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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

Academic Experience:

Assistant Professor of History and Liberal Studies, 2016-Present

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

- Teaching undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary courses and history courses
- Creating new undergraduate history courses that focus on Russia and Eastern Europe and creating new interdisciplinary graduate courses
- Serving as Graduate Coordinator for the Master of Science in Liberal Studies
- Serving as Undergraduate Coordinator for the Bachelor of Arts in History
- Serving on university committees, Graduate Council and the Educator Preparation Council, and serving as the faculty sponsor for the History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta and the student discussion club, Junto Club

Assistant Lecturer of Liberal Studies, 2015-2016

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

- Teaching interdisciplinary courses and undergraduate and graduate history courses
- 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

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 publishing the first scholarly edition of 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.

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:

“Westernizers, Slavophiles, and Painters: Contested Portrayals of Russian National Identity,” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, (ASEEES) Boston, 2018

“Isaak Levitan’s Landscapes: Natural Beauty and National Identity,” 43rd Annual European Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, 2018

“Memorializing Revolutionary Martyrs: Depictions of Radicals in Late 19th Century Russia,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Charlotte, North Carolina, 2018

“Politics and Painting: Political Interpretations of the World of Art,” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, (ASEEES) Chicago, 2017

“Politics in the World of Art: Representations of Russia in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries,” Invited Talk, Noontime Scholars Lecture Series Sponsored by the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2017

“Artists and the 1905 Revolution: Depictions of Russia’s Overwhelming Despair and Unbroken Resolve,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Washington DC, 2017

“21st Century Russia: A Glorious Past and a Proud Future,” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, (ASEEES) Washington DC, 2016

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

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

“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

Panels Organized and Panel Discussants:

Organized the Panel “Performative Paintings: Exploring Gender, Spatial, and National Identities in 19th and 20th-Century Russia,” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, (ASEEES) Boston, 2018

Chair for the Panel “Architecture and Visual Arts as Cultural Representations,” 43rd Annual European Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, 2018

Discussant for Panel “Contemporary Russia in a Global Context,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Charlotte, North Carolina, 2018

Discussant for Panel “Global Socialisms,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Washington D.C., 2017

Organized the Panel “Constructing Social, Political, and National Identities in Late Tsarist Russia,” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, (ASEEES) Chicago, 2017

Discussant for the Panel, “The Afterlife of Village Prose in Russia and Eurasia,” The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, (ASEEES) Washington DC, 2016

Chair for the Panel, “Representations of War and Diplomacy,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 2016

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

Publications/Peer Reviews:

McDaniel, Cadra P. “Russia’s Proud Past and Patriotic Identity: A Case Study of Historical Accounts in Contemporary Russian History Textbooks.” *Modern Languages Open*. The University of Liverpool, United Kingdom. Forthcoming 2018.

McDaniel, Cadra P. “Russia’s Arctic Strategy: An Analysis of Diplomatic, Cooperative, and Domestic Policies.” *The Arctic Institute: Center for Circumpolar Security Studies*. November 2017.

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*, 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:

College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant for research in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, regarding *Mir iskusstva* (World of Art) and national identity, 2018.

Research Associateship Summer Research Laboratory on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL. Housing Grant Awarded by the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 2017.

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. Graduate Student Travel and Housing Grant
Awarded by the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, July 2010.