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Education

MLIS, Master of Library and Information Science | UCLA | expected 2027

- Concentration: Informatics
- Forthcoming Master's Thesis: "Is This Normal? How pregnancy tracking apps construct and reward a heteronormative, ableist model of fetal development and maternal health."

BA, Russian Studies with Minors in History and Asian Languages | UCLA | 2023

- Departmental Honors Thesis: "Chekhov's *Sakhalin Island*: A reimagination of the 19th century island space for carceral exile and colonial settlement", Supervisor: Professor Vadim Shneyder
- Graduated summa cum laude with departmental honors, College honors, Dean's honors and Latin honors

Fellowships

Marjorie S. Mardellis Fellowship, American Library Association (2025)

Kaleidoscope Scholar, Association of Research Libraries (2025-2027)

Employment

Program Coordinator | Center for European and Russian Studies | Sep 2023 - present

- Overseeing center operations and project management through event coordination, accounting, grant and fellowship administration support, website and social media maintenance, and campus outreach
- Providing comprehensive support to center leadership and affiliated faculty and collaborating with relevant centers, departments and universities to promote interdisciplinary research and area studies
- Advising students and researchers and coordinating enrollment, immigration and onboarding processes for visiting researchers and faculty

University Service

General Representative Voting Member | UCLA Committee on Disability | April 2025 - April 2027

- Voting member tasked with identifying problems, proposing solutions, and making recommendations on matters of particular concern to persons with disabilities at UCLA

Undergraduate Representative | J.E.D.I (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity) Board, UCSB

Germanic and Slavic Studies Department | March 2020 - June 2020

- Identifying and voicing concerns on behalf of undergraduate student body related to inclusivity and equity within the Department

Research

Departmental Honors Thesis, UCLA Department of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Languages and Cultures, “Chekhov’s Sakhalin Island: A reimagination of the 19th century island space for carceral exile and colonial settlement”, Advisor: Professor Vadim Shneyder. Submitted January 2023.

Senior Capstone Thesis for HIST191G: The People’s Republic of China, UCLA Department of History, “Identity Formation in the Korean Diaspora: Comparing *Koryosaram* in the USSR and *Chosŏnjok* in the PRC”, Advisor: Professor Andrea S. Goldman. Submitted June 2023.

Senior Capstone Thesis for HIST191C: The City in Eastern Europe, UCLA Department of History, “The Cremation Experiment: Soviet Crematoria and the Reconfiguration of Humanity through Death Rituals”, Advisor: Professor Miloš Jovanović. Submitted June 2023.

Presentations & Conferences

Presented “Chekhov’s *Sakhalin Island*: A reimagination of the 19th century island space for carceral exile and colonial settlement” at the 26th Annual UC Undergraduate Conference on Slavic and East/Central European Studies, UCLA, April 29, 2023

Presented “Chekhov’s *Sakhalin Island*: Exile as the Abandonment of Knowing” in the panel “19th Century Literature: Marginality and Geography” at the 24th Annual UC Undergraduate Conference on Slavic and East/Central European Studies, UCLA, Saturday, April 24, 2021

Honors and Awards

Bronze, Twenty Fourth Annual National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest, American Council of Teachers of Russian (May 2023)

Gold, Twenty Third Annual National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest, American Council of Teachers of Russian (May 2022)

Outstanding Service to the Slavic Program Award, UCSB (May 2021)

Post-Secondary Russian Scholar Laureate Award, American Council of Teachers of Russian (May 2021)

David D. Propp Memorial Scholarship in Outstanding Campus Leadership, UCSB (June 2020)

Slavic Department Award for Academic Excellence, UCSB (June 2020)

Skills

Front-End: HTML, CSS

Prototyping and Design: Figma, Canva, Adobe Creative Cloud

Accessibility: WCAG 2.1, NVDA, WAVE

Language: English, Russian (full professional proficiency)