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Curriculum vitae

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Central Connecticut State University
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Education: Ph.D., Yale University, May 1977

M.Phil., Yale University, June 1973

M.A., Yale University, December 1972

B.A. *magna cum laude* with honors in history,
Brandeis University, June 1970

Fields of Specialization:

Major Field: Russia from 1861 to 1953

Related Minor Field: Russia from 862 to 1861

Unrelated Minor Field: England from 1900 to 1956

Title of Dissertation: "Vera Zasulich and the Politics of Revolutionary Unity"

Fellowships: Prize Teaching Fellowship for Excellence in Undergraduate
Instruction, Yale College, 1975-76

Charles Andrews Fellowship, Yale University, 1971-72

 Publications:

Books:

Vera Zasulich: A Biography (Stanford University Press, 1983); (Japanese edition, Sanrei Shobo, 1986).

Meeting the Demands of Reason: The Life and Thought of Andrei Sakharov (Cornell University Press, 2009).

Articles:

"The Political Thought of Vera Zasulich," *Slavic Review* (June 1979), 243-58.

"Vera Zasulich, the Shooting of Trepov, and the Growth of Political Terrorism in Russia, 1878-1881," *Terrorism: An International Journal* (Summer 1980), 25-51. Reprinted in David C. Rapoport, ed., *Terrorism: Critical Concepts in Political Science*, Vol. I (Routledge, 2006), 215-36.

"The Perils of Historical Analogy: Leon Trotsky on the French Revolution," *Journal of the History of Ideas* (January-March 1987), 73-98. Reprinted in Jeremy Jennings, ed., *Socialism: Critical Concepts in Political Science*, Vol. II (Routledge, 2003), 477-502.

"The Memoirs of Soviet Defectors: Are They a Reliable Source about the Soviet Union?" *Canadian Slavonic Papers* (March 1989), 1-24.

"The Image of Jesus in the Russian Revolutionary Movement: The Case of Russian Marxism," *International Review of Social History* (Vol. XXXV, No. 2, 1990), 220-48.

"Soviet Dissidents on the Russian Intelligentsia, 1956-1985: The Search for a Usable Past," *Russian Review* (January 1992), 16-35.

"Soviet Dissidents on Nazism, Hitler, and the Holocaust: A Study of the Preservation of Historical Memory," *Slavonic and East European Review*," (July 1992), 477-504.

"The Idea of Individual Liberation in Bolshevik Visions of the New Soviet Man," *European History Quarterly* (Vol. 27, No. 1, 1997), 57-92.

"Reading Fiction to Understand the Soviet Union: Soviet Dissidents on Orwell's 1984," *History of European Ideas* (Vol. 23, No. 5-6, 1997), 173-92.

"Valerii Chkalov: Soviet Pilot as New Soviet Man," *Journal of Contemporary History* (Vol. 33, No. 1, 1998), 135-52.

"Was the Soviet Union Totalitarian? The View of Soviet Dissidents and the Reformers of the Gorbachev Era," *Studies in East European Thought* (December 1998), 247-81.

"Peter the Great in the Writings of Soviet Dissidents," Chester Dunning, Russell Martin, and Daniel Rowland, eds., *Festschrift for Robert O. Crummey* (Slavica Publishers, 2008), 189-212.

"The Paris Commune in Bolshevik Mythology," *The English Historical Review* (Vol. CXXIX, No. 541, 2014), 1412-441.

Reviews:

Marilyn Boxer and Jean Quataert, eds., *Socialist Women: European Socialist Feminism in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*, *Slavic Review* (December 1979).

Barbara Clements, *Bolshevik Feminist: The Life of Aleksandra Kollontai*, *Slavic Review* (June 1980).

Norman Naimark, *Terrorists and Social Democracy: The Russian Revolutionary Movement under Alexander III*, *Russian History* (Vol. 10, No. 2, 1983).

Barbara Engel, *Mothers and Daughters: Women of the Intelligentsia in Nineteenth-Century Russia*, *The Historian* (February 1985).

J. H. Seddon, *The Petrashevtsy: A Study of the Russian Revolutionaries of 1848*, *The American Historical Review* (December 1986).

Martin Miller, *The Russian Revolutionary Émigrés, 1825-1870*, *Slavic Review* (Fall/Winter 1987).

Deborah Hardy, *Land and Freedom: The Origins of Russian Terrorism*, *The American Historical Review* (June 1989).

John Wesley Young, *Totalitarian Language: Orwell's Newspeak and its Nazi and Communist Antecedents*, *History of European Ideas* (Vol. 18, No 3, 1994).

Anna Geifman, *Thou Shalt Kill: Revolutionary Terrorism in Russia, 1894-1917*, *Slavic Review* (Fall 1995).

Cathy Frierson and Semyon Vilensky, *Children of the Gulag*, *Choice* (July 2010).

Vladislav Zubok, *Zhivago's Children: The Last Russian Intelligentsia*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* (September-December 2010).

Paul Josephson, *Lenin's Laureate: Zhores Alferov's Life in Communist Science*, *Russian Review* (April 2011).

Stephen Cohen, *The Victims Return: Survivors of the Gulag After Stalin*, *Choice* (June 2011).

Philip Boobbyer, *Conscience, Dissent and Reform in Soviet Russia*, *Slavonic and East European Review* (July 2012).

Brigitte Studer, *The Transnational World of the Cominternians*, *The English Historical Review* (Forthcoming).

Interviews:

“*Meeting the Demands of Reason – Six Questions for Jay Bergman*,” *Harper's Magazine Online* (December 14, 2009), <http://www.harpers.org/archive/2009/12/hbc-90006215>.

“CCSU Professor Recounts Soviet Dissident's Life,” *New Britain Herald/The Bristol Press* (January 14, 2010), 10.

“CCSU Russian History Expert Writes New Book on Sakharov,” *Connecticut Jewish Ledger* (February 17, 2010), 4.

Interview with Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe, broadcast in translation into Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus (June 7, 2010).

“The Life and Thought of Andrei Sakharov,” *FrontPage Magazine* (October 14, 2010), <http://frontpagemag.com/2010/10/14/the-life-and-thought-of-andrei-sakharov/print/>.

“Elena Bonner, R.I.P.,” *FrontPage Magazine* (June 23, 2011), <http://frontpagemag.com/2011/06/23/elena-bonner-r-i-p/print/>.

Symposia:

“Putin Forever?,” *FrontPage Magazine* (February 17, 2012), <http://frontpagemag.com/2012/02/17/symposium-putin-forever/print/>

“Require Western Civilization,” *Academic Questions* (Winter 2012), 462.

Miscellaneous Publications:

“A Preference System is Discriminatory,” *Hartford Courant* (April 13, 1996).

“The Affirmative Action Issue,” *Hartford Courant* (March 29, 1998).

“Arrest That Poll,” *Washington Times* (July 14, 2000).

“Why I’m an Anti-Joe Jew,” *The Jerusalem Post* (October 24, 2000).

Review of Harry Stein, *How I Accidentally Joined the Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy (and found inner peace)*, *Journal Inquirer* (January 26, 2001).

“Scholars Lead Free-Speech Campaign on Campus,” *Republican-American* (March 18, 2001).

“Michigan’s Diversity Defense,” *FrontPage Magazine* (April 30, 2001).

“Liberal Colleges Need a Different Kind of Diversity,” *Hartford Courant* (October 20, 2002).

“Lack of Intellectual Diversity Leads to Politicized Education,” *Journal Inquirer* (March 18, 2004).

“Americans’ Dangerous Ignorance of History,” *Providence Journal* (July 23, 2005).

“Diversity’s More Than Skin-Deep,” *Hartford Courant* (January 7, 2007).

“Condemn, Don’t Censor, Carter’s Anti-Semitism,” *Republican-American* (February 12, 2007).

“How do our Teachers Teach our Children?” *New London Day* (June 10, 2007).

“Free Speech under Fire at Universities,” *Hartford Courant* (March 17, 2009).

“Israel and the Flotilla: Local Community Leaders Speak Out,” *Connecticut Jewish Ledger* (June 11, 2010), <http://www.jewishledger.com/articles/2010/06/17/opinions/edit03.prt>.

“The Perils of a ‘Multicultural’ President,” *Republican-American* (August 8, 2010).

“Obama Too Concerned about Approval of Irrelevant Body,” *Norwich Bulletin* (April 6, 2011).

“President Obama Suggests China’s Presidency is ‘Easy’,” *West Hartford News* (May 19, 2011).

“Three Palestinian Places,” *The Sunday Republican* (June 19, 2011).

“A President Who Treats Opponents as the Enemy,” *New Hampshire Union Leader* (August 17, 2011)

“Obama’s Deadly Obsession,” *Republican-American* (November 16, 2011).

“Understanding the Iran talks,” *The Jerusalem Post* (June 4, 2012)

“Chief Justice Should Not Be Concerned With Public Relations,” *Connecticut Post* (July 7, 2012)

“Dinner with Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,” *Litchfield County Times* (November 13, 2012)

“Who is Hassan Rouhani?” *The Jerusalem Post* (November 4, 2013)

“A Letter to the President of Brandeis,” *The Weekly Standard Blog* (April 10, 2014),
http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/letter-president-brandeis_786727.html

“Brandeis and Double Standards,” *The Weekly Standard Blog* (May 12, 2014),
http://www.weeklystandard.com/print/blogs/brandeis-and-double-standards_791299.html

“Obama’s Israel Actions Merit Impeachment,” *Providence Journal* (August 1, 2014)

“CCSU, Other Universities Should Educate, Not Indoctrinate, Students,” *New Haven Register* (February 28, 2015)

“Is Obama’s Foreign Policy Similar to Cold War Diplomacy?” *The Jerusalem Post* (July 30, 2015)

Previous Appointments: Associate Professor of History
 Central Connecticut State University (1990-94)

Associate Professor of History (1985-90)
 Assistant Professor of History (1981-85)
 Albright College

Visiting Assistant Professor of History
 The University of Miami (1979-81)

Visiting Instructor in History
 Virginia Commonwealth University (1978-79)

Courses Taught: Russia to 1861
 Russia from 1861 to the Present
 Contemporary Dissent in the Soviet Union
 The Russian Intelligentsia
 Stalin and Stalinism

Soviet Foreign Policy from 1917 to 1985
 The Rise and Fall of Soviet Communism, 1917-1991
 Western Civilization to 1648
 Western Civilization from 1648 to the Present
 The Ancient World
 Europe from 1648 to 1789
 Europe from 1789 to 1914
 Europe from 1914 to the Present
 England to 1760
 England the 1760 to the Present
 France from 1789 to the Present
 The French Revolution and Napoleon

Professional Activity: Chair, "In the Twilight of Racial Preferences: Diversity and Affirmative Action in Student Admissions," Panel, Convention of the National Association of Scholars, New York, NY (January 13, 2001).

Panelist, "Fostering Intellectual Diversity," Conference of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, Washington DC (February 6, 2004).

Panelist, "Persecution of Professors," College Abuse Conference, Whit for Congress, Research Triangle Park, NC (May 8, 2004).

Community Lectures: "The National Association of Scholars," The Rotary Club, Litchfield CT (February 8, 2001).

"Political Correctness in Academia," Oliver Wolcott Public Library, Litchfield CT (September 19, 2002); Congregation B'nai Israel, Vernon CT (December 8, 2002); Trinity College, Hartford CT (February 12, 2003); Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford CT (March 15, 2005)

"The Life and Thought of Andrei Sakharov," CCSU Authors Series (February 24, 2010); College of Social Studies, Wesleyan University (April 5, 2010); Lucy Robbins Library, Newington CT (April 13, 2010); Newington High School (October 8, 2010)

Memberships: American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
 The Federalist Society

The Historical Society
National Association of Scholars
Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

Appointments:

Member, Connecticut Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights (2009-2014)

Member, Board of Directors, National Association of Scholars (2005-)

President, Connecticut Association of Scholars (1996-)

Contributing Writer, democracy-project.com (April 2011-)

Member, Board of Directors, Promoting Responsibility in Middle East Reporting (June 2011-)

Occasional Contributor, *The Providence Journal* (RI)
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