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## **Education**

University of California, Berkeley

BA, History, 2013 – 2017

Thesis: A Catalyst for Change: the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group and the Fall of the Soviet Union

California State University, Sacramento

MA, History, 2020 – 2022

Thesis: Crafting a Loyal Republic: Mass Deportations from Latvia in 1941, Between 1945 and 1948, and after 1948

University of Rochester

PhD student, History, 2022 – present

## **Additional Educational Experiences**

Sacramento City College

Russian language student, 2020

California State University, Sacramento

Certificate of Applied Policy and Government, 2018

## **Grading Experience**

History 17A: United States History, 1607-1877

Dr. Brendan Lindsay

California State University, Sacramento

Fall, 2020

History 17A: United States History, 1607-1877

Dr. Khal Schneider

California State University, Sacramento

Spring, 2021

History 51: World Civilizations, 1500 - Present

Dr. Mona Siegel

California State University, Sacramento

Fall, 2021

- Outside of grading, led several 1.5-hour discussions for about thirty undergraduate students via zoom. Discussions were based on literature and film related to the course.

## **Publications**

“A Catalyst for Change: the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group and the Fall of the Soviet Union,”  
*Clio: Volume 31, 2021.*

Book Review: “Plutopia: Nuclear Families, Atomic Cities, and the Great Soviet and American Plutonium Disasters.” *Clio: Volume 31, 2021.*

### **Conference Presentations**

“A Catalyst for Change: the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group and the Fall of the Soviet Union,”  
2021 Phi Alpha Theta Northern California Regional Conference, March 27, 2021.

### **Lectures**

“Westernization in the Islamic World,” for History 8 at California State University, Sacramento.  
April 15, 2021.

### **Additional Academic Activities**

President, Phi Alpha Theta, Rho Xi chapter. August 2021 – May 2022.

- Worked with board members and faculty to design workshops for students. Workshops assisted students in effectively reading a monograph, concise writing, helpful editing skills, and balancing mental wellness and scholarship

Editorial Staff Member, *Clio: Volume 31, 2021*

- Read and provided input on half of total submissions
- Lead editor and liaison to the author on one submission, secondary editor on an additional submission
- Member of the subgroup for the journal’s Style Guide, which created an official document to guide editors and writers on style and citation requirements based on Turabian.

Two-Module Mini Course, “The Great Purge,” April 2021.

- Included one lecture, one discussion, two assignments, and a quiz for five students. The discussion was based on articles pertaining to different social groups affected by the Great Terror. Used the online Canvas platform to learn best practices for engaging students in a virtual class.

Moderator, “Empire of Grievance: The Russia-Ukraine War 2022,” March 9, 2022.

Moderator, “2021 History Graduate Student Research Symposium,” April 23, 2021.

Moderator, “Does Truth Still Matter? A Historical Examination of Disinformation and Its Consequences” March 5, 2021.

Judge, Sacramento History Day

- Judged ten groups of middle and high school students from Sacramento County on websites they designed to discuss historical events of their choosing.

### **Languages**

Russian: basic

Latvian: beginning

Spanish: intermediate

### **Work History**

Office of California Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, District 6  
Legislative Director, July 2020 – August 2022

- Responsible for researching, drafting, and maintaining the Assemblyman's legislative package, including Assembly Bill 272, which was signed into California law in September of 2021. Assembly Bill 272 prevents all K-12 schools from including arbitration clauses that encompass sexual assault or sexual battery in school enrollment agreements.
- Serve as the main point of contact on policy issues for lobbyists and constituents. Oversee vote recommendations and research for all policy committees, budget items, and floor sessions.
- Supervise and mentor undergraduate interns and newer legislative staff.
- Write talking points, bill information sheets, and letters to executive branch agencies.
- Contributed to constituent casework involving the Employment Development Department (EDD), due to the high influx of COVID-19 related claims.

Legislative Aide, September 2018 – June 2020

- Staffed two policy committees each year and contributed to vote recommendations for floor sessions.
- Served as the point of contact for over a dozen bills. Bill research included analysis of relevant case law and existing statute, communication with state departments, and informational meetings with lobbyists and community-based organizations.
- Scheduled all policy meetings and managed reporting to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship

Assembly Fellow, October 2017 – September 2018

- Placed in the office of Assemblyman Kiley as a legislative aide.
- Staffed eight bills, including Assembly Bill 324, which was signed into law by Governor Brown. Assembly Bill 324 enables prosecution of voyeurism by loosening requirements for the victim to be identifiable in digital images.
- Lead staffer on Higher Education, Public Safety, and all natural resources issues.
- The academic component of the Fellowship included two graduate-level government courses through CSU, Sacramento.

Catharine Baker for Assembly, District 16

Deputy Campaign Manager, August 2016 – November 2016

Full-time, temporary withdrawal from UC Berkeley

- Re-elected the only Republican to represent the Bay Area in the State Assembly in over thirty years.
- Managed the campaign intern program. Recruited, vetted, and trained volunteers on voter contact programs such as precinct walking and phone banking, and trained campaign trackers to assist in opposition research.
- Staffed the Assemblywoman at campaign events and fundraisers, edited scripts for voter contact programs, prepared walking materials for volunteers, and coordinated the placement of political signs.