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# EDUCATION

Ph.D. (History) – University of Pittsburgh, December 2002

Dissertation: “From Prayers to Protests: The Impact of Religious-Based Dissent on the

 Emergence of Civil Society in Slovakia and the German Democratic

 Republic”

M.A. (History) & Certificate of Advanced Study in East European Studies –

University of Pittsburgh, August 1997

B.A. (History) – Valparaiso University, May 1992

**RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP IN PROGRESS**

“Conscientious Objectors in East Germany: The Formation of an Independent Peace Movement, 1964-1969” - I am writing a book on conscientious objectors who served in unarmed units in the East German military from 1964 to 1989. In September 1964, the East Germany party-state introduced a decree that allowed pacifists to serve in unarmed military units where they worked on construction or maintenance projects. They were known as construction soldiers (Bausoldaten). East Germany became the only Soviet bloc state that allowed conscientious objectors a path to avoid armed military service; the alternative would have been a lengthy prison sentence. I became interested in studying the Bausoldaten because of their role in forming a social movement that advocated peace in this authoritarian political system. A research grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and from the WOU Faculty Development Grant supported three months of research for this project in the archives of the East German Party-State (and other archives) while on sabbatical in fall 2011. I also conducted oral history interviews of former Bausoldaten while on sabbatical in fall 2013 (also supported by a WOU Faculty Development Grant). I have completed several chapters of the book manuscript. I will be in Germany again during the Fall of 2016 for additional research with a WOU Faculty Development Grant.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Turning Prayers into Protests: Religious-Based Activism and its Challenge to State Power in*

*Socialist Slovakia and East Germany* (Central European University Press, 2013)

“Constructing Peace: Conscientious Objectors and the Independent Peace Movement in the

GDR, 1964-1968,” in *Christianity and Modernity in Eastern Europe,* eds. Bruce R.

Berglund and Brian Porter-Szűcs (Central European University Press, 2010)

“Promoting Peace through Reconciliation: Aktion Sühnezeichen and the Lutheran Church in the

German Democratic Republic,” in *Religion* *and Philosophy: New Developments in* *East*

*Central* *Europe,* ed. Thomas Bremer (Palgrave, 2008)

The Bratislava Five, “Announcement of a Protest in Bratislava.” *Making the History of 1989*,

Item#124 (accessed May 26 2008, 3:46 pm), online at:

http://chnm.gmu.edu/1989/items/show/124

“The 1985 Pilgrimage at Velehrad: Slovak Catholics and the Creation of a Public Space,”

*Slovakia* 39, nos. 72-73 (2007): 99-116.

“Prayers, Pilgrims, and Petitions: The Secret Church and the Growth of Civil Society in

Slovakia,” *Nationalities Papers* 30, no. 2 (June 2002): 215-240.

**Book Reviews**

James Krapfl, *Revolution with a Human Face: Politics, Culture, and Community in*

*Czechoslovakia, 1989-1992* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013), *Slavic Review* 73:4

(Winter 2014)

Jan Bažant, Nina Bažantová and Frances Starn, eds., *The Czech Reader: History,*

*Culture & Politics*, (Duke University Press), *Journal of World History* 24:1 (March 2013)

Ján Chryzostom Korec, *The Night of the Barbarians:* *Memoirs of* *the Communist Persecution of*

*the Slovak Cardinal* (Wauconda, Illinois: Bolchazy-Carducci, 2002). *Slovo* [journal of

the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library] (Winter 2005).

# CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

“East German Pacifists in Uniform: The First Generation of Bausoldaten and their Theological

Challenge to Political Indoctrination, 1964-1966,” paper presented at the national

conference of the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, San

Antonio, Texas, November 22, 2014.

“Pastoral Care for Military Conscripts in East Germany: Party-State Responses to the Church

and Pacifism in the 1960s,” paper presented at the national conference of the Association

for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, LA, November 16, 2012.

“Pacifism in East German Church-State Relations: The Lutheran Church, Military Conscription

and Conscientious Objectors, 1962-1964,” paper presented at the national conference of

the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies , Los Angeles, CA,

November 20, 2010

“No Longer Secret: Slovak Catholics Twenty Years since the Velvet Revolution,” paper

presented at the national conference of the American Association for the Advancement of

Slavic Studies, Boston, MA, November 2009

“The Catholic Church in Slovakia:  From the Underground to the Velvet Revolution,

and 20 Years Later,” presented at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic, Washington,

D.C., October 17, 2009.

“Free Spaces and Religion in Slovakia and East Germany” paper presented at the University of

Washington, Seattle, March 8, 2007

“Czech National Identity Today,” paper presented at the Birmingham International Symposium

on Czech Nationalism, Birmingham, Alabama, February 24, 2007

“Conscientious Objectors and the Boundaries of State Power in East Germany, 1962-1990,”

paper presented at the national conference of the American Association for the

Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, D.C., November 16, 2006

“Constructing Peace: Conscientious Objectors and the Independent Peace Movement in the

GDR, 1964-1968,” presented at the “East European History of Christianity” conference,

German Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland, June 2006

“Promoting Peace through Reconciliation: Aktion Sühnezeichen and the Lutheran Church in the

German Democratic Republic,” paper presented at the VII World Congress of the

International Council for Central and East European Studies in Berlin, Germany, July 28,

2005

“The East European History of Christianity Project,” workshop participant, at Calvin College,

Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 6-10, 2005

“Pope John Paul II and Slovak Pilgrimages in the 1980s: A Challenge to Communist Power,”

paper presented as the Thomas Kukucka Memorial Lecture at the University of

Pittsburgh, April 10, 2005

“Bicycles, Trees and Peace: Environmental Activism and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig, East

Germany, 1981-1989,” paper presented at the national conference of the

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, MA, December 4,

2004

“Aktion Sühnezeichen: The Peace Movement, the Political Opposition and the Lutheran Church

in East Germany, 1958-1989,” paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Western Slavic

Association/Western Social Science Association Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah

April 24, 2004

Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars,Wye

Conference Center, Maryland, August 8-11, 2003

“Bausoldaten for Life: Conscientious Objectors and Independent Peace Initiatives in the German

Democratic Republic, 1964-1989,” paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Slavic

Conference, Hunter College, March 22, 2003

 “Slovak Catholics and the 1985 Pilgrimage to Velehrad,” paper presented at the American

Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies national conference,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 23, 2002

“Democracy in Slovakia: Straddling the Fast and the Slow Lanes to Consolidation,” roundtable

presentation, Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, Cornell University, March 31, 2001

“The Visegrad Countries and the Road to the European Union,” roundtable presentation,

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies national conference,

Denver, Colorado, November 12, 2000

“A Church in Transition: The Slovak Secret Church, 1948-1998,” paper presented at the

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies national conference,

Denver, Colorado, November 10, 2000

“Cooperation and Conflict: Slovakia’s Prospects for EU Integration,” roundtable presentation,

Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, Princeton University, March 25, 2000

“Civil Society in Slovakia: Emergence, Transformation and Future,” paper presented at the

Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh, January

26, 2000

“The Movement for Civil Freedoms: A New Dissident Strategy and its Impact in Slovakia, 1988

-1989,” paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, New York University,

March 20, 1999

“The Emergence of a Civil Society: The Role of the Secret Church,” paper presented at the Mid-

Atlantic Slavic Conference, Temple University, March 21, 1998

“Observations from the Bosnian Municipal Elections, September 1997,” presentation at the

Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh, November 18,

1997

# TEACHING

Professor, Department of History, Western Oregon University (September 2013 – present);

Associate Professor, (September 2007-September 2013), teaching load 3-3-3;

Assistant Professor, (September 2003-September 2007):

 World History (HST 104D, 105D & 106D)

 Germany: The Nineteenth Century (HST 422D/522)

 Germany: 1914-1945 (HST 423D/523)

 Postwar German History (HST 424D/524)

Dissent & Opposition in East Central Europe (HST 407D/507, HST 413)

Interwar East Europe (HST 407D)

Russia to Peter the Great (HST 431D/531)

Imperial Russia (HST 432D/532)

Soviet Russia (HST 433D/533)

 Yugoslavia (HST 407D, Fall 2005)

 Yugoslavia’s Collapse in Film & Literature (HST 407D/507, Summer 2009)

Stalin’s Russia (HST 407D/507, Summer 2006)

 Revolutions of 1989 (HST 407D/507, Summer 2007 & 2013)

 Nations and Nationalism: The Austrian Empire (HST 407D/507, Fall 2007)

Postwar East Europe (HST 407D/507, Winter 2008)

East European Film and Culture (HST 407/507, Summer 2011)

The Berlin Wall in Culture, Politics & Society (HST 407/507, Summer 2013)

Philosophies of History (HST 420W)

Senior Seminar (HST 499W, Spring 2008)

Politics & Culture of East Central Europe (HST 610)

Nations and Nationalism (HST 600)

Vaclav Havel and Culture of Dissidence (HST 610, summer 2010)

East European Social Movements (HST 600)

Research, Methods and Writing (HST 698)

Visiting Instructor, Department of History, Samford University (August 2002-July 2003):

 Cultural Perspectives I & II

 War and Peace in 20th Century Germany (Hist 499W)

Teaching Fellow & Assistant, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh (August 1995-August 2002):

 Western Civilization

 East European History

 Imperial Russia

 Soviet Russia

Course Development, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh:

Us and the Other (Spring 1997)

Twentieth-Century Europe (Spring 1997)

European Welfare State in Comparative Perspective (Fall 1996)

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

Chair, Department of History, Western Oregon University, June 2006 – June 2009;

June 2014 – June 2016

Personnel Review Committee member, Social Science Division, Fall 2014-present; chair (2015-

2016 academic year)

Pastega Faculty Awards Committee, 2014-2016 (chair 2015-2016)

WOU representative, OUS German Board, Spring 2008-present

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, Social Science Division Representative, Fall 2014-

Spring 2015

Faculty Senator, Social Science Division Representative, Western Oregon University, April

2009-Spring 2014

Graduate Director, Master of Arts in History Program, Western Oregon University, 2008-2009

academic year

Graduate Studies Committee, Social Science Division Representative, Western Oregon

University, September 2008 – June 2009

Faculty Representative, for Western Oregon University at the Faculty Partnership Conference,

Baden-Württemberg, Germany, June 2008

Chair, Social Science Division Curriculum Development Committee, September 2006 – June

2008 (member of committee since September 2004), Western Oregon University

International Education and Services Committee, Social Science Division Representative,

Western Oregon University, September 2004 – Spring 2008

Member, Search Committee for Dean of Library and Media Services, Hamersly Library,

Western Oregon University, summer and fall 2007

Honors Thesis adviser for WOU Honors Program:

 Ashley Kuehlwein, “The Media Effects on the Perceptions and Foreign Policies

Surrounding the Chechen Fight for Independence between 1985 and 1995”

 Betsy McDonald, “Museum and National Identity: The Case of the Parthenon

Sculptures” (2008-2009 academic year)

Daniel Van Winkle, “An Examination of the Use of History in the

Rise of Ethnic Nationalism in the Republics of the Former Socialist Federation of

Yugoslavia,” (2004-2005 academic year)

Primary Reader, History Senior Theses:

Michelle Smail, “Giving Voice to the Silent Destruction” (2015-2016)

Chet Emmons, “The Violent Revolution: Nationalism and the 1989 Romanian

Revolution” (2015-2016)

Matthew Cahill, “Silencing Lord Haw Haw: An Analysis of British Public Reaction to

the Broadcasts, Conviction and Execution of Nazi Propagandist William Joyce” (2014-2015)

Louis Kerner, “Exploration of Jewish Resistance During World War II” (2014-2015)

Josiah Liedkie, “The Nuremberg Trials: Robert H. Jackson and American National

Autonomy” (2012-2013 academic year)

Stephen Kingsborough, “Nazi Propaganda: The Theme of Work and Workers in the

Pre-Power and Post Power years,” (2012-2013 academic year)

Jennifer Ross, “Projections of Complicity: Narratives of Rape Survivors in Wartime

Bosnia, 1992-1995” (2011-2012 academic year)

David Siewell, “The Riurikid Relationship with the Orthodox Christian Church in Kievan

Rus,” (2011-2012 academic year)

Devan Walsh, “In Depth Analysis of Peter the Great’s Social Reforms and the

Justification of the Reactions from the General Public,” (2011-2012 academic

year)

Stephen Calkin, “A Marriage of Convenience: The Prewar Relationship between Nazi

Germany and Soviet Russia,” (2010-2011 academic year)

Jonathan Moch, “Women in Nazi Propaganda,” (2010-2011 academic year)

Kira Noble, “Nationalism, Human Rights and John Paul II: The First Papal Pilgrimage to

Poland, June 1979” (2009-2010 academic year)

Kristopher Schendel, “Stalin’s Collectivization: From an Idealistic View to Defensive

Stance, 1928-1934” (2009-2010 academic year)

Nolan Kinney, “Positivism in Poland” (2008-2009 academic year)

 Michael Myers, “Carl von Clausewitz’s Military Theory: An Examination” (2008-2009

academic year)

 Danile Wilson, “The Jewish Question in the New Republic, 1919-1924” (2008-2009

academic year)

Betsy McDonald, “Museum and National Identity: The Case of the Parthenon

Sculptures” (2008-2009 academic year)

Matthew Bond, “Ivan the Terrible: Centralization in Sixteenth Century Muscovy” (2007

-2008 academic year)

Kelly Gordon, “The Peace of Westphalia and the Origins of Westphalian Sovereignty,”

 (2007-2008 academic year)

Erin Fleener, “Peter the Great as a Constructive Revolutionary” (2006-2007 academic

year)

 Derick Handley, “Broadcasting a Revolution: Radio Free Europe and the Hungarian

Revolution (2006-2007 academic year)

 Francesca Morrison, “Paramilitaries, Propaganda and Pipelines:The NATO Attack on

Serbia and Kosovo, 1999” (2006-2007 academic year)

 Samuel Summers, “Leninism: Pathway to Dictatorship?” (2006-2007 academic year)

Scott Seidler, “Unabashed Patriotism: How Thomas Mann Came to Embrace the Weimar

Republic” (2005-2006 academic year)

 Jeff Neal, “Muscovy and its Rise to Power” (2005-2006)

 Travis Moore, “An American Response to the European Revolutions of 1848: John C.

Calhoun v. the Reformists and Revolutionaries” (2005-2006)

Daniel Van Winkle, “An Examination of the Use of History in the Rise of Ethnic

Nationalism in the Republics of the Former Socialist Federation of Yugoslavia,” (2004-2005)

Katie Lane, “Vikings in the East: Scandinavian Influence in Kievan Rus,” (2004-2005)

Liz Saufley, “Women in the German Democratic Republic: The Discrepancy Between

Socialist Rhetoric and Daily Practice” (2004-2005)

 Jenny Cournoyer, “Jews and the Former Habsburg Empire: Joseph Roth, Franz Werfel

and the Concept of Nationalism in Interwar Europe (1918-1938)” (2003-2004)

Secondary Reader, History Senior Theses:

Jennifer Hight, “The Nuremberg Laws: Creating the Road to the T-4 Program”

(2015-2016)

Daniel Correa, “Peron, Argentina, and the Nazis” (2015-2016)

Dominic Annen, “The Tricolor and the Union Jack at Sea: How the French Revolution

 Decapitated the French Navy and Thereby Ruined Napolean’s Ambitions”

(2014-2015)

Jennifer Roberts, “French vs France: Vichy Government Attempts to Save the Empire”

 (2014-2015)

Andrea Bijan, “Titanic and the People on Board: A Look at the First, Second and Third

Classes” (2013-2014 academic year)

Rich Galvin, “Fire!: Agent of Change” (2013-2014 academic year)

Helen Chaffee, “The Gaucho: Contradictions and the Construction of a National

Symbol,” (2010-2011 academic year)

Clara Scillian Kennedy, “Caves, Water and Corn in Ancient Maya Myth” (2010-2011

academic year)

Jaxon Saunders, “Alexander the Great: A Lesson Taught by Roman Historians”

(2010-2011 academic year)

Hannah Marshall, “Voluntary Food Conservation: The United States Home Front in

WWI” (2009-2010 academic year)

 Zachary Mintzer, “The Heterogenous Cristero Identity” (2009-2010 academic year)

Samuel Dollarhide, “’In the Name of Almighty God’: Gregory VII and the Investiture

Controversy” (2009-2010 academic year)

 Jordan Kasler, “’Say Uncle’: Reagan Doctrine and Nicaragua” (2009-2010

academic year)

 Amber Ferris, “Bartolome de Las Casas Revisited” (2008-2009 academic year)

 Joe Lovatt, “Sword and Spirit: Bushido in Practice from the Late Sengoku Era through

the Edo Period,” (2008-2009 academic year)

Jeffrey Thompson, *“Sic Semper Tyrannis*: Justification of Caesar’s Assassination” (2008

-2009 academic year)\

Joshua Woods, “Homeland Insecurity: United States and East German Internal Security

 Practices in the Cold War” (2007-2008 academic year)

Sarah Coelho, “Theodoric the Great versus Boethius: The Conflict of 524 A.D.” (2007

-2008 academic year)

Chris Breyer, “Culpability and Concealed Motives: An Analysis of the Parties involved

in the Diversion on the Fourth Crusade” (2006-2007 academic year)

 Eli Kem, “The Making of Australian Federation: An Analysis of the Australasian

Convention Debates, 1891, 1897-1898” (2006-2007 academic year)

Emily Holmes, “From Side Eddies to Man Stream: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Section 504 Sit-Ins” (2005-2006 academic year)

Kevin Jeffries, “The Propaganda of Augustus Caesar: How Peace, Power, and Stability

was Achieved During the Age of Augustus” (2005-2006)

Mat Leslie, “Augustus Caesar and the City Plebes: How the Commoners of Rome Found

Prosperity under Augustus” (2005-2006)

 Andy Erickson, “Fidel Castro and the Economic Dependence Cycle in Cuba” (2005-

2006)

 Rob Moore, “Imperialism in the 8th and 9th Centuries: An Examination of Charlemagne

and the Frankish Empire” (2005-2006)

 Toni Kelly, “’She Left an American’: Hilda Satt Polacheck, Jewish Assimilation and the

Role of the Settlement House,” (2003-2004)

 David Shewey, “Athenian Ambitions for the Delian League” (2003-2004)

Member of Graduate Examining Committees for Master of Arts in History students:

 Jennifer Ross (Winter 2014, written and oral exam committee)

Justin Devereaux (Spring 2014, written and oral exam committee)

Brittney Teal-Cribs (Fall 2013, written committee)

Jody Lyon (Summer 2010, written and oral exam committee)

 Vivian Reed (Spring 2010, written and oral exam committee)

 Jonathan Tipton (Spring 2010, written and oral exam committee)

 Robert Moore (Spring 2010, written and oral exam committee)

 Betsy McDonald (Spring 2010, written and oral exam committee)

Tyler Laughlin (Fall 2009, written and oral exam committee)

Member of Graduate Examining Committees for Master of Science in Education students:

Brian Storrs, Fall 2010

Ernie Sowards, Winter 2005

Sarah Reed, Spring 2004

 Jerald Schierling, Spring 2004

Member, Fulbright Exam Committee in conjunction with WOU Study Abroad Office, for a

WOU student (Geoffrey Bock), October 18, 2006.

Advisor for Social Science Division at sessions for incoming WOU students:

TSOAR session, May 14, 2016

TSOAR session, May 17, 2014

Early Bird Registration, May 12, 2012

Early Bird Registration, May 14, 2011

Early Bird Registration, May 14, 2010

SOAR session, July 25, 2009

Preview Day, April 12, 2008

SOAR session, July 8, 2006

Early Bird Registration, May 20, 2006

Member, WOU International Students Scholarship Committee, April 7, 2006.

Social Science Symposium Presentations:

“Turning Prayers into Protests,” April 9, 2014

“Peace, Reconciliation, and Summer Camps for Youth in East Germany,” January 25,

2006

Panelist, New Faculty Orientation, Western Oregon University, September 15, 2005

Faculty Panelist, Learning Seminar, sponsored by WOU Office of Academic Advising, Spring

2005

Session facilitator, *Eyes on the Prize* screening for African American History Month, sponsored

by the Social Science Division, February 8, 2005

Organizer, “Middle Eastern Film Series,” International Awareness Week, Western Oregon

University, November 15-17, 2004

Academic Advisor, student practicum and Hamersly Library exhibit entitled “1936 Olympics in

Berlin,” Winter and Spring 2004

Guest speaker, “The Allied Intervention in Vladivostok, 1918-1920,” Model United Nations,

International Awareness Dinner, Western Oregon University, October 24, 2003

Denis Moran Memorial Lecture Series Committee (ad hoc), Western Oregon University, Fall

2003 & Winter 2004

Discussion leader, Vaclav Havel’s essay “The Power of the Powerless,” Honors Book Club,

Samford University, May 14, 2003

Reader and Panel Chair, Student Showcase 2003, Samford University, May 9, 2003

Honors Council, Samford University, August 2002-July 2003

**PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

Vice-President, [national] Slovak Studies Association, Spring 2012 – present.

Discussant of Conference Panels:

“Fico’s First Term: The Origins, Achievements and Prospects of the Center-Left in

Slovakia,” at the national conference of the Association for Slavic, East European

& Eurasian Studies, Los Angeles, CA, November 18, 2010

“Christian-Communist Encounters in the Soviet Bloc 1959-1987” at the national

conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, MA, November 12, 2009

“Church and State in East Central Europe in the Communist Era,” at the national

conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 18, 2007.

Chair of Conference Panels:

“Catholicism in Poland under Nazism and Communism,” at the national conference of

the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C.,

November 2016.

“Occasional Allies: Frequent Allies: State Institutions and Religious Organizations under

Communism, 1943-1989,” at the national at the national conference of the

Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, PA,

November 19, 2015.

“Church and State in Early Communist Eastern Europe, 1944-1956,” at the national

conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies,

Washington, D.C., November 18, 2006

“Women, Family Formation, and the State in Twentieth-Century East Europe,” at the

 national conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic

Studies, Boston, MA, December 7, 2004

External Grant Reviewer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New

York, November/December 2006 and March 2010.

External Program Reviewer, proposal to create a new Bachelor of Arts in History at the

University of Washington, Tacoma, September 2009.

Presenter, “Bausoldaten and the Independent Peace Movement in East Germany, 1964-1989,”

Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club, December 4, 2008

National Geographic Educational Grant coordinator, brought two local Oregon public middle

schools (Central School District and Salem-Keizer School District) into a multi-state

grant application entitled “The Great Roads: The Czech Republic.” This grant (not

awarded) was designed to make educational resources (textbooks, lesson plans, Google

Earth computer software, maps and workshop training) on Czech history and culture

available to participating social studies teachers in Oregon, Georgia and Alabama.

Consultant (unpaid) to the organizers of the Birmingham (Alabama) International Festival “Great

Roads: The Czech Republic” project, September 2006-2007.

Anonymous Peer Reviewer, seven chapters of a new world history textbook entitled *Conflicts*

*and Connections* (Longman Publishers), spring 2005.

Officer-At-Large, Slovak Studies Association, November 2003 - 2007

Lecturer, “Samizdat Publishing: The Underground Press in Slovakia, 1948-1989,” Slovak

Heritage Festival, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1999

Lecturer, “Slovakia’s Secret Church Under Communism,” Slovak Heritage Festival, Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, November 1, 1998

Guest speaker, “The 1997 Bosnian Municipal Elections,” Pleasant Hills Rotary Club, Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, November 1997

Elections Supervisor, Organization for Security & Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnian

Municipal Elections, Republika Srpska, Bosnia-Hercegovina, September 4-19, 1997

Current membership in academic associations:

 Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies (formerly AAASS)

 Slovak Studies Association

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors)

# FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Faculty Development Grant, Category III, Western Oregon University, awarded winter 2016 to

support four weeks of archive research in Germany, September 23-October 25, 2016.

Faculty Development Grant, Category III, Western Oregon University, awarded winter 2013 to

support three weeks of oral history research in Germany, October 4-25, 2013.

National Endowment for the Humanities, 2011 Summer Stipend, awarded April 2011 to support

two months of archive research in Germany, September 1-October 31, 2011.

Faculty Development Grant, Category III, Western Oregon University, awarded winter 2011 to

support archive research in Germany, November 1-30, 2011.

Faculty Development Grant, Category III, Western Oregon University, awarded winter 2008 to

support archive research in Berlin, Germany, June 26-August 1, 2008

Faculty Development Grant, Category III, Western Oregon University, awarded winter 2005 to

support archive research in Berlin, Germany, July 3-30, 2005

Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar award, Woodrow Wilson International Center for

Scholars/American Council of Learned Societies, August 8-11, 2003

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2001-2002

Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, West European Studies, 2001-2002 (declined)

Cho-yun Hsu Fellowship for Summer Research, University of Pittsburgh, 2000

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), scholarship for intensive language study at the

University of Leipzig, Germany, Summer 1998

Thomas Kukucka Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Slovak Studies Program, University of

Pittsburgh, 1997 and 1995

*Studia Academia Slovaca* Scholarship, Slovak Ministry of Culture, 1997 and 1994

Czechoslovak Nationality Room Scholarship, University of Pittsburgh, 1996

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Pastega Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Western Oregon University, May 1, 2014

“1998 Graduate Student Essay Prize,” awarded by the American Association for the

Advancement of Slavic Studies, September 26, 1998

“Best Graduate Student Paper,” awarded by the Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, Spring 1998

Certificate of Recognition for commitment and support of students with disabilities at Western

Oregon University, October 2009.

Nominated, by a WOU student with a disability, for contributing significantly to their success,

Office of Disabilities Services, October 26, 2005.

Nominated, Outstanding Academic Faculty Advisor of the Year, Western Oregon University,

2004-2005, 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 academic years

# OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editor, Center for West European Studies Newsletter, University of Pittsburgh, January 1996

-April 1998

History & English Teacher, Evanjelicke Gymnazium (Lutheran High School), Tisovec,

(Czecho)Slovakia, September 1992-August 1993

**FILMOGRAPHY**

“Reference Question,” Director of Photography, *48 Hour Film Project*, 2010

“Past-Present,” Director of Photography, *48 Hour Film Project*, 2009

“The Decision,” Director of Photography, *48 Hour Film Project*, 2008

“8veU,” documentary film, Director and Director of Photography, Willamette Valley Film

Collective, *International Documentary Challenge*, 2008

“Visual Vitriol,” documentary film, Photography, Willamette Valley Film Collective,

*International Documentary Challenge*, 2007

“Five Cups of Coffee,” Director of Photography, 2006, [Official entry in the 2007 Mid-Valley

Video Festival]

“Flight Animal,” documentary film, Photography, Willamette Valley Film Collective,

*International Documentary Challenge*, 2006

**LANGUAGES**

Slovak, German