: Professor of History</li><li>2018-21: Chair, Department of History</li><li>2007-16: Associate Professor of History</li><li>2004-07: Assistant Professor of History</li></ul> <p><b>Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2003-04: Lecturer, History Department</li></ul> <p><b>Spalding University, Louisville, KY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2000-03: Assistant Professor of History</li></ul>
ACADEMIC DEGREES	<p>2000: Ph.D. in History, <b>Ohio University</b>, Athens, OH</p> <p>1993: M.A. in History, <b>University at Albany</b>, Albany, NY</p> <p>1989: B.A. in Political Science, <b>University at Albany</b>, Albany, NY</p>
FACULTY AWARDS	<p>2009-10: Gonzaga University’s “Exemplary Faculty Award”</p> <p>2001-02: Spalding University’s “Outstanding Faculty Member”</p>
BOOKS	<p><i>The House of Hemp and Butter: A History of Old Riga</i>, Northern Illinois University Press (an imprint of Cornell University Press), November 2019. Acknowledged with an “honorable mention” by the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies for the 2020 AABS Book Prize.</p> <p><i>The History of the Baltic States</i>, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (revised). Greenwood, 2015.</p> <p><i>Intellectuals and Apparatchiks: Conservative Nationalism and the Gorbachev Revolution</i>. Lexington Books, 2006.</p> <p><i>Culture and Customs of the Baltic States</i>. Greenwood Press, 2006.</p> <p><i>The History of the Baltic States</i>. Greenwood Press, 2003.</p>
BOOK CHAPTERS AND ESSAYS	<p>“Kultur in den baltischen Staaten.” In Bernd Lemke and Stefan Brenner, eds., <i>Wegweiser zur Geschichte Baltikum (Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr)</i>, pp. 171-80. Potsdam: Schöningh-Verlag, 2018.</p> <p>“The Baltic States,” “Estonia,” and “Latvia.” In Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof, eds., <i>Encyclopedia of Global Religion</i>. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2010.</p> <p>“The Baltic States.” In Guntram H. Herb and David H. Kaplan, eds., <i>Nations and Nationalisms in Global Perspective: An Encyclopedia of</i></p>

	<p><i>Origins, Development, and Contemporary Transitions</i>. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2008.</p> <p>“The Stalin Experience.” In Frank W. Thackeray, ed., <i>Events that Changed Russia</i>. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007.</p> <p>“Alexander N. Yakovlev.” In Ruud van Dijk, ed., <i>Encyclopedia of the Cold War</i>. New York: MTM Publishing, 2007.</p> <p>Entries for Tom Lasorda, Jim Palmer, Frank Robinson, F. Valenzuela, and The Three Stooges. In <i>The St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture</i>. NY: Full Circle Press, 1999.</p>
<p><b>BOOK REVIEWS</b> (selected from among 40+ reviews since 2001)</p>	<p><i>Politics of Uncertainty: The United States, the Baltic Question, and the Collapse of the Soviet Union</i>, by Una Bergmane, <i>Russian Review</i> (submitted October 2023).</p> <p><i>Return to the Motherland</i>, by Seth Bernstein, <i>Choice</i> (August 2023).</p> <p><i>The Oxford Handbook of the Weimar Republic</i>, ed. Nadine Rossol and Benjamin Ziemann, <i>Choice</i> (February 2023).</p> <p><i>Revising the Revolution</i>, by Larry Holmes, <i>Choice</i> (March 2022).</p> <p><i>Victory Banner over the Reichstag</i>, by Jeremy Hicks, <i>Choice</i> (January 2021).</p> <p><i>Ideologies of Race: Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union in Global Context</i>, edited by David Rainbow, <i>Choice</i> (January 2021).</p> <p><i>It Will Be Fun and Terrifying</i>, by Fabrizo Fenghi, <i>Choice</i> (January 2021).</p> <p><i>Peasants in Russia from Serfdom to Stalin</i>, by Boris B. Gorshkov, <i>Choice</i> (May 2018).</p> <p><i>Was Revolution Inevitable?</i>, edited by Tony Brenton, <i>Choice</i> (July 2017).</p> <p><i>A Short History of the Russian Revolution</i>, by Geoffrey Swain, <i>Choice</i> (May 2017).</p> <p><i>Vilnius between Nations, 1795–2000</i>, Theodore Weeks, <i>Choice</i> (Aug. 2016).</p> <p><i>Latvia: A Short History</i>, Mara Kalnins, <i>Choice</i> (December 2015).</p> <p><i>The Making and Breaking of Soviet Lithuania</i>, Violeta Davoliūtė, <i>Slavic Review</i>, vol. 74, no. 2 (July 2015).</p> <p><i>The Village and the Class War: The Anti-Kulak Campaign in Estonia</i>, Anu Mai Kõll, <i>Slavic Review</i>, vol. 73, no. 3 (Fall 2014).</p> <p><i>Rethinking the Weimar Republic: Authority and Authoritarianism, 1916–1936</i>, Anthony McElligott, <i>Choice</i> (September 2014).</p> <p><i>Islam in the Baltic: Europe’s Early Muslim Community</i>, Harry Norris, <i>Slavic Review</i>, vol. 69, no. 2 (Summer 2010).</p> <p><i>A Failed Empire: The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev</i>, Vladimir Zubok, <i>H-Diplo Roundtable Review</i> (March 2008).</p> <p><i>Russia’s Sputnik Generation: Soviet Baby Boomers Talk about Their Lives</i>, Donald J. Raleigh, ed. and trans., <i>Nationalities Papers</i> (July 2007).</p> <p><i>The Negro Leagues, 1869–1960</i>, Leslie A. Heaphy, and <i>Take Me Out to the Cubs Game: 35 Former Ballplayers Speak of Losing at Wrigley</i>, John C. Skipper, <i>The Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society</i>, vol. 97, no. 3 (Autumn 2004): 260–261.</p> <p>“With a Whimper.” Book Review of <i>Armageddon Averted: The Soviet Collapse 1970–2000</i>, Stephen Kotkin, <i>H-Russia</i>, June 2004.</p> <p>“The Apprentice’s Sorcerer: A Perestroika Memoir.” Book Review of <i>My</i></p>

	<p><i>Six Years with Gorbachev</i>, Anatoly Chernyaev, <i>H-Russia</i>, February 2001.</p> <p>“Gorbachev’s Short Course on Soviet History and Global Civilization.” Book Review of <i>On My Country and the World</i>, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, <i>H-Russia</i>, January 2001.</p>
<p><b>PRESENTATIONS</b> (selected)</p>	<p>“War in Ukraine,” The Greater Gonzaga Guild, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. April 26, 2022.</p> <p>“War in Ukraine: Questions and Answers,” Hemmingson Center Auditorium, Gonzaga University, March 30, 2022.</p> <p>“A History of Old Riga.” Rotary International, Spokane, WA. March 14, 2019.</p> <p>“An Urban Kaleidoscope: Encounter, Diversity, and Identity in Riga.” Contemporary History Institute Graduate Conference, Ohio University, Athens, OH. February 7, 2015.</p> <p>“Russia and the Post-Soviet States.” The Greater Gonzaga Guild, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. November 18, 2014.</p> <p>“Russia and the Near Abroad.” The Spokane Dinner Club, Spokane, WA. November 4, 2014.</p> <p>“The Cossacks Are Coming! A Historical Approach to the Russian-Ukrainian Relationship.” <i>The Art and Craft of History Series</i>, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. April 8, 2014.</p> <p>“Enlightened Despot? Politics and Power in Putin’s Russia.” Meeting of Spokane chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America. February 7, 2005.</p>
<p><b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>  (courses I teach at Gonzaga University)</p>	<p>HIST 101 History of Western Civ I</p> <p>HIST 102 History of Western Civ II</p> <p>HIST 105: Russia: Nation, State, Empire</p> <p>HIST 193: Soviet Culture through Film (First Year Seminar)</p> <p>HIST 301 Historical Methods</p> <p>HIST 329 Nazi Germany</p> <p>HIST 334 Russia/USSR since 1945</p> <p>HIST 337 The Stalin Era</p> <p>HIST 340 The Cold War</p> <p>HIST 401 Senior Thesis Seminar</p>
<p><b>UNIVERSITY CITIZENSHIP</b> (Gonzaga University, selected)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair, Department of History (2018-2021)</li> <li>▪ Member, International Studies Program Steering Committee (2018-21)</li> <li>▪ Member, History Department RPT Committee (2009-12, 2015-21)</li> <li>▪ Chair, History Core Curriculum Committee (2015-18)</li> <li>▪ Member, Academic Council Program Review Committee (2012-2016)</li> <li>▪ Member, Faculty Working Group for the revised University core (2013-15)</li> <li>▪ Member, Academic Council Curriculum Committee (2010-12)</li> <li>▪ Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta history honor society (2008-12)</li> <li>▪ Member of the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee</li> </ul>

	<p>(2008-12; Committee Chair, 2009-10, 2011-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Member of the History Department Curriculum Committee (2006-10; chair Spring 2006 and Fall 2008)</li> </ul>
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speaking and reading competence in Russian.</li> <li>▪ Some reading ability in Latvian and German.</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Manuscript reviewer for <i>Slavic Review</i> since 2007; most recently reviewed the article “Entangled Competition: Globalization, Imperial Domination, and Local Development in the Port Cities of Riga and Odesa” (2024)</li> <li>▪ Manuscript reviewer for <i>Europe-Asian Studies</i> since 2020; most recently reviewed entitled “Economic strategies and immigration in the Soviet Union’s western borderlands: Lithuania, Latvia, and Belarus in the 1950s and 1960s” (2020)</li> <li>▪ Manuscript reviewer for <i>Nations and Nationalism</i> since 2017; most recently reviewed “The Role of Latvian Nationalism in the Transformation of Lithuanian Nationalism During the Long 19th Century” (2020)</li> <li>▪ Manuscript reviewer for <i>Journal of Baltic Studies</i> since 2007; most recently reviewed the article “The inherited intentions of the unattached intellectual in state government structures: Rainis in two stages of politically relevant activities” (2016)</li> <li>▪ Member of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS) since 2004.</li> <li>▪ Member of the Association for Slavic, East European &amp; Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) since 2002.</li> </ul>

