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## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Science studies, postsocialism, economics, bureaucracy and technocracy, the state, modernity and utopianism, liberalism and neo-liberalism, ethics, political affects, history of the human sciences, German Idealism and its legacies, pragmatic semiotics; Russia.

## **EDUCATION**

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

Dissertation: "Spectral Liberalisms: On the Subjects of Political Economy, Moscow, 1956-2012"

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**

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| 2014               | Duke Center for the History of Political Economy Final Year Fellow      |
| 2014<br>(declined) | Philadelphia Area Center for the History of Science Dissertation Fellow |
| 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* (under review).

## **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 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, 2014. (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.
- 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
- 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 2014.
- 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, 2013. (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 2013.

- 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 2013.
- 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.
- 2012 "Fragments for a history of economics in Russia, 1958-2012," Invited lecture at the *Baltic International Centre for Economical Policy Studies*, 21 June, 2012.
- 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, 2012.

### **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

### **LANGUAGES**

Russian, French, German (reading)

## REFERENCES

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