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Education:

- 2022- Ph.D. Student, University of California, Santa Barbara
Modern European History, Comparative Race and Ethnicity
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Edgar
- 2016-2022 M.A., California State University, Long Beach
Modern European History, World History
M.A. Thesis: *Qoralash: Cotton, Corruption, and the Assault on Uzbek National Identity in the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, 1983-1991*
Advisor: Dr. Ali İğmen
- 2010-2013 B.A., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
History

Employment:

- 2023-Present Teaching Assistant
UC Santa Barbara, Department of History
- 2018-2021 Instructional Student Assistant – Writing Tutor
CSU Long Beach, Department of History
- 2017-Present Independent Writing Assistant and Editor

Publications:

- May 2020 Review of *Enemy Number One: The United States of America in Soviet Ideology and Propaganda* by Rósa Magnúsdóttir
The History Teacher 53, no. 3 (2020), 593-594
- 2014 “Echoes of a Dying State: Perestroika Propaganda in the Soviet Foreign Press”
The Forum: Journal of History 6 (2014), 89-115

Conference Presentations:

- 2023 “Children Martyred in Peaceful Times: The Recruit Murder Scandal and Glasnost’ Nationalism in Soviet Uzbekistan, 1989-1991”, Nation and Controversy in Late Soviet Central Asia, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 2023

- 2022 “Qoralash: The Uzbek Cotton Scandal and the 1980s Soviet Press Narrative of Uzbek Cultural Backwardness”, Scandals and Government Abuses in Soviet Period Central Asia, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 2022
- 2021 “Burying the Past, Growing the Future: Cotton Agriculture and the War on Feudalism in the Uzbek SSR, 1917-1941”, Looming Modernity: A History of Commodities in the Soviet Periphery, A World of Things World History Association of Texas, February 2021
- 2019 “Neighbor Killing Neighbor: Ethnic Violence in Central Asia, 1989-1991”, Riots, Strikes, and Conspiracies, CSU Long Beach, November 2019
- 2018 “White Gold, Red Banner: Cotton and Identity Construction in the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, 1924-1991”, CSULB Graduate Research Conference, CSU Long Beach, November 2018
- 2018 “Out with the Old, in with the Older: Gorbachev’s Reforms and Restructuring Memories of Lenin and Stalin, 1985-1991”, CSULB History Graduate Student Association Conference, CSU Long Beach, October 2018

Invited Lectures:

- 2023 “Russian Gastronationalism”
Presented to Dr. Lisa Jacobson’s HIST-193F, UC Santa Barbara
- 2023 “The Social and Economic Origins of the Salem Witch Trials”
Presented to C. McCombs’s HIST-172, CSU Long Beach
- 2020 “Why Study Central Eurasian History?”
Presented to Dr. Ali İğmen’s HIST-440, CSU Long Beach
- 2020 CESSI Student Alumni Panel
University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2019 “Dividing the Fergana Valley, 1924-1930”
Presented to Dr. Ali İğmen’s HIST-418, CSU Long Beach
- 2019 “Interpreting Visual Sources in History”
Presented to Dr. Michiko Takeuchi’s HIST-101, CSU Long Beach
- 2018 “The Uighur Muslim Tragedy”
CSU Long Beach Muslim Student Association’s *Human Rights Week*
- 2017 “The Soviet Delimitation of Central Asia”
Presented to Dr. Ali İğmen’s HIST-418, CSU Long Beach

Academic Activities:

2023-2024	UC Santa Barbara History Graduate Student Association Chair for Social Affairs
2022-2023	UC Santa Barbara History Graduate Student Association Secretary
2019	CSU Long Beach History Graduate Student Association President
2018-2019	CSU Long Beach College of Liberal Arts Graduate Council Student Representative
2018	CSU Long Beach History Graduate Student Association Vice President
2015-2017	CSU Long Beach Russian Club President
2012-2013	<i>The Forum: Journal of History</i> California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Executive Editor

Internships:

2016-2017	Wende Museum of the Cold War Collections Intern
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Awards and Fellowships:

2022	UC Santa Barbara Graduate Fellowship
2021	US State Department, Title VIII Fellowship Arizona State University, Critical Languages Institute Intermediate Uzbek
2019	US Department of Education, FLAS Scholarship University of Wisconsin, Madison Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute Elementary Tajik
2018	US State Department, Title VIII Fellowship Arizona State University, Critical Languages Institute Elementary Uzbek
2016	CSU Long Beach Romance, German, and Russian Languages and Literatures Department Russian Program Scholarship

Languages:

English - Native Speaker

Russian - Advanced

Uzbek - Intermediate

Tajik - Elementary