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About

I study the history of modern east central Europe, focusing on social movements, nationalism, and popular culture. I have a strong interest in the research methods that fall under the heading "digital humanities" and am currently working to advance these through my position on the [CENDARI project \(http://www.cendari.eu/\)](http://www.cendari.eu/).

Qualifications

- PhD in History, University of California, Davis
- BA in International Studies, Middlebury College, Vermont

Research

My doctoral dissertation presented a cultural history of the rise of divisive ethnic nationalism among Czech- and German-speaking workers in the Austrian socialist movement in the years 1890-1914. I published two articles on the basis of this research and extended the timespan to 1918 for my book manuscript.

I am now working on a new research project that addresses east central European rural violence at the end of the First World War in transnational perspective. In particular, I am interested in bands of armed deserters called 'green cadres' who aimed at effecting some kind of social revolution in the post-Habsburg countryside but possessed no conventional political representation.

Publications

- "Socialist Popular Literature and the Czech-German Split in Austrian Social Democracy, 1890-1914" *Slavic Review*, Vol. 72, No. 2 (Summer 2013)
- "Czech Social Democracy, František Soukup, and the Habsburg Austrian Suffrage Campaign 1897-1907—Toward a New Understanding of Nationalism in the Workers' Movements of East Central Europe." *Střed/Centre* 2/2012