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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of History, 2022-
Brevard College; Brevard, North Carolina

Chair of Humanities Division, 2023-
Brevard College; Brevard, North Carolina

Director of Honors Program, 2022-
Brevard College; Brevard, North Carolina

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2018-2022
Brevard College; Brevard, North Carolina

Assistant Professor, Department of History and International Studies, 2015-2018
West Virginia Wesleyan College; Buckhannon, West Virginia

Postdoctoral Lecturer, Department of History, 2014-15
University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Knoxville, Tennessee

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, 2014

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dissertation: "The Dictator without a Uniform: Kārlis Ulmanis, Agrarian Nationalism,
Transnational Fascism, and Interwar Latvia"

Major Fields: Modern Central and Eastern Europe, world history, agricultural history

Committee members: Dr. Vejas Liulevicius (adviser), Dr. Denise Phillips, Dr. Margaret
Andersen, Dr. Monica Black, Dr. Tore Olsson, and Dr. Daniel Magilow

M.A., History, 2007

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Thesis: "The Legacy of 'Vadonis' Ulmanis: Kārlis Ulmanis, Past, Present, and Future,"
advised by Dr. Carol Lilly

Major Fields: Modern Central and Eastern Europe, Russia/Soviet Union, Scandinavia

B.A. (Honors), History with a Minor in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, 2005

University of Nebraska at Kearney

OTHER EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison
BALSSI Intensive-Latvian II, Summer 2010

University of California-Los Angeles
BALSSI Intensive-Latvian I, Summer 2008

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
Institute for the International Education of Students, European Union Program, Spring
2004

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, Department of History, August 2008-July 2014
University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Knoxville, Tennessee

Copywriter, August 2007-May 2008
Information Technology, Inc. (now Fiserv, Inc.); Lincoln, Nebraska

Freelance Historian, Historic Buildings and Homes Project, May-August 2007
The Plainsman Museum; Aurora, Nebraska

Research Assistant, History Department, August 2006-May 2007
University of Nebraska at Kearney; Kearney, Nebraska

Special Collections Archivist, May-August 2006
University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Lincoln, Nebraska

- Processed and reorganized the *Kārlis Ulmanis/Latvian and Baltic History Collection* at Love Library
- Wrote the introductory history and finding aid to the *Kārlis Ulmanis/Latvian and Baltic History Collection* at Love Library

Graduate Assistant, History Department, Spring 2006
University of Nebraska at Kearney; Kearney, Nebraska

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- HIST 110: Global History, 1500-Present
- HIST 121: Western Civilization I
- HIST 102/122: Modern Europe/Western Civilization II
- HIST 188: Agriculture and Food in World History
- HIST 205: Genocide, Ethnic Cleansing, and the Development of International Law
- HIST 225/307: Modern German History, 1740-Present
- HIST 232: Modern Europe Since 1890
- HIST 262: World Civilization, 1500-Present
- HIST 288/309: Communism and Fascism in European History

- HIST 288: Twentieth-Century Genocides and International Law
- HIST 290/201: The History of Stuff (Global Commodities)
- HIST 290: War and Nationalism in the Modern History of Southeast and East Asia
- HIST 290: The Global History of Post-Cold War Politics
- HIST 290: The International Military History of World War I
- HIST 325: Modern Eastern Europe, 1800-Present
- HIST 330: European Intellectual and Social History, 1784-Present
- HIST 332: Europe in the Age of Total War, 1900-2000 (co-instructor)
- HIST 340: History of Modern Russia, 1762-Present
- HIST 355: European Diplomatic History, 1618-Present
- HIST 306/358: History of the Modern Middle East, 1796-Present
- HIST 399(Honors): Culture Wars in the Modern Age
- HIST 401: Research Methods and Historiography
- FYE 101: First-Year Experience
- HON 101: The Honors Community at Brevard College

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Nominated by Asheville Chapter of World Affairs Council to serve as keynote speaker at the 2023 World Affairs Council National Conference
 - University of Tennessee, Knoxville Alumni Promise Award, 2021
 - Brevard College Pedagogy Funds, Brevard College, 2018
 - Title III Mini-Grant, West Virginia Wesleyan College, 2017
 - Faculty Innovation Grant, West Virginia Wesleyan College, 2017
 - Student-nominated finalist for Faculty of the Year, 2016
 - University of Tennessee Quest Scholar of the Week, October 21-25, 2013
 - Recognized as Top Graduate Student in European History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2013
 - IIE/U.S. Department of State J. William Fulbright Fellowship to Latvia, 2010-2011
 - Chancellor's Extraordinary Professional Promise Award, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2011
 - Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS) Dissertation Grant, 2011
 - J. Wallace and Katie Dean Special Graduate Non-Service Fellowship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2011
 - U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Summer 2010
 - J. Wallace and Katie Dean Graduate Non-Service Fellowship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2008-2009
 - Francis Huffman Fund, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2008-2010
 - Reichenbach Scholarship for Outstanding University of Nebraska System Graduate Students, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2006-2007
 - History Department David Stevenson Scholarship, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2005-2006
 - History Department Hamaker Scholarship, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2005-2006
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ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *The Dictator without a Uniform: Transnational Fascism, Agrarian Nationalism, and the Kārlis Ulmanis Regime* (in progress)

Chapters in an Edited Volume:

- (solicited) “The Contagion of Fascism: Transnational Fascism, Interwar Latvia, and Pathways of Transmission”, *Transnational and Transatlantic Fascism in East Central and Southeastern Europe, 1918–2018* (forthcoming with Routledge)
- (solicited) “Transnational Totalitarianism and the Building of a New Public Consciousness in Kārlis Ulmanis’s Latvia” in *Dictatorship and Daily Life in Twentieth-Century Europe* (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2022): 123-148
- (solicited) “Robežu saplūšana: demokrātija, vadonisms un Latvija starptautiskajā kontekstā” (“The Blurring of Lines: Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Latvia in Transnational Context”) in *Latvijas ārlietu simtgade: Pasaules doma un Latvija* (Rīga: Latvian Institute of International Affairs, 2019): 60-78
- (solicited) “‘Made in America’: Kārlis Ulmanis un proamerikānisma izveide Latvijā, 1918-1940” in *Latvijas ārlietu simtgade: 1. sejums: idejas un personības* (Rīga: Latvian Institute of International Affairs, 2016): 86-101

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- (solicited) “The War Thus Far: An Assessment of the Impact of the War in Ukraine on the Baltic States (forthcoming special issue of *EuropeNow*)
- “‘Victory Clearing,’ the Kārlis Ulmanis Regime, and Latvian National Identity” (in progress)
- “How Putin’s War in Ukraine Melted the Frozen Conflicts in the Baltic States,” *EuropeNow*, Council for European Studies, June 27, 2023, <https://www.europenowjournal.org/2023/06/26/how-putins-war-in-ukraine-melted-the-frozen-conflicts-in-the-baltic-states/>
- “‘Renewed Latvia.’ A Case Study of the Transnational Fascism Model,” *Fascism: Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies* Vol. 2 (2013): 183-204

Book Reviews:

- (solicited) *War, Revolution, and Nation-Making in Lithuania, 1914-1923*, by Tomas Balkelis, *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity*, Vol. 49, Issue 5 (2021): 992-994.
- (solicited) *Richard Walther Darré: Der “Reichsbauernführer”, die nationalsozialistische “Blut und Boden” Ideologie und Hitlers Machteroberung*, by Horst Gies, *Central European History* Vol. 53, No. 4 (2020): 879-881.
- (solicited) *Shatterzone of Empires: Coexistence and Violence in the German, Habsburg, Russian, and Ottoman Borderlands*, ed. Omer Bartov and Eric D. Weitz, *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity* Vol. 42, No. 5 (2014): 915-917

- (solicited) *A Cat's Lick: Democratisation and Minority Communities in the Post-Soviet Baltic*, by Timofey Agarin, *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity* Vol. 39, No. 4 (2011): 644-646

Other Publications:

- Finding aid and introductory history to the *Kārlis Ulmanis/Latvian and Baltic History Collection*, posted on the *University of Nebraska-Lincoln Archives and Special Collections* website in September 2006

CONFERENCE, SYMPOSIUM, AND WORKSHOP PAPERS

- “The Contagion of Fascism: Transnational Fascism, Interwar Latvia, and Pathways of Transmission,” Baltic Studies Teaching and Learning Workshop, Wingate University, 2023
- Council of Independent College’s (CIC) workshop “Deliberation and Debate: Advancing Civil Discourse through Courses for First-Year Students,” Washington, D.C., 2021
- “Uzvaras līdums: Kārlis Ulmanis’s Forgotten Prestige Project,” Baltic Studies Teaching and Learning Workshop, Wingate University (virtual conference), 2021
- Copresenter, “What Do We Mean When We Say Equality and Social Justice? A Look at Two United Nations Documents,” Food for Thought Forum, Brevard College, 2020
- Copresenter, “Monuments, Early Capitalism, and the Problems of Historical Memory,” Food for Thought Forum, Brevard College, 2020
- “Vadonisms, Democratic Ideas, and Interwar Latvia,” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, Wingate University, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “‘Illiberalism,’ ‘Managed Democracy,’ and the Threat to Higher Education,” Food for Thought Forum, Brevard College, 2019
- Regional Reacting to the Past Conference French Revolution Game, High Point University, 2019
- “Drain the Swamp: Authoritarianism and Nature in 1930s Latvia,” Agricultural History Society Conference, Grand Valley State University, 2017
- “Progress on Eliminating ‘the Jewish Middleman’? Mazpulki Members’ 1939 Essays and Latvian-Jewish Relations during the Kārlis Ulmanis Regime,” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, 2016 (paper proposal was accepted, but I had to cancel my trip due to the birth of my child)
- “Fascism on the Farm: Transnational Fascism and Latvian Mazpulki,” 11th Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe, Herder Institute, Marburg, Germany, 2015
- “‘Victory Clearing,’ the Kārlis Ulmanis Regime, and Latvian National Identity,” Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention, Columbia University, 2015
- “Consuming the Leader: Agriculture and Food as Sources of Political Legitimacy and Historical Memory in Latvia,” Food for Thought: Culture and Cuisine in Russia and Eastern Europe Symposium, University of Texas at Austin, 2014
- “Bound between West and East: Kārlis Ulmanis and the Birth of the Latvian State,” Conference on “Historical Turning Points and Biographical Experience: Eastern Europe after the Collapse of Empires (1917-1921)”, Nordost-Institut, Lüneburg, Germany, 2013

- “*Uzvaras līdums* and the Influence of the German Ideas of *Umwelt*,” Sixth Annual Southeast German Studies Workshop, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2013.
- “The Five Year Achievement Exhibitions of ‘Renewed’ Latvia: *Mazpulki* Members’ Responses to the Ideology of the Kārlis Ulmanis Regime,” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago, 2012
- “Mazpulku jaunatne ‘atjaunotā’ Latvijā: atbildes uz K. Ulmaņa ideoloģiju Mazpulku skate Jelgavā 1939.gadā,” Latvijas vēsturnieku I kongress, Latvijas Universitāte (“The Mazpulki Youth in ‘Renewed’ Latvia: Responses to Kārlis Ulmanis’s Ideology at the Exhibition in Jelgava in 1939,” The First Congress of Latvian Historians, University of Latvia), 2011
- “Nationalism and the Public Sphere in Kārlis Ulmanis’s Latvia,” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies/Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies Conference, Seattle, Washington, 2010
- “Nationalism and the Public Sphere in Kārlis Ulmanis’s Latvia,” 15th Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention, Columbia University, 2010
- “The Collective and Historical Memory of Kārlis Ulmanis,” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, Indiana University, 2008
- “The Legacy of ‘*Vadonis*’ Ulmanis: Kārlis Ulmanis, Past, Present and Future,” 46th Annual Central Slavic Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, 2007
- “The Legacy of ‘*Vadonis*’ Ulmanis: Kārlis Ulmanis, Past, Present and Future,” 32nd Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2007
- “The Legacy of ‘*Vadonis*’ Ulmanis: Kārlis Ulmanis, Past, Present and Future,” 29th Annual Mid-America Conference on History, Oklahoma State University at Tulsa, 2007
- “The Legend of ‘*Vadonis*’ Ulmanis,” National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Washington and Lee University, 2005

INVITED GUEST LECTURES AND TALKS

- “How the War in Ukraine Melted Frozen Conflicts in the Baltic States,” Spotlight Speaker, World Affairs Council’s 2023 National Conference “Building the World of Tomorrow,” Washington, D.C., 2023
- “European History and the War in Ukraine,” Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning (upcoming)
- “The Melting of the ‘Frozen Conflict’ in the Baltic States: Putin’s War in Ukraine and the Upending of History,” Noontime Lotions Speaker Series, Transylvania County Library, 2023
- “The Melting of the ‘Frozen Conflict’ in the Baltic States: Putin’s War in Ukraine and the Upending of History,” World Affairs Council—Asheville Chapter, University of North Carolina Asheville, 2022
- “From ‘Frozen Conflict’ to Full-Scale War: Explaining the Origins of the War in Ukraine,” Sponsored by the Political Science Department and the Belk Distinguished Professor of Humanities, University of North Carolina Asheville, 2022
- “From ‘Frozen Conflict’ to Full-Scale War: Explaining the Origins of the War in Ukraine,” Public Lecture, Brevard College, 2022

- “On Ukraine, Russia, and the Complicated History of the Region,” Public Talk Sponsored by *The Clarion* at Brevard College, 2022
- “Explaining the War in Ukraine” (a guest lecture for middle school students), Mountain Sun Community School, 2022
- “Combating Extremism, Dehumanization, War, and Violence: Lessons from the Past for the Twenty-First Century,” 2018 Winter Lecture Series Sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Humanities Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
- “‘Grow for Latvia!’: The Role of *Mazpulki* during the Ulmanis Years,” Baltic Studies Summer Institute (BALSSI), University of Pittsburgh Russian and East European Summer Language Institute, 2013
- “Humanities Research and Graduate School,” Undergraduate Student Research Association, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2013
- “Winning a National Fellowship,” Haslam Scholars Honors Program, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2012
- Keynote address, University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Annual Student Research Day, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2012
- “The European Dictator with Cornhusker Roots: Nebraska’s Impact on the Life and Authoritarian Regime of Kārlis Ulmanis,” University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2012
- “Mans stāsts ar latviešu valodu,” Eiropas valodu diena, Latviešu valodas aģentūra, (“My Story with the Latvian Language,” European Language Day, The Latvian Language Agency), Riga, Latvia, 2011
- “Aurora’s Noteworthy Homes and Buildings,” The Plainsman Museum, 2007

POPULAR HISTORY PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *A Century of Sports at the University of Nebraska at Kearney* (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2007), coauthored with Dr. Mark Ellis

Articles, Pamphlets, Etc.:

- *Aurora: A History of Its Most Beloved Homes and Buildings* (Aurora, NE: The Plainsman Museum, 2007)
- “Frank ‘Horse’ Lydic: One of Kearney’s Best.” *Buffalo Tales: The Official Publication of the Buffalo County Historical Society* Vol. 30, No. 4 (2007): 1-6
- “It’s Fun to Run With the Champions: Track and Field at the University of Nebraska at Kearney,” *Buffalo Tales: The Official Publication of the Buffalo County Historical Society* Vol. 30, No. 3 (2007), pp. 1-6
- “Ronald ‘The Farnam Flash’ Lewis: A Beloved Athlete and Friend.” *Buffalo Tales: The Official Publication of the Buffalo County Historical Society* Vol. 30, No. 1 (2007), 1-6
- “Coach George Van Buren: The Founding Father of UNK Sports.” *Buffalo Tales: The Official Publication of the Buffalo County Historical Society* Vol. 29, No. 5 (2006): 1-6

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Discussion of Middle East history and politics, The Gary Bowden Radio Show, aired on June 26, 2017: https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/ajrnewsnetwork/episodes/2017-06-26T10_08_57-07_00
- Quoted extensively in “A Region in Turmoil: The Middle East a Hotbed of Problems, Local Experts Say,” *The Exponent Telegram*, Clarksburg, West Virginia, June 18, 2017
- Quoted extensively in “Neprasts atradums: Kārļa Ulmaņa vēstule,” *Latvijas avīze*, May 15, 2017
- *Changing Course*, WUOT 91.9 fm, interview about my Ph.D. research, aired on November 23, 2013 (<http://wuot.org/programs/changing-course-wuot-2>)

SCHOLARLY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

- Member of Humanities Task Force, Brevard College, 2021-22
- Member of Curriculum Development and Assessment Committee (CDAC), Brevard College, 2021-present
- Co-chair, Social Action Leadership Team (SALT), Brevard College, 2020-present
- Peer reviewer of “The Fascist ‘Soft Power’ in the Baltic States during the Interwar Period: The Case of Latvia.” Submitted to *Journal of Baltic Studies*, 2020.
- Division Chair of History Panels, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, Wingate University, 2020 (conference was cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Organizer, Food for Thought Forum, 2019-present, Brevard College
- Athletics and Compliance Committee, 2019-present, Brevard College
- Presenter, Learn Local Teaching Expo, Brevard College, 2019, 2020
- IRB Member, 2018-present, Brevard College
- Scholarship Day Interviews Volunteer, Brevard College, 2018-19
- Fulbright Program Campus Advisor and International Education Adviser, West Virginia Wesleyan College, 2015-2018, Brevard College 2019-present
- Faculty Senate Member, 2017-2018, West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Honors Program Committee Member, 2016-2018, West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Regional expert for panel discussion on Ukraine-Russia conflict, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, September 11, 2014
- Delivered expert testimony on Latvian history and contemporary politics in U.S. Federal Immigration Court, April 23, 2014
- Member of Fulbright Campus Committee, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2013-2015
- History department videographer, 2013-14, 2011-2012
- Co-organizer and co-chair of “Friends and Foes” digital humanities prototype workshop, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2013
- Member of grant writing team for NHPRC Digitizing Historical Records Grant, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2012-13 (grant received)
- Member of the History department’s graduate committee, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2012-13
- Honorary Judge, University of Nebraska at Kearney Undergraduate Research Day Poster Contest, 2012
- Graduate Student Representative on the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS) executive board, 2010-2012

- Member of Selection Committee, the Benjamin Franklin Fellows Program, U.S. Embassy, Riga, Latvia, 2011
- Organizer and discussant, University of Tennessee, Knoxville History Department's New Graduate Student Orientation Workshop, 2010
- Graduate Student Representative, Search committee for professor of post-1945 German history, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2010
- Judge, Nebraska History Day, 2007

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

- Member of Mountain Sun Community School Board of Trustees, 2021-present
- Member of Social Action Leadership Team, Brevard College, 2020-present
- Member of Search Committee for Lead Teacher in Chipmunk Class, Mountain Sun Community School, 2021
- Member of Search Committee for Lead Teacher in Otter Class, Mountain Sun Community School, 2020

LANGUAGES

- Latvian (non-native, excellent reading, intermediate in writing and conversation)
- German (non-native, excellent reading, intermediate in writing and conversation)

AFFILIATIONS

- Center Fellow, Center for the Study of War and Society, University of Tennessee
- Association for the Studies of Nationalities
 - Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
- Agricultural History Society