

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Arizona State University
Doctor of Philosophy in History, 2007
Tempe, AZ

Arizona State University
Master of Science in Justice Studies, 2001
Tempe, AZ

Arizona State University
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 1995
Tempe, AZ

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer (2017-Present) Arizona State University Polytechnic
Teaching upper and lower division history courses

Instructor (2009-2017) Arizona State University Polytechnic
Teaching upper and lower division history courses.

Faculty Associate (2007-2009) Arizona State University Polytechnic
Teaching upper and lower division history courses.

Teaching Associate (2004-2007) ASU Department of History
Teaching HST104 - Western Civilization: 1789 to the Present.

Teaching Assistant (2002-2004) ASU Department of History
Assisted in the grading of papers and exams for regular and online courses.

Research Assistant (2003-2004) Russian and East European Studies (REESC)
Created REESC Event Calendar, updated website, worked with visiting scholars, promoted the resources available at REESC to students and assisted with scheduling and planning events.

Adjunct Faculty/Philosophy (Fall 2001-Fall 2003) Mesa Community College
Taught Introduction to Philosophy with three goals in mind: To introduce basic philosophical problems, increase the logic and reasoning skills of students, and to motivate students to pursue philosophical inquiry.

Published Work

Book Reviews:

Review of *Disestablishment and Religious Dissent: Church-State Relations in the New American States 1776-1833* edited by Carl H. Esbeck and Jonathan J. Den Hartog, *Journal of Southern History* LXXXVII, no. 1 (February 2021): 112-113.

Articles:

"The Disestablishment of Religion in Virginia: Dissenters, Individual Rights, and the Separation of Church and State," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (2019).

Books:

Dissenters, the First Amendment, and Presidents Jefferson and Madison: Unlikely Allies for Religious Freedom (Palgrave Macmillan, 2026)

Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Dissenters in Virginia: Unlikely Allies for Religious Freedom. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2025)

Interviews:

Podcast: Everything Interesting Under the Sun hosted by Ethan Clark, "Evils of Hitler and Stalin, Authoritarianism, and Yugoslavian History" (Sept 12, 2022)

Interview with Jovanan Georgievski, BBC Serbian Service: "Balkan i Drugi svetski rat: Zašto je Jasenovac „propuštena prilika" za pomirenje" (The Balkans and the Second World War: Why Jasenovac is a 'missed opportunity' for reconciliation.), (April 22, 2021), <https://www.bbc.com/serbian/lat/balkan-56817416>

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Peer reviewed articles for the *Virginia Magazine of History & Biography* (March 2021 and May 2023).

LECTURES

Religious tolerance/freedom:

"Establishing Religious Freedom: The Unlikely Alliance that Separated Church from State in Virginia" Interdisciplinary Humanities and Communications, Humanities Dialogues Series (November 2019)

"The Hoax of Original Intent: Interpreting the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment," Americans United of Greater Phoenix (June 26, 2016)

"James Madison and Religious Freedom," Spirit of the Senses Salon (July 8, 2014)

"The Separation of Church and State: Fulfilling the Dream of our Founders," Retirement community Village College at Monte Vista, Mesa (January 17, 2011)

"The Reformation," The Center for Inquiry Southern Arizona, Tucson (November 21, 2010)

"The Separation of Church and State: Fulfilling the Dream of our Founders," Humanist Society Greater Phoenix (October 24, 2010).

Religious/ethnic conflict and genocide:

"The Politics of Fear: A Discussion About the Rise of Authoritarianism Across the Globe," Coffee and Conversation, with Valerie Adams (February 2019) CNTR 130

"Deceptive Narratives: What We Want to Believe vs. Reality" (October 19, 2017) Discussion leader along with Dr. Valerie Adams.

"The Holocaust: Beyond Nazi Germany," (2017-2022) Valerie Adam's WWII Course.

"The French Wars of Religion," Spirit of the Senses: The Salons (July 27, 2017)

"Brunelleschi's Dome," Spirit of the Senses: The Salons (June 17, 2016)

"The Politics of Fear: A Discussion About the Current Wave of Nationalism Across the Globe" (Faculty Round Table) April 12, 2016.

"A Different Perspective on the Holocaust: Jasenovac and Jedwabne," Guest lecture for Valerie Adams' WWII course (October 23, 2015)

"Refugee Crisis" (Faculty Round Table) September 24, 2015, Student Union, ASU Poly

"The Balkans: History, Culture and Peoples," Army Reserve Unit, Mesa, AZ (7334 East Ulysses Ave.) Brad Clair, colonel (November 4, 2012)

"Sudan: The Past and Future," STAND, STAND Up for Africa (September 25, 2010)

Discussion Panel "Genocide Awareness Week, April 12-16," STAND (April 15, 2021)

"From Macedonia to Jasenovac: Journeys of a History Grad Student," Presentation for the Melikian Center's Critical Languages Institutes Summer Session, Arizona State University (June 27, 2007)

"Memory and Identity: Jasenovac and the Breakup of Yugoslavia," Homecoming Presentation, Department of History, Arizona State University (October 21, 2006)

"Jasenovac and Memory: Reconstructing Identity in Post-World War II Yugoslavia," Junior Scholars Training Seminar (August 2005).

"Interpreting the Russian Revolution After the Fall of the Soviet Union: The Return of the Totalitarian Model," Phi Alpha Theta, Southwest Regional Conference (January 2004).

COURSES TAUGHT

HST103: Western Civilization 1300 to 1800 (Arizona State University) 2008-2022
 HST104: Western Civilization from 1789 (Arizona State University) 2004-2025
 HST100: Global History to 1500 (Arizona State University) 2014-2019
 HST101: Global History Since 1500 (Arizona State University) 2007-2011
 HIS100: Western Civilization to the Middle Ages (Mesa Community College) 2008
 HST 304: Totalitarianism: Hitler and Stalin (Arizona State University) 2018-2025
 HST361: Witchcraft and Heresy (Arizona State University) 2021-2025
 HTY312: History of Science (Arizona State University) 2008-2011
 HST318: History of Engineering (Arizona State University) 2010-2025
 HTY340: Science and Exploration (Arizona State University) 2008-2011
 HST309: Exploration and Empire (Arizona State University) 2010-2025
 HST364: Sex and Society in Modern Europe (Arizona State University) 2011-2017
 HST498: The War of Yugoslav Succession (Arizona State University) Fall 2007
 HST304: Totalitarianism: Hitler and Stalin (Arizona State University) 2019-22
 HST790: Technology and Power over People (Arizona State University) 2020
 PHI101: Introduction to Philosophy (Mesa Community College) 2001-2003
 PHI103: Principles of Sound Reasoning (Arizona State University Poly) 2007

ADDITIONAL COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

From Tolerance to Religious Freedom: The Reformation to Eighteenth-Century Virginia
 Religious Tolerance: From the Reformation to the Enlightenment
 The Wars of Religion in Europe
 The History of Religious and Ethnic Conflict

HONORS

Nominated for Outstanding Staff/Faculty award, ASU LGBTQA Services (2013)
 Division of Graduate Studies Completion Fellowship, ASU (2006)
 Wallace A. Adams Memorial Award for Excellence in European History (2006)
 Junior Scholars Training Seminar (JSTS) Scholarship (2005)
 Woodrow Wilson Short-term Scholarship (2005)
 Earl A. and Lenore H. Tripke Travel Award (2005)
 Arizona State University Graduate scholarship (2002)
 National Security Education Program (NSEP) graduate fellowship (2000)
 The ASU Office of International Programs (IPO) scholarship (2000)

LANGUAGES

Spanish

- Three years formal Spanish courses.
- Worked in bilingual Spanish/English workplace for eight years.

Macedonian

- Intensive summer training course in Macedonian followed by eight months living in Skopje, Macedonia.

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS)

- Intensive beginning and intermediate training in BCS.
- Advanced training in BCS for Heritage Speakers (BCS 495).
- Translated hundreds of documents in BCS for my dissertation.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religious and Ethnic Conflict
 Religious Toleration and Religious Freedom
 Nationalism/Ethnic and Religious Identities
 Nationalism/Authoritarianism