### Curriculum Vitae

Date of birth: July 18, 1987 Place of birth: Jackson, MI Citizenship: American

### Education

### 09/2014 Master of Arts (Russian and Slavic Studies), New York University

- Study emphases: Russian literature, Russian Avant-Garde art, Russian history, European philosophy, and East-European political systems
- Master's Thesis: "Vladimir Putin and the Russian Death Drive" –
  Advisor: Prof. Eliot Borenstein
- Cumulative GPA: 3.763

### 05/2009 **Bachelor of Arts (Russian)**, Michigan State University

- Study emphases: Russian language, Russian literature, Russian history, Russian culture, Russian cinema, Polish language, and Arabic language
- Semester abroad at Volgograd Polytechnical University, focusing in Russian language immersion, Volgograd, Russia Summer 2007.
- Extracurricular activity: Russian Club president
- Cumulative GPA: 3.1125

### 05/2005 **High School Diploma,** Lumen Christi Catholic High School

- Extracurricular studies: Latin language and Polish language
- Extracurricular activities: Model UN, Latin Club president, and Varsity Hockey team

### **Current Research Interest**

- Global mobility in relation to Russia, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.
- Minority identity, Gender and Sexuality themes in media and culture.

### **Fellowships and Grants**

• Global Mobility Project Graduate Grant for conducting research on diasporic contact in Polish communities in the urban Midwest, 2018.

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- Global Mobility Project Graduate Grant for conducting interviews with Russian LGBTQ migrants in the United States, and the analysis of their experiences, 2017-2018.
- The Felice M. Grad Endowed Scholarship for Spring/Summer 2017 for Russian language study and media analysis at Moscow State University in Moscow, Russia, 2017.
- U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Summer 2017 in the Russian language and cultural studies at the Ohio State University, 2017.
- U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for AY 2016-2017 in the Russian language and cultural studies at the Ohio State University, 2016-2017
- U.S. Department of State Title VIII Program for Research and Training in Eastern Europe and Eurasia fellowship in the Russian language at the Indiana University Summer Language Workshop, 2016
- Polish Legion of American Veterans-Ladies Auxiliary-Department of Michigan, Jim Wrobel Memorial Scholarship, 2005

### **Presentations/Conferences**

- "Doing Business with Bears: Russian Business Climate and Etiquette," Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI, April 2018.
- "Mobility and Effects in the Lives of LGBTQ Russians," 2018 Midwest Slavic Conference in Columbus, OH March 2018.
- "Y/Our Land and Y/Our People: Filmic Constructions of Soviet National Identity 1926-1944," 2018 AATSEEL Conference in Washington, D.C., February 2018.
- "Lifting the Blinds on Gender and Sex in Yevgeny Zamiatin's We,"
  2017 KFLC: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference in Lexington, KY, April 2017
- "Propaganda for 'Gay Propaganda'," Lakeland Community College in Cleveland, OH, April 2017
- "Andrzej Wajda's Reconciliation and Resurrection of Pan Tadeusz,"
  2017 Midwest Slavic Conference in Columbus, OH April 2017
- "Vladimir Putin and the Russian Death Drive," MSU Russian Club organized by the Michigan State University Department of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages, October 2014
- The Russian/American Symposium on Teaching Civic Engagement Teaching, liaison/translator, organized by Nizhny Novgorod University and Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, MI, November 2009

### **Courses Taught**

- Russian 4798: Russian Culture Study Abroad, Summer 2018.
- Russian 2335.99: Magnificence, Mayhem, and Mafia (online), The Ohio State University, Spring 2018
- Russian 2355.99: Russians and Their Vodka: Deconstructing Myths (online), The Ohio State University, Spring 2018.
- Russian 1101.01: Elementary Russian I, The Ohio State University, Fall 2017
- Cultures and Contexts: Russia between East and West (V55.0510), New York University, Spring 2011.

### **Professional Experience**

### 12/2017-present

# Ph.D. Student, Graduate Teaching Associate, Graduate Teaching Fellow, Study Abroad Resident Director and Graduate Administrative Associate, The Ohio State University

- University Center for the Advancement of Teaching Graduate Teaching Fellow 2018-2019.
- Studies and conducts research on Russian and Polish language, Russian and Polish literature, Russian and Polish Diasporas, and Russian culture.
- Teaches undergraduates.
- Co-organizes the Russian film series.
- Serves as Vice President of the Slavic Literature, Film and Cultural Studies Professionalization Forum. Assuming the Presidency for AY 2018-2019.
- Leads a group of 8 Ohio State students on a Study Abroad trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.
- Participates in Russian table and the Migration Studies Working Group.
- Serves as Graduate Administrative Associate and conducts research for Dr. Yana Hashamova as a part of the Global Mobility Project.
- Attends conferences and departmental extracurriculars.

#### 08/2017-12/2017

# **Ph.D. Student and Graduate Teaching Associate**, The Ohio State University

- Studies and conducts research on Russian and Polish language, Russian and Polish literature, and Russian culture.
- Teaches undergraduates.
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- Attends conferences and departmental extracurriculars.

### 08/2016-08/2017

# **Ph.D. Student and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow**, The Ohio State University

- Studies and conducts research on Russian and Polish language, Russian and Polish literature, and Russian culture.
- Co-organizes the Russian film series.
- Participates in Russian table and the Migration Studies Working Group.
- Conducts research for Dr. Yana Hashamova as a part of the Global Mobility Project.
- Attends conferences and departmental extracurriculars.

### 10/2014-12/2016

# **Project Manager and Independent Consultant of Research Partnerships**, JDRF International

- Serves as liaison to JDRF-Australia staff on research-specific administrative activities in RMS360 related to the JDRF Australian Clinical Research Network II (CRN II) governmental partnership.
- Provides single point of contact for all CRN II-related administrative responsibilities, internally to JDRF International staff, the JDRF Affiliate, and/or externally to the research community.
- Provides accurate record keeping of portfolio statistics in databases and/or records in accordance with expectations communicated by JDRF Affiliate and JDRFI.
- Captures and maintains metrics for funding dollars leveraged in international biomedical research projects.
- Supports 6 international JDRF affiliates in research specific administrative and operational activities.
- Serves as grantee point of contact for the Helmsley Charitable Trust partnership grants to JDRF International.
- Develops and manages international research partnerships in 17 countries around the world.
- Manages research partnership portfolio of over 50 international and domestic grants.

#### 01/2013-10/2014

### **Business Development and Legal Compliance**, LJ Ross Associates

- Develops and maintains relationships with clients in the healthcare industry and government sector.
- Lobbies and corresponds with State and Federal elected officials regarding the modernization and modification of laws pertaining to the financial services industry.

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- Established, implemented and maintains Compliance Management System for recording consumer complaints, inquiries from Federal and State regulatory bodies, and lawsuits.
- Communicates with corporate attorney regarding training, legal strategy, licensing and ongoing legal compliance issues.
- Conducts research and audits employees in the legal compliance with The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, The Telephone Consumer Protection Act, HIPAA and various similar state acts and codes.
- Assisted in the successful ISO/IEC 27001:2005 certification and implementation of ISMS and supports the transition to ISO/IEC 27001:2013.

#### 12/2011-01/2013

### Paralegal, Olson Law Group

- Maintains calendar and receivables of fast paced law firm.
- Facilitates filing and organization of physical and online case files.
- Communicates and cooperates with various State and Federal Courts, Attorneys and interested third parties, to manage case flow.
- Corresponds and assists with over 100 clients regarding lawsuits pertaining to The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, The Telephone Consumer Protection Act, The Michigan Occupation Code, and The Michigan Collection Practices Act, among other allegations.
- Conducts legal research and composes draft legal documents for approximately 70 active cases.

#### 01/2011-05/2011

### **Adjunct Instructor**, New York University

- Experience teaching two weekly recitations of 15 students each and assisting Prof. Eliot Borenstein biweekly in lecture for the class *Russia between East and West*.
- Responsibilities included proctoring quizzes and exams, administering grading and maintaining the class Blackboard website.
- Communicated and met regularly with students and peer teaching team.
- Advised on improving students' education trajectory, stylistic writing, and methods of analytical reading.

### 07/2006-08/2010

### Office Aide and Research Assistant, Michigan State Senate

- Four years of experience providing support and research assistance in a fast-paced office setting, with over 25 staff members.
- Responsibilities included answering a multi-line phone system, ordering supplies and equipment, managing a staff library and archive system with over 1,300 volumes, researching state policy issues, maintaining a database of media contact information from statewide outlets, managing the monitoring and distribution of news stories to staff and Senate members, and responding to constituent requests.
- Successfully revised employee and intern manuals of state government resources which were being used by 19 Senate offices

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• Reorganized staff library and cataloged over 1300 volumes

### Languages

- English (native language)
- Russian (advanced high)
- Polish (intermediate)