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Education:

1994-1997 Advanced Study related to the Ph.D. program, UCLA
1992-1994 MA History, CSUN
1984-1991 BA History, CSUN

Scripts Written

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity Ep. 1 and 2 (2017)

Books Written (Enisen Publishing)

Iraq in a Nutshell (2003, revised 2004, 2008, 2011, 2013)
Iran in a Nutshell (March 2006, revised 2007, 2012)
Islam in a Nutshell (2002, revised 2005, 2007, 2011)
China in a Nutshell (2009)
Israel/Palestine in a Nutshell (2004, revised 2006)
Afghanistan in a Nutshell (2001, revised 2002, 2004, 2008)
Pakistan in a Nutshell (2002, revised 2004)

Professional Positions

2008-Present Tutor, Wyzant and Independent
2001-Present Author, "World in a Nutshell" Book Series
2014-2015 President, California Council for the Social Studies (non-profit, volunteer)
2013-2015 College Board, Official Reader, AP World History
2010-2015 Writer/Researcher/Producer, Maya Film Factory
2009-2014 Adjunct Faculty, History Dept. Santa Monica College
2012 - 2013 Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCLA
2003-2004 Technical Reviewer, Adams Media
2002-2003 Executive Director, Enisen Art Gallery
2000-2003 Seminar Leader, Vocabulary Building, Nutshell Learning
2000 -2002 Writer/Photographer, Malibu Times
2000-2001 John Paul Getty Museum, Human Resources
1997-2002 Assistant, Yitzhak Dalal Photography
1996-1997 Assistant, Center for E. European and Russian Studies (UCLA)
1995-1996 Teacher's Assistant, European History (UCLA)
1992-1996 Tutor, Learning Disabled and Blind Students (CSUN and UCLA)
1992-1994 Teacher's Assistant, European and Russian History (CSUN)
1991-1992 Instructor, American History and ESL Vytautas Magnus Univ.Lithuania
1991-1992 Liaison, United State Embassy, Lithuania
1991-1992 Reporter and Newscaster, Radio Vilnius, Lithuania
1988-1989 Writer, Office of Public Relations, CSUN

Courses Taught

U.S History: San Marino High School
Tutoring: AP World, Euro, US, History, Islamic/Mid East History, Art History, SAT Prep, Poli. Sci., Philosophy, US Gov.
Middle East History (Santa Monica College and Osher Institute)
World Civilization (Santa Monica College)
Western Civilization (Santa Monica College)
South Asian Civilization (Santa Monica College)
Modern Turkey (Santa Monica College)
History through Food (Osher Institute)
History through Art (Osher Institute)
American History (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)
No-Memorization Vocabulary Building for Students and Professionals
English as a Second Language: Levels I, II, III

Publications in progress:

Los Angeles International: A Study of Immigrants in Los Angeles – In progress (with photographer Avedis Tavitian).
Vox Box: A No-memorization Guide to Improved Vocabulary -- In progress

Technical Review

"The Everything Middle East Book" Adams Media, 2003
"The Everything Koran Book" Adams Media, 2004

Articles (A selection):

Balfour Declaration Revisited, Social Education, January 2018
Cheat Sheet – FACCCTS, Summer 2013
California Through a Ceramic Scope – Malibu Times, 2001
Rodin's Obsession – Malibu Times, 2001
Grandfather Preserves Tribe – Malibu Times, 2001
Ansel Adams meets Monet – Malibu Times, 2000
Skid Row by the Sea – Malibu Times, 2000
Tough Demeanors, Warm Hearts – Malibu Times, 2000
Technology in the Classroom – Malibu Times, 2000
Solo Malibu Candidate Runs – Malibu Times, 2000
Educational Reform in Lithuania: A Case Study -- Intl. Educator, Summer 1994
From China, with Love -- Insight Magazine, Spring 1988
(complete list available on request)

Academic Papers Delivered:

Communists, Traitors and Jews: Definitions and Discrepancies according to World War II Documents
Southwest Historical Association Conference, 1997
The Baltic States and World War II
Southwest Social Science Association Conference, 1996
With Soviet Ties Past in Contemporary Lithuania
Southwest Historical Association Conference, 1994
Voyage of Personal Discovery
Keynote address Omega Chapter Phi Beta Delta Annual Banquet, 1994
History of Lithuania: The Soviet and Nationalistic View
Phi Alpha Theta Southern California Regional Conference, 1994
Can History go Backwards: A Study on Lithuania's "Return" to Communism
Conference, Center for Russian and East European Studies, UCLA, 1993
Educational Reforms in the Former Soviet Union
Phi Beta Delta conference, 1993

Talks (a selection)

A Nutshell Journey into History through Art, CCSS Conference, March, 2011
Building Vocabulary through History, CCSS Conference, March, 2010
Using World Constitutions to Teach History, Constitution Day, Sept, 2009
Incorporating Current Events into the Classroom, SDSU Professional Development 2007, NCSS, 2008, CCSS 2016
Women and Islam, CCSS Conference, 2008
My Classmate is a Terrorist: Explaining Stereotypes about Islam & the Middle East, NCSS Conference, 2007
Israel/Palestine in a Nutshell – (various venues) 2003-2005
L.A. Teaching Social Studies Using Our Community, SCSSA Conference 2007
The Theft of Islam: How Fundamentalists Turned a Remedy for Injustice, Center for Inquiry, 2007
The World in a Nutshell: Focus on the Middle East, CCSS Conference, 2007
Whither Iraq: Five State-Building Scenarios, Atwater League, 2006
Iran in a Nutshell, various venues, 2006
Afghanistan in a Nutshell (Reading The Kite Runner), various venues, 2005
Reading Reading Lolita in Tehran, various venues, 2005
Scheherazade's Daughters: Women in the Middle East, L.A. Times Festival of Books, 2005
Iraq in a Nutshell – Enisen Gallery, Long Beach School District, Foshay Learning Center 2003
Islam in a Nutshell – various venues, 2003-2006
Russia Today: A Reassessment -- United Lutheran Church, 1996
Lithuania -- Culture and Society -- United Lutheran Church, 1992

Organizations

California Council for the Social Studies (CCSS), President (2014-2015)
World History Association (member 2014 to present)
NCSS, CUFA 2010 to Present
History Day L.A., Coordinator, 2005-Present
SMC Faculty Association Representative, History Dept, 2012-2014
Communications Committee FACCC (Faculty Association of California Community Colleges)
(Editorial Committee FACCCTS Journal), 2011 - 2013
Middle East Studies Association (MESA), member 2011
Southern Californian Social Sciences Association (SCSSA), President 2007-2008, Board member, webmaster (present)
L.A. Press Club – 2008 to present
National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), Publications Committee Member 2008-2011
Phi Beta Delta (2009 to 2011)

Awards:

NDEA Title VI, 1996-97
Best Student Paper in European History, Southwest Historical Association, 1996
GSR (Graduate Student Research), 1995-1996
Summer Title VI, 1995
President's Associates Outstanding Graduate Student Award, 1994
Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, National Student Scholarship Award, 1994

Foreign Languages:

French—Intermediate/Advanced
Russian, Spanish, German, Lithuanian, Chinese, Farsi --Beginning

References:

David Pearson, Bureau Chief AP-Dow Jones bootofthebeast@gmail.com
Michael Meyer, Retd. Professor, CSUN Michael.meyer@csun.edu
James Flanigan, Retd. Business Staff Writer, LA Times jim@jamesflanigan.com
Suzanne Borghei, Chair History Department, SMC borghei_suzanne@smc.edu
Michelle Herczog, Ed. D., Consultant III, History-Social Science, LACOE herczog_michelle@laoe.edu

Travel

2017 -- **France** (research)
2016 -- **Iceland, Greenland, Canada**
2015 -- **Tanzania, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda**
2014 -- **Costa Rica**
2013 -- **Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Taiwan**
2010 -- **Sri Lanka**
2006 -- **Iran** (Research)
2005 -- **Scotland**
2000 -- **Belize**
5/98, 6/99, 11/99 -- **Cuba** (Research)
1996 and 1999 -- **Scotland, France**
1991-92 & 1994 -- **Lithuania** (Hist./ESL instructor, foreign liaison, American Embassy, radio newscaster/writer) (1 yr.)
1991-1992 -- **Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus**
1991 -- **Eastern Europe (Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Poland)** (2 months)
1989 -- **France** (4 months, student exchange program in Paris)
1989 -- **Middle East (Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Egypt)** (2 months)
1987 -- **China** (6 months, exchange program)
1984 -- **Europe (Most of Western Europe and Poland, East Germany)** (3 months)