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### Employment

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- 2017 – present *Assistant Professor*, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan.
- 2015 – 2017 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department II, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin.
- 2016 *Visiting Lecturer*, Bard College Berlin.
- 2015 – 2016 *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

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- 2008-2013 *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/>
- 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.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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### Monographs

*Material Worlds: Materia Medica and the Global History of Early Modern Russian Medicine.*  
(Under contract with McGill-Queens University Press).

### Edited Volumes and Special Editions

Co-author of 'Introduction' and co-editor, '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, *Perpetual Motion? Transition and Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe & Russia* (School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL, 2011).  
<http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/1322705/>

### Articles

'Disentangling Commodity Histories: Pauame and Sassafras in the Early Modern Global World',  
*Journal of Global History*, 15.1 (March 2020): 1-18.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1740022819000305>

'Every Court an Island? Palace Medicine, International Exchanges, and Popular Practices in Early Modern Russia,' *Medizinhistorisches Journal* 53.3-4 (2018): 309-330.  
<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/fsv/medhi/2018/00000053/f0020003/art00006>

'Russia and the Medical Drug Trade in the Seventeenth Century', *Social History of Medicine*, 31.1 (2018): 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](https://muse.jhu.edu/journals/bulletin_of_the_history_of_medicine/v089/89.4.griffin.html)

### Refereed Book Chapters

'Immateriality and Intermateriality: The Vanishing Centrality of Apothecary Wares in Seventeenth-Century Russian Medicine,' *The Life Cycle of Russian Things: From Fish Guts to Faberge, 1600-present* edited by Alison Smith, Tricia Starks and Matthew P. Romaniello (Bloomsbury Academic, 2021), 17-32.

'The Unexotic World: Medical Drugs, Global Exchanges, and Moscow's View of the Foreign, c. 1690,' invited contribution under submission for *Exoticizing Consumption: European Drug Cultures around 1700*, edited by Emma Spary and Justin Rivest.

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

'Bureaucracy and Knowledge Creation: The Apothecary Chancery', *Information and Empire: Mechanisms of Communication in Russia, 1600-1850*, edited by Simon Franklin and Katherine Bowers (Open Book Publishers, 2017), 255-286.

<https://www.openbookpublishers.com/10.11647/OBP.0122/OBP.0122.08.pdf>

## Awards and Grants

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- 2019 Social Policy Grant, Nazarbayev University.
- 2015-2017 *Postdoctoral Fellowship* at the *Max Planck Institute for the History of Science* (MPIWG) (salary plus €2,000 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 *Wellcome Trust* small grant towards conference costs (£1,606).
- 2013 *Economic History Society* (£1,000).
- 2013 *Royal Historical Society* (£200).
- 2009 *Arts and Humanities Research Council* (£7,070).
- 2009 *University College London Graduate School* (£300).
- 2010 *Society for the Social History of Medicine* (£600).
- 2010 *University College London Graduate School* (£250).
- 2010 *UCL-SSEES Centre for Russian Studies* (£100).
- 2009 *Royal Historical Society* grant towards conference costs (£500).
- 2008–2011 *Arts and Humanities Research Council*, full doctoral funding (£15,000 p. a. plus fees).

## Talks and Presentations

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### Invited Talks in English

- 2021 Title TBC, invited talk for the workshop *Making Eastern Europe: Material Culture on the Periphery, 1450-1750*, planned for 2021, University of Cambridge.
- 2021 'The Word and the Words: Religious and Satirical Uses of the Medical Recipe Genre in Early Modern Russia,' *Recipes and Recipe Books Across Manuscript Cultures*, April 2021, online workshop organised by Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC), Universität Hamburg.
- 2020 'Rearranging the Early Modern Global: Moscow, Florida, and the Unexpected Connections of Early Modern Medicine,' University of York. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2019 'Russian Drugs, Western Materials: Writing Recipes for American Plants in Latin and Russian in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Russia,' invited talk for the workshop *Variable Matters. Materia Medica in the Eighteenth-Century World*, History of Pharmacy Museum at the University of Basel.
- 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.
- 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', invited talk for the workshop *Consumers of the Exotic: European Commerce and the Consumption of Materia Medica, 1670-1730*, University of Cambridge.
- 2016 'Globalising Muscovy. Russia and the Americas before Russian America', *Early Slavicists'* seminar series, Harvard University.
- 2016 'Adaptive Translation and Medical Knowledge at the Seventeenth-Century Russian Court,' invited talk for the workshop *Translating Cultures*, The Wellcome Trust, London.
- 2016 'Enlightening Answers? Expert Reports and Medical Knowledge in Late Seventeenth- and Early Eighteenth-Century Russia', invited talk for the workshop *Intertwined*

*Enlightenments? Studies of Science and Empire in the Habsburg, Ottoman and Russian Realms During the Eighteenth Century*, Central European University, Budapest.

- 2014 'Foreign Expertise and Knowledge Exchange in the Seventeenth-Century Chancery System', invited talk for the workshop *Information Technologies and Transfer in Russia, 1450-1850*, 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', invited talk for the workshop *Continuity and Change in Russian Therapy*, 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', invited talk for the workshop *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', invited talk for the workshop *Court Medicine*, London School of Economics.
- 2011 "Doctor Knows Best": Unicorn Horns and Medical Discourses in the Apothecary Chancery', invited talk for the meeting *Slavonic and East European Medieval Studies Group*, University College London.

### **Invited Talks in Russian**

- 2020 'Medicinal Plants from America in Seventeenth-Century Russia,' scientific-research seminar series organized by the N. A. Semashko Russian Museum of Medicine and Public Health, the Russian Society of Historians of Medicine, and the Centre for the Development of Medical History Museums.
- 2019 'Russia and America before Russian America: the Earliest Connections,' *Historical Readings IV* Seminar series, Eurasian National University, Nur-Sultan.
- 2010 'Medicine at the Muscovite court in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: Sources, Methods, Historiography,' *Seminar of S. M. Kashtanov*, Russian State Humanities University (RGGU), Moscow.
- 2010 'Horn of the Unicorn: Natural Philosophical Knowledge and the Apothecary Chancery,' *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.

2010 'Horn of the Unicorn: Medicine and Occult Substances at the Muscovite Court,' *Lectures in the History of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, Deutsches Historisches Institut, Moscow.

### **Campus Talks**

2020 'Food, Cannibalism, and Anti-Asian Racism in the Era of COVID-19,' *Humanities vs Pandemics* seminar series, Nazarbayev University.

2020 Research Talk for the panel 'Women in Research,' *Week of Women*, Nazarbayev University Library.

2019 'The Tsar's Broken Soldiers: Useful and Damaged Bodies in Early Modern Russia,' *Consortium for Gender Scholars*, Nazarbayev University.

2016 'Expertise,' *Premodern Conversations* inter-departmental seminar series, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.

2015 'Writing Drugs,' *Department II Colloquium*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.

2009 'Physical Comfort vs Eternal Salvation: Foreign Physicians and the Conflict over the Utility of Nature in Muscovy,' The Centre for Russian Studies, UCL SSEES.

### **Conference Papers**

2020 'Empires Watching Empires: Early Modern Russian Documents on the European Invasions of the Americas,' *Global Histories of Colonialism Virtual Workshop*, Queen's University, Kingston Ontario.

2019 'Records of Bodies and Bodies as Records in Early Modern Russia,' *Society for the History of Technology* annual meeting, Milan.

2019 'Immateriality and Intermateriality: The Vanishing Centrality of Apothecary Wares in Seventeenth-Century Russian Medicine,' *Materials and Materiality in Russian History*, University of Toronto, 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,' *Study Group for Eighteenth-Century Russia Annual Meeting*, Strasbourg.

- 2017 'People Eaters: Corpse Medicine, Cannibalism, Vampirology, and the Limits of Humanity in the Early Modern World', *History of Science Society Meeting*, Toronto.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2014 'Exotic Cures? The Role of the Global Drug Trade in Seventeenth-Century Russian Medicine,' *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, San Antonio.
- 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.
- 2010 ‘Using Manuscripts to Research Russian History - The Case of 17th Century Medical Texts,’ *Research Approaches to Former Soviet States: A Practical Introduction*, University of Oxford.
- 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.

### **Other Conference Participation**

- 2020 Chair, panel on ‘Women’s Achievements,’ *Week of Women*, Nazarbayev University Library.
- 2017 Discussant, *Department II Colloquium*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.
- 2016 Discussant, *Department III Colloquium*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.
- 2015 Roundtable panelist, final discussion session, *Materia medica on the move. Collecting, trading, studying, and using medicinal plants in the early modern period*, Museum Boerhaave / Naturalis Biodiversity Centre, Leiden.
- 2015 Co-organiser, ‘Animal-Vegetable-Mineral’ three panel series, *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, Philadelphia.
- 2010 Roundtable discussion on approaches to archival research, *Research Approaches to Former Soviet States: A Practical Introduction*, University of Oxford.
- 2010- Chair, numerous panels at various international conferences and workshops (ASEEES, etc).

### **Other Publications**

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#### **Articles and Book Chapters**

- ‘Looking for the Exotic: Foreign Materia Medica and Perceptions of the World in Early Modern Russia,’ *Therapeutic Commodities and Trade in the Early Modern and Modern World*, Fudan University, Shanghai, forthcoming (in Chinese).



'Horn of the Unicorn: Medicine and Occult Substances at the Muscovite Court,' *Deutsches Historisches Institut Moskou: Lectures in the History of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, 2010 (in Russian).

[https://perspectivia.net/receive/ploneimport\\_mods\\_00011445](https://perspectivia.net/receive/ploneimport_mods_00011445)

## Book Reviews and Review Essays

Review of 'Suman Seth, *Difference and Disease: Medicine, Race, and the Eighteenth-Century British Empire*. Cambridge University Press, 2018,' *Literature and Medicine*, forthcoming.

Review of 'Charters, Erica, Marie Houlemare, and Peter H. Wilson. *A global history of early modern violence* Manchester University Press, 2020,' *Journal of World History*, forthcoming volume 33, no. 1 (March 2022).

Review of 'Crawford, Matthew James, and Joseph M. Gabriel. *Drugs on the Page: Pharmacopoeias and Healing Knowledge in the Early Modern Atlantic World*. University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019,' *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, Volume 75, Issue 4, (2020), 448–450.

<https://academic.oup.com/jhmas/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/jhmas/jraa032/5902626?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

Review of 'Grell, Ole Peter, Andrew Cunningham, and Jon Arrizabalaga, eds. *It All Depends on the Dose: Poisons and Medicines in European History*. Routledge, 2018,' H-Net Reviews, September 2020.

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/19397/reviews/6502072/griffin-grell-and-cunningham-and-arrizabalaga-it-all-depends-dose>

'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>

## Encyclopedia Entries

'Abridgement of the Mohammadan Faith. Translated from the Latin', *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History*, forthcoming.

'Pyotr Vasilevich Postnikov' and 'The Al-Koran on Muhammad,' in David Thomas and John Chesworth (eds), *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History. Volume 14. Northern and Eastern Europe (1700-1800)*. (Brill, 2020), pp. 605-607.

'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, 2016), pp. 838-45.

## Mental Health Advocacy

Episode 15, *Voices of Academia* Podcast (forthcoming, September 2021).

Episode 14, "Living Without Diagnoses," *Voices of Academia* Podcast (8<sup>th</sup> September 2021).

'My Brain is not the Issue Here,' *Compulsive Reading. An OCD UK Publication*, 42, (April 2020), p. 50.

[https://www.ocduk.org/CompulsiveReading/42-April 2020/OCDUKnewsletterApr2020.pdf](https://www.ocduk.org/CompulsiveReading/42-April%2020/OCDUKnewsletterApr2020.pdf)

Originally published on *Eclecticisms Blog* (April 2020).

<http://www.claregriffin.org/eclecticisms-blog/my-brain-is-not-the-issue-here>

'An Unreliable Mind. Being OCD in the Academy,' *Chronically Academic Blog* (February 2020).

<https://chronicallyacademic.blogspot.com/2020/02/an-unreliable-mind-being-ocd-in-academy.html>

3-day takeover of the twitter account for *Chronically Academic* @chron\_ac (January 2020).

## Essays, Blog Posts and Guest Editing of Blog Series

'East of the Winter Sun: Global Trade and Medicinal Plants,' *Viewpoint* (forthcoming 2021).

'Time Zones Still Exist,' *The Many-Headed Monster* (July 2020).

<https://manyheadedmonster.wordpress.com/2020/07/13/time-zones-still-exist/>

'Such a Pretty Tsaritsa,' *Nursing Clio* (July 2020).

<https://nursingclio.org/2020/07/01/such-a-pretty-tsaritsa/>

'Bodies Without Pain. Examining Soldiers' Wounds in Early Modern Russia,' *All of Us: The Disability History Association Blog* (June 2020).

<http://allofusdha.org/research/bodies-without-pain-examining-soldiers-wounds-in-early-modern-russia/>

Vlogs for the History of Science ON CALL project by the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, response to the COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020).

Video in English: <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/video/history-science-call-clare-griffin>

Video in Russian: <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/de/video/history-science-call-clare-griffin-russian>

'Human Remains in Russia,' *Mummy Stories Blog* (March 2020).

<https://www.mummystories.com/single-post/ClareGriffin>

'Of Roots and Scrolls,' *Open Book Publishers* (December 2017).  
<http://blogs.openbookpublishers.com/of-roots-and-scrolls/>

'Bureaucracy and Knowledge Creation in Early Modern Russia,' *History at NU* (December 2017).  
<https://historyatnu.wordpress.com/2017/12/07/publication-griffin-on-bureaucracy-and-knowledge-creation-in-early-modern-russia/>

Guest editor of the 'Re-centering Europe' series, *The Recipes Project* (April 2016).  
<https://recipes.hypotheses.org/thematic-series/re-centering-europe>  
 Author of series introduction 'Re-centering Europe'  
<https://recipes.hypotheses.org/7649>

'What's in a Vodka? Juniper Vodkas and the History of Distilling in Russia,' *The Recipes Project* (May 2015).  
<http://recipes.hypotheses.org/5623>

Guest editor of the 'Russian Recipes' series, *The Recipes Project* (July 2014).  
<https://recipes.hypotheses.org/thematic-series/russian-recipes>  
 Author of series introduction "'Russian Recipes' at the July Recipes Project."  
<https://recipes.hypotheses.org/3936>  
 Author of blog post in series 'How to Heal a Foreigner in Early Modern Russia.'  
<http://recipes.hypotheses.org/3987>

Co-author, 'Poison or Plague in St Petersburg,' *Latin Therapy Blog* (February 2014).  
<http://latintherapy.blogspot.co.uk/2014/02/poison-or-plague-in-st-petersburg.html>

## **Fiction and Creative Non-Fiction**

'Sanguine,' short story *Asylum. The Radical Mental Health Magazine*, 28.3 (Autumn 2021), 20.  
<https://asylummagazine.org/>

'The Scratch of the Pen,' short story, *Breath & Shadow*, Winter 2021.  
<https://www.abilitymaine.org/bs2021winter/%22the-scratch-of-the-pen%22>

'Maybe I am Secretly a Robot,' creative non-fiction essay, *Wordgathering: A Journal of Disability Poetry and Literature*, December 2020.  
<https://wordgathering.com/vol14/issue4/creativenonfiction/griffin/>

'Doorhandles,' short story, *Wordgathering: A Journal of Disability Poetry and Literature* 14:2 (June 2020).  
<https://wordgathering.com/vol14/issue2/fiction/griffin/>

## Events Organised

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- 2020-21 Co-organiser, *Humanities versus Pandemics* online seminar series, Nazarbayev University (Fall 2020 – Spring 2021).
- 2019 Chair and co-organiser, book launch for Dr Daniel Beben, ‘The First Aga Khan. Memoirs of the 46<sup>th</sup> Ismaili Imam,’ Nazarbayev University Library (February 2019).
- 2018 Local organizer and chair, *113<sup>th</sup> World Health Organisation Global Health Histories Seminar*, ‘Immunization for Universal Health Coverage,’ Nazarbayev University. <https://www.york.ac.uk/history/global-health-histories/news/ghh-sem-113-recording/>
- 2018 Chair and co-organiser, book launch for Dr Curtis Murphy, ‘From Citizens to Subjects: City, State, and the Enlightenment in Poland, Ukraine, and Belarus,’ held at Nazarbayev University Library (September 2018).
- 2014 Russian-speaking conference assistant, ‘Revisiting Ivan Fedorov’s Legacy in Early Modern Europe,’ The British Library.
- 2014 Co-organiser, workshop ‘Trading Medicines: The Global Drug Trade in Perspective,’ London School of Economics.
- 2009 Co-organiser, ‘SSEES Postgraduate Conference, School of Slavonic and East European Studies,’ University College London.

## Public Engagement Activities

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Engages with #twitterstorians and #medievaltwitter on Twitter using the handle @balalaichnitsa

Personal blog with posts on early modern Russian history, early modern science and medicine, and mental health advocacy at <http://www.claregriffin.org/eclecticisms-blog>

- 2020 Episode 47, “Sassafras and Human Flesh,” *Untenured Tracks* (August 2020). <https://untenuredtracks.podbean.com/e/e47-sassafrass-and-human-flesh-w-dr-clare-griffin/>
- 2020 Podcast episode, “Clare Griffin on Histories of Medicine, Trade, and Translation in the Early Modern Russian Empire,” *The Global History Podcast* (June 2020). <https://theglobalhistorypodcast.com/2020/06/26/clare-griffin/>

2018 'When Russia Discovered the Americas,' public talk for *School of Humanities and Social Sciences City Speaker Series*, Nazarbayev University.

2014 'Cinnamon Vodka and Powdered Unicorn Horn,' UCL SSEES Alumni Association Public Lecture Series (April 2014).

2012-15 Consultant and Translator for Russian history, Windmill Books.

## Teaching and Advising

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### Undergraduate Teaching:

*Nazarbayev University*

Instructor

History of Kazakhstan (HST100)

Spring 2018, Fall 2019,  
Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Introduction to the History of Science and Technology (HST123)

Fall 2017, Fall 2018,  
Spring 2020, Spring 2021

History of Magic (HST125)

Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Cannibalism and Civilization (HST223/ANT287)

Spring 2018, Spring 2019,  
Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Representations of Nature in the Early Modern World (HST240)

Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Texts and Contexts (HST274/WLL274)

Fall 2021

Indigenous Knowledge, Colonial Science (HST336)

Planned: Spring 2021

*Bard College Berlin*

Instructor

Representations of Nature in the Early Modern World, 1450-1750

Fall 2016

*University of Cambridge*

Instructor

Early Medicine

Lent/Easter 2015

History and Ethics of Medicine

Lent/Easter 2015

*University College London*

Teaching Assistant

Vampires, Society and Culture: Transylvania and Beyond

2010-2011

Foundation Russian

2010-2011

### Undergraduate Project Advising:

*Nazarbayev University*

History Projects Coordinator, Texts and Contexts (HST274/WLL274) Spring 2021

**Graduate Teaching:***Nazarbayev University*

Global Histories (HST424/HST524)

Guest Lecturer, General Methodologies (EAS501)

Spring 2018, Spring 2020

Fall 2017, Fall 2018,

Fall 2019, Fall 2020,

Fall 2021

Respondent, MA in Eurasian Studies Thesis Workshop

Spring 2021

**Graduate Advising:**

2017-2018

Second supervisor (MA in Eurasian Studies, Nazarbayev University), Di Wang, 'The Unofficial Russo-Qing Trade on the Eastern Kazakh Steppe and in Northern Xinjiang in the First Half of the 19th Century.'

2013-2014

Second supervisor (MPhil in Historical Studies, University of Cambridge), Erica M. Storm, 'Gilding the Pill: The Sensuous Consumption of Patent Medicines, 1815-1841'.

**Examining**

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*University of Cambridge*

Part II (upper level undergraduate) examiner.

2014-2015

**University Service**

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**Job Search Committees**

2020 Member, search committee for Teaching Assistant for the History of Kazakhstan.

2018-2019 Chair, search committee for Open Rank Position in the History of East Asia or Inner Asia.

2017-2018 Member, search committee for Open Rank Position in Asian Studies.

**Other Committees**

2020- Member, Oversight Committee, Nazarbayev University COVID-19 Solidary Initiative.

2019-2020 Member, Student Academic Council, Nazarbayev University.

**Outreach and Recruitment Activities**

- 2019 Official NU representative at Miras Highschool Professions' Fair, Nur-Sultan (February 2019).
- 2019 Representative for the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, NU Open Day.

### **Mentoring**

- 2021 Speaker, PhD application workshop for NU Students, Career and Advising Centre, NU.
- 2020- NUFYP (NU Foundation Year Program) Coordinator for the department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies.
- 2020 Faculty Mentor, Writing Fellows Program (Fall 2020).
- 2018 Speaker, PhD application workshop for NU Students, Career and Advising Centre, NU.
- 2017- Listed faculty member available for consultations on graduate school applications, Career and Advising Centre Website, NU.

### **Other Service**

- 2019- Creator and faculty member responsible for the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies' Instagram account.  
[https://www.instagram.com/hprs\\_ssh/](https://www.instagram.com/hprs_ssh/)
- 2019- Faculty member responsible for the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies' Facebook page and blog.  
<https://www.facebook.com/historyatnu>  
<https://historyatnu.wordpress.com/>
- 2017-2019 Faculty member co-responsible for the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies web pages.

## **Service to the Field**

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### **Membership of Editorial Boards**

- 2021- Member, Advisory Board for the book series *Translatio*, Durham University IMEMS Press.



- 2019- Member, Editorial Review Board for the book series *Global Epistemics*, Rowman & Littlefield International Press.
- 2019- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Medical History* journal.
- 2018- Member, Editorial Board, *Ambix: Journal of Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry*.

### Offices held

- 2021- Member, Organizing Team, *Consortium for Gender Scholars*.  
<http://gen-con.org/>
- 2018-2019 Member, Advisory Board, *H-Net Early Slavic*.  
<https://networks.h-net.org/h-earlyslavic>
- 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.
- 2013-2016 Member, UCL-SSEES Alumni Association Organizing Committee.  
Co-curator of UCL-SSEES Alumni Association social media accounts.
- 2014-2018 Editor, *H-Net Early Slavic*.  
<https://networks.h-net.org/h-earlyslavic>

### Administrative and Organizational Responsibilities

- 2016-2017 Webmaster, the Slavonic and East European Medieval Studies Group webpage.
- 2014-2018 Webmaster, Early Slavic Studies Association webpage.

### Reviewer

*Canadian Bulletin of Medical History / Bulletin canadien d'histoire de la médecine*  
*International Journal of Indigenous Health*  
*Journal of Global History*  
*The Russian Review*  
*Science Museum Group Journal*  
*Social History of Medicine*

### Other Service

- 2020- Creator and webmaster, *Technologies of Violence Scholars' Database*.

<http://www.claregriffin.org/technologies-of-violence-database.html>

2014-2018 Creator and webmaster, resources pages for *H-Net Early Slavic*.  
<https://networks.h-net.org/node/3076/h-earlyslavic-resources>

2013 Alumna Speaker, UCL-SSEES Careers Event.

## **Language and Manuscript Studies Skills**

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### **Languages**

English (native)  
Russian (fluent)  
German (advanced)  
Old Russian (advanced reading comprehension)  
Old Church Slavonic (advanced reading comprehension)  
Latin (advanced reading comprehension)  
French (intermediate reading comprehension)  
Dutch (intermediate reading comprehension)  
Spanish (intermediate reading comprehension)  
Kazakh (beginners conversational)

### **Palaeography, Manuscript Skills and Archival Experience**

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

Experience in handling medieval and early modern manuscript books and documents and early printed books held in archives and libraries in the UK, Russia, Germany, and the Netherlands.