

CURRICULUM VITAE

Elaine MacKinnon
Professor of History
October 2009

CURRENT POSITION:

September 1995-present: Professor of Russian and Soviet History, University of West Georgia
Teach survey and upper level courses in World History/Civilization, Russian and Soviet History, Cold War, Russian and Soviet Women

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

B.A., Princeton University, 1983 (magna cum laude) Slavic Languages and Literature; Certificate in Russian Studies
Georgia NT-4 Secondary School Social Sciences Teaching Certificate, Armstrong State College, 1986

M.A., Emory University, 1990, Modern European History

Ph.D., Emory University, 1995, Modern European History

Dissertation title: "Soviet Historians and the Debates over the Origins of Stalinism, 1985-1991"

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Translator and Editor, V.A. Kozlov, *Mass Uprisings in the USSR: Protest and Rebellion in the USSR*, M.E. Sharpe, 2002

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND REVIEW ESSAYS

"Grasping at the Whirlwinds of Change: Transitional Leadership in Comparative Perspective: The Case Studies of Mikhail Gorbachev and F.W. de Klerk," *Canadian Journal of History*, XLIII (Spring-Summer 2008), 69-107.

"Writing History for Stalin: Isaak Izrailovich Mints and the *Istoriia Grazhdanskoi Voiny*," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 6, 1 (Winter 2005): 5-54

"Glasnost and the Independent Press: Debates Over Stalinism During the Perestroika Period, 1985-1991," in S.M. Usmanov, ed., *Sotsial'no-Gumanitarnye Nauki v Vysshey Shkole na Rubezhe XX-XXI: Problemy i Puti Resheniia* (Birk: Birk State Pedagogical Institute, 2000), pp. 29-44

"The Politics of History and Historical Revisionism: De-Stalinization and the Search for Identity in Gorbachev's Russia, 1985-1991," *The History Teacher*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (February 1998), pp. 153-171

Co-author with Steve Goodson, "Introduction" in *Studies in the Social Sciences*, Vol. XXXVI, "The Impact of the Cold War on American Popular Culture," April 1999

"The Debate Continues: Views on Stalinism from the Former Soviet Union," *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, Vol. 20, No. 1 (1993), pp. 11-33

"The Human Factor in Soviet History," A Review Essay of Dmitri Volkogonov, *Autopsy for an Empire* and Martin McCauley, *Gorbachev*, published by *H-Russia*, December 12, 1999

Review essay on Suzanne Sternthal, *Gorbachev's Reforms* and Mark Galeotti, *Gorbachev and His Revolution*, *Russian History*, Vol. 25, Nos. 3-4 (Fall-Winter 1998), pp. 492-496

PUBLICATIONS: TRANSLATIONS

Translation from Russian to English of Pavel Polian, "Sovetskie Voennoplennye-Evrei—Pervye Zhertvy Kholokosta," [First Victims of the Holocaust: Soviet-Jewish Prisoners of War in German Captivity], *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, 6, 4 (Fall 2005), pp. 763-789

Translation from Russian to English of Oleg Khlevniuk, Review Essay on Stalin's Terror and Stalin's "Loyal Executioner," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, 4, 3 (Summer 2003), pp. 760-767

Translation from Russian to English of E.A. Osokina, "Lynne Viola and Peasant Rebels Under Stalin. Collectivization and the Culture of Peasant Resistance," *International Labor and Working-Class History*, No. 54 (Fall 1998)

Translation from Russian to English of H.A. Osokina, "Soviet Workers and Rationing Norms, 1928-1935: Real or Illusory Privilege?" *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, Vol. 19, Nos. 1-3 (1992), pp. 53-70

PUBLICATIONS: ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- “Leonid Brezhnev,” in Ruud van Dijk, et al, editors, *Encyclopedia of the Cold War*, Volume 1, New York: Routledge, 2008, 100-103.
- “Glasnost,” in Ruud van Dijk, et al, editors, *Encyclopedia of the Cold War*, Volume I. New York: Routledge, 2008, 364-365.
- “August Coup 1991,” in Ruud van Dijk, et al, editors, *Encyclopedia of the Cold War*, Volume I, New York: Routledge, 2008, 48-50.
- “Joseph Stalin” in Shelton, Dinah, editor, *Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity*, Volume II, Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005, pp. 996-998
- “Mikhail Suslov,” in James R. Millar, editor, *Encyclopedia of Russian History* (Macmillan Reference USA, 2003).
- “Ivan P. Pavlov” in Neil Schlager, editor., *Science and Its Times: Understanding the Social Significance of Scientific Discovery*. 7 vols. Published by the Gale Group (Farmington Hills, Michigan, 2000), Volume 5: 1800-1899, p. 384.
- “Il’ya I. Mechnikov,” in Neil Schlager, editor., *Science and Its Times: Understanding the Social Significance of Scientific Discovery*. 7 vols. Published by the Gale Group (Farmington Hills, Michigan, 2000), Volume 5: 1800-1899, pp. 366-67.
- “Valery Polyakov” Neil Schlager, editor., *Science and Its Times: Understanding the Social Significance of Scientific Discovery*. 7 vols. Published by the Gale Group (Farmington Hills, Michigan, 2000), Volume 7: 1950–present, pp. 58-59.
- “Vladimir Komarov,” in Neil Schlager, ed., *Science and its Times*. Published by the Gale Group (Farmington Hills, Michigan, 2000), Volume 7: 1950-present, p. 70.
- “The Russian Civil War” in Jonathan F. Vance, ed., *Encyclopedia of Prisoners of War and Internees* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2000), pp. 258-259.
- “Joseph Stalin,” *Historic World Leaders*, Vol. 3, Gale Research Inc., 1994, pp. 1218-1223

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Timothy J. Colton, *Yeltsin: A Life*, New York: Basic Books, 2008, *America* (October 20, 2008), 24-25.
- “Art Versus Autocracy,” A Review of Solomon Volkov, *The Magical Chorus: A History of Russian Culture in the Twentieth Century from Tolstoy to Solzhenitsyn*, transl. by Antonina W. Bouis, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2008, *America* (April 28, 2008), 40-42.
- Review of Szvak, Gyulla, ed. *Regional’nye shkoly russkoi istoriografii / Regional Schools of Russian Historiography*. Books for Russian Studies 18. Budapest: Russica Pannonica, 2007, forthcoming in *Russian Review*.
- Review of Lawrence R. Klein and Marshall Pomer, eds., *The New Russia: Transition Gone Awry*, forthcoming in *Canadian Journal of History*
- Review of Samuel H. Baron and Cathy A. Frierson, eds, *Adventures in Russian Historical Research: Reminiscences of American Scholars from the Cold War to the Present*. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2003, forthcoming in *Russian History / Histoire Russe*
- Review of James T. Andrews, *Science for the Masses: The Bolshevik State, Public Science and the Popular Imagination in Russia, 1917-1934*. College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2003, in *Russian History / Histoire Russe*, Volume 31, No. 3 (Fall 2004): 344-345.
- Review of Eric Kulavig, *Dissent in the Years of Khrushchev: Nine Stories about Disobedient Russians*, *Russian Review*, Volume 63, No. 2, 2004, pp. 355-356.
- Review of Roger D. Markwick, *Rewriting History in Soviet Russia. The Politics of Revisionist Historiography, 1956-1974*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, No. 6, 2002, pp. 989-991
- Review essay, “Dissecting Russian “Democracy”, Discussion of Alexander Lukin, *The Political Culture of Russian ‘Democrats’* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000) published by H-Russia, 2001
- “Rethinking ‘New Thinking,’ A Review of Robert D. English, *Russia and the Idea of the West: Gorbachev, Intellectuals, and the End of the Cold War*, *America* (May 28, 2001), pp. 25-26.
- Review of Valery Tishkov, *Ethnicity, Nationalism and Conflict In and After the Soviet Union*, *Canadian Journal of History*, Vol. XXXV, August 2000, pp. 343-345.
- “Setting the Record Straight,” A Review of Mikhail Gorbachev, *My Country and the World*, *America*, April 29, 2000, pp. 15-16
- Review of Robert Strayer, *Why Did the Soviet Union Collapse?* (M.E. Sharpe, 1998), *East-West Education*, Vol. 19, Nos. 1 and 2 (1998-2000), pp. 162-165.

Review of Cynthia A. Ruder, *Making History for Stalin: The Story of the Belomor Canal*, *Russian History*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (Fall 1999), pp. 345-347.

Review of Robert Service, *A History of Twentieth-Century Russia* (Harvard University Press, 1998), published by *H-Russia*, January 1999

Review of Lynn D. Nelson and Irina Y. Kuzes, *Radical Reform in Yeltsin's Russia*, *Russian History*, Volume 25, Nos. 1-2 (Spring-Summer 1998), pp. 217-219

Review of Kathleen Smith, *Remembering Stalin's Victims*, *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 25, No. 4 (December 1997), p. 793

Review of Daniel Rancour-Lafierre, *The Slave Soul of Russia: Moral Masochism and the Cult of Suffering*, *Demokratizatsiya. The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, Vol. 5, No. 4 (Fall 1997), pp. 603-604

PAPERS PRESENTED, SCHOLARLY COMMENTARIES AND CHAIRMANSHIPS OF CONFERENCE

PANELS

Paper accepted for presentation, "Children of the Gulag," annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 14, 2009

Presented paper, "'Gender, Identity, and Memory: Patterns of Survival in the Stalinist Gulag in Memoirs of Nadezhda Joffe, Valentina Grigorievna Ievleva-Pavlenko, and Hilda Vitzthum,'" Georgia Association of Historians, February 27-28, 2009

Served as Discussant for Panel, "Prisoners of War and Prisoners of History: Memories, Narratives and Counternarratives of Eastern Front POWs," annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 23, 2008

Selected for and Presented paper, "Gender, Memory, and Survival in the Stalinist Forced Labor Camps," the 14th Annual Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 2008.

Presented paper, "Through their Own Eyes: Memoir Analysis of Mikhail Gorbachev and F.W. de Klerk as Transitional Leaders," at the Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies Fall Meeting, September 2007

Presented paper, "Grasping at the Whirlwind: Mikhail Gorbachev and F.W. de Klerk as Transitional Leaders," at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, November 2006

Presented paper, "Grasping at the Whirlwind: Mikhail Gorbachev and F.W. De Klerk as Transitional Leaders," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS) Annual Meeting, April 15, 2005

Presented paper, "Grasping at the Whirlwind: Mikhail Gorbachev and F.W. De Klerk as Transitional Leaders," Annual Meeting of The Georgia Association of Historians, April 8, 2005

Presented paper "Russia and the European Union," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Toronto, November 23, 2004

Discussant for Panel "Language and National Identity," SCSS Annual Meeting, March 2002

Presented paper, "Russia and the European Union, 1991 to the Present," Workshop on European Union Enlargement, Columbus State University, January 26, 2001

Chairman and Discussant for Panel, "Cooperation or Confrontation? Soviet Russia and the West, 1919-1922," AAASS 32nd National Convention, Denver, Colorado, November 10, 2000

Discussant/Commentator for Panel "Biography and Modern Russian History," VI International Council for Central and East European Studies World Congress, Tampere, Finland, July 31, 2000

Moderator for Panel "Science Within and Without," Georgia Collegiate Honors Council Annual Meeting, Georgia College and State University, February 25-26, 2000

Presented paper, "Russia and the Idea of Europe," European Enlargement Conference, November 4, 1999, Columbus, Georgia

Presented paper, "The Life Cycle of the Professional Slavicist—Concerns and Strategies," AAASS 30th National Convention, September 24, 1998, Boca Raton, Florida

Presented paper, "Re-envisioning the Past: Isaac Mints and the *Istoriia grazhdanskoi voiny*," SCSS Annual Meeting, Durham, N.C., March 20, 1998

Presented paper, "Mikhail Gorbachev and Soviet History: A Revealing Mirror into a Failed Reformer," presented at SCSS Annual Meeting, March 21, 1997

Presented paper, "Who Killed Communism: Stalin, Marxism-Leninism, or Russian History? An Assessment of Soviet Debates over the Origins of Stalinism, 1988-1991," 27th AAASS National Convention, October 28, 1995

Presented paper, "Gorbachev and Stalin: Fighting the Past to Preserve the Present: Ideological Restructuring during Perestroika," 26th AAASS National Convention, November 17-20, 1994

Presented paper, "The Treatment of Stalinism in the Soviet Independent Press, 1988-1991," SCSS Annual Meeting, March 19, 1994

Presented paper, "Soviet Debates on the Origins of Stalinism, 1985-1991," SCSS Annual Meeting, March 20, 1993

Presented paper, "Perestroichnaia istoriografiia ob istokakh Stalinizma" (delivered in Russian; trans. "The Origins of Stalinism: Soviet Historiography During the Period of Perestroika), Annual Scientific Session, Moscow State Pedagogical University in the name of Lenin, April 6, 1992

Presented paper, "Japanese Women," Southern Political Science Conference, Savannah, Georgia, February 1987

PUBLICATIONS: EDITORSHIPS

Co-Editor, *Studies in the Social Sciences*, "The Impact of the Cold War on American Popular Culture," Volume XXXVI, May 1999

TEXTBOOK AND JOURNAL REVIEWS

Asked to be and Served as reader and reviewer for *Journal of Social History*, article "Emotions, Contentious Politics, and Historical Memory: A Story from the Annals of the Novocherkassk Tragedy", February 2009

Reviewer for proposed reader, *The World in 1989: A Brief History with Documents*, Padraic Kenney, editor, Bedford St. Martin's, September 2008

Reviewer for new edition of Ronald Suny, *The Soviet Experiment: Russia, the USSR, and its Successor States*, Oxford University Press, January 2007

Reviewer for World History textbook *Societies, Networks, and Transitions: A Global History*, Craig A. Lockard, Houghton Mifflin Company, January and February 2007

Reviewer and consultant for the document reader *Global Passages* for Houghton Mifflin, 2004

Consultant and reviewer (involving writing a twenty-page critical review) of proposed textbook for world history published by Harcourt College Publishers, 2000-2001

Consultant for Revision of textbook *A History of Russia, the Soviet Union, and Beyond*, Summer 1996

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Places of Encounter. Textbook for World History, soon to be under contract with CQ Press/SAGE Publications.

Grasping at the Whirlwind as It Sweeps Them Away: The Fate of Reformist Leaders Mikhail Gorbachev, F.W. de Klerk, and Adolfo Suarez in Comparative Perspective, manuscript proposal for submission to Praeger Publishers

Mikhail Gorbachev, Stalinism, and Soviet Historiography: Fighting the Past to Save the Future, under revision for the *Carl Beck Papers*, University of Pittsburgh Press

Recent Grants:

Recipient, Faculty Research Grant, \$1000.00 for research in South Africa on F.W. de Klerk as part of a manuscript project, *Grasping at the Whirlwind of Fate: The Fate of Reformist Leaders Mikhail Gorbachev and F.W. de Klerk in Comparative Perspective*

PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Selected through competitive process to present paper for The History and Political Science Symposium, panel discussion, "Russia: A New Cold War," March, 2009

Presenter of a four-hour workshop on "The Cold War," for Clayton County Public Schools Teachers Professional Development Day, October 17, 2008

Invited Speaker at Reinhardt College for the Year of Eastern Europe and Russia program, "Women and Survival in the Soviet Gulag," April 2008

Interviewed for UWG Television Channel 13 program "Global Passages" on Putin's Russia, February 14, 2008

Served as Guest Moderator, 2008 Carroll County League of Women Voters Floyd Hoskins Great Decisions Program, "Russia at a Turning Point?," February 28, 2008, Carrollton, GA

Conducted seminar, "Four Key Moments in Russian and Soviet History" for "No Child Left Behind" Title II Part A Higher Education IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY Workshop "Infusing World History into the New Social Sciences Curriculum for Secondary School Teachers in Georgia", June 4, 2005

Conducted workshop series for secondary school social studies teachers on "Infusing World History into the Secondary Curriculum," May 6 and May 13, 2000

Participant in Southern Seminar in Eurasian Studies, University of Georgia, December 6-7, 2004

Participating Member of the Southeast Workshop on Russian History, 1998 to present

Judge, Georgia History Day, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004

Judge, College Bowl Competition, 1998 -1999

Judge for Social Sciences Competition for ARCH Student Research Competition, "The Big Night," 2002, 2003

Invited Presentation, Carroll County League of Women Voters Great Decisions Series, "Russia and Putin: At the Crossroads of Democracy?", February 10, 2005

Invited Presentation at Newnan High School: "Four Key Moments in Soviet History: Teaching Methodologies and Materials on the Russian Revolution, Stalinism, The Cold War, and the Collapse of the Soviet Union," January 24, 2005

Delivered Guest lecture for Pat Campbell's Global Studies class, "Why Russia Matters in the Post-Cold War World", March 3, 2004

Served as Consultant and Translator for Delegation of Russian Businessmen and women, November 2004 (wrote three-page report for distribution among US sponsors)

Discussion group leader on Vasily Aksyonov's *Generations of Winter* for Thursday evening Book Group at Carrollton Library, April 15, 2004

Served as translator for delegation of Russian educators visiting West Georgia, February 17, 2004

Presented talk, "The Art and Architecture of Russian Orthodoxy," to Carrollton Art-Study Club, December 2001

Moderator for Great Decisions Lecture Series, "Russia Reexamined," March 2002

Delivered Guest lecture for Elena Mustokova's European Union class, "Contemporary History of the European Union", January 2002

Invited by Dr. Glenn Novak to act as translator and participate in a filmed interview and panel discussion with a visiting Russian journalist, May 2001

Conducted workshop series for secondary school social studies teachers on "Infusing World History into the Secondary Curriculum," May 6 and May 13, 2000

Guest Speaker, Paulding County Rotary Club, International, "Whither Russia, Why Putin, and Why Care?", May 30, 2000

Consultant for the Princeton Women in Atlanta Focus Group, Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia, October 23, 1999

Invited presentation, Carrollton Women's Study Group, "Ukrainian History," October 24, 1995.

Invited presentation, Emory University Center for Soviet, Post-Soviet, and East European Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series, "Historical Memory and Stalinism: Uses and Abuses of the Past," April 23, 1996

Participant in the Carrollton Roundtable aired on university television, "Genocide and Ethno-nationalism in the Twentieth Century," March 5, 1999

Certification, State University of West Georgia Writing Across the Curriculum, February 28, 1998

Invited presentation, Newnan High History Club, "From the Steppes to the Siberian Wastelands: The Interaction of Geography and History in Russia's Past," January 13, 1998

Guest Speaker, Carrollton Elementary School, "Russian Culture," October 9, 1997

Invited presentation, Emory University Soviet Studies 100, Soviet and Post-Soviet Systems, "Stalinist Collectivization and the Purges," February 5, 1997

"Russian History," Newnan High School History Club, February 13, 1996

"Ukrainian History," Carrollton Women's Study Group, October 24, 1995

Invited presentation, West Georgia History Department, Fall Quarter History Colloquium, "The Uses and Abuses of History: Historical Memory, Joseph Stalin, and the Collapse of Communism in the Former USSR," October 10, 1995

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITY:

Member of the Board, Carroll County Humane Society, December 2004-present

Volunteer, St. Margaret Episcopal Church Thrift Shop, 2003-present

Volunteer, Hands on Atlanta

Volunteer, Oakgrove Montessori School