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### EDUCATION

- 2001 **PhD, Political Science (International Relations/Comparative Politics)** – State University of New York at Buffalo  
1995 **MA, Political Science (International Relations)** – State University of New York at Buffalo  
1992 **BA, History** – State University of New York at Oswego

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-present **Professor of Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies**, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia  
2011-2018 **Associate Professor of Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies**, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia  
2006-2016 **Lecturer in Soviet and Post-Soviet History**, Eurasian and Caucasus Studies MA Program, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia  
2002-2003 **Visiting Fulbright Professor**, Tbilisi Asia and Africa Institute and Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia  
2000 (Fall) **Visiting Lecturer**, Department of History and Political Science, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania  
1995-2001 **Lecturer and Research/Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present **Regional Director for the South Caucasus**, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS  
2003-2019 **Country Director, Georgia**, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS  
2002-2003 **Resident Director, Vladimir, Russian Federation**, Russian Language and Area Studies Program (RLASP), American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS (summers of 2002 and 2003)  
2001-2002 **Program Administrator**, International Soros Science Education Program (ISSEP), George Mason University

## BOOKS

ტიმოთი ბლაუველტი, *კლიენტელიზმი და ეროვნება ნესტორ ლაკობას საბჭოთა აფხაზეთში*, Tbilisi: Ziara Press, 2023.

Timothy Blauvelt, *Clientelism and Nationality in an Early Soviet Fiefdom: The Trials of Nestor Lakoba*, London: Routledge, 2021.

Adrian Brisku and Timothy Blauvelt, eds. *The Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic of 1918: Federal Aspirations, Geopolitics and National Projects*, London: Routledge, 2021 [published in Georgian translation as *ამიერკავკასიის დემოკრატიული პედერაციული რესპუბლიკა: 1918* (with a new introduction by Beka Kobakhidze), Tbilisi, Artanuji, 2023].

Timothy Blauvelt and Jeremy Smith, eds. *Georgia after Stalin: Nationalism and Soviet Power*, London: Routledge, 2016.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Institutional and ‘Clan’ Conflict in the Interwar Georgian and Transcaucasian Political Police, 1921-1939,” *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, forthcoming 2024.

“The Democratic Republic of Georgia and Abkhazia: Autonomy or Unitary Sovereignty,” with Anton Vacharadze, *Ab Imperio*, forthcoming 2024.

“Deciphering the Stalinist Perpetrators: The Case of NKVD Investigators Khazan, Savitskii and Krimian,” with Davit Jishkariani, in Michael David-Fox, ed. *The Secret Police and the Soviet System*, University of Pittsburg Press, 2023.

“Understanding the Internal and External Motivations of a Stalinist Perpetrator,” in Immo Rebitschek and Aaron Retish, eds., *Stalinism and the Struggle for Social Control, 1926 to 1956*, University of Toronto Press, 2023.

“Between Modernity and Neo-Tradition: Patronage Politics and Bacteriophage Research in Interwar Soviet Georgia,” *Euxeinos: Culture and Governance in the Black Sea Region*, no. 34, 2022.

“E.H. Carr’s Revolutionary Personalities,” *Revolutionary Russia*, v. 35, n. 1, 2022.

“Professor Giorgi Eliava and the Eliava Institute of Bacteriophage,” with Nina Chanishvili and Dmitriy Myelnikov, *PHAGE*, v. 3, n. 2, June 2022.

“Matched-Guise Reloaded: Revising a Classic Experiment for Complex Multi-Lingual Settings,” with Christofer Berglund and Jesse Driscoll, in Guoli Liu and Joanna Drzewieniecki, eds., *Russian Studies, Political Science, and the Philosophy of Technology*, NY: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

“Between Center and Periphery: The Gamsakhurdia and Kostava Affair,” in Saulius Grybkauskas and Li Bennich-Björkman, eds. *Negotiating Stability: Moscow, Local Nomenklatura and Intelligentsia in the Soviet Periphery*, Routledge, 2021.

“Sticking Together? Georgia’s ‘Beached’ Armenians between Mobilization and Acculturation,” with Christofer Berglund and Marko Dragojevic, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, v. 27, n. 2, 2021.

“War and Ethnic Minorities in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union,” with David Rousseau, in David Rousseau, ed. *War and Rights: The Impact of War on Political and Civil Rights*, University of Michigan Press, 2021.

- “Iakob Gogebashvili and the ‘Natural Method’: Textbooks, Modernity and Nationalism in the Late Tsarist Periphery,” with Anton Vacharadze, in Hubertus Jahn, ed. *Representations and Identities in Georgia from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present*, De Gruyter, 2021.
- “Language Education and Ethnic Resentment in Soviet Abkhazia, 1939-1953,” *Ab Imperio*, 2020/1, January 2020.
- “The Caucasus in the Russian Empire,” in Galina Yemelianova and Laurence Broers, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, Routledge, 2020.
- “Ideology Meets Practice in the Struggle for the Transcaucasus: Stepan Shaumyan and the Evolution of Bolshevik Nationality Policy,” *Caucasus Survey*, v. 8, n. 1, 2020.
- “Ukraine and the Transcaucasus in 1917-1918: Parallels, Interactions, Influences,” with Stanislav Tumis, *Caucasus Survey*, v. 8, n. 1, 2020.
- “Who Wanted the TDFR? The Making and Breaking of the Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic,” with Adrian Brisku, *Caucasus Survey*, v. 8, n. 1, 2020.
- “The Entangled Modernities of Soviet Georgia,” in Giga Zedania, ed., *Modernization in Georgia: History, Paradoxes, Prospects*, Peter Lang Publishing, 2018.
- “Figuring Out Who’s Who: The Role of Social Categorization in the Language Attitudes Process,” with Marko Dragojevic and Christofer Berglund, *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, v. 37, n. 1. 2018.
- “Pedagogy, Modernity and Nationalism in the Caucasus in the Age of Reaction, 1880-1905,” with Anton Vacharadze, *Caucasus Survey*, v.5, n. 2, 2017.
- “Such was the Music, Such was the Dance: the Case of Davlianidze” (in Russian), in Marc Junge, Lynne Viola and Jeffrey Rossman, eds. *Ekho bol’shogo terrora: Chekisty na skam’e podsudimyykh (Echo of the Great Terror: Chekists in the Witness Chair)*, AIRO-XXI, 2017.
- “The Muslim Uprising in Ajara and the Stalinist Revolution in the Periphery,” with Giorgi Khatiashvili, *Nationalities Papers*, v. 44, n. 3, 2016.
- “Language Hierarchies in Georgia: An Experimental Approach,” with Jesse Driscoll and Christofer Berglund, *Caucasus Survey*, v. 4, n. 1, Winter 2016.
- “Redefining the Nation: From Ethnic Fragmentation to Civic Integration?” with Christofer Berglund, in David Aprasidze and Ghia Nodia, eds., *Nation Building in Georgia*, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Press, 2016.
- “Armenians in the Making of Modern Georgia,” with Christofer Berglund, in S. Siekierski and S. Troebst, eds., *Armenians in Post-Socialist Europe*, Boehlau Verlag, 2016.
- “Attitudes towards Tbilisi- and Mingrelian-Accented Georgian among Georgian Youth: On the Road to Linguistic Homogenization?” with Marko Dragojevic and Christofer Berglund, *Journal of Language & Social Psychology*, v. 34, n. 1, January 2015.
- “Resistance, Discourse and Nationalism in the March 1956 Events in Georgia,” in Blauvelt and Smith, eds. *Georgia after Stalin: Nationalism and Soviet Power*, Routledge, 2015.
- “The ‘Mingrelian Question’: Institutional Resources and the Limits of Soviet Nationality Policy,” *Europe-Asia Studies*, v. 66, n. 6, May 2014.
- “The Establishment of Soviet Power in Abkhazia: Ethnicity, Contestation and Clientalism in the Revolutionary Periphery,” *Revolutionary Russia*, v. 27, n. 1, April 2014.
- “From Words to Action! Nationality Policy in Soviet Abkhazia, 1921-38,” in Stephen Jones, ed. *The Making of Modern Georgia, 1918-2012*, Routledge, 2014.

“Endurance of the Soviet Imperial Tongue: The Russian Language in Contemporary Georgia,” *Central Asian Survey*, March 2013.

“Resistance and Accommodation in the Stalinist Periphery: A Peasant Uprising in Abkhazia,” *Ab Imperio*, 2012/3, November 2012.

“March of the Chekists: Beria’s Secret Police Patronage Network and Soviet Crypto-Politics,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, v. 44, n. 1, March 2011.

“Military-Civil Administration and Islam in the North Caucasus, 1858-1883,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, v. 11, n. 2, Spring 2010.

“Status Shift and Ethnic Mobilization in the March 1956 Events in Georgia,” *Europe-Asia Studies*, v. 61, n. 4, June 2009.

“Patronage and Betrayal in the Post-Stalin Succession: The Case of Kruglov and Serov,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, v. 41, n.1, March 2008.

“Abkhazia: Patronage and Power in the Stalin Era,” *Nationalities Papers*, v. 25, n. 2, May 2007.

“Military Mobilization and National Identity in the Soviet Union,” *War & Society*, v. 21, n. 1, May 2003.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Review of *Stalin’s Millennials: Nostalgia, Trauma, and Nationalism*, by Tinatin Japaridze, *Slavic Review*, forthcoming 2024.

Review of *Land, Community, and the State in the Caucasus: Kabardino-Balkaria from Tsarist Conquest to Post-Soviet Politics*, by Ian Lanzillotti, *The Russian Review*, v. 82, n. 2, April 2023.

Review of *The Experiment: Georgia’s Forgotten Revolution, 1918-1921*, by Eric Lee, in *First World War Studies*, April 2023.

Review of *Mobilizing Uncertainty: Collective Identities and War in Abkhazia*, by Anastasia Shesterinina, in *Nationalities Papers*, v. 50, n. 5, September 2022.

[Podcast \(with Francis King\) on \*Clientelism and Nationality in an Early Soviet Fiefdom\*](#), BASEES Study Group for Minority History, “Eastern Europe’s Minorities in a Century of Change,” August 2022.

“[Lakoba and the Menshevik](#),” in Metin Sonmez and George Hewitt, eds. *Abkhazia 1992-2022: Reflections on Abkhazia*, London: AbkhazWorld, 2022.

[Podcast on “Clientelism in Soviet Abkhazia](#),” SRB Podcast, July 2022.

[Podcast on \*Clientelism and Nationality in an Early Soviet Fiefdom\*](#), The New Books Network, February 2022.

“Researching Informal Politics in the Early Soviet Periphery,” *Peripheral Histories*, October 2021, <https://www.peripheralhistories.co.uk/post/researching-informal-politics-in-the-early-soviet-periphery>

Review of Eric Lee, *The Night of the Bayonets: The Texel Uprising and Hitler’s Revenge, April May 1945*, in *The Russian Review*, v. 80, n.1, January 2021.

“Were Georgians Beloved in the Soviet Union?” (with Anton Vacharadze), November 2020, [http://www.idfi.ge/archive/?cat=read\\_topic&topic=154&lang=en](http://www.idfi.ge/archive/?cat=read_topic&topic=154&lang=en)

“Amid Pandemic, Legal Residents not Welcome in Georgia,” Civil.ge, September 11, 2020, <https://civil.ge/archives/366837>

“Author-Critic Forum: Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States” (with Jennifer Murtazashvili, Anastasia Shesterinina, Suzanne Levi-Sanchez, and Jesse Driscoll), *Caucasus Survey*, v. 6, n. 2, 2018.

*Communism in its Time: Communism in Georgia*, with Lasha Bakradze and Otar Janelidze, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the Georgian National Museum, 2017.

Review of Erik R. Scott, *Familiar Strangers: The Georgian Diaspora and the Evolution of Soviet Empire*, in *Revolutionary Russia*, v. 30, n. 1, 2017.

“Sukhum(i): Multi-Ethnic Capital of the Soviet Riviera,” in *Religion and Society in East and West*, v. 41, n. 7/8 (special English-language edition), 2013.

“Suchum(i): Multiethnische Hauptstadt der sowjetischen Riviera,” in *Religion und Gesellschaft in Ost und West*, v. 41, n. 7, 2013.

Review of Robert B. Brannon, *Russian Civil-Military Relations*, in *Armed Forces and Society*, v. 36, n. 4, July 2010.

“Russia Puts Comparatively Little Effort into using Soft Power in the South Caucasus: Interview with Dr. Timothy Blauvelt,” *Caucasus Review of International Affairs*, v. 4, n. 3, Summer 2010.

“Research Note. The March 1956 Events in Georgia: What do the Archives Hold?” *The Archival Bulletin – saarkivo moambe*, Archival Administration, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, v. 1, n. 2, July 2008.

“Ronald Reagan and the End of the Cold War” (in Georgian), in Vasil Kacharava, ed., *Ronald Reagan and America in the 1980s*, Tbilisi State University Press, 2005.

“Just War Theory and the War in Iraq” (in Georgian), *Journal of American Studies*, Georgian Association for American Studies, Tbilisi State University, v. II, 2003.

*Cultural Theory and Conceptions of Citizenship and Nationalism in the Republic of Georgia*, Dissertation, State University of New York at Buffalo, UMI, 2001.

## **GRANTS, AWARDS AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

*Ab Imperio Quarterly Award*, Honorable Mention for the Best Study in New Imperial History and History of Diversity in Northern Eurasia, for *Clientelism and Nationality in an Early Soviet Fiefdom: The Trials of Nestor Lakoba*, April 2022.

Virtual Summer Research Laboratory (VSRL) Associateship, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois, 2021, 2022.

Award for “Best Foreign Scholar in Georgian Studies,” Shota Rustaveli Georgian National Science Foundation, October 2017.

Visiting Scholar Award, Erasmus Mundus International Master in Russian, Central & Eastern European Studies (IMRCEES), University of Glasgow, Scotland, February 2016.

President’s Award, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, Washington, DC, March 2013.

Professional Development Grant, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, to study Russian professional and academic writing in the ASIAC “Samarkand Summer School” at the Samarkand State Foreign Languages Institute, Uzbekistan, August-September 2009.

President’s Award, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, Washington, DC, December 2008.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Lecturing and Research Fellowship in Tbilisi, Georgia, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 2002-2003.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for the study of Ukrainian Language, L'viv National University, Ukraine, 2001.

David L. Boren National Security Education Program (NSEP) Graduate Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Georgia, 1999-2000.

U.S. Department of State Program for Research & Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the former Soviet Union (Title VIII) Advanced Research Fellowship for dissertation research in Georgia, 1999-2000.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Doing Research in the Caucasus,” ASEEES Research Meetup Series (virtual), January 2024.

“The Democratic Republic of Georgia and Abkhazia: Autonomy or Unitary Sovereignty,” International Conference on “Setting and Overcoming Borders: The Greater Caucasus in Regional and Global History, European University at St. Petersburg and the Yerevan Center for International Education (YCIE), Yerevan, Armenia, November 2023.

Book talk: “Clientelism and Nationality in an Early Soviet Fiefdom: The Trials of Nestor Lakoba,” Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, September 2023.

“Primary Sources for Russian Imperial and Soviet History Research in Georgia,” International Workshop on Decentering and Digitizing Soviet and Post-Soviet Research, The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities and University College, Oxford, September 2023.

“Workshop on Language Learning and Language Competencies for Field Research in Eurasian Studies,” co-organized with Naira Sahakyan, Slavic Research Laboratory, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, June 2023.

“Discourses on ‘De-Centering’ and ‘De-Colonizing’ in the Field of History Teaching,” 4<sup>th</sup> International IDFI Conference – The Importance of Openness of State Archives in Reevaluating the Soviet Past and Standing against Propaganda, Tbilisi, 2022.

“The Discourse of Soviet Nationality Policy in Post-Stalin Abkhazia: 1953-1967,” The Vilnius Symposium on Late-Soviet Political History, Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius, 2022.

“Military-Civil Administration and Islam in the Caucasus” and “Soviet Nationality Policy and its Consequences in the South Caucasus,” Sommerschule, DAAD and Ilia State University, September 2022.

“The Ukrainian Gambit: The Sacking of L.G. Melnikov and the Post-Stalin Succession,” Conference of Political Historians of the Post War Soviet Union, University of Glasgow, June 2022.

Seminar on “Clientelism and Nationality in an Early Soviet Fiefdom,” Malmo University, Sweden, May 2022.

“Autonomy of Unitary Sovereignty: The Georgian Democratic Republic and Abkhazia, 1918-1921” (with Anton Vacharadze), “Post-Imperial Diversities. Majority-Minority Relations in the Transition from Empires to Nation States,” Era Net Rus Plus, Centre for Historical Research, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, April 2021.

Panelist, “The Idea of Federalism in the Caucasus,” AE Tbilisi Knowledge Hub public roundtable, March 2021.

“Precursors to April 9: Nationalism and Social Discontent in Late-Soviet Georgia,” Online Conference “Rethinking the April 9 Tbilisi Tragedy: The Regional Context after 30 Years,” Swedish International

Development Agency (SIDA) and the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), Tbilisi, April 2021.

“The Trials of Nestor Lakoba: Clientelism, Corruption and Nationality in the Early Soviet Periphery,” Uppsala-Vilnius Symposium “Friends, Neighbors and Competitors within the Soviet ‘Friendship of Nations,’” Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES), Uppsala University, Sweden, October 2019.

“Terror and Soviet Patronage: The Case of Abkhazia,” Communist Repressions in Georgia and in Poland 1918-1989/1991, Sovlab and Institute for National Memory of Poland, Tbilisi, Georgia, May 2019.

“The Tsebelda Affair: Tobacco, Clientalism and Corruption in Early Soviet Abkhazia,” International Workshop on “The Black Sea in Trans-Imperial and Trans-National History,” University of Basel, Switzerland, December 2018.

“The Bolsheviks and Transcaucasian Federalism in 1918,” International Conference on Critical Historical Perspectives on the Centenary of the Short-Lived Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic, Charles University, Prague, May 2018.

“Between Center and Periphery: The Gamsakhurdia-Kostava Affair,” Conference on Social Change, Resistance and Local Nomenclatura in Soviet Frontier Republics (1953-1990), Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius, Lithuania, December 2017.

“Myths about Stalin and History in Georgia,” “Communism after 100 Years,” Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Tbilisi, October 2017.

“From the GSSR to Independent Georgia: A Historical Overview,” International School of Economics of Tbilisi (ISET) Summer School, July 2017.

Roundtable on “The Evolution of Political Culture in the South Caucasus Countries and 25 Years of Citizenship,” Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Kvareli, Georgia, July 2017.

“Policy, Protection and Nationality: Informal Networks in Early Soviet Abkhazia,” International Workshop on “The Centennial of the Russian Revolution,” University of Tel Aviv, Israel, March 2017.

“Pedagogy, Modernity and Nationalism in the Caucasus in the Age of Reaction,” Colloquium “Representations and Identities in Georgia in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” Historisches Kolleg, Munich, Germany, February 2017.

Roundtable on “The Political Situation and its Dynamics in Georgia and Armenia,” ASCN Final Conference, Tbilisi, Georgia, November 2016.

“Oral History and Research Methods in Contemporary History,” Summer School on Oral History: Recording Georgia’s Past and Training Scholars for the Future,” Center for Social Science, Ilia State University and ARISC, Dedoplistskaro, Georgia, September 2016.

“Such was the Music, Such was the Dance: the Case of Davlianidze,” Echoes of the Great Terror: Soviet Perpetrators on Trial, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Virginia, September 2016.

“The Terror Within – the Perpetrators in the Stalinist Repressions,” TEDx Tbilisi, April 2016 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCxbKfcohBw>).

“Stalinist Subjectivity in the Georgian NKVD during the Great Terror,” Cambridge Committee for Russian and East European Studies (CamCREES), University of Cambridge, February 2016.

MA Seminar “Working with Primary Sources in the Post-Soviet Space,” Central & East European Studies (CEES), University of Glasgow, February 2016.

“Patronage, Power and Protection in the ‘Soviet Riviera,’” Central & East European Studies (CEES), University of Glasgow, February 2016.

“Clientelism and Policy in Early Soviet Abkhazia,” *Conflicting Narratives: History and Politics in the Caucasus*, University of Zurich, December 2015.

“Archives and Social Science Research in the South Caucasus,” Workshop on Research Methodology, Tbilisi, Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction, Dublin City University, Tbilisi State University, October 2015.

“Georgia Between Revolutions,” University of Washington Exploration Seminar, Tbilisi, Georgia, September 2015.

“Workshop: Getting Your Article Published,” CRRC Methodological Conference on Transformations in the South Caucasus and its Neighborhood, Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2015.

“Stalinism and Islam in the Soviet Periphery: The 1929 Muslim Uprising in Ajara,” with Giorgi Khatiashvili, Works-in-Progress Series, American Councils, CRRC and ARISC, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2015.

“Practicing Stalinism in the Georgian NKVD,” Friedrich Schiller University – Jena, Germany, June 2014.

Moderator of Roundtable on “A Year of Elections in the South Caucasus – Changes and Expectations,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2013.

Roundtable on “Regional Cooperation in the South Caucasus: The Role of International Actors,” Conference on “Borders, Cooperation and Regional Conflict in Post-Soviet Contexts: Between Integration and Disintegration?” VERA Centre for Russian and Border Studies (U. of Eastern Finland), Tbilisi, Georgia, April 2013.

“Soviet Abkhazia: Tales from the Archives,” Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, March 2013.

“The Russian Language in Contemporary Georgia,” Works-in-Progress Series, American Councils and CRRC, International School of Economics of Tbilisi (ISET), Tbilisi, Georgia, February 2013.

Roundtable on Georgian Parliamentary Elections, Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, November 2012.

“Endurance of the Soviet Imperial Tongue: The Russian Language in Contemporary Georgia.” *Small Nations on the Border of a Great power: Finland and Georgia Compared*. Eastern Finland University, Joensuu, Finland, August 2012.

Roundtable on Elections and Democracy in Georgia and Armenia, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland, August 2012.

Roundtable on Challenges to Social Science in the South Caucasus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, Yerevan, Armenia, June 2012.

“Social Uses of Soviet Elections,” *Russia: Old New Year, New Old President*, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, Georgia, March 2012.

“The Soviet Legacy and the Study of the Past,” *Twenty Years after the Fall of the Soviet Union: Historical Context and Strategic Perspective*, Ilia State University, The Atlantic Council and Europe House, Tbilisi, Georgia, December 2011.

“Working with Archives and Libraries in Georgia,” Special Talk, *Research Approaches to former Soviet States: A Practical Introduction*, University of Oxford, UK, November 2010.



## SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Co-organized Roundtable on “Decentering Study Abroad: Preparing Students to Study Abroad in Multilingual Environments in Eurasia,” ASEEEES 2023 Annual Convention, Philadelphia, December 2023.

Chair, Book Panel on *Georgian and Soviet: Entitled Nationhood and the Specter of Stalin in the Caucasus*, by Claire P. Kaiser, ASEEEES 2024 Annual Convention, Philadelphia, December 2023.

“NKVD Investigators as Subjects during the Great Terror” (participated virtually), Popular Participation in Authoritarian Governance in the USSR, University of Vilnius, Lithuania, October 2023.

Organized and moderated roundtable on “Archival Access and Openness in the Caucasus and Eurasia,” CRRC 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Frontiers: The South Caucasus Amidst New Challenges, Tbilisi, June 2023.

Roundtable participant, “*Peripheral Histories?: Decolonisation in Eurasian Regions since Spring 2022*,” BASEES 2023 Annual Conference, University of Glasgow, April 2023.

“E.H. Carr and the Soviet Nationalities,” BASEES 2023 Annual Conference, University of Glasgow, April 2023.

Convener and Moderator, Roundtable on Language Learning and Language Competencies for Research in the Post-Soviet Periphery, ASEEEES 2022 Annual Convention, Chicago, November 2022.

Roundtable participant, “Careers Beyond Academia III,” ASEEEES 2022 Annual Convention, Chicago, November 2022.

“Engaging Primary Sources in Teaching Caucasus and Soviet History,” Archival and Source Studies – Trends and Challenges, National Archives of Georgia, Tbilisi, September 2022.

“Engaging Primary Sources in Teaching Soviet and Russian History,” 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference – Openness of State Archives and Memory Studies, Institute for the Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Tbilisi, December 2021.

Convener: “Book Discussion Roundtable: *Clientelism and Nationality in an Early Soviet Fiefdom: The Trials of Nestor Lakoba*, by Timothy Blauvelt,” ASEEEES 2021 Annual Convention, December 2021.

Discussant, “Conflict, Displacement, and Trauma: Gathering and Interpreting Oral Histories in the South Caucasus,” ASEEEES 2021 Annual Convention, December 2021.

Chair, “The Documentary Landscape of the Caucasus and the Research Process, Part I: Libraries,” and Panelist, “Part II: Archives,” ASEEEES Committee on Libraries and Information Resources (CLIR) and the Slavic Reference Service, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2021.

Convener and discussant, “The Challenges of Historiography in the South Caucasus,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference (Virtual CESS 2021), October 2021.

“Clients Against Patron: ‘The Rif Revolt’ of 1925 in Soviet Abkhazia,” and convener and discussant for panel on “Contentious Categories and Discourses of Belonging and Citizenship in Abkhazia,” ICCEES 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress, Bridging National and Global Perspectives, August 2021.

Roundtable participant, “Studying the South Caucasus for the Social Science Perspective – Challenges, Prospects, Agenda,” and discussant for “Georgian Politics” panel, Fifth Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, June 2021.

“The Case of NKVD Investigators Khazan, Savitskii and Krimian,” Workshop on “Political Police and the Soviet System: Insights from the Newly Opened KGB Archives in the Former Soviet States,” Jacques Rossi Memorial Fund for Gulag Research, Georgetown University (held virtually), April 2020.

“*Kiaraz* and the Shaping of an Early Soviet Ethnic Leadership Cohort,” Annual Conference of the BASEES Study Group on the Russian Revolution, University of Leuven, Belgium, January 2020.

“Ideology Meets Practice in the Struggle for the Transcaucasus: Stepan Shaumyan and the Evolution of Bolshevik Nationality Policy,” Annual Conference of the BASEES Study Group on the Russian Revolution, University of Cardiff, UK, January 2019.

Discussant for panels on “Language Teaching and Attitudes” and “Engagement, Authenticity and Gender in Eurasian Mountaineering,” CESS Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, October 2017.

Convener and moderator for roundtable on “Bridging Central Asian and Caucasus Area Studies, Part II,” CESS Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, October 2017.

Convener and moderator for roundtable “Bridging Central Asian and Caucasus Area Studies, Part I,” ESCAS-CESS Regional Conference, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 2017.

“Nationalism, Mobilization and Clientalism in post-Stalinist Abkhazia, 1953-1967,” ESCAS-CESS Regional Conference, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 2017.

“Testing as State Building: The Experience of Georgia” (in Ukrainian), Conference on “10 Years of Testing: Ways Forward for Educational Assessments in Ukraine,” USETI Alliance and the Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine, November 2016.

“Pedagogy, Modernity and Nationalism in the Caucasus in the Age of Reaction (1880-1905), Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Regional Congress, L’viv, Ukraine, June 2016.

“The Adjaristan Affair,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) 2015 Annual Convention, Philadelphia, November 2015.

Moderator and discussant, “Social Movements and Contentious Politics” panel, 4<sup>th</sup> ASCN Annual Conference, “Protest, Modernization, Democratization: Political and Social Dynamics in Post-Soviet Countries,” Tbilisi, Georgia, September 2015.

“Language Education and Ethnic Resentment in Abkhazia, 1939-53,” ICCEES IX World Congress, Makuhari, Japan, August 2015.

Moderator and discussant, “Religion, Nation and Power” panel, CASCADE, Exploring the Security-Democracy Nexus in the Caucasus, conference on Religion and Secularities in the Caucasus: New Configurations, Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2015.

“The Georgian NKVD During the Great Terror,” ASEEEES-CESS Joint Regional Conference, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, May 2014.

“Contestation and Nation Building in Abkhazia, 1918-23,” British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) European Congress “Europe: Crisis and Renewal,” Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, April 2013.

Roundtable on “Conducting U.S. Policy-Relevant Research in Eurasia: Challenges and Opportunities,” Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, October 2012.

“Resistance, Discourse and Nationalism in the March 1956 Events in Georgia.” Workshop on Georgian Nationalism and Soviet Power, Eastern Finland University, August 2012.

Panel organizer and discussant, “Mining the Archival Riches of the Caucasus: Archival Research Projects in Georgia and the South Caucasus,” Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Regional Conference, Tbilisi, Georgia, July 2012.

“Translation Bottlenecks and Truth Hierarchies: A Language Experiment in Post-War Georgia (with Jesse Driscoll),” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN). New York, April 2012.

“The ‘Mingrelian Question’ and the Limits of Soviet Nationality Policy,” Annual Conference of the BASEES Study Group on the Russian Revolution, University of Glasgow, Scotland, January 2012.

“Working in the Archives in Georgia,” Conference on Georgian Archives, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the U.S. National Security Archive, Batumi, Georgia, October 2010.

## **SERVICE**

Trainer, Georgia 101 Onboarding for New Staff Training Program, USAID, organized by Policy Management Consulting Group – PCMG, US Embassy, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2023.

Senior Mentor, ASEEES Exploring Career Diversity Program, 2021-present.

Member of the Editorial Board, *Caucasus Survey*, 2020-present.

Member of the Editorial Board, *Central Asian Survey*, 2019-present.

Member of the Board, Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), 2018-present.

Member of the Board, Institute for the Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), 2016-2023.

Member of the International Scientific Council of the MIA Archives of Georgia, Archives Administration, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, 2012-present.

External Expert Project Reviewer, Rustaveli Foundation for Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences, Georgian Ministry of Education and Science, 2008-present.

Co-founder and co-organizer of the Works-in-Progress public academic presentation series, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2010-present.

Consultant to the Archives Administration, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and editor and translator for *The Archival Bulletin/saarkivo moambe*, 2008-present.

Advisory Group Member, ASEEES Committee on Libraries and Information Resources (CLIR) North & South Caucasus Outreach & Engagement Working Group, 2021.

Chairman of External Review Committee, National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, 2019, 2023.

Interim Member of the Board, Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), 2017-2018.

Briefing on modern Georgian history for the Board Members of the National Democratic Institute (NDI), including Madeline Albright, Tom Daschle and Barbara Mikulski, Gori, Georgia, 2017.

Expert consultant for the “Communism in its Time” Exhibition, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Georgia, 2017.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) 2017 and 2018 Annual Conferences, 2016-2018.

Chairman of the International Advisory Board, Caucasus Research Resource Centers, Eurasia Foundation and Carnegie Foundation, 2013-2018.

Consultant for the “Revising the Soviet Past” simulation program of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, CDC Georgia, 2015.

Fulbright Fellowship Selection Committee Member, U.S. Embassy, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2002-2005, 2012.

MA Theses Defense Panel Member, Transformation in the South Caucasus Program, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2007-2015.

Member of the Academic Board, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University, 2006-2011.

NCEEER Carnegie Fellowships Selection Committee Member, Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), Eurasia Foundation, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2008-2012.

## **PEER REVIEWING**

*Europe-Asia Studies, Slavic Review, Nationalities Papers, Central Asia Survey, Caucasus Survey, The Public Historian, Journal of Eurasian Studies, Revolutionary Russia, Problems of Post-Communism*, Bloomsbury Publishing, *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review, East European Politics*

## **RESEARCH GRANT EVALUATING**

The Irish Research Council, Wellcome Trust, the Rustaveli Georgian National Science Foundation, the National Science Centre of Poland

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Ilia State University**

The Making of Modern Ukraine (MA and BA), Spring semesters, 2017-2023

Soviet Georgia (MA), Fall semesters 2021-2022

The Cold War (MA), Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Spring semesters, 2016-2023

Seminar on Primary Source Research in Eurasian Studies (MA and BA), Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2023

Research Seminar on Stalin and Stalinism (MA), Fall semesters 2019-2020

History and Politics of the Caucasus (MA), Fall semesters, 2014-2022

Political History of the USSR (MA), Spring Semesters, 2012-14, Fall semesters, 2015-2022

Seminar on the Cold War (PhD), Spring 2015

History and Politics of Central Asia (MA) Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015

Oral History of the *Tsekhoviki* (MA), Fall 2012

Readings in the Russian Revolution (MA), Fall 2011

**Ilia State University and American Councils** [“Peace & Security in the South Caucasus”](#) summer study abroad program for US graduate and undergraduate students

History of the Caucasus, Summers, 2015-2020, 2022

Nationalism and Ethnicity, Summers, 2015-2017

### **Tbilisi State University, Eurasian and Caucasus Studies MA Program (formerly Transformation in the South Caucasus MA Program)**

Political History of the USSR (prior to 2009 entitled Soviet and Post-Soviet History), Spring semesters, 2006-2014, Fall 2015

### **International Black Sea University, American Studies MA Program**

American Foreign Policy, Spring 2005

**Center for American Studies, Tbilisi State University, American Studies MA Program**

American Foreign Policy, Spring 2003

**Tbilisi Asia-Africa Institute**

American Foreign Policy, Fall 2002 and Spring 2003

Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2003

The American Educational System, Fall 2002

**Mansfield University of Pennsylvania**

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2000

Introduction to Political Science (3 sections), Fall 2000

**State University of New York at Buffalo**

Politics Abroad: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2000

The Cold War and After, Summer 1997

**POST-GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION**

Christofer Berglund, "The Forging of a Demos in Post-Soviet Georgia: Processes of Nation-Building in the Ethno-Regions of Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli," PhD Dissertation, Department of Government and Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden (Dissertation Committee Member).

Anton Vatcharadze (Director of the Central Historical Archive, The National Archives of Georgia), "The Batumi Question in International Politics, 1918-1920," PhD Dissertation, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor).

Tamar Tchitanava, "The OSCE and the South Caucasus Region," PhD Thesis, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor).

Ana Bragvadze, "The Struggle for Independence: Georgia and Armenia in 1988-1990 – A Comparative Analysis," MA Thesis, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor)

Giorgi Kapanadze, "The Impact of Water Resources on Inter-State Relations," MA Thesis, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor).

Mehmet Fatih Oztarsu, "Evaluation of Armenian Foreign Policy," MA Thesis, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor).

Nani Japaridze, "Nasser's Turn: Egypt in the US-Soviet Cold War Confrontation," MA Thesis, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor).

Teona Dalakishvili, "Russian Domestic Policy as a Catalyst for Aggressive Foreign Actions," MA Thesis, Ilia State University (Co-Supervisor).

Ekaterine Danelia, "IR Theories and the Writing of Foreign Policy: The Case of Georgia," MA Thesis, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University (Primary Supervisor).

Lela Berdzuli, “The March 1956 Riots in Georgia,” MA Thesis, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University (Primary Supervisor).

Sophie Inasaridze, “Factors of Increased Influence of Thieves-in-Law in Post-Soviet Georgia,” MA Thesis, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University (Co-Supervisor).

Nino Abzianidze, “The Role of Print Media in the Development of Hostilities between Abkhaz and Georgians in 1987-92,” MA Thesis, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University (Primary Supervisor).

Mariam Kobaladze, “Made in the USSR: Cadre Politics in Georgia – Embedded Tradition of Soviet-Type Patron-Client Relationships in a ‘Democratic’ Country,” MA Thesis, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University (Primary Supervisor).

Nino Kotolashvili, “The Crisis of Political Succession in 1972: The Informal Politics of the Shadow Economy in Soviet Georgia,” MA Thesis, Georgian History MA Program, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor).

Ketevan (Katie) Sartania, “Protest in Soviet Georgia, 1924-1991,” MA Thesis, Georgian History MA Program, Ilia State University (Primary Supervisor).

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS); Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES); Study Group on the Russian Revolution (SGRR); American Research Institute in the South Caucasus (ARISC); International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES)

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