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Areas of Expertise

Russia, post-socialism, gender and transition, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and global civil society, feminist anthropology, Participatory Action Research Methodology, public anthropology

Current Position

Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts, Fall 2000 – present

Education

Ph.D. 2000 Cornell University, Anthropology  
Dissertation: “Gender, NGOs and the Third Sector in Russia: An Ethnography of Postsocialist Civil Society”  
M.A. 1997 Cornell University, Anthropology (Women’s Studies Minor)  
B.A. 1990 University of Cambridge, Social and Political Science

Grants and Honors

2006 Faculty Research Grant, UMass (\$6,013)  
2006 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Grant (\$21,100)  
2006 Research Support Grant, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, UMass (\$2,870)  
2006 Kennan Institute Short-Term Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington, DC (\$3,100)  
2005 Family Research Scholars Fellowship (academic year), Center for Research on Families, University of Massachusetts  
2004 Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship (\$5,000)  
2004 Faculty Fellowship (\$1,000), Provost’s Committee on Service Learning, UMass  
2003 Community Service Learning Grant (\$1,000), University of Massachusetts  
2003 Lilly Teaching Fellowship (academic year), University of Massachusetts  
1999 Peace Studies Fellowship (academic year), Cornell University  
1999 Women’s Studies Fellowship (alternate), Cornell University  
1998 Mellon-Sawyer pre-doctoral Fellowship (academic year), Cornell University  
1998 Graduate Endowment Grant (Spring), Cornell University  
1998 Peace Studies Fellowship (declined), Cornell University  
1997 Luigi Einaudi Graduate Fellowship (alternate), Cornell University

Travel Grants

2006 IREX Short Term Travel Grant (\$3,500)

- 2004 College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Travel Grant (\$600), UMass  
1999 Graduate Endowment Fund Grant (Summer), Cornell University, for travel to Russia  
1999 Peace Studies fellowship (Summer), Cornell University  
1998 Graduate School Research Travel Fellowship, Cornell University, for travel to American Anthropology Association meeting, Philadelphia, November 1998  
1998 Peace Studies fellowship (Summer), Cornell University, for travel to Russia

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

### Books

- 2007a *Empowering Women in Russia: Activism, Aid and NGOs*. New Anthropologies of Europe. Daphne Berdahl, Matti Bunzl and Michael Herzfeld, series editors. Bloomington: Indiana University Press

### Book chapters, published

- 2004a "Strategizing development: translations, appropriations, responsibilities." In *Post-Soviet Women Encounter Transition: Nation Building, Economic Survival, and Civic Activism*. Pp. 313-333. Kathleen Kuehnast and Carol Nechemias, eds. Washington: The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Press

### Articles, in preparation

- 2006a "Who's Serving Whom? Community Service Learning as Critical Pedagogy at a time of *neglasnost* (non-transparency) in Russia." (under review at the peer review journal *Anthropology of Education Quarterly*, submitted August 2006)  
2006b "Public Anthropology and the Paradoxes of Participation: Action Research and Critical Ethnography in Provincial Russia," (accepted with revisions by the peer review journal, *Human Organization*, October 27 2006)

### Articles, published: Peer review

- 2004b "Global Civil Society and the Local Costs of Belonging: Defining 'Violence Against Women' in Russia," *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 29 (3):815-840  
2004c "The Riddle of the Third Sector: Civil Society, Western Aid and NGOs in Russia," *Anthropological Quarterly* 77(2):215-241

### Articles, published: Invited/Editorial

- 2006d "Editors Preview" *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 24(2):6 (co-authored with Krista Harper)  
2006c "Anthropology of Eastern Europe: Filling the Gaps in Global Attention?" *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 24(1):4-5 (co-authored with Krista Harper)  
2005a "Toward a Radiant Future," *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 23(2):4-5 (co-authored with Krista Harper)  
2005b "What Anthropology Brings to the Study of Postsocialist States," *AAASS Newsletter*, August 2005, pp5-7

- 2003a "Introduction," *The Anthropology of East Europe Review*, 21(2):1-7 (guest editor of special issue)
- 2003b "Import/Export? Gender, Diaspora and the challenge of locating NGOs: A Response to Armine Ishkanian," *Armenian Forum* 3 (1):59-67.
- 2000 "The Price of Partnership: The NGO, the State, the Foundation, and its Lovers in Post-Communist Russia," *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 18 (1):33-36
- 1999 "Gendered Violence in Crisis: Russian NGOs Help Themselves to Liberal Feminist Discourses," *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 17 (1):35-38
- 1998a "Colonization or Liberation? The Paradox of NGOs in Postsocialist States," *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 16 (1):31-39

Articles, published in translation

- 2005c "Globale Zivilgesellschaft und der Preis des Dazugehorens: Das Beispiel Russland," *Das Argument* 263, Vol. 47. No. 5/6, pp221-232 (translation of 2004b)

Book Reviews

- 2007b Review of Andrea Chandler, Shocking Mother Russia *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 41(1)
- 2001 Review of Susan Gal and Gail Kligman, The Politics of Gender After Socialism, *American Ethnologist* 29(1): 172-173
- 1998b Review of Susan Bridger et al, No More Heroines? Russia, Women and the Market; Hilary Pilkington et al, Gender, Generation and Identity in Contemporary Russia, and Rosalind Marsh, Women in Russia and Ukraine, *The European Journal of Women's Studies* 5 (3-4): (co-authored with Valentina Uspenskaya)

Conferences Organized

Organizer of the 2003 annual symposium of SOYUZ, the Network of Postsocialist Cultural Studies, held in Amherst, February 7 – 8, 2003

Sessions Organized

- 2006a "Toward a feminist public anthropology: ethnographies of collaboration and relationship in the field," double panel, proposed for the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November
- 2006b Public Anthropology Roundtable, Graduate Conference on the Anthropology of Europe, UMass, May 20
- 2001 "NGO-graphy: the critical anthropology of NGOs and civil society," double panel, organized for the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, Co-Organized with Steven Sampson, November

Professional Papers Presented

- 2007 "Feminist Contributions to an Anthropology of Connection, Engagement and Social Change," paper to be presented at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November (scheduled)

- 2006a “Dilemmas of Distance Activism: CSL as a strategy for feminist collaboration in post-socialist Russia,” paper presented at the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November
- 2006b Invited discussant, Book Session on *A Post-Capitalist Politics* by J.K. Gibson-Graham, Rethinking Marxism 2006, UMass Amherst, October 28
- 2006c “Toward a Public Anthropology?” roundtable presentation, Graduate Conference on the Anthropology of Europe, UMass, May 20
- 2006d “Anthropological Insights on NGOs and Civil Society,” paper presented to the Balashika Forum, Emory University, March 24-25
- 2005a “Who’s Serving Whom? Community Service Learning as Critical Pedagogy in Russia,” paper presented at the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November
- 2005b “Gender, Development and the paradoxes of participation: Action Research and Critical Ethnography in Provincial Russia,” paper presented to the colloquium series of the School of International Education, UMass, September 20
- 2005c “Making Gender Matter: Reflections on Gender Mainstreaming from the Russian Provinces,” Paper presented at the VII World Congress of ICCEES, Berlin, July 29
- 2005d “What Anthropology Brings to the Study of Post-Soviet Russia,” paper presented at the Center for Russian and East European Studies lunchtime seminar series, Birmingham University, England, April 26
- 2004a “Gender, Development and the Paradoxes of Participation: Action Research and Critical Ethnography in Provincial Russia,” paper presented at the University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology, October 15
- 2004b “Making Gender Matter: Reflections on Gender Mainstreaming from the Russian Provinces,” paper presented at the Graduate Conference on the Anthropology of Europe, UMass, May 21
- 2003a Discussant in the session, “Gender and Postsocialist Space,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Toronto, November
- 2003b Chair in the session, “NG-Ogres? Interdisciplinary Critiques of Foreign Aid and Nongovernmental Organization in Eastern Europe and Central Asia,” Annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Toronto, November 20
- 2003c “Gendered Interventions: Action Research and Women’s Activism in Russia,” presentation to the Women and Transition seminar series, NYU, September 26
- 2002a “Strategizing Development in the Russian Provinces: Action Research in an Ethnographic Setting,” paper presented at the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 20
- 2002b “Women’s Mobilizing Strategies in Eastern Europe,” paper presented to the Wellesley College faculty seminar, “Global Yet Local: Gender Politics and Political Transition,” Wellesley College, June 4
- 2002c “The Riddle of Civil Society: Women’s Activism and Action Research in Postsocialist Russia,” paper presented to the Interdisciplinary Seminar in the Humanities and Fine Arts (ISHA), College of Humanities and Fine Arts, UMass, Amherst, May 2

- 2002d “Global Civil Society and the local costs of belonging: defining ‘violence against women’ in Russia,” paper presented at the Berkshire Conference on Women’s History, Storrs, CT, June 6-10
- 2001a Defining ‘Violence Against Women’ in Postsocialist Russia: A Report on an Action Research Project in Tver,” paper presented at the Women’s Studies Feminisms in Action lecture series, UMass Amherst, April 5
- 2001b “Querying democratization: civil society and the manufacture of a third sector in Russia,” paper presented at the Kennan Institute Workshop Series, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, April
- 2000a “Reluctant Entrepreneurs: Foundations, NGOs and the Third Sectorization of Russian Women’s Organizations,” paper presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 15-19
- 2000b “Action Research and Women’s Community Activism (II),” paper presented at the Department of Anthropology Colloquium series, UMass Amherst, November 10 (co-presented with Valentina Uspenskaya)
- 2000c “Giving Up On the State: NGOs, the State and the Third Sector in Post-Communist Russia,” paper presented at the 12th International Conference of Europeanists, the Council for European Studies, Chicago, March 30
- 2000d “Lost in Translation: Defining ‘Violence Against Women’ in Postsocialist Russia,” paper presented at the colloquia series of the Department of Anthropology, UMass Amherst, February 17
- 2000e “Messy Endings and Going Back: Participatory Action Research as a Method of Anthropological Inquiry,” paper presented at the *Soyuz* annual Symposium, Columbia University, February 11
- 1999a “The Price of Partnership: the NGO, the State, the Foundation and its Lovers in Post-Communist Russia,” paper presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 18
- 1999b “Between “Antipolitics” and “Non-Governmental” Politics: Women’s Activism, Civil Society and the Democratization Industry in Russia,” paper presented to the Peace Studies dinner seminar series, Cornell University, October 26
- 1999c “ ‘*They think that where there’s feminism there’s no Communism*’: Civil Society, the Democratization Industry and the Russian Women’s Movement,” presentation to the Women’s Studies Program, Swarthmore College, September 29
- 1999d “Russia’s Democratization Industry: Civil Society and the Manufacture of the Third Sector,” paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Birmingham Center for Russian and East European Studies, Windsor, UK, June 19
- 1999e “You say Tomato, I say Tomato: Civil Society, Social Capital, the Third Sector and the Democratization Industry in Russia,” paper presented to the *Democratic Detours* seminar, Cornell University, April 27
- 1999f “East-West, Feminism is Best? The Russian Women’s Movement and the Politics of International Engagement,” presentation to the Peace Studies Program Brown Bag series, Colgate University, April 1
- 1999g “Budgets, Goals and Mission Statements: the Third Sector-ization of the Russian Women’s Movement,” paper presented to the Women and Transition seminar series, NYU, February 19

- 1999h “Action Research and Russian Women’s Community Activism: Perspectives on the Politics of East-West Exchange,” presentation to the Cornell Participatory Action Research Network seminar series, February 1 (co-presented with Valentina Uspenskaya)
- 1998 “Gendered Violence in Crisis: Russian NGOs Help Themselves to Liberal Feminist Discourses,” paper presented at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December
- 1997 “Women and Civil Society, ” paper presented to the *Women in Socio-Cultural Space* conference, organized by the Information Center of the Independent Women’s Forum, Moscow, September (in Russian)

Seminar Participant

- 2006 Emory University, “Balashika Forum: The Cultural Context of Maternal Healthcare in Russia”; invited expert in a two-day seminar, March 24-25
- 2002 Kennan Institute Workshop Series, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, “The Role of Women in Post-Communist Transitions;” participant April 2001 – March 2002 (attended two meetings)
- 2002 Wellesley College Faculty Seminar, “Global Yet Local: Gender Politics and Political Transition;” participant February-May
- 2002 Interdisciplinary Seminar in the Humanities and Fine Arts (ISHA) on the topic “Cultures and Coexistence”; participant February-May

**TEACHING**

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Fall 2000-04

***Undergraduate Courses***

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| Gender & Postsocialist Transformations (397B) | Spr 2001, 2002, 2003                      |
| Action Anthropology (397D)                    | Spr 2004                                  |
| Problems in Anthropology (364)                | Spr 2001, Spr 2002, Spr 2003, Fall 2005   |
| Culture, Society and People (104)             | Fall 2000, Fall 2002, Spr 2004, Fall 2004 |

***Graduate Courses***

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| Feminist Anthropology (597)               | Spr 2006  |
| European Field Studies II (685)           | Fall 2005 |
| European Field Studies (660)              | Fall 2004 |
| Methods in Anthropological Research (775) | Fall 2002 |

Instructor, Department of Sociology and Political Science, Tver’ State University, Russia  
 Fall 1997, Introduction to Anthropology (in Russian)

Instructor, John S. Knight Writing Program, Cornell University, Spring 1996, Gender and Identity in Russian Society, undergraduate seminar

Teaching Assistant, Cornell University, Department of Anthropology, 1994-2000

#### Invited Class Presentations

- 2006 Amherst College, Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies  
Proseminar (Prof. Sergey Glebov), Spring
- 2005 University of Birmingham, Center for Russian and East European Studies,  
Graduate Seminar (Prof. Hilary Pilkington), Spring
- 2005 University of Massachusetts, School of Management Graduate Seminar  
(Prof. Marta Calas), Spring
- 2005 University of Massachusetts, Sociology Graduate Seminar in Methods  
(Prof. Millie Thayer), Spring
- 2003 University of Massachusetts, Sociology Graduate Seminar (Prof. Janice  
Irvine), Spring
- 2002 University of Massachusetts, Citizens' Scholars Program (Prof. John  
Reiff), Fall
- 2001 University of Massachusetts, Feminist Anthropology (Prof. Jacqueline  
Urla)
- 2001 University of Massachusetts, Anthropology 364 (Prof. Elizabeth Krause),  
Fall
- 2000 University of Massachusetts. Biocultural Processes of Change (Prof. Alan  
Swedlund), Fall

#### **SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

##### ***Professional***

- 2006 External Examiner, Bates College (undergraduate honors thesis)
- 2005 - present Co-editor, *Anthropology of East Europe Review*
- 2005 Manuscript Review, *Anthropological Quarterly*
- 2004 Manuscript Review, *Human Organization*
- 2004 Manuscript Review, *Michigan Journal of Service Learning*
- 2003 Guest Editor, *The Anthropology of East Europe Review*
- 2003 Organizer, Annual Symposium of *Soyuz*, the Post-Soviet Cultural Studies  
Interest Group
- 2002 Member of the Coordinating Committee for the Annual Meeting of *Soyuz*

##### ***Institutional***

- 2005-06 Member, Initiative Group for Public Anthropology, Department of  
Anthropology, UMass
- 2005 - present Member, Executive Committee, MSP
- 2004-present Member, Executive Committee, Women's Studies, UMass
- 2004-present Member, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Women's Studies
- 2003 -05 Honors Coordinator, Department of Anthropology, UMass
- 2004 MSP Representative, Department of Anthropology, UMass
- 2003-04 Coordinator, Five College Faculty Seminar in Slavic Studies
- 2002-03 Director of Experiential Education, Department of Anthropology, UMass

- 2002-03 Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on the Status of Russian and East European Studies in the Valley (coordinated by Five Colleges, Inc.)
- 2002-03 Member, Cultural Caucus Subcommittee on Methods, Department of Anthropology, UMass
- 2002-03 Member, Woodbury Committee (Spring), Department of Anthropology, UMass
- 2001-02 Member of the Personnel Committee, Department of Anthropology, UMass

***Public***

- 2006 Consultant, Balashika Project on Maternal Healthcare in Russia, Emory University
- 1999-2004 Member, Board of Directors, *Gortensia* Women’s Crisis Center, Tver’, Russia

Research Experience

- 2004-05 Principal Investigator, ethnographic field research, Tver’, Russia. Marion and Jasper Whiting Fellowship, CSBS Faculty Travel Grant and CSL Faculty Fellowship, June 2-16; Feb18-March 8 2005; July 15-28 2005
- 2001 Ethnographic research, Tver’, Russia, June.
- 1999 Follow-up PhD ethnographic field research, Tver’, Russia, June-July.
- 1998 Follow-up PhD ethnographic field research, Tver’, Russia, 1-31 December
- 1997 Ph.D. Ethnographic field research, Tver’, Sergiev-Posad, Pskov and Moscow, Russia, July 1997-August 1998
- 1995 Pre-dissertation research, Moscow, Tver’ Sergiev-Posad, Russia, 1 June-30 July
- 1994 Pre-dissertation research, Krakow, Poland and Moscow, Russia, June-July

Research Assistantships

- 1992 Research Assistant, Department of Social & Political Sciences, Cambridge University, England. Researcher on the British Economic and Social Research Council project, “The changing composition and power of Russian political and economic elites.” Results were published in *Russia in Transition: Politics, Privatization and Inequality*, edited by David Lane and Cameron Ross. New York: Longman. 1995
- 1992 Research Assistant, Institute of Communications Studies, Leeds University, England. Researcher on the British Economic and Social Research Council project, “European TV coverage of the Gulf War” (responsible for the Soviet sector of research)

Languages Spoken and/or Studied

- Russian (excellent spoken/reading)
- German (6 years formal training)
- French (6 years formal training)