

JOHN RANDOLPH

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EMPLOYMENT

University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

- Director – Russian, East European, Eurasian Center (REEEC) 2017-Present

University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

- Associate Professor – Department of History 2008-Present
- Assistant Professor – Department of History 2001-2008

Stanford University – Stanford, CA

- Fellow in the Humanities (IHUM) 1999-2001

EDUCATION

University of California – Berkeley, CA

1990-1997

- PhD (1997), MA (1992) – Late Modern European History
Specialization: Imperial Russia, Cultural and Intellectual History
Dissertation Supervisor: Reginald E. Zelnik

Carleton College – Northfield, MN

1985-1989

- BA (1989) – History, magna cum laude

HONORS & AWARDS

Faculty Fellow – <i>Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities</i>	2015
Visiting Scholar – <i>Institute for East European History, Tuebingen University</i>	2011-2012
Fellow – <i>Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois</i>	2011
Conrad Humanities Scholar – <i>University of Illinois</i>	2009-2014
W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize – <i>Best First Book in History, ASEEES</i>	2008
ATSEEL Prize – <i>Best Book in Literary or Cultural Studies</i>	2008
Honorable Mention – <i>Wayne Vucinich Prize, ASEEES (Most Important Contribution)</i>	2008
Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities – <i>University of Illinois</i>	2006
Arnold O. Beckman Award – <i>University of Illinois</i>	2002
Recipient – <i>Northern California Phi Beta Kappa Research Award</i>	1997
Long-Term Research Fellow – <i>IREX (St. Petersburg, Russia)</i>	1994-1995
University Fellowship – <i>University of California at Berkeley</i>	1993-1994
Fellow in the Humanities – <i>Mellon Foundation</i>	1990-1992; 1996
Visiting Student, Herzen Institute (Leningrad) – <i>IIE</i>	1989-1990
Phi Beta Kappa – <i>Carleton College</i>	1989

MAJOR GRANTS

- PI, "The Classroom and the Future of the Historical Record" (\$138,360)
• Humanities Without Walls Consortium 2018-
- PI, Title VIII Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (\$225,665)
• U.S. Department of State 2017-
- PI, Title VI National Resource Centers Program / FLAS Program (\$2,141,500)
• U.S. Department of Education 2017-
- PI, "Russia's Role in Human Mobility" (\$55,000)
• John D. AND Catherine T. Macarthur Foundation 2009-2012

PUBLICATIONS

- "Performing Obligation." In *Thinking Through Performance in Russian Culture, or Russian Performances*, ed. Julie Buckler, Julie Cassiday, and Boris Wolfson. Madison: WI: University of Wisconsin Press (forthcoming 2018).
- "Communication and Obligation: The Postal System of the Russian Empire, 1700-1850." In *Information and Empire: Mechanisms of Communication in Russia, 1600-1850*, ed. Simon Franklin and Catherine Bowers, 155-184. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2017.
- "The Space of Intellect and the Intellect of Space." In *Rethinking Modern European Intellectual History*, ed. Darrin M. McMahon and Samuel Moyn, 212-31. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- Russia in Motion: Cultures of Mobility, 1850 to the Present*, ed. John Randolph and Eugene M. Avrutin. Champaign-Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2012.
- "Fugitive Worlds and Moving Authors," *The Russian Review* Vol. 70, No. 1 (January 2011): 80-86.
- "Russian Route: The Politics of the Petersburg-Moscow Road in the Eighteenth Century." In *Space, Place and Power in Modern Russia: Essays in the New Spatial History*, ed. Mark Bassin, Christopher Ely, and Melissa Stockdale. DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2010.
- "Stsena iz istorii russkogo idealizma: Pis'mo-dialog V.N. D'iakovoi o ee bor'be za osvobozhdenie [A Scene from the History of Russian Idealism: V.N. D'iakova's Dialog-Letter About her

Liberation]” In *Memento vivere: Sbornik pamiati L.N. Ivanovoi*, ed. K.A. Kumpan and E.R. Obatnina (St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2009).

“The Singing Coachman or, The Road and Russia’s Ethnographic Invention in Early Modern Times.” *Journal of Early Modern History* Vol. 11, No. 1-2 (Winter 2007): 33-61.

The House in the Garden: The Bakunin Family and the Romance of Russian Idealism Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2007.

“The Emancipation of Varvara Dyakova: Hegel, Sex, and the Call to Actuality in Imperial Russian Social Thought.” *Gender & History* Vol. 18, No. 2 (August 2006): 311-31.

“On the Biography of the Bakunin Family Archive.” In *Archive Stories: Facts, Fictions, and the Writing of History*, ed. Antoinette Burton, 209-231. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2005.

“‘That Historical Family’: The Bakunin Archive and the Intimate Theater of History in Imperial Russia, 1780-1925.” *The Russian Review* Vol. 63, No. 4 (October 2004): 574-93.

“The Old Mansion: Revisiting the History of the Russian Country Estate.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* Vol. 1, No. 4 (Fall 2000): 729-49.

AWARDS

Fulbright Specialist Roster (Russia/Education, 2016-2021)

Fellow, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (2015-2016)

Visiting Scholar, Institut für osteuropäische Geschichte und Landeskunde (Universität Tübingen), 2011-2012

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois, 2011-2012

Conrad Humanities Scholar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009-2014

Winner, 2008 W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (Best first monograph in history, for *The House in the Garden*).

Winner, Best Book in Literary or Cultural Studies, 2008, American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (for *The House in the Garden*).

Honorable Mention, 2008 Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (Most important contribution in Russian, Eurasian, and East European studies, for *The House in the Garden*).

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2006.

Fellowship, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, 2005-2006 (declined).

Arnold O. Beckman Award Recipient, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2002.

Recipient, Northern California Phi Beta Kappa Summer Fellowship, June 1997

Graduate Student Invitee, Social Science Research Council Workshop on Imperial Russian History, La Jolla CA, September 1996

Long-Term Research Fellow, IREX (International Research Exchanges Board), St.Petersburg, Russia, 1994-1995
University Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley, 1993-1994
Humanities Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley, Summer 1992
Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, 1990-1992; 1996
Visiting Student in Russian Literature, Herzen State Pedagogical Institute, Leningrad, U.S.S.R. 1989-90 (Sponsored by the Institute for International Education, New York)
Phi Beta Kappa, Carleton College 1989

BOOK REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

Yanni Kotsonis, *States of Obligation: Taxes and Citizenship in the Russian Empire and Early Soviet Republic*, in *Slavic Review* Vol. 75, No. 2 (Summer 2016), pp. 463-466.

Katherine Pickering Antonova, *An Ordinary Marriage: The World of a Gentry Family in Provincial Russia*, in *Slavic Review*, Vol. 73, No. 3 (Fall 2014), pp. 676-677.

David Ransel, *A Russian Merchant's Tale: The Life and Adventures of Ivan Alekseevich Tolchenov, Based on His Diary*, in *American Historical Review* 115:1 (February 2010): 318-319.

L.G. Zakharova, ed. *Vospominaniia general-fel'dmarshala grafa Dmitriia Alekseevicha Miliutina* [The Memoirs of Field Marshal Count Dmitrii Alekseevich Miliutin], 7 vols. (Moscow: Studiia Trite Nikity Mikhalkova, 'Rossiiskii Arkhiv' / ROSSPEN, 1997-2006), in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Winter 2008): 252-57.

"Mikhail Bakunin" in John Merriman and Jay Winter, eds., *Europe 1789-1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire* (Detroit: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006): 161-63.

Carsten Goehrke, *Russischer Alltag: Eine Geschichte in neun Zeitbildern vom Frühmittelalter bis zur Gegenwart, Vol. 2, Auf dem Weg in die Moderne*, in *Slavic Review* Vol. 64, No. 2 (Summer 2005): 447-48.

Douglas Smith, ed. and trans. *Love & Conquest: Personal Correspondence of Catherine the Great and Prince Grigory Potemkin*, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Vol. 48, No. 3/4 (Sept.-Dec. 2006): 383-384.

Bourmeyster, Alexandre. *L'idée russe entre Lumières et spiritualité sous le règne de Nicholas I*, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Vol. 44, No. 1/2 (Mar.-Jun. 2002): 144-145.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AT ILLINOIS (URBANA-CHAMPAIGN)

Chair and Editor, SourceLab – Department of History

2014-

Member, Executive Committee – Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center	2012-
Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee – Department of History	2012-
Member, Advisory Board, Office of Undergraduate Research	2016-
Director of Undergraduate Studies – Department of History	2012-2015
Member, Advisory Board, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities	2012-2014
Elected Member, Executive Committee – Department of History	2010-2011; 2012-2015
Teaching Assistant Coordinator	2007-2009
Member, Graduate Studies & Financial Aid Committee – Department of History	2007-2009

DOCUMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP

PI, Humanities Without Walls Humanities in a Changing Climate Initiative: The Classroom and the Future of the Historical Record [DH initiative linking documentary programs at Illinois, Michigan State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln]

Member, Review Committee, AHA (J. Franklin Jameson Prize for “outstanding achievement in the editing of historical sources.”), 2016-Present

Workshop Participant, “TEI for Historical Documents” (HILT Summer Institute, Austin, TX, June 2017).

Randolph, John. “SourceLab (An Idea).” Accessed February 27, 2016.

http://scalar.usc.edu/works/sourcelab_idea/index. See also:

<https://sourcelabuiuc.com/>

“Stsena iz istorii ruskogo idealizma: Pis'mo-dialog V.N. D'iakovoi o ee bor'be za osvobozhdenie [Documentary Publication of Manuscript in Russian and French, 'A Scene from the History of Russian Idealism: V.N. D'iakova's Dialog-Letter About her Liberation']” In *Memento vivere: Sbornik pamiati L.N. Ivanovoi*, ed. K.A. Kumpan and E.R. Obatnina (St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2009), 30-49.

Member, Association for Documentary Editing; American Historical Association

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“What Would Digital Area Studies Look Like and How Could it Be Made: Reflexions from Teaching DH,” ASEES CLIR / Online Workshop on Digital Scholarship, March 8, 2018.

“Peter and the Post.” Invited talk at Georgetown University, CERES. February 2016.

“The Coachman and the Town Square.” Invited talk at the University of Pennsylvania Russian Studies Kruzhok. September 2015.

“Communication and Obligation.” Invited talk at “Information Technologies and Transfer, 1450–1850”, co-organised by Katherine Bowers and Simon Franklin, Darwin College, Cambridge in September 2014.

- “What did the Coachman Sing? Performing Popular Culture in the Era of Official Nationality,” Invited Panel Presentation, ISEES, Berkeley, CA, October 26, 2012.
- “I Came to Part with No Friend: Imperial Values, Russian People, Eighteenth Century.” Invited Talk, ISEES, Berkeley, CA, March 9, 2009.
- “Understanding the Muscovite Postal Network: Sources for the History of Mobility in Early Modern Russia.” T2M Lucerne 2009, November 7, 2009.
- “The Role of Movement in the Creation of Imperial Russian Culture (18th/Early 19th Centuries).” Invited Talk, Historical Seminar, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet, Munich, November 3, 2009.
- “*Kogda ia na pochte sluzhil iamshchikom: Pochta i politicheskaia mysl’ petrovskogo vremeni.*” Invited Talk, Deutsches Historisches Institut, Moscow, October 13, 2009.
- “When I Served the Post as a Coachman: Circulation and Social Thought in the Early Russian Empire.” Invited Talk, Reed College, Portland, OR, September 21, 2009
- Chair, Roundtable, “Envisioning Mobility in the Russian Empire: Horizons, Tropes, Practices.” 40th Convention of the AAASS, Philadelphia, November 22, 2008.
- “When I Served the Post as a Coachman: Circulation and Empire in Russia’s Eighteenth Century.” Invited Talk, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, October 17, 2008. Also given by invitation at the Department of History, Columbia University, September 10, 2008.
- Invited Commentator. International Colloquium on Historical Memory and Society in the Russian Empire and Soviet Union (End of the 19th-Early 20th Centuries). Organized by the European University (St. Petersburg) and sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation. St. Petersburg, Russia, June 25-28, 2007.
- Invited Panelist. “Russian Route: The Politics of the Petersburg-Moscow Road in the Eighteenth Century.” Given by invitation at *Politics, Power, and Place in Russian History*, a symposium held at Brown University, March 24-25, 2006.
- “Seeing the Empire through the Home: Domestic Space and Social Thought in Early Nineteenth-Century Russia.” Paper delivered at the 37th Convention of the AAASS, Salt Lake City, November 2005.
- “‘I looked her up and down’: Witnessing Royalty in Catherinean Russia.” Paper delivered at the 36th Convention of the AAASS, Boston, December 5, 2004.

"The Sad Dream of Life': Spirituality, Domesticity, and Enlightenment in Late 18th Century Russia." Paper delivered at the 35th Convention of the AAASS, Toronto, Canada, November 2003.

"That Historical Family': The Bakunin Family and the Creation of Historical Social Consciousness in Imperial Russia, 1855-1917." Paper delivered at the 34th Convention of the AAASS, Pittsburgh, November 18, 2002.

"The Family Archive and the Creation of the Russian Intelligentsia as Cultural Value." Paper delivered at the Lund Conference on the Intelligentsias of Russia and Poland, Lund, Sweden, August 24, 2002.

"The Bakunins and their World: Family Idyll and Family Romance in Russia, 1780-1840." Invited talk, sponsored by the Department of History and Russian Studies, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, April 26, 2001.

"Belinsky as Historian." All-California Russian History Miniconference, Berkeley, CA, April 21, 2001.

"The Good Creature: The Bakunins in Russian Social Thought, 1780-1840." Invited Talk, the Stanford Colloquium in Imperial Russian History, Palo Alto, CA, April 5, 2001.

"The Legal Village: A Constitution for a Russian Seignorial Estate in the Year 1803." Paper delivered at the 28th Convention of the AAASS, Boston, November 16, 1996.

"Wolves and Weddings: Romance, Self, and Society in Russia, 1829-1834." Given at the Social Science Research Council Workshop on Russian Imperial History: Self and Story in Russian History, La Jolla, CA, September 1996.

"The Sedition of Torzhok: Gossip, Police, and the Public in the Zemstvo Era." Given at the Second Tartu-Berkeley Colloquium on Cultural History, Berkeley, April 1996.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

<i>MODERN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY</i>	2018-2020
<i>RUSSIAN THOUGHT IN CONTEXT (ACADEMIC STUDIES PRESS)</i>	2018-

LANGUAGES

Russian: Fluent.

French: Conversational / Fluent Reading.

German: Conversational / Strong Reading.

COURSES DEVELOPED

HIST 200: The Enlightenment

HIST 207: Publishing the Past

HIST 260: A Survey of Russian History

HIST 339: The Early Russian Empire, 1550-1815

HIST 461: The Russian Empire in the 19th Century

HIST 491: Directed Research in Digital History

HIST 498: Roads in Modern History

HIST 502: The Digital Document

HIST 551: Eurasia: History of a Space

HIST 560: The Early Russian Empire in Comparative Historiographical Perspective

HIST 596: The Craft of Historical Research