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Research interests

Political anthropology, migration, citizenship, race and ethnicity, national identity, Russia, Central Asia, United States, qualitative and ethnographic methods

Research

- 2018–present **Visiting scholar**, *The Politics of Return: Migration, Race, and Belonging in Russia Far East*, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University and Kennan Institute (Woodrow Wilson Center), Washington, DC
Project: Coding, data analysis, and writing, pertaining to research on migration, race, and citizenship in Russia's Far East. Funded by UMass and Kennan Institute.
- 2015–2017 **Researcher**, *The Politics of Return: Migration, Race, and Belonging in Russia's Far East*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Project: 13 months of ethnographic and qualitative research on migration, race, and citizenship in Moscow and Vladivostok, Russia. Funded by Wenner-Gren Foundation, Fulbright, and Social Science Research Council.
- 2016 Research assistant, *Examining Multilevel System Dynamics Affecting HIV Community Viral Load*, Institute for Community Research, Hartford, CT
Project: Collected and analyzed data for study of HIV Test & Treat (T&T) continuum affecting community viral load (CVL). PI: M. Weeks. Funded by National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH R01MH103176).
- 2015–2016 Research assistant, Regine Spector, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Project: Provided research support, including editorial feedback, literature review, Russian-to-English translation for Spector's book, *Order at the Bazaar: Power, Politics, and Trade in Central Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2017).
- 2015–2016 Research assistant, William Taubman, Amherst College, Amherst, MA
Project: Provided research support, including fact checking and bibliography management for Taubman's book, *Gorbachev: His Life and Times* (Simon & Schuster, 2017).
- 2013–2014 **Researcher**, *From Prikaz to Procedures: Becoming an International Organization in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Project: 4 months of ethnographic research on water politics and international development in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Funded by UMass and National Science Foundation through Culture and Heritage in European Societies and Spaces Program. PIs: K. Harper and J. Urla (NSF Award #OISE-1261172).
- 2011–2012 **Fulbright Scholar**, *The Impact of Identity Formation and State-Building on Kazakhstan's Autonomy*, KIMEP University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
Project: 10 months of qualitative research on Kazakhstan's national identity and language policies. Funded by Fulbright.

Publications (peer reviewed)

- 2018 "From Prikaz to Procedures: Becoming an International Organization in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan," *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (41)1: 75–89

Grants funded

- 2018 **Kennan Institute Title VIII Summer Research Scholarship**, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC (\$7,000)
- 2018 European Field Studies Graduate Student Research Award (\$2,000)
- 2017 University of Massachusetts Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship Award (\$10,000)

- 2016 **Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fellowship** (\$12,113)
- 2016 **Fulbright Research Grant** to Russia (\$15,720)
- 2015 **Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship** (\$5,000)
- 2013 Culture and Heritage in European Societies and Spaces (CHESS) grant, (PIs: K. Harper and J. Urla, NSF Award #OISE-1261172) (\$8,000)
- 2013 Kathryn Wasserman Davis Fellowship for Russian language training, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT (\$10,150)
- 2013 University of Massachusetts Anthropology Department Pre-Dissertation Research Award (\$3,000)
- 2011 **Fulbright Research Grant** to Kazakhstan (\$25,000)
- 2010 **Boren Scholarship** to Russia (\$20,000)

Invited talks

- 2017 "Studying Demographic Issues from an Anthropological Perspective," Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, June 22
- 2017 "Returning Home? Stories of Resettlement through the Compatriots Program," The Institute of Socio-Political Research, the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, June 22 (In Russian)
- 2017 "The Politics of Return: the Resettlement of Compatriots Program in Primorskii krai," Institute of Demography, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, June 13 (In Russian)
- 2016 "Migration and Development: Russia's Resettlement of Compatriots Program in Primorskii krai," Economic and Political Processes in CIS Countries, Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia, December 3

Conference presentations

- 2017 "Intentional Ambiguity: Contradictions in Russia's Migration Policies," panel on "Keeping the Gate: Refugee Management as Statemaking in a Post-Sovereign Era" at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November
- 2017 "The Politics of Return: Repatriation and Development in Russia's Far East," panel on "The Russian Far East: Historical Lessons from Migration Policies, Relocation and Consolidation of the Population" at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November
- 2015 "From Kazakhstan to Connecticut: Fieldwork and Fieldnotes in Back-to-Back Ethnography," panel on Reflections on Methods, Familiarity & Strangeness in the Fieldwork Encounter at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November
- 2015 "Becoming International: Changing Dialogues of Development in Central Asia," panel on Crisis and Economic Development at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, March
- 2014 "Dammed if We Do? Water, Power, and Aid in Central Asia," panel on International Relations of Resources Management at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Columbia University, NY, October

- 2012 “Imagining Kazakhstani Identity from a Youth Perspective,” panel organized at the KIMEP International Research Conference, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research, Almaty, Kazakhstan, April
- 2012 “Imagining Kazakhstani Identity,” panel on Central Asia organized for Fulbright South and Central Asia Regional Conference, Cochin, India, March

Language training

Russian, advanced reading, writing, and spoken

Software skills

MaxQDA, NVivo, Prezi, Adobe Photoshop and InDesign

Education

- PhD Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 2019 (expected)
 MA Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 2015
 BA Russian Civilization, Smith College, 2011

Academic and teaching positions

- 2012–2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Courses: Problems in Anthropology (Junior Year Writing); Ancient Civilizations; Culture through Film; Culture, Society, and People.
- 2014–2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Courses: Elementary Russian.
- 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Courses: Russian Politics, Law, and Society.
- 2011–2012 **Teaching Assistant**, Center for Talented Youth, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA. Courses: Russian History, International Politics.

Other work experience

- 2008–2010 **Planning Assistant**, Department of Planning, City of Northampton, MA
 2009 **Intern**, UNESCO Chair and Institute of Human Rights, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Service

- 2016 Co-leader, Five College student trip to Russia
 2014–2015 Graduate representative, Department Personnel Committee, Amherst, MA
 2013–2015 Treasurer, Graduate Association of Europeanists, Amherst, MA
 2012 Reviewer, FLEX Kazakhstan applications, American Councils for International Education, Almaty, Kazakhstan
 2011–2012 Volunteer, American Corner, Zhambyl Youth Library, Almaty, Kazakhstan