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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor of Economics

2022-Present

Middlebury College

Assistant Professor of Economics

2015-2022

Middlebury College

Visiting Researcher

Fall 2019

Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition (BOFIT)

Center Associate

2016-2027

Davis Center, Harvard University

EDUCATION

Yale University

2009-2015

Ph.D. in Economics

University of Pittsburgh

2004-2009

B.Phil. in History, B.S. in Economics, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Cross-Cultural Trade and the Slave Ship the Bonne Société: Baskets of Goods, Diverse Sellers, and Time Pressure on the African Coast” (with Anne Ruderman) (Forthcoming, *Journal of Economic History*)
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022050725100880>

“The Births, Lives, and Deaths of Corporations in Late Imperial Russia: 1900-1914” (with Steven Nafziger). *Economic Journal* 134.661 (2024): 2041-2070. Winner of the Fred Bateman Award for best paper presented at the Economic and Business History Society Conference, May 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ej/ueae011>

“Finance Capitalism in Industrializing Autocracies: Evidence from Corporate Balance Sheets in Imperial Germany and Russia” (with Caroline Fohlin) (Forthcoming, *Economic History Review*)
<http://doi.org/10.1111/ehr.13342>

“Financing Industrial Corporations in a Developing Economy: Panel Evidence from Imperial Russia”, previously circulated as “Financing Nascent Industry: Leverage, Politics, and Performance in Imperial Russia” (with Steven Nafziger) *Financial History Review* 30.2: 125-61 (2023).
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S096856502200018X>

“Modernization in Progress: Part-Year Operation, Mechanization, and Labor Force Composition in Late Imperial Russia” (with Tamar Matiashvili) *Journal of Economic History* 82.4 (2022): 1143-82.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022050722000341> *Runner-up for the 2023 Cole Prize for Best Paper in the JEH*

“Interactive Web-based Simulations to Teach Econometrics: Making Abstract Concepts Tangible” (with Tanya Byker and Dylan Mortimer). *Journal of Economics Teaching* 7.2 (2022): 93-102. [Available Online](#) *Winner of the JET 2022-2023 Best Paper Award*

“Factory Productivity and the Concession System of Incorporation in Late Imperial Russia.” *American Economic Review* 110.2 (2020): 401-27. <https://doi.org/10.1257/aer.20151656>

“Vertical and Horizontal Integration in Russian Cotton Textiles, 1894 - 1900.” *European Review of Economic History* 24.1 (2020): 157-91. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ereh/hey031>

“Capital Structure and Corporate Performance in Late Imperial Russia” (with Steven Nafziger) *European Review of Economic History* 23.4 (2019): 446-81. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ereh/hey020>

“Shareholder rights and share capital: the effect of the 1901 Russian Corporation Reform, 1890–1905.” *Economic History Review* 70.3 (2017): 919-43. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ehr.12417>

WORKING PAPERS

“Shareholder Democracy under Autocracy: Voting Rights and Corporate Performance in Imperial Russia” (with Amy Dayton and Steven Nafziger)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Agricultural Transition in Nineteenth-Century Vermont”

“Alexander Gerschenkron and Late-Industrialization”

“Female Partners and Corporate Founders in Imperial Russia, 1894” (with Tanya Byker)

“Ownership, Control, and Limited Liability: A Historical Overview” (with Cihan Artunc)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“The Russian Empire” (with Steven Nafziger). Forthcoming, *Routledge Handbook on the Economic History of Colonialism*.

“Response to Lychakov’s Comment on My Research on Incorporation in Late Imperial Russia, 1894–1908,” *Econ Journal Watch* 22.2 (2025): 278-84.

Review of Langlois, Richard, *The Corporation and the Twentieth Century: The History of American Business Enterprise*. Published by eh.net, March 2024. (Available: [Link](#))

”Cliometrics, The Russian Empire, and the Soviet Union.” *Handbook of Cliometrics*, Second Edition.

“Introduction: The Imperial Russian Corporation in and beyond Economic History” (with Douglas Rogers) *Russian Review* 81 (July 2022): 407-20. This piece is the introduction to a special issue of the *Russian Review* on Imperial Russian corporations, which I co-edited with Douglas Rogers.

“Factory Productivity, Firm Organization, and Corporation Reform in Late Imperial Russia.” (Dissertation Summary) *Journal of Economic History* 76.2 (2016), pp. 619-622.

Review of Kuboniwa, Masaaki, Yasushi Nakamura, Kazuhiro Kumo, and Yoshisada Shida, editors. *Russian Economic Development over Three Centuries: New Data and Inferences*. *Russian Review* 79.4 (October 2020): 679-680

Review of R.W. Davies, Mark Harrison, Oleg Khlevniuk, and Stephen G. Wheatcroft, *The Industrialisation of Soviet Russia Volume 7: The Soviet Economy and the Approach of War, 1937-1939*. Published by eh.net, July 2019. (Available: [Link](#))

Review of Sergei Antonov, *Bankrupts and Usurers of Imperial Russia: Debt Property, and the Law in the Age of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy*. *History: Reviews of New Books* 46.1 (2017): 9.

Review of Kim Oosterlinck’s *Hope Springs Eternal: Hope Springs Eternal: French Bondholders and the Repudiation of Russian Sovereign Debt*. *Russian Review* 76.2 (2017): 379-80.

Review of Alessandro Stanziani, *After Oriental Despotism: Eurasian Growth in a Global Perspective*. *Journal of Economic History* 76.3 (2016): 961-963.

Review of Yanni Kotsonis, *States of Obligation: Taxes and Citizenship in the Russian Empire and Early Soviet Republic*. *Journal of Economic History* 76.1 (2016), pp. 281-2.

Review of Jennifer Siegel, *For Peace and Money: French and British Finance in the Service of Tsars and Commissars*. *Journal of Economic History* 76.1 (2016), pp. 247-9.

Review of S.A. Eddie, *Freedom's Price: Serfdom, Subjection, & Reform in Prussia, 1648–1848*. *Journal of Economic History* 74.4 (2014), pp 1233-1234.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026: Union College (Scheduled)

2025: University of Vermont, Economic History Association Meeting

2024: University of Toronto, University of Warwick, Oxford, Cambridge, Middlebury College Carol Rifelj Lecture, Dartmouth, George Mason, ASEES

2023: Yale University Economic History Workshop, Economic and Business History Society Conference, Auburn University Economics Department Seminar, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, Middlebury Economics Department Brown Bag

2022: University of Southern Denmark (Remote), Canadian Network in Economic History Conference (Invited MacKinnon Lecture), Queen's University Belfast, Harvard Economic History Seminar, Association for Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies Meeting

2021: Economic History Society Conference (Remote), Economic and Business History Society Conference (Remote), Yale University Conference on the History of the Corporation (Remote), TeachEcon Conference (Remote), University of Illinois New Directions Series, Northwestern University Economic History Seminar, Oxford University All Souls Economic History Seminar (Remote), Economic History Association Conference

2020: Oxford Seminar in Economic and Social History, LSE Economic History Department Seminar, Caltech Economic History Seminar, University of Helsinki Economic and Social History Seminar*, Economic History Society Conference*, Summer Workshop in the Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Russia*, Spanish Economic History Congress*, Virginia Tech Department of Economics Seminar (Remote), Middlebury Clifford Symposium (Theme: "Big Data"), Paris School of Economics Seminar (Remote), International Macro History Online Seminar, Southern Economic Association Conference (Remote) (*=Canceled due to Covid-19)

2019 Yale Conference on the Russian Corporation, Baltic Connections Conference in Social Science History, Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition Seminar (x2), Binghamton University Seminar, Federal Reserve Board Financial History Conference, Penn State Russian Economic History Conference, UW Madison Summer Workshop in Russian Economic History, Economic and Business History Conference, Economic History Association Conference, University of Helsinki Economic and Social History Seminar, Association for Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies Conference

2018 ASSA (Economic History Association Session), Economic and Business History Conference (Jyväskylä, Finland), Industrial Organization and Spatial Economics Conference (Higher School of Economics St. Petersburg, Russia), University of Helsinki Economic History Seminar, NBER DAE Summer Institute, World Economic History Congress (Boston), Stanford Economic History Seminar

2017 Central New York Economic History Conference, Spanish Economic History Congress, Economic History Association Meeting, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Association for Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies, Middlebury Rohatyn Center (Public lecture titled "Marx and the Modern Economist" with Leila Davis and Joao de Souza), University of Arizona Economic History Seminar

2016 Caltech Early Modern Group, Northwestern Economic History Seminar, Economic and Business History Society Conference, History of Business Organization and Law: Turkey in Comparative Perspective Conference (Izmir, Turkey; by invitation), World Business History Congress (Bergen, Norway) WEast

Conference (Moscow), Dickinson College Seminar, Colby College Economics Seminar, Washington Area Economic History Seminar, Association for Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies Conference, Harvard Economic History Seminar

2015 Economic History Association Meeting (Dissertation Session and Discussant), UCLA Mini-Conference, Harvard Business School Entrepreneurial Management Unit, Vassar College, Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Grinnell College, World Economic History Congress

2014 Harvard Business School History of Law and Business Organization Conference, Canadian Network in Economic History Conference, Economic History Association Meeting, Economic History Society Conference, Moscow State University History Seminar, Higher School of Economics Economic History Lab Workshop

2013 ASSA (Discussant), Queen's University Economic History Workshop, Yale Conference in Russian Economic History, Economic History Association Meeting

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Since Joining Middlebury

- Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History, Economic History Association, 2024
- Outstanding Service to the Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History*, 2024
- Middlebury Long-Range Professional Development Fund, \$12,776
- Honorable Mention, 2023 Marjorie Lamberti Faculty Appreciation Award, Middlebury College
- Middlebury Summer Research Assistant Award, 2022 and 2023
- Middlebury Digital Liberal Arts Summer Research Assistant Grant, Summer 2020
- Middlebury International Travel and Research Fund, 2019, 2020 (Awarded but could not use due to Covid-19), 2023
- Middlebury Faculty Research Assistant Fund (FRAF): 2018 (3), 2020, 2021
- National Science Foundation Grant #1658877, "Collaborative Research: RUI: Corporate Law, Finance, and Productivity in Historical Perspective." PI with Steven Nafziger (Williams College). (Awarded, Start Date: 8/1/2017, My portion: \$113,971)
- Funding from Middlebury College Administration for Pedagogy: "Teaching Statistics and Economics using Simulations," 2017
- Middlebury Undergraduate Collaborative Research Award, Summer 2016 and 2017
- Arthur H. Cole Grant, Economic History Association, 2016
- Finalist, Alexander Gerschenkron Dissertation Prize, 2015

Before Joining Middlebury

- Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) Research Award, 2014
- Economic History Association Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship, 2013
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant #1220116, 2012
- Yale University MacMillan Center Dissertation Fellowship, 2012-2013
- Economic History Association Exploratory Data and Travel Grant, 2012 Fellowship

- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Pittsburgh, 2009 (Phi Beta Kappa Junior Prize, 2007)
- Katherine Wasserman Davis Fellowships for Peace, Middlebury College, Summer Russian School, Summer 2008
- University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Scholarship (Full tuition, room and board), 2004-2009

TEACHING

Middlebury Courses

Economics 0454: History of the Firm

(Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

Economics 0229: Economic History / History of Economic Thought

(Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

Economics 0210: Economic Statistics

(Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Economics 0329: Theory and Measurement in Economic History (College Writing Course)

(Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)

Economics 0500: Independent Study

(with Tamar Matiashvili '18, Fall 2017; with Sanket Vadlamani '18, Spring 2018; with Dennis Miranda-Cruz, Fall 2021)

Middlebury Senior Theses

Sophia Kurowski, 2020, Advised with Sebnem Gumuscu in International Politics & Economics

Amy Dayton, 2019, Advised with Caitlin Myers in Economics (Winner of the Normano Prize for best thesis in Russian & East European Studies)

Douglas Wilson, 2019, Advised with Jessica Teets in International Politics & Economics

Eleanor Eagan, 2018, Advised with Sarah Stroup in International Politics & Economics (Winner of the IPE Thesis Prize)

Benjamin Hawthorne, 2017, Advised with Sebnem Gumuscu in International Politics & Economics

Matthew Witkin, 2016, Advised with Nicholas Z. Muller (Primary Reader) in Environmental Economics

External

Member of dissertation committee for Dmitrii Kofanov, University of Wisconsin Political Science PhD, August 2020. (Winner of the Ronald H. Coase Dissertation Award from the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics).

SERVICE

To the College

Elected Committees

Educational Affairs Committee, 2023-24

Faculty Council, 2021-22

Other Service

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Distribution Requirements, 2024-Winter 2025.

External Search Committee Member for Political Science Comparative Politics Search, 2024

Economics Department Hiring Committee Chair (Macro Search), 2022-23

Mentor, Middlebury Department of Economics Discovering Economics Program, Fall 2022 and 2024

Vice President (2023-25) and Assistant Secretary (2022-23), Middlebury College Phi Beta Kappa

Faculty Advisor, Middlebury College Bluegrass Jam, 2022-Present

International Politics & Economics Annual Symposium Planning Committee for 2021 Symposium on “Crisis of Capitalism and Democracy” (with Sebnem Gumuscu and Peter Matthews).

UK and Irish Scholarship Selection Committee, Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

Digital Learning, ITS, and Library Engagement (DIALECT) Committee, 2020-21

Mathematics Department External Search Committee Member, 2018-2019

Economics Department Hiring Committee, 2016-2017

Clifford Symposium Planning Committee, Spring 2017-Fall 2017

Admissions Advisory Committee, 2017-2019

Middlebury Schools Abroad Faculty Advisor Board for Kazakhstan, 2023-25

Middlebury Schools Abroad Faculty Advisory Board for Russia, 2018-2019, 2020-2021

Faculty Advisor (with Bertram Johnson), Economics/Political Science Reading Group, 2017-19 (Supported by grants from the Institute for Humane Studies)

To the Profession

Board of Trustees, Cliometric Society, 2025-28

Economic History Association Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Committee, 2023-6 (Chair, 2025-26)

Economic History Association Committee on Education in Economic History, 2025-28

Programme Chair, Economic and Business History Society 2024 Conference in York, UK

Program Committee, Troesken Memorial Conference, 2023

Local Organizer and Program Committee, AALAC Economic History of States and Societies Workshop, held at Middlebury College in March 2023

ASEEES Weiser Prize for best social science article from a junior scholars in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies selection committee, 2024-2025 (Chair in 2024).

Board Representative for Economics, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2022-25.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History*, 2022-2025

Editorial Board, *Explorations in Economics History*, 2021-2023

Associate Editor, *Essays in Economic and Business History*, 2020-Present, and Board of Trustees, Economic and Business History Society, 2019-Present

Economic History Association Committee for the Ranki Prize for Best Book in European Economic History, 2018-23. Committee chair, 2023.

Organizing Committee, “Summer” Workshop in the History and Political Economy of Russia (with Volha Charnysh and Scott Gehlbach), December 2021 in Chicago

Organizing Committee Member, Liberal Arts Economic History Workshop / LACDev Conference at Colby College, October 2019

Organizing Committee Member, Liberal Arts Economic History Workshop at Mount Holyoke College, February 2018

Referee Service: American Economic Review, AER-Insights, Business History Review, Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Comparative Political Studies, Economic History of Developing Regions, Economic History Review, Economic History Yearbook, Enterprise and Society, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Historical Methods, Industrial History Review, International Review of Economics Education, International Review of Law and Economics, Investigaciones de Historia Económica-Economic History Research, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, National Science Foundation, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance, Palgrave MacMillan, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Research Foundation Flanders Large Scale Infrastructure Grant, Revolutionary Russia, Russian National Award in Applied Economics, Scandinavian Economic History Review

OTHER DETAILS

Languages: English (Native), Russian (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate), German (Intermediate)

Professional Societies: American Economic Association; Economic History Association; Economic History Society; Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies; Economic and Business History Society