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Lecturer, Language and Linguistics Program	
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, Mass.	2010–present
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**EDUCATION:**

<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, Mass.	
Ph.D., Dissertation: “Historical Poetics and Language History: Studies in Archaic Greek Poetry”	2012
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<b>Russian Academy of Sciences</b> , St. Petersburg, Russia	2006
<i>Kandidat philologičeskikh nauk</i> (junior doctorate)	
<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:**

*Issledovanija po praindoevropejskoj imennoj morfologii*. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2010. xvii + 437 p.  
ISBN 978-5-02-025610-1 (Review: P. Widmer, *Kratylos* 58 (2013) 206–208).

**Journal articles under review:**

- [1.] “Alcaeus’ *Hymn to the Dioscuri*: Sometimes a ship is just a ship” (25 p.)
- [2.] “Not all digammas are created equal: Corinna’s *Ἰελακίων* (PMG 654.30) and the date of the poet” (20 p.)

**Journal articles:**

3. “Through the thicket: the text of Pindar *Olympian* 6.54 (βασιᾶι τ’ ἐν ἀπειράτωι),” *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 110 (forthcoming in 2018)
4. “Shame and insult in Anatolia: Luvo-Hittite *zammurāi-*,” *Journal of Americal Oriental Society* (forthcoming in 2018)
5. “Sidetic *masara* ↑uef ”, *Indogermanische Forschungen* 122 (2017) 219–226.
6. “Homeric *σθένει βλεμεαίνων*,” *Glotta* 93 (2017) 117–134.

7. "Hittite *yaya(i)-i*," *Indogermanische Forschungen* 121 (2016) 63–68.
8. "Hittite *wattaēš* 'birds'," *Münchener Studien zur Sprachwissenschaft* 69 (2015) 257–267.
9. "Ten thousand eyes: The story of Ἀργός Μυριαπός," *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* 55 (2015) 812–831.
10. "Homeric ἀάατος: etymology and poetics," *Die Sprache* 50 (2012/2013[2015]) 182–239.
11. "The origin of Latin *prōsāpia*," *Glotta* 91 (2015) 225–248.
12. "ἄτερπνος (Ibyc. fr. 328 PMGF)," *Classical Philology* 110 (2015) 66–70.
13. "Greek εἶαμενή, Vedic *yávasa-*," *Münchener Studien zur Sprachwissenschaft* 68 (2014) 127–140.
14. "An epic party? Sober thoughts on νηφέμεν (Archil. 4.9 West)," *Philologus* 58 (2014) 10–25.
15. "Latin *draucus*," *Classical Quarterly* 64 (2014) 316–320.
16. "The aorist infinitives in -έειν in early Greek hexameter poetry," *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 133 (2013) 81–92.
17. "Showing praise in Greek choral lyric and beyond," *American Journal of Philology* 133 (2012) 543–572.
18. "Avestan *Haēcaṭ.aspa-*, Rigveda 4.43, and the myth of the Divine Twins," *Journal of American Oriental Society* 132 (2012) 567–575.
19. "Gimn Dioskuram Alkeja", *Aristeus* 5 (2012): 27–51.
20. "τὰκεσταλίωντ ὀρνίθων (Stesich. PMGF 247)," *Mnemosyne* 64 (2011) 625–628.
21. "Hittite *menahḫanda*," *Journal of American Oriental Society* 130/1 (2010) 63–71.
22. "Indo-European root \*dem(h<sub>2</sub>)- 'to build' and its derivatives," *Historische Sprachforschung* 123 (2010) 56–96.
23. "The Germanic word for 'sword' and delocative derivation in Proto-Indo-European," *Journal of Indo-European Studies* 37 (2009) 461–488.
24. "Bessuffiksnyj preterit *ro-ír* i drugie drevneirlandskie preterity s dolgim *-i-* v korne" [Ro-ír and other *i*-preterits in Old Irish], *Voprosy Jazykoznanija* Nr. 2 (2007) 18–34.
25. "О суффиксе индоевропейских и тохарских причастий (к проблеме звукового развития и.е.\*ē > пратох.\*'æ)," *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 2/1 (2006) 46–78.
26. "Ἰάονες," *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 2/1 (2006) 100–115.
27. "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.
28. "Die Etymologie von altgriechischem ὕβρις," *Glotta* 80 (2004[2005]) 114–125.
29. "Aind. *abda-* und Zubehör," *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 1 (2003) 103–117.

#### Book chapters:

30. "Greek *θοός<sub>1</sub>* and *θοός<sub>2</sub>*," (forthcoming in a *Festschrift*).
31. "Luvian <sup>(sīc)</sup>*šūrita* 'balls of yarn'," *Usque ad radices: Indo-European Studies in Honour of Birgit Anette Olsen*, ed. by Bjarne Simmelkjær Sandgaard Hansen (et al.), 567–574. (Copenhagen Studies in Indo-European, vol. 8). Copenhagen: Museum Tusulanum Press, 2017.
32. "Greek ἀμαυρός and Indo-European \*meh<sub>2</sub>- '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.
33. "An etymological miscellany," *Indo-European Linguistics and Classical Philology: Proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (23-25 June 2014)*, ed. by N.N. Kazansky, 708–717. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2014.

34. "Time to gather stones together: Greek  $\lambda\tilde{\alpha}\alpha\varsigma$  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, 189–1206. Bremen: Hempen, 2010.
35. "Ζακλήζ," *Vyach. Ivanov: Materialy i Issledovaniya*, ed. by K. Ju. Lappo-Danilevskij and A. B. Shishkin, 371–376. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2010.
36. "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.
37. "The name of Achilles," *Cambridge Classical Journal. Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society*. Supplementary volume 32 (2007) 162–173.
38. "K dejstviju zakona Riksa v drevnegrecheskom jazyke" [Lex Rix before nasals in Greek], *Hṛdā mānasā: 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.
39. "O vozmozhnom istočnike 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.
40. "Rund um att.  $\gamma\rho\alpha\tilde{\upsilon}\varsigma$ , hom.  $\gamma\rho\eta\tilde{\upsilon}\varsigma$ : zur Deutung einiger altgriechischer Personennamen," *Colloquia Classica et Indogermanica III*, ed. by N.N. Kazansky, 179–198. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2003.
41. "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:

42. Review of P. Widmer, *Das Korn des weiten Feldes*. Innsbruck, 2004, *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* 4 (2008) 541–570.
43. 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.
44. Review of *Compositiones Indogermanicae in Memoriam Jochem Schindler*, ed. by H. Eichner, H. Chr. Luschützky, V. Sadovski, Praha: enigma corporation, 1999, *Jazyk i rečevaja dejatel'nost' / Langue et parole* 5 (2003) 171–195.

#### Edited volumes:

*Hṛdā mānasā: 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)

- “Greek Etymology in the 21st century,” *149th American Philological Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, January 2018.
- “Sidetica,” *36th East Coast Indo-European Conference*, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, 2 June 2017.
- “Luvian <sup>(sīG)</sup>šūrīta ‘balls of yarn’,” *35th East Coast Indo-European Conference*, University of Georgia, Athens, 5 June 2016.
- “Two Anatolian Verbs,” *27th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, 24 October 2015.
- “Studies in Anatolian Etymology,” Harvard University, 19 October 2015.
- “Who Killed Helicon? Evidence from a Digamma (Corinna PMG 654),” *MACTe 13*, Columbia University, 2 May 2015.
- “Ten thousand eyes: the story of Ἄργος Μυριωπός,” Columbia University, 6 February 2015.
- “Greek εἰαμένη,” *146th American Philological Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, 11 January 2015.
- “Homeric σθένει βλεμεαίνων,” *MACTe 10*, Yale University, 3 May 2014; *33rd East Coast Indo-European Conference*, Virginia Tech, 7 June 2014.
- “Greek ἀμανρός and Indo-European \*meh<sub>2</sub>- ‘great’, \*mehzi- ‘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: 14th 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.
- “ἦτε Φοῖβε (O 365, Υ 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 í-preterits in Old Irish,” *30th Harvard Celtic Colloquium*, 8 October 2010.
- “Homeric ἀάατος: etymology and poetics,” *140th American Philological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, 8 January 2009; *29th East Coast Indo-European Conference*, Cornell University, 19 June 2010.
- “Greek λᾶας and other Greek and Indo-European words for ‘stone’,” *21st 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’: seṭ or aniṭ?,” *18th 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. γρᾶνς, 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:

- The Neu Family Award for Excellence in Teaching (BU CAS) 2017
- 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 (for the best paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual UCLA Conference) 2006
- 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

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

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Humanities Curriculum Committee (2014–2015)

Academic Policy Committee (2015–2018)

Adviser to *Boston University International Society* (2016–2017)

#### EXTERNAL REVIEWER FOR:

Journals: *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte*, *Arion*, *Indogermanische Forschungen*, *International Journal of Diachronic Linguistics*

Publishers: *Routledge*

#### COURSES TAUGHT:

##### **Boston University:**

*The World of Greece* (Spring 2014; Fall 2014, Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2018)

*Greek and Latin Elements of English* (Fall 2013; Spring 2015)

*The Origins of Writing* (Fall 2014, Fall 2015; Summer 2016; Summer 2017)

*Intermediate Greek: Prose* (Fall 2013)

*Intermediate Greek: Poetry* (Spring 2016)

*Greek Lyric Poetry* (Spring 2014)

*History of Greek Literature, part 1* (Spring 2016)

*Historical Grammar of Greek* (Spring 2014 [directed study]; Spring 2018)

*Historical Linguistics* (Fall 2016)

*Topics in Classical Linguistics: History of Ancient Greek Language* (Fall 2016)

**Brandeis University:**

*Phonological Theory* (Spring 2013)

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*Historical Linguistics* (Summer 2010)

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*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, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Latvian (reading knowledge)

*ancient / medieval:* Ancient Greek, Latin, Sanskrit, Avestan, Old Persian, Hittite, Luvian, Tocharian, Old Church Slavonic, Old Norse, Gothic, Phrygian, Old Irish, Akkadian, Phoenician.