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Place of Birth: Moscow, Russia

Citizenship: United States & Canada

Ph.D. 2008, History, Anthropology, Science, Technology, & Society Doctoral Program, MIT

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

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

Selected Grants & Fellowships:

- Food Studies Working Group, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, Concordia, 2022-2024
- Exchange Grant, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, 2019-20
- Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, 2017-2020
- Huntington Library Research Conference (with Jennifer Anderson), October 2018
- Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2017
- Georgian Papers Programme Fellowship, Omohundro Institute/King's College, 2017
- Individual Seed Grant, Concordia Office of Research, 2017-2019
- Aid to Research Related Events Grant, Concordia Office of Research, 2017-2018
- 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:

Book

- *A Temperate Empire: Making Climate Change in Early America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016; paperback 2019), winner of the Berkshire Conference Book Prize.

Edited volumes:

- Co-editor with Anne McCants, "History and Other Unbounded Disciplines: Special Issue in Honor of Harriet Ritvo," *Journal of Interdisciplinary* 54. 3 (Winter 2024).
- Co-editor with Jennifer L. Anderson, "Empowering Appetites: The Political Economy and Culture of Food in the Atlantic World," *Early American Studies* 19: 2 (Spring 2021).
- Co-editor with E. C. Spary, "Food Matters: Critical Histories of Food and the Sciences," *Osiris* 35 (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2020).

Peer-reviewed articles:

- co-authored with Anne McCants, “Introduction: History and Other Unbounded Disciplines,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary* 54. 3 (Winter 2024), 297-304.
- co-authored with Jennifer L. Anderson, “Introduction: Empowering Appetites: The Political Economy and Culture of Food in the Atlantic World,” *Early American Studies* 19: 2 (Spring 2021), 195-214.
- co-authored with E.C. Spary, “On the Virtues of Historical Entomophagy,” in Spary and Zilberstein, eds., *Osiris* 35 (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2020), 1-19.
- “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.

Blogposts:

- “Moving Targets: Bird Migration, Climate Change, and History,” <<https://www.historicalclimatology.com/blog/moving-targets-bird-migration-climate-change-and-history>> *HistoricalClimatology.org* (July 1, 2019).
- “Hungering for Power,” (co-written with Dr. Jennifer Anderson, SUNY Stonybrook) <http://huntingtonblogs.org/?p=19573&shareadraft=baba19573_5ba453f31f389> *Verso: The Blog of the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens* (September 20, 2018).
- “We Will All Be Early Moderns,” <<https://earlycanadianhistory.ca/2018/06/11/we-will-all-be-early-moderns/>> *Borealia—A Group Blog on Early Canadian History* (June 11, 2018).
- “Early Canadian Environmental History: A Forum” (with Alan MacEachern, Colin Coates, and Jason Hall), Published simultaneously on *Borealia—A Group Blog on Early Canadian History* and *The Otter/La Loutre: Network in Canadian History and Environment* <<http://niche-canada.org/2016/05/16/early-canadian-environmental-history-series-editorial-introduction/>> posted May 25, 2016.
- “Jamaican Maroons in Nova Scotia: The politics of climate and race,” Published simultaneously on *Borealia—A Group Blog on Early Canadian History* and *The Otter/La Loutre: Network in Canadian History and Environment* <<https://earlycanadianhistory.ca/2016/05/18/jamaican-maroons-in-nova-scotia-the-politics-of-climate-and-race/>> posted May 18, 2016.

- “The Politics of Climate History,” *Uncommon Sense—The Blog* (invited post for the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture), <http://blog.oieahc.wm.edu/the-politics-of-climate-history/> posted March 4, 2015.

Publications in progress:

- Book: *Fodder for Empire: Feeding People Like Other Animals*.
- Edited collection (co-editor with Rebecca Woods), *New Directions in Animal and Environmental Studies*.
- McGill Special Collections Exhibit: “‘The Feathered Tribe’: Flight Paths for Birds and other Migrants,” (*postponed due to pandemic*, originally March 2-13, 2020.)

Recent invited presentations:

- February 4, 2022, Invited Keynote “Poor Creatures: Food Aid for People and Other Animals Since the Eighteenth Century,” Poverty and Scarcity in Global History Conference of the Queen’s Global History Initiative & the Poverty Research Network at University of Glasgow.
- April 27, 2021, “Provisioning People and Other Animals Since the Eighteenth Century” Critical Animal Studies and the Law Series, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University.
- September 15, 2020, “Global Warming and Global Cooling in Early Boston,” Lowell Lecture, Paul Revere Memorial Association, Boston.
- February 27, 2020, “Making Climate History,” Friends of History Annual Public Lecture, Portland State University, Oregon.
- February 12, 2019, “‘The Chief Supper of Hogs... and Peasants who are Not Too Nice,’” History of Science Seminar, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- October 9, 2018, “Environmental Histories of Food and Fodder,” Seminar in New Environmental Humanities, Princeton University.
- March 28, 2019, “Climate History and Pedagogy,” Harvard Environmental History Working Group.
- December 8, 2017, “Cheap Promises: Prescription Diets in the 18th 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 in the Royal Archive,” *Georgian Papers Programme Symposium*, Windsor Castle, UK.
- May 20, 2017, “The Feathered Tribe,” *William and Mary Quarterly—Early Modern Studies Institute Workshop*, “Early America Environmental Histories,” Huntington Library.

Conferences organized:

- June 16-17, 2022, [co-organizer] “The Climate Crisis: Early Americanists Respond,” McNeil Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- April 29-30, 2022, “Harrietfest: Festschrift Symposium in Honor of Dr. Harriet Ritvo,” M.I.T. and Harvard, Cambridge, MA.
- October 12-13, 2018, Co-organizer with Jennifer Anderson (Stony Brook), “Empowering Appetites: The Political Economy and Culture of Food in the Atlantic World,” Huntington Library, San Marino, California.