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## Education

PhD Candidate in History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (expected May 2024)  
Dissertation: "Power in the Village: Rural Political Life in Czechoslovakia, 1944-1954"  
M.A., History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2019  
M.Ed., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2016  
B.A., History, Mount Holyoke College, 2010

## Publications

### *Peer-reviewed articles*

2021 "Světlna: Partisans and Power in Postwar Czechoslovakia," *Contemporary European History* 30, no. 1 (February 2021)

### *Book reviews*

2023 Tomáš Nigrin, *The Rise and Decline of Communist Czechoslovakia's Railway Sector* (2022) in *H-Sci-Med-Tech* (forthcoming)  
2022 Jan Boštík, *Mladočovské Jericho: kolektivizace jedné vesnice* (2021) in *Časopis Matice moravské*, 2022, no. 1

### *Digital publications*

2022 "My Trips to Vsetín," *Contingent Magazine*, <https://contingentmagazine.org/2022/05/14/my-trips-to-vsetin/>  
2022 "Partyzáni chtěli skutečnou lidovou demokracii. Diktatura KSČ byla pro řadu z nich nepřijatelná," interview with Ondřej Bělíček, *Alarm*, <https://a2larm.cz/2022/05/partyzani-chteli-skutecnou-lidovou-demokracii-diktatura-ksc-byla-pro-radu-z-nich-neprijatelna/>

## Awards

2023 Konrad H. Jarausch Essay Prize for Advanced Graduate Students in Central European History, North Carolina German Studies Seminar  
2021 Emerging Scholars Article Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association  
2019 Honorable Mention, *Contemporary European History* Prize

## Grants and fellowships

2023 Ross and Charlotte Johnson Family Dissertation Fellowship, Royster Society of Fellows, UNC-Chapel Hill  
2020 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Sciences Research Council  
2020 Fulbright-IIE Fellowship, Czech Republic

- 2020 Central European History Society Travel Grant
- 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, UNC Center for European Studies
- 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, UNC Center for European Studies
- 2019 ASEES Graduate Student Travel Grant
- 2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies
- 2017 Digital Humanities Graduate Recruitment Fellowship, Carolina Digital Humanities

### **Invited talks**

- 2024 “Operation Velehrad, 1950: Communism, Catholicism, and Popular Tradition in Czechoslovakia,” North Carolina German Studies Seminar, January 19, 2024
- 2021 “Moc na vesnici. Politický život na Valašsku, 1945-1954,” Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, November 24, 2021

### **Conference and workshop participation**

- 2024 “‘The Best Representatives of the Liberated People’: Local Legacies of Resistance in Postwar Czechoslovakia,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 6, 2024
- 2023 “‘Heritage of our Fathers’: Sts. Cyril and Methodius under Communist Rule,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, December 2, 2023 (panel co-organizer)
- 2023 “Living with the Old Ways: Rural Society and Collectivization in Stalinist Czechoslovakia,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, June 10, 2023
- 2022 “Folk Democracy in Moravian Wallachia,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, November 11, 2022
- 2022 “Myths and Legends from Moravian Wallachia,” Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop, April 29, 2022
- 2021 “Operation Velehrad: State-Sponsored Pilgrimage in Stalinist Czechoslovakia,” Microhistories of Socialism Doctoral Workshop, Juraj Dobrila University, August 26, 2021
- 2019 “Partisan Politics in Eastern Moravia, 1945-1950,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, November 25, 2019
- 2019 “Světлана: Networks of Local Resistance in Moravian Wallachia,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, March 15, 2019
- 2018 “Rural Communists and Partisans: Resistance and Revolution in Moravian Wallachia,” Making and Remaking Europe: The Czech and Slovak Contribution, University of Toronto, November 9, 2018

**Teaching experience**

*Teaching assistant, Department of History, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*

- Spring 2023 History of the Holocaust
- Fall 2022 History of Lies, Conspiracy, and Disinformation
- Fall 2020 Liberalism, Socialism, and Fascism in Europe
- Fall 2020 Human Rights in History
- Spring 2019 The World Since 1945
- Fall 2018 The World Since 1945
- Summer 2018 The Texture of Memory: Jewish Life and the Holocaust

*Apprentice teaching assistant, Department of History, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*

- Spring 2018 The World Since 1945
- Fall 2017 European History to 1650

*Student teacher, Frontier Regional High School, Deerfield, MA*

- Spring 2016 World History I
- Spring 2016 Honors World History I

**Academic service**

- 2023-2024 President, Graduate History Society
- 2023 Committee member, Emerging Scholar Article Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association
- Spring 2023 Graduate Research Consultant, "East Central Europe in the Modern Era"
- 2022-2023 Academic Professional Development Coordinator, Graduate History Society
- 2022-2023 Co-organizer, European History Graduate Seminar
- 2021-2022 Writer, UNC-Chapel Hill History Department Newsletter
- 2019-2020 Co-organizer, European History Graduate Seminar

**Languages**

- English (native)
- Czech (fluent)
- Russian (elementary)
- German (elementary)

**Professional memberships**

- Association for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies
- Czechoslovak Studies Association
- Central European History Society
- Agricultural History Society

**References**

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