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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Since 8/2024 Assistant Professor, Florida International University

EDUCATION

August 9, 2024 Vanderbilt University, PhD in Modern European History

- Dissertation Title: “Empire of States: Law and International Order in Ottoman Europe, c. 1830-1912.” Defended with distinction, May 21, 2024.
- Dissertation committee: Emily Greble (chair and supervisor), Celia Applegate, Lauren Benton (Yale University), David Blackburn, Samuel Dolbee, Ari Joskowicz, Helmut Walser Smith.
- Fields: *Modern Balkans, East-Central Europe, and Russia, 1750-present* (major), *Empire and Law in Global History, 1400-1900* (minor), *Germanies in Europe: Modern History of Germanic Lands in a European Context, 1800-2000* (minor).
- In recognition of scholastic accomplishments named Russell G. Hamilton Scholar by the Vanderbilt University Graduate School. The prestigious scholarship provides support to a select few graduate student leaders through travel, dissertation enhancement, and professionalization grants.

2020 Vanderbilt University, MA in History

- Two article-length research papers required for degree conferral:
 1. “Betrayed by History? Yugoslav Writer-Diplomats and the Undoing of Europe (1918-1941)” [supervised by Celia Applegate].
 2. “Die Schiffe zum Himmel: The Holocaust in Bulgarian-occupied Territories (1942-1943)” [supervised by Helmut Walser Smith].

¹ CV revised on August 21, 2024.

- 2017 Roskilde University and University of Vienna, Erasmus Mundus Joint MA in Global History and Global Studies [4-semester program]
- Supervisor: Thomas Fröschl, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna.
 - Thesis: “Balkan Intellectuals and Plans for a Balkan Federation in the 1860s and 1870s: American and Swiss Models in the Political Thought of Vladimir Jovanović and Lyuben Karavelov.”
- 2014 University of Belgrade, MA in International Politics
- Supervisor: Ljubinka Trgovčević, Faculty of Political Sciences.
 - Thesis: “Železnička kriza iz 1908. godine: Srbija, Velike sile i Balkansko pitanje.” [The Railway Crisis of 1908: Serbia, the Great Powers, and the Balkan Question]
- 2013 University of Belgrade and Royal University of Groningen, Joint BA in Political Science, Diplomacy, and International Relations
- Theses [defended at the Royal University of Groningen]: 1. “State in Society: Disaggregating the Vietnamese socialist state and searching for social actors capable of contesting its hegemony.” 2. “The Linz-Stepan theory of democratic consolidation and the EU accession negotiations with the Czech Republic and Slovakia.”

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

- 2023 Co-authored with Emily Greble, “Nations, Politics, and the Role of History in East Central Europe.” [Featured Review: Reappraisal] *The American Historical Review* 128:2, June 2023, 951-962.
- 2023 Review of Hannes Grandits, *The End of Ottoman Rule in Bosnia: Conflicting Agencies and Imperial Appropriations*, London and New York: Routledge, 2022. In: *H/Soz/Kult – Rezensionen* (online).
- 2013 “Introduction to East African Community Economic Integration: Should East Africa Continue Pursuing a Full-Scale Monetary Union?,” *Ekonomiska Diplomacija-Economic Diplomacy* 7:1-2, 2013, 32-45.

Non-peer-reviewed

- 2022 “Vladislav Lilić im Interview mit Konstantina Zanou: Die Ionische Adria als Brücke und Grenze,” *Zibaldone – Zeitschrift für italienische Kultur und Gegenwart* 74, Herbst 2022, 115-122.
- 2017 “Dušan T. Bataković (1957-2017): Intelektualni gran tur po prostranstvima istorije” [Dušan T. Bataković (1957-2017): Intellectual Grand Tour of the Vast Plains of History], *Almanah SPKD “Prosvjeta” Sarajevo*, 2017, 265-268.

- 2014 “The Failure of Serbia’s Adriatic Strategy in the First Balkan War (1912),” *Collection of Essays of the Belgrade Open School XVI*, 2014, 271-285.
- 2013 Review of *Minorities in the Balkans: State Policy and Interethnic Relations (1804-2004)*, edited by Dušan T. Bataković, Belgrade: Institute for Balkan Studies, 2011. In: *Balkanica XLIV*, 2013, 363-367.
- 2012 With Sebastiaan Blom et al., *Effects of the East African Community Economic Integration on Regional Business Climate*, IRSP Report Book (Groningen: Royal University of Groningen Press, 2012).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2023 Instructor of Record in HIST 3000W-02 “Law and Empire: A Global History, 1400-2000.” A 16-student thematic writing seminar; mandatory for *History* and *Law, History, and Society* (LHS) majors at Vanderbilt University.
- Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant in HIST 2720 “World War II.” Instructor of Record: Michael Bess, Vanderbilt University.
- Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant in HIST 1039 “Global History, 1453 to Present.” Instructor of Record: Helmut Walser Smith, Vanderbilt University.
- Spring 2019 Teaching and Research Assistant in HUM 1610 “Revolutions and Post-Communisms in Eastern Europe.” Instructors of Record: Emily Greble and Francis Wcislo, Vanderbilt University.
- 2016-2018 Online English Teacher at BIBO Global Opportunity, Inc., Manilla, the Philippines.
- Offered a variety of English lessons to students of all ages and proficiency levels from 13 Asian, European, and Latin American countries.
 - Taught a total of 737 individual classes with an overall student evaluation rating of 4.92/5.00.
- Spring 2014 Instructor of Record in “Methodology of Social and Political Research with Statistics.” University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Sciences.
- Lectured 220 students in a second-year undergraduate course on research project formulation, data gathering methods and techniques, qualitative and quantitative approaches to data analysis, fundamentals of statistics for social scientists, and the SPSS analytical software.
 - Supervised six large, public-facing group research projects in which students applied the methods and techniques previously learned in class. Results published in various Serb media outlets, including the high-circulation daily newspapers *Danas* and *Politika*.
 - A total of 148 students evaluated their course experience. Overall course rating: 4.94/5.00, the instructor’s preparedness: 4.97/5.00, clarity of lectures:

4.95/5.00, practical skills gained: 4.90/5.00, availability of the instructor to address course-related queries (e-mail and office hours): 4.99/5.00.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2024-2025 *AISEES Graduate/Postdoctoral Fellow* – received \$2500 from the American Institute for Southeast European Studies to complete field work for a research article about the rules of military captivity in the Ottoman-Montenegrin frontier wars (1853-1862).
- 2024 *The Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award* – the Vanderbilt College of Arts and Science’s annual award recognizes exceptionally effective teaching by a graduate student instructor of record; awarded with a cash prize of \$2000.
- 2024 *The Ohio State University President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship* [declined].
- 2023-2024 *The J. Léon Helguera Fellowship* – graduate stipend awarded in recognition of outstanding academic performance in Vanderbilt University’s doctoral program in History.
- 2023 *Edward Ferguson Jr. Graduate Award* – highly competitive endowed scholarship of \$5000 awarded annually to one Vanderbilt University doctoral candidate in *any field of study* who demonstrates excellence in research.
- 2022 *Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC IDRF)* – award of \$28,000 to fund continued dissertation research.
- 2022 *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) One-Year Research Grant* [declined] – offered to fund a supervised research stay at Humboldt University, Berlin; relinquished in favor of SSRC IDRF.
- 2022 *Vanderbilt University College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award* – grant of \$5,000 to fund continued dissertation research.
- 2021 *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Dissertation Research Grant* – award of \$6,000 to fund dissertation research in Bulgaria, Montenegro, and Serbia.
- 2021 *Central European History Society (CEHS) Research Grant* – award of \$3,600 to fund dissertation research at the Viennese *Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv*.
- 2020 *Vanderbilt University Graduate Leadership Institute Professional Development Award* – grant of \$700 covering the costs of an intensive Modern Turkish language course.
- 2020 *Betty Wheeler Prize* – awarded annually by the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS) for the best graduate research paper in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (\$300). The prizewinning paper, “Betrayed by History? Yugoslav Writer-Diplomats and the Undoing of Europe (1918-1941),” tracks the diplomatic careers and ideological tribulations of Ivo Andrić and Miloš Crnjanski, underlining the frailty of European intellectuals in interwar politics.

- 2019-2023 *The History Fellowship* – graduate stipend awarded in recognition of outstanding academic performance in Vanderbilt University’s doctoral program in History; drawing on from an anonymous endowment made to the Department of History.
- 2019 *Vanderbilt University Herbert and Blanche Henry Weaver Summer Research Award* – grant of \$3,000 covering the costs of a ten-week research stay at the *State Archives of Serbia (DAS)*, the *Archives of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ASANU)*, and the *Central State Archives of Bulgaria (TsDAB)*.
- 2018 *Vanderbilt University Max Kade Center for European and German Studies Language Training Award* – grant of \$2,500 covering the costs of an intensive German language course at the University of Vienna’s Center for Foreign Language Study.
- 2014 *Erasmus Mundus Scholarship* – c. \$50,000 awarded by the European Parliament to cover registration, tuition, health, living, and travel costs during the two-year Erasmus Mundus Master’s Course in Global Studies (EMGS).
- 2013 *Svetlana Adamović Prize* – amount of \$1,000 awarded annually to the graduate of the Faculty of Political Sciences (University of Belgrade) with the highest GPA to support continued academic work and professional development.
- 2012 *Dositej Obradović Scholarship* – awarded by the Republic of Serbia’s Ministry of Youth and Sports to undergraduate and graduate students at Serb universities in recognition of scholastic achievements; the amount of \$5,500 received in monthly installments over two academic years.
- 2011 *JoinEU-SEE Scholarship* – c. \$20,000 awarded by the European Commission to cover registration, tuition, health, living, and travel costs during a two-semester academic stay at the Royal University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

Invited talks

- 2022 “Border-Making at the Ottoman-Montenegrin Frontier, 1840s-1910s.” Berliner Forschungskolloquium Südosteuropa, Humboldt University, Berlin (Germany).
- 2014 “The Great War Started in Korea? Great Power Politics, Crises, and Responsibility (1894-1914).” Lecture given in Serbian to class XXI of Belgrade Open School.
- 2013 “The Establishment of the European Economic Community (1945-1957).” Delivered to participants of an intensive summer seminar on the history of European regional integration organized by the Delegation of the European Union in Serbia.

Conference papers, workshops, and presentations

- 10/2024 “Crucible of World Order: (Post-)Ottoman Balkans and the Emergence of Modern International Law, 1869-1889.” The 28th Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium, October 17-20, 2024, Princeton University.
- 2/2024 “Murder, Revenge, and Loyalty in a Late Ottoman Town: The 1874 Podgorica Massacre.” The Ottoman History Workshop, Vanderbilt University.

- 1/2024 “Renarrating Modernity via Personal Histories at Europe’s End: Four Belgraders and the Balkan Sattelzeit, 1840s-1870s.” AHA Annual Meeting, January 4-7, 2024, San Francisco, CA.
- 12/2023 “Civilized Exercise of Perpetual War? The Laws of War at the Ottoman-Montenegrin Frontier (1852-1862).” 55th ASEEEES Annual Convention, December 3, 2023, Philadelphia, PA.
- 11/2023 “An Ancient Magical Right: Capitulations and Jurisdictional Politics in Serbia (1836-1896).” The East European-Eurasian Research Seminar, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University.
- 10/2023 “The Serb Tanzimat: Christians, Muslims, and State-Building in Post-Napoleonic Europe (1838-1862).” Vanderbilt University’s Central European History Seminar.
- 6/2023 “Two Emperors’ Holy Constitution: Sovereignty, Protection, and Provincial Constitution-Making in Ottoman Serbia, 1835-1838.” *Empire and Sovereignty in Habsburg, Ottoman, and Russian Worlds* – workshop at the University College London.
- 2022 “To Reconcile Two Civilized Nations: Joint Ottoman-Montenegrin Investigation of the 1874 Podgorica Massacre.” American Society for Legal History (ASLH) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2021 “Lost in a Sea of Mountains: Border-Making at the Ottoman-Montenegrin Frontier, 1858-1860.” 53rd ASEEEES Annual Convention, virtual format.
- 2021 “The Impossible State? Reinvention of Sovereignty in the Ottoman-Montenegrin Highlands (1856-1862).” Graduate workshop *Competing Sovereignities: Intertwinement, Contestation, Evolution*. University of Regensburg (Germany).
- 2021 “State or Vassal? The Ottoman-Montenegrin War of 1862 and the Porous Boundaries of Imperial Quasi-Sovereignty.” *Kružok: A Working Group for Central and Eastern European History*. Yale University’s early-career online workshop.
- 2019 “Civil Death, Radical Protest, and the Theatre of Punishment in the Reign of Alexander II.” Critical commentary on the work of Daniel Beer (Royal Holloway, University of London), delivered at the Vanderbilt History Seminar.
- 2019 “Peter Handke’s Slavic Arcadia.” *The 2018/2019 Nobel Prize in Literature: A Debate*. Department of German, Russian, and East European Studies, Vanderbilt University.
- 2019 Invited participant. Workshop on “Law and Legality in Modern Eastern Europe.” Davis Center for Historical Research, Princeton University.
- 2019 Invited participant. Sommerfrische on “imitation.” Run by Holly Case, Joachim von Puttkamer, and Ondřej Slačálek. Trebujeni, Moldova.
- 2019 “Betrayed by History? Yugoslav Writer-Diplomats and the Undoing of Europe (1918-1941).” *Is There an Interwar European Intellectual History?* International conference at Tallinn University (Estonia).
- 2019 “Bullets, Knives, Bombs, and a Not So Quiet Revolution: The Serb Poet-Consul Milan Rakić and Networks of Violence in Ottoman Balkans (1905-1911).” *Consuls in*

the Modern International System. Research workshop at the Department of History, Brown University (Providence, RI).

- 2016 “Farà Da Sé: The Meaning of Federalism in Balkan Political Thought of the 1860s and 1870s.” Summer School in Comparative and Transnational History. History and Civilization Department, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- 2016 “Fountainhead of Federalism: Vladimir Jovanović, Lyuben Karavelov, and the Eastern Question.” Conceptual History Summer School. Center for Nordic Studies, University of Helsinki (Finland).
- 2014 “The Last Magician and the Balkan Conundrum: Baron Aehrenthal’s 1908 Railway Exposé.” Delivered in Serbian at the oral defense of my first master’s thesis, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade.

RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2020-2021 Co-director (with Emily Greble). *East Europe: Critical Encounters* – year-long workshop series at the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University.
- Organized and moderated article workshops, book prospectus discussions, and round tables with leading scholars in the field of Eastern European Studies from nine universities, including European University Institute, Exeter, Max Planck Institute Göttingen, Stanford, University College London, and University of New Hampshire.
- 2019-2020 Research and Administrative Assistant. *The Legal History Colloquium* – a year-long workshop series at the Department of History, Vanderbilt University.
- 2013 Research Intern. Institute for Balkan Studies, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade, Serbia.
- Received training in comparative history of modern Balkan societies, methodology of historical and archival research, and academic writing.
 - Tasked with authoring a research paper on the Serb government’s efforts to secure access to the Adriatic coast in the First Balkan War. The work was published by the Belgrade Open School.
- 2012 Research Team Leader. International Research by Students Program, Royal University of Groningen and Rabobank, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- My five-member team was selected on behalf of *Rabobank*, a multinational banking conglomerate, to examine the effects of regional integration on business climate in member states of the East African Community (EAC). The project resulted in a 150-page report presented to directors of the Rabobank’s African Market Department in Utrecht and later published by the Royal University of Groningen.

- Conducted in-depth field research in Arusha, Tanzania, Kampala, Uganda, and Nairobi, Kenya, in March-April 2012. Devised fieldwork questionnaires; scheduled and administered more than 20 interviews with EAC and World Bank officials, Kenyan, Tanzanian, and Ugandan government representatives, diplomats, academics, NGO leaders, and bankers; contributed 50 pages of analysis to the final report.

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Austria	Österreichisches Staatsarchiv, Abteilung Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, Vienna.
Bulgaria	Tsentralen durzhaven arhiv, Plovdiv and Sofia departments; Narodna biblioteka Ivan Vazov, Plovdiv; Narodna biblioteka Sv. Kiril i Metodij, Sofia.
Germany	Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin.
Macedonia	Državen arhiv na Republika Severna Makedonija, Skopje.
Montenegro	Državni arhiv Crne Gore, Cetinje; Narodni muzej Crne Gore, Cetinje; Nacionalna biblioteka Crne Gore Đurđe Crnojević, Cetinje; Arhiv Istorijskog instituta Crne Gore, Podgorica.
Serbia	Državni arhiv Srbije, Belgrade; Arhiv Srpske akademije nauka i umetnosti, Belgrade; Istorijски arhiv Beograda, Belgrade; Narodna biblioteka Srbije, Belgrade; Arhivska zbirka Univerzitetske biblioteke Svetozar Marković, Belgrade; Istorijски arhiv grada Niša, Niš; Istorijски arhiv, Pirot.
Turkey	Başbakanlık Osmanlı Arşivi, Istanbul.

SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2020-present	Host of 27 New Books Network (NBN) interviews with Will Smiley, Matthew Romaniello, Jovana Babović, John Connelly, Noel Malcolm, Konstantina Zanou, Steven Press, Rebecca Bryant and Mete Hatay, Adom Getachew, Linda Colley, Samuel Foster, Leonidas Mylonakis, Emily Greble, Izabela Wagner, Hannes Grandits, Ayşe Zarakol, Lisa Ford, Josep Fradera, Michael Bess, Anca Parvulescu and Manuela Boatcă, Miriam Bak McKenna, Rose Parfitt, Ari Joskowicz, Nora Barakat, Natasha Wheatley, Adam Mestyan, and Lydia Walker. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of downloads as of September 1, 2023: <u>193,656</u>. For details, visit my NBN page or consult the recommendation letter written on my behalf by Dr. Marshall Poe, NBN's founder and chief editor.
2020-2021	Vice-President in charge of academic planning. Vanderbilt Graduate History Association.
2014	Co-organizer. <i>The Serbs and the Great War, 1914-1918</i> . International symposium. Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade.

- 2014 Co-organizer and moderator. *European Youth Summit*. Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- 2013 Participant. *European Forum Alpbach*. Alpbach, Austria.
- 2013 Participant. Training course on European citizenship organized by *Young European Federalists* (JEF). Akranes, Iceland.
- 2012-2013 *Future Studies, class XX*. Prestigious two-semester, non-degree study program for a select group of fourth-year students at Serb universities. Belgrade Open School.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native: Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Bulgarian.

Fluent: English, Macedonian, Slovene.

Current coursework: Modern Greek (CEFR A2.2, 50+ hours of instruction), Modern Turkish (CEFR B2.1, 100+ hours of instruction).

Certified reading skills: French (passed graduate reading proficiency exam at the Department of French and Italian, Vanderbilt University, April 2020), German (Center for Foreign Language Study, University of Vienna, July 2018).

Past coursework (4+ semesters or equivalent): Latin, Russian.