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## EDUCATION

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- 2021 (exp.) PhD, Sociology, University of Chicago  
Tentative Dissertation Title: "The Dialogic Nation: Nationalism and belonging in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan"  
Committee: Andrew Abbott (chair), Lis Clemens, Marco Garrido, and Emil Nasritdinov
- 2016 M.A., Sociology, University of Chicago  
Exam High Pass
- 2009 M.A., Social and Cultural Foundations of Education, DePaul University  
Honors M.A. Thesis
- 2006 B.A., Liberal Arts, St. John's College  
Majors: Philosophy, History of Math and Science  
Minors: Classics, Comparative Literature

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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2020 "The New Silk Road: Dordoi Bazaar, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan" forthcoming in Public Books, Summer 2020

2020 "Архив/Город" (Archive/City) forthcoming in Nemonomif #2

### Working papers:

2020 "Contingent Creation, Contingent Reception: Making and reading the nation in Kyrgyzstan" (Manuscript available on request)

2020 “Memorial (In)Congruence: Contesting Confederate Monuments in New Orleans”  
(Manuscript available on request)

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

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### External:

2018-2019 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant (\$23,426)  
2017 International Federation for Public History Travel Grant (\$500)  
2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Research Fellowship (\$32,600)

### Internal:

2020 Center for Eastern European & Russian/Eurasian Studies Graduate Lectureship  
2019-2020 Center for International Social Science Research Dissertation Support Award,  
University of Chicago (\$1000)  
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 (\$3000)  
2014-2015 FLAS Academic Year Fellowship (Russian), University of Chicago (\$3000)  
2014-2020 Social Sciences Five Year Fellowship, University of Chicago  
2006 Honors M.A. Thesis, DePaul University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Material Symbols: Constructing a Symbolic Landscape in Bishkek” Social Science History  
Association, Chicago, IL, November 2019

“Creating an Image of the Nation” Central Eurasian Studies Society, Washington DC, October  
2019 and Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present, College Park, MD, October 2019

“Opportunity and Memorial Incongruence: Contesting Confederate Monuments in New Orleans”  
Politics, History, and Society Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL February 2018

“The Symbolic Landscape of Bishkek: Visual Nationalism and Collective Memory in Public  
Art” Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 2017

“Memorial Dissonance in Contesting Confederate Memorials - A boundary approach to collective memory” International Federation for Public History Conference, Ravenna, Italy, June 2017

“Changing Statuary in Bishkek and the Project of Visual Nationalism” Fulbright South and Central Asia Conference, Kolkata, India, March 2017

“Armenian Identity and the Influence of the Turkish Government’s Denial of the Genocide of 1915” CIES Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, 2007

#### INVITED LECTURES

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“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, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 2017

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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##### University of Chicago

- (2021) Lecturer, Nations and Nationalisms (Center for Eastern European & Russian/Eurasian Studies Graduate Lectureship)
- 2019-2020 Preceptor, 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 Intern, 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, Vietnam-Australia School. Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2009 Elementary and Middle School English Teacher, Kinh Bac International School. Bac Ninh, Vietnam
- 2006-2007 Elementary Age Teacher and Literacy Coordinator, Jane Addams Hull House Association. Chicago, Illinois

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### DePaul University

- 2007-2009 Research Assistant for Professor Ken Saltman, Department of Education
- The Gift of Education: Public Education and Venture Philanthropy (Palgrave Macmillan 2010).
  - The Failure of Corporate School Reform (Paradigm Publishers 2012).
- 2008-2009 Research Assistant for Professor Karen Monkman, Department of Education
- Framing Gender, International Education, and Globalization.
  - Save The Children Project, Uganda
- 2008-2009 Research Assistant for Professor Stephen Haymes, Department of Education
- Theories of memory: sociological and philosophical
  - Trauma, genocide, and memory

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2014-present Member of the Board, 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
- 2013-2014 International Programs Coordinator, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- 2013 Independent Contractor, RiverTides, An International Center for Education and Exchange, New Paltz, NY

## PROFESSIONAL and UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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- 2020 External Reviewer, MA thesis, American University of Central Asia
- 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
- 2019 Led 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

English: Native fluency

Russian: Advanced proficiency