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### EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA  
Ph. D. in Anthropology, currently enrolled

Dissertation: “Spectral liberalisms: On the subjects of political economy in Moscow”

Committee: Adriana Petryna (chair), Philippe Bourgois, John Tresch, Serguei  
Oushakine (Princeton), Stephen Collier (New School)

University of Chicago, Chicago IL  
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy June 2005

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014	Duke Center for the History of Political Economy Final Year Fellow
2014	Philadelphia Area Center for the History of Science Dissertation Fellow (declined)
2013	Critical Writing Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
2013	Kennan Institute Summer Research Scholarship
2012	Institute for New Economic Thinking Research Grant
2012	Institute for New Economic Thinking Young Scholar
2011	Duke University NIH Summer Institute in the History of Economics
2010	Wenner Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2010	ACCELS/ACTR Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Grant
2010	Fulbright IIE (declined)
2009	Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Middlebury College School of Russian
2009	Critical Language Scholarship (declined)
2008	University of Pennsylvania Slavic Studies Department Summer Language Award

- 2008            University of Pennsylvania Anthropology Department Summer Field Award
- 2006-2011    University of Pennsylvania Benjamin Franklin Fellow
- 2001-2005    National Merit Scholar
- 2001-2005    University of Chicago University Scholar

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- n.d.        “Dreams in cybernetic fugue: Cold War technoscience, the intelligentsia, and the birth of Soviet mathematical economics,” *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences* (revise and resubmit).

## **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks**

- 2015        “Assembling the Economic Mechanism: Soviet Economics 1937–1965 and the Technology of Socialist Government,” Invited lecture at *Duke University Center for the History of Political Economy*, 10 April.
- 2014        “Dreams in cybernetic fugue: The mathematization of Soviet economics,” Invited lecture at *Duke University Center for the History of Political Economy*, 17 November.
- 2012        “Fragments for a history of economics in Russia, 1958-2012,” Invited lecture at the *Baltic International Centre for Economical Policy Studies*, 21 June.

### **Conference Papers**

- 2015        “In All But Name: The Reconstruction of Economic Reason in the Post-War Soviet Economy,” Annual Meeting of the *History of Economics Society*, 26-29 June.
- 2015        “Planning the End of Planning: Late Soviet Theories of “the Administrative Market” and the Formation of Yeltsin’s First Government,” *HISRECO: History of Recent Economics*, University of Cergy-Pontoise, 29-30 May.
- 2015        “Towards an Anthropology of Formalisms: Semiotic Technologies for Making 'the Economy',” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Semiotic Anthropology Conference*, at the University of Pennsylvania, 6-7 May.
- 2014        “Mobilizing a universal technology: IMF financial programming and the legibility of the Russian economy in transition,” 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *American Anthropological Association*, 3-7 December. (Organizer of panel, “Figuring Expert and Everyday Economies: Representations/Interventions,” sponsored by the Society for Economic Anthropology.)

- 2014 "The fractured field: Power and economic expertise in the Russian government across two decades of crisis," 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Social Science History Association*, 6-9 November.
- 2014 "Post-Soviet Russian liberalism in search of its futures past," 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Council for European Studies*, 14-16 March.
- 2014 "Towards computopia: Mathematicians, Cold War science, and the (re)birth of 'economic cybernetics' in the Soviet Union," *Mathematical Superpowers: The Politics of Universality in a Divided World*, at New York University, 27-28 February.
- 2013 "On the political economy of non-democracies: Second-order theory of Russia's transition to capitalism," 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *American Anthropological Association*, 20-24 November. (Organizer of panel, "Technopolitical Futures," sponsored by the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.)
- 2013 "First contact: Soviet and American economists at the beginning of the end of the Soviet economy," 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Social Science History Association*, 21-4 November.
- 2012 "Descent from Snake Mountain: On the contexts and content of late Soviet economics," 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies*, 15-18 November.
- 2012 "Political economy in the think tank," 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought*, 17-19 May.

### **Conference Panels Organized**

- 2014 "Figuring expert and everyday economies: Representations/Interventions," 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *American Anthropological Association*, 3-7 December, sponsored by the Society for Economic Anthropology.
- 2013 "Technopolitical futures" 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *American Anthropological Association*, 20-24 November, sponsored by the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.

### **Departmental Talks**

- 2015 "Dreams in Cybernetic Fugue: The Technical Intelligentsia, the Thaw, and Mathematical Economics," Slavic Studies Kruzhok, *University of Pennsylvania*, 23 March.
- 2013 "An Impossible Science? How hydroelectric engineers, cyberneticists, Orthodox mystics, transport planners, rocket scientists, Stalin, etc., assembled Soviet economics, again," Department of Anthropology, *University of Pennsylvania*, September.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2013-2014      Unmaking Soviet Life, Instructor, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009            East Asian Modernization, Teaching Assistant for Jaesok Kim, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008            Globalization in Historical Perspective, Teaching Assistant for Brian Spooner, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008            The Modern World and Its Cultural Background, Teaching Assistant for Greg Urban, University of Pennsylvania
- 2007            Globalization in Historical Perspective, Teaching Assistant for Brian Spooner, University of Pennsylvania

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association, 2005-present  
 Association for Political and Legal Anthropology  
 Society for Cultural Anthropology  
 Soyuz: Post-Communist Cultural Studies Interest Group  
 Social Science History Association, 2013-present  
 Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, 2012-present  
 European Society for the History of Economic Thought, 2012-present  
 History of Economics Society, 2015-present

### **LANGUAGES**

Russian (excellent reading and speaking)  
 French (good speaking, excellent reading)  
 German (basic reading)  
 Latin (basic reading)