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**Place of Birth:** Moscow, Russia

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### **Employment:**

- June 2014-present, Associate Professor, Department of History, Concordia University
- 2007-2014, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Concordia University
- Fall 2014, Visiting Associate Professor, Department of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### **Education:**

2008, Ph.D., History, Anthropology, Science, Technology, and Society Doctoral Program  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### **Prizes:**

- Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Book Prize, 2016
- Sophie Coe Essay Prize, Oxford Symposium on Food History, 2015
- Gilbert C. Fite Award for Best Dissertation, Agricultural History Society, 2008
- Siegel Prize for Best Essay on Science, Technology, and Society, MIT, 2005

### **Recent Grants & Fellowships:**

- Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, 2017-2019
- Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2017
- Georgian Papers Programme Fellowship, 2017
- Individual Seed Grant, Concordia Office of Research, 2017-2019
- Aid to Research Related Events Grant, Concordia Office of Research, 2017-2018
- “Exploring the Ecology, Policy, and Culture of Climate Change for Biodiversity Conservation in Canada-US Borderland Regions,” Seed Grant Program, Concordia Office of Research, 2013-2014 (Team member)
- Établissement de nouveau professeurs-chercheurs, Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture, Québec, 2011-2016
- Rachel Carson Center Fellowship, Munich, Germany 2011-2012
- NEH/Mellon Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, 2010-2011

### **Publications:**

- *A Temperate Empire: Making Climate Change in Early America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).
- “A Considerable Change of Climate”: Glacial Retreat and British Policy in the Early-Nineteenth-Century Arctic,” Chapter 7 in Sara Miglietto and John Morgan, eds. *Governing the Environment in the Early Modern World: Theory and Practice* (London: Routledge, 2017), 134-152.
- “Bastard Breadfruit and other Cheap Provisions: Early Food Science for the Welfare of the Lower Orders,” *Early Science and Medicine* 21: 5 (December 2016), 492–508.
- “Inured to Empire: Wild Rice and Climate Change,” *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd

Series, 72: 1 (January 2015): 125-156.

- “Making and Unmaking Local Knowledge in Greater New England,” *Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies* 36: 4 (December 2013), 559-569.
- “The Natural History of Early Northeastern America: An Inexact Science”, in Dolly Jørgensen, Finn Arne Jørgensen, and Sara B. Pritchard, eds., *New Natures: Joining Environmental History with Science and Technology Studies* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2013), 21-36.
- Reference article: “Climate,” *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).
- Review essay: “Nature and Nation: Eight Recent Books in Canadian Environmental History,” *Journal of Canadian Studies* (42: 3, Fall 2008), 193-207.
- “Objects of Distant Exchange: The Northwest Coast, New England, and the Global Imagination,” *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Series, 64: 3 (July 2007): 591-620.

#### Work in progress:

- Book: *Fodder for Empire: Feeding People Like Other Animals*
- Special journal issue, co-editor with Emma Spary: “Critical Histories of the Food Sciences” *Osiris* (2020).
- Article: “‘The Feathered Tribe’: Flight Paths for Birds and other Migrants”
- Conference: Co-organizer with Jennifer Anderson (Stony Brook), “Empowering Appetites: The Political Economy and Culture of Food in the Atlantic World,” Huntington Library, October 12-13, 2018.

#### **Recent invited presentations:**

- December 8, 2017, “Cheap Promises: Prescription Diets in the 18<sup>th</sup> century,” Seminar in Environmental and Agrarian History, MIT.
- November 3, 2017, “Poor Creatures,” University of Minnesota Premodern Workshop Inaugural Lecture.
- October 19, 2017, “Climate Science in Early America,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.
- September 4, 2017, “Animals Lurking in the Georgian Papers,” Windsor Castle, England.
- May 19, 2017, “Flight Paths,” EMSI-Omohundro Institute Workshop, “Early America Environmental Histories,” Huntington Library, San Marino, CA.
- April 25, 2017, “From the Barnyard to the Mess Hall: Feeding People like other Animals in the Eighteenth Century,” Omohundro Institute Colloquium, Williamsburg, VA.
- March 9, 2017, « Nourrir l’empire : l’alimentation des gens et des autres animaux au 18<sup>e</sup> siècle » *Ateliers Honnête Volupté* de l’Université au Québec à Montréal.
- October 13, 2016, “Savour, the least palatable of any in common use”: Fodder as Food in Jeremy Bentham’s Pauper Panopticons,” McGill British History Group Seminar.
- September 12, 2016, “Causes within the Reach of Man: Early Arguments for and against the Anthropocene,” Pittsburgh History Department Colloquium.
- November 16, 2015, “Bastard Breadfruit and other Cheap Provisions: Early Food Science for the Welfare of the Lower Orders,” The Seminar, History Department, Johns Hopkins University.
- June 9-10, 2015, “Grassroots Modernities,” Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, Yale University.
- February 20, 2015, “Empires, Natural Resources, and Environment,” Princeton (PIIRS).