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Education:

Ph.D., Harvard University, Russian History, 1981
M.A., Harvard University, Soviet Studies, 1971
M.L.S., Simmons College, 1969
B.A., Reed College, Russian Literature, 1967

Employment:

New York University, Professor of History and Russian and Slavic Studies, 2002-,
Collegiate Professor, 2008-
New York University-Shanghai, Faculty Associate, 2014
Humboldt University, Berlin, Sonderforschungsbereich 640, Distinguished Visiting
Professor, 2010-2011
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, Directeur d'études, 2006
Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Professeur invité, December 2003-January 2004
University of Michigan, Associate Professor, 1987-1995; Professor, 1995-2001
University of Michigan, Director, Center for Russian and East European Studies, 1992-5;
1998
University of California, Santa Barbara, Assistant Professor, 1985-1986; Associate
Professor, 1986-1987
Harvard University, Assistant Professor of History; Head Tutor, Committee on Degrees
in History and Literature, 1981-1985

Publications:

Books:

Empires in World History: Power and the Politics of Difference, with Frederick Cooper.
Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010, pb 2011. Winner of 2011 World
History Association Book Prize. Designated book of the year 2010, Ecole des
Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales anniversary program, 40 years/40 books:
<http://40ans.ehess.fr/2015/04/19/jane-burbank-et-frederick-cooper-redessinent-le-monde-des-empires/>

Translations:

Empires de la chine ancienne à nos jours. Paris: Payot-Rivages, 2011.
Imperios: Una nueva visión de la Historia universal. Madrid: Critica, 2011.
Imperien der Weltgeschichte: Das Repertoire der Macht vom alten Rom und
China bis heute. Frankfurt: Campus, 2012.

- Imperatorluklar Tarihi. Trans. Ahmet Aybars Çağlayan. Istanbul: Inkilap Kitapevi, 2012.
- Empires in World History: Power and the Politics of Difference (Chinese traditional translation). Gusa Publisher, 2015.
- Empires in World History. (Korean translation). Seoul: Cum libro publications, 2016.
- Vzlet i padenie velikikh imperii. Moscow: ACT, 2016.
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- Russian Empire: Space, People, Power, 1700-1930, edited with Mark von Hagen and Anatoly Remnev (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007).
- Russian Peasants Go to Court: Legal Culture in the Countryside, 1905-1917. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004. Website <http://www.nyu.edu/projects/burbank>
- Imperial Russia: New Histories for the Empire, edited with David L. Ransel. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998.
- Perestroika and Soviet Culture, edited with William G. Rosenberg, Michigan Quarterly Review, special issue, Fall 1989.
- Intelligentsia and Revolution: Russian Views of Bolshevism, 1917-1922. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986; paperback, 1989.

Articles:

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- "Russia's Legal Trajectories," with Tatiana Borisova, Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 19, 3 (Summer 2018): 469-508.
- "Empire and Transformation: The Politics of Difference," pp. 1-33 in Tomohiko Uyama, ed., Comparing Modern Empires: Imperial Rule and Decolonization in the Changing World Order (Sapporo: Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, 2018).
- "Supervising the Supervisors: Bureaucracy, Personality and Rule of Law in Kazan Province at the Start of the 20th Century," Acta Slavica Iaponica 38 (2017): 1-21.
- "Souveraineté eurasiennne : un régime, une proposition, un exemple," Histoire@Politique: revue électronique du Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po, no. 27 (septembre-décembre 2015)
<http://www.histoire-politique.fr/index.php?numero=27&rub=autres-articles&item=96>
- "Des empires toujours renaissants: methodologie de la frise chronologique," with Frederick Cooper, in Empires, hors-série, Le Monde (octobre-décembre 2015): 53-59.
- "Eurasian Sovereignty: The Case of Kazan," Problems of Post-Communism, 62:1 (2015): 1-25.
- "Imperial Pathways," [in Chinese], with Frederick Cooper, trans. Liu Min, Wenhuibao (Shanghai), July 28, 2014, 12.
- "L'art de gérer les différences," with Frederick Cooper, in La nouvelle histoire des empires, Les Grands Dossiers des Sciences Humaines, Hors-série, Histoire no. 2 (novembre-décembre 2013): 12-16.
- "Rules of Law, Politics of Empire," with Frederick Cooper, in Lauren Benton and Richard J. Ross, eds., Legal Pluralism and Empires, 1500-1850 (New York: New

- York University Press, 2013), 279-294.
- "Un monde d'empires," with Frederick Cooper, in Patrick Boucheron and Nicolas Delalande, eds., Pour une histoire-monde (Paris: PUF La vie des idées, 2013), 37-48.
- "Sviazannye zakonom: poddannye, sluzhashchie i imperskii suverenitet v Kazanskoi gubernii, 1890-1917 gody [Bound by Law: Subjects, Officials and Imperial Sovereignty in Kazan Province, 1890-1917]," in Aleksandr Etkind, Dirk Uffelmann and Ilya Kukulín, eds., Tam vnutri: Praktiki vnutrennei kolonizatsii v kul'turnoi istorii Rossii [There inside: Practices of Internal Colonization in the Cultural History of Russia] (Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie, 2012), 349-375.
- "Conclusion: où en est l'histoire des sociétés coloniales?," with Frederick Cooper, in Dominique Barjot and Jacques Frémeaux, eds., Les sociétés coloniales à l'âge des empires des années 1850 aux années 1950 (Paris: Cned-Sedes, 2012), 340-353.
- "The Empire Effect," with Frederick Cooper, Public Culture 24, no. 2 (2012): 239-247.
- "The Ties that Bind: Sovereignty and Law in the Late Russian Empire," in Stefan B. Kirmse, ed., One Law for All? Western Models and Local Practices in (Post-) Imperial Contexts (Frankfurt, Campus Verlag, 2012), 153-179.
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- "Securing Peasant Society: Constables and Courts in Rural Russia, 1905-1917," in Alf Luedtke and Michael Wildt, eds., Staats-Gewalt: Ausnahmezustand und Sicherheitsregimes Historische Perspektiven (Goettingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2008), 91-116.
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- "The Rights of Difference: Law and Citizenship in the Russian Empire," in Ann Laura Stoler et al, eds., Imperial Formations (Santa Fe: School for Advanced Research Press, 2007), 77-111.
- "Coming into the Territory: Uncertainty and Empire," with Mark von Hagen, in Jane Burbank et al, eds., Russian Empire: Space, People, Power 1700-1930 (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007), 1-29.
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- "Were the Russian Intelligenty Organic Intellectuals?," in Leon Fink, Stephen T. Leonard, and Donald M. Reid, eds., Intellectuals and Political Life (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1996), 97-120.
- "A Question of Dignity: Peasant Legal Culture in Late Imperial Russia," Continuity and Change 10, no. 3 (1995), 391-404.
- "Lenin and the Law in Revolutionary Russia," Slavic Review 54, no. 1 (Spring 1995), 23-44.
- "Discipline and Punish in the Moscow Bar Association," Russian Review 54, no. 1 (January 1995), 44-64.
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- "Controversies over Stalinism: Searching for a Soviet Society," Politics and Society 19, no. 3 (1991): 325-340.
- "The Shatrov Controversy," in Jane Burbank and William G. Rosenberg, eds., Perestroika and Soviet Culture, special issue of the Michigan Quarterly Review, Fall 1989, pp. 580-603.
- "Waiting for the People's Revolution: Martov and Chernov in Revolutionary Russia, 1917-1923," Cahiers du monde russe et soviétique, 26, no. 3-4 (1985): 375-394.

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- "Borders as Thickening Zones," Books and Ideas.net, May 2015, <http://www.booksandideas.net/Borders-as-Thickening-Zones.html?lang=en>
- "Undivided Attention: Scholarship and Life in Sapporo," Slavic Research Center News March 2014, no. 21: 14-16.
- "Les empires, laboratoires de gouvernance: Rencontre avec Jane Burbank et Frederick Cooper," Les Grands Dossiers des sciences humaines, Hors-série Histoire n° 2 / Novembre-décembre 2013, pp. 11-14.
- "Anatoly Remnev," Ab imperio 2012, no. 1: 165-168.
- "From Middletown to Tatarstan," in Roger Porter and Robert Reynolds, eds., Thinking Reed: Centennial Essays by Graduates of Reed College (Portland: Reed College, 2011), pp. 89-103.
- "The Challenge and Serendipity of Writing World History through the Prism of Empire," Interview with Jane Burbank and Frederick Cooper, Ab Imperio 2010, no. 2: 22-45.
- "The Imperial Turn in Russian Studies: Ten Years Later," Contributor to Discussion, Ab Imperio 2010, no. 1: 64-88.
- "The Rule of Law in Russia: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives," Panelist, New York State Bar Association, International Law and Practice Section, Committee on Central and East Europe, March 4, 2008, on New York State Bar Association website: http://docs.google.com/View?docid=dfirc8f4_221dg3h57gg
- "Intelligentsia" in Europe: 1789-1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire Scribner Library of Modern Europe (Detroit, New York: Thomson Gale, 2006), 3: 1170-1172.
- "Kommentarii k dokladam," Teoreticheskie problemy istoricheskikh issledovanii, vyp. 4

- (May 2002), *Trudy istoricheckogo fakul'teta MGU*, 26: 108-114.
- "Meeting with the KGB: A Midsummer Night in Russia," *Michigan Quarterly Review* 40, no. 2 (Spring 2001): 412-420.
- "Paysans et Intellectuels en Russie: Entretien," *Etudes rurales* 149-150 (January-June 1999): 173-180.
- "All the King's Horses and All the King's Men," *Davidson Institute Window*, Fall 1994, 1-2, 4-5.
- "Jak Widza Postkomunizm?" [How is Post-Communism Perceived?], trans. Dariusz Filar, *Przegląd Polityczny* 12: no. 25 (Jesien 1994), 90-91.
- "Seeking the Truth Amidst Darkness," *Michigan Today* 25: no. 3 (October 1993): 1-3.
- "Moscow Does Not Believe in Tear Gas," *Detroit News*, October 10, 1993.
- "Jane Burbank Responds," *Politics and Society* 20, no. 3 (September 1992): 377.
- "Reconstructing the History of Imperial Russia," *American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Newsletter* 32, no. 2 (March 1992): 9.
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- "The New Russian Politics and the Soviet Coup," *University of Michigan Residential College Newsletter* (Fall 1991), 14-15.

Reviews:

- "Paul W. Werth. The Tsar's Foreign Faiths: Toleration and the Fate of Religious Freedom in Imperial Russia." *Cahiers du monde russe* 56, no. 4 (July-December 2015): 817-820.
- "Bardo Fassbinder and Anne Peters, eds. The Oxford Handbook of the History of International Law." *Law and History Review* 33, no. 1 (February 2015): 263-266.
- "Joseph Bradley. Voluntary Associations in Tsarist Russia: Science, Patriotism, and Civil Society." *Russian Review* 70, no. 2 (April 2011): 341-342.
- "Stephen F. Williams. Liberal Reform in an Illiberal Regime: The Creation of Private Property in Russia, 1906-1915." *Slavonic and East European Review* 87, no. 4 (October 2009): 769-771.
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- "Chris J. Chulos. Converging Worlds: Religion and Community in Peasant Russia, 1861-1917." *Cahiers du Monde russe* 45, no. 3-4 (juillet-décembre 2004): 651-652.
- "Ferro, Marc (dir.). Le livre noir du colonialisme. XVI-XXI siècle: de l'extermination à la repentance and Courtois, Stéphane et. al., eds. Le livre noir du communisme: crimes, terreurs et répression." With Frederick Cooper, *Cahiers d'Etudes africaines*, 44, no. 1-2 (2004): 455-463.
- "Stephen P. Frank. Crime, Cultural Conflict, and Justice in Rural Russia, 1856-1914." *American Historical Review* (February 2002): 308-309.
- "Yanni Kotsonis. Making Peasants Backward: Agricultural Cooperatives and the Agrarian Question in Russia, 1861-1914." *Social History*, 262 (May 2001): 253-55.
- "Melissa Kirschke Stockdale. Paul Miliukov and the Quest for a Liberal Russia, 1880-1918." *Journal of Modern History*, 71, no. 4 (December 1999): 1020-1022.

- "Peter H. Solomon, Jr. Soviet Criminal Justice under Stalin." The Russian Review, 57, no. 2 (April 1998): 310-311.
- "Hilde Hardeman. Coming to Terms with the Soviet Regime: The "Changing Signposts" Movement among Russian Emigrés in the Early 1920s." American Historical Review, 101, no. 5 (December 1996): 1584-1585.
- "Russia Abroad: A Cultural History of the Russian Emigration, 1919-1939. By Marc Raeff." Journal of Modern History, 66, no. 3 (September 1994): 667-669.
- "The Menshevik Leaders in the Russian Revolution: Social Realities and Political Strategies. By Ziva Galili." Journal of Modern History, 64, no. 1 (March 1992): 184-186.
- "Emmons, Terence, Time of Troubles: The Diary of Iurii Vladimirovich Got'e," Harvard Ukrainian Studies, 15, no. 1/2 (June 1991): 228-230.
- "Vera Broido, Lenin and the Mensheviks: The Persecution of Socialists under Bolshevism," American Historical Review, 96, no. 2 (April 1991): 566-657.
- "Vladimir Brovkin, The Mensheviks After October: Socialist Opposition and the Rise of the Bolshevik Dictatorship," Slavic Review, 49, no. 4 (Winter 1990): 650-651.
- "Russian Studies. By Leonard Schapiro." Journal of Modern History, 61, no. 2 (June 1989): 439-441.
- "Robert C. Williams, The Other Bolsheviks," American Historical Review, 93 (October 1988): 1091-1092.
- "Mark Jansen, A Show Trial Under Lenin," Russian Review, 43, no. 1 (January 1984): 85-86.
- "Leikina-Svirskaia, V.R., Ruskaia intelligentsiia v 1900-1917 godakh," Kritika, 19, no. 1 (Winter 1983): 16-40.

Interviews, Television, Radio and Internet Presentations:

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- "The Great Power Nation in History," Episode 6, "The Condition of the Superpower," Korean Educational Broadcasting System, broadcast in May 1914, interview with Ji Yoon Ju, Shanghai, March 7, 2014.
- "La fabrique de l'histoire," with Frederick Cooper, France-Culture, Jan. 3, 2012, radio program.
- "Le grand entretien," France 24, December 29, 2011, television program <http://www.france24.com/en/20120104-interview-jane-burbank-professor-history-specialist-russian-studies-new-york-university-empires-in-the-world-history>
- Interview with Italian broadcaster RAI, with Frederick Cooper, June 22, 2010
- Interview with Irish radio station Dublin City FM, July 19, 2010
- "Permanence des empires," La vie des idées, internet feature, with Frederick Cooper, <http://www.laviedesidees.fr/Permanence-des-empires.html?lang=fr>
- "The Persistence of Empires," internet feature, with Frederick Cooper, <http://www.booksandideas.net/The-Persistence-of-Empires.html> [14-02-2011]
- "Page 99," internet feature, with Frederick Cooper, <http://page99test.blogspot.com/2010/07/jane-burbank-frederick-coopers-empires.html>

Website for Russian Peasants Go to Court: <http://www.nyu.edu/projects/burbank/>

Work in Progress:

A Different Justice: Sovereignty and Law in Late Imperial Russia

Monograph on practices and perceptions of state power, based on the Kazan judicial region in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Five research stays in Kazan, one in St. Petersburg. Supported by fellowships from IREX, NCEEER, Remarque Institute, Institute for Advanced Study at Nantes, Slavic Research Center of Hokkaido University. Writing in progress.

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards:

Phi Beta Kappa, 1967

Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University 1977-1978 (declined)

Krupp Foundation Fellowship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 1977-1978

American Association of University Women Fellowship, 1980-1981(declined)

Whiting Fellowship, 1980-1981

Harvard University Faculty Research Grants, 1982, 1983, 1984

American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship for Studies in Modern Society and Values, 1983-1984

National Endowment for the Humanities, Travel Grant, 1984

Regents' Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of California, 1986, 1987

IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board), U.S.S.R., 1987-1988

Hoover Institution Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, 1990-1991

University of Michigan, Faculty Recognition Grant, 1990

IREX, American Council of Learned Societies/Soviet Academy of Sciences Exchange, 1991

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Award, 1991

University of Michigan, Faculty Recognition Award, 1991

University of Michigan, Research Partnership Award, 1993-1994

University of Michigan, Career Development Award, 1994

National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers, 1997-1998

University of Michigan, Faculty Recognition Award, 1997

University of Michigan, Rackham Research Partnership, 2001

Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, Fellow, 2002-2003

Humanities Initiative Research Fellowship, New York University, 2007-2008

IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board), Individual Advanced Research Opportunity, 2008

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Ed A. Hewett Policy Fellowship, 2008

Institut d'études avancées de Nantes, Fellow, 2009

Remarque Institute, New York University, Faculty fellow, 2010

Humboldt-Universität zum Berlin, Sonderforschungsbereich 640, Distinguished Visiting Professor, 2010-2011

World History Association Book Prize, 2011, for Empires in World History

Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Foreign Visitors Fellow, 2013

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Fellow, 2015-2016

American Society for Legal History, Honorary Fellow, 2018

Teaching Interests and Courses Taught:

My teaching interests include Russian cultural and intellectual history; European intellectual history and social theory; rural people; legal cultures; gender and social organization; press, literature and politics in Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation; political cultures of empires, Eurasian history.

Courses taught:

The Russian Revolution
History of the Soviet Union
History of Imperial Russia
Politics and Culture, Russia, 1900-1917
Contemporary Soviet (and Post-Soviet) Politics and Culture
Russian Intellectual History
The New Social History of the Soviet Union
The Socialist Idea of the Russian Revolution: Western Socialism and the Revolution of 1917
Problems in the History of Soviet Society
Soviet Women's Fiction
Seminar in Russian Cultural History
Family and Politics in Contemporary Soviet (and Post-Soviet) Literature
Survey of the Soviet Union and Its Successor States
Colloquium on Post-Soviet Studies
Cultural History of Russia
The Russian Federation in the Post-Soviet Period (with Iurii Afanas'ev, Rector, Russian State University for the Humanities)
From Social Contract to Oedipus Complex: Social Science Theory in Bourgeois Europe Why Did the Soviet Union Collapse?
Aspirations to Legality: European Theories and Regional Practices in Russia and Brazil Empires, States, and Political Imagination (with Frederick Cooper)
Polity, Belief and Affiliation [in Russia] From Muscovy to the Present (with Valerie Kivelson)
Political Cultures of Empires (with Lauren Benton)
Empire, Law and Citizenship: The Russian Case (Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan)
Russia as an Empire
The Mongol Empire and its Successors (with Zvi Benite Ben-Dor)
Russia's Multi-cultural Empire
Russian Empire in Comparative Perspective
The Lives of Others: Lektürekurs (Humboldt University, Berlin)
Russia: Law and Empire, 16th to 21st centuries
Russian Empire: The Politics of Difference, 1700-1917
Empires in World History (with Frederick Cooper)
Russia: The Rule of Law in Question
Voices of Empire (with Frederick Cooper)

Doctoral Dissertations Directed:

Chair or co-chair of 13 completed dissertation committees; member of 28 completed dissertation committees; outside examiner for 4 completed dissertations.

Administrative Experience:

Director, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, 1992-1995, 1998. Directed programming for 66 faculty associates, 4.5 staff members, over 200 affiliated graduate students; supervised M.A. degree in Russian and East European Studies, joint degree programs in Russian and East European Studies and Law, Business, Journalism, Public Policy, and Natural Resources, exchange programs with foreign universities.

Director, Graduate Studies, History Department, University of Michigan, 1999-2001. Redesigned graduate funding program for equity and multi-year funding in 1999-2000 with excellent enrollment results. Led faculty in reform of preliminary examination rules, 2000-2001.

Head Tutor, Program in History and Literature, Harvard University, 1981-1985. Supervised honors tutorial instruction for 240 undergraduates and a tutorial board of graduate students, lecturers, and faculty.

Professional Service:

Boards, Committees, and Projects

Ab imperio, Editorial Board, 2016-

Acta Slavica Iaponica, Editorial Board, 2016-

ACTR/ACCELS (American Council of Teachers of Russian/American Council for Collaboration in Education and Language Study), National Board of Senior Advisors, 1998-1999

American Council of Learned Societies, Selection Committee, 1999

American Association for the Study of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize Committee, 2012

Annales, International Academic Committee, 2011-

Cahiers du monde russe, Foreign Correspondent, 2013-

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Reviewer, 2017 -

European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS), Reviewer, 2017-

European Research Council, Scientific Council, Panel Member, 2008-2013; Panel Chair, 2010-2011, 2013; Reviewer, 2017-

Ford Foundation and Harriman Institute: "Region and Empire: the Russian Case": Member, Organizing Committee, 1997-2002

Indiana-Michigan Series in Russian and East European Studies, Editorial Board, 1996-2001

Institut des Etudes Avancées de Nantes, Reviewer, 2010 -

IREX: Predoctoral Research Awards, Panel Member, 1993-1996

Journal of Modern History, Editorial Board, 2010-2012

Kritika, Editorial Board, 1998-

Michigan Quarterly Review, Editorial Board, 2001

Moscow Public Science Foundation/Ford Foundation International Expert Committee, 1996-1997, 1999

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Director, 1994-2000; Executive Committee, 1998-2000; Vice-President, Executive Committee, 1999-2000

National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowships for University Teachers, Panel Member, 1992; Project Reviewer, 1993

National Endowment for the Humanities, Kluge Fellowships at Library of Congress, Project Reviewer, 2005

National Research Council, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Chair, Working Group on Training and Institution Building in the former Soviet Union, "Improving Social Science in the Former Soviet Union," August 31-September 1, 1992
Open Society Institute, Visiting Scholar Program, Selection Committee, 1997-1999
Russian Scientific Fund, Moscow Division/Ford Foundation, Summer School on Research in the Humanities for Young Scholars, Guest Lecturer in History, Vladimir, Russia, June 25-July 3, 1996; Yaroslavl, June 23 to July 5, 1997
Sciences Po Paris, Centre d'histoire, Search Committee, History of Central and Eastern Europe, 2014
Social Science Research Council, Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, 1988-1993
International Fellows Program, 1989; Delegate to Joint Committee on Eastern Europe, 1990; Organizer, SSRC Planning Initiative--"Reconstructing 'Russian' History: Culture and Empire," 1991--; Chair, Pre-Doctoral Fellowships Committee, 1992
Soros Foundation, Research Support Scheme, Prague, Reviewer, 1995-2000
Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Reviewer, 2016-

Professional Society Memberships

American Historical Association
American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
Association for the Study of Nationalities
European Network in Universal and Global History
World History Association

New York University Service:

FAS:
Advisory Committee on Policy and Planning of FAS, 2005-2008
Committee on Committees and Rules, 2012-2015
Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 2012-2013
Departments of Comparative Literature and Russian and Slavic Studies, Chair, Promotion Committees, 2004-2005, 2006-2007
East Asian Studies Planning Group, 2015-
Eurasian Connections Group, Co-Director, 2005-2008
GSAS Dean Search Committee, 2016-2017
Humanities Initiative Selection Committee, 2011
NYU-Shanghai:
Library Director, Search Committee, 2013-2014
Student Discipline Committee, 2014
Promotion and Tenure Faculty Review Committee, 2016-2017
History Department:
Placement Officer, 2003-2005
18th Century Europe Search Committee, member, 2003-2004
Ottoman Search Committee, member, 2004-2005
Admissions Committee, 2006-7
Third Year Review Committee, 2007
Graduate Planning Committee, chair, 2007-2008; member, 2011-2012
Promotion Committees, chair, 2009, 2014; member 2016-2017
Military History Search Committee, 2012
Service and Teaching Committee, 2012-2013

Medieval Search Committee, 2017
Abu Dhabi Promotion Committee, 2017
PAC: 2017
Pre-modern China Search Committee, 2018
Department of Russian and Slavic Studies:
Search Committee, 2002
Chair, Promotion Committees, 2006-7, 2014
Jordan Center for Advanced Study of Russia
Fellowships Committee, 2013
Organizer, "Russia's Legal Trajectories: Law in Action and Question, 1830 to 2014," October 16, 2014

Other Professional Activities:

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, co-convenor with Tatiana Borisova of focus group, "Russia: the Rule of Law in Question," 2015-2016; four international workshops, year-long interdisciplinary seminar
Editor, Kritika (a review of current Soviet books on Russian history), 1978-1980
Associate Editor, Europe: 1789-1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire Scribner Library of Modern Europe (Detroit, New York: Thomson Gale, 2006)
Reviewer: Aarhus Institute for Advanced Studies, American Academy of Berlin, American Philosophical Society, Bloomsbury Publishing, Harvard University, Indiana University Press, Institut d'Etudes Avancées de Nantes, EURIAS (European Institutes for Advanced Study), European Research Council, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Ukrainian Research Institute Harvard University, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Michigan Press, University of Washington Press, Yale University Press, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin; Cahiers du monde russe, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Gender and History, Journal of Modern History, Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History, Law and Society, Russian Review, Slavic Review
University of Michigan, 1988-2001, Service:
Advisory Faculty Fundraising Committee, 2000; Budget Priorities Committee, 1991-1992; Advisory Committee on University Budgets, 1992-1993; College of Literature, Science and the Arts, Nominating Committee, 1996; Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Divisional Board, Social Sciences, 1999-2000; International Institute: Governing Board, 1993-5, 1998; Library and Building Committee, 1994-5; Advisory Board, Grounding, Translation, and Expertise, Revitalizing Area Studies Across the University (Ford Foundation), 1999; Advanced Study Center, Faculty Co-Director, "Empires, States, and Political Imagination," 1999-2000; Fulbright Selection Committee, 1999; Graduate Board, 1999-2000; William Davidson Institute: Search Committee for Director, 1992-1993; Instructional Committee, 1992-; Faculty Director, Orientation Programs on Russia and Eastern Europe, 1992-; Coordinator, Orientation Program on Contemporary Russian Business, Moscow, May 7-19, 1993, May 6-18, 1994, May 9-16, 1995; Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, Director, 1992-1995, 1998; Executive Committee, 1991-1992, 1996-1997; Working Group on South East European Studies, Chair, 1994-1995, 1996-1997, 1998; Organizer, "Chechnya: War, Politics, and Empire in the New Russia," February 21, 2000; Faculty Advisor,

Citizens' Exchange Council, Inter-University Exchange University of L'viv, 1988-1990; Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Exchange with the Soviet Union, 1989-1990; Faculty Representative, Student Delegation to L'viv University, Ukraine, USSR, March 3-17, 1990 and May 12-19, 1991; Organizer, Visit of Mikhail Shatrov, February 10-23, 1990, Performance and Symposium, Onward! Onward! Onward!, February 16-19, 1990; Wallenberg Committee, 1993-1994; History Department: Executive Committee, 1989-1992, 1997; Chair, Graduate Program, 1999-2001; Residential College: Evaluation Committee, 1988-1990, 1996-1997, 2000-2001; RC Project Abroad, Chair, Selection Committee, 2000

Selected Presentations, 2008-2018 only:

- "The Law in Russia: A Variation on a European Theme or Sui Generis?," Chair, Roundtable, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Convention, Boston, December 8, 2018
- "A World of Empires," Roundtable presentation on Edyta Boyanowska's A World of Empires: The Russian Voyage of the Frigate *Pallada*, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Convention, Boston, December 6, 2018
- "Colonies, Empires, Nations: World War and Political Transformation in the Twentieth Century," with Frederick Cooper, Richard E. Welch Memorial Lecture, Lafayette College, September 27, 2018
- "Advocacy and Sovereignty: Perspectives from Russia," Keynote at Conference, Lay Advocacy in the Pre-modern World, University of Turku, May 29, 2018
- "Russia's Legal Trajectories," with Tatiana Borisova, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, April 9, 2018
- "La révolution russe : Nouvelle politique, nouvel espace, nouvelle histoire?," Sciences Po, Bordeaux, March 28, 2018
- "Eurasian Sovereignty: The Case of Kazan," Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg March 21, 2018
- "The Russian Revolution: New Politics, New Space, New History?," Finnish-Russian Network in Russian and Eurasian Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities Spring seminar at the European University at St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, March 14, 2018
- "The Significance of the Russian Revolution in its Time and ours," Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, December 6, 2017
- "Intelligentsia and Revolution, Revisited," A Centennial Lecture Series, The Revolution on My Mind: 1917-2017, Princeton University, November 14, 2017
- "1917: A Revolution in Law? Why Communism had to have Courts," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Convention, Chicago, November 10, 2017
- "Law and Order: Theories, Ideologies, Culture and Practice of Justice in Russia," Roundtable speaker, Aleksanteri Conference 2017 "Russia's Choices for 2030," Helsinki University, Helsinki, October 26, 2017
- ""What Were They Thinking? Russian Intellectuals Interpret the Revolution, 1917-1922", Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University, October 27, 2017
- "The Russian Revolution 100 years on: A Reconsideration," Roundtable speaker, City University of New York, October 17, 2017

- "The Imperial Context: Clubs, Clouds, and Curtains," Keynote Address, International Workshop, "In-Between Empires: Trans-imperial History in a Global Age," Humboldt University, Berlin, September 15, 2017
- "Demand for Law: Why Communism had to have Courts," Ruptures, Empires and Revolutions, Fifth European Congress on World and Global History, Budapest, September 1, 2017
- "Cosmopolitanism in Context," Concluding roundtable invited panelist, Symposium: "Cosmopolitanism in Context: Practices of World Citizenship in an Age of Empire (18th - 20th Centuries," Herrenhausen Palace, Hannover, Germany, July 15, 2017
- Remarks on Melissa Stockdale, "Mobilizing a Nation. Patriotism and Citizenship in Russia's Great War, 1914-1918," 22nd Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, May 4, 2017
- "The Russian Legal Tradition: A Proposal," Invited lecture, "Re-conceptualizing the Russian Legal Tradition: Imperial Roots and Modern Reality," Kennan Institute, Washington D.C, April 13, 2017
- Remarks on Yelizaveta Raykhlina's "The 'Soul of the Empire'," Mid-Atlantic Russian/Soviet History Graduate Student Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, March 25, 2017
- "Contradiction, Ambiguity, Multiplicity, Duplicity: How to Think about Russian Law," Keynote lecture, Contradiction Studies: Mapping the Field, University of Bremen, Bremen, Germany, February 10, 2017
- "Russia's Legal Trajectories," with Tatiana Borisova, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn Institut für Geschichtswissenschaft Geschichte und Kultur Osteuropas, Bonn, Germany, January 9, 2017
- "Russia's Legal Trajectories: Sovereignty and Everyday Law ," with Tatiana Borisova, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Convention, Washington D.C., November 18, 2016
- "Russia's Legal Trajectories," with Tatiana Borisova, Panel: Centers and Peripheries in Imagination and Action: Three Eurasian Examples, American Society for Legal History, Toronto, October 28, 2016
- "Rethinking anti-colonial pasts and the future of democracy," Concluding roundtable, Workshop "After Empire and Nation," University of Illinois at Chicago, October 14, 2016
- "Russia, Asia, Eurasia," New York Center for Global Asia, New York University, September 30, 2016
- "Russia's Eurasian Trajectories: The Politics of Remaking the Rules," Trajectories of Law and Sovereignty, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, April 7, 2016
- "Empires et histoire mondiale," with Frederick Cooper, Journée d'étude "Les Empires" Autour de Jane Burbank et Frederick Cooper, Framespa (France, Amériques, Espagne. Sociétés, pouvoirs, acteurs), Université de Toulouse II-Jean Jaurès, Toulouse, February 19, 2016
- "How Space becomes Place: Russia's Eurasian Trajectories," Keynote Lecture, Forum Transregionale Studien: Winter Academy, "Beyond History and Identity: New Perspectives on Aesthetics, Politics and Society in Eastern Europe," Berlin, December 8, 2015
- "Supervising the Supervisors: Zemskie Nachal'niki of Kazan Province at the Start of the 20th Century," The Middle Level of the Law: Russia, 17th to 21st Centuries,

- Institute for Advanced Study, Nantes/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Nantes, December 2, 2015
- "La politique des empires : le Défi de la diversité," Carte Blanche organized by the on-line journal Histoire@Politique, Les empires: 18e rendez-vous de l'histoire, Blois, October 10, 2015
- "Gouverner Autrement : Les Leçons Des Empires," Carte Blanche organized by the magazine Sciences Humaines, Les empires: 18e rendez-vous de l'histoire, Blois, October 9, 2015
- "The Incredible Life of the Township Court: Law in Spite of Itself," Everyday Law in Russia: 17th to 21st centuries, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, October 1, 2015
- "Russian Peasants go to Court: Legal Culture in Imperial Russia," Russia's Legal Trajectories, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, October 1, 2015
- "Unseparated Powers: Law and Sovereignty in the Russian Empire," Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Tuesday Seminar, September 29, 2015
- "All under the Tsar: Russia's Eurasian Trajectories," All under Heaven? The Empire's Spatial Dimensions, Comparative Studies in Imperial History (Part I), Eisenach, Germany, July 2, 2015
- "L'horizon planétaire," Chair, La Semaine Anniversaire, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 16, 2015
- "New Approaches to Empire," European University Institute, Florence, June 10, 2015
- "Eurafrica and Eurasia: Perspectives on Europe and Beyond," with Frederick Cooper, Rethinking Historical Space, NYU-Abu Dhabi, May 19, 2015
- "The Thick Frontier: Comments on Sabine Dullin's La frontière épaisse: Aux origines des politiques soviétiques (1920-1940)," Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, April 24, 2015
- "Empires in World History: A Conversation," with Frederick Cooper, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 17, 2015
- "Escaping Empire, Escaping Europe: History and Historiography in Transition?," Keynote Lecture, Transitions: States and Empires in the Longue Durée, 15th Annual Harvard Graduate Conference on International History, Harvard University, March 12, 2015
- "Remembering the Life and Work of Anatoly Remnev," Roundtable, Central Asian Studies Society, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, October 25, 2014
- "Imagining Space and Peoples in Siberia," Commentator, Central Asian Studies Society, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, October 24, 2014
- "Souveraineté eurasiennne : un régime, une proposition, un exemple," SciencesPo, Paris, 2 October 2014
- "Taken for Granted, Taken, Granted: The Habitus of Imperial Power," International Conference: An "Imperial Cloud," University of Rostock, September 18, 2014
- "New Soviet History," Commentator, School of International Studies Cluster Conference, University of Nottingham at Ningbo, May 17, 2014
- "Empire to Federation? French Africa and Russia in the 20th Century," with Frederick Cooper, Yonsei University, Seoul, April 28, 2014
- "Imperial Trajectories: Africa and Russia in the 20th Century," with Frederick Cooper, East China Normal University, Shanghai, March 17, 2014

- “Eurafrica and Eurasia: Perspectives on Europe and Beyond,” with Frederick Cooper, European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization, Florence, January 8, 2014
- “Nineteenth-Century Europe and Beyond: A Transimperial History,” Keynote, Ideologies of Empire in the Modern World, European University Institute, Florence, 9 January 2014
- “Communicating sovereignty in the Russian empire: Rule of law in the Kazan Judicial Circuit,” Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte, Frankfurt am Main, December 18, 2013
- “Unseparated Powers: Supervision, Law, and Sovereignty in the Russian Empire,” Lecture in series “Systems of Justice and the Challenges of Cultural Diversity: Perspectives from Legal History,” LOEWE Research Focus: “Extra judicial and Judicial Conflict Resolution,” Frankfurt am Main, December 17, 2013
- “The Social Life of the Law in the Late Russian Empire: Supervision and Sovereignty after 1905, Lecture, Leibnizpreis Research Group ‘Global Processes’, December 12, 2013, University of Konstanz
- “Empire vs. Colonialism,” with Frederick Cooper, Research Institute of Comparative History and Culture, Hanyang University, Seoul, November 6, 2013
- “Russian Empire and Imperial Legacies in Comparative Perspective” 5th APRC International Conference of Eurasian Studies, “Legacies of the Russian empire and the Soviet Union: Nations, Territory, Ideology,” HK Russia-Eurasia Research Unit, Asia-Pacific Research Center, Hanyang University, Seoul, November 7-8, 2013
- “Supervising the supervisors: Zemskie nachal’niki of Kazan province at the start of the 20th century,” 2013 Annual Conference of the Japanese Society for the Study of Russian History, Tokyo, October 12, 2013
- “Communicating Sovereignty: Networks of Legal Rule in the Kazan Judicial Circuit,” 5th East Asian Conference for Slavic Eurasian Studies, Osaka, Japan, August 10, 2013
- “Imperial Pathways: Africa and Russia in the 20th Century,” with Frederick Cooper, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo Japan, July 22, 2013
- “Imperial Trajectories,” with Frederick Cooper, “Histórias dos Impérios,” APOIOS, Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal, Lisbon, May 24, 2013
- “Empires and Global History,” with Frederick Cooper, University of Kentucky, Russia’s Realms series, April 5, 2013
- “Complaints: Cultures of Grievance in Eastern Europe and Eurasia,” Commentator and Panelist, Princeton University, March 8, 2013
- “Modern Challenges to Dynastic Empire,” Commentator, “In Search of Empire: The 400th Anniversary of the House of Romanov,” Columbia University, February 16, 2013
- “Empires and Global History,” with Frederick Cooper, Florida International University, Miami, February 8, 2013
- “Tensions of Time and Place,” Rechtskulturen: Towards a Global History of International Law,” Humboldt University/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, February 1, 2013
- “Law and Revolution: Russia’s Search for a New Legal Order 1905-1929,” Comment, 44th Annual Convention, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, November 17, 2012

- "A World of Empires, France Included," with Frederick Cooper, Institute for French Studies, New York University, November 6, 2012
- "Political Imagination and Imperial Sovereignty: The Case of Kazan," Historians' Seminar, Davis Center and Department of History, Harvard University, October 25, 2012
- "From Nation-State to Empire: The Case of Kazan," Workshop, "Borderlands: Imperialism, Colonialism, Environment and Culture," Vilnius, Lithuania, September 22, 2012
- "Russia's Imperial Trajectory," West Point, September 13, 2012
- "L'état dans tous ses états," with Frederick Cooper, Séminaire, "State, Elites and Empires. Historical and Comparative Sociology," C.N.R.S. Culture et sociétés urbaines, Paris, June 18, 2012
- "Collectivization Romanian-Style," Commentator, Roundtable on Gail Kligman and Katherine Verdery, Peasants under Siege: The Collectivization of Romanian Agriculture, 1949-1962, Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 19, 2013
- "Russia's Imperial Pathways," West Point, March 7, 2012
- "Anti-Jewish Violence in Eastern Europe: Rethinking the Pogrom in East European History," Commentator, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, March 1, 2012
- "Policing the Empire: Law, Surveillance, and Sovereignty in Kazan Province, early 20th Century," Japanese Society for the Study of Russian History and the project "Comparative Research on Major Regional Powers in Eurasia," Waseda University, January 22, 2012
- "Empire and Transformation: The Politics of Difference," Keynote Lecture, Comparing Modern Empires: Imperial Rule and Decolonization in the Changing World Order, Hokkaido University, Slavic Research Center, Sapporo, January 20, 2012
- "Toward a Critical History of Human Rights," Commentator, Remarque Institute, New York University, December 15, 2011
- "The Language of Law in the Late Russian Empire," Panel on Law, Justice and Perceptions of "Just Governance," 43rd Annual Convention, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, DC, November 17, 2011
- "The Rights of the Ruled: Legal Process and Sovereignty in Imperial Russia," Cluster of Excellence: The Formation of Normative Orders, Conference on Legal Cultures, Legal Transfer, and Legal Pluralism, November 11, 2011, Frankfurt am Main
- "Empires," with Frederick Cooper, Working Group on Empire, Princeton University, October 11, 2011
- "Empires and Russian History," Russian History Workshop, University of Michigan, September 29, 2011
- "Normalizing Russia: The Empire Effect," Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 28, 2011
- "Empires and Global History," with Frederick Cooper, Carlo Ginzburg, Wang Hui, Annual Meeting of the Fellowclub, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, July 8, 2011
- "Female Spirit and Academia," Centre for Area Studies, Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, May 27, 2011
- "Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, Forum Transregionale Studien, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin and Re:Work, Berlin, May 18, 2011

- "Общественная жизнь закона в империи: подданные, начальство и суверенитет в Казанской губернии начала XX века" (The Social Life of the Law in an Empire: Subjects, Leaders, and Sovereignty in Kazan Province at the Beginning of the 20th century), Smol'ni/St. Petersburg State University, Seminar on Critique of Social Sciences and Humanities, April 20, 2011
- "The Social Life of the Law: Everyday Sovereignty in the Late Russian Empire," Research Colloquium on Cultures of Justice in Russia, Helmut Schmidt University / University of the Bundeswehr, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Hamburg, March 2, 2011
- "The Rights of the Ruled: Law and Sovereignty in the Late Russian Empire," Colloquium for East European History, University of Goettingen, January 28, 2011
- "Empires: Geographies of Power, Politics of Difference," with Frederick Cooper, Centre for Area Studies, Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, January 17, 2011
- "The Social Life of the Law in the Late Russian Empire," Collaborative Research Centre 640, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, December 16, 2010
- "Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, Universidad Pampeu Fabra, Barcelona, November 23, 2010
- "Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, Dialogos con Autores, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Madrid, November 19, 2010
- "The Legal Life of the Late Russian Empire," Forschungsstelle Osteuropa an der Universität Bremen, Bremen, November 2, 2010
- "The Ties that Bind: Sovereignty and Law in the Late Russian Empire," One Law for All?, Collaborative Research Centre 640, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, October 30, 2010
- "Les indépendances à la russe de 1917 à 2010," Rencontre internationale: Il était une fois les indépendances africaines ... La fin des empires?, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, October 21, 2010
- "Regimes before Rezhimnost': The Rights of Difference before 1917," Multiplicity of Regime in the USSR, International Council for Central & East European Studies (ICCEES), VIII World Congress, Stockholm, July 30, 2010
- "Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, June 7, 2010
- "Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, "La vie des idées," interview recorded, June 2, 2010, see site, "Permanence des empires," <http://www.laviedesidees.fr/Permanence-des-empires.html>
- "Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, Institut d'études avancées de Nantes, May 31, 2010
- "Rights of the Ruled: Legal Activism in Imperial Russia," Laws Locations: Textures of Legality in Developing and Transitional Societies," University of Wisconsin Law School, April 23-25, 2010
- "Power and Movement Across Eurasia," Keynote, Organization for the Advancement of Studies of Inner Asian Societies, Columbia University, April 10, 2010
- "Связаны законом: подданные, начальство и имперский суверенитет в Казанской губернии [Connected by law: Subjects, rulers and imperial sovereignty in Kazan province]," Internal Colonization of Russia, Universität Passau, University of Cambridge, Passau, March 24, 2010
- "Empire and Russian History," Imperialisms and Colonialisms, Columbia University, March 12, 2010

"Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, Ideas and Practices of Commonwealths, Humanities Center, Harvard University, February 26, 2010

"Empire in World History: Power and the Politics of Difference," with Frederick Cooper, Northeastern University, February 25, 2010

"Empires Across Continents: The United States and Russia," Russian History Workshop, Stanford University, February 3, 2010

"Empires in World History," with Frederick Cooper, Stanford University, February 4, 2010

"The Confection of Knowledge," Commentator, The Production of Knowledge, Conference in honor of David Cohen, Ann Arbor, December 12, 2009

"Empires and Political Imagination," with Frederick Cooper, Teaching the Ancient World, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, November 22, 2009

"Bringing Agency Back In: Biographies and Institutional Cultures in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union," Commentator, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 13, 2009

"Imperial Trajectories," with Frederick Cooper, Kings' College, University of Cambridge, May 6, 2009"

"Beyond the Steppe: Empire-Building in Russia and China," Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociale, Paris, March 12, 2009

"Connected by Law: Litigation, Supervision, and Sovereignty in Late Imperial Russia," Central European University, Budapest, March 17, 2009

"Imperial Connections: Law and Belonging in the Russian Empire," Institut d'études avancées de Nantes, January 22, 2009

"Nouvelles' colonies et 'vieux' empires, 1870-1920," with Frederick Cooper, Conference on La Pensée coloniale 1900, Paris, January 9, 2009

"Legal Connections: Litigation, Supervision, and Sovereignty in Late Imperial Russia," Russian and Slavic Studies Colloquium, New York University, December 12, 2008

"Empires across Continents: The United States and Russia," with Frederick Cooper, International and Global History Seminar, Harvard University, October 22, 2008

"Sovereignty and Empire: 19th-century Europe and its Near Abroad," with Frederick Cooper, European History Workshop, New York University, September 24, 2008

"Imperial Reform of Religious Institutions," Commentator, Conference, "Empire, Conquest and Faith: the Russian-Ottoman Interaction, 1650-1920," Harriman Institute, New York, April 26, 2008

"Lacunae: Area Studies and the Inner Eurasian Space," Panelist, OASIES Program, Columbia University, April 17, 2008

"On Jessica Allina-Pisano's The Post-Soviet Potemkin Village," Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention, Panelist, April 10, 2008

"Russia and the Ottoman Empire: Transregional and Comparative Approaches," Moderator and Commentator, Harriman Institute, New York, April 5, 2008

"The Rule of Law in Russia," New York State Bar Association, Committee on Central and Eastern Europe, March 4, 2008

"Legal Connections: Litigation, Supervision, and Sovereignty in Late Imperial Russia," Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin, February 28, 2008

"Empire, Rights, and Citizenship, 212 to 1946," with Frederick Cooper, University of Ottawa, January 31, 2008

"Empires, Droits et Citoyenneté: Pourquoi un autre model?," University of Ottawa,
February 1, 2008

"Empire, Droits et Citoyenneté, de 212 à 1946," with Frederick Cooper, Ecole Normale
Supérieure, Paris, January 8, 2008