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Academic Positions

Yale University, 2026-Present.

Postdoctoral Associate, Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy, Jackson School of Global Affairs.

Education

PhD. History, University of Virginia, 2026.

MA. Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2020.
Master's degree. Economic Law, Sciences Po Paris (Institut d'études politiques de Paris), 2018

Diplôme du collège universitaire (B.A. in History and Politics). Sciences Po Paris (Institut d'études politiques de Paris), 2016

Publications

“France and European Integration,” co-written with William Hitchcock, in *Oxford Handbook of French History since 1789*, ed. Peter Jackson and Sarah Dunstan. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2027 (Forthcoming).

Awards and Honors

2025-26 Departmental Dissertation Writing Fellowship.

Awarded by the Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia.

2023-24 Dumas Malone Graduate Fellowship for dissertation research (\$11000).

Awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia.

2023 John Anson Kittridge Fund Grant (\$13500).

Awarded by the John Anson Kittridge Fund.

2023 Center for Global Inquiry + Innovation Grant for research (\$1500).

Awarded by the Center for Global Inquiry and Innovation, University of Virginia.

2022 Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Fellowship (\$3050).

Awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia.

2019 McWilliams Scholarship for Russian language program in Kyiv, Ukraine (\$1500).

Awarded by the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

2018 Truitt Family Scholarship (\$1500)

Awarded by the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

Conference Presentations

“The Carter Shock: France, the 1977 Dollar Crisis, and the Fate of Transatlantic Relations,” 2026 Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Columbus, OH, June 25, 2026.

“The French Quest for a Politicized International Monetary System, 1973–1976,” 2025 Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, VA, June 26, 2025.

“Facing the Polycrisis of the 1970s: France’s Pursuit of an Equitable Postcolonial International Economy,” 2024 Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, University of Toronto, June 14, 2024.

“A Crime Worse Than Watergate: Lithuanian Americans and Détente,” 2022 Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, University of Washington, May 27, 2022.

“Washington in Distress: Détente, Radio Liberty, and the Nuisance of Free Word,” 2022 New Scholars International Conference on the Cold War, University of California, Santa Barbara, April 29, 2022.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant. University of Virginia, August 2021-May 2025.

I co-taught the following courses:

- Fall 2021: HIST 2214 The Cold War (William Hitchcock).
- Spring 2022: HIEU 2162 History of Russia, 1917 to Present (Jeffrey Rossman).
- Fall 2022: HIST 2002 The Modern World: Global History since 1760 (Philip Zelikow).
- Spring 2023: HIST 2301 Democracy in Danger (William Hitchcock and Siva Vaidhyanathan).
- Spring 2025: HIST 3312: Europe at War, 1939-45: Occupation, Genocide, Resistance (William Hitchcock).

Graduate Teaching Assistant. University of Texas at Austin, August 2018-May 2020.

During my second year, I served as the lead teaching assistant and managed a group of five teaching assistants. I co-taught the following courses:

- Fall 2018 and Fall 2019: UGS 303 Modernity, Anxiety, and the Art of the Uncanny (Elizabeth Richmond-Garza).
- Spring 2019 and Spring 2020: UGS 303 Russian Sci-Fi (Thomas Garza).

Other Fellowships

2024 Clements Center's Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft Participant, Clements Center, University of Texas at Austin.

2023 Peace Fellow, International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Fall 2023.

The University of Virginia sponsored a semester long internship at the ICRD, a non-profit that seeks to help mediate peace in sectarian conflicts around the world. I helped the organization draft grant proposals and develop programs.

2023-24 Cold War Archives Research (CWAR) Institute Fellow, Wilson Center.

2022-23 Junior Scholar at the Carnegie International Policy Scholar Consortium and Network (IPSCON).

Media Appearances

“Baseless claims of ‘denazification’ have underscored Russian aggression since World War II.” Washington Post, March 9, 2022.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/03/09/baseless-claims-denazification-have-underscored-russian-aggression-since-world-war-ii/>.

“Joe Biden’s VP Pick and Its Consequences for the Baltics – Opinion.” Lithuanian National Radio and Television (LRT) English Language Service, August 7, 2020.

<https://www.lrt.lt/en/news-in-english/19/1204833/joe-biden-s-vp-pick-and-its-consequences-for-the-baltics-opinion>.

Other

Peer Reviewer. *Essays in History*, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, 2021-22.

I served as a peer reviewer for *Essays in History*, a graduate student-run history journal at the University of Virginia.

Legal Assistant (intern). Sorainen, Vilnius, Lithuania, May-August 2018.

I worked as a legal assistant in the competition and antitrust law department at Sorainen, a law firm based in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Foreign News Reporter (intern). Lietuvos Rytas, Vilnius, Lithuania, December 2015-January 2016.

A short internship at Lietuvos Rytas, at the time the biggest daily newspaper in Lithuania.

Languages: Lithuanian (native), English (bilingual), French (fluent), Russian (reading and oral comprehension), German (reading), Yiddish (reading and oral comprehension).