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## **EDUCATION**

- 2010            **University of Toronto**, Ph.D. (with Distinction)  
Major Field: Modern Balkan and East-Central European History
- Minor Fields: Comparative Nationalism  
Russian and Soviet History
- Comprehensive Exam Passed with Distinction, June 2004
- Thesis Title: “None of us dared say anything: Mass Killing in a Bosnian Community during World War II and the Postwar Culture of Silence”
- Committee: Lynne Viola (Chair), Derek Penslar, Jeffrey Kopstein  
Doris Bergen (external departmental reader)  
Maria Todorova (external examiner)
- 2000            **University of Pittsburgh**, M.A.  
Modern European History
- 1998            **University of Pittsburgh**, B.A.  
Honors Program, History

## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- 2016-            **Concordia University** | Montreal, Canada  
Associate Professor of History
- 2011-2016      **Concordia University** | Montreal, Canada  
James M. Stanford Professorship in Genocide and Human Rights Studies  
Assistant Professor of History

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Local Nationalism
- Intercommunal Violence
- Historical Memory

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RESIDENCIES

- 2023      **Named** | “A Most Notable Book of 2016” by Cornell University Press on the occasion of its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (selected as one of 150 most notable books out of nearly 7,000 published since 1869)
- 2022      **Winner** | Laura Shannon Prize Residency, “Story Telling in Scholarship,” Kylemore Abbey, Ireland (selected by the Nanovic Institute at the University of Notre Dame)
- 2019      **Winner** | Laura Shannon Book Prize in Contemporary European Studies, Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame
- 2019      **Named** | “A Book of the Year in Croatia” (one among fifteen fiction and non-fiction titles), *Jutarnji list* (Croatia)
- 2018      **Winner** | European Studies Book Award, Council for European Studies, Columbia University
- 2017      **Winner** | Herbert Baxter Adams Book Prize, American Historical Association
- 2017      **Winner** | Harriman-Rothschild Book Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies, Association for the Study of Nationalities and the Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- 2017      **Winner** | Taylor and Francis Book Prize in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Canadian Association of Slavists
- 2017      **Winner** | *Choice Magazine* Outstanding Academic Title Award
- 2017      **Finalist** | Raphael Lemkin Book Award, Institute for the Study of Genocide
- 2016      **Winner** | First Book Subvention, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- 2013-2014      **Winner** | Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar

- 2012-2013 **Winner** | American Council of Learned Societies Early Career Post-Doctoral Fellowship in East European Studies
- 2007-2008 **Winner** | Jackman Humanities Institute Fellowship, University of Toronto
- 2006-2007 **Winner** | American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Writing Fellowship for East European Studies
- 2005-2006 **Winner** | Fulbright Fellowship from the International Institute of Education | U.S. Department of State
- 2004-2005 **Winner** | Fulbright Fellowship from the International Institute of Education | U.S. Department of State (declined)
- 2003 **Winner** | Best Graduate Student Essay Prize | Canadian Association of Slavists

## **PUBLICATIONS (in English)**

### **Books**

- In progress *Deafening Silences: Intercommunal Violence and the Challenge of Telling Human and Inhuman Histories*
- 2020 *Telling Histories of Violence without Borders* (South Bend, IN: Nanovic Institute for European Studies; University of Notre Dame, 2020).
- 2016 *Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2016).
- **Named** | 2023 “A Most Notable Book of 2016” by Cornell University Press on the occasion of its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (selected as one of 150 most notable books out of nearly 7,000 published since 1869)
  - **Winner** | 2019 Laura Shannon Book Prize in Contemporary European Studies, Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame
  - **Winner** | 2019 “A Book of the Year in Croatia” (one among fifteen fiction and non-fiction titles), *Jutarnji list* (Croatia)
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  - **Winner** | 2017 Herbert Baxter Adams Book Prize, American Historical Association

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- **Winner** | 2017 Taylor and Francis Book Prize in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Canadian Association of Slavists.
- **Winner** | 2017 *Choice Magazine* Outstanding Academic Title Award
- **Finalist** | 2017 Raphael Lemkin Book Award, Institute for the Study of Genocide
- **Winner** | 2016 First Book Subvention, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- **Book Symposiums** | *Canadian Slavonic Papers* [three commentaries and author response]; *Nationalities Papers* [three commentaries and author response]
- **Invited Book Talks** | Carleton University; Claremont Colleges; European University Institute; Georgia State University; Harvard University; Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade; Institute for Social Research, University of Zagreb; Institute for the Contemporary History of Serbia; Ohio State University; Oberlin College; Stanford University; Université de Montréal; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Los Angeles; University of Chicago; University of Minnesota; University of Notre Dame; University of Toronto; University of Washington
- **Reviews** | *American Historical Review* [featured review]; *Autograf*; *Behar – časopis za književnost i društvena pitanja*; *Canadian Slavonic Papers* [book roundtable – three commentaries and author response]; *Choice Magazine*; *Contemporary European History*; *Danas*; *Defense Report*; *Dunjalučar – magazin za filozofiju, kulturu i umjetnost*; *Études internationales*; *EuropeNow*; *Express*; *Filozofija i društvo*; *Foreign Affairs*; *Genocide Studies and Prevention*; *Helšinski odbor za ljudska prava u Srbiji*; *H-Genocide*; *H-Soz-u-Kult*; *Humanističke studije*; *Intelektualno*; *Journal of Cold War Studies*; *Journal of Modern History*; *Journal of Regional Security*; *Jutarnji list*; *Links*; *Montenegrin Journal for Social Sciences*; *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*; *Nationalities Papers* [book symposium – three commentaries and author response]; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Politeia*; *Povcast – svratište za humaniste*; *Prilozi*; *Radovi – Zavod za hrvatsku povijest*; *Revista Universitaria de Historia Militar*; *Scrinia slavonica*; *Slavic*

*Review; Southeastern Europe; Tokovi istorije; XXZ magazin; Život – časopis za književnost i kulturu*

- **Translations** | Bosnian (2018 – Buybook [Zagreb | Sarajevo]); Chinese (forthcoming, 2023 – Imaginist [Beijing])

## **Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

- 2024 “Silence Enshrined: Memorializing Intercommunal Violence in a Land of Brotherhood and Unity.” Forthcoming in *History & Memory* 36, no. 1 (2024).
- 2023 “On Translating History Against the Grain.” In Augusta Dimou, Theodora Dragostinova, and Veneta Ivanova, eds., *Re-Imagining the Balkans: How to Think and Teach a Region. Festschrift in Honor of Maria N. Todorova* (Oldenburg: De Gruyter, 2023): 311-322.
- 2019 “To Kill or Not to Kill? The Challenge of Restraining Violence in a Balkan Community.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 61, no. 4 (October 2019): 954-985.
- 2018 “Thinking the Nation: Reappraising Benedict Anderson’s Contribution to the Study of Nationalism.” *American Historical Review* 123, no. 2 (April 2018): 518-528.
- 2018 “Assumptions and Evidence in the Study of Violence: A Response to Üngör, Vujačić, and Bokovoy.” Invited Book Roundtable on *Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 60, no. 1-2 (2018): 311-333.
- 2018 “Evidence, Explanation, and Telling Histories of Violence: A Response to Dragojević, Braun, and Fedorowycz.” Invited Book Symposium on *Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community*, *Nationalities Papers*, 46, no. 6 (2018): 1146-1158.
- 2014 “‘As if nothing ever happened:’ Massacres, Missing Corpses, and Silence in a Bosnian Community.” In Élisabett Anstett and Jean-Marc Dreyfus, eds., *Destruction and Human Remains. Disposal and Concealment in Genocide and Mass Violence* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2014): 15-45.
- 2013 “Sudden Nationhood: The Microdynamics of Intercommunal Relations in Bosnia-Herzegovina after World War II.” *American Historical Review* 118, no. 3 (June 2013): 679-707.

- 2010 “When All Could No Longer Be Equal in Death: A Local Community’s Struggle to Remember Its Fallen Soldiers in the Shadow of Serbia’s Civil War, 1955-1956.” *The Carl Beck Papers in Russian and East European Studies*. No. 2008 (November 2010): 1-58.
- 2010 “The Strange Silence: Explaining the Absence of Monuments for Muslim Civilians Killed in Bosnia During the Second World War.” *East European Politics & Societies* 24, no. 3 (August 2010): 408-434.

## PUBLICATIONS (in Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegrin)

### Books

2018 *Nasilje kao generativna sila: identitet, nacionalizam i sjećanje u jednoj balkanskoj zajednici*. Trans. Senada Kreso (Sarajevo / Zagreb: Buybook, 2018).

- **Named** | 2019 “A Book of the Year” (one among fifteen fiction and non-fiction titles), *Jutarnji list* (Croatia)
- **Invited Book Talks** | Buybook, Sarajevo; Arhiv Republike Srpske, Banja Luka; Centar za jugoslovenske studije, Beograd; Kilofest, Zagreb; Institut za društvena istraživanja u Zagrebu; Institut za filozofiju i društvenu teoriju, Beograd; Institut za noviju istoriju Srbije, Beograd; Pedagoški fakultet, Univerzitet u Bihaću – Muzej Unsko-sanskog kantona, Bihać
- **Reviews** | *Autograf*; *Behar – časopis za književnost i društvena pitanja*; *Danas*; *Dunjalučar – magazin za filozofiju, kulturu i umjetnost*; *Express*; *Filozofija i društvo*; *Helšinski odbor za ljudska prava u Srbiji*; *Humanističke studije*; *Intelektualno*; *Journal of Regional Security*; *Jutarnji list*; *Links*; *Montenegrin Journal for Social Sciences*; *Politeia*; *Povcast – svratište za humaniste*; *Prilozi*; *Radovi – Zavod za hrvatsku povijest*; *Scrinia slavonica*; *Tokovi istorije*; *XXZ magazin*; *Život – časopis za književnost i kulturu*
- **Media Coverage** | *Aljazeera Balkans*; *Balkan Insight*; *Banjaluka.com*; *Bilten*; *Borba*; *Buka*; *Centar za nenasilnu akciju*; *Dnevni avaz*; *Dnevnik TV Mreža*; *Express*; *Faktor*; *Forum*; *Glas Slavonije*; *Historiografija*; *Hrvatski tjednik*; *Jutarnji list*; *Mediacentar Sarajevo*; *Medium*; *Mreža za izgradnju mira*; *Nomad*; *Narod*; *Novi magazin*; *Novosti*; *Oslobođenje*; *Pedagoški fakultet Univerziteta u Bihaću*; *Peščanik*; *Politika*; *Povcast – svratište za humaniste*; *Povjesne kontroverze (na Trećem programu HRT)*; *Preokret*; *Preporod – Bijeljina*; *Preporodov Journal*; *Prometej*;

*Radio gornji grad; radiosarajevo; Radio-televizija Unsko-sanskog kantona; Slobodna Bosna; Stav; Tačno; Večernji list; XXZ magazin; Žurnal*

### **Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

- 2020 “Vreme u kojem više ni svi mrtvi nisu mogli biti jednaki: borba za sećanje na pale borce u senci građanskog rata u jednom selu u Srbiji, 1955-1956.” *Slovo ćirilovo*, godina sedamnaesta, br. 17 (2020): 83-130.
- 2018 “Naprasna nacionalnost: mikrodinamika odnosa među zajednicama u Bosni i Hercegovini nakon Drugog svjetskog rata.” *Historijski zbornik*, 71, broj 2 (2018): 283-319.
- 2012 “Čudna šutnja: zašto nema spomenika za muslimanske civilne žrtve ubijene u Bosni u Drugom svjetskom ratu?” *Historijska traganja*, broj 8 (2012): 109-147.
- 2009 “Sveštenik, spomen ploča i borba za sećanje na pale borce u jednom selu u Srbiji, 1955-1956.” Dragana Radojičić i Aleksandra Pavićević, urednici, *Spomen mesta, istorija, sećanja* (Beograd: Etnografski institut SANU, 2009): 37-46.
- 2007 “Među rodoljubima, kupusom, svinjama i varvarima: spomenici i grobovi NOR-a, 1947-1965 godine.” *Godišnjak za društvenu istoriju* godina. XIV, sveska 1-3 (Beograd, 2007): 61-82.
- 2006 “Među rodoljubima, kupusom, svinjama i varvarima: spomenici i grobovi NOR-a, 1947-1965 godine.” Husnija Kamberović, ed., *60 godina od završetka Drugog svjetskog rata. Kako se sjećati 1945. godine?* (Sarajevo: Institut za istoriju, 2006): 75-99.

### **Book Reviews (in English)**

- 2022 T.K. Wilson, *Killing Strangers: How Political Violence Became Modern* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020). *American Historical Review*, Vol. 127, No. 3, 1487-1488.
- 2021 Ümit Kurt, *The Armenians of Aintab. The Economics of Genocide in an Ottoman Province* (Cambridge, M.A.: Harvard University Press, 2021). *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* Vol. 8, No. 2, 349-351.
- 2020 Jeffrey Kopstein and Jason Wittenberg, *Intimate Violence. Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2018). *The Canadian Slavonic Papers* Vol. 62, No. 3-4, 531-532.

- 2020 Marie-Janine Calic, *A History of Yugoslavia*, trans. Dona Geyer. (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2019). *Slavic Review* Vol. 79, No. 2, 444-445.
- 2016 Rory Yeomans, ed., *The Utopia of Terror: Life and Death in Wartime Croatia* (Rochester, N.Y: Rochester University Press, 2015). *The Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Vol. 58, No. 4, 434-436.
- 2013 Theodora Dragostinova, *Between Two Motherlands. Nationality and Emigration among the Greeks of Bulgaria, 1900-1949* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2011). *The Canadian Journal of History*, Vol. 48, No. 2, 349-351.
- 2013 Davide Rodogno, *Against Massacre: Humanitarian Interventions in the Ottoman Empire, 1815-1914* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2012). *The Historian*, Vol. 75, No. 2, 410-411.
- 2012 Mark Biondich, *The Balkans. War, Revolution and Political Violence since 1878* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011). *The Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Vol. 55, No. 3-4, 539-540.
- 2011 Judith Armatta, *Twilight of Impunity. The War Crimes Trial of Slobodan Milosevic* (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2010). *The Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Vol. 53, No. 2-4, 589-590.
- 2009 Dennison Rusinow, *Yugoslavia. Oblique Insights and Observations* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2008). *The Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Vol. 51, No. 4, 588-589.

### **Other Writing (in English, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, and Montenegrin)**

- 2021 “Fieldwork on Foot: Northwest Bosnia, ca. 2012-2013.” Invited photo essay for the *Invisible Histories* project (hosted by Harvard University’s Center for History and Economics).  
[https://histecon.fas.harvard.edu/invisible-histories/essays/being\\_there/index.html](https://histecon.fas.harvard.edu/invisible-histories/essays/being_there/index.html)
- 2021 “On Being There.” Invited essay for the *Invisible Histories* project (hosted by Harvard University’s Center for History and Economics).  
[https://histecon.fas.harvard.edu/invisible-histories/captions/being\\_there/index.html](https://histecon.fas.harvard.edu/invisible-histories/captions/being_there/index.html)
- 2019 “U bosanskim arhivima.” Post for *Peščanik*, April 17, 2019.  
<https://pescanik.net/u-bosanskim-arhivima/>



- 2017 “Archives in Bosnia in Minutes and Hours.” Post for *Sage House News: The Cornell University Press Blog*, February 16, 2017.  
<https://sagehouse.blog/2017/02/16/archives-in-bosnia-in-minutes-and-hours/>
- 2014 “World War I Conference in Sarajevo Produced no ‘Ethnic Firestorm.’” Letter to the Editor (co-authored with Edin Hajdarpašić), *Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 30, 2014.  
<https://www.chronicle.com/blogs/letters/world-war-i-conference-in-sarajevo-produced-no-ethnic-firestorm/>

### Interviews (in English, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, and Montenegrin)

- 2023 “New Histories of Violence in and around the Second World War: A Discussion with Max Bergholz and Nicole Eaton.” *New Books Network*, June 10, 2023.  
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/new-histories-of-violence-in-and-around-the-second-world-war>
- 2022 “The War and Diplomacy Podcast Series: A Conversation among Spyros Tsoutsoumpis, Ümit Kurt, Max Bergholz, and Janet Klein about *The Armenians of Aintab: The Economics of Genocide in an Ottoman Province* (Harvard University Press, 2021).  
<https://open.spotify.com/show/4rL49Br8qRVVBPXGA4mdxm>
- 2019 “Intervju: Max Bergholz, povjesničar. Etnička netrpeljivost je posljedica ekstremnog nasilja.” *Preporodov Journal*, broj 218-219, august/septembar 2019: 52-58.
- 2019 “Max Bergholz: Ustanici su ubijali iz osвете.” *Novosti*, August 2, 2019.  
<https://www.portalnovosti.com/max-bergholz-ustanici-su-ubijali-iz-osvete>
- 2019 “Intervju Max Bergholz: Ustaške pljače i pokolji prokrenuli su zlo odmazde.” *Express*, June 14, 2019.  
<https://www.express.hr/kultura/ndh-je-omogucio-ubojstva-i-grabez-neki-su-to-iskoristili-21893>
- 2019 “Nasilje kao generativna sila.” Razgovor o knjizi sa autorom i voditeljem emisije dr. sc. Josip Mihaljević, *Povjesne kontroverze*, na Trećem programu HRT, aired live on June 6 and 13, 2019.  
<https://radio.hrt.hr/ep/nasilje-kao-generativna-sila-1-dio/302456/>  
<https://radio.hrt.hr/ep/povijesne-kontroverze/302457/>
- 2019 “Intervju Maks Bergholc: Istorija se često zloupotrebljava.” *Novi magazin*, June 1, 2019.  
<http://www.novimagazin.rs/vesti/intervju-maks-bergholc-istorija-se-cesto-zloupotrebljava>

Reposted by Helšinski odbor za ljudska prava u Srbiji on June 1, 2019:  
[https://www.helsinki.org.rs/serbian/aktuelnosti\\_t369.html](https://www.helsinki.org.rs/serbian/aktuelnosti_t369.html)

- 2019 “Maks Bergholc, istoričar.” Intervju sa novinarom Vladom Milićem, Producijska grupa Mreža, Dnevnik TV Mreža, May 27, 2019.  
<https://mreza.rs/dnevnik-tv-mreze-maks-bergholc-istoricar/>
- 2019 “O pokolju u Kulen Vakufu nije se smjelo govoriti jer su neki među ustanicima otišli u partizane.” *Jutarnji list*, May 19, 2019.  
<https://www.jutarnji.hr/magazin/povjesnicar-iz-kanade-pisuci-o-zlocinu-na-balkanu-iskopao-istinu-koja-nikome-nije-po-volji-naucio-je-i-jezik-da-bi-mogao-istraziti-povijesne-dokumente/8884940/>  
Reposted by *Autograf* on June 16, 2019.  
<https://www.autograf.hr/istina-koja-nikome-nije-po-volji/>
- 2019 “Etničko nasilje nije ekskluziv Balkana.” *Oslobodjenje*, May 16, 2019.  
<https://www.oslobodjenje.ba/dosjei/intervjui/max-bergholz-etnicko-nasilje-nije-ekskluziv-balkana-457355>  
Reposted by *Buka* on May 16, 2019.  
<https://6yka.com/novosti/max-bergholz-etnicko-nasilje-nije-ekskluziv-balkana>
- 2019 “Historičar Max Bergholz objašnjava zašto je osvetničko nasilje ustanika kulminiralo početkom septembra 1941. godine.” *Aljazeera Balkans*, May 6, 2019.  
<http://balkans.aljazeera.net/vijesti/u-kulen-vakufu-ustanici-1941-godine-pobili-2000-muslimana-i-hrvata>
- 2019 “Interview with Max Bergholz on CBC Radio ‘Homerun’ with Sue Smith.” *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation* [Montreal], aired live on March 7, 2019.  
<http://www.maxbergholz.com/cbchomerun>
- 2019 “World War II Massacres in Bosnia: How Violence Transforms Communities.” *Balkan Insight*, January 16, 2019 [published in English, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Albanian, and Macedonian].  
<http://www.balkaninsight.com/en/article/wwii-massacres-in-bosnia-how-violence-transforms-communities-01-11-2019>
- 2018 “We have to find ways to walk in the shoes of our historical subjects, an interview with Max Bergholz.” *Concordia University News*, June 7, 2018  
<http://www.concordia.ca/cunews/artsci/2018/06/07/concordians-book-recognized-with-fourth-major-award.html>

- 2018 “*American Historical Review* Interview with Max Bergholz on his reappraisal of Benedict Anderson’s *Imagined Communities*.” American Historical Association, March 15, 2018.  
<https://soundcloud.com/aha-historians/ahr-interview-with-max-bergholz-on-his-reappraisal-of-benedict-andersons-imagined-communities>
- 2017 “Violence as a Generative Force. Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community.” *New Books Network*, August 25, 2017.  
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/max-bergholz-violence-as-a-generative-force-identity-nationalism-and-memory-in-a-balkan-community-cornell-up-2016/>
- 2017 “CEERES of Voices Interview with Max Bergholz at the Seminary Co-op Bookstore in Chicago.” *The Center for East European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Chicago*, February 17, 2017.  
<https://lucian.uchicago.edu/blogs/eastfromchicago/2017/03/09/ceeres-of-voices-interview-with-max-bergholz/>

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### Postdoctoral – External

- 2013-2014 International and Research and Exchanges Board Short-Term Research Grant Program (\$6,000 USD)
- 2013-2014 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant (\$32,450 USD)
- 2012-2015 Le Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture, Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs (\$34,500 CAD)
- 2012-2013 American Council of Learned Societies Early Career Post-Doctoral Fellowship in East European Studies (\$25,000 USD)

### Postdoctoral – Internal

- 2023-2025 Concordia University, Individual Seed Grant Program (\$10,000 CAD)
- 2018 Concordia University, Aid to Research Related Events Publication, Exhibition and Dissemination Activities Program (\$5,000 CAD)
- 2014-2015 Concordia University, Aid to Research Related Events Publication, Exhibition and Dissemination Activities Program (\$5,000 CAD)
- 2014 Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies at Concordia University, Conference Grant (\$1,285 CAD)

2011-2012 Concordia University, Aid to Research Related Events Publication, Exhibition and Dissemination Activities Program (\$5,000 CAD)

2011-2014 Concordia University New Faculty Start-Up Research Grant (\$15,000 CAD)

### **Predoctoral**

2007-2008 Jackman Humanities Institute Fellow, University of Toronto (\$2,500 CAD)

2006-2007 American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Writing Fellowship for East European Studies (\$15,000 USD)

2005-2006 Fulbright Fellowship from the International Institute of Education | U.S. Department of State (\$21,000 USD)

2005-2006 Ontario Government Scholarship (\$15,000 CAD)

2005 Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant from the American Historical Association (\$750 USD)

2004-2005 International Research and Exchanges Board Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Grant (\$14,000 USD)

2004-2005 American Councils for International Education ACTR/ACCELS East-Central European Research Scholar Grant (\$15,000 USD)

2004-2005 Fulbright Fellowship from the International Institute of Education | U.S. Department of State (\$21,000 USD - declined)

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (in English, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegrin)**

2022 “Writing and the Art of Story Telling in Academia.” Invited panel discussion by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at the University of Notre Dame, Kylemore Abbey, Ireland, August 10, 2022.

2022 “Hidden Worlds After War: The Second World War and Its Legacies across Europe and Asia.” Invited panel discussion by the Joint Center for History and Economics at Harvard University and the University of Cambridge, June 16, 2022.

2022 “On Violent Display and the Limits of Comparative Ethnography: Lee Ann Fujii’s *Show Time*.” Book panel discussion at the Annual Convention for the Association for the Study of Nationalities. New York, May 6, 2022.

- 2021 “Local Perspectives of Intercommunal Violence: Rethinking the War in Bosnia-Herzegovina through Joe Sacco’s *Safe Area Gorazde*.” Invited presentation at the University of Notre Dame, September 16, 2021.
- 2021 “The Turn to Human Voices: Mila Dragojević’s *Amoral Communities* and Its Challenge to Political Science Research on Political Violence.” Book panel discussion at the Annual Convention for the Association for the Study of Nationalities. New York, May 8, 2021.
- 2021 “Breathing the Air: Field Research, Writing, and the Making of *Violence as a Generative Force*.” Invited presentation at Oberlin College, March 25, 2021.
- 2020 “On Being There: The Transformational Experience of Local Research.” Invited presentation at the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame, October 9, 2020.
- 2020 “Silence Enshrined: Memorializing Intercommunal Violence in the Land of Brotherhood and Unity.” Invited presentation at the conference Spomenici u kulturi sjećanja: svjedočanstvo vremena, mjesta sjećanja, mjesta prijepora. Fredrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation, Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina, September 9, 2020.
- 2020 “Inevitability versus Contingency in the Study of Wartime Violence.” Invited lecture for the course “Is War Inevitable?” Harvard University, Program in General Education, March 30, 2020.
- 2019 “Telling Histories of Violence without Borders.” Invited lecture at the Nanovic Institute for European Studies on the occasion of receiving the Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European Studies, University of Notre Dame, November 21, 2019.
- 2019 “Prepričavanje istorija nasilja.” Invited presentation at the Institut za noviju istoriju Srbije, May 28, 2019.
- 2019 “Nasilje kao generativna sila: identitet, nacionalizam i sjećanje u jednoj balkanskoj zajednici.” Invited presentation at the Institut za filozofiju i društvenu teoriju, University of Belgrade, May 27, 2019.
- 2019 “Izazov interdisciplinarnog istraživanja o nasilju.” Invited presentation at the Institut za društvena istraživanja u Zagrebu, University of Zagreb, May 13, 2019.
- 2019 “Histories of Violence Without Borders.” Invited plenary lecture at the conference ‘Mediterranean Violence,’ University of Minnesota, April 25-26, 2019.

- 2019 “Communities of Peace and Violence.” Invited presentation at Carleton University, Ottawa, February 7, 2019.
- 2019 “Intercommunal Killing and the Transformation of Identity: Evidence from a Bosnian Town, Summer 1941.” Invited presentation at Georgia State University, January 23, 2019.
- 2018 “Microhistories of Nationalism and Violence.” Invited presentation at the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Ohio State University, October 18, 2018.
- 2018 “Local History, Ethnicity, and Intercommunal Violence.” Invited presentation at the Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Florence, September 27, 2018.
- 2018 “Telling Histories of Violence.” Invited presentation at the Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles, March 8, 2018.
- 2017 Invited presentations about the book *Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community* (Cornell University Press, 2016).
- University of Toronto (January 12<sup>th</sup>)
  - University of Chicago (February 17<sup>th</sup>)
  - Claremont Colleges (February 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - University of California, Los Angeles (February 23<sup>rd</sup>)
  - Université de Montréal (March 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - University of Washington (April 23<sup>rd</sup>)
  - University of California, Berkeley (May 10<sup>th</sup>)
  - Stanford University (May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>)
- 2017 “Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community.” Book panel discussion at the Annual Convention for the Association for the Study of Nationalities. New York, May 4, 2017.
- 2016 “Violence and Ethnic Categories: Local Evidence from Bosnia, 1941.” Presentation at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C., November 19, 2016.
- 2016 “Violence as a Generative Force: How Ethnic Categories Change During Ethnic Conflict [Bosnia and Croatia, 1941].” Invited presentation at the workshop Micro-Comparative Studies of Twentieth Century Conflicts, organized by the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale University, April 23, 2016.

- 2015 “Microhistory, ‘Ethnic Violence,’ and the Future of Area Studies.” Presentation at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 20, 2015.
- 2015 “Violence as a Generative Force: Rethinking ‘Ethnicity’ through a Bosnian Community.” Invited presentation at the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 15, 2015.
- 2015 “To Kill or Not to Kill? The Challenge of Restraining Insurgent Violence in Bosnia, Summer 1941.” Invited presentation at the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale University, April 20, 2015.
- 2014 “Global Lessons from a Local History of Forced Migration: Northwest Bosnia, 1941.” Invited presentation at the workshop Global Conflict and Conflict Management: Israel/Palestine and Beyond, University of Oxford, May 18, 2014.
- 2014 “Intercommunal Violence in Bosnia: The Continuing Mystery of 1941.” Presentation at the Annual Convention of the Association for Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, April 26, 2014.
- 2013 “To Kill or Not to Kill? The Challenge of Restraining Insurgent Violence in Bosnia, Summer 1941.” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 22, 2013.
- 2012 “‘As If Nothing Ever Happened:’ Massacres, Missing Corpses, and Silence in Post-World War II Bosnia-Herzegovina.” Invited presentation at the conference Les cadavres et leur destruction/ Corpses and Their Destruction, L’Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, September 12-14, 2012.
- 2012 “Masovna ubojstva u Glini tijekom 1941. godine i poslijeratna kultura sjećanja na žrtve: što znamo, a što ne?” Invited presentation at the conference Što se uistinu dogodilo u glinskoj srpsko-pravoslavnoj crkvi između 29/30. srpnja i 4/5. kolovoza 1941. godine? Svjedočanstva i kultura sjećanja, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, Croatia, June 28-29, 2012.
- 2011 “Beyond National Aloofness and Disinterest: The Problem of Sudden Nationhood.” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C., November 18, 2011.

- 2011 “When Nationhood Suddenly Happens: The Micro Dynamics of Inter-Communal Relations in Post-World War II Bosnia-Herzegovina.” Invited presentation at the conference Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Negotiating Religious and Ethno-National Identities in the Balkans, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Ohio State University, October 7, 2011.
- 2011 “The Problem of Silence in the Shadow of Mass Violence: Bosnia after World War II.” Presentation at the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, Buenos Aires, July 21, 2011.
- 2011 “Intimate Violence and Divided Remembrance in Serbia during and after World War II.” Lecture presented at the Center for East European and Russian Studies, University of Pittsburgh, March 1, 2011.
- 2010 “Community Studies and the Problem of Communal Peace and Discord in Bosnia-Herzegovina.” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Los Angeles, November 19, 2010.
- 2010 “War Crimes and Post-Conflict Silence in Bosnia-Herzegovina.” Presentation at the Junior Scholars Training Seminar, Aspen Wye River Conference Center, Maryland, August 13, 2010.
- 2009 “The Creation of Silence about Muslims Killed in Bosnia-Herzegovina during the Second World War.” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 15, 2009.
- 2008 “Sveštenik, spomen ploča i borba za sećanje na pale borce u jednom selu u Srbiji, 1955-1956.” Presentation at the conference Spomen mesta, istorija, sećanja, Ethnographic Institute of the Serbian Academy of Arts and Science and the Cultural Center of Loznica, Tršić, Serbia, September 6, 2008.
- 2006 “The Priest, the Plaque, and the Struggle to Remember Fallen Soldiers in a Serbian Village.” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, D.C., November 19, 2006.
- 2005 “Ka istoriji sećanja na NOB.”. Invited presentation at the Institute for the Newer History of Serbia, Belgrade, July 25, 2005.
- 2005 “Među rodoljubima, kupusom, svinjama varvarima: spomenici i grobovi NOR-a, 1947-1965 godine.” Presentation at the conference 60 godina od završetka Drugog svjetskog rata. Kako se sjećati 1945. godine? Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, May 13, 2005.



## **COURSES TAUGHT**

History of the Balkans  
History of Europe, 1789-Present  
Rise and Fall of Yugoslavia  
Comparative History of Genocide, 1945-Present  
A Late Twentieth-Century Genocide: Srebrenica, July 1995  
Telling History and Storytelling (graduate seminar)  
Histories of Nationalism (graduate seminar)  
Histories of Violence (graduate seminar)

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

**Fluent** (reading, writing, and speaking): Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegrin  
**Intermediate** (reading): Macedonian, Slovene, French

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### **Research and Book Proposal Reviewer**

American Councils for International Education  
Austrian Academy of Sciences  
French National Research Agency  
Croatian Science Foundation  
University of Toronto Press

### **Article Manuscript Reviewer**

*Akademija nauka i umjetnosti Bosne i Hercegovine*  
*Arhiv Republike Srpske*  
*Comparative Studies in Society and History*  
*East European Politics and Societies*  
*Ethnopolitics*  
*Europe-Asia Studies*  
*Historijski zbornik*  
*History & Memory*  
*Holocaust Studies*  
*Human Remains and Violence: An Interdisciplinary Journal*  
*Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*  
*Journal of Military History*  
*Nationalities Papers*  
*Političke perspektive*  
*Prilozi*  
*Slavic Review*  
*Srednja Europa*  
*Terrorism and Political Violence*  
*Violence: An International Journal*

## **Editorial Board Membership**

*Nationalities Papers*

*Prilozi Instituta za historiju, Sarajevo*

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND ACTIVISM**

- 2023 Invited Panelist at Concordia University's GradProSkills "Peer Review Roundtable," February 9, 2023.
- 2022 Co-organizer of the successful campaign, "Save Concordia CPE [Centre de la Petite Enfance]," to prevent Concordia University's attempted repossession of its workplace daycare [November 10-23, 2022].
- 2021 "Intuition, Field Research, and the Challenge of Writing Local History." Invited presentation at the Black Community Resource Centre, Montreal, Quebec, October 4, 2021.
- 2005 "Dragi druže Tito: šta nama pokazuje jedno pismo o istoriji Jugoslavije tokom 1960-ih godina?" Invited presentation at the Istraživačka stanica Petnica, Valjevo, Serbia, July 2005.

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

### **B.A. Honours**

Jon Page (complete); supervisor

Mathieux Pare (complete); reader

Suzanne Tremonte (complete); supervisor

Scarlet Guy (in progress); supervisor

### **M.A.**

Émilie Duranceau Lapointe (complete – awarded the Edward Eastman McCullough M.A. History Award for a research essay of exceptional merit); supervisor

Sean Remz (complete); supervisor

Ryan Schmitt (complete); reader

Katherine Rossy (complete); reader

Mitchell Edwards (complete); reader

Jessica Larin (in progress); committee member

### **Ph.D.**

Dragan Batanchev (in progress); committee member

Alma Huselja (in progress); committee member [University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill]

Helen Kennedy (in progress); committee member [Carleton University, Ottawa]

## **Postdoctoral Fellows**

Tomasz Frydel, supervision during fellowship at the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah, Paris

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

2023-2024	History Department Faculty Advisor – Students of History at Concordia (SHAC)
2023-2024	History Department Representative – Concordia University Faculty Association (CUFA)
2023-2025	History Department Personnel Committee
2022	History Department, Committee for Re-evaluation of Standards for Contract Renew, Tenure, and Promotion to Full Professor
2022-2023	History Department, Ethics Officer
2022-2024	Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral University Selection Committee
2021-2022	History Department Chair Search Committee (led successful initiative to incorporate equity, diversity, and inclusion training for all department unit head searches at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences)
2021-2023	History Department Personnel Committee
2021-2022	History Department, Ethics Officer
2021	History Department Hiring Committee (Chair)
2020-2021	History Department Chair Search Committee
2020-2021	History Department, Ethics Officer
2011-2017	Associate Director, Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies
2016-2017	History Department Graduate Admissions Committee
2015-2016	History Department Chair Search Committee
2015-2016	History Department Speakers Series Committee

2015	Member of Fellowship Awards Committee, Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies
2014-2015	History Department Speakers Series Committee
2013-2014	History Department Undergraduate Committee
2012-2013	History Department History Skills Workshop Reassessment Committee
2012-2013	History Department Chair Search Committee
2011-2012	Public History Committee

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