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**EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts Candidate in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies**

August 2023-Present

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, USA

Expected graduation: June 2025

**Honours Bachelor of Arts** September 2020-May 2023

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Majors: European Affairs, Slavic Languages and Cultures: Russian

Degree conferred June 2023, High Honors

**Middlebury College Summer Language School** June-August 2022

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, USA

Language Studied: Russian

**Advanced Education (enrollment in university-level courses while in high school)**  August 2018-May 2020

American River College, Sacramento, CA, USA

Disciplines Studied: Political Science and Russian Language

**Relevant Coursework (Completed)**

SLA312: Nabokov, University of Toronto, Winter 2023. Grade Achieved: A

SLA320: Advanced Russian, University of Toronto, Fall-Winter 2021/22. Grade Achieved: A+

SLA321: Conversational Russian, University of Toronto, Winter 2022. Grade Achieved: A+

SLA345: Russian Modernism, University of Toronto, Fall 2022. Grade Achieved: A

SLA367: Chekhov, University of Toronto, Winter 2023. Grade Achieved: A

SLA415: Studies in Russian Literature of the 18th Century, University of Toronto, Fall 2022. Grade Achieved: A

POL359: The European Union and Its Applicants, University of Toronto, Winter 2022. Grade Achieved: A

Middlebury College Summer Language School in Russian, Level 7, Middlebury College, Summer 2022. Grade Achieved: A-

EUR498: Special Topics in European Affairs: European Union, University of Toronto, Fall 2022. Grade Achieved: A-

JSH300: Literature and History in Russia, University of Toronto, Winter 2023. Grade Achieved: A

HIS351: History of 20th Century Russia, University of Toronto, Winter 2023. Grade Achieved: A

HIS439: Russia’s Empire, University of Toronto, Winter 2023. Grade Achieved: B+

**Relevant Coursework (In Progress)**

HIST462: Soviet Union Since 1917, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2023

REES550: Seminar in REEE Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2023

RUSS512: Russian Literature 1855-1905, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2023

**RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

**Topics of Interests**

* Portrayal of non-Russian ethnicities and nationalities in Russian-language media
* The Caucasus in Russian literary imagination
* Fin-du-siècle literature
* The integration of post-Soviet states into the EU and NATO
* The Cold War in Iceland

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Portrayal of Circassians in Russian Literature From 1820 to 1850: Why Exoticism is Harmful,” Trinity College Undergraduate Research Conference. Trinity College, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, March 2022.

“The Literary and Military Conquest of the Caucasus: ‘The Captive of the Caucasus’ and *A Hero of Our Time* as a Mirror of the Caucasian War of 1817-1864,” Midwest Slavic Conference. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, March 2023.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Assistant**

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, USA

August 2023-Present

Relevant Skills and Experience:

* Designing and implementing curricula relating to Eastern Europe and Eurasia
* Updating and developing website content, social media posts, and promotional materials
* Computer literacy (Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe)
* Preparing for public events
* Indexing and assessing archival materials in Russian
* Primary source research in Russian

**Student Library Assistant**

John W. Graham Library, Trinity College, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

September 2022-May 2023

Relevant Skills and Experience

* Teamwork, collaboration, and problem-solving
* Customer service and business awareness
* Training in library cataloguing systems, research assistance, and technical troubleshooting
* Enforcement of library and university regulations and policies
* Organizing and indexing library materials

**Undergraduate Research Assistant-Digital Dostoevsky**

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

May 2022-May 2023

Relevant Skills and Experience

* Training and work in XML-TEI encoding
* Teamwork, collaboration, and problem-solving
* Effective time management and multi-tasking
* Effective communication in multiple languages
* Close analysis of written material in Russian
* Metadata production

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**Russian**: Advanced Low-Mid (ACTFL), C1 (CEFR), ТРКИ-2

**Ukrainian**: Intermediate Mid (ACTFL), B1 (CEFR)

**French**: Intermediate Low (ACTFL), A2.5 (CEFR)

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**U.S. Department of Education Title VI FLAS Fellowship for Study of Ukrainian (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)**

Academic Year 2023-24

Supports graduate study in modern foreign languages in combination with area studies, international studies, or international or area aspects of professional studies.

**Ivan Franko Scholarship in Ukrainian Language and Literatures (University of Toronto)**

December 2022

Awarded for the 2021-22 academic year to the student who has achieved the highest A grade in any undergraduate course in Ukrainian language or literature.

**Dr. Sergiy and Tetyana Kryvoruchko Undergraduate Award in Ukrainian Studies (University of Toronto)** December 2022

Awarded for the 2021-22 academic year, on the basis of academic merit, to full-time undergraduate students in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

**Jackman Scholars-in-Residence Undergraduate Award (University of Toronto)** May 2022

Awarded to students for successful completion of the Jackman Scholars-in-Residence program.

**Dean’s List Scholar** September 2021

This designation is given at the end of the Fall/Winter Session and/or Summer Session to Faculty of Arts & Science degree students who complete their fifth, tenth, fifteenth, or twentieth degree credits in the Faculty and obtain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 or higher.

**University of Toronto International Scholar Award** January 2020

Offered upon admission to selected International students on the basis of merit.

**University of Toronto Scholar in the Faculty of Arts and Science** January 2020

Provides recognition to the University’s outstanding students, at admission and on an on-going basis.