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## EDUCATION

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- (2021) PhD, Sociology, University of Chicago  
Dissertation: "The Dialogic Nation: Nationalism and belonging in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan"  
Committee: Andrew Abbott (chair), Lis Clemens, Marco Garrido, Emil Nasritdinov (American University of Central Asia), and Geneviève Zubrzycki (University of Michigan)  
Special Fields: Nationalism, Sociology of Culture
- 2009 M.A., Social and Cultural Foundations of Education, DePaul University (*Honors*)  
Thesis: "The Individual in Community: On collective memory theory and Husserl's phenomenology"
- 2006 B.A., Liberal Arts, St. John's College  
Majors: Philosophy, History of Math and Science  
Minors: Classics, Comparative Literature

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Nationalism, visual and material culture, sociological theory, memory studies, citizenship and belonging

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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n.d. "The nation in bronze and granite: Creating national monuments in post-Soviet Bishkek"

## OTHER WRITING

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- Forth. "Fluid Objects: On the impermanence of monuments" (with Masha Vlasova) *ASAP/Journal*  
2020 "Архив/Город" (Archive/City) *Nemonomif* (2)  
2020 "The New Silk Road: Dordoi Bazaar in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan" *Public Books*

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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“We took the national game and turned it into a sport”: Playing kok boru and re-inventing tradition in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan”

“Memorial (In)Congruence: Contesting Confederate Monuments in New Orleans”

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

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### External:

2021 Graduate Student Essay Prize, Midwest Slavic Association  
2021 Best Doctoral Paper Award, Eurasia Section, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference  
2019 Photo Award, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference  
2018-2019 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship  
2018 American Councils Title VIII Combined Research & Language Grant - *alternate*  
2017 International Federation for Public History Travel Grant  
2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Research Fellowship

### Internal:

2021-2022 Center for Eastern European & Russian/Eurasian Studies Graduate Student Teaching Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago  
2020-2021 Center for Eastern European & Russian/Eurasian Studies Graduate Student Teaching Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago  
2019-2020 Center for International Social Science Research Dissertation Support Award, University of Chicago  
2018-2019 Orin Williams Fund Travel Grant, Social Sciences Research Division, University of Chicago - *declined*  
2017 University of Chicago Graduate Council Travel Grant - *declined*  
2016-2017 FLAS Academic Year Fellowship (Russian), University of Chicago - *declined*  
2015-2016 FLAS Academic Year Fellowship (Russian), University of Chicago  
2014-2015 FLAS Academic Year Fellowship (Russian), University of Chicago

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Kok-Boru: Beyond invention of tradition”

- Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, May 2021.
- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 2020 (conference cancelled)
- Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, October 2020 (conference cancelled)

“Creating the Symbols of the Nation: Toward a cultural construction of nationalism”

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2020 (roundtable cancelled)

“Material Symbols: Constructing a symbolic landscape in Bishkek”

- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 2019
- Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, October 2019

- Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present, October 2019

“The Symbolic Landscape of Bishkek: Visual nationalism and collective memory in public art”

- Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Regional Conference, June 2017

“Memorial Dissonance in Contesting Confederate Memorials - A boundary approach to collective memory”

- International Federation for Public History Annual Meeting, June 2017

“Changing Statuary in Bishkek and the Project of Visual Nationalism”

- Fulbright South and Central Asia Conference, March 2017

## INVITED TALKS

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2017 “The Symbolic Landscape of Bishkek: Visual nationalism and collective memory in public art”  
*American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan*

2017 “What happens to the Citizen? Globalization and the Change in the Conception of Citizenship in a Globalized World”  
*Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan*

2017 “Doing Sociology in Public Places: Monuments, memory, and questions of nationhood”  
*Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *University of Chicago*

- (2021) Course Instructor, *Monuments: Practice & representation in the (post)-Soviet space and the United States*
- 2021 Course Instructor, *Nations and Nationalism*
- 2019-2020 Course Instructor, Global Studies  
*BA Thesis Seminar I, Fall*  
*BA Thesis Seminar II, Winter*
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, *Politics of Popular Sovereignty*, Professor Lis Clemens
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, *Russian Civilization II*, Professor Faith Hillis
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Collegiate Division Core Sequence:  
*Power, Identity, Resistance II*, Winter, Professor Teri Chettiar  
*Power, Identity, Resistance III*, Spring, Professor Ben Lessing
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, *Chicago Neighborhoods*, Professor Emily Talen

### *Other Teaching*

- 2011-2012 Academic English Instructor, *Carfax Educational Consultants*. St. Petersburg, Russia
- 2010 Secondary School English and Social Studies Teacher (grades 6-12), *Vietnam-Australia*

2009 *School*. Hanoi, Vietnam  
Elementary and Middle School English Teacher (grades 1-6), *Kinh Bac International School*. Bac Ninh, Vietnam  
2006-2007 Elementary Age Teacher and Literacy Coordinator, *Jane Addams Hull House Association*. Chicago, Illinois

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2014-present Member of the Board and Secretary/Treasurer, RiverTides, An International Center for Education and Exchange, New Paltz, NY  
2018 Member of the Manuscript Review Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
2013-2014 International Programs Coordinator, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY  
2013 Independent Contractor, Education Programming, RiverTides, An International Center for Education and Exchange, New Paltz, NY

#### PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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2017-pres. Occasional Reviewer/Interviewer for Fulbright Grants, University of Chicago & United States Embassy, Kyrgyzstan  
2016-pres. Member, Committee on Central Eurasian Studies, University of Chicago  
2016-pres. Occasional reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*  
2020 External Reviewer, MA thesis, American University of Central Asia  
2019 Lead for in-country orientations for grantees, American Councils, Kyrgyzstan  
2017-2018 Co-organizer, Chicago Ethnography Conference  
2017 Occasional reviewer, *Journal of Central Asia*  
2016 Co-organizer, Spring Institute, University of Chicago  
2015-2016 Vice-President, Society for Social Research, Sociology Dept., University of Chicago

#### LANGUAGES

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English: Native  
Russian: Advanced proficiency

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association  
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
Central Eurasian Studies Society  
Memory Studies Association

