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Academic Positions

- August 2017 - Present *Assistant Professor*, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan.
- September 2015 – July 2017 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Minerva Research Group, 'Reading and Writing Nature in Early Modern Europe' (Leong)
Department II (Daston) at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin.
- September - December 2016 *Visiting Lecturer*, Bard College Berlin.
- September 2015 - Present *Affiliated Research Scholar*, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge.
- 2013-2015 *Wellcome Trust Research Fellow*, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge.
- 2010-2011 *Postgraduate Teaching Assistant*, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London.

Education

- 2008-2012 *PhD in History*
University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies.
Thesis: The Production and Consumption of Medical Knowledge in Seventeenth-Century Russia: The Apothecary Chancery. <http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/1388075/>
Supervisor: Dr Sergei Bogatyrev.
Degree awarded March 28, 2013.
- 2007-2008 *MA in History (Distinction)*
University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies.
Thesis: Physicians and the Occult Arts at the Court of Ivan IV.
- 2003-2007 *BA (Hons) Russian and History (First Class)*
University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies.

Awards and Grants

- 2015-2017 *Postdoctoral Fellowship* at the *Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG)* (salary plus €2000 annual expenses allowance).
- 2015 *Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG)*, one month visiting scholar stipend (€1,100 plus travel).
- 2013-2015 *Wellcome Trust Research Fellowship* (£137,011).
- 2013 Co-recipient with Dr Patrick Wallis of conference grants towards the workshop '**Trading Medicines: The Global Drug Trade in Perspective**', held 10th January 2014 at the London School of Economics.
Wellcome Trust (£1,606).
Economic History Society (£1000).

Royal Historical Society (£200).

- 2009-2010 **Travel Grants for Doctoral Archival Research**
Arts and Humanities Research Council (£7,070).
University College London Graduate School (£300).
- 2009-2010 **Travel Grants for Conferences**
Society for the Social History of Medicine (£600).
University College London Graduate School (£250).
UCL-SSEES Centre for Russian Studies (£100).
- 2009 *Royal Historical Society* grant towards the costs of the **SSEES Postgraduate Conference** (£500).
- 2008–2011 **Arts and Humanities Research Council**, full doctoral funding (£15,000 p. a. plus fees.).

Monograph

Current Project: ***Dangerous Drugs. The Globalisation of Early Modern Russian Medicine***. Full manuscript under consideration by a university press.

Edited Volumes and Special Editions

Co-author of 'Introduction' and co-editor with Anna Graber, Rachel Koroloff, and Audra Yoder, 'The Natural Turn in Early Modern Russian History', *ВИБЛИОФИКА: E-Journal of Eighteenth-Century Russian Studies*, 6 (2018).
<https://vivliofika.library.duke.edu/issue/view/2286/showToc>

Co-editor with Tul'si Bhambry, Titus Hjelm, Christopher Nicholson, and Olga G. Voronina, *Perpetual Motion? Transition and Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe & Russia* (School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL: London, UK, 2011).
<http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/1322705/>

Articles and Chapters

'Plants and Medicine: Herbal Healing in the Early Modern Global World', invited contribution for *A Cultural History of Plants in the Age of Enlightenment (1648-1815)*, edited by Jennifer Milam (under contract with Bloomsbury Academic). Planned publication date: 2019.

'The Wealth of Someone Else's Colonies: Sassafras Beyond the Early Modern Spanish Empire', under submission with *Journal of Global History*.

'Every Court an Island? Palace Medicine, International Exchanges, and Popular Practices in Early Modern Russia.' *Medizinhistorisches Journal* 53, no. 3-4 (2018): 309-330.

'Bureaucracy and Knowledge Creation: The Apothecary Chancery', invited contribution for *Information and Empire: Mechanisms of Communication in Russia, 1600-1850*, edited by Simon Franklin and Katherine Bowers (Open Book Publishers, 2017), pp. 255-286. Available open access here:
<https://www.openbookpublishers.com/10.11647/OBP.0122/OBP.0122.08.pdf>

'Russia and the Medical Drug Trade in the Seventeenth Century', *Social History of Medicine*, 31, 1, 2018, pp. 2–23.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/shm/hkw106>

'In Search of an Audience: Popular Pharmacies and the Limits of Literate Medicine in Late Seventeenth- and Early Eighteenth-Century Russia', *Bulletin for the History of Medicine*, 89 (2015), 705–732.
https://muse.jhu.edu/journals/bulletin_of_the_history_of_medicine/v089/89.4.griffin.html

Encyclopaedia Entries and Review Essays

Commissioned entries for *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History, 1500-1900*:

'Skazaniia o dare Shakha Abbasa' and 'Semen Ivanovich Shakhovskoi', in David Thomas and John Chesworth (eds), *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History. Volume 8. Northern and Eastern Europe (1600-1700)* (Brill: Leiden and Boston, 2016), pp. 838-45.

'The Al-Koran on Muhammad,' and 'Abridgement of the Mohammadan Faith. Translated from the Latin', forthcoming.

'Russia and Early Modern European Medicine', *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 12, 4 (2011), 967-81. <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/kritika/v012/12.4.griffin.pdf>

Impact Publications and Public Engagement

Engages with #twitterstorians and #medievaltwitter under the handle @ClaraGriffinska

Contributor to and Guest Editor for *The Recipes Project Blog*

April 2016 'Re-centering Europe' series

<https://recipes.hypotheses.org/thematic-series/re-centering-europe>

May 2015 'What's in a Vodka? Juniper Vodkas and the History of Distilling in Russia'

<http://recipes.hypotheses.org/5623>

July 2014 'Russian Recipes' series

<http://recipes.hypotheses.org/3936>

'How to Heal a Foreigner in Early Modern Russia'

<http://recipes.hypotheses.org/3987>

2014 Co-contributor to the *Latin Therapy Blog*

<http://latintherapy.blogspot.co.uk/2014/02/poison-or-plague-in-st-petersburg.html>

2012-2015 Consultant and Translator for Russian History, *Windmill Books*.

Undergraduate Teaching Experience

2018 *Nazarbayev University*

Lower-level undergraduate course
'**Cannibalism and Civilization**'

Lower-level undergraduate course
'**History of Kazakhstan**'

2017 *Nazarbayev University*

Lower-level undergraduate course
'**Introduction to the History of Science and Technology**'.

Lower-level undergraduate course
'**Representations of Nature in the Early Modern World**'.

2016 *Bard College Berlin*

Co-creator and co-organiser with Jaya Remond of, and lecturer on, the undergraduate course
'**Representations of Nature in the Early Modern World, 1450-1750**'.

- 2013-16 *Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge*
- Lecturing and teaching on the upper-level undergraduate courses
'Early Medicine' and
'History and Ethics of Medicine'.
- Examination of undergraduate coursework and final exams as a Part II (upper level undergraduate) examiner.
- 2010-11 *School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London*
- Lecturing on the undergraduate course
'Vampires, Society and Culture: Transylvania and Beyond'.
- Teaching on the undergraduate course
'Foundation Russian'.

Graduate Teaching Experience

- 2018 *Nazarbayev University*
- Graduate course
'Global Histories'
- Second supervisor Di Wang for the dissertation 'The Unofficial Russo-Qing Trade on the Eastern Kazakh Steppe and in Northern Xinjiang in the First Half of the 19th Century', successfully defended May 2018.
- 2017 *Nazarbayev University*
- Guest Lecturer with Shane Ryan on the topic 'Epistemology'
For the Graduate course
'General Methodologies'
- 2013-2014 *History Faculty, University of Cambridge*
- Supervision and examination of research essays.

Invited Talks

- 2019 'Russian Drugs, Western Materials: Writing Recipes for American Plants in Latin and Russian in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Russia', invited paper for the conference *Variable Matters. Materia Medica in the Eighteenth-Century World*, History of Pharmacy Museum at the University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland.
- 2019 'Guns and Bodies: Firearms Technologies, Broken (Male) Servitors, and the Curious Informational Value of Gunshot Wounds in Muscovy', *The Consortium of Gender Scholars Research Talk Series*, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan.
- 2018 'Looking for the Exotic: Foreign Materia Medica and Perceptions of the World in Early Modern Russia', invited paper for the conference *Therapeutic Commodities and Trade in the Early Modern and Modern World*, Fudan University, Shanghai.
- 2018 'When Russia Discovered the Americas' *School of Humanities and Social Sciences City Speaker Series*, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan.

- 2017 'Heavenly Cures, Evil Poisons, and Malefic Magic: Ideas of Good and Evil in the Structuring of Early Modern Russian Medical Practice', *Visitors from Heaven, Visitors to Heaven: Judeo-Christian Encounters and the Last Lingua Sacra of Europe* seminar series, Topoi Excellence Cluster, Freie Universität, Berlin.
- 2017 'History of One Text? The *House and Field Pharmacy* between Latin, German and Russian', *Translating Medicine in the Pre-modern World* authors' workshop, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.
- 2017 'What is 'Exotic' Anyway? The View from Moscow', *Consumers of the Exotic: European Commerce and the Consumption of Materia Medica, 1670-1730* workshop, University of Cambridge.
- 2016 'Globalising Muscovy. Russia and the Americas before Russian America', *Early Slavists'* seminar series, Harvard University.
- 2016 'Adaptive Translation and Medical Knowledge at the Seventeenth-Century Russian Court', *Translating Cultures* workshop, The Wellcome Trust, London, UK.
- 2016 'Enlightening Answers? Expert Reports and Medical Knowledge in Late Seventeenth- and Early Eighteenth-Century Russia', *Intertwined Enlightenments? Studies of Science and Empire in the Habsburg, Ottoman and Russian Realms During the Eighteenth Century* workshop, Central European University, Budapest.
- 2016 'Expertise', *Premodern Conversations* inter-departmental seminar series, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 'Foreign Expertise and Knowledge Exchange in the Seventeenth-Century Chancery System', *Information Technologies and Transfer in Russia, 1450-1850* workshop, University of Cambridge.
- 2014 'Is That a Magic Herb?' The Role of European Science in Seventeenth-Century Russian Witchcraft Trials', *Global Science* seminar series, University of Cambridge.
- 2014 'Global Medicine? The Early Modern Drug Trade and Muscovy', *Continuity and Change in Russian Therapy* workshop, University of Oxford.
- 2013 'The Russian State and the Early Modern Drug Trade', *Wellcome Trust Unit for the History of Medicine Departmental Seminar Series 'Structures of Medical Knowledge'*, University of Oxford.
- 2013 'England-Russia Medical Links and the Early Modern Global Drug Trade', *Ralph and Ruth Fisher Forum 'Early Russian Itineraries: Movement and the Space of the Russian Empire'*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2012 'The Production and Dissemination of Medical Knowledge at the Russian Court, 1630s-1710s', *Court Medicine* workshop, London School of Economics.
- 2011 "'Doctor Knows Best": Unicorn Horns and Medical Discourses in the Apothecary Chancery', *Slavonic and East European Medieval Studies Group* meeting, University College London.
- 2010 'Medicine at the Muscovite court in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: Sources, Methods, Historiography' (in Russian), *Seminar of S. M. Kashtanov*, Russian State Humanities University (RGGU), Moscow.
- 2010 'Horn of the Unicorn: Natural Philosophical Knowledge and the Apothecary Chancery' (in Russian), *Commission for the Study of Natural Philosophical Book Learning in the Culture of Rus', part of the Council for the Study of the History of World Culture, Russian Academy of Sciences*, Russian State Humanities University (RGGU), Moscow.

Conference Presentations

- 2019 'Immateriality and Intermateriality: The Vanishing Centrality of Apothecary Wares in Seventeenth-Century Russian Medicine', *Materials and Materiality in Russia and the Soviet Union* workshop, University of Toronto.

- 2018 'Guns and Bodies: Firearms Technologies, Broken Servitors, and the Curious Informational Value of Gunshot Wounds in Muscovy' *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, Boston.
- 2018 'Trade and Translation: Dutch Attempts to Understand Russian Tariffs in the Early Eighteenth Century', *X International Conference of the Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia*, Strasbourg, France.
- 2017 'People Eaters: Corpse Medicine, Cannibalism, Vampirology, and the Limits of Humanity in the Early Modern World', *History of Science Society Meeting*, Toronto, Canada.
- 2017 'Slavonicising Science: Adaptive Translation and European Medicine in Early Modern Russia', *Translation in Science, Science in Translation* workshop at the International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture, Gießen, Germany.
- 2017 'A Failure of Exchange: Coffee on Paper but not in Practice in Moscow c.1660', *Objects and Possessions: Material Goods in a Changing World 1200–1800* conference, University of Southampton.
- 2016 'Slavic Snake-oil Salesmen? Accusations of Counterfeited Medicines in late Seventeenth- and early Eighteenth-Century Russia', *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, Washington, DC.
- 2016 'Dangerous Drugs? Public Health in Early Imperial Moscow', *History of Science Studies Annual Meeting*, Atlanta.
- 2015 'Objectionable Medicine? Medicinal Cannibalism, Animal-Based Medicines and Negotiating Acceptable Medical Practices at the Seventeenth- and Early Eighteenth-Century Russian Court', *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, Philadelphia.
- 2015 'The Wealth of Someone Else's Colonies: American Drugs in Seventeenth-century Russia', *Materia medica on the move. Collecting, trading, studying, and using medicinal plants in the early modern period*, Museum Boerhaave / Naturalis Biodiversity Centre, Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 2014 'Medicine or Poison? Strong Medicines and Fears of Poisoning at the Seventeenth Century Russian Court', *Society for the Social History of Medicine*, University of Oxford.
- 2014 'Unseen Editors: The Importance of Latin-Russian Translators in the Exchange of Medical Knowledge in Seventeenth-Century Russia', *Cultures of Translation: Practices of Adaptation and Translation in the Slavic Cultures between the Fourteenth and the Seventeenth Centuries*, University of Manchester.
- 2014 'Foreign Medicines between Western Europe and Russia, 1550-1750', *Trading Medicines: The Global Drug Trade in Perspective*, London School of Economics.
- 2013 'Windows on Europe: Latin-Russian Translations of Western European Medical Texts in Seventeenth-Century Russia', *Translation and the Circulation of Knowledge in Early Modern Science*, Warburg Institute, London.
- 2010 "'Doctor Knows Best": Medical Discourses in the Apothecary Chancery', *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, Los Angeles.
- 2009 'Uncooperative Witnesses: "Patient's View" History in Early Modern England and Russia', *Society for the Social History of Medicine Postgraduate Conference*, University College Dublin.
- 2009 'Bomelius: Magus or Physician? Identity and Perception in Ivan IV's Muscovy', *British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies Annual Conference*, University of Cambridge.

Workshop and Conference Organisation

- October 2018 Local organizer, **113th World Health Organisation Global Health Histories Seminar**, 'Immunization for Universal Health Coverage', held at Nazarbayev University.
- July 2014 Russian-speaking conference assistant, **'Revisiting Ivan Fedorov's Legacy in Early Modern Europe'**, held at the British Library.

- January 2014 Co-organiser, workshop ‘**Trading Medicines: The Global Drug Trade in Perspective**’, held at the London School of Economics.
- February 2009 Co-organiser, **SSEES Postgraduate Conference**, held at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London.

Organisational and Administrative Experience

- 2016-present Webmaster, the Slavonic and East European Medieval Studies Group webpage.
<https://networks.h-net.org/node/3076/pages/139784/slavonic-and-east-european-medieval-studies-group>
- 2014-2015 Jobseekers' Coffee Morning organiser, *Department of History and Philosophy of Science*, University of Cambridge.
- 2014-present Webmaster, Early Slavic Studies Association webpage.
<https://networks.h-net.org/node/3076/pages/55813/early-slavic-studies-association>
- 2013-2016 Member, UCL-SSEES Alumni Association organising committee.
 Co-curator of UCL-SSEES Alumni Association social media accounts.

Professional Service

- Peer Reviewer for
Canadian Bulletin of Medical History / Bulletin canadien d'histoire de la médecine
International Journal of Indigenous Health
The Russian Review
Social History of Medicine
Science Museum Group Journal
- 2018-present **Editorial board member, *Ambix***
- 2016-2017 Member, Committee for the Future of the Early Slavic Studies Association
- 2015-2016 Chair, **Early Slavic Studies Association Book and Article Prize Committee**
- 2013-2015 Member, **Early Slavic Studies Association Book and Article Prize Committee**
- 2018-2019 Member of the consulting committee, *H-Net Early Slavic*.
- 2014-2018 ***H-Net Early Slavic*, Editor**
<https://networks.h-net.org/h-earlyslavic>
- 2013 Speaker, UCL-SSEES Careers Event

Language Skills

Fluent Russian. Advanced German. Advanced reading comprehension of Old Russian, Old Church Slavonic, and Latin. Intermediate reading knowledge of French and Dutch. Beginners Kazakh.

Experience with pre-Modern Russian and Old Church Slavonic, early modern Latin, English, German and Dutch palaeography.