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Education

Ph.D. History, The University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, May 1997

Dissertation: *Imagining History at the Crossroads: Persia, Byzantium, and the Architects of the Written Georgian Past*. Winner, 1998 University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Award (one of four, campus-wide).

Comprehensive Examination Fields: Late Roman/Byzantine Empire and Commonwealth, Late Antiquity, and Eastern Christianity; Caucasia (Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Albania, and northern Caucasia, all periods); Islamic Inner Asia and Iran; and medieval Mediterranean and Europe—all fields within the context of Eurasian and cross-cultural history.

M.A. History, The University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, May 1992

B.A. Political Science with Area Certificate from the Russian and Eastern European Institute (REEI), Indiana University—Bloomington, May 1990

Academic employment

■ Permanent academic appointments

Professor of Eurasian History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, August 2015-present

Undergraduate courses:

Survey of World History to 1500

Early Christianities (new course, focus on Late Antiquity and early medieval era)

Ancient Silk Roads and Mongol Eurasia (new course)

Cross-Cultural Encounters in World History (new course)

The Middle East, 500-1700

Eurocentrism, Orientalism, and the “Black Athena” Debate (new course, directed readings)

Undergraduate capstone seminars:

Medieval Stories of Christian Conversion (new course)

The Mongol Empire (new course)

Graduate courses:

Roman Empire to Byzantine Commonwealth (new course)
Christian Roman Empire: Byzantium to the Fourth Crusade (new course)
Ancient Christianities (new course)
Iran before Islam (new course)
Cross-Cultural Interactions from the Silk Road to the Columbian Exchange (new course)
Mongol Imperialism and Empire (new course)
Globalization in World History (new course)
World Historiography (new course)

Associate Professor of Eurasian History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, August 2012-July 2015

Associate Professor of Eurasian and World History, Department of History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, May 2004-May 2008, and Founding Director, GSU Program in World History and Cultures, January 2001-May 2008

Undergraduate courses:

Survey of World History to 1500 (including several large sections with GTAs)
Worlds of Eastern Christianity to 1300 (new course)
Cross-Cultural Encounters in World History (new course)
Writing the World: 20th-Century Approaches to Large-Scale History (new course)
Heresy and Orthodoxy in Early Christianity (new course, directed readings)
Mongol Eurasia (new course, directed readings)
Egypt in the Pre-Islamic Mediterranean World (new course, directed readings)
Ancient Christianities (new course, directed readings)

Graduate courses:

Issues and Interpretations in World History
Seminar in Eurasian History (new course, variable topics)
Early Byzantine Religion and Society (new course, directed readings)
Byzantine Historiography to the Fourth Crusade (new course, directed readings)
Medieval European History and Historiography (new course, directed readings)
Medieval European Historiography (new course, directed readings)
Dimensions of Imperialism: Science, Technology, Ecology (new course, directed readings)

Assistant Professor of Eurasian and World History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, August 1998-May 2004

Academic affiliations

Affiliated Researcher, “JewsEast: Jews and Christians in the East: Strategies of Interaction between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean,” Europe Research Council (ERC) project at the Center for Religious Studies, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, Spring 2017-present

Associated Researcher (Assoziierter Forscher), Historisches Institut, Abteilung für Alte Geschichte und Rezeptiongeschichte der Antike, University of Bern, Switzerland, December 2009-present

Associate Fellow, Centre for the Exploration of Georgian Antiquities (ქართული სიძველეთა მოძიებისა და კვლევის ცენტრი), Georgian University of St. Andrew, T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, August 2009-present

Awards, fellowships, residencies, & promotions

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| 2017-2018 | Ruhr Universität Bochum, Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe” fellow, confirmed residency in Bochum, Germany, January-June 2018. Tentative research topic: “Jews, Judaism, and Their Imaginaries in Late Antique and Early Medieval Georgia.” |
| 2017 | Sam Houston State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), faculty travel grant to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. |
| 2015 | Promoted to Professor with tenure, Sam Houston State University, Department of History, summer 2015. |
| 2013-2014 | Sam Houston State University, Enhancement Research Grant. Archival research and fieldwork in Turkey and the Republic of Georgia. |
| 2010-2012 | National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER), Title VIII National Research Fellowship. Primary residencies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Switzerland. |
| 2006-2007 | Georgia State University, Team Research Initiation Grant, co-founder of the American-Azerbaijani Şərur Rayon Archaeological Project, Naxçıvan, Republic of Azerbaijan. |
| 2005 | Dale Somers Memorial Award for Scholarship, Georgia State University, Department of History, April 2005. |
| 2004 | Promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, Georgia State University, Department of History, April 2004. |
| | Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, Georgia State University’s College of Arts and Sciences, April 2004. |

2002	Copen Faculty Development Grant, Georgia State University.
2001-2003	Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Eurasia Studies Fellowship. Fall 2001-summer 2003.
2001-2002	Georgia State University, Research Initiation Grant.
2001	WebCT Technology Development Grant, part of Georgia State University's College of Education PT-3 Grant, summer-fall 2001.
1999-2000	Georgia State University, Instructional Improvement Grant.
1999	Georgia State University, Department of History, Summer Research Grant.
1998	[Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC, Summer Fellow in Byzantine Studies (declined because of new position at Georgia State University)] University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Award, April 1998.
1996-1997	SSRC Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, Joint Committee on the Soviet Union and Its Successor States. University of Michigan, Department of History, block grant.
1995	International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) fellowship, 1995. Residency in T'bilisi, Republic of Georgia.
1994-1995	Fulbright-Hays fellow. Primary residencies in Oxford, London, and T'bilisi.
1993-1994	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship, Armenian language.
1993	Dumbarton Oaks, short-term residency and grant, June 1993.
1992-1993	FLAS fellowship, Armenian language.
1992	American Numismatic Society, New York, New York, graduate seminar and fellowship, summer 1992.
1991-1992	Manoogian Foundation grant in support of graduate training at the University of Michigan.
1990	First Summer School in Georgian Studies, T'bilisi. Sponsored by T'bilisi State University and the government of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic.
1989	Inducted into the Indiana University chapter of Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society, by invitation. American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) full tuition waiver to study first-year Georgian at the Summer Workshop in Slavic and East European Languages (SWSEEL), Indiana University, Bloomington.

Publications

■ Monographs

- 2014 *The Sasanian World through Georgian Eyes: Caucasia and the Iranian Commonwealth in Late Antique Georgian Literature*. Farnham, Surrey—Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014. Publisher's website: <http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472425522>
- 2003 *Studies in Medieval Georgian Historiography: Early Texts and Eurasian Contexts*. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium, vol. 601, Subsidia, vol. 113. Louvain: In aedibus Peeters, 2003 (shipped June 2004). Publisher's website: http://www.peeters-leuven.be/boekoverz_print.asp?nr=7568

■ Edited volumes

- 2012 With Paul Crego, eds., *Languages and Literatures of Eastern Christianity: Georgian, The Worlds of Eastern Christianity 300-1500*, vol. 5. Farnham, Surrey—Burlington, VT: Ashgate/Variorum, 2012. [NB: My contributions are enumerated below under "Articles, Chapters, & Reference Entries"]. Publisher's website: <http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9780754659860>
- 1998 K'art'lis c'xovreba: *The Georgian Royal Annals and Their Medieval Armenian Adaptation*, 2 vols. Anatolian and Caucasian Studies. Delmar, NY: Caravan Books, 1998. [NB: I was the general editor of these two volumes and the author of their introductions]. Publisher's website: http://www.scholarsbooklist.com/Caravan_Books.html

■ Articles, chapters, & reference entries

- 2017 "Georgia before the Mongols," in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, David Ludden ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017, published online in OUP's "Asian History: Oxford Research Encyclopedias" portal, <http://asianhistory.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.001.0001/acrefore-9780190277727-e-282>
- 2014 *New Perspectives on 'The Land of Heroes and Giants': The Georgian Sources for Sasanian History*, published in e-Sasanika, vol. 13 (2014), 32pp., <http://www.sasanika.org/esasanika/new-perspectives-land-heroes-giants-georgian-sources-sasanian-history/>
- "The Georgian Nimrod," in *The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition: A Comparative Perspective: Essays Presented in Honor of Professor Robert W. Thomson on the Occasion of His Eightieth Birthday*, Kevork Bardakjian and Sergio La Porta eds., 2 vols. Leiden—Boston: Brill, 2014. Pp. 188-216.
- "Caucasia and Byzantine Culture," in *Byzantine Culture: Papers from the Conference 'Byzantine Days of Istanbul' May 21-23, 2010*, Dean Sakel ed. Atatürk Kültür, Dil ve Tarih Yüksek Kurumu/Türk Tarih Kurumu Yayınları VIII, Dizi—Sa. 12. Ankara: Türk Tarih Kurumu, 2014. Pp. 217-234.
- 2013 "Iberia (Kartli)," in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, Roger S. Bagnall et al eds. Oxford: Blackwell, 2013. Pp. 3381-3382.

- “Caucasia and the Making of the Second Byzantine Commonwealth: Byzantinization, Cosmopolitanism, and the Georgian Athonites,” in *Georgian Athonites and Christian Civilization*, David Muskhelishvili ed., Religion and Spirituality. New York: Nova Publishers, 2013. Pp. 57-62. [NB: this essay was edited without my permission. *Inter alia*, the publisher/editor completely excised the footnotes, and the University of Bern—my principal academic affiliation at the time—was located in Germany (!)].
- 2012 “Christian Caucasian Dialogues: Glimpses of Armeno-K’art’velian Relations in Medieval Georgian Historiography,” revised version, in *Eastern Christianity: A Crossroads of Cultures*, Florence Jullien ed. Eastern Christian Studies, vol. 16. Leuven—Paris—Walpole, MA: Peeters, 2012. Pp. 177-199.
- With Paul Crego, “Introduction,” in *Languages and Literatures of Eastern Christianity: Georgian*, Rapp and Crego eds., The Worlds of Eastern Christianity 300-1500, vol. 5. Farnham, Surrey—Burlington, VT: Ashgate/Variorum, 2012. Pp. xi-lv.
- “From Bumberazi to Basileus: Writing Cultural Synthesis and Dynastic Change in Medieval Georgia (K’art’li),” in *Languages and Literatures of Eastern Christianity: Georgian*, Rapp and Crego, eds., The Worlds of Eastern Christianity 300-1500, vol. 5. Farnham, Surrey—Burlington, VT: Ashgate/Variorum, 2012. Pp. 321-336. [NB: Reprint of an article originally published in 2001].
- With Paul Crego, “The Conversion of K’art’li: The Shatberdi Variant (Kek.Inst. S-1141),” in *Languages and Literatures of Eastern Christianity: Georgian*, Rapp and Crego, eds., The Worlds of Eastern Christianity 300-1500, vol. 5. Farnham, Surrey—Burlington, VT: Ashgate/Variorum, 2012. Pp. 105-161. [NB: Reprint of an article originally published in 2006].
- “Caucasia and the First Byzantine Commonwealth: Christianization in the Context of Regional Coherence,” National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) Working Paper. Seattle: NCEEER, 2012. Available online for year 2012 at: <http://www.nceeer.org/papers.html>
- “Caucasia and the Second Byzantine Commonwealth: Byzantinization in the Context of Regional Coherence,” NCEEER Working Paper. Seattle: NCEEER, 2012. Available online for year 2012 at: <http://www.nceeer.org/papers.html>
- 2011 With T’amila Mgaloblishvili, “Manichaeism in Late Antique Georgia?,” in *‘In Search of Truth’: Augustine, Manichaeism and Other Gnosticism: Studies for Johannes van Oort at Sixty*, Jacob Albert van den Berg, Annemaré Kotzé, Tobias Nicklas, and Madeleine Scopello eds., Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies, vol. 74. Leiden—Boston: Brill, 2011. Pp. 263-290.
- 2009 “The Iranian Heritage of Medieval Georgia: Breathing New Life into the Pre-Bagratid Historiographical Tradition,” *Iranica Antiqua* 44 (2009): 645-692.
- 2007 “Georgian Sources,” in *Byzantines and Crusaders in Non-Greek Sources 1025-1204*, Mary Whitby ed., Proceedings of the British Academy, vol. 132. Oxford: Oxford UP/The British Academy, 2007. Pp. 183-220.
- “Georgian Christianity,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Eastern Christianity*, Ken Parry ed. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007. Pp. 137-155.

- S. Aşurov, V. Baxşəliyev, L. Ristvet, and S. Rapp, "II Kültəpədə 2006-cı il tədqiqatları," in *2006-2007-cı illərdə Azərbaycanda aparılmış arxeoloji və etnoqrafik tədqiqatların yekunları*. Bakı (Baku): NAFTA, 2007. Pp. 33-37. [NB: In Azerbaijani; report of 2006 archaeological survey of the Kültəpə II site in Naxçıvan, Azerbaijan].
- 2006 "Recovering the Pre-National Caucasian Landscape," in *Mythical Landscapes Then and Now: The Mystification of Landscapes in [the] Search for National Identity*, Ruth Büttner and Judith Peltz eds. Erevan: Antares, 2006. Pp. 13-52.
- With Lynda Garland, "Mary 'of Alania': Woman and Empress between Two Worlds," in *Byzantine Women: Varieties of Experience, 800-1200*, Lynda Garland ed., Centre for Hellenistic Studies, King's College London, Publications vol. 8. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2006. Pp. 91-123.
- With Lynda Garland, "Mart'a-Maria 'of Alania,'" in *De Imperatoribus Romanis: An Online Encyclopedia of Roman Emperors*, available online at <http://www.luc.edu/roman-emperors/maryl.htm>
- With Paul Crego, "The Conversion of K'art'li: The Shatberdi Variant (Kek.Inst. S-1141)," *Le Muséon: Revue d'études orientales* 119/1-2 (2006): 169-226.
- "Caucasia, region" and "Mary of Alania Byzantine empress, ca. 1050-after 1103," entries for the *International Encyclopedia for the Middle Ages—Online: A Supplement to Lexikon des Mittelalters (LexMA)—Online*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2006. Available online at www.brepols.net/bme
- 2005 "Chronology, Crossroads, and Commonwealths: World Regional Schemes and the Lessons of Caucasasia," in *Interactions: Transregional Perspectives on World History*, Jerry H. Bentley, Renate Bridenthal, and Anand A. Yang eds. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2005. Pp. 167-201.
- "Caucasia's Place in the Eurasian World: The Testimony of *ცხოვრება ქართველთა მეფეთა*," in *Meot'xe saert'ashoriso k'art'velologiuri simpoziumis masalebi = Proceedings of the Fourth International Symposium of Kartvelian Studies*. T'bilisi: K'art'velologiuri skolis c'entri/T'bilisis universitetis gamomc'emloba, 2005. Pp. 45-55. With Georgian summary, "Kavkasiis adgili evraziul samqaroshi: 'C'xorebay k'art'velt'a mep'et'a,'" p. 55.
- 2004 "Images of Royal Authority in Early Christian Georgia: The Impact of Monotheism?," in *Monotheistic Kingship: The Medieval Variants*, Aziz al-Azmeh and János M Bak eds., Central European University Medievalia. Budapest: Central European University Press, 2004. Pp. 155-172.
- With Medea Abashidze, "The Life and Passion of Kostanti-Kaxi," *Le Muséon* 117/1-2 (2004): 137-173.
- 2002 "Caucasia," in *The Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*. New York: Berkshire Reference/Scribners, 2002.
- 2001 "From Bumberazi to Basileus: Writing Cultural Synthesis and Dynastic Change in Medieval Georgia (K'art'li)," in *Eastern Approaches to Byzantium*, Antony Eastmond ed., Publications of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies, vol. 9. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2001. Pp. 101-116.

- 2000 "Sumbat Davit'is-dze and the Vocabulary of Political Authority in the Era of Georgian Unification," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 120/4 (2000): 570-576.
- "Christian Caucasian Dialogues: Armeno-K'art'velian Co-Existence and Confrontation in Medieval Georgian Historiography," in *Peace and Negotiation: Strategies for Coexistence in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*, Diane Wolfthal ed., Arizona Studies in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, vol. 4. Turnhout: Brepols, 2000. Pp. 163-178.
- 1999 "The Pre-Christian Cycle of the Georgian Shatberdi Codex: A Translation of the Initial Texts of the Corpus *Mok'c'evay k'art'lisay* (*The Conversion of K'art'li*)," *Le Muséon* 112/1-2 (1999): 79-128.
- "Medieval Christian Georgia (c. 330-c. 1450)," in *National Treasures of Georgia*, Ori Z. Soltes ed. London: Philip Wilson Publishers, 1999. Pp. 84-92. [NB: Re-edited without my permission].
- 1997 "Georgian Historical Writing," in *Seeing Islam as Others Saw It: A Survey and Evaluation of Christian, Jewish and Zoroastrian Writings on Early Islam*, R.G. Hoyland ed., Studies in Late Antiquity and Early Islam, vol. 13. Princeton: Darwin Press, 1997. Excursus E, pp. 677-686.
- 1995 "Archives and Access: T'bilisi, Republic of Georgia," *IREX Newsletter* (Autumn 1995); repr. in the *Newsletter of the Society for the Study of Caucasica* (Spring 1996).
- 1993 "The Coinage of T'amar, Sovereign of Georgia in Caucasica: A Preliminary Study in the Numismatic Inscriptions of Twelfth- and Thirteenth-Century Georgian Royal Coinage," *Le Muséon* 106/3-4 (1993): 309-330.
- "Zviad Gamsakhurdia," in *The Gorbachev Encyclopedia: Gorbachev, The Man and His Times (Mikhail Gorbachev, March 11, 1985-December 25, 1991)*, Joseph L. Wiczynski ed. Salt Lake City: Charles Schlacks Jr., 1993. Pp. 154-161.
- 1991 "Highlights of Georgian History Holdings at Indiana University—Bloomington," *The Annual of the Society for the Study of Caucasica* 3 (1991): 41-64.

■ Book reviews & review-articles

- 2015 Review of *The Making of Modern Georgia, 1918-2012: The First Georgian Republic and Its Successors*, Stephen F. Jones ed., Routledge Contemporary Russia and Eastern Europe Series, vol. 52 (London—New York, 2014), in *European History Quarterly* 45/4 (2015): 772-773.
- 2012 Review of Tamara Grdzeliidze, *Georgian Monks on Mount Athos: Two Eleventh-Century Lives of the Hegoumenoi of Iviron* (London, 2009), in *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 55/3 (2011): 368-370. [NB: published in 2012].
- 2011 Review of *The Old Georgian Palimpsest: Codex Vindobonensis georgicus 2*, Jost Gippert ed., in cooperation with Zurab Sarjveladze and Lamara Kajaia, vol. 1, Monumenta Palaeographica Medii Aevi, Series Ibero-Caucasica (Turnhout, 2007), in *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies* 86/1 (2011): 196-198.
- Review of *A Companion to Byzantium*, Liz James ed., Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World: Ancient History (Chichester—Malden, MA, 2010), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 15 March 2011.

- 2009 Review of *Caucasian Paradigms: Anthropologies, Histories, and the Making of a World Area*, Bruce Grant and Lale Yalçın-Heckmann eds. (Berlin, 2007), in *Central Asian Survey* 28/2 (2009): 247-249.
- 2006 Review of Stephen F. Jones, *Socialism in Georgian Colors: The European Road to Social Democracy 1883-1917* (Cambridge, MA, 2005), in *Central Eurasian Studies Review* 5/2 (2006): 62-63.
- 2005 Review of Walter E. Kaegi, *Heracilius: Emperor of Byzantium* (Cambridge, 2003), in *Medievalia et Humanistica*, n.s. 31 (2005): 164-165.
- Review of Gorun Babian, *The Relations between the Armenian and Georgian Churches According to the Armenian Sources, 300-610* (Antelias, Lebanon, 2001), in *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 14 (2005): 227-229.
- 2004 Review of Patrick Manning, *Navigating World History: Historians Create a Global Past* (New York, 2003), published on the internet as part of the first H-WORLD Author's Forum, February 2004.
- 1999 Review of T. Mathews and R. Wieck, *Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Art, Religion, and Society* (New York, 1998), in *MESA Bulletin* 33 (1999): 270-271.
- 1996 Review of R.W. Thomson trans., *Rewriting Caucasian History: The Medieval Armenian Adaptation of the Georgian Chronicles, the original Georgian texts and the Armenian adaptation* (Oxford, 1996), in *The Late Antique Newsletter* 1/2 (Sept. 1996), also posted on the web:
www.unipissing.ca/departement/history/orb/lan1-2.htm
- 1992- Review article of K. Vivian trans., *The Georgian Chronicle: The Period of Giorgi Lasha* (Amsterdam, 1993 1991), in *The Annual of the Society for the Study of Caucasia* 4-5 (1992-1993): 90-93.

Major presentations, symposia, & conferences

- 2017 "Persianate Epics at the Christian Bagratid Court: The Iranian Dimension of Caucasian Society at the Apogee of Medieval Georgia," workshop devoted to traveling texts and motifs, Center for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr-Universität-Bochum, Germany, October 2017.

Invited featured speaker, "In Pursuit of Eden: Caucasia and the Quest for Ultimate Beginnings," featured paper of the section "Christlicher Orient" at the 33rd Annual Meeting of Deutscher Orientalistentag (DOT), Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany, September 2017.
 Announcement of featured speakers at <http://www.dot2017.de/registrierung-abstracts/abstracteinreichung/>

"Georgia: Conversion, Conquest, and Cultural Transfer," "Introduction to Georgian Language and Culture," and "Readings in Pre-Modern Georgian Sources," presented at "Jews and Christians between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean: Co-existence and Conflict," Summer University sponsored by JewsEast, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July 2017.

Invited speaker, "Caucasia in Late Antiquity: *Between the Byzantine and Iranian Worlds?*," presented at the public symposium "From the Oxus to Euphrates: The Sasanian Empire," Library of Congress, Washington, DC, June 2017.

“‘All Turks of the Whole World Are Here’: Georgian Images of the Seljuks to the Battle of Didgori, 1121,” presented at the symposium “From the Steppes to the Bosphorus: A Celebration of Rudi Paul Lindner,” sponsored by the Departments of History and Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 2017.

[“‘Sasanians’ of the North: Strategies of Kingship in Early Christian Georgia,” accepted and fully written for the Eighth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS), scheduled to take place in Shiraz, Iran, March 2017. The organizers were forced to cancel the conference in late January 2017 because of renewed tensions between Iran and the United States].

- 2016 “Gwrobandak’s Voyage: Revisiting the ‘State of Mixture’ in Late Antiquity,” presented at the conference “20 Years of ‘Iran and the Caucasus’: A Breakthrough,” Aghveran, Armenia, October 2016.

“‘Georgia’s Spiritual Mission’: Sacral Ethnocentrism, Cosmopolitan Nationalism, and Primordial Awakenings at the Soviet Collapse,” presented at the symposium in honor of Professor Ronald Grigor Suny, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2016.

Invited lecture, “The Conversion of Eastern Georgia: Cross-Cultural and Pan-Regional Perspectives,” presented at the symposium *Iberien zwischen Rom und Iran von Pompeius bis Herakleios*, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany, July 2016.

Invited lecture, “Byzantine Georgia/Georgian Byzantium,” Dumbarton Oaks Spring Symposium “Worlds of Byzantium” (also the 75th anniversary celebration of Dumbarton Oaks), Washington, DC, April 2016.

Invited lecture, “The Making of ‘The Georgian Chronicles’ (*K’art’lis c’xovreba*),” presented to the Research Group on Late Antique Historiography at Universiteit Gent/Ghent University, Belgium, March 2016. [NB: this paper was originally prepared as an invited presentation for the workshop on Compilations and Excerpt Collections of Historiographical Material in Late Antiquity at Ghent University. The bombing of the Brussels airport and metro on 22 March 2016 led to the cancelation of this event].

- 2015 “Cross-Cultural Encounters of the Historiographical Kind: Caucasian Historical Literature, the Iranian Epic, and the Diversity of the Late Antique World,” workshop on Historiography and Intercultural Exchanges in Late Antiquity, Research Group on Late Antique Historiography, Universiteit Gent/Ghent University, Belgium, September 2015.

Invited lecture, “Caucasia in Late Antiquity: An Introduction,” for ARH 329N/MES 342/RS 353, *Art of Late Antiquity ca. 200-ca. 750*, Department of Art and Art History, University of Texas—Austin, April 2015.

Invited lecture, “Iranian Heritage with a (Judaeo-)Christian Twist: Noah, Nimrod, and Alexander in Late Antique Georgian Historiography,” Late Antiquity Workshop sponsored by the Program in Medieval Studies, Department of Art and Art History, Department of Religious Studies, and the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Texas—Austin, April 2015.

“Christian Kingship and the Idea of Late Antiquity,” College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) Faculty Colloquium Series, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, March 2015. [NB: A considerably revised version of the 2015 presentation at the University of New Hampshire, below].

Invited lecture, “Royal Conversion and Christian Kingship in Late Antiquity,” Department of History, University of New Hampshire, Durham, February 2015.

- 2014 Invited lecture, “The Caucasus and Byzantium in Cross-Cultural Perspective,” Tokyo Metropolitan University, Department of History, Hachioji, Japan, June 2014.

Invited lecture, “The Royal Ideology of the Georgian Bagratids: Exceptionalism and the Limits of Byzantinization on the Edge of the Iranian World,” University of Tokyo Centre for Middle Eastern Studies (UTCMS), Tokyo, Japan, June 2014.

Invited lecture, “Feuding Bishops, Intransigent Nationalists, and the Battle for Nagorno-Karabakh: Contested Visions of Caucasian Albania from Late Antiquity until Today,” co-sponsored by the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies and the Armenian Studies Program, University of California—Berkeley, February 2014. [NB: A considerably revised version of my “Feuding Bishops, Rabid Nationalists, and the Collapse of the Soviet Union...” (2013)].

- 2013 “Parthians and the Christianization of Caucasia,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 2013.

Panel Organizer, “Between Worlds: Caucasia at the End of Antiquity,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 2013. Panel participants: Drs Matthew Canepa, Christina Maranci, Paul Crego, Scott McDonough, and Stephen Rapp.

Invited lecture, “Feuding Bishops, Rabid Nationalists, and the Collapse of the Soviet Union: The Use and Abuse of Kish, ‘The Original Source of All Churches,’ from Late Antiquity until Yesterday,” multimedia presentation created for the 2013 induction ceremony for Phi Alpha Theta, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, May 2013. [NB: Cancelled due to last-minute technical fault. See above, “Feuding Bishops” (2014)].

Invited lecture, “Mongol Caucasia: Regional Historiographies and Social Change in an Integrating Eurasian World,” *The Mongols from the Margins: New Perspectives on Central Asians in World History*, UCLA Asia Institute, Los Angeles, February 2013.

Invited lecture, “Armenia, Armenians, and the New World History,” The Vahe and Armine Meghrouni Lecture Series in Armenian Studies, Armenian Studies Program, University of California—Irvine, February 2013.

Invited lecture, “New Perspectives on ‘The Land of Heroes and Giants’: The Georgian Sources for Sasanian History,” The Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, University of California—Irvine, February 2013.

- 2011 Invited lecture, “Caucasia: A Cosmopolitan Crossroads in Eurasia,” Department of History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, December 2011.

Invited lecture, “The Nomadic Integration of Eurasia (or: How the Mongols Built the Largest Contiguous Land Empire in World History),” Department of History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, December 2011.

Invited lecture, “Shedding the Civilizational Straitjacket: Critical Metageographies, Synergetic Historiographies, and Expanded Armenian Vistas in the Pre-Modern Age,” 30th Anniversary Symposium of the Armenian Studies Program, *Armenia in World History, the World in Armenian History*, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2011.

Invited lecture, “Caucasia and the Making of the Second Byzantine Commonwealth: Byzantinization, Cosmopolitanism, and the Georgian Athonites” = “კავკასია და მეორე ბიზანტიური თანამეგობრობის შექმნა: ბიზანტიზაცია, კოსმოპოლიტიზმი და ქართველი ათონელები,” Fourth International Symposium of the International Centre for Christian Studies at the Orthodox Church of Georgia Dedicated to the 1000th Birthday of St. Giorgi Mtatsmindeli, *Georgian Athonites and Christian Civilization*, T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, May 2011.

Invited lecture, “Caucasia and the Byzantine Commonwealths: Towards an Integrated Vision of Georgian, Armenian, and Byzantine History” = “კავკასია და ბიზანტიური სამყარო: საქართველოს, სომხეთისა და ბიზანტიის ისტორიის კომპლექსური ხედვისკენ,” Georgian University of St. Andrew, T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, May 2011.

Invited lecture, “The Albanian Palimpsest: Manipulated Memories Old and New in the Imagination of Caucasian Albania,” Classical History Seminar, Historisches Institut, Universität Bern, Switzerland, March 2011.

- 2010 Invited Lecture, “Medieval Georgia’s Bagratid Revolution: Dynastic Exceptionalism in a ‘Byzantinizing’ Age,” Fach Geschichte, Universität Konstanz, Germany, July 2010. [NB: A revised and updated version of a paper originally delivered at Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz in April 2010].

Invited lecture, “Caucasia and Byzantine Culture,” international conference *Byzantine Days of the Cultural Capital: Byzantium’s Acceptance, Transformation and Transmission of Culture to the World* (İstanbul’un Doğu Roma Günleri: Uluslararası Bizans Kültürü Sempozyumu), Turkish Historical Society (Türk Tarih Kurumu), İstanbul, May 2010.

Invited lecture, “The Bagratid Revolution: Dynastic Reorientation and the ‘Byzantinization’ of Georgia,” Byzantinische Archäologie Mainz, Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz, Germany, April 2010.

- 2009 Invited lecture, “Writing and Rewriting the Schism: Historiographical Perspectives on the Separation of the Georgian and Armenian Churches,” *International Patristic Conference Dedicated to the 110th Anniversary of Grigol Peradze*, Georgian University of St. Andrew, T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, September 2009.

Invited lecture, “The Ark and the Harp Revisited: Kingship on the Edges of the Byzantine World,” Georgian University of St. Andrew, co-sponsored by the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC), T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, September 2009.

Invited lecture, “Medieval Georgian Historiography and Sasanian Iran,” *Workshop in Sasanian Historiography and Iranian Nationalism*, Institute of Iranian Studies, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, UK, March 2009.

Invited lecture, «Создание новых учебных планов: Разработка программы по всемирной истории Государственного университета Джорджии,» Разработка и развитие учебных планов = “Building a New Curriculum: Lessons from Georgia State University’s Interdisciplinary World History Program”, sponsored by the Fulbright Program in the Russian Federation and the U.S. Embassy, Moscow, Russian Federation, March 2009.

Invited lecture, “Teaching Academic English in Russia,” Faculty of Foreign Languages, Russian State Humanities University, Moscow, January 2009.

- 2008 Invited roundtable participant and discussant, “Laying Challenge to a Unipolar World: Russian Visions of a Polycentric Global Order in the Twenty-First Century,” symposium *Anti-Americanism in the Social Consciousness of Contemporary Russia* [«Антиамериканизм в общественном сознании современной России»], The Russo-American Educational and Scientific Center, Russian State Humanities University, Moscow, October 2008.

Invited lecture, “The Georgian Nimrod,” international symposium *The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition: A Comparative Perspective*, Armenian Studies Program, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2008.

Invited lecture, “The Battle for Tskhinvali and Sukhumi: Russian Perspectives on the Crisis in South Ossetia and Abkhazia,” symposium *A Chill from the Caucasus: The Russo-Georgian War and Its Implications*, The Center for Russian and East European Studies and the Sam Nunn Center of the School of International Affairs, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2008.

Invited lecture, “‘The Land of Heroes and Giants’: Recovering the Iranian Heritage of Medieval Georgia,” the initial paper presented at the international symposium *Georgia: The Making of a National Culture*, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 2008.

- 2007 “The Christianization of Southern Caucasia: A Cross-Cultural Perspective,” Eighth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), University of Washington, Seattle, October 2007. [NB: I also organized the panel “Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Conversion in Caucasia and the Near East”].

Invited lecture, “Back to the Future: Nationalist Historiographies in Post-Soviet Caucasia,” Department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Emory University, Atlanta, October 2007.

Invited lecture, “The Case for Caucasia: Regional Coherence and the Limits of National Historiography,” international symposium *The Caucasus: Directions and Disciplines*, sponsored by the Franke Institute, the Center for Eastern European and Russia/Eurasia Studies, and the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus, University of Chicago, May 2007.

- 2006 Invited lecture, “‘The Land of Heroes and Giants’: What Archaeologists Can Learn from *K’art’lis c’xovreba* about Georgia and the Iranian World,” Third International Symposium on Caucasian Iberia and Its Neighbors in the Achaemenid and Post-Achaemenid Period, sponsored by the National Museum of Georgia and the Ot’ar Lort’k’ip’anidze Centre for Archaeological Studies, T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, October 2006. [NB: Paper read *in absentia* because of the Russian Federation’s transportation blockade of Georgia].

“The Making of the *Medieval European* Georgian Nation,” Seventh Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 2006.

Invited lecture, “Mongol Eurasia,” World History Teachers Institute, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2006.

- 2005 Invited keynote address, “Recovering the Pre-National Caucasian Landscape,” international symposium *Mythical Landscapes: Then and Now*, sponsored by Erevan State University and Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)/German Academic Exchange Service, Erevan State University, Erevan, Armenia, September 2005.

Chair and commentator, “Political and Social Function of Literary Landscapes,” international symposium *Mythical Landscapes: Then and Now*, sponsored by Erevan State University and DAAD, Erevan State University, Erevan, Armenia, September 2005.

Invited lecture, “From Roman Empire to Byzantine Commonwealth: An Afro-Eurasian Perspective,” World History Teaching Institute, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2005.

Invited lecture, “Who Surrendered Byzantine Egypt to the Arabs?: A Fresh Look at Cyrus, Patriarch of Alexandria,” The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Cairo, May 2005.

- 2004 “The Iranian Basis of Early Medieval Georgian Kingship,” Fifth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, October 2004.

Chair, “Georgian Culture: Past and Present,” Fifth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 2004.

Invited lecture, “Duin III, A Historiographical Odyssey: Towards the Relationship of the Armenian and Eastern Georgian Churches, 4th-Early 7th Century,” international symposium *Where the Only-Begotten Descended: The Church of Armenia through the Ages*, Armenian Studies Program, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 2004.

Roundtable on Graduate Programs in World History, participant, at the international conference *World History: The Next Ten Years*, World History Center, Northeastern University, Boston, March 2004.

- 2003 “The Ark and the Harp: Royal Ideology on the Edge of Commonwealth,” World History Association annual conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, June 2003.

Chair and commentator, “Conceptions of World History” (Zhang Weiwei, Patrick Manning, Deborah Smith Johnston, and Andre Gunder Frank participants), World History Association annual conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, June 2003.

- 2002 Invited lecture, “Georgian Sources for the Prosopography of the Byzantine Commonwealth, 1025-1204,” international symposium *Byzantium and the Crusades: Towards an Integrated Prosopography (1081-1204)*, British Academy, London, December 2002.

“Historiography of Power: Reorientation as a Strategy of Dynastic Legitimacy in Medieval Georgia, 9th-13th Century,” conference *One Ring to Rule Them All?: Power and Power Relations in East European Politics and Societies*, University of California—Berkeley, November 2002.

“Numismatics and the World Survey (or, Coins, Crossroads, and World History),” SEWHA annual conference, Columbus State University, Georgia, October 2002.

Invited lecture, “Teaching Mongol and Eurasian History for the AP World History Exam,” World History Institute (sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the World History Association, and the College Board), Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2002.

Invited plenary session lecture, “Caucasia’s Place in the Eurasian World: The Testimony of *ცხოვრება ქართველთა მეფეთა*,” Fourth International Symposium on Caucasiology, The Ivane Javakhishvili T’bilisi State University, T’bilisi, May 2002.

“The State of World History in the Southeast,” roundtable participant, annual conference of the Georgia Association of Historians, Jekyll Island, Georgia, April 2002.

“Bumberazi: Persian-Like Aspects of Early Christian Georgian Kingship,” Interdisciplinary Workshop on Religion and Rulership in the Middle Ages, Central European University (co-sponsored by MAJESTAS), Budapest, Hungary, February 2002.

- 2001 “The Making of an Autocephalous ‘National’ Church: The Church in K’art’li Becomes the K’art’velian Church, 4th-7th Century,” XX^e Congrès international des études byzantines, Sorbonne, Paris, August 2001.

Invited lecture, “Nomads over Eurasia: The Mongol Integration of Eurasia in the Thirteenth Century,” World History Institute (sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities, World History Association, and the College Board), Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2001.

“The Center of the World (in a Small Corner of Eurasia): Constructing a Master Historical Narrative in Imperial and Soviet Georgia,” Department of History brown bag, University of Arizona, Tucson, March 2001.

“Negotiating the Edge of Empire: Royal Ideology on the Byzantine Periphery,” annual conference of the Medieval Academy of America, Arizona State University, Tempe, March 2001.

“Chronology, Crossroads, and Commonwealths: World Regional Schemes and the Lessons of Greater Caucasia,” international symposium *Interactions: Regional Studies, Global Processes, and Historical Analysis*, sponsored by the American Historical Association, World History Association, Library of Congress, *et al*, held at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC, March 2001.

- 2000 “Looking towards Constantinople: Byzantium in Georgian Historical Literature,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 2000.

Invited lecture, “The Mongols and the Integration of Eurasia: On the Verge of the Modern World?,” World History Institute, sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities, World History Association, and the College Board, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2000.

“Persecution and Comradery: Competing Perceptions of Perso-Georgian Relations in Christian Georgian Literature, 5th-9th Centuries,” annual conference of the Arizona Center of Medieval and Renaissance Studies (ACMRS), Arizona State University, Tempe, February 2000.

- 1999 “Exile and Unity: The Two Meanings of Sak’art’velo (საქართველო),” First Chicago Conference on Caucasia, University of Chicago, May 1999.
- Invited paper, “From *Bumberazi* to *Basileus*: Writing Cultural Synthesis and Political Change in Medieval Georgia (K’art’li),” XXXIII Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry, England, March 1999.
- 1998 “Hayk and the Ethnogenesis of the Georgians: Some Armenian Underpinnings of *C’xorebay k’art’velt’a mep’et’a* (*The Life of the K’art’velian Kings*),” annual conference of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), Chicago, December 1998.
- “When Eurasian Worlds Collide: Persian and Byzantine Influences upon the Other Georgia,” SEWHA annual conference, Clayton College and State University, Morrow, Georgia, October 1998.
- Invited paper, “The Making of *Imagining History at the Crossroads: Persia, Byzantium, and the Architects of the Written Georgian Past*,” ceremony for the 1998 University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Awards, Ann Arbor, March 1998.
- “Co-Existence and Confrontation in Caucasia: The Complexion of Armeno-K’art’velian (Georgian) Relations in Medieval Georgian Historiography,” annual conference of ACMRS, Arizona State University, Tempe, February 1998.
- Invited paper, “Caucasia: A Eurasian Crossroads in World Perspective,” Department of History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, January 1998.
- 1997 “Sense of Community in Early Georgian Hagiography,” Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September 1997.
- 1996 “The Impact of Heraclius’ Invasion of Caucasia on Medieval ‘Georgian’ Self-Identity,” Byzantine Studies Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 1996.
- 1993 “The Rebellion of Nikephoros ‘the Twisted Neck’ Phokas and Nikephoros Xiphias: An Attempt to Reconcile the Accounts of Byzantine and Eastern Sources,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Princeton University, November 1993.
- “Georgian Royal Succession: A Numismatic Study in the Appointment of Co-Rulers from Giorgi III to Rusudan,” International Conference on the Cultures of Caucasia, University of Chicago, May 1993.
- 1992 “The Copper Coinage of T’amar, Sovereign of Georgia in Caucasia (1184-1213),” American Numismatic Society, New York City, August 1992.

Editorial boards

- 2012- Iberica Caucasica, T'amila Mgaloblishvili chief editor (Bennett and Bloom).
- 2011- Editor of Georgian materials for the series Texts and Studies in Eastern Christianity (TSEC), Ken Parry chief editor (Brill). Among other things, I was the chief reviewer and editor of *Georgian Christian Thought and Its Cultural Context: Memorial Volume for the 125th Anniversary of Shalva Nutsubidze (1888-1969)*, Tamar Nutsubidze *et al.* eds., 387 pp., published as volume 2 of TSEC (2014).

University service

■ Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (2012-present)

University

- University Senate (elected member, 2016-present)
- University Affairs Sub-Committee (2016-present)
- University Core Curriculum Assessment Committee, CHSS Representative (appointed member, 2016-2018)
- Social Responsibility Sub-Committee (2017-present)

College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)

- Research and Teaching Committee (2013-2014)
- Chairs' Committee (2017-present)

Department of History

- Associate Chair (2017-present)
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (previously Undergraduate Affairs Committee, 2012-2017; chair 2016-present; interim chair, 2015-2016)
- Department Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee (DPTAC) (2015-present; chair 2017-present)
- Departmental Needs (Strategic Planning) Committee (2013-2015)
- Budget/Travel Committee (2015-2017), chair (2017)
- Curriculum Committee (2012-2015)
- East Asia Search Committee, chair (2015-2016)
- Islamic World Search Committee, chair (2013-2014)
- U.S. Transnational Migration/Immigration Search Committee (2012-2013)
- Faculty "Brown Bag" Series, coordinator (2014-present)

■ Georgia State University, Atlanta (1998-2008)

University

- University Senate (presidential appointee, 2001-2002; elected member, 2002-2003)
- Academic Programs and Continuing Education—APACE (2002-2003)
 - Undergraduate Council, APACE sub-committee (2002-2003)
- Cultural Diversity Committee (2002-2003)

Faculty Affairs Committee (2001-2002)

Program in World History & Cultures

Program in World History and Cultures, founding director (2001-2008)

World History Committee, chair (2000-2008)

Southeast World History Association, Executive Secretary (2007-2008)

Local Arrangements Committee for the 2003 World History Association Conference, chair

Department of History

Executive Committee (twice elected: 1999-2001 and 2005-2007)

Undergraduate Studies Committee (2002-2003)

Graduate Studies Committee, *ex officio* (2002-2003), member (2005-2008)

Triennial Evaluation of the Chair Committee (2006)

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) External Review Committee (2007)

Visiting Lecturer Search Committee (2007)

Advisement Committee (2002-2003)

Promotion and Tenure I Committee (2004-2008)

Pre-Education Track and TEEMS Social Studies Coordinator (2001-2008)

South Asia/Indian Ocean World Search Committee (2006-2007)

Ancient Mediterranean/Near Eastern World Search Committee, chair (2004-2005)

Medieval Mediterranean/Classical Islamic World Search Committee, chair (2004-2005)

Ancient Mediterranean Search Committee (2002-2003)

Early Modern Europe Search Committee, two concurrent hires (1999-2000)

Freshman Studies Committee (1998-1999)

Advisory Committee in History (2001)

College of Arts & Sciences

Arts & Sciences Faculty Awards Committee (2005-2007)

Liaison to College of Education (COE)

Professional Education Faculty (PEF) (1998-2008)

Professional Education Committee (PEC) (1998-2008)

Curriculum Committee (1998-2006)

Diversity Committee (2006-2008)

STEP (Standards-Based Teacher Education Project, 1998-2000)

Social Sciences Sub-Committee of STEP (1998-2000)

Assessment Sub-Committee of STEP (1999-2000)

Social Studies liaison of the College of Arts and Sciences to the COE (2000-2008)

Department of History liaison to COE (1999-2008)

College of Arts and Sciences liaison to COE (1999-2000)

College of Education Search Committee, MSIT Department Social Science positions (2000, 2001)

TEEMS (accelerated M.Ed. program) Social Studies Interview Committees (1999-2003)