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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022-present	Assistant Professor of History, Northwestern University
2021-2022	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (Seahawk) Assistant Professor of History, St. Mary's College of Maryland
2018-2022	Assistant Professor of History, St. Mary's College of Maryland
2017-2018	Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, Cornell University, Society for the Humanities and Department of Asian Studies

EDUCATION

2016	Ph.D., Harvard University, Inner Asian and Altaic Studies
2010	M.A., Indiana University, Central Eurasian Studies
2007	B.A., University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

God Save the USSR: Soviet Muslims and the Second World War. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.

- *A Foreign Affairs* “Best Book of 2022”
- Arabic translation: *Hafiz Allah al-ittihad al-sufieti: al-muslimun al-sufiet va al-harb al-‘alamiya al-thaniya*. Translated by Muhammad Salah Ali. Cairo: Madarat, 2022.

Slavery and Empire in Central Asia. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018; paperback 2020.

- Finalist for the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Book Award

Warrior Saints of the Silk Road: Legends of the Qarakhanids. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

The Life of Muhammad Sharif: A Central Asian Sufi Hagiography in Chaghatay. Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, 2015.

Edited Volumes

From the Khan's Oven: Studies on the History of Central Asian Religions in Honor of Devin DeWeese. Co-edited with Eren Tasar and Allen J. Frank. Leiden: Brill, 2021.

Beyond Modernism: Rethinking Cultural Change in Muslim Eurasia (19th-20th Centuries). Co-edited with Devin DeWeese and Paolo Sartori. Double theme-issue of the *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 59/1-2 (2016).

Refereed Journal Articles and Chapters

“Anatomy of a Caravan Raid: Peril and Possibility in the Kazakh Steppe, 1800-1860.” *Journal of Central Asian History*, forthcoming.

“The Legacy of a Far-Right Orientalist for the Study of the Uyghurs: The Making of the Jarring Collection.” *positions*, forthcoming.

“Saints, Lost and Found: The Discovery of Sacred Graves in Sufi Hagiography (With a Translation of the Legend of the Seven Muhammads).” In *From the Khan's Oven: Studies on the History of Central Asian Religions in Honor of Devin DeWeese*, edited by Eren Tasar, Allen J. Frank, and Jeff Eden, pp. 212-236. Leiden: Brill, 2021.

“Did Ibn Sa‘ud’s Militants Cause 400,000 Casualties? Myths and Evidence about the Wahhabi Conquests, 1902- 1925.” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 46/4 (2019), 519-534.

“Slavery in Islamic Central Asia.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*. Ed. David Ludden. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019, 21pp.

“Beyond the Bazaars: Geographies of the Slave Trade in Central Asia.” *Modern Asian Studies* 51/4 (2017), 919-955.

“A Soviet Jihad against Hitler: Ishan Babakhan Calls Central Asian Muslims to War.” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 59/1-2 (2016), 237-264.

“Moving Beyond Modernism: Rethinking Cultural Change in Muslim Eurasia (19th-20th Centuries).” With Devin DeWeese and Paolo Sartori. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 59/1-2 (2016), 1-36.

“A Persian Captive’s Guide to Khiva: Esmā‘il Mir-Panja’s Satirical Recollections.” *Journal of Persianate Studies* 9 (2016), 205-227.

“A Sufi Saint in Sixteenth-Century East Turkistan: New Evidence Concerning the Life of Khwāja Ishāq.” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 25/2 (April, 2015), 229-245.

“‘The First that Ever Burst, etc.’: William Bateson in the Steppe, 1886-1887.” *Studies in Travel Writing* 17/1 (2013), 1-21.

Book Reviews

Marlene Laruelle, *Central Peripheries: Nationhood in Central Asia* (London: UCL Press, 2021). *Foreign Affairs* 101/6 (Nov.-Dec. 2022).

David Brophy, *In Remembrance of the Saints: The Rise and Fall of an Inner Asian Sufi Dynasty* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2021). *Journal of Islamic Studies*, forthcoming.

“Featured Review”: Eren Tasar, *Soviet and Muslim: The Institutionalization of Islam in Central Asia* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017). *American Historical Review* 126/2 (2021), 748-751.

Shoshana Keller, *Russia and Central Asia: Coexistence, Conquest, Convergence* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2020). *Journal of Asian Studies*, 80/3 (2021), pp. 831-832.

Bayram Balci, *Islam in Central Asia and the Caucasus Since the Fall of the Soviet Union* (London: Hurst & Company, 2018). *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 31/3 (2020), 416-418.

Scott C. Levi, *The Rise and Fall of Khoqand, 1709-1876: Central Asia in the Global Age* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017). *Slavic Review* 77/4 (2019), 1053-1054.

James H. Meyer, *Turks across Empires: Marketing Muslim Identity in the Russian-Ottoman Borderlands, 1856-1914* (Oxford University Press, 2014). *Slavonic and East European Review* 96/2 (2018), 366-68.

Nile Green, ed., *Writing Travel in Central Asian History* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2014). *Journal of Asian Studies* 75/2 (2016), 521-22.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Hagiography in Central Asia.” *Encyclopedia of Islam*, Third Edition (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 47-49.

“Hafiz.” *Islam: A Worldwide Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2016), Vol. 2, 544-46.

“al-Hallaj, Husayn Ibn Mansur.” *Islam: A Worldwide Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2016), Vol. 2, 555-557.

HONORS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Oxford University Press and Bookshop.org’s “Best Books of 2022”
(<https://bookshop.org/lists/the-best-books-of-2022-46e8659f-69ca-473b-9fcc-2bd6b187cb15>): *God Save the USSR*
- 2022 Oxford University Press’ “Best of History” Collection, 2021
(<https://academic.oup.com/journals/pages/best-of-history>): *God Save the USSR*
- 2022 *Choice* Editor’s Pick: Top Community College Titles (*God Save the USSR*)
- 2021-22 *Pandion haliaetus* (Seahawk Honorary) Professorship, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- 2020 Faculty Development Grant, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- 2019 Finalist, Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Book Award
- 2019 Student Club Advisor of the Year, awarded by the Student Government Association of St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- 2018-2019 Faculty Development Grant, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- 2017-2018 Mellon Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2015-16 Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2014 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University (course: “Understanding the Middle East: 1800s to the Present”)
- 2013 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University (course: “Chocolate, Culture, and the Politics of Food”)
- 2013 SSRC (Social Science Research Council) Eurasia Program Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
- 2012 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University (course: “Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies”)
- 2012 VolkswagenStiftung Funded Studentship, Workshop on the Social History of Central Asia, Institute of Iranian Studies, Vienna, Austria

- 2011 Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) Summer School Tuition Fellowship (for Advanced Russian)
- 2011 Merle Fainsod Prize, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
- 2009-10 Academic Year Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, Indiana University
- 2009 Recruitment Fellowship, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, 2022-present

- “Russian Revolutions”
- “Silk Road Empires: A History of Central Eurasia”
- “The Soviet Union”
- “The History of History” (First-Year Seminar)

ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND, 2018-2022

- “Russia in the Age of Putin”
- “At Home in the Soviet Union”
- “Modern Central Asia”
- “The Soviet Union”
- “Beyond the Iron Curtain: Modern Eastern Europe”
- “Silk Road Empires: A History of Central Eurasia”
- “Russian Civilization”
- “Russian and Soviet Cinema”
- “The Twentieth-Century World”
- “History of the Modern World (from 1500)”
- “Theories and Uses of History”

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, 2017-2018

- “Modern Central Asia: An Introduction”
- “Muslims on the Silk Road”

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY, 2016-2017

- “Understanding the Modern Middle East”
- “Russia to 1917”
- “The Soviet Union”

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK, 2017

- “Muslims on the Silk Road: Medieval and Early Modern Culture between China and the Caspian Sea”

HARVARDX (edX Online), 2016
Teaching Fellow, “Islam through its Scriptures”

HARVARD EXTENSION SCHOOL (Online/Distance Education), 2014-2017
Teaching Fellow, “Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies”
Teaching Fellow, “Bodies and Sexualities in the Medieval Middle East”

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 2012-2014
Teaching Fellow, “Understanding Modern Middle Eastern History through Literature”
Teaching Fellow, “Islam, Modernity and Politics”
Teaching Fellow, “Understanding the Middle East: 1800s to the Present”
Teaching Fellow, “Chocolate, Culture, and the Politics of Food”
Teaching Fellow, “Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies”

Teaching Awards

Student Club Advisor of the Year. Awarded by the Student Government Association of St. Mary’s College of Maryland, 2018-2019.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. Derek Bok Center, Harvard University (awarded 2012, 2013, 2014).

PAPERS PRESENTED

Invited Lectures and Invited Workshop / Symposium Papers

“The Storm Before the Storm: Russia’s ‘Wild East’ Era.” Northwestern International Students Association (ISA) Invited Lecture, Evanston, Illinois, March 3rd, 2023.

“God Save the USSR” (Book Talk). Central Asia Working Group, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 13th, 2022.

“How Persian Slaves Freed Themselves in Nineteenth-Century Central Asia.” Near Eastern Studies Seminar Series, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February 28th, 2022.

“Soviet Muslims and the Second World War.” Russian Studies Seminar, Friedrich–Alexander University Erlangen–Nürnberg, Erlangen, Germany, June 16th, 2021.

“Wonderful Legends of the Qarakhanids: The Bughra Khan Narrative Cycle.” Qarakhanids Unearthed Webinar, Washington University in St. Louis, May 25th, 2021.

“Praying with Stalin: Soviet Muslims, State Propaganda, and the Second World War.” Department of History (Middle East Studies), University of Maryland, College Park, April 30th, 2021.

“Slavery and Emancipation in Nineteenth-Century Central Asia.” Havighurst Center for Russian

and Post-Soviet Studies, Havighurst Colloquia Series, Miami University, October 5th, 2020.

“Paths to Freedom in Nineteenth-Century Central Asia.” The Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies (CSEES), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, September 16th, 2020.

“How the Slaves Freed Themselves: Two Case-Studies from Central Asia.” Comparative Muslim Societies Seminar Series, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, October 21st, 2019.

“A Saint and His Magical Pot.” Cultures of Documentation in Persianate Eurasia (15th-19th Centuries), Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, June 6th, 2019.

“From the Archives of Sanctity to the Archives of Sweden: The Jarring Collection and the Study of East Turkistan’s Hagiographies.” Cultures of Documentation in Persianate Eurasia (15th-19th Centuries), Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, June 3rd, 2019.

“How the Slaves Freed Themselves: Two Case-Studies from Central Asia.” Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park, March 13th, 2019.

“Slavery and Islamic Law in Central Asia.” Slavery, Liberation, and Islamic Law in the Middle East and Beyond (symposium), Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, October 5th, 2018.

“The Khivan Slave Uprising of 1873 and the Myth of Russian Abolitionism in Central Asia.” Faculty Lecture Series, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, September 28th, 2018.

“How the Slaves Freed Themselves: Two Case-Studies from Central Asia.” New Perspectives on Slavery: The Ottoman Empire (workshop), University of Bonn, Germany, June 29th, 2018.

“Fugitive Slaves and the Sowing of the Steppe Frontier.” Knowledge and Technology: Production, Transfer, Circulation (workshop), European University, St. Petersburg, Russia, November 13th. 2015.

“Beyond the Bazaars: Geographies of the Slave Trade in Central Asia.” On Khorezmian Connectivity: Space, Mobility, Imagination (workshop), Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, October 9th-10th, 2014.

“Islam and Politics in Afghanistan: Taliban Alliances Reconsidered.” Guest lecture, “Islam, Modernity and Politics” (graduate seminar). November 22, 2013.

Conference Papers and Participation at Professional Meetings

“Gunnar Jarring Revisited, Or: How I Will Lose Copying Privileges in Lund.” Association for Central Eurasian Studies (ACES) Conference, Indiana University – Bloomington, February 23rd, 2023.

“How the Slaves of Khiva Freed Themselves.” Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference (Zoom edition), March 24th, 2021.

Author-Critic forum (chair): Eren Tasar, *Soviet and Muslim: The Institutionalization of Islam in Central Asia*, Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, George Washington University, October 13th, 2019.

“The Khivan Slave Uprising of 1873.” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Conference, Boston, December 8th, 2018.

“Soviet Bureaucrats Bewildered: Enforcing Soviet Religious Policy after the Second World War.” Perceiving the Past, Representing the Present (workshop), Cornell University, April 12th, 2018.

“Teaching Stalin to Pray: Muslim Patriotism and Soviet Propaganda in Wartime.” Bret de Bary Interdisciplinary Mellon Working Group, Cornell University, November 30th, 2017.

“Slaves into Serfs: Bondage and Manumission along the Steppe Frontier.” 16th Annual Conference, Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), George Washington University, October 17th, 2015.

“A Soviet Jihad against Hitler: Ishan Babakhan Calls Central Asian Muslims to War.” Beyond Islamic Modernism: Reassessing Cultural Change among the Muslim Communities of Central Asia, Russia, and Western China, 19th-20th Centuries (conference), Harvard University, April 26th-27th, 2014.

“Tamerlane’s Master in China (and Beyond): Toward a New Cultural Map of Sufism in Central, South and East Asia.” Reconstructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia Conference, York Center for Asian Research (YCAR), York University, Toronto, Ontario, April 26-27, 2013.

“The Rise of Islamic Institutions in Central Asia: What’s wrong with the ‘Royal Patron’ Model?” Central Eurasia Working Group, Harvard University, April 11, 2013.

“Towards a New Social History of 19th and Early 20th Century Central Asia” (workshop), Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, September 3-7, 2012.

“A Cache of Islamic Tax Documents in the Harvard University Archives: Materials for the Study of Shrines and State Patronage in Central Asia.” Working Group on Central Asia and the Caucasus, Harvard University, February 13, 2012.

“The First that Ever Burst, etc.: William Bateson in the Steppe, 1886-1887.” 17th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, March 6, 2010.

“Toward a New Conception of Islam in Contemporary Central Asia: A Critique of Common Approaches.” New Voices in Academia Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, March 27, 2009. (Finalist for Best Graduate Student Paper award).

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Events Organized

Conference: “Beyond Islamic Modernism: Reassessing Cultural Change among the Muslim Communities of Central Asia, Russia, and Western China (19th-20th Centuries),” Harvard University, April 26th-27th, 2014.

Lecture and Q&A: “China's Mass Internment of the Uyghurs” with Rian Thum. Sponsored by the SMCM Program on Asian Studies, the Center for the Study of Democracy, and the Department of History. March 26th, 2021.

Media Appearances and Consultancy

God Save the USSR featured in the *Daily Northwestern*, January 26th, 2023 (<https://dailynorthwestern.com/2023/01/26/lateststories/history-prof-jeff-edens-book-named-one-of-foreign-affairs-best-books-of-2022/>)

God Save the USSR (Arabic translation) selected by *Mada* as a nominee for the best books of the 2023 Cairo Book Fair (www.madamasr.com), in Arabic)

God Save the USSR (Arabic translation) featured on <https://www.ultrasawt.com> (in Arabic)

God Save the USSR featured on the Campaign for the American Reader Blog, April 27th, 2021: <http://americareads.blogspot.com/2021/04/pg-99-jeff-edens-god-save-ussr.html>

God Save the USSR featured on the Page 99 Test Blog, April 27th, 2021: <http://page99test.blogspot.com/2021/04/jeff-edens-god-save-ussr.html>

Member Spotlight Interview: Association for Slavic, East European, and Asian Studies (ASEEES), April, 2021 (<https://www.aseees.org/about/jeff-eden>).

Featured and interviewed on the Cornell University Society for the Humanities Blog, April 9th, 2021 (<https://societyhumanities.as.cornell.edu/jeff-eden-god-save-USSR>).

My event on Uyghur internment featured on *Radio Free Asia* (Uyghur), March 31st, 2021 (<https://www.rfa.org/uyghur/xewerler/uyghur-weziyiti-03312021171759.html>).

Interview: “Crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh” with host Katherine Bang on “Morning Wave in Busan,” Be-FM 90.5 Busan, South Korea, October 28th, 2020
(http://befm.or.kr/program/template.php?midx=89&pg=morning&cn=morning_sp&mode=view&page=1&intnum=26194).

Featured and interviewed in a two-part “profile” on *Radio Free Asia* (Uyghur), March 9th, 2020
(Part 1: <https://www.rfa.org/uyghur/xewerler/yipek-yoli-03092020150253.html>; Part 2: <https://www.rfa.org/uyghur/xewerler/uyghur-mesilisi-03162020193857.html>)

Featured author interview on the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Blog, October 10th, 2019: <http://theCESSblog.com/2019/10/author-interview-slavery-and-empire-in-central-asia-by-jeff-eden-st-marys-college-of-maryland/>

Interviewed and featured in the article, “Confrontos entre Armênia e Azerbaijão envolvem disputa territorial antiga no Cáucaso; saiba mais,” *GI / Globo*, Brazil, September 28th, 2020
(<https://g1.globo.com/mundo/noticia/2020/09/28/confrontos-entre-armenia-e-azerbaijao-envolvem-disputa-territorial-antiga-no-caucaso-saiba-mais.ghtml>)

Interviewed for the article, “Leis aprovadas no interior de SP levam Itamaraty a alertar cidades sobre mal-estar com o Azerbaijão,” *GI / Globo*, Brazil, February 1st, 2019
(<https://g1.globo.com/mundo/noticia/2019/02/01/leis-aprovadas-no-interior-de-sp-levam-itamaraty-a-alertar-cidades-sobre-mal-estar-com-o-azerbaijao.ghtml>)

Featured and interviewed on *Radio Free Asia* (Uyghur), November 7th, 2015
(<http://www.rfa.org/uyghur/xewerler/medeniyet-tarix/uyghur-tarixi-xoja-muhemmed-sherif-11062015214607.html>)

Interviewed on *Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty* (Russian and Tatar), April 29th, 2014
(<https://www.azatliq.org/a/25366680.html>)

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLISHERS

Central Eurasian Studies Society

Book Award Committee Judge: CESS Book Award, 2020

Conference Committee Member, Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2022-present

Peer Reviewer

Royal Asiatic Society Books

Brill: Handbook of Oriental Studies (HDO) book series

Brill’s Inner Asian Library (BIAL) book series

Brill: Islamicate Intellectual History (IIH) book series

Brill: Eurasian Studies Library book series

Bloomsbury / I.B. Tauris

Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient

Iranian Studies

Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History
Comparative Studies in Society and History
Ab Imperio
Acta Slavica Iaponica
Journal of Central Asian History
Turkish Historical Review

SERVICE TO NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Advisor and First-Year Seminar Instructor, Fall 2022
Steering Committee, Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies (REEES), 2022-present
Organizer, Chabraja Center for Historical Studies Works-in-Progress Seminar, 2022-present
Organizer and host: panel on Russian emigration to the Caucasus and Central Asia (scheduled for March 16th, 2023)
Affiliate Faculty Interviewer/Evaluator for Job Search: Department of Art History, “Assistant Professor in Modern Art and/or Architecture of the Global South,” Winter 2023

SERVICE TO ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

Academic Policy Committee, 2020-2022
Asian Studies Steering Committee, 2020-2022
Faculty Development Grant Committee, fall 2021-spring 2022
Core Curriculum Development Committee, spring 2022
Affiliated Faculty, Asian Studies Program, 2018-2022
Faculty Search Committee:
 Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Eastern European History, spring 2022
St. Mary’s Project Symposium Organizer, spring, 2019
St. Mary’s Project Symposium Host, spring, 2021
Integrated Inquiries Workshop Retreat member, summer, 2020
Core Seminar Teaching Faculty, fall 2021

Guest Lectures in Others’ Classes

- ASIA 200: Islam in Central Asia: From Medieval Times to Soviet Times (spring, 2020)
- ASIA 200: How Did Islam Spread in Asia? (spring, 2021; fall, 2021)

Undergraduate Theses (St. Mary’s Projects) Advised:

- Sean Stansbury, “Mongolia and the Soviet East” (spring, 2019)
- Aidan Kirby, “Stevedores, Entrepreneurs, and Everything in Between: The Changing Identities of Polish Immigrants in Baltimore, 1868-1914” (spring, 2020)
- Madalyn Wilkinson, “The Truth About Race in Early Maryland” (spring, 2021)
- Ray Narvaez, “Monsters of the Mind: Demonization of Mental Illness in American Horror Films” (spring, 2022)
- Sam Laich, “The Comparative Development of Democracy in Estonia, Poland, and Russia” (spring, 2022)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES (*reading proficiency or reading & some speaking*)

Russian; Turkic (Uzbek, Chaghatay, Kazakh, Uyghur, etc.); Persian/Tajik; French; Spanish; some Arabic.