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**RICHARD H. BIDLACK**

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Teaching Assistant and Instructor in History, Indiana University, 1980-83  
Assistant Professor of History, Washington and Lee University, 1987-1993  
Associate Professor of History, W&L University, 1993-2011  
Professor of History, W&L University, 2011 to the present  
Martin and Brooke Stein Professor in History, W&L University, 2014 to the present  
Co-founder of the Russian Area Studies Program, W&L University, 1992 and program head, 1994-2002, fall 2016,

**EDUCATION:**

B.A. *cum laude* with Honors in History, Wake Forest University, 1977  
M.A. in History, Indiana University, 1979  
Russian and East European Institute Area Studies Certificate (18 graduate credit hours in several departments in Russian and East European studies and demonstrated proficiency in the Russian language), 1982  
Ph.D. in History, Indiana University, 1987 (Examination fields: Russia, 862 to the present; Eastern Europe, 1453 to the present; Western Europe, 1789 to the present)

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Fraternity)  
American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS)/ Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

Carswell Merit Scholarship, Wake Forest University, 1973-74  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, Indiana University, 1978-80  
Dan Armstrong Essay Award, Indiana University, 1980  
International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Fellowship for Dissertation Research in the USSR, 1983-84  
Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1984-85  
American Council of Learned Societies\Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship, 1985-86  
Washington and Lee University Mellon Foundation Grants for summer research (about \$1500 each), 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992  
IREX Grant for Research in Russia, July and August 1992  
IREX Grant for Research in Russia, September 1993 to January 1994  
Washington and Lee University Glenn Grants for summer research (about \$1600 each) 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007

IREX Grant for Research in Russia, June and July 1999  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2003  
American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellowship, 2003-2004  
Washington and Lee University Lenfest Grants for summer travel and research 2009,  
2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

## **TEACHING AREAS:**

Modern European History

European Civilization, 1500-1789 (History 101)

European Civilization, 1789 to the present (History 102)

Russian and Soviet History

Imperial Russia, 1682-1917 (History 220)

Soviet Russia, 1917-1991 (History 221)

The Decline and Fall of the Soviet and Resurgence of Russia (History 222)

Seminar in Russian History (History 322). Different topics include:

Soviet Biography

Stalin and Stalinism

The Soviet Union in the Second World War and Origins of the Cold War

The KGB

History of the Caucasus and Central Asia (History 280)

Spring Term Abroad program in Kyrgyzstan (History 286, in preparation for 2022)

## **STUDENT THESES SUPERVISED IN HISTORY AND RUSSIAN AREA STUDIES**

Breton Chase, "Russian Political Culture" (1989)

Istvan Majoros, "The Role of Noel Field in Post-WWII Purges in Eastern Europe" (1996)

Christina Lakatos, "Between East and West: The Politics of Communist Reform under  
Janos Kadar, 1956-1988" (2002)

Brian Krupczak, "Stalin's Master Plan and Why It Went Wrong: Soviet Foreign Policy,  
1939-1941" (2005)

Charles Fagan, "Negotiating with the Enemy: Kennedy and the Nuclear Test Ban  
Treaty" (2006)

Ryne Duchmann, "The Reasons for the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan" (2007)

Winston Stagg, "The Image of the United States in Soviet Post-WWII Propaganda"  
(2010)

Isaac Webb, "The Action Group to Defend the Rights of the Disabled and Human Rights  
in the Late Soviet Era" (2013)

I have served as a second or third reader for many student theses at Washington and Lee and the Virginia Military Institute

**STUDY TOURS LED TO THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND:**

To Moscow and Leningrad, Indiana University, March 1985  
To Moscow, Riga, and Leningrad, Unitarian Universalist Church, July 1985  
To Moscow and Leningrad, Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, March 1987  
To Moscow, Leningrad, Riga, Sochi, and Warsaw, Washington and Lee University,  
April-May 1989  
To Bishkek and Lake Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan (in preparation for 2022)

**FACULTY SEMINAR IN RUSSIA:**

I participated in a week-long International Faculty Development Seminar in St. Petersburg through the Council on International Educational Exchange, May 2010.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

I have served on the following committees at Washington and Lee University outside of the History Department: Russian Area Studies; Faculty Executive; Courses and Degrees; International Education; Study Abroad; International Education; Graduate Fellowships; Institutional Effectiveness; Writing Program; Teacher Education; Public Functions; University Lectures; Colonnade Renovation; Science, Society, and the Arts; University Library; and Spiritual Life, as well as many search and tenure and promotion committees over thirty-one years

**GUEST LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS:**

"Popular Views of the Luddite Revolt and Capital Punishment," Appalachian State University, April 1977

"The Thirtieth Anniversary of the Death of Stalin: Continuity and Change in the USSR," Indiana University-South Bend, March 1983

"Church and State in the USSR Today," Bloomington, Indiana, June 1985

"Myths and Realities: Soviets and Americans View Each Other," Indiana University-East, April 1985

"The Siege of Leningrad," Transylvania University, February 1986

"Mobilization of Factory Workers in the Siege of Leningrad," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) Annual Convention, New Orleans, November 1986

"The Siege of Leningrad: Did Moscow Care?" Ursinus College, February, 1987

"Workers at War: Factory Workers and Labor Policy in the Siege of Leningrad," AAASS Annual Convention, Honolulu, November 1988

"Исследование о блокаде Ленинграда в Ленинграде" ("Researching the Siege of Leningrad in Leningrad"), History Department, Leningrad State University, May 1989

"Siege and Survival in Wartime Leningrad," Lafayette College, February 1991

Discussant for a panel on "Propaganda: USSR and the Utility of History and Literature," at the conference, "World War II: A 50-Year Perspective," Siena College, June 1992

"Estonian Amateur Radio Operators," Rockbridge Amateur Radio Club, October 1992

"Front Versus Rear: The Crisis of Over-Mobilization in Leningrad 1941," AAASS Annual Convention, Phoenix, November 1992

"Popular Survival Strategies in Leningrad's Starvation Winter of 1941-42," workshop on "Popular Responses in the USSR to WWII," University of the Ruhr, Bochum, Germany, June 1993

"Новые вопросы о блокаде Ленинграда" ("New Questions on the Siege of Leningrad"), conference on the fiftieth anniversary of siege, organized by the Association of Historians of the Blockade and Battle of Leningrad, January 1994

"Новые открытия о блокаде Ленинграда" ("New Findings on the Siege of Leningrad") Military Academy of the Rear and Transport, St. Petersburg, January 1994

Discussant for a panel on "Party and Society in the Great Patriotic War: The Politics of Mobilization and Control," AAASS Annual Convention, Philadelphia, November 1994

"Between Evil Empire and Civil Society: Russia's Contemporary Revolutions," Wofford College, February 22, 1996

"Political Attitudes in Leningrad during the First Year of the Soviet-German War," AAASS Annual Convention, Seattle, November 1997

Member of a roundtable on "World War II: New Directions for Research and Teaching," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Alexandria, Virginia, March 2001

"Russia's Decade of 'Democracy,'" Washington and Lee Alumni College, July 2001

Discussant for a panel on "Charms of Our Sorrows: Culture, Family, and the Rhetoric of Daily Life during the Great Patriotic War," AAASS Annual Convention, Arlington, Virginia, November 2001

“New Findings from the Russian Archives on the Siege of Leningrad,” November 2002, The George C. Marshall Foundation, Lexington, Virginia

“Reasons for the Collapse of the Soviet Model,” Washington and Lee Alumni College, July 2004

Chair and discussant for a panel on “Legacies of the Second World War in the USSR,” November 2005, AAASS Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah

Chair and participant in roundtable on “Assessing the Popular Mood in Stalin’s Russia,” November 2005, AAASS Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah

Five lectures on Stalin for Washington and Lee Alumni College on Truman and Stalin, July 2007

“The Social Political Mood and the Question of Opposition to Soviet Authority during Critical Periods of the Blockade” (“Общественные политические настроения и вопрос оппозиции советским властям в критические периоды блокады”) presented in abstentia in English, September 2007, Conference on “Блокада Ленинграда: спорное и бесспорное” (“The Known and Unknown about the Siege of Leningrad”), sponsored by the Likhachev Foundation, St. Petersburg, Russia

“Managed Democracy under President Putin,” Washington and Lee Alumni College on the New Generation of European Leaders, July 2008

“Religious Life in the Leningrad Blockade,” November 2009, AAASS Annual Convention, Boston, Massachusetts

“Political Mood of Factory Workers in Leningrad during the Blockade,” November 2012, Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES, formerly AAASS) Annual Convention, New Orleans

Discussant for panel on “How War Shapes the Self: Making and Remaking Boundaries, Status, and Identities,” November 2012, ASEEES Annual Convention, New Orleans

Chair for panel on “War and (Counter-) Revolution in the USSR: Political and Symbolic Challenges in the Blockade of Leningrad,” November 2013, ASEEES Annual Convention, Boston

“The Crisis in Ukraine,” keynote address for regional high school Model U.N. Conference, March 2014

Chair for panel “Reagan, Gorbachev and the End of the Cold War,” November 2014, International Conference on “Enduring Legacy: Leadership and National Security during the Ronald Reagan Era,” Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia

Discussant for panel on “Leningrad Under Siege, 1941-1944,” November 2014, ASEEEES Annual Convention, San Antonio

“The Leningrad Blockade and Why It Matters,” Inaugural Lecture of the Martin and Brooke Stein Chair in History, Washington and Lee University, March 18, 2015

“Shaping Russian History Prior to Gorbachev,” Washington and Lee Alumni College on Russia since Gorbachev, June 29, 2015

“Opportunity and Anxiety in the 1990s under President Yeltsin,” Washington and Lee Alumni College on Russia since Gorbachev, June 30, 2015

“Russia’s Resurgence under President Putin, 2000-2008,” Washington and Lee Alumni College on Russia since Gorbachev, June 30, 2015

“Общественные политические настроения в первый год блокады” (“The Social Political Mood of the Population in the First Year of the Blockade”) presented in Russian at the international conference, “Актуальные проблемы истории блокады Ленинграда” (“Current Problems of the History of Leningrad Blockade”), European University at St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 15-16, 2016

“Six Major Themes in Russian History,” Kendal at Lexington, September 13, 2017

“Opportunity and Anxiety in the 1990s under President Yeltsin,” Kendal at Lexington, September 20, 2017

“Why Russians Love Putin,” Kendal at Lexington, September 27, 2017

“The New Great Game in Central Asia,” Kendal at Lexington, October 17, 2019

Chair for roundtable, “Open Knowledge and Open Access in Russia: Journals at St. Petersburg State University,” ASEEEES annual convention, San Francisco, November 2019

Chair and discussant for panel, “From War to Peace: Wartime Lessons and Postwar Beliefs and Dreams,” ASEEEES annual convention, San Francisco, November 2019

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Books**

(co-author with Nikita Lomagin) *The Leningrad Blockade, 1941-1944: A New Documentary History from the Soviet Archives* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2012, 515 pp.)

*Russia and Eurasia, 2015-2016* (Lantham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015), 46<sup>th</sup> edition

### **Short monograph**

“Workers at War: Factory Workers and Labor Policy in the Siege of Leningrad,” *The Carl Beck Papers*, University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies, 1991, 57 pp.

### **Articles and book chapters**

Editor, "The Soviet Union and the Second World War," issue of journal *Soviet Studies in History: A Journal of Translations* (vol. 29, no. 3, winter 1991)

"Рабочие ленинградских заводов в первый год войны" ("Leningrad's Factory Workers in the First Year of the War") in Koval'chuk, V.M. *et al.*, *Ленинградская эпопея: организация обороны и население города (The Leningrad Epic: Defense Organization and the City's Population)* (St. Petersburg: Издательство “КН,” 1995), 167-199

“The Political Mood in Leningrad during the First Year of the Soviet-German War,” *The Russian Review* 59 (January 2000): 96-113

“Survival Strategies in Leningrad during the First Year of the Soviet-German War” in Thurston, Robert W. and Bernd Bonwetsch, *The People's War : Responses to World War II in the Soviet Union,*” (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2000), 84-107

“Foreword: Historical Background to the Siege of Leningrad” in Simmons, Cynthia and Nina Perlina, *Writing the Siege of Leningrad: Women's Diaries, Memoirs, and Documentary Prose* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2002), ix-xxvi

“Ideological or Political Origins of the Leningrad Affair? A Response to David Brandenberger,” *The Russian Review*, Vol. 64 (January 2005), 90-95

“Political Loyalties in Leningrad During the ‘Great Patriotic War’” in Usitalo, Steven A. and William Benton Whisenhunt, eds., *Russian and Soviet History: From the Time of Troubles to the Collapse of the Soviet Union* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008), 215-228

“Lifting the Blockade on the Blockade: New Research on the Siege of Leningrad,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* Vol. 10, No. 2 (Spring 2009): 333-351

“Общественные политические настроения и вопрос оппозиции советским властям в критические периоды блокады” (“The Social and Political Mood and Question of Opposition to Soviet Power in the Critical Period of the Blockade”) in *Битва за Ленинград: Дискуссионные проблемы (The Battle for Leningrad: Debatable Problems)* (St. Petersburg: Европейский Дом, 2009), 172-184

“Propaganda and Public Opinion” in David Stone, ed., *The Soviet Union at War, 1941-1945* (South Yorkshire, England: Pen and Sword Books, 2010), 45-68

“Contending with Stalin: Smolny’s Policy Differences with the Kremlin during the Darkest Days of the Leningrad Blockade” in Raleigh, Donald and Michael Melancon, eds., *Russia’s Century of Revolutions: Parties, People, Places. Studies Presented in Honor of Alexander Rabinowitch* (Slavica, 2012), 133-151

“Исследование в ЦГАИПД СПб: Перспективы одного американца” (“Research in TsGAIPD SPb: The Views of One American”), in *Из «партийного прошлого» в новую эпоху: ЦГАИПД СПб. 85 лет (From the Party’s Past to the New Epoch: The 85 years of TsGAIPD SPb)*, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2015

“A History of the Siege of Leningrad” (for publication in a collection of essays sponsored by the Blavatnik Archive of New York City)

“The Progression of Propaganda Themes in Postcards Published in Leningrad during the Soviet-German War” (for publication in a collection of essays sponsored by the Blavatnik Archive of New York City)

### **Encyclopedia entries**

“Leningrad, Siege of” in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 11 (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2001), 195

“Leningrad, Siege of” in Millar, James, ed., *Encyclopedia of Russian History*, Vol. 2 (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004), 846-848

“Leningrad Affair” in Millar, James, ed., *Encyclopedia of Russian History*, Vol. 2 (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004), 845-846

“Soviet-Finnish War” in Millar, James, ed., *Encyclopedia of Russian History*, Vol. 4 (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004), 1433-1435

“Saint Petersburg” in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 17 (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2006), 54-55

“Yekaterinburg” in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 22 (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2006), 556

“Karelia” in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 11 (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2008), 246

“Volga River” in *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2008), vol. 20, p. 444



“Volgograd” ” in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 20 (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2008), 444

“Vladivostok” in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 20 (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2008), 433

### Reviews:

Linz, Susan J., ed., *The Impact of World War II on the Soviet Union* (Totowa, New Jersey: Rowman & Allanheld, 1985) in *Armenian Review* 39, no. 1 (1986)

Iroshnikov, M.P. ed., *Ленинградский совет в годы гражданской войны и социалистического строительства, 1917-1937 гг. [The Leningrad Soviet in the Years of the Civil War and Socialist Construction, 1917-1937]* (Leningrad: Academy of Sciences Press, 1986) in *Jahrbucher fur Geschichte Osteuropas* 36, no. 4 (1988)

Rosenko, I.A. and G.L. Sovolev, eds., *Вопросы истории и историографии Великой Отечественной войны [Questions of History and Historiography of the Great Patriotic War]* (Leningrad: Leningrad University Press, 1989) in *Slavic Review* 49, no. 4 (1990)

Moskoff, William, *The Bread of Affliction: The Food Supply in the USSR During World War II* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990) in *The Russian Review*, 51, no. 3 (1992)

Barber, John and Mark Harrison, *The Soviet Home Front, 1941-1945: A Social and Economic History of the USSR in World War II* (London and New York: Longman, 1991) in *Slavic Review*, 51, no. 3 (fall 1992)

Garrard, John and Carol Garrard, eds., *World War Two and the Soviet People: Selected Papers from the Fourth World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1993) in *The International History Review*, 16, no. 2 (May 1994)

Brody, Richard, *Ideology and Political Mobilization: The Soviet Home Front during World War II* (Pittsburgh: The Carl Beck Papers, University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies, 1994) in *Slavic Review* 55, no. 4 (winter 1996)

Glantz, David M., *The Battle for Leningrad, 1941-1944* (Lawrence: University of Kansas, 2002) in *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 67, no. 4 (October 2003)

*Blockade* (Russian documentary film on the Leningrad blockade), 2005 in *Slavic Review*, vol. 66, no. 4 (Winter 2007)

Barber, John and Andrei Dzeniskevich, eds., *Life and Death in Besieged Leningrad, 1941-1944* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005) in *European History Quarterly*, volume 38, issue 1 (January 2008)

Pleysier, Albert, *Frozen Tears: The Blockade and Battle of Leningrad* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2008) in *The Russian Review*, vol. 68, issue 2 (April 2009): 349-350

Jones, Jeffrey, *Everyday Life and the "Reconstruction" of Soviet Russia During and After the Great Patriotic War, 1943-1948* (Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers, 2008) in *Slavic Review*, vol. 69, no. 2, 513-514 (Summer 2010)

Edele, Mark, *Soviet Veterans of the Second World War: A Popular Movement in an Authoritarian Society, 1941-1991* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008) in *The Journal of Modern History*, vol. 83, no. 2 (June 2011), 486-488

Cohen, Laurie R., *Smolensk under the Nazi: Everyday Life in Occupied Russia* (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2013) in *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 78, issue 3 (July 2014), 1165-1166

Goldman, Wendy Z. and Donald Filtzer, eds., *Hunger and War: Food Provisioning in the Soviet Union during World War II* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2015) in *Slavic Review*, vol. 75, no. 4, 1044-1045 (Winter 2016)

Kucherenko, Olga, *Soviet Street Children and the Second World War: Welfare and Social Control under Stalin* (London and New York: Bloomsbury, 2016) in *Slavic Review*, vol. 76, no. 3, 868-869 (Fall 2017)

Yarov, Sergey, *Leningrad 1941-42: Mortality in a City under Siege* (Cambridge: Polity, 2017) in *The Historian*, vol. 83, no. 3

Yarov, Sergey, *Leningrad 1941-42: Mortality in a City under Siege* (Cambridge: Polity, 2017) in *Slavonic & East European Review*, vol. 93, no. 3, 581-583 (July 2019)

#### **Newspaper and magazine articles:**

"Soviet Hard-liners Shouting a Last Hurrah?" *Roanoke Times and World-News*, July 8, 1990

"Sankt Peterburg?: Under Glasnost, Soviets Confront the Past," *Roanoke Times and World-News*, July 7, 1991

"1917 Parallel: History Has Lesson for Yanaev & Co.," *Roanoke Times and World-News*, August 21, 1991

"Reversing the Tide of Centuries: In New USSR, More than Communism Upended," *Roanoke Times and World-News*, October 13, 1991

"Russia's Decade of 'Democracy'," *Roanoke Times and World News*, August 19, 2001

(Co-author) “225 Years Ago... One Family’s Saga in the Wyoming Massacre”, *The Citizens’ Voice* (Wilkes-Barre, PA), July 5, 2003

“Georgia On My Mind,” *Washington and Lee University Alumni Magazine*, Winter/Spring 2017, p. 5

### **Newsletter:**

Editor, *The Russian Studies Newsletter of Washington and Lee University*, 1993-1995, three issues

### **NEWSPAPER, RADIO, AND TELEVISION INTERVIEWS:**

Interviewed for documentary film on the siege of Leningrad, St. Petersburg film studio, January 1994 (commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the siege). The film has been shown repeatedly on Russian national television.

Discussed the Leningrad blockade on the St. Petersburg radio program, “Клуб истории” (“History Club”), January 1994

Interviewed for the national Russian TV program, “Итоги” (“In Summary”) on the Leningrad blockade, January 1994

Interviewed by the newspaper, *Moscow News* on the Leningrad blockade, January 1994

Interviewed by the *Chicago Tribune* for an article on survivors of the Leningrad blockade living in the Chicago area, November 30, 1999

Interviewed by the Richmond affiliate of National Public Radio on the history of Afghanistan, September 2001

Interviewed by WVTF, NPR affiliate for Roanoke, for a story on the Stalin bust controversy at the National D-Day Memorial that was aired on July 8, 2010

Interviewed by Raycom News on Russian involvement in the conflict in Ukraine, February 27, 2015. Parts of the interview were included in an article by Paul Wesley Sullivan that was posted on the websites of forty TV stations and made available for their TV broadcasts.

### **REVIEW OF BOOK AND ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS**

I have critiqued book-length manuscripts for the following presses: Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Indiana University Press, University of Pittsburgh Press, Cambridge University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, and Westview. I also review manuscripts under consideration for publication in *Slavic Review* and *The Russian Review*.