

# ANDREA SERNA

## Curriculum Vitae

UC-Santa Barbara  
Department of History

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Soviet Central Asian History, UC Santa Barbara *Anticipated: June 2026*  
Dissertation: "Border Bartering: Soviet Nationalities Policies and NEP in Central Asia's  
Bazaars, Fairs, and Markets" (tentative)  
Supervisor: Dr. Adrienne Edgar

M.A., Modern Russian History & Modern Middle East History, December 2014  
CSU Los Angeles

B.A., History, UC Santa Barbara September 2009

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, UC Santa Barbara April 2021 – current

- Currently teaching three sections of 18 or more students each in a seminar format. This includes lesson planning, facilitating discussion, writing guidance, and grading exams and essays.
- Courses Taught: Modern European History 1650-present (5 quarters); Medieval & Early Modern Europe (1 quarter); Ancient World History to 1000 (1 quarter); World History History 1000-1700 (1 quarter); History of the Present (1 quarter); Early American History 1600-1860 (1 quarter).

### OTHER ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Student Researcher** - Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research, UC Santa Barbara Sept 2021 - current

- Coordinated and compiled the digital archive for the Fossil Free UC Campaign, in conjunction with UCSB's Davidson Library.
- Designed and conducted oral history interviews; also recorded, transcribed and tagged interview data
- Co-curated an exhibit featuring the Fossil Free UC campaign's history at Davidson Library (opened November 2023).

**Reader** - Department of History, UC Santa Barbara Jan - Mar 2023 & Apr - June 2024

- Graded essays, exams, and fieldwork for seminar of 150 students.

## OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

**Executive Assistant; Events & Programs Coordinator** – Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council July 2016 - May 2019

- Census data analysis and research for demographic reports tracking local economic trends, specifically relating to minority-owned businesses.
- Created presentations for CEO's speaking engagements based on research.
- Generated research reports for business development programming.

**Museum Visitor Services** – Los Angeles Police Museum Sept 2015 - Apr 2016

- Managed visitor services desk.
- Supervised daily opening and closing procedures.
- Archival projects – cataloging, rehousing, minor repair work, condition reports.

**Student Worker** – LA Harbor Department Historical Archives June 2013 - Sep 2015

- Processed historical documents collections – cataloging, rehousing, and producing digital scans.
- Digitized delicate historical negatives and photographs.
- Completed public and internal research requests.
- Curated in-house exhibition – “Changing Tides: Women Workers at the Port of Los Angeles”
- Researched topics of public interest and wrote articles for the Port's history blog – portlaarchives.com.

**Research Assistant** – LA Harbor Department Historical Archives Sep 2013- May 2014

- Archival research for book project: Dr. Geraldine Knatz and Naomi Hirahara, *Terminal Island: The Lost Communities of Los Angeles Harbor* (Los Angeles: Angel City Press, 2015)
- Copy editing.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“‘Russian Minority’ to ‘Kazakhstani’: The Post-Soviet Status of Kazakhstan’s Russians,” Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity, CSU Los Angeles. May 2014

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Title VIII Fellowship - Combined Research & Language, American Councils (Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan)	2025
Title VIII Fellowship - Uzbek Language Workshop, Indiana University	2023
Title VIII Fellowship - Russian Language, ASU - Melikian Center CLI	2022
Title VIII Fellowship - Russian Language, ASU - Melikian Center CLI	2021
Howard Starret Memorial Award, College of Arts and Letters, CSU Los Angeles	2014

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

Vice President of Communications, UCSB History Graduate Students Association  
Secretary, UCSB History Graduate Students Association

2022/23  
2021/22