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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

2022	Brandeis University Advisor: Gregory L. Freeze	<i>Ph.D., History</i> Fields: <i>Modern Russian History & Modern European History</i> Outside Field: <i>Transnational Christianity</i>
2014	Brandeis University	<i>M.A., History</i>
2011	Regent College Advisor: Sarah C. Williams	<i>M.A., Theological Studies</i> Concentration: <i>History of Christianity</i>
1999	University of Wyoming	<i>B.A. (Honors), Elementary Education</i>
1997	University of Wyoming	<i>B.S. (Honors), Physical Education Teaching</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming Book

Carry Your Miraculous Light: Evangelical Women and Children in the Soviet Union. Ithaca, NY: NIU Series in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies by Cornell University Press. (under advance contract, manuscript to be submitted in 2027)

Refereed Journal Articles & Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Protest from the Margins: A Human Rights Campaign Led by Evangelical Women in the Soviet Union, 1964-1987.” In *Freedom of Conscience in (Post)Soviet Space: Michael Bourdeaux and the Keston Archive*, edited by Michael Long, Julie deGraffenried, and Xenia Dennen, 128-153. Ithaca, NY: NIU Series in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies by Cornell University Press, 2025.

“Father Aleksandr Men’ and Jewish Christian Identities under Soviet Secularism.” In *Religion and Secular Modernity in Russian Christianity, Judaism, and Atheism*, edited by Ana Siljak, 79-98. Ithaca, NY: NIU Series in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies by Cornell University Press, 2024.

“Council of Prisoners’ Relatives.” In *Voices of the Voiceless: Religion, Communism, and the Keston Archive*, edited by Julie deGraffenried and Zoe Knox, 39-41. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2019.

With Nadezhda Beliakova. “Богословие приличия: представления евангельских христиан-баптистов о внешнем виде женщин в поздне- и постсоветский периоды” [Theology of Decorum: Perspectives on Women’s External Appearance among Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the Late- and Post-Soviet Periods]. *Государство, религия, церковь в России и за рубежом* 36, no. 2 (2018): 163-193.

“The ‘Lived Religion’ of Evangelical Christian-Baptist Women in Soviet Siberia (1945-1991).” *Quaestio Rossica* 6, no. 2 (2018): 454-467.

“Майкл Бурдо и Центр по изучению религии и коммунизма в контексте защиты религиозной свободы (1959-1975)” [Michael Bourdeaux, the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, and the Defense of Religious Liberty, 1959-1975]. *Государство, религия, церковь в России и за рубежом* 35, no. 1 (2017): 216-243.

Book Reviews

- Review of Wallace L. Daniel, *Freedom and the Captive Mind: Father Gleb Yakunin and Orthodox Christianity in Soviet Russia* (Ithaca, NY: NIU Press, Imprint of Cornell University Press, 2024). *Russian Review* 84, no. 4 (2025): 722-723.
- Review of Wallace L. Daniel, *Russia's Uncommon Prophet: Father Aleksandr Men and His Times* (DeKalb: NIU Press, 2016). *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook: A Publication of Mediterranean, Slavic, and Eastern Orthodox Studies* 32/33 (2016-2017): 417-420.
- Review of Irina Yazykova, *Hidden and Triumphant: The Underground Struggle to Save Russian Iconography* (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2010). *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 62, no. 3 (2011): 654.

Journalism & Other Periodical Publications

- With Mark Elliott. "The Russian Christians Boldly Issuing Anti-War Appeals." *Religion Unplugged*, March 29, 2022: <https://religionunplugged.com/news/2022/3/29/the-russian-believers-boldly-issuing-anti-war-appeals>.
- "Women in Evangelical Churches in the Former Soviet Union: A Response [to an Interview with Pastor Shirinai Dosova]." *East-West Church & Ministry Report* 24, no. 4 (2016): 5-6.
- "Evangelical Women in Siberia as Preservers of Memory." *Keston Newsletter*, no. 22 (2015): 1-7.

Edited Book (Translation)

- Alexander Men. *An Inner Step toward God: Writings and Teachings on Prayer by Father Alexander Men*. Edited and introduced by April French. Translated by Christa Belyaeva. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2014.

Translations (Russian to English)

- Marian Porokhovnik. *For the Sake of Your Name: Memories of Jehovah's Witnesses about Life in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Periods*. Commissioned by Danish publisher, Gramma. (forthcoming)
- Dmitry Uzlaner. "The Logic of Scapegoating in Contemporary Russian Moral Conservatism." In *Contemporary Russian Conservatism: Problems, Paradoxes and Perspectives*, edited by Mikhail Suslov and Dmitry Uzlaner, vol. 13 of Eurasian Studies Library, 103-127. Translated by April L. French. Leiden: Brill, 2019.
- Andrey Shishkov. "Two Ecumenisms: Conservative Christian Alliances as a New Form of Ecumenical Cooperation." Translated by April L. French. *State, Religion and Church* 4, no. 2 (2017): 58-87.
- Galina Zelinina. Review of "Barbara Newman. *Medieval Crossover: Reading the Secular against the Sacred*." Translated by April L. French, *State, Religion and Church* 4, no. 2 (2017): 113-121.
- Dmitry Uzlaner. "Jacques Lacan and the Theory of the Religious Subject." Translated by April L. French. *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 29, no. 1 (2017): 31-56.
- Dmitry Uzlaner. "The Pussy Riot Case and the Peculiarities of Russian Post-Secularism." Translated by April L. French. *State, Religion and Church* 1, no. 1 (2014): 23-58.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES, formerly AAASS)
- Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture (ASEC)
- American Academy of Religion (AAR) American Society of Church History (ASCH)
- American Historical Association (AHA) Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS)

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES

Invited Seminar Lecturer

- 2022 "The Lived Religion of Baptist Women and Children in Soviet Siberia," Seminar, University of Wyoming History Department
- 2021 "Religious Dissidence in the Late USSR," Series: The Legacy of Soviet Dissidents Today, Antiuniversitet and International Memorial (virtual, in Russian)

- 2019 "Protest from the Margins: A Human Rights Campaign Led by Evangelical Women in the Soviet Union, 1964-1987," Seminar, UW History Department
- 2017 "Women as Agents of Change? Fresh Perspectives on Gender and Religion," Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2016 "Oral History as a Window into the Everyday Life of Evangelical Women in Soviet Siberia" (in Russian), Seminar, Center for the History of Religion and the Church, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Chair

- 2027 "A Feminist History of Emotional Politics: Historicizing the 'Angry Woman,'" sponsored by the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, AHA Annual Meeting, New Orleans

Roundtable Member

- 2024 Organizer, "Liberating the Dissemination of Knowledge," Roundtable; Facilitating discussion on "'Braided Writing' as a Liberating Rhetorical Craft," ASEEES Convention, Boston
- 2021 "Exile to Siberia in Three Movements," Roundtable on Fulbright Experience, International Scholarship Showcase, Center for Global Studies, University of Wyoming
- 2017 "Archival Explorations from the Keston Center for Religion, Politics, and Society," ASEEES Convention, Chicago
- 2016 "Archpriest Aleksandr Men' and the Russian Orthodox Church" (in Russian), Eleventh Annual Aleksandr Men' Conference, Semkhoz (Sergiev Posad'), Russia
- 2013 "The Varieties of Russian Modernity: Rethinking Religion, Secularism, and the Influence of Russia in the Modern World," ASEEES Convention, Boston

Conference Papers

- 2022 "Protest from the Margins: A Human Rights Campaign Led by Evangelical Women in the Soviet Union, 1964-1987," ASEEES Convention, Chicago
- 2021 "Evangelicals and Education in Soviet Siberia: Children as Sites of Conflict," International Scholarship Showcase, Center for Global Studies, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
- 2018 "Evangelical Women Workers in Post-WWII Siberia," ASCH Conference, Washington, DC
- 2017 "Protest from the Margins: A Human Rights Campaign Led by Evangelical Women in the Soviet Union, 1964-1987," Evangelical Studies Unit, AAR Annual Meeting, Boston
- 2016 "Oral History as a Window into the Memory, Experience, and Identity of Evangelical Christian-Baptist Women in Soviet Siberia," Baptist History & Heritage Society Conference, Waco, TX
- 2016 "Leadership from Within: Women in the Evangelical Communities of Siberia, 1941-1991," St. Petersburg Christian University's Annual International Conference, St. Petersburg (virtual)
- 2015 "Evangelicals and Education in Late Soviet Siberia: Children as Sites of Conflict," ASEEES Convention, Philadelphia
- 2015 "'Ona zhe baptistka!': Evangelical Women Workers in Post-WWII Siberia," ASEC Conference, Memphis, TN
- 2013 "Belonging to Israel: Father Aleksandr Men's Jewish Identity," The Varieties of Russian Modernity Conference, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow
- 2012 "Spiritual Republicans? The Debate in *Bogoslovskii Vestnik* over the Composition of the Expected Church Council, 1905-1907," ASEEES Convention, New Orleans
- 2012 "The Trouble-Making Missionary: Father Aleksandr Men's Unswerving Dedication in the Face of Opposition," Alexander Men Conference, Moffat, Scotland
- 2010 "Spiritual Dissent: Father Aleksandr Men's *Istoki Religii* as Dissent from Soviet Ideology," ASEEES Convention, Los Angeles
- 2009 "A Call to Repentance: Sergei Bulgakov's 'Geroizm i Podvizhnichestvo' Essay as the Fruit of His Early Russian Experience, 1871-1909," AAASS Convention, Boston

Poster Presentation

- 2017 “Oral History as a Window into the Lived Religion of Evangelical Women in Soviet Siberia, 1941-1991,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

EXTERNAL GRANTS AWARDED

- 2014-2015 Fulbright Student Research Grant, Institute of International Education, Dostoevsky Omsk State University, Russia
2014 Associateship, Summer Research Lab; Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center; University of Illinois
2014 Keston Institute Scholarship

INTERNAL GRANTS AWARDED

University of Wyoming

- 2025-2026 Humanities Research Group Fellowship, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research

Brandeis University

- 2015-2017 Irving & Rose Crown Fellowship
2013, 2016 Mellon Dissertation Research Grant
2014 Graduate Research Award, Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry
2011-2014 Irving & Rose Crown Fellowship

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2024-2025 Outstanding Service Award, College of Health Sciences, University of Wyoming
2023 Advising Fellow for Curricular Integration, Education Abroad, University of Wyoming
2020-2021 Academic Writing Fellow, University of Wyoming
2016-2017 University Prize Instructorship, Brandeis University
2014 Associateship, Workshop in Scholarly and Literary Translation from Slavic Languages, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center; University of Illinois
2011 Church History Prize, Regent College

Student-Nominated – University of Wyoming

- 2023-2024 Tip of the Cap Award for “exceptional contributions to the university and inspiration of students,” Mortar Board Honors Society
2022-2023 Tip of the Cap Award, Mortar Board Honors Society
2021-2022 Tip of the Cap Award, Mortar Board Honors Society (2 awards)
2020-2021 Tip of the Cap Award, Mortar Board Honors Society
2019-2020 Tip of the Cap Award, Mortar Board Honors Society

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2016-2018 Research Assistant, Source Translator, Brandeis University
Book: Paul Jankowski, *All Against All: The Long Winter of 1933 and the Origins of the Second World War* (New York: HarperCollins, 2020).
2017-2018 Research Assistant for Gregory L. Freeze, Brandeis University
Fall 2017 Research Assistant, Source Translator, Brandeis University Press
Book: Dan Rabinowitz, *The Lost Library: The Legacy of Vilna's Strashun Library in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*, Tauber Institute Series (Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2019).
2013-2014 Research Assistant, Source Translator, Boston University
Book: Brooke Blower, *Americans in a World at War: Intimate Stories from the Crash of Pan Am's Yankee Clipper* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023).

EDITORIAL WORK

- 2025 Proofreader for Dmitry Uzlaner, Freie Universität Berlin
Article: Dmitry Uzlaner, "The decline of religion or its social significance? An unresolved issue in the secularization debate," *Religion* (2025): 1-31.
- 2016-2019 Indexer, Proofreader, Translator; Postsecular Conflicts Project, University of Innsbruck
Edited volume: Kristina Stoeckl, Ingeborg Gabriel, and Aristotle Papanikolaou, eds., *Political Theologies in Orthodox Christianity: Common Challenges – Divergent Positions* (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017).
- 2017 Assistant Translation Editor, *State, Religion, and Church* journal

COURSES TAUGHT: INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

University of Washington School of Medicine

2023-Present Learning Strategies & Self-Regulated Learning, Integration Weeks, Wyoming WWAMI

University of Wyoming

2019-2023 Admissions Strategies, College of Health Sciences (spring semesters)

2019-2022 First Year Experience, Learning Resources Network (fall semesters)

Brandeis University

Spring 2017 Women in Christianity: A Transnational Modern History, Seminar, History Department

Spring 2014 Jewish Identity & Experience in the Soviet Union, Writing Seminar, English Department

COURSES TAUGHT: ASSISTANT FACILITATOR

University of Washington School of Medicine

2024-Present Health Equity, Medicine Health & Society, Wyoming WWAMI

COURSES TAUGHT: TEACHING FELLOW / ASSISTANT

Teaching Fellow, Brandeis University

Spring 2014 The Second World War in Europe

Fall 2013 Introduction to East Asian Civilization

Spring 2013 Early Modern European History

Fall 2012 The Crusades

Teaching Assistant, Regent College

2009-2010 Biblical Greek

2008-2009 History of Christianity

GUEST COURSE LECTURER

- 2025 "Eastern Orthodox Christianity," 2 separate History of Christianity Courses, Philosophy & Religious Studies Department and Wyoming Pathways from Prison, University of Wyoming
- 2024 "The Soviet Union in Mass Killing and World War II, 1929-1945," World History Course, UW History Department
- 2022-2023 "Oral History and Lived Religion," Historical Methods Course, UW History Department (2 sems)
- 2020-2022 "Lessons from Heart Mountain," Cross-Cultural Communication Course, UW Communication and Journalism Department (3 semesters)
- 2015 "Americans' View of Russia" (in Russian), International Studies Course, Dostoevsky Omsk State University, Omsk, Russia
- 2011 "The Recent History of the Russian Icon," Iconography Course, Vancouver School of Theology
- 2008 "Eastern Orthodox Christianity," History of Christianity Course, Regent College

SERVICE

Professional Service

2021-Present Referee for journals: *Canadian Slavonic Papers*; *Numen: International Review for the History of Religions*; *The Russian Review*; *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*

University Service

University of Wyoming

2025-Present Advising Awards Committee, Academic Affairs
2023-Present Application Review Team, Trustees Scholars, Admissions Office
April 2026 Panelist, "Archive Research Tips for Graduate Students," History Department
2022-2025 Mentor, Graduate Student Mentoring Program, School of Graduate Studies
October 2024 Organizer, Student Showcase, Humanities Summit, College of Arts & Sciences
Jan-Aug 2024 First Year Foundation Subcommittee, Next Generation University Studies (General Education) Program, Academic Affairs
Spring 2024 Community of Principle, UW President's Freedom of Expression Initiative
2022-2023 Acalog Catalog Advisory Committee, Office of the Registrar
April 2021 Moderator, Shepard Symposium on Social Justice
2019-2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Days of Dialogue Committee, Multicultural Affairs
April 2020 Review Team, Student Emergency Fund for COVID-19, Dean of Students Office
2019 Design Team, First Year Experience Course, Learning Resources Network
January 2019 Interview Team, Trustees Scholars, Admissions Office

Brandeis University

2017 Search Committee, University Librarian
2012-2014 Vice President and Senator, Graduate Student Association
2013-2014 Graduate Representative, Committee for the Support of Teaching

Regent College

2009-2011 Core Member, Marketplace Institute Community House

College Service – University of Wyoming

2019-2023 Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee, College of Health Sciences Dean's Office

Department Service

University of Wyoming – WWAMI Medical Education Division

2023-Present Scholarship Selection Committee
2025-2026 Search Committee, Office Associate
2023 Search Committee, Project Coordinator

Brandeis University – History Department

2017-2018 Co-Coordinator, Workshop for East European and Eurasian Studies

Global Engagement Service – University of Wyoming

2022-Present Fulbright Application Review Team, Center for Global Studies & Education Abroad
2024-2025 Co-coordinator, Central & Northern Asia Regional Cohort, Center for Global Studies
2022, 2023 Volunteer Expert, Info Sessions about Fulbright Opportunities, Center for Global Studies
2022 Search Committee, Student Advising Coordinator, Education Abroad
January 2022 Volunteer Expert, Virtual Session with EducationUSA for Health Sciences Students from the Balkans, International Students and Scholars
2019-2020 Member, Student & Scholar Mobility Standing Committee, International Advisory Council, Global Engagement Office
June 2019 Interview Committee, International Student Coordinator, International Students & Scholars

Leadership of Interdisciplinary Academic Writing Opportunities

2021-23, 2024-Present Facilitator, Academic Writing Fellows Program, University of Wyoming
January 2024 Facilitator, Winter Writing Retreat, UW Academic Writing Fellows
Spring 2020 Coordinator, Write-on-Site for Faculty and Staff, University of Wyoming
2017-2018 Coordinator, Write-on-Site for Graduate Students and Faculty, Brandeis
2009-2011 Coordinator, Women's Thesis-Writing Group, Regent College

Service to Partner InstitutionsUniversity of Washington School of Medicine

2023-Present Service Learning and Advocacy Committee
2024-Present Curriculum Committee
2025-2026 UWSOM Academic Support Representative, Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Accreditation Site Visit
Jan – Dec 2025 Co-Chair, USMLE Step 1 Workgroup, Appointed by the Curriculum Committee
2024-2025 Wellness Council

Laramie County Community College

2021-2023 Health Sciences and Wellness Pathway Advisory Committee

LANGUAGE

Russian (fluent)