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EDUCATION

2007 PhD in Russian and Soviet History, University of Maryland
2000 M.A. in Russian and East European Studies, Stanford University
1999 B.A. in Political Science with Magna Cum Laude, St. Olaf College

EMPLOYMENT

02/2004 - present: International Broadcaster at Voice of America Radio Station/Azerbaijani Service
Duties: Prepare, edit, translate and broadcast TV and radio newscast programs; write original reports and analyses, conduct interviews, video-edit, maintain website.

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330 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20237

Supervisor: Bulut Mihmandarli, Tel: (202) 382-5120

08/2001-09/2005: Teaching Assistant

Duties: Conduct regular seminars and discussion sessions with undergraduate students in Russian/Soviet, Ancient/Medieval European, East Asian and Middle Eastern histories.

Address: Department of History
2115 Francis Scott Key Hall
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

Supervisor: Jeanine Rutenburg, Tel: (301) 405-0071

10/1999 – 08/2000: Research Associate

Duties: Research and publish sources of finance for the U.S. Energy Dept.-sponsored “Russian Nuclear Cities” project.

Address: Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)
Encina Hall, Stanford University
Stanford, CA 94305

Supervisor: David Bernstein, Tel: (650) 723-2186

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant for *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, Summer, 2002 – Fall, 2004.

Editorial Assistant for *Caspian Business Report* at US-Azerbaijan Council, Washington D.C., 1997.

Professional free-lance interpreter/translator in Azeri-English-Russian, 2001- 2007.

Consultant for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, May-December, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 2001-present.

American Historical Association, 2004-present.

PUBLIC LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

“Formation of Soviet security agency Cheka during the October Revolution”, History Undergraduate Association, University of Maryland, October 20, 2004.

“Islam and Modernity”, Church Librarians’ Forum, Trinity Lutheran Church, Haverford, Pennsylvania, May 5, 2002.

“Islam: Past and Present”, Three-series presentation at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easton, Maryland, November 4, 11 and 18, 2001.

“Russian foreign policy in ‘near abroad’”, Post-Soviet Politics course by Dr. Patrick Dale at St. Olaf College, March 13, 2000.

“Sunni-Shi'a differences”, Islam course by Dr. Vernon Failletaz at St. Olaf College, April 15, 1998.

“Interethnic conflicts in the former Soviet realm”, Quakertown Lions' Club, November 10, 1994.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Winner of the Center for Historical Studies Dissertation Award, University of Maryland, May, 2006.

Bachelor of Arts degree with Magna Cum Laude at St. Olaf College May, 1999.

Participant at Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference in Annapolis, MD, April, 1999.

Affiliate of Pi Sigma Alpha, St. Olaf chapter of nat-l honor society for Political Science majors, 1997-99.

Participant in Close-Up political education program in Washington D.C. 1994.

Vice-President of International Student Organization at St. Olaf College 1996-99.

Finalist of student exchange program held under Freedom Support Act, 1993-94.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Azerbaijani - native ability

English - fluent

Russian - fluent

Turkish - fluent

French - good

Japanese – good

SPECIAL SKILLS

DALET, AVID Video Edit, Final Cut Pro, DV Camera and Lighting, Excel, Power Point, Word Processor.

VOLUNTEER WORK:

SPCA Humane Society of Prince George’s County, Maryland, 2001-2004.

Assistant for Exchange Student Orientation, Quakertown, PA. 1997-99.

Habitat for Humanity: Housing Construction for the Financially Challenged, Denver, CO. 1996.

Habitat for Humanity: Roof Construction for the Earthquake Victims, Northridge, CA. 1995.

REFERENCES

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