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#### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

<b>Boston University</b> , Boston, Mass.	2013–present
Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies	
<b>Brandeis University</b> , Waltham, Mass.	2013
Lecturer, Language and Linguistics Program	
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, Mass.	2010–present
Resident Tutor for Linguistics and Classics, Leverett House	

#### **EDUCATION:**

<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, Mass.	2012
Ph.D., Dissertation: “Historical Poetics and Language History: Studies in Archaic Greek Poetry”	
Committee: Jay Jasanoff, Gregory Nagy, Jeremy Rau	
<b>Russian Academy of Sciences</b> , St. Petersburg, Russia	2006
Kandidat philologičeskikh nauk	
<b>University of St. Petersburg</b> , Russia	2003
B.A., Classics and Linguistics, <i>summa cum laude</i>	
<b>Free University, Berlin</b>	2001–2002; 2004
<b>University of Erlangen</b>	2002
<b>University of Uppsala</b>	2001
<b>University of Vienna</b>	2000–2001

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

##### **Book:**

*Issledovaniya po praindoeuropejskoj imennoj morphologii.* St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2010. xvii + 437 p.  
ISBN 978-5-02-025610-1 (Reviews: P. Widmer, *Kratylos* 58 (2013) 206–208; C. le Feuvre, *Revue de philologie, de littérature et d'histoire anciennes* 86 (2012[2014]).

##### **Journal articles under review:**

- [1.] “Through the thicket: Pi. O. 6.54” (15 p.).
- [2.] “Alcaeus’ *Hymn to the Dioscuri*: Sometimes a ship is just a ship” (25 p.)
- [3.] “Homeric  $\sigma\theta\acute{e}v\epsilon\iota\beta\lambda\epsilon\mu\epsilon\alpha\acute{\iota}\nu\omega\acute{\iota}$ ” (16 p.)
- [4.] “Homeric  $\alpha\acute{\alpha}\alpha\tau\omega\zeta$ : etymology and poetics” (49 p.)

##### **Journal articles:**

- 5. “ $\bar{\alpha}\rho\gamma\omega\zeta M\nu\rho\iota\omega\pi\omega\zeta$ ,” *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* (14 p., forthcoming).
- 6. “The origin of Latin *prōsāpia*,” *Glotta* 91 (2015) 225–248.
- 7. “ $\ddot{\alpha}\tau\epsilon\rho\pi\nu\omega\zeta$  (Ibyc. fr. 328 PMGF),” *Classical Philology* 110 (2015) 66–70.
- 8. “Greek  $\varepsilon\iota\alpha\mu\varepsilon\nu\eta\zeta$ , Vedic *yávasa-*,” *Münchener Studien zur Sprachwissenschaft* 68 (2014): 127–140.

9. "An epic party? Sober thoughts on *νηφέμεν* (Archil. 4.9 West)," *Philologus* 58 (2014): 10–25.
10. "Latin *draucus*," *Classical Quarterly* 64 (2014) 316–320.
11. "The aorist infinitives in -έειν in early Greek hexameter poetry," *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 133 (2013) 81–92.
12. "Showing praise in Greek choral lyric and beyond," *American Journal of Philology* 133 (2012) 543–572.
13. "Avestan *Haēcat̄aspa-*, Rigveda 4.43, and the myth of the Divine Twins," *Journal of American Oriental Society* 132 (2012) 567–575.
14. "Gimn Dioskuram Alkeja", *Aristeus* 5 (2012): 27–51.
15. "τὰκεσταλίωντ ὁρνίθων (Stesich. PMGF 247)," *Mnemosyne* 64 (2011) 625–628.
16. "Hittite *menahhanda*," *Journal of American Oriental Society* 130/1 (2010) 63–71.
17. "Indo-European root \*dem(h<sub>2</sub>)- 'to build' and its derivatives," *Historische Sprachforschung* 123 (2010) 56–96.
18. "The Germanic word for 'sword' and delocatival derivation in Proto-Indo-European," *Journal of Indo-European Studies* 37 (2009) 461–488.
19. "Bessuffiksnyj preterit *ro-ír* i drugie drevneirlandskie preterity s dolgim -í- v korne" [Ro-ír and other i-preterits in Old Irish], *Voprosy Jazykoznanija* Nr. 2 (2007) 18–34.
20. "Ιάονες," *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 2/1 (2006) 100–115.
21. "Tokh. A śamantär i indoevropskij preterit s prodlennoj stupenju ablauta v korne" [Toch. A śamantär and long-vowel preterits in Indo-European], *Voprosy Jazykoznanija* Nr. 5 (2005) 68–83.
22. "Die Etymologie von altgriechischem ὕβρις," *Glotta* 80 (2004[2005]) 114–125.
23. "Aind. *abda-* und Zubehör," *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 1 (2003) 103–117.

### **Book chapters:**

24. "Greek ἀμαυρός and Indo-European \*meh₂- 'great, large'," *Proceedings of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, ed. by S. W. Jamison, H. C. Melchert and B. Vine, 121–136. Bremen: Hempen, 2014.
25. "An etymological miscellany," *Indo-European Linguistics and Classical Philology: Proceedings of the 18th Annual Conference* (23–25 June 2014), ed. by N.N. Kazansky, 708–717. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2014.
26. "Time to gather stones together: Greek λᾶας and its Indo-European background," *Proceedings of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, ed. by S. W. Jamison, H. C. Melchert and B. Vine, 189–206. Bremen: Hempen, 2010.
27. "Ζακλῆς," *Vyach. Ivanov: Materialy i Issledovanija*, ed. by K. Ju. Lappo-Danilevskij and A. B. Shishkin, 371–376. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2010.
28. "On the meaning of (ἐ)μήσατο in Pap. Derv. xxiii,4," *Indo-European Linguistics and Classical Philology: Proceedings of the 12th Annual Conference* (23–25 June 2008), ed. by N.N. Kazansky, 308–336. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2008.
29. "The name of Achilles," *Cambridge Classical Journal. Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society. Supplementary volume* 32 (2007) 162–173.
30. "K dejstviju zakona Riksa v drevnegrecheskom jazyke" [Lex Rix before nasals in Greek], *Hṛdā mánasā: Studies Presented to Professor Leonhard G. Herzenberg on the Occasion of his 70th birthday*, ed. by N.N. Kazansky, et al., 38–72. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2005.

31. "O vozmozhnom istočniku vyrazhenija "zhivye struny" v Slove o Polku Igoreve" [A possible source of the expression „living chords“ in *Slovo o Polku Igoreve*], *Trudy Otdela Drevnerusskoj Literatury* 54 (2003) 565–580.
32. "Rund um att. *γραῦς*, hom. *γρηνῆς*: zur Deutung einiger altgriechischer Personennamen," *Colloquia Classica et Indogermanica III*, ed. by N.N. Kazansky, 179–198. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2003.
33. "Proto-Indo-European Ergativity and the Genitive in \*-osyo," *Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> UCLA Indo-European Conference*, ed. by K. Jones-Bley, M. Huld and A. Della Volpe, 293–311. Washington, D.C.: Institute for the Study of Man, 2000 (JIES Monograph Series 35).

#### Reviews:

34. Review of P. Widmer, *Das Korn des weiten Feldes*. Innsbruck, 2004, *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 4 (2008) 541–570.
35. Review of *Novalis Indogermanica: Festschrift für Günter Neumann zum 80. Geburtstag*, ed. by M. Fritz und S. Zeilfelder. Graz, 2002, *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 2/1 (2006) 388–403.
36. Review of *Compositiones Indogermanicae in Memoriam Jochem Schindler*, ed. by H. Eichner, H. Chr. Luschützky, V. Sadovski, Praha: enigma corporation, 1999, *Jazyk i rechevaja dejatelnost' / Langue et parole* 5 (2003) 171–195.

#### Edited volumes:

*Hrdā mánasā: Studies Presented to Professor Leonhard G. Herzenberg on the Occasion of his 70th birthday.* St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2005. 525 p. (Edited jointly with N.N. Kazansky, E.R. Kryuchkova, and A. V. Shatskov).

#### Reviews:

1. A. Bammesberger, *Historische Sprachforschung* 118 (2005) 314–316.
2. B. Vine, *UCLA Indo-European Studies Bulletin* 11/2 (2007) 8–9.
3. R. Matasović, *Kratylos* 52 (2007) 31–38.

#### CONFERENCES, INVITED TALKS (selected)

- "Dating Corinna: New Linguistic Evidence," Columbia University, 6 February 2015.
- "Greek *εἰαμενή*," 146th American Philological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 11 January 2015.
- "Homeric *σθένει βλεμεαίνων*," MACTe 10, Yale University, 3 May 2014; 33<sup>rd</sup> East Coast Indo-European Conference, Virginia Tech, 7 June 2014.
- "Greek *ἀμαυρός* and Indo-European \*meh₂- 'great', \*meh₂i- 'to be/become great,'" 25th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference, 25 October 2013.
- "Alcaeus' Hymn to the Dioscuri: Sometimes a Ship is Just a Ship," MACTe 9, Boston College, 4 May 2013.
- "Hittite *šapp-* and its congeners," *Etymology and European Lexicon: 14<sup>th</sup> Fachtagung of the Indogermanische Gesellschaft*, University of Copenhagen, 18 September 2012.
- "The origin of Latin *prōsāpia*," 31st East Coast Indo-European Conference, University of California, Berkeley, 18 May 2012.
- "The story of Latin *dīcere*," Oxford University, 23 February 2012.
- "'Indogermanische Diktēr-sprache': Showing praise in Greek and Indo-European," 23rd Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference, 29 October 2011.
- "An epic party? Sober thoughts on *νηφέμεν* (Archil. 4.9 West)," Harvard University, 2 April 2011.

- “*ηἱε Φοῖβε* (*O* 365, *Γ* 152, *h. Ap.* 120) and a new old Greek sound law,” *Workshop for Indo-European Linguistics*, Harvard University, 8 December 2010.
- “*Ro-ír* and other *i*-preterits in Old Irish,” *30<sup>th</sup> Harvard Celtic Colloquium*, 8 October 2010.
- “Homeric *ἀάατος*: etymology and poetics,” *140<sup>th</sup> American Philological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, 8 January 2009; *29<sup>th</sup> East Coast Indo-European Conference*, Cornell University, 19 June 2010.
- “Greek *λᾶας* and other Greek and Indo-European words for ‘stone’,” *21<sup>st</sup> Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, 31 October 2009; *Institute for Linguistic Studies*, St. Petersburg, 27 December 2009.
- “Thus spake Zaraθuštra: an Avestan eye on Orphic cosmogonies,” *Greek, Latin, and Indo-European Poetry*, Yale University, 26 April 2009.
- “Hittite *menahhanda* and PIE directive case,” *Workshop for Indo-European Linguistics*, Harvard University, 19 September 2009.
- “Indo-European \*dem(h<sub>2</sub>)- ‘to build’: set or ani?” , *18<sup>th</sup> Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, 4 November 2006.
- “Tocharian A *śamantär*: evidence for a Narten present from the root \*dem(h<sub>2</sub>)-?”, *Workshop for Indo-European Linguistics*, Harvard University, 10 May 2006.
- “The name of Achilles,” *Greek and Latin from an Indo-European Perspective*, University of Cambridge, 8 July 2005; *Institute of Linguistic Research* (St. Petersburg), 16 November 2004.
- “Derivational and lexical semantics in Proto-Indo-European: a case-study in internal derivation,” *Indo-European Linguistics and Classical Philology – 9*, 21 June 2005.
- “On the suffix of Indo-European and Tocharian present participles,” *Indo-European Linguistics and Classical Philology – 8*, 23 June 2004.
- “Lex Rix before nasals in Greek,” *Institute of Linguistics* (Moscow), 15 February 2003.
- “Beiträge zur griechischen Wortforschung (1. att. *γραῦς*, hom. *γρηῦς*. 2. altgr. *ὕβρις*,” *Freie-Universität Berlin, Seminar für Vergleichende und Indogermanische Sprachwissenschaft*, 18 April 2002; *Indo-European Linguistics and Classical Philology – 6*, 25 June 2002.
- “Living chords in the “Slovo o polku Igoreve”,” *International Conference on the Occasion of 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Publication of “Slovo o polku Igoreve”*, *Institute of Russian Literature* (St. Petersburg), 12 November 2000.

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Harvard University) Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2008
- Medal from the Government of St. Petersburg and the St. Petersburg Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences 2008
- Award of Excellence from the Friends and Alumni of Indo-European Studies 2006  
(for the best paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual UCLA Conference)
- Academia Europaea Prize and Medal 2006
- Harvard Presidential Scholarship for Graduate Study 2005-2010
- The President of the Russian Federation Fellowship for graduate students 2005
- Fellowship from the Foundation for Promotion of Research in Russia 2004
- Medal of Russian Academy of Sciences 2003

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

**Boston University:**

*The World of Greece (Spring 2014; Fall 2014, Fall 2015)*  
*Greek and Latin Elements of English (Fall 2013; Spring 2015)*  
*The Origins of Writing (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)*  
*Intermediate Greek: Prose (Fall 2013)*  
*Intermediate Greek: Poetry (Spring 2016)*  
*Greek Lyric Poetry (Spring 2014)*  
*History of Greek Literature (survey; part 1) (Spring 2016)*  
*Historical Grammar of Greek (Spring 2014 [directed study])*

**Brandeis University:**

*Phonological Theory (Spring 2013)*

**Harvard University (Summer School):**

*Historical Linguistics (Summer 2010)*

**Harvard University:**

*Writing Systems* (course instructor)  
*Morphology across World Languages* (course instructor)  
*Concept of The Hero in Greek Civilization* (section leader)  
*Historical Linguistics* (section leader)  
*Introduction to Linguistics* (section leader)  
*Knowledge of Language* (Head TF; section leader)

**LANGUAGES:**

*modern:* Russian (native), English, German (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish, Italian, Lithuanian (reading knowledge)  
*ancient / medieval:* Ancient Greek, Latin, Sanskrit, Avestan, Old Persian, Hittite, Luvian, Tocharian, Old Church Slavonic, Old Norse, Phrygian, Old Irish.