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Academic Appointments

-Jaroslaw and Nadia Mihaychuk Postdoctoral Fellow in Ukrainian Studies, Harvard Ukrainian
Research Institute (HURI) September 2023-Present

Education

Ph.D., Michigan State University, Department of History August 2023
Dissertation: *In the Wake of Hunger: Confronting the Legacies of the Holodomor in Soviet Ukraine during the 1930s*
-Graduate certificate in Digital Humanities (Awarded May 2023)
Committee: Dr. Matthew Pauly (chair/advisor), Dr. Ronen Steinberg, Dr. Amy Simon, Dr. Mindy Smith

Areas of Specialization

- East European, Soviet, and Ukrainian History (Major field)
- Modern European History (Major field)
- Global Communism (Minor field)
- Violence and Memory (Minor field)
- Digital Humanities (graduate certificate)

M.A., University of Northern Colorado, History May 2014
Thesis: *Politics of Perseverance: Ukrainian Memories of “Them” and the “Other” in Holodomor Survivor Testimony, 1986-1988*
Committee: Dr. Steven Seegel (committee chair/advisor), Dr. Joan Clinefelter, Dr. Fritz Fischer

B.A., University of Northern Colorado, History, minor in English May 2012
Thesis: *Failure of the Written Word: Exposure of the Holodomor through Film*
Advisors: Dr. Steven Seegel, Dr. Corrine Wieben

Academic Publications (* denotes peer-reviewed)

*“The Poetics of Hunger: Responding to Rupture in the Wake of the 1932-1933 Famine (Holodomor) in Soviet Ukraine” as part of the special issue, “Rupture: When Things Fall Apart.” *The Russian Review* 83 (January 2024): <https://doi.org/10.1111/russ.12582>

*“Let Ukraine Speak: Integrating Scholarship on Ukraine into Classroom Syllabi,” in *Ukraine’s Many Faces: Land, People, and Culture Revisited* eds., Olena Palko and Manuel Férez (The University of New Europe’s book series “New Europes,” 2023). This same article was translated and featured in the Spanish-language edition of the book that also appeared in 2023. See, “Dejar a Ucrania Hablar: Integrando el conocimiento sobre Ucrania en los programas de estudio,” in

Descubriendo Ucrania: Su historia, cultura y gente eds., Olena Palko and Manuel F rez Gil (Poledro Editorial de la Universidad San Isidro, January 2023)

*“Toward a Social History of the Holodomor and its Aftermath: Famine Survivor Testimonies in the Archive of the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine” in Myroslav Shkandrij ed., *Documenting the Famine of 1932-33 in Ukraine: Archival Collections on the Holodomor Outside the Former Soviet Union* (Edmonton, Alberta: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, 2023). This was originally published as an article in a special issue, “Documenting the Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine: Archival Collections on the Holodomor outside the Former Soviet Union” in *Ukraina Moderna* 30 (2021).

*“Memories of the Masses: Famine, Genocide, and the Politics of Testimony in the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine, 1985-1988,” in *Aftermath of the Holocaust and Genocides* ed., Victoria Khiterer (Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020)

Manuscripts in Progress

In the Wake of Hunger: Confronting the Legacies of the Holodomor in Soviet Ukraine during the 1930s (currently being revised and in progress)

“*In Order to Expand the World’s Knowledge*”: *Investigative Famine Commissions and Transitional Justice during the Late Cold War* (book manuscript in progress)

Ukraine on Tap: A History of Beer in Ukraine (book manuscript and accompanying digital humanities component in progress)

The Holodomor in Global Perspective, edited by Daria Mattingly and John Vsetecka (edited volume featuring papers from our “Holodomor in Global Perspective” conference held at the University of Cambridge in 2022. Under contract)

Book Reviews

Greta Lynn Uehling, *Everyday War: The Conflict over Donbas, Ukraine* (Cornell University Press, 2023), *The Russian Review* (July 2022)

Ray Gamache, *Gareth Jones: Eyewitness to the Holodomor* (Welsh Academic Press, 2016), *Harvard Ukrainian Studies* 38: 1-2 (September 2021): 145-148

David Darrow, *Tsardom of Sufficiency, Empire of Norms: Statistics, Land Allotments, and Agrarian Reform in Russia, 1700-1921* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2018), *H-Environment, H-Net Reviews* (July 2020)

Serge Cipko, *Starving Ukraine: The Holodomor and Canada’s Response* (Regina, Saskatchewan: University of Regina Press, 2017), *Europe-Asia Studies* (June 2020)

Ola Hnatiuk, *Courage and Fear* (Boston, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2019), *H-Empire, H-Net Reviews* (April 27th, 2020)

Andrea Graziosi and Frank E. Sysyn, eds., *Communism and Hunger: The Ukrainian, Chinese, Kazakh, and Soviet Famines in Comparative Perspective* (Edmonton, Alberta: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, 2016), *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies* 6:1 (April 2019): 187-191

Andrij Makuch and Frank E. Sysyn, eds., *Contextualizing the Holodomor: The Impact of Thirty Years of Ukrainian Famine Studies* (Edmonton, Alberta: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, 2015), *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies* 4:1 (March 2017): 223-227

Publications concerning Russia's War against Ukraine

“Scholarly Activism for Ukraine as an Antidote for War Fatigue.” Наукове Товариство Ім. Шевченка *Бюлетень* 53-54 (Shevchenko Scientific Society *Bulletin*, December 2022). Link: https://shevchenko.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/BULETEN_53_54_online_small_single_page.pdf.

“On 90th Anniversary of Holodomor, Michigan Should Stand with Ukraine.” Op-ed for the *Lansing State Journal* (November 29th, 2022). Link: <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/opinion/contributors/viewpoints/2022/11/29/ukraine-famine-michigan-connection-anniversary-holodomor/69681561007/>.

“Working Together in Warsaw and Beyond: The Creation of forPeace’s Ukraine Relief Project Team” as part of the Temerty Contemporary Ukraine Program’s (TCUP) new series, *Volunteering for Ukraine*, on the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) website (August 16th, 2022). Link: <https://huri.harvard.edu/working-together-warsaw-and-beyond-creation-forpeace’s-ukraine-relief-project-team>.

“Let Ukraine Speak: Integrating Scholarship on Ukraine into Classroom Syllabi” in *Clio and the Contemporary* (July 3rd, 2022). Link: <https://clioandthecontemporary.com/2022/07/03/let-ukraine-speak-integrating-ukraine-into-syllabi/>. This article also appeared in Spanish as “Dejar a Ucrania hablar: propuestas para un estudio académico” on the site *Informe Oriente Medio* (translated by Manuel Férez Gil). Link: <https://orientemedio.news/dejar-a-ucrania-hablar-propuestas-para-un-estudio-academico/?fbclid=IwAR2PdvUVNRi7NkwqTXRiqCr93zCkF8NeQ1D1DpooeCWYXLUQOrysVFG8GM4>.

“What Remains: The Reverberations of War in Poland and Ukraine” in *The New Fascism Syllabus* (March 28th, 2022). Link: <http://newfascismsyllabus.com/contributions/what-remains-the-reverberations-of-war-in-poland-and-ukraine/>.

“My Experience as a Fulbright Scholar in Ukraine,” in Michigan State University’s *MSU Today* (March 15th, 2022). Link: <https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2022/student-view-fulbright-scholar-ukraine>.

“A Long Road in and a Short Road out,” in *Contingent Magazine* (February 21st, 2022). Link: <https://contingentmagazine.org/2022/02/21/a-long-road-in-and-a-short-road-out/>.

Online Publications

- “A Future Most Uncertain: Graduate Studies and the Pandemic” in the Department of History’s (Michigan State University) Spring 2021 Newsletter (May 2021). Link: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/b9dac571-1462-46c3-b50a-db5178c8c7b3>.
- “The Aftermath of Famine: Contending with Legacies of Holodomor” as part of the blog series for the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota (February 15th, 2021). Link: <https://thesocietypages.org/holocaust-genocide/the-aftermath-of-famine-contending-with-legacies-of-holodomor/>.
- “The Challenges of COVID-19 for Graduate Students” on *Feeding the Elephant: A Forum for Scholarly Communications* (November 18, 2020). Link: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/1883/discussions/6801508/challenges-covid-19-graduate-students>.
- “Desecration of genocide monument marks a new low in Ukraine’s memory wars” in the Atlantic Council’s UkraineAlert blog (September 2020). Link: <http://docs.historyrussia.org/ru/nodes/56982-dokumenty>
- “The Fate of Graduate Research in a Time of Pandemic” in ASEES NewsNet Vol. 60 No. 3 (June 2020). Link: <https://www.aseees.org/sites/default/files/downloads/june%202020.pdf>
- “A Postcard from St. Louis, MO” as part of the Conference Postcards series from *Contingent Magazine* (May 2020). Link: <https://contingentmagazine.org/2020/05/05/a-postcard-from-st-louis-mo/>
- “The 1946-1947 Famine in Lviv, Ukraine,” as part of the Research Postcards series from *Contingent Magazine* (June 2019). Link: <https://contingentmagazine.org/2019/06/05/a-postcard-from-lviv-ukraine/>

Other Publications

Historical advisor and consultant for Michael Sampson (New York Times bestselling author of children’s books) and Olena Kharchenko’s bilingual children’s book, *The Story of Ukraine: An Anthem of Glory and Freedom/Розповідь про Україну: гімн та свободи* (Brown Books Kids, 2022)

Digital Projects

H-Ukraine: This page is part of the larger H-Net platform dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of the humanities and social sciences. H-Ukraine is a scholarly hub that publishes the latest research, teaching resources, book reviews, jobs, and funding information related to the study of Ukraine. The site is also home to the blog “Khroniky,” which aims to make archival work in Ukraine more transparent for researchers. Link: <https://networks.h-net.org/h-ukraine>

Mapping Holodomor Proclamations and Resolutions. This map traces the evolution of states and provinces in the US and Canada who issue decrees, proclamations, and resolutions acknowledging the 1932-33 Holodomor. The original version of the map is hosted on the website

of the education branch of the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium. The newer version of the map can be viewed as an ArcGIS StoryMap.

Link to original map: <https://education.holodomor.ca/resolutions/>

Link to ArcGIS StoryMap:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d28b18f582d946e3b3c09c44e2bddba8>

Peripheral Histories: Guide to Accessing Digital Collections and Archival Documents: I contributed entries to this online guide that involve working with Ukrainian archives and archivists to obtain documents from afar. I also provide details about online source bases that hold large quantities of materials related to the study of Ukraine, including Libraria and the Ukrainian Liberation Movement Electronic Archive. Link: <https://www.peripheralhistories.co.uk/online-primary-sources>

Teaching and Studying Ukraine: List of Resources (Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute): I co-compiled a list of resources with Dr. Emily Channell-Justice (Director of the Temerty Contemporary Ukraine Program at Harvard University) geared toward the study of Ukrainian language, culture, and history. Link: <https://huri.harvard.edu/news/teaching-and-studying-ukraine-list-of-resources>

Consultant for the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium's (HREC) Digital Maniak Collection: In consultation with HREC staff, I helped to develop the search and navigation features of the Maniak Collection, a digital repository of letters written by Holodomor survivors. I worked with other researchers to implement search functions based on keywords, testimony, themes, dates, and geography. The Maniak Collection is still in beta mode, but many of the letters are now available in their original form (Ukrainian and Russian) and in transcription. English-language translations are forthcoming. Link: https://holodomor.ca/resource/maniak-collection/?fwp_translation=yes

“Dissent in the Digital Age: A Review of the New HURI Books Website,” published on *H-Ukraine* (co-written with Amber Nickell, October 2020). Link: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/4555727/discussions/6617485/dissent-digital-age-review-new-huri-books-website>

Teaching Experience

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| Assistant Instructor -Michigan State University | Summer 2018-2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Developed seven-week online summer classes with faculty -Instruct undergraduate students via online lectures -Assist in the selection of class texts and primary sources -Grade weekly papers and deliver feedback to students | |
| Graduate Teaching Assistant -Michigan State University | 2017-2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Responsible for leading weekly recitation sections of courses -Developed lectures and in-class content -Held Socratic seminar-style discussions -Graded all exams, quizzes, and papers for each course -Held office hours and regularly met with students to discuss coursework | |
| Graduate Teaching Assistant -University of Northern Colorado | 2013-2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assisted professors with undergraduate history classes -Led lectures and led class discussions for various undergraduate history courses | |

- Graded all exams, quizzes, and papers for appropriate courses
- Held regular office hours to assist students
- Assisted professors with syllabi development and book orders
- Attended department meetings and participated in faculty seminars
- Mentored and advised undergraduate history majors on class selection and credit hours

Courses for which I have served as an Assistant Instructor:

- History 140-World History to 1500* (with Dr. Liam Brockey)-Summer 2022 (Online)
- History 140-World History to 1500* (with Dr. Liam Brockey)-Summer 2021 (Online)
- History 425-Plagues and Peoples: Pandemics of the Past, Present, and Future* (with Dr. John Waller)-
Summer 2020 (Online)
- History 150-World History since 1500* (with Dr. Charles Keith)-Summer 2018 (Online)

Courses for which I have served as a TA:

Michigan State University

- Integrative Social Sciences (ISS) 210-Society and the Individual: Transitional Justice* (Dr. Ronen Steinberg)-Fall 2022
- Integrative Arts and Humanities (IAH) 202-Europe and the World: From Human Rights to Terrorism: Democracy, Capitalism, and Globalization, 1789- Present* (Dr. Carolyn Johnston)-Fall 2022
- Integrative Arts and Humanities (IAH) 202-Europe and the World: The "Age of Discovery"* (Dr. Liam Brockey)-Spring 2021 (online)
- Integrative Arts and Humanities (IAH) 201-The US and the World: American Sports, Entertainment, and Leisure in Global Context* (Dr. Juan Pescador)-Spring 2020 (half of the semester taught online due to COVID-19)
- Integrative Arts and Humanities (IAH) 202-Europe and the World: From Human Rights to Terrorism: Democracy, Capitalism, and Globalization, 1789- Present* (Dr. Carolyn Johnston)-Fall 2019
- Integrative Social Sciences (ISS) 325-War and Revolutions* (Dr. Sean Forner)-Spring 2019
- Integrative Arts and Humanities (IAH) 202-Europe and the World: The "Age of Discovery"* (Dr. Liam Brockey)-Fall 2018
- History 414-World War II* (Dr. Matthew Pauly)-Spring 2018
- History 140-World History to 1500* (Dr. Liam Brockey)-Fall 2017

University of Northern Colorado

- History 110-African Civilization (Dr. Emily Brownell)-Spring 2014
- History 120-Western Civilization Ancient Greece-1689 (Dr. Jacob Melish)-Spring 2014
- History 121-Western Civilization 1689-Present (Dr. Steven Seegel)-Fall 2013
- History 283-Russian Civilization (Dr. Steven Seegel)-Spring 2013

Research and Teaching Interests

East European and Soviet History; 20th Century Ukraine; Modern European History; Famine; Mass Violence and its Legacies; Genocide; Aftermaths; Historical Trauma; Violence and Memory; Transitional Justice

Professional Experience

Advisor for the Ukrainian History and Education Center's Exhibit on the Holodomor 2023

- I serve as the Humanities Scholar Advisor for the [Ukrainian History and Education Center's](#) museum exhibit (debuting in late Spring 2023) titled, "Depicting Genocide: 20th Century Artistic Responses to the Holodomor"
- Serve as a historical consultant for related documents, images, drawings, and other sources
- Help the museum craft historical narratives for the exhibit
- Work with museum staff to promote the study of Ukraine and the Holodomor through public history initiatives

New Books Network Podcast Host 2022-Present

- I am a podcast host for [New Books Network](#) (NBN) that has over 100 channels and more than 1 million downloads/month
- Host authors and discuss their recently published books
- Highlight books in Ukrainian Studies, Eastern Europe, Soviet history, Famine Studies, Transitional Justice, Memory Studies, Legacies of Mass Violence, and European Studies
- I work to promote diverse researchers, innovative scholarship, and pertinent topics as a service to our field(s) and profession

Episodes:

- 1.) Interview with Maria Sonevytsky about her book, *Wild Music: Sound and Sovereignty in Ukraine*. Link: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/wild-music>
- 2.) Interview with Megan Buskey about her book, *Ukraine is Not Dead Yet: A Family Story of Exile and Return*. Link: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/megan-buskey-ukraine-is-not-dead-yet-a-family-story-of-exile-and-return-ibidem-verlag-2023>
- 3.) Interview with Oleksandra Keudel about her book, *How Patronal Networks Shape Opportunities for Local Citizen Participation in a Hybrid Regime: A Comparative Analysis of Five Cities in Ukraine*. Link: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/how-patronal-networks-shape-opportunities-for-local-citizen-participation-in-a-hybrid-regime>

- 4.) Interview with Catherine Wanner about her book, *Everyday Religiosity and the Politics of Belonging in Ukraine*. Link: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/everyday-religiosity-and-the-politics-of-belonging-in-ukraine>
- 5.) Interview with Andrii Portnov about his book, *Dnipro: An Entangled History of a European City*. Link: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/dnipro>
- 6.) Interview Alina Nychyk about her book, *Ukraine Vis-à-Vis Russia and the EU: Misperceptions of Foreign Challenges in Times of War, 2014-2015*. Link: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/ukraine-vis-a-vis-russia-and-the-eu>

H-Ukraine—Founder, Editor, and Board Member

2018-Present

- I am the founder of [H-Ukraine](#) (part of the larger H-Net platform), and I currently serve as a board member and editor for the network
- Design, facilitate, and manage all digital content on the H-Ukraine website
- Responsible for all daily operations of H-Ukraine, including posting announcements, maintaining subscription services, overseeing our review editor team, communicating with scholarly institutions, and maintaining correspondence with board members
- Manage our blog “Khroniky,” which aims to make archival work transparent for researchers working in Ukraine
- I interview researchers and scholars who work in Ukrainian studies for my [H-Ukraine “Spotlight”](#) series that makes the work of scholars more available to the public
- Develop content and resources that make research material related to Ukraine digitally available for free
- Increase knowledge about Ukraine through academic and public outreach

GEAR UP Academic Advisor (Weld County School District 6)

2014-2017

- Increase the number of low-income students who enroll in postsecondary education
- Responsible for managing a caseload of over 600 secondary students
- Counsel, tutor, advise, and mentor students in coursework, post-secondary workshops, college visits, and career choices
- Lead and manage numerous co-curricular activities, including College Club, STEM, and the GEAR UP Summer Program
- Utilize student-driven qualitative and quantitative data to increase student support services
- Provide students with information on financial aid, career exploration, motivation, and self-awareness
- Support grant expectations, goals, and objectives
- Facilitate the completion of college applications, financial aid, scholarships, and college prep coursework
- Develop and maintain relationships and networks with college partners, counselors, tutors, and student support personnel

Media Appearances and Interviews

- Interviewed by *El Mercurio* (Chile’s newspaper of record) about the trajectory of the Russo-Ukrainian War at its two-year mark (February 24th, 2024). “La guerra en Ucrania entra en su tercer año bajo una creciente fatiga e incertidumbre: Con poco movimiento en las líneas de combate, el conflicto ha entrado en una etapa de desgaste que podría favorecer a Putin.”
<https://digital.elmercurio.com/2024/02/24/A/7Q4D4KAP#zoom=page-width>

- Interviewed by Coda Story about the Russo-Ukrainian War and its impact on teaching about the region in American universities (February 24th, 2023). “The war in Ukraine triggered a reckoning in universities.” <https://www.codastory.com/rewriting-history/russian-studies-universities-debate/>
- Interviewed by 850 KOA Radio News (iHeartRadio affiliate) about the one-year mark of Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine (February 21st, 2023). “MSU Instructor John Vsetecka talks about one year of war in Ukraine.” https://koacolorado.iheart.com/featured/colorado-s-morning-news/content/2023-02-21-msu-instructor-john-vsetecka-talks-about-one-year-of-war-in-ukraine/?fbclid=IwAR2aSWra_6zFaaxNFMODJjJpkSO4sDu4P-m8wa02AEBn5WfYEu6NR7eATmk.
- Interviewed by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty about Ukrainian Studies in American universities (January 1st, 2023). “Moscow’s Invasion of Ukraine Triggers ‘Soul-Searching’ At Western Universities As Scholars Rethink Russian Studies.” <https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-war-ukraine-western-academia/32201630.html?fbclid=IwAR2CJ8sBGuB39GyFVU7pV3gJsquoviDXrK6wRcL5xHRcdZgB4592uGtVXGs>.
- Interviewed by Shevchenko Scientific Society (Наукове Товариство ім. Шевченка) for their “Member of the Month” series (May 13th, 2022). “Member of the Month: John Vsetecka.” https://www.facebook.com/messenger_file/?attachment_id=579093353645176&message_id=mid_%24cAABa9b_Mk-mG68nYU2AuoSPjr8Lv&thread_id=100011011273507
- Interviewed by *The State News* about my experience in Ukraine and Poland as a result of Russia’s war on Ukraine (April 4th, 2022). “Meet John Vsetecka: The Fulbright scholar who had to flee Ukraine.” https://statenews.com/article/2022/04/meet-jon-vsetecka-the-fulbright-scholar-who-had-to-flee-ukraine?ct=content_open&cv=cbox_latest
- Interviewed by Dr. Rachel Gillett of Utrecht University for the Unsettling Knowledge podcast from the UGlobe Decolonisation Group about the war in Ukraine as well as Ukraine’s history (March 28th, 2022). “Unsettling Knowledge #10: The Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Part One.” <https://soundcloud.com/utrechtuniversity/unsettling-knowledge-10-the-russian-invasion-of-ukraine-part-one?in=utrechtuniversity/sets/unsettling-knowledge>
- Interviewed by Fox47 News in Lansing, MI about my time in Ukraine and work with refugees in Poland (March 22nd, 2022). “MSU grad student who was in Ukraine and Poland as the war began talks about time there helping refugees.” <https://www.fox47news.com/news/state/msu-grad-student-who-was-in-ukraine-and-poland-as-the-war-began-talks-about-time-there-helping-refugees>
- Interviewed by 850 KOA Radio News (iHeartRadio affiliate) about updates regarding Russia’s war against Ukraine and the refugee crisis in Poland (March 22nd, 2022). “John Vsetecka a Fulbright Scholar to Ukraine on his return to America.” <https://koacolorado.iheart.com/featured/colorado-s-morning-news/content/2022-03-22-john-vsetecka-a-fulbright-scholar-to-ukraine-on-his-return-to-america/>
- Interviewed by 850 KOA Radio News (iHeartRadio affiliate) about the refugee crisis in Poland (March 14th, 2022). “John Vsetecka Fulbright Scholar Studying in Ukraine Live from Warsaw.” <https://koacolorado.iheart.com/featured/colorado-s-morning-news/content/2022-03-14-john-vsetecka-fulbright-scholar-studying-in-ukraine-live-from-warsaw/>
- Interviewed by *Reader’s Digest* about Russia’s war against Ukraine and its historical context (March 10th, 2022). “The Complicated Ukraine-Russia War, Explained in Simple Terms.”

<https://www.rd.com/article/ukraine-russia-war/?fbclid=IwAR1IEpGi-eNGOK-W1ZrgT9UDqnrB3SjAENjuNFVOa8Xb710zopUPPdwwhB0>

- Interviewed by Scott Gabriel Knowles for the *COVID-Calls* podcast about the war in Ukraine and my research on the aftermath of famine (March 9th, 2022). “Ukraine and Disaster: Past and Present.” <https://covidcalls.podbean.com/e/ep-458-3102022-ukraine-and-disaster-past-present/>
- Interviewed by 850 KOA Radio News (i Heart Radio affiliate) about Russia’s war against Ukraine (March 2nd, 2022). “John Vsetecka Fulbright Scholar Studying in Ukraine Live from Warsaw.” <https://koacolorado.heart.com/alternate/amp/2022-03-02-john-vsetecka-fulbright-scholar-studying-in-ukraine-live-from-warsaw/>
- Interviewed by NBC-affiliated station Michigan WILX 10 News about Russia’s war against Ukraine (March 1st, 2022). “Ukraine invasion hits close to home for East Lansing man.” <https://www.wilx.com/2022/03/01/ukraine-invasion-hits-close-home-east-lansing-man/>
- Interviewed and featured in *The Washington Times* about my work helping refugees who fled Ukraine due to war (February 28th, 2022). “Unlikely volunteers step up for Ukrainians fleeing the war.” <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/feb/28/unlikely-volunteers-step-ukrainians-fleeing-war/>
- Interviewed by 850 KOA Radio News (i Heart Radio affiliate) about my evacuation out of Kyiv, Ukraine (February 25th, 2022). “John Vsetecka Fulbright Scholar Studying Ukraine Live from Poland.” <https://koacolorado.heart.com/featured/colorado-s-morning-news/content/2022-02-25-john-vseteck-fulbright-scholar-studying-in-ukraine-live-from-poland/>.
- Interviewed by National Public Radio (NPR) about my evacuation out of Kyiv due to Russia’s war against Ukraine (February 18th, 2022). “Despite the threat of war, some Americans in Ukraine are staying put.” <https://www.npr.org/2022/02/18/1081479756/despite-the-threat-of-war-some-americans-in-ukraine-are-staying-put>
- Interviewed and consulted by El Debate, a Spanish media outlet, about Kyiv’s bomb shelters (February 14, 2022). “Ucrania desempolva sus búnkeres de la Guerra Fría.” <https://www.eldebate.com/internacional/20220214/ucrania-desempolva-bunkeres-guerra-fria-acaso.html>
- Interviewed by National Public Radio (NPR) about the history of the 1932-1933 famine in Soviet Ukraine (Holodomor) and the relevance of it to Russian war threats (January 31, 2022). “From Stalin to Putin, Ukraine is still trying to break free from Moscow.” <https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1076012108>
- Interviewed by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) about my evacuation from Ukraine (January 25, 2022). “Americans Out: Ukrainians Confront Mixed Messaging As War Threat Looms.” <https://www.rferl.org/a/ukraine-war-americans-evacuated-messaging/31671180.html>
- Interviewed by Dr. Emily Roberts for her podcast “Personal Finance for PhDs” (January 2019). The episode is titled “Negotiating PhD Funding Offers: This Grad Student Did It Successfully.” <http://pfforphds.com/negotiating-phd-funding-offers-this-grad-student-did-it-successfully/>

Scholarships and Research Awards

- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, the Graduate School, Michigan State University (Spring 2023)

- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Summer Dissertation Writing Grant (June 2022)
- Digital History at Michigan State University Microgrant for the development of an ArcGis Storymap that examines international aid and relief efforts to famine victims in Soviet Ukraine, (June 2021)
- Best Doctoral Paper (co-awarded) in Ukrainian Studies, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, New York, NY (May 8th, 2021)
- Milton E. Muelder Graduate Fellowship in History, Department of History, Michigan State University (full-year fellowship for dissertation research, 2020-2021)
- Fulbright IIE U.S. Student Program Research Fellowship to Ukraine (2020-2021; delayed until 2021-22)
- Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) Dissertation Research Grant (2020)
- Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) travel award for “Documenting the Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine: Archival Collections on the Holodomor outside of the former Soviet Union” conference at the University of Alberta (November 2019)
- Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) grant for pre-dissertation research (2019)
- Kussy Family Scholarship for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, Michigan State University and James Madison College (Spring 2019)
- Michigan State University, Department of History, conference fellowship (Spring 2019)
- Indiana University/Department of State Title VIII Award for critical language study and research in Ukraine (2019)
- Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) award for “Genocide in Twentieth-Century History: The Power and the Problems of an Interpretive, Ethical-Political, and Legal Concept” conference at the University of Toronto (2018)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Award-Russian (2018-2019)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Award-Ukrainian (2018)
- Title VIII Award for study of Ukrainian language-Arizona State University’s Critical Language Institute, Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies (declined-2018)
- Michigan State University, Department of History, conference fellowship (Spring 2018)
- Michigan State University, Department of History, conference fellowship (Fall 2017)
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Summer Research Lab (SRL) graduate student travel grant and housing stipend (Summer 2017)
- Five years of fellowship for doctoral studies, Department of History, Michigan State University (2017)
- Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) grant for pre-dissertation research (2017)

- Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) award for “Empire, Famine, and Colonialism in Comparative Historical Perspective” conference at the University of Toronto (2016)
- Selected participant for the European Solidarity Centre’s “Solidarity Academy.” Gdańsk, Poland. (One of 16 out of 634 applicants accepted from around the world—declined—2014)
- Phi Alpha Theta-“Best out of Town Paper,” University of Wyoming (2014)
- Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) award for “Contextualizing the Holodomor” conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada-University of Toronto (2013)
- Oliver M. Dickerson Scholarship recipient for graduate study, University of Northern Colorado (2012-2013)
- Bear Tracks Scholarship recipient, University of Northern Colorado (2008)

Teaching Awards

Recipient of the Somers Excellence in Teaching Award through the Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University. Candidates are nominated by faculty and students (1 of 5 awardees selected from across MSU, Spring 2019)

Invited Talks and Presentations

- “Ukrainian Studies in the United States: A Brief Overview” as part of the “Program of the International Academic Conference: United States, Politics, Society, and Culture 2024 (Dedicated to the 190th Anniversary of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv). Invited by Fulbright Ukraine and IIE to speak about the evolvement of Ukrainian Studies in the United States. Kyiv, Ukraine (online talk), February 29th, 2024.
- “War and Resistance: The Role of Archives and Cultural Preservation in Ukraine 2014-2022-2024.” Invited by Fulbright Ukraine and the Ukrainian Fulbright Circle to speak about archival and cultural preservation during the Russo-Ukrainian War. Kyiv, Ukraine (online talk), February 22nd, 2024.
- “In the Wake of Hunger: Confronting the Legacies of the 1932-1933 Famine (Holodomor) in Ukraine during the 1930s.” Invited by the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute to speak about my book manuscript as part of their Seminar in Ukrainian Studies series. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. February 14th, 2024.
- “BASEES Postgraduate Seminar: Working in/with Ukrainian Archives” as part of the event “BASEES Postgraduate Workshop: Using Archives and Libraries to Research Histories of Eastern Europe and Eurasia.” Invited by the BASEES and the Eurasian Regions Study Group to speak about working in Ukrainian archives. Online workshop. July 6th, 2023.
- “Author Event: Greta Uehling with John Vsetecka: A Conversation about *Everyday War: The Conflict over Donbas, Ukraine*.” Invited by Dr. Greta Uehling to hold a public talk about her new book

and the context of the current Russo-Ukrainian war. Ann Arbor District Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan. April 23rd, 2023.

“The Russo-Ukrainian War: A Personal History.” Invited by Dr. Chad Gibbs to speak to students in his “Race and the Second World War” course about the Russo-Ukrainian War, my evacuation out of Ukraine, and my time doing humanitarian work in Poland. College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina (online lecture). February 28th, 2023.

“The World Reconfigured: Consequences of the Russia-Ukraine War.” Invited by Dr. Steven Barnes (George Mason University) and Dr. Cynthia Hooper (College of the Holy Cross) to be part of a panel that spoke about the Russo-Ukrainian War as it reached its one-year mark. Part of a series put on by the Program in Russian and Eurasian Studies at George Mason University. George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia (online presentation). February 24th, 2023.

“A Poem from the 1932-33 Famine (Holodomor) in Soviet Ukraine.” Invited by Dr. Rebekah Klein-Pejšová to talk to students in her “Nationalism and Socialism in East Central Europe” course about doing archival work in Ukraine. This was part of an ongoing series called “Look What I Found!” Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana (online presentation). February 3rd, 2023.

“Famine Verses: Confronting the Effects of the Holodomor in Poetry, 1933-1938” as part of the panel “Through Famine, Terror, and Atrocities: Ukraine’s Soviet and Contemporary Experience.” This presentation was part of a two-day panel discussion titled, “Past and Present Atrocities in Ukraine: Can They Be Qualified as Genocide (and How)?” organized by Fulbright Ukraine, the Institute for International Education (IIE), the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC), and the Raphael Lemkin Center for Comparative Colonial and Genocide Studies (CCCCGS) at Ukrainian Free University. Kyiv, Ukraine (online presentation). November 17-18th, 2022.

“The War in Ukraine: What can Scholars Do?” Invited by Dr. Serhiy Bilenky to talk about Russia’s war against Ukraine, my evacuation out of Ukraine due to the war, and my involvement in humanitarian initiatives in Poland. Part of the Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute’s Public Event Series. Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts (online presentation). July 15th, 2022. Link to the recorded panel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yrud9niwCGA>.

“On the Humanitarian Frontline: Working with Ukrainian Refugees in Poland and Beyond.” Invited by Dr. Markian Dobczansky to present at the “Shevchenko Expertise-a-thon for Ukraine.” Shevchenko Scientific Society (online presentation). April 29th, 2022.

“Global Dialogue: Ukraine from the Frontline.” Invited by Dr. Michael Sampson to talk about the war in Ukraine and my work with refugees in Poland. St. John’s University, Queens, New York (online presentation). March 31st, 2022.

“Coming Together on Ukraine, a Q&A for Concerned Students: An Interview with H-Ukraine Founder 2021/22 Fulbright Ukraine Student John Vsetecka.” Invited by Dr. Steven Seegel to present to students and faculty in the Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies at UT Austin about my research in Ukraine and work with Ukrainian refugees in Poland. University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (online presentation). March 29th, 2022.

“The War in Ukraine: An On-the-ground Perspective.” Invited by Dr. Sarah King to present as part of the panel entitled, “The War in Ukraine: Q&A.” University of South Carolina-Aiken, Aiken, South

Carolina (online lecture). March 3rd, 2022. Link to recorded talk:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://youtu.be/1BJp0N0wzsQ_!!HXCxUKc!izbkYmkwyU2UTIIe40ag5yhwOaPkJGYudC0wCkY93GUb_NAOUgp_Op_IZ2UeA4Y\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://youtu.be/1BJp0N0wzsQ_!!HXCxUKc!izbkYmkwyU2UTIIe40ag5yhwOaPkJGYudC0wCkY93GUb_NAOUgp_Op_IZ2UeA4Y$).

- “The War in Ukraine.” Invited by Robert Lurie (Social Studies Teacher and Learning Community Leader) to discuss the war in Ukraine as part of a Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-Cultural Education (LATTICE) panel titled, “Ukraine: Learn In, Teach In” aimed at helping K-12 educators teach about the war in Ukraine in their respective classrooms. East Lansing, Michigan (online presentation). March 2nd, 2022. Link to recorded talk: https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/2022+LATTICE+March+2+Session+%28%22UkraineA+Learn+in%2C+Teach+in%22%29/1_3d7157t9.
- “Fears of Future Famine: Understanding the Effects of the 1932-1933 Famine in Soviet Ukraine in Global Perspective.” Invited by Dr. Myroslava Antonovych to present as part of the panel entitled “New Approaches to Holodomor-Genocide Research.” National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine (online presentation). January 28th, 2022.
- “An American in Ukraine: Building Relationships between the United States and Ukraine.” Invited by faculty at the National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine to talk with first year university students about my research, American perceptions of Ukraine, and the future of international relations between the United States and Ukraine. National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine (in-person lecture). December 6th, 2021.
- “Through the Lens of Nikolai Bokan: An Intimate History of One Family’s Experience during and after the Holodomor.” Invited by the Fulbright Ukraine Office in Kyiv to give a lecture on my research on the aftermath of famine during the 88th anniversary of the 1932-1933 famine. Fulbright Ukraine Office, Kyiv, Ukraine (online lecture). November 24th, 2021.
- “Holodomor Research and Life as a PhD Student.” Invited by the Miami University (Ohio) History Association to speak about my research on the aftermath of famine and what life is like as a PhD student in the discipline of history. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (online presentation). April 29th, 2021.
- “The Ukrainian Holodomor and the Film ‘Mr. Jones.’” Invited by Dr. Jazmine Contreras (Goucher College) to speak to her Modern European History class about the journalist Gareth Jones, the film about him, ‘Mr. Jones,’ and its connections to the 1932-1933 famine (Holodomor). Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland (online lecture). January 15th, 2021.
- “Counting and Accounting: Uses and Abuses of Number Politics in Defining the Historical Legitimacy of Holodomor” as part of the Mass Violence and Human Rights graduate student panel, “Politics of Numbers in Genocide Studies and Memory Debates.” Invited by Jillian LaBranche (University of Minnesota) and Alejandro Baer (Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota). University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (online panel). December 3rd, 2020.
- “H-Net and H-Ukraine: Tools for a Graduate Student.” Invited by Iryna Skubii (Queen’s University) to give a talk to graduate students about my work developing and maintaining the H-Ukraine website. The talk was part of the Graduate History Student Association’s “Professional Development Event” series. Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada (online presentation). December 1st, 2020.

Moderator for the Ukrainian Studies Organization at Indiana University's "Holodomor Commemoration Lectures." I moderated presentations by Dr. Hiroaki Kuromiya (Professor, Indiana University), Tetiana Soproniuk (Proofreader at National Museum of the Holodomor Genocide, Kyiv), and Svitlana Markova (Director, Holodomor Research Institute at National Museum of the Holodomor Genocide, Kyiv). Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (online). October 27th, 2020.

"The Holodomor and the Question of Genocide." Invited by Dr. Ronen Steinberg (Michigan State University) to give a lecture to his "History and Theory of Genocide" class on the history of the Holodomor and whether it can be categorically defined as an act of genocide. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (online lecture). October 26th, 2020.

Conferences and Presentations

"Decolonization in Digital Humanities." Panel at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference (ASEEES), Philadelphia, PA, November 30th-December 3rd, 2023 (Roundtable Member)

"Revolutionary Empire: Anti-Colonial Struggle, State-Building, and Violence, 1914-1920s." Panel at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference (ASEEES), Philadelphia, PA, November 30th-December 3rd, 2023 (Chair)

"Domesticating, Rewilding, Sacralizing: Modes of Engaging Nature in Everyday Life." Conference organized by Catherine Wanner as part of the Working Group on Lived Religion. Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Cambridge, MA. November 1st-2nd, 2023 (Chair)

"Portraying the Holodomor through Art, Archives, and Historical Photographs." An online discussion presented by the Ukrainian History and Education Center in conjunction with the exhibition, "Depicting Genocide: 20th Century Responses to the Holodomor." Online, October 12th, 2023 (Panel Moderator and Discussant)

The Russo-Ukrainian War: The Return of History. Book talk with Serhii Plokhii as part of the virtual lecture series organized by Scholars without Borders. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. October 11th, 2023 (Breakout Room Discussant Leader)

"Food (In)Security, Consumption, and Social Justice in Soviet Ukraine." Panel at the Association of the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Annual World Convention, Harriman Institute at Columbia University, New York, NY. May 18th-20th, 2023 (Panel Chair)

"From One Genocide to Another: The 1932-33 Famine in Ukraine and Russia, and the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine." Panel at the Association of the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Annual World Convention, Harriman Institute at Columbia University, New York, NY. May 18th-20th, 2023 (Discussant)

"Identity, Inclusion, and Exclusion in Twentieth-Century Eastern European Architectural and Urban Planning Discourse." Panel at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference, Chicago, IL. November 10th-13th, 2022 (Panel Chair)

"The Poetics of Hunger: Making Sense of Famine during the Great Terror in Soviet Ukraine" as part of the panel "The Soviet Ukrainian Experience." Presentation at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference, Chicago, IL. November 10th-13th, 2022 (Presenter)

- “Where Do We Go From Here? Rethinking Historical Research on Ukraine” as part of the roundtable “Rethinking Academic Research after the Invasion.” Presentation at the Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. October 13th-15th, 2022 (Presenter and roundtable participant)
- “In the Wake of Hunger: Memorialization of the Great Famine in Soviet Ukraine in the Photographs of Nikolai Bokan” as part of the panel “Remembering the Holodomor: Representations of the Great Famine in Museums, Literature, and Photographs.” Presentation at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, New York, New York. May 6th, 2022. Online due to COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine. (Presenter)
- “Hunger and the Family: Trauma, Grief, and the Interpersonal Struggles of the Bokan Family after Famine” as part of the panel “Everyday Experiences of the Holodomor.” Presentation at the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium’s conference “Narrating the Holodomor: The Social and Cultural History of Collectivization and Famine in Soviet Ukraine.” December 9th, 2021. Online due to COVID-19. (Presenter).
- “The World Responds: International and Cross-Border Aid and Relief Efforts and the Fear of Future Famine in Soviet Ukraine” as part of the panel “What’s Left Behind: Aftermaths of Conflict and Tragedy in Central and Eastern Europe.” Presentation at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference. December 3rd, 2021. Online due to COVID-19. (Chair, Presenter, and Panel Organizer).
- “From Idea to Reality: Creating and Designing H-Ukraine” as part of the lightning round panel “H-Ukraine: Promoting the Diversity of Ukrainian Studies in Digital Humanities.” Presentation at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference. December 2nd, 2021. Online due to COVID-19. (Chair, Presenter, and Panel Organizer).
- “Fact and Fiction: Information and Disinformation about the 1932-1933 Famine in Soviet Ukraine in the World Press” as part of the panel “[Mis] articulating the 1932-1933 Famine in Ukraine: Representation of the Holodomor in Media and Culture.” Presentation at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, New York, New York. May 5th-8th, 2021. Online due to COVID-19. (Presenter).
- “Through the Lens of Nikolai Bokan: Life and Death after Famine in Soviet Ukraine” as part of the panel “History: Past and Present Conflicts.” Presentation at the 2nd Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian Studies Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. March 19th-21st, 2021. Online due to COVID-19. (Presenter).
- “A Third Hunger: The 1946-1947 Famine and the Case of the Pidzamche Massacre in Soviet Lviv” as part of the panel “Continuities and Discontinuities of Starvation: The 1921-1922, 1932-1933, and 1946-1947 Famines in Soviet Ukraine.” Presentation at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference. November 2020. Online due to COVID-19. (Presenter).
- Panel Chair for “Individual in Crisis: Survival Strategies and Agency During Famines, Wars, and Floods.” Presentation at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference. Online due to COVID-19. November 2020. (Panel Chair).

- “Bells did not toll for the dead”: Bodies, Burial, and the Aftermath of Famine in Soviet Ukraine” as part of the panel “Famine, Violence, and Identity Formation in and beyond Ukraine.” Presentation at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention. Columbia University, New York City, New York. May 7th-9th, 2020. (accepted presenter; conference cancelled due to COVID-19).
- “U.S.-Ukrainian Relations in Scholarly Perspective.” Roundtable at the Central Slavic Conference, St. Louis, Missouri. February 28th-March 1st, 2020. (Roundtable participant).
- “Toward a Social History of the Holodomor: Famine Survivor Testimonies in the Archive of the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine.” Presentation at the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium’s “Documenting the Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine: Archival Collections on the Holodomor outside the Former Soviet Union.” University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. November 1-2, 2019 (Presenter and selected participant).
- “The Bureaucratization of Memory: The U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine and Holodomor Remembrance in the United States” as part of the panel “The Ukrainian Holodomor in Experience and Remembrance.” Northeast Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, New York University’s Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York, NY. March 30th, 2019. (Presenter).
- “(Re)Thinking America’s Role in Soviet Ukraine, 1929-1933.” Presentation at the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium’s Early Career Scholar Workshop at the “Genocide in Twentieth-Century History: The Power and the Problems of an Interpretive, Ethical-Political, and Legal Concept” conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. October 2018 (Presenter and selected participant).
- “Remembering Violence: Survivor Interpretations of the 1932-33 Famine (Holodomor) in Ukraine.” Graduate Workshop on the Micro-Level Political Violence in Ukraine and Beyond, Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (CERES) at the University of Toronto; Toronto, Ontario, Canada. April 2018 (Invited presenter—conducted remotely due to weather).
- “Memories of the Masses: The Politics of Testimony in the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine, 1985-1988.” Holocaust and Genocide Trials Conference, Millersville University; Millersville, PA. April 2018. (Presenter).
- “Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Conference.” Chicago, IL. November 9-12, 2017. (Attendee).
- “Migration with(out) Boundaries: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Migration.” Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. October 6-7, 2017. (Host and Attendee).
- “Feeding the Mind, Starving the Body: Teachers, Children, and Memory in Holodomor Survivor Testimony” as part of the panel “Voices from Below: Personal and Social Formative Experiences during the Holodomor.” Midwest Slavic Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. April 2017. (Panel Co-Organizer and Presenter).
- “Empire, Famine, and Colonialism in Comparative Historical Perspective.” Holodomor Research and Education Consortium and Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies; Toronto, Ontario, Canada. October 2016 (Selected participant and grant recipient).

“Finding Memory, Finding Place: Memories of Ukrainian Holodomor Survivors.” Locating and Dis-Locating Memory: In Search of Transcultural Memory in Europe. University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. September 1-3, 2016 (Invited but declined).

“Protecting their Own: Memories of Children and Teachers in Holodomor Survivor Testimony, 1986-1988.” Phi Alpha Theta and University of Wyoming History Club Conference, Laramie, WY. April 12, 2014 (Presenter).

“Constructing Social Memory: Revolving Social Roles in Holodomor Survivor Testimony, 1986-1988.” University of North Carolina-Charlotte Graduate History Forum, Charlotte, NC. March 15, 2014 (Presenter).

“Defying Death: Shifting Social Structures and the Role of Non-elite Ukrainians as Heroes during the Holodomor, 1932-1933” as part of the panel, “Geopolitical Memories: The Construction of National and Social Heroes in China, Nicaragua, and Ukraine.” Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO. March 2014. (Panel Organizer and Presenter).

“Failure of the Written Word: The Holodomor in Film.” Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO. March 2013. (Presenter).

“Contextualizing the Holodomor: A Conference on the 80th Anniversary.” Holodomor Research and Education Consortium and Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. September 2013. (Selected graduate student participant and travel grant recipient).

“German Studies Association: Thirty-Seventh Annual Conference.” Denver, CO. October 3-6, 2013. (Attendee).

Conferences Organized

-Co-organizer (with Dr. Daria Mattingly) of “The Holodomor in Global Perspective” conference held at the University of Cambridge (UK). Together, Dr. Mattingly and I organized a CFP, selected conference participants, put together conference panels, secured conference funding, organized travel, and handled all other relevant conference details. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom. September 28th-29th, 2022.

-Co-organizer of the Workshop for the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology and Science (W.H.E.A.T.S.) held at Michigan State University. I was responsible for recruiting faculty participants, arranging a guest speaker, managing accommodation for all participants, coordinating banquets, food, and rooms on campus, and fundraising for the conference. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. October 4th-6th, 2019.

Research/Internship Experience

Research Contractor for Dr. Vanessa Ogle (Associate Professor of History, Yale University)

May 2023-November 2023

- I helped collect and arrange primary source documents for Dr. Ogle’s new book on global capitalism
- Downloaded and organized files in numerous languages from relevant online archives
- Will conduct in-person archival research in Washington D.C. in Fall 2023

Research Contractor for Dr. Robin Bernstein (Dillon Professor of American History, Harvard University) June-July 2021

- I researched special collections and conducted archival research for Dr. Bernstein's current monograph project
- Read through diaries, letters, government documents, ego-documents, and newspapers to evaluate material related to the project
- Photographed and catalogued appropriate materials
- Wrote short reports on materials related to the project's topic and scope

Summer Research Lab Associate (REEEC, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) 2017

- Conducted preliminary dissertation research at UIUC
- Accessed archives, rare books, manuscripts, film, newspapers, and other sources
- Conducted research on Russian, Ukrainian, and French sources

Greeley Historic Preservation Intern 2012

- Assisted with and helped direct, the University District Oral History Project
- Conducted oral history interviews with community members
- Responsible for writing historic narratives of properties and neighborhoods in Greeley, CO
- Interacted with members of the community to promote historic preservation awareness
- Worked with historical databases and archives, searched and analyzed newspapers, photos, and documents regarding historic preservation for Greeley, CO and the surrounding area

Service

Academic Advisor, forPeace Ukraine Relief Project Team February 2022-Present

- Helped to develop the Ukraine Relief Project team for the grassroots humanitarian relief group [forPeace](#) at the start of Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022
- Facilitate people-to-people humanitarian aid by working with existing local Ukrainian networks
- In Warsaw, Poland, I assisted refugees who fled from Russia's war against Ukraine by giving them rides from the Polish-Ukrainian border, finding them housing, aiding them in finding jobs, and helped them obtain necessary everyday provisions
- Raise money by writing both small and large grant requests to funders
- Provide medicine and medical supplies to frontline hospitals in Ukraine
- Helped to facilitate the acquisition of a large supply of Katadyn water filters from REI and Backcountry that gave Ukrainians in war-torn areas access to clean water
- Talk to media, give interviews, and hold talks and discussions about the humanitarian situation in Ukraine to increase public awareness about Ukrainian needs
- Contribute to academic and scholarly discussions about humanitarianism, war, and Ukraine

Vice President, Graduate History Association (GHA), MSU July 2020-June2023

- I currently serve as one of four members of the elected GHA, which represents graduate students in our department
- Serve as a liaison between the Department of History and graduate student cohorts
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, I set up and distributed a survey asking graduate students what the department could do to support them during the ongoing COVID outbreak. Results were shared with faculty and students as a way to open lines of communication between the two groups
- Attend new history graduate student orientations to inform new students about department events and opportunities

-Organize and run workshops and seminars on topics relevant to graduate study. These workshops include topics such as job market preparation, comprehensive exams, diversity and inclusivity training, teaching and pedagogy, writing articles and book reviews, and facilitation of interdepartmental events

Ongoing Professional Development

Seminar in Ukrainian Studies, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute

-This weekly seminar brings together top scholars in the field of Ukrainian Studies to share and discuss new research

Holodomor Research and Education Consortium's "Emerging Scholars Workshop" (online)

-This workshop lets early career scholars share and workshop dissertation chapters, articles, and book manuscripts related to the study of the Holodomor. We meet once a month to discuss each other's work.

Ukrainian Language and Cultural Development (Ukrainian Catholic University—Lviv, Ukraine)

-2016-Present—Intensive Ukrainian with UCU Instructor (Summer programs in Ukraine and online lessons during the academic year)

Vozrozhdennyi Kruzhok (Soviet and East European Reading Group—Michigan State University)

-This reading group, composed of faculty and graduate students, meets monthly to read and discuss new work in the field.

Professional Service and Work

-**Fulbright Ukraine:** Application reader and interview specialist

-**Manuscript Reviews:** East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies; Journal of Eurasian Studies

-**Committee Work:** American Association of Ukrainian Studies (AAUS): committee for best graduate paper in Ukrainian Studies and committee for best journal article in Ukrainian Studies

Volunteering

National History Day judge for Junior Individual Websites	2017
National History Day judge for Senior Group Exhibitions	2016
National History Day judge for Junior Individual and Group Performances	2015
National History Day judge for Senior Group Exhibitions and Senior Group Exhibition Finals	2014
National History Day judge for Senior Individual Exhibitions and Exhibition Finals	2013
Vice President of Internal Affairs, University of Northern Colorado Law Club	2009/10
Freshman Link Crew	2008
Freshman Leadership Team	2008
Peer Counseling	2008

Educational Training and Technology

- Using the USC Shoa Visual History Archive and Scalar in Your Research, Teaching, and Publishing** (Michigan State University-May 2018)
- Pedagogical Training for Graduate Teaching Assistants** (Michigan State University, Department of History)—This biweekly training allowed graduate students to develop best teaching practices (Fall 2017)
- Archive Workshop** (Michigan State University)—This four-part series explored best practices for archive use in foreign countries. (Fall 2017)
- Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct (RVSM) Training** (Online, 2017)
- Colorado Holocaust Educators Teacher Development**—“Refuge and Rescue: Latin America and the Holocaust” (Denver, CO 2015)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant Conference** (University of Northern Colorado, 2013)
Professional Development sessions attended:
 - “Tips for Forming Inquiry Based Learning Environments”
 - “Keeping Classrooms Cool: Engaging Activities that Promote Meaningful Learning”
 - “Devoting Strategic Partnerships across Campus to Improve Student Experiences”
- Digital and Educational Technology:**
ArcGIS; Blackboard; Desire to Learn (D2L); Microsoft Office; StoryMaps; Zoom

Languages for Research

Czech, English, French, Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian

Professional Affiliations and Organizations

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
American Association of Ukrainian Studies (AAUS)
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)
Phi Alpha Theta (Honors History Society)
Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSh-A)