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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology <i>Department of Sociology, University of Virginia</i>	2025 (expected) Charlottesville, VA
M.A. Sociology <i>University of Virginia</i>	2021 Charlottesville, VA
M.A. Cultural Anthropology <i>Russian State University for the Humanities</i>	2017 Moscow, Russia
B.A. Slavic Studies <i>Russian State University for the Humanities</i>	2013 Moscow, Russia
Visiting Student <i>Università degli studi di Pavia</i>	2013 Pavia, Italy
Visiting Student <i>Sveučilište u Zadru</i>	2011 Zadar, Croatia

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Collective memory studies, political sociology, social theory, critical ecology, science and technology studies, material culture

PUBLICATIONS

Feldberg, O. (2023). From Dinosaurs to Nuclear Fallout: Multiple Temporalities of Scale in Memory Studies. *Memory Studies*, 16(6), 1594-1608.

Feldberg, O. (2025) The Shrine and the Reactor: Materializing Nuclear Memory and Power at VDNKh. *Memory Studies*, Forthcoming.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “How Many Chernobyls? Chernobyl as Analogy in Contemporary Russian Political Discourse” (Under review at the *American Journal of Sociology*)
- “Polygon(s) Borders: Contested Topography of Nuclear Memory in Kazakhstan”
- “Subjective Temporalities of Russia-Ukraine War: Turning Points, Pasts and Futures” (with Ioana Sendroiu, University of Hong Kong)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Jefferson Fellowship <i>USD 35,500</i>	2024
Albert Gallatin Graduate Research Fellowship <i>USD 12,000</i>	2023
University of Virginia Society of Fellows, junior fellow <i>USD 6,000</i>	2022
DGS Summer Research Funding <i>For the project “Pasts and Futures of the Russian War in Ukraine”, USD 1000</i>	2022
DGS Summer Research Funding <i>For the project “Temporalities of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster”, USD 1,000</i>	2021

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Polygon(s) Borders: Contested Nuclear Legacies in Modern Kazakhstan	2025
<i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2025</i>	
“Give the Country Uranium”: Soviet Popular Science Journals and Mobilization of Youth in the Atomic Age	2024
<i>Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Meeting, Boston</i> (accepted, unable to attend)	
Polygon(s) Borders: Contested Topography of Nuclear Memory in Kazakhstan	2024
<i>International Symposium on Sociotechnical Research on Nuclear Technology, University of Michigan</i>	
How Many Chernobyls? Chernobyl as Analogy in Contemporary Russian Political Discourse	2024
<i>Social Science History Association Annual Meeting 2024</i>	
Nuclear Museums in Contemporary Russia: Bridging Past and Future	2024
<i>Memory Studies Association Annual Meeting 2024</i> (Best Paper award)	
VDNKh as Urban Palimpsest of Soviet Nuclear Heritage	2023
<i>Nuclear Heritage in Central and Eastern Europe, ZZP Potsdam</i>	
Memories of Industry vs. Industries of Memory: Soviet Atomic Heritage in Modern Russia	2023
<i>Mnemonics London 2023 Conference</i>	
Splitting time: Chernobyl nuclear disaster as a historical event and a legacy	2023
<i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2023</i>	
Splitting time: Chernobyl nuclear disaster as a historical event and a legacy	2023
<i>Memory Studies Association Annual Meeting 2023</i>	
Nostalgic mood VS Nostalgic mode: What is a Nostalgic Online-community	2017
<i>Anthropology of Time, Russian State University for Humanities, Moscow</i>	
Creating the 90s: Memory and Materiality	2017
<i>7th International Conference of Young Folklorists, University of Tartu, Estonia</i> (with Elena Yugai)	

TEACHING EXPERIENCES & TRAINING

All of the following courses are undergraduate-level classes.

Instructor of record	Fall 2025; Spring 2026
<i>Politics of Absence: Empty Spaces and Memory</i>	Engagements Liberal Arts Program, University of Virginia
Instructor of record	Summer 2023
<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>	Department of Sociology, University of Virginia
Teaching Assistant	Fall 2022
<i>Criminology</i>	Dr. Rose Buckelew, University of Virginia
Teaching Assistant	Spring 2022
<i>Introduction to Social Theory</i>	Dr. Jeffrey Olick, University of Virginia
Teaching Assistant	Fall 2021
<i>Medical Sociology</i>	Dr. Natalie Aviles, University of Virginia
Teaching Assistant	Fall 2020 & Spring 2023
<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>	Dr. Ian Mullins, University of Virginia

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Russian (native), English (fluent), Serbian & Croatian (intermediate), Italian (intermediate), Kazakh (beginner)

SERVICE

Graduate student – faculty liaison 2023

Department of Sociology, University of Virginia

Graduate student organizer 2021 – 22

Sociological Workshop on Aesthetics, Meaning, and Power (SWAMP), UVA

Graduate student organizer 2017

Anthropology of Time conference, Russian State University for the Humanities

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Memory Studies Association (MSA)

Social Science History Association (SSHA)

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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