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Education

Ph.D. History, The University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, May 1997

Dissertation: Imagining History at the Crossroads: Persia, Byzantium, and the Architects of the Written Georgian Past. Winner, 1998 University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Award (one of four, campus-wide).

M.A. History, The University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, May 1992

B.A. Political Science with Area Certificate from the Russian and Eastern European Institute (REEI), Indiana University—Bloomington, May 1990

Academic employment & affiliations

Permanent academic appointments

Associate Professor of Eurasian and World History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, beginning August 2012

Associate Professor of Eurasian and World History, Department of History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, May 2004-May 2008, and Founding Director, GSU Program in World History and Cultures, January 2001-May 2008

Assistant Professor of Eurasian and World History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, August 1998-May 2004

Temporary academic appointments

Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Liberal Studies and University Outreach, University of Oklahoma, Norman, December 2009-current

Visiting Professor, American Studies Program, Russian State Humanities University (Российско-американский учебно-научный Центр, Российский Государственный Гуманитарный Университет, “RGGU”), Moscow, Russian Federation, fall semester 2008-spring semester 2009

Teaching Assistant, The University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, Winter 1992

Grader, The University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, Fall 1991
History 143, *The History of Exploration and Discovery* (Professor Rudi Lindner)

Major academic affiliations

Associated Researcher (Assoziierter Forscher), Historisches Institut, Abteilung für Alte Geschichte

und Rezeptiongeschichte der Antike, University of Bern, Switzerland, December 2009-current

Associate Fellow, Center for the Exploration of Georgian Antiquities (ქართული სიძველეთა მოძიებისა და კვლევის ცენტრი), University of St. Andrew the First-Called, T'bilisi, Republic of Georgia, August 2009-current

Major publications

Monographs

2003 *Studies in Medieval Georgian Historiography: Early Texts and Eurasian Contexts*. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium, vol. 601, Subsidia, vol. 113. Louvain: In aedibus Peeters, 2003. [Shipped June 2004]

Edited volumes

1998 *K'art'lis c'xovreba: The Georgian Royal Annals and Their Medieval Armenian Adaptation*, 2 vols. Anatolian and Caucasian Studies. Delmar, NY: Caravan Books, 1998. [NB: I was the general editor of these two volumes and the author of their introductions]

Articles & chapters

2011 With T'amila Mgaloblishvili, "Manichaeism in Late Antique Georgia?," in *'In Search of Truth': Augustine, Manichaeism and Other Gnosticism: Studies for Johannes van Oort at Sixty*, Jacob Albert van den Berg, Annemaré Kotzé, Tobias Nicklas, and Madeleine Scopello eds. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies, vol. 74. Leiden—Boston: Brill, 2011. Pp. 263-290.

2009 "The Iranian Heritage of Medieval Georgia: Breathing New Life into the Pre-Bagratid Historiographical Tradition," *Iranica Antiqua* 44 (2009): 645-692.

2007 "Georgian Sources," in *Byzantines and Crusaders in Non-Greek Sources 1025-1204*, Mary Whitby ed. Proceedings of the British Academy, vol. 132. Oxford: Oxford UP/The British Academy, 2007. Pp. 183-220.

"Georgian Christianity," in *The Blackwell Companion to Eastern Christianity*, Ken Parry ed. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007. Pp. 137-155.

S. Aşurov, V. Baxşəliyev, L. Ristvet, and S. Rapp, "II Kültəpədə 2006-cı il tədqiqatları," in *2006-2007-cı illərdə Azərbaycanda aparılmış arxeoloji və etnoqrafik tədqiqatların yekunları*. Bakı: NAFTA, 2007. Pp. 33-37. [In Azerbaijani; report of 2006 archaeological survey of the Kültəpə II site in Naxçıvan, Azerbaijan]

2006 "Recovering the Pre-National Caucasian Landscape," in *Mythical Landscapes Then and Now: The Mystification of Landscapes in [the] Search for National Identity*, Ruth Büttner and Judith Peltz eds. Erevan: Antares, 2006. Pp. 13-52.

With Lynda Garland, "Mary 'of Alania': Woman and Empress between Two Worlds," in *Byzantine Women: Varieties of Experience, 800-1200*, Lynda Garland ed. Centre for Hellenistic Studies, King's College London, Publications vol. 8. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2006. Pp. 91-123.

- With Paul Crego, “*The Conversion of K’art’li: The Shatberdi Variant (Kek.Inst. S-1141)*,” *Le Muséon: Revue d’études orientales* 119/1-2 (2006): 169-226.
- “Caucasia, region” and “Mary of Alania Byzantine empress, ca. 1050-after 1103,” entries for the *International Encyclopedia for the Middle Ages—Online: A Supplement to Lexikon des Mittelalters (LexMA)—Online*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2006. Available online at www.brepolis.net/bme
- 2005 “Chronology, Crossroads, and Commonwealths: World Regional Schemes and the Lessons of Caucasia,” in *Interactions: Transregional Perspectives on World History*, Jerry H. Bentley, Renate Bridenthal, and Anand A. Yang eds. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2005. Pp. 167-201.
- “Caucasia’s Place in the Eurasian World: The Testimony of ცხოვრება ქართველთა მფევეთა,” in *Meot’xe saert’ashoriso k’art’velologiuri simpoziumis masalebi = Proceedings of the Fourth International Symposium of Kartvelian Studies*. T’bilisi: K’art’velologiuri skolis c’entri/T’bilisis universitetis gamomc’emloba, 2005. Pp. 45-55. With Georgian summary, “*Kavkasiis adgili evraziul samqaroshi: ‘C’xorebay k’art’velt’a mep’et’a’*,” p. 55.
- 2004 “Images of Royal Authority in Early Christian Georgia: The Impact of Monotheism?,” in *Monotheistic Kingship: The Medieval Variants*, Aziz al-Azmeh and János M Bak eds. Central European University Medievalia. Budapest: Central European University Press, 2004. Pp. 155-172.
- With Medea Abashidze, “*The Life and Passion of Kostanti-Kaxi*,” *Le Muséon* 117/1-2 (2004): 137-173.
- 2002 “Caucasia,” in *The Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*. New York: Berkshire Reference/Scribners, 2002.
- 2001 “From *Bumberazi* to *Basileus*: Writing Cultural Synthesis and Dynastic Change in Medieval Georgia (K’art’li),” in *Eastern Approaches to Byzantium*, Antony Eastmond ed. Publications of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies, vol. 9. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2001. Pp. 101-116.
- 2000 “Sumbat Davit’is-dze and the Vocabulary of Political Authority in the Era of Georgian Unification,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 120/4 (2000): 570-576.
- “Christian Caucasian Dialogues: Armeno-K’art’velian Co-Existence and Confrontation in Medieval Georgian Historiography,” in *Peace and Negotiation: Strategies for Coexistence in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*, Diane Wolfthal ed. Arizona Studies in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, vol. 4. Turnhout: Brepols, 2000. Pp. 163-178.
- 1999 “The Pre-Christian Cycle of the Georgian Shatberdi Codex: A Translation of the Initial Texts of the Corpus *Mok’c’evay k’art’lisay (The Conversion of K’art’li)*,” *Le Muséon* 112/1-2 (1999): 79-128.
- “Medieval Christian Georgia (c. 330-c. 1450),” in *National Treasures of Georgia*, Ori Z. Soltes ed. London: Philip Wilson Publishers, 1999. Pp. 84-92. [Highly re-edited without my permission]
- 1997 “Georgian Historical Writing,” in *Seeing Islam as Others Saw It: A Survey and Evaluation of Christian, Jewish and Zoroastrian Writings on Early Islam*, R.G. Hoyland ed. Studies in Late Antiquity and Early Islam, vol. 13. Princeton: Darwin Press, 1997. Excursus E, pp. 677-686.
- 1995 “Archives and Access: T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia,” *IREX Newsletter* (Autumn 1995); repr. in the *Newsletter of the Society for the Study of Caucasia* (Spring 1996) and mirrored on several

internet sites.

- 1993 “The Coinage of T‘amar, Sovereign of Georgia in Caucasia: A Preliminary Study in the Numismatic Inscriptions of Twelfth- and Thirteenth-Century Georgian Royal Coinage,” *Le Muséon* 106/3-4 (1993): 309-330.
- “Zviad Gamsakhurdia,” in *The Gorbachev Encyclopedia*, J.L. Wieczynski ed. Salt Lake City: C. Schlacks Jr., 1993. Pp. 154-161.
- 1991 “Highlights of Georgian History Holdings at Indiana University—Bloomington,” *The Annual of the Society for the Study of Caucasia* 3 (1991): 41-64.

Book reviews & review-articles

- 2011 Review of *The Old Georgian Palimpsest: Codex Vindobonensis georgicus* 2, Jost Gippert ed., in cooperation with Zurab Sarjveladze and Lamara Kajaia, vol. 1. Monumenta Palaeographica Medii Aevi, Series Ibero-Caucasica (Turnhout, 2007), in *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies* 86/1 (2011), 196-198.
- Review of *A Companion to Byzantium*, Liz James ed., Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World: Ancient History (Chichester—Malden, MA, 2010), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 15 March 2011.
- 2009 *Caucasian Paradigms: Anthropologies, Histories, and the Making of a World Area*, Bruce Grant and Lale Yalçın-Heckmann eds. (Berlin, 2007), in *Central Asian Survey* 28/2 (2009): 247-249.
- 2006 Stephen F. Jones, *Socialism in Georgian Colors: The European Road to Social Democracy 1883-1917* (Cambridge, MA, 2005), in *Central Eurasian Studies Review* 5/2 (2006): 62-63.
- 2005 Walter E. Kaegi, *Heraclius: Emperor of Byzantium* (Cambridge, 2003), in *Medievalia et Humanistica*, n.s. 31 (2005): 164-165.
- Gorun Babian, *The Relations between the Armenian and Georgian Churches According to the Armenian Sources, 300-610* (Antelias, Lebanon, 2001), in *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 14 (2005): 227-229.
- 2004 Patrick Manning, *Navigating World History: Historians Create a Global Past* (New York, 2003), published on the internet as part of the first H-WORLD Author’s Forum, February 2004.
- 1999 T. Mathews and R. Wieck, *Treasures in Heaven: Armenian Art, Religion, and Society* (New York, 1998), in *MESA Bulletin* 33 (1999): 270-271.
- 1996 R.W. Thomson trans., *Rewriting Caucasian History: The Medieval Armenian Adaptation of the Georgian Chronicles, the original Georgian texts and the Armenian adaptation* (Oxford, 1996), in *The Late Antique Newsletter* 1/2 (Sept. 1996), also posted on the web:
www.unipissing.ca/departement/history/orb/lan1-2.htm
- 1992/3 Review article of K. Vivian trans., *The Georgian Chronicle: The Period of Giorgi Lasha* (Amsterdam, 1991), in *The Annual of the Society for the Study of Caucasia* 4-5 (1992-1993): 90-93.

Major awards, fellowships, residencies, & promotions

- 2010-2012 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER), Title VIII National Research Fellowship. Primary residencies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Switzerland.
- 2007 Georgia State University, Department of History, Summer Research Grant.
- 2006-2007 Georgia State University, Team Research Initiation Grant, co-founder of the American-Azerbaijani Şərur Rayon Archaeological Project, Naxçıvan, Republic of Azerbaijan.
- 2005 Dale Somers Memorial Award for Scholarship, Georgia State University, Department of History, April 2005.
- 2004 Promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, Georgia State University, Department of History, April 2004.
- Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, Georgia State University's College of Arts and Sciences, April 2004.
- Georgia State University, Department of History, Summer Research Grant.
- 2002 Copen Faculty Development Grant, Georgia State University.
- 2001-2003 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Eurasia Studies Fellowship. Fall 2001-summer 2003.
- 2001-2002 Georgia State University, Research Initiation Grant.
- 2001 WebCT Technology Development Grant, part of Georgia State University's College of Education PT-3 Grant, summer-fall 2001.
- 1999-2000 Georgia State University, Instructional Improvement Grant.
- 1999 Georgia State University, Department of History, Summer Research Grant.
- 1998 University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Award, April 1998.
- 1996-1997 SSRC Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, Joint Committee on the Soviet Union and Its Successor States.
- University of Michigan, Department of History, block grant.
- 1995 International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) fellowship, 1995. Residency in T'bilisi, Republic of Georgia.
- 1994-1995 Fulbright-Hays fellow. Primary residencies in Oxford, London, and T'bilisi.
- 1993-1994 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship, Armenian language.
- 1993 Dumbarton Oaks, short-term residency and grant, June 1993.
- 1992-1993 FLAS fellowship, Armenian language.

- 1992 American Numismatic Society, New York, New York, graduate seminar and fellowship, summer 1992.
- 1991-1992 Manoogian Foundation grant in support of graduate training at the University of Michigan.
- 1990 First Summer School in Georgian Studies, T'bilisi. Sponsored by T'bilisi State University and the government of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic.
- 1989 Inducted into the Indiana University chapter of Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society, by invitation.

Presentations, symposia, & conferences (since 2000)

- 2011 Invited lecture, "Pre-National Caucasia: A Cosmopolitan Eurasian Crossroads," Department of History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, December 2011.
- Invited lecture, "The Nomadic Integration of Eurasia (or: How the Mongols Built the Largest Continuous Land Empire in World History)," Department of History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, December 2011.
- Invited lecture, "Shedding the Civilizational Straitjacket: Critical Metageographies, Synergetic Historiographies, and Expanded Armenian Vistas in the Pre-Modern Age," 30th Anniversary Symposium of the Armenian Studies Program, "Armenia in World History, the World in Armenian History," The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2011.
- Invited lecture, "კავკასია და მეორე ბიზანტიური თანამეგობრობის შექმნა: ბიზანტინიზაცია, კოსმოპოლიტანიზმი და ქართველი ათონელები" = "Caucasia and the Making of the Second Byzantine Commonwealth: Byzantinization, Cosmopolitanism, and the Georgian Athonites," Fourth International Symposium of the International Centre for Christian Studies at the Orthodox Church of Georgia Dedicated to the 1000th Birthday of St. Giorgi Mtatsmindeli, "Georgian Athonites and Christian Civilization," T'bilisi, Republic of Georgia, May 2011.
- Invited lecture, "კავკასია და ბიზანტიური სამყარო: საქართველოს, სომხეთისა და ბიზანტიის ისტორიის კომპლექსური ხედვისკენ" = "Caucasia and the Byzantine Commonwealths: Towards an Integrated Vision of Georgian, Armenian, and Byzantine History," University of St. Andrew the First-Called, T'bilisi, Republic of Georgia, May 2011.
- Invited lecture, "The Albanian Palimpsest: Manipulated Memories Old and New in the Imagination of Caucasian Albania," Classical History Seminar, Historisches Institut, Universität Bern, Switzerland, March 2011.
- 2010 Invited Lecture, "Medieval Georgia's Bagratid Revolution: Dynastic Exceptionalism in a 'Byzantinizing' Age," Fach Geschichte, Universität Konstanz, Germany, July 2010. [A revised version of a paper originally delivered at Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz in April]
- Invited lecture, "Caucasia and Byzantine Culture," international conference "Byzantine Days of the Cultural Capital: Byzantium's Acceptance, Transformation and Transmission of Culture to the World" ("İstanbul'un Doğu Roma Günleri: Uluslararası Bizans Kültürü Sempozyumu"), Turkish Historical Society (Türk Tarih Kurumu), İstanbul, May 2010.

- Invited lecture, “The Bagratid Revolution: Dynastic Reorientation and the ‘Byzantinization’ of Georgia,” Byzantinische Archäologie Mainz, Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz, Germany, April 2010.
- 2009 Invited lecture, “Writing and Rewriting the Schism: Historiographical Perspectives on the Separation of the Georgian and Armenian Churches,” International Patristic Conference Dedicated to the 110th Anniversary of Grigol Peradze, University of St. Andrew the First-Called, T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, September 2009.
- Invited lecture, “The Ark and the Harp Revisited: Kingship on the Edges of the Byzantine World,” University of St. Andrew the First-Called, co-sponsored by the American Research Institute in the South Caucasus (ARISC), T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, September 2009.
- Invited lecture, “Medieval Georgian Historiography and Sasanian Iran,” Workshop in Sasanian Historiography and Iranian Nationalism, Institute of Iranian Studies, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, UK, March 2009.
- Invited lecture, «Создание новых учебных планов: Разработка программы по всемирной истории Государственного университета Джорджии.» Разработка и развитие учебных планов [“Building a New Curriculum: Lessons from Georgia State University’s Interdisciplinary World History Program”], sponsored by the Fulbright Program in the Russian Federation and the U.S. Embassy, Moscow, Russian Federation, March 2009.
- Invited lecture, “Teaching Academic English in Russia,” Faculty of Foreign Languages, Russian State Humanities University, Moscow, January 2009.
- 2008 Invited participant and discussant, “Laying Challenge to a Unipolar World: Russian Visions of a Polycentric Global Order in the Twenty-First Century,” symposium “Anti-Americanism in the Social Consciousness of Contemporary Russia” [«Антиамериканизм в общественном сознании современной России»], The Russo-American Educational and Scientific Center, Russian State Humanities University, Moscow, October 2008.
- Invited lecture, “The Georgian Nimrod,” symposium “The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition: A Comparative Perspective,” Armenian Studies Program, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2008.
- Invited lecture, “The Battle for Tskhinvali (and Sukhumi): Russian Perspectives on the Crisis in South Ossetia and Abkhazia,” symposium “A Chill from the Caucasus: The Russo-Georgian War and Its Implications,” The Center for Russian and East European Studies and The Sam Nunn Center School of International Affairs, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2008.
- Invited lecture, “‘The Land of Heroes and Giants’: Recovering the Iranian Heritage of Medieval Georgia,” the initial paper presented at the symposium “Georgia: The Making of a National Culture,” The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 2008.
- 2007 “The Christianization of Southern Caucasia: A Cross-Cultural Perspective,” Eighth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), University of Washington, Seattle, October 2007. [I also organized the panel “Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Conversion in Caucasia and the Near East”]
- Invited lecture, “Back to the Future: Nationalist Historiographies in Post-Soviet Caucasia,” Department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Emory University, Atlanta,

October 2007.

Invited lecture, “The Case for Caucasia: Regional Coherence and the Limits of National Historiography,” symposium “The Caucasus: Directions and Disciplines,” sponsored by the Franke Institute, the Center for Eastern European and Russia/Eurasia Studies, and the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus, University of Chicago, May 2007.

- 2006 Invited lecture, “‘The Land of Heroes and Giants’: What Archaeologists Can Learn from *K’art’lis c’xovreba* about Georgia and the Iranian World,” Third International Symposium on Caucasian Iberia and Its Neighbors in the Achaemenid and Post-Achaemenid Period, sponsored by the National Museum of Georgia and the Ot’ar Lort’k’ip’anidze Centre for Archaeological Studies, T’bilisi, Republic of Georgia, October 2006. [Paper read *in absentia* because of the Russian Federation’s transportation blockade of Georgia]

“The Making of the *Medieval European* Georgian Nation,” Seventh Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 2006.

Invited lecture, “Mongol Eurasia,” World History Teachers Institute, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2006.

- 2005 Keynote address, “Recovering the Pre-National Caucasian Landscape,” symposium “Mythical Landscapes: Then and Now,” sponsored by Erevan State University and Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)/German Academic Exchange Service, Erevan State University, Erevan, Armenia, September 2005.

Chair and commentator, “Political and Social Function of Literary Landscapes,” symposium “Mythical Landscapes: Then and Now,” sponsored by Erevan State University and DAAD, Erevan State University, Erevan, Armenia, September 2005.

Invited lecture, “From Roman Empire to Byzantine Commonwealth: An Afro-Eurasian Perspective,” World History Teaching Institute, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2005.

“Who Surrendered Byzantine Egypt to the Arabs?: A Fresh Look at Cyrus, Patriarch of Alexandria,” The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Cairo, May 2005.

- 2004 “The Iranian Basis of Early Medieval Georgian Kingship,” Fifth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, October 2004.

Chair, “Georgian Culture: Past and Present,” Fifth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 2004.

Invited lecture, “Duin III, A Historiographical Odyssey: Towards the Relationship of the Armenian and Eastern Georgian Churches, 4th-Early 7th Century,” symposium “Where the Only-Begotten Descended: The Church of Armenia through the Ages,” Armenian Studies Program, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 2004.

Roundtable on Graduate Programs in World History, participant, at the conference “World History: The Next Ten Years, World History Center,” Northeastern University, Boston, March 2004.

- 2003 “The Ark and the Harp: Royal Ideology on the Edge of Commonwealth,” World History Association annual conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, June 2003.

Chair and commentator, “Conceptions of World History” (Zhang Weiwei, Patrick Manning, Deborah Smith Johnston, and Andre Gunder Frank participants), World History Association annual conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, June 2003.

- 2002 Invited lecture, “Georgian Sources for the Prosopography of the Byzantine Commonwealth, 1025-1204,” symposium “Byzantium and the Crusades: Towards an Integrated Prosopography (1081-1204),” British Academy, London, December 2002.

“Historiography of Power: Reorientation as a Strategy of Dynastic Legitimacy in Medieval Georgia, 9th-13th Century,” conference “One Ring to Rule Them All?: Power and Power Relations in East European Politics and Societies,” University of California—Berkeley, November 2002.

“Numismatics and the World Survey (or, Coins, Crossroads, and World History),” SEWHA annual conference, Columbus State University, Georgia, October 2002.

Invited lecture, “Teaching Mongol and Eurasian History for the AP World History Exam,” World History Institute (sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the World History Association, and the College Board), Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2002.

Invited plenary session lecture, “Caucasia’s Place in the Eurasian World: The Testimony of *ცხოვრება ქართველთა მეფეთა*,” Fourth International Symposium on Caucasiology, The Ivane Javakhishvili T’bilisi State University, T’bilisi, May 2002.

“The State of World History in the Southeast,” roundtable participant, annual conference of the Georgia Association of Historians, Jekyll Island, Georgia, April 2002.

“*Bumberazi*: Persian-Like Aspects of Early Christian Georgian Kingship,” Interdisciplinary Workshop on Religion and Rulership in the Middle Ages, Central European University (co-sponsored by MAJESTAS), Budapest, Hungary, February 2002.

- 2001 “The Making of an Autocephalous ‘National’ Church: The Church in K’art’li Becomes the K’art’velian Church, 4th-7th Century,” XX^e Congrès international des études byzantines, Sorbonne, Paris, August 2001.

Invited lecture, “Nomads over Eurasia: The Mongol Integration of Eurasia in the Thirteenth Century,” World History Institute (sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities, World History Association, and the College Board), Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2001.

“The Center of the World (in a Small Corner of Eurasia): Constructing a Master Historical Narrative in Imperial and Soviet Georgia,” Department of History brown bag, University of Arizona, Tucson, March 2001.

“Negotiating the Edge of Empire: Royal Ideology on the Byzantine Periphery,” annual conference of the Medieval Academy of America, Arizona State University, Tempe, March 2001.

“Chronology, Crossroads, and Commonwealths: World Regional Schemes and the Lessons of Greater Caucasia,” symposium “Interactions: Regional Studies, Global Processes, and Historical Analysis,” sponsored by the American Historical Association, World History

Association, Library of Congress, *et al*, held at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC, March 2001.

- 2000 “Looking towards Constantinople: Byzantium in Georgian Historical Literature,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 2000.

Invited lecture, “The Mongols and the Integration of Eurasia: On the Verge of the Modern World?,” World History Institute, sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities, World History Association, and the College Board, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, June 2000.

“Persecution and Comradery: Competing Perceptions of Perso-Georgian Relations in Christian Georgian Literature, 5th-9th Centuries,” annual conference of the Arizona Center of Medieval and Renaissance Studies (ACMRS), Arizona State University, Tempe, February 2000.

Editorial boards

- 2011- Editor of Georgian materials for the series Texts and Studies in Eastern Christianity, Ken Parry chief editor (Brill)