

Cadra Peterson McDaniel, Ph.D.
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Killeen, TX 76549

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy, History, August 2012

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Fields of Study: Early Modern Europe, Modern European History; Russian/Soviet Studies,
and International Security

Dissertation Title: *Artful Warfare: The Soviets' Superficial Thaw, 1959*

GRINT Language Center of the Moscow Humanities University, June 2009

Studied the Russian language and attended lectures on contemporary Russian politics in Moscow, Russia

Master of Liberal Arts, Social Science (Political Science), May 2007

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

Thesis: "Oppositional Politics in Painting: An Analysis of the Depiction of Late Nineteenth-Century
Revolutionary Russia"

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 2005, Summa Cum Laude

Minors: Spanish and International Studies

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

Henderson State University Honors Scholar

Language Skills: Conversant in and able to research in Russian and Spanish

Experience:

Assistant Lecturer in Liberal Studies, 2015-Present

Texas A&M University-Central Texas, Killeen, TX 76549

- Teaching interdisciplinary courses (liberal studies courses) and undergraduate and graduate history courses
- Overseeing the liberal studies course offerings at the Gatesville Correctional Facilities
- Serving on various university committees
and as the faculty sponsor of the History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta

Adjunct Faculty, Honors College, 2015

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR 71999

- Created a new course, Global Cold War
- Aided students with developing their analytical skills
- Assisted students with preparing a research project

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Social Sciences, 2015

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR 71999

- Taught the survey course, World Civilization since 1660
- Aided students in analyzing audio, visual, and textual primary sources
- Instructed students in methods of historical research

Adjunct Faculty, Department of English, Philosophy, and Foreign Languages, 2014

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR 71999

- Taught Basic English
- Aided students with becoming more proficient with English grammar and with becoming more confident writers
- Employed the latest innovative teaching techniques such as the Flipped Classroom

Office Manager, The STEM Center, August 2013-June 2015

Position ended due to a lack of funding

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

- Communicated successfully with a diverse population and worked effectively with various offices on campus and with various school districts
- Maintained an accurate account of the department's budget and monthly expenses

Reader/Grader, College Board's AP European History Examination, June 2013-Present

Educational Testing Service (ETS), Kansas City, MO

- Graded AP European History Examinations to determine if students receive college credit
- Examined essays for a well-constructed thesis, knowledge of subject, and clarity of writing

Adjunct Faculty Member, International Institute, January 2013-May 2013

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

- Assisted foreign exchange students from numerous non-Western countries with improving their communication, reading, grammar, composition, and listening skills
- Planned events so that students became familiar with American and Mississippi history
- Oversaw out-of-state travel and ensured that groups of 40-50 students arrived on time

Researcher, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, June 2012-March 2013

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Position was temporary and funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities

- Worked as part of the team which is publishing the first scholarly edition of U.S. Grant's Memoirs
- Conducted extensive primary and secondary research to verify Grant's statements, regarding troop movements, battle conditions, and strategies
- Aided student assistants with their projects, such as learning the best methods for conducting in-depth primary research
- Answered library patrons' research questions and other procedural questions

Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Department of History, August 2008-May 2012 Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

- Engaged students with interpreting the relationship between historical events and current affairs
- Instructed students in methods of critically evaluating and analyzing archival and secondary material, such as documents, and non-traditional materials, such as visual materials, to conduct studies and to validate final conclusions
- Supervised the work of teaching assistants, maintained students' academic records and other confidential data, and taught online courses
- Planned all American and Russian research trips, including securing accommodations and needed documents and devising a budget
- Aided with planning for the 5th Regional International Security and Internal Safety Conference
- Served as Graduate Ambassador and met with prospective faculty and students
- Reviewed and offered critiques, *Making Europe*, Course Reader, Kidner, et al.

Administrative Assistant, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, October 2007-May 2008,
Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

- Organized the Department Chair's calendar, reconciled monthly expenses, planned special projects, reviewed correspondence, and scheduled appointments for various faculty members
- Handled academic records and other confidential materials and supervised student assistants and graduate assistants
- Communicated effectively with a diverse population on a routine basis
- Acted as the liaison between the Education Department and prospective students and represented the department at various university and recruitment functions

Graduate/Research Assistant, Department of Social Sciences, August 2006-May 2007,
Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

- Gained experience with research and analysis regarding American history and American government
- Compiled primary and secondary data regarding female political leaders and their role in political movements
- Evaluated information regarding the existing methods used to analyze the importance of social documentaries, wrote an extensive summary of the findings, formulated surveys, and analyzed surveys' results to determine the influence of specific documentaries

Graduate Assistant, The Writing Center, Department of English, August 2005-May 2006,
Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

- Worked with American and international students from countries, including Russia, Romania, and Turkey, to improve their understanding of grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, and bibliographic formats
- Aided students with expressing complex and technical ideas in a clear manner
- Calmly interacted with upset or anxious students and helped them devise solutions to their problems

Presentations:

“Arctic Nationalism: Vladimir Putin’s Strategy for Russia as a Northern Power,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Hosted by The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, March 2016

“Chicago Style Workshop: Formatting Papers and Sources Using Chicago Style,” Interdisciplinary Workshop, The Writing Center, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, March and April 2015

“Historical Perceptions of the Protestant Reformation and Its Influence in Society,” Guest Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Human Services & Criminal Justice, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, March 2014

“Revolutionary Artists: Russian Painters and Anti-Tsarist Sentiments in Late Imperial Russia,” Honors Program Guest Lecturer, College of the Ouachitas, Malvern, Arkansas, 2013

“Artful Warfare: *Romeo and Juliet*’s Role as a Soviet Cold War Weapon,” 6th Regional International Security and Internal Safety Conference, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 2012

“Soviet Identity: Socialist Realism and Imperial Traditions,” 36th European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, 2011

Assisted with organization for the 5th Regional International Security and Internal Safety Conference, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, 2011

“Crossroads of Conflict: Central Asia and the European Continental Balance of Power,”
4th Regional International Security and Internal Safety Conference, The University of New Orleans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, 2010

“The United States and Russia: Dangerous Points of Conflict,” 3rd Regional International Security and Internal
Safety Conference, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 2009

“Revolutionary Russia on Canvas: The Visual Voice of Late Nineteenth-Century Radical Russia,”
Arkansas College Art History Symposium, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, 2007
First student from Henderson State University to present

Translations for Other Professionals:

Translations of the accounts of Soviet prisoners in Buchenwald, entitled, “A Collection of Memories
about the Concentration Camp Buchenwald.” The material was used by various members of the faculty at
Mississippi State University. Translated, 2010- 2011

Spanish Language Campaign Material for Former U.S. Congressman Mike Ross, Summer 2002

Publications and Peer Reviews:

McDaniel, Cadra P. *American-Soviet Cultural Diplomacy: The Bolshoi Ballet’s American Premiere*,
Lexington Books, 2015

McDaniel, Cadra P. Peer Reviewer/Proofreader, Henderson’s *Academic Forum* # 31, 2013-2014. 2014-2015

McDaniel, Cadra P. “Soviet Identity: Socialist Realism and Imperial Traditions,”
2011 The European Studies Conference Selected Proceedings, June 2012 Online Publication

McDaniel, Cadra P. “Crossroads of Conflict: Central Asia and the European Continental Balance of Power,” *The
Historian* 73, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 41-64.

McDaniel, Cadra P. “Revolutionary Russia on Canvas: The Visual Voice of Late-Nineteenth Century Radical
Russia,” Henderson State University, *Academic Forum* # 25, 2007-2008, 41-63.

Research Grants and Research Experience:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library Travel Grant, Abilene, KS, 2011
Grant provided by the Jeffcoat Memorial Foundation

Phi Alpha Theta Travel Award, partially funded the research trip to Russia, Mississippi State University, Starkville,
MS, 2011; Office of the Graduate School Assistantship provided funds for research trips to Russia and in the
United States, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, 2010-2012

The Russian State Archive of Contemporary History (RGANI), the Russian State Archive of Literature and Art
(RGALI), the State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF), the Russian State Archive of Socio-Political
History (RGASPI), the Russian State Library (RGB), the Russian State Library for the Arts (RGBI), and the
Museum of the State Academic Bolshoi Theater (Muzei GABT), Moscow, Russia, 2011

The National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD; The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C, 2011

Summer Research Laboratory on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, July 2010. Grants provided via the U.S. State Department Title VIII.

Honors:

Martin T. Smith, Sr., Graduate Award, presented to the outstanding graduate student in the International Security/Internal Safety Node, initial recipient, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, 2011-2012

James T. Garner Scholarship, the Department of History, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, 2008-2009, 2009-2010

William E. Parrish Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, 2009

Phi Alpha Theta-Gamma-Nu Chapter, History Honor Society, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, 2009-2012

Alpha Epsilon Lambda-Alfa Delta Chapter, Graduate Honor Society, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, 2006-2007

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, 2007

Pi Sigma Alpha-Phi Tau Chapter, The National Political Science Honor Society, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, Undergraduate, 2004-2005, Graduate, 2005-2007

Outstanding Graduating Senior Award Political Science, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, 2005

Alpha Chi-Arkansas Epsilon Chapter, National College Honor Scholarship Society, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, Undergraduate, 2004-2005

The Gamma Beta Phi Society, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, Undergraduate, 2003-2005

The Honors College, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, Undergraduate, 2002-2005