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### Education:

Yale University: Ph.D. (2006), M. Phil. (2003), and M.A. (2002) in Economics  
Dissertation: *Communal Institutions, Resource Allocation, and Russian Economic Development: 1861-1905*

Winner of the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize (Best Dissertation in Non-North American Economic History), Economic History Association, 2007

St. Petersburg Pedagogical University: Certificate in Russian Language (2003)

Northwestern University: B.A. (2000) in Economics and History  
*Magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and Departmental Honors (Economics)

### Position

Assistant Professor of Economics, Williams College, 2006 –

### Previous Positions

Visiting Associate in Economics, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, 2009-2010

Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, Yale University, 2002-2004, 2006

Research Assistant, Carolyn Moehling, Department of Economics, Yale University, 2002

### Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

NSF Sub-Contract, “Global Price and Income History – Phase III” (2010-2011)

Class of 1945 World Fellowship, Williams College, 2009-2010

Hellman Fellowship, Williams College, 2009-2010

Associate, Summer Research Laboratory, Russia, East European, and Eurasian Center of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009 and 2010

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Kennan Institute Short-Term Research Grant, 2008

Early Career Travel Grant, British Academy, 2008

Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association, 2005

Advanced Research Fellowship, U.S. Department of State, Program for

Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII), 2004

## Research Publications

“Did Ivan’s Vote Matter? The Case of the *Zemstvo* in Tsarist Russia,” *European Review of Economic History*, (2011, forthcoming)

“Peasant Communes and Factor Markets in Late Nineteenth-Century Russia,” *Explorations in Economic History* 47.4 (2010): 381-402.

“Communal Institutions, Resource Allocation, and Russian Economic Development: 1861-1905,” *The Journal of Economic History* (June 2008): 570-575.

## Working and Submitted Papers

“Communal Property Rights and Land Redistributions in Late-Tsarist Russia,” Revise and re-submit [revision under review], *The Journal of Economic History*

“Micro Perspectives on Russian Living Standards, 1750-1917,” (with Tracy Dennison), under review, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*

“Big BRICs, Weak Foundations: The Beginnings of Public Primary Education in Brazil, Russia, India, and China, 1880-1930,” (with Latika Chaudhary, Aldo Musacchio, and Se Yan), under review, *Explorations in Economic History*

“Serfdom, Emancipation, and Off-Farm Labor Mobility in Russia, 1861-1900,” Under review, *Economic History of Developing Regions*

“The Political Economy of Rural Primary Education in Tsarist Russia,” under final revision for submission to *The Journal of Economic History*

“Russian Inequality on the Eve of Revolution” (with Peter Lindert), Working paper, 2011

## Research in Progress

“What Did *Zemstva* Do? Local Government Activity in Tsarist Russia”

“Peasants and Politicians: Agricultural Change and Rural Political Institutions in Nizhnii Novgorod Province, 1861-1906” [accepted as book chapter in Ellen Hillbom and Patrick Svensson, *Agricultural Transformation in a Global History Perspective*, under contract for publication with Routledge Press, 2012]

“Why Don’t Peasants Pay Their Taxes? Evidence from Tsarist Russia”

“Inequality in Russian History” (with Tracy Dennison, Igor Fedyukin, and Peter Lindert)

“Emancipation, Capital Ownership, and Property Rights Reform in Imperial Russia” (with Quamrul Ashraf)

“Serfdom, Emancipation, and Economic Development in Tsarist Russia”

“Land Inequality and Economic Development in Tsarist Russia”

“An Economic Interpretation of the Emergence of Modern Education in China”  
(tentative title; with Se Yan and Hanhui Guan)

“Corporate Form, Capital Structure, and Economic Development in Late-Tsarist  
Russia” (tentative title; with Amanda Gregg)

### **Other Publications**

“Land Redistributions and the Russian Peasant Commune in the Nineteenth Century,”  
Conference Program, The Economic History Society Annual Conference,  
University of Exeter, March 30 – April 1, 2007, 33-38.

Book Review: Thomas C. Owen, *Dilemmas of Russian Capitalism: Fedor Chizhov and  
Corporate Enterprise in the Railroad Age*. EH.Net Economic History Services, June  
2005. [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/dilemmas-russian-capitalism-fedor-chizhov-  
and-corporate-enterprise-railroad-age](http://eh.net/book_reviews/dilemmas-russian-capitalism-fedor-chizhov-and-corporate-enterprise-railroad-age)

Book Review: Grigory Ioffe, Tatyana Nefedova, and Ilya Zaslavsky, The End of  
Peasantry? The Disintegration of Rural Russia, *Journal of Regional Science* 47.4  
(2007): 848-850.

Book Review: Stephen F. Williams, *Liberal Reform in an Illiberal Regime: The Creation of Private  
Property in Russia, 1906-1915*. EH.Net Economic History Services, July 2007.  
[http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/liberal-reform-illiberal-regime-creation-private-  
property-russia-1906-1915](http://eh.net/book_reviews/liberal-reform-illiberal-regime-creation-private-property-russia-1906-1915)

Book Review: Robert Service, Comrades! A History of World Communism, *Journal of  
Economic Literature* (June 2008)

Book Review: Mark Harrison (editor), *Guns and Rubles: The Defense Industry in the  
Stalinist State*." EH.Net Economic History Services, December 2008.  
[http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/guns-and-rubles-defense-industry-stalinist-state](http://eh.net/book_reviews/guns-and-rubles-defense-industry-stalinist-state)

### **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

- 2006: Yale University, University of Essex, Williams College, University of York,  
Cliometric Society conference, University of British Columbia
- 2007: Economic History Society meetings, Economic History Association meetings,  
European Historical Economics Society meetings, Social Science History  
Association meetings, Williams College, Binghamton University
- 2008: Harvard University, Canadian Network for Economic History conference, All-  
University of California Economic History Conference, World Cliometric  
Conference, Economic History Association meetings, Yale University, Queen's  
University, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies conference
- 2009: Allied Social Science Association meetings, Economic History Society meetings,  
Columbia University, World Economic History Congress, UC Davis
- 2010: UCLA, Stanford University, UC Irvine, New Economic School (Moscow), XI  
International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development (Higher  
School of Economics, Moscow), Economic History Association meetings, U Mass –  
Amherst, Wesleyan University, Washington Area Economic History Seminar,  
*European Review of Economic History* Fast Track meeting

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- 2011: ESF / Global Price and Income History Conference (Venice, Italy), Economic History Society conference (Cambridge, England), Harvard University (scheduled), University of Pennsylvania (scheduled), “The Quantitative Economic History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century” conference (Groningen, Netherlands – invited but declined)
- 2012: World Economic History Congress (scheduled)

### **Courses Taught**

Principles of Macroeconomics (Williams College)  
American Economic History (Williams College)  
European Economic History (Williams College)  
Global Economic History (Williams College, tutorial format)  
The Economic Crisis in Eastern Europe (Williams College, independent study)

### **College and Department Service**

Faculty Program Director, Currier Neighborhood, Williams College, 2010-

Organizer, Mellon 23 Workshop, “Economic History and Development: Common Insights,” October 2010, Williams College

Advisor, Mellon-WCURF Fellow Felix Owusu (2009-2011)

Member, Williams College Athletic Committee, 2007-2009

Transfer Credit and Study Abroad Coordinator, Department of Economics, Williams College, 2011-

Curriculum Committee, Department of Economics, Williams College, 2011

Faculty Hiring Committee, Department of Economics, Williams College, 2008-9

Postgraduate Advisor, Department of Economics, 2007-8

Thesis Advisor, Program in Political Economy, Williams College: Kyle Victor (2010-2011)

Second Reader on Theses, Department of Economics Williams College: Laurence Dworkin (2007), Joseph Song (2008), T. Sam Jensen (2011)

### **Professional Service**

External Referee, Masters Degree Program, New Economic School of Moscow, 2009 and 2010

Co-organizer of session “The Comparative History of Paying for Public Goods,” World Economic History Congress, Utrecht, Netherlands, August 2009

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Workshop organizer, “Tips for the Academic Job Market” for the Economic History Association Meetings, September 2007

Refereeing: *The Journal of Economic History*, *Russian Review*, *Explorations in Economic History*, John Wiley & Sons Academic Press, Routledge Press, Worth Publishers

Invited Attendee / Session Chair / Paper Discussant: Social Science History Association meetings (2007), Cliometric Society meetings (2010), Economic History Association meetings (2009 and 2011), International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development (2010), Economic History Society Meetings (2011), Program in Economic History conference, “Before and Beyond Europe: Economic Change in Historical Perspective,” Yale University (2011), NBER Summer Institute Development of the American Economy workshop (2011)

Member: American Economic Association, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Cliometric Society, European Historical Economics Society