

# Dr. Aaron Weinacht — Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

Ph.D., History, University of Kentucky, 2009.

- Dissertation: "What would Bazarov and John Galt Do? Ayn Rand as a Latter-Day Russian Nihilist"

M.A., History, University of Kentucky, 2004.

Completed Russian Language Study Program, in Vladimir, Russia, with American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR), 2003

Graduate Student in M.A. program in History, Ball State University, AY 2002-2003

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, History, Ball State University, 2002.

## Academic Positions

Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, University of Montana Western, 2015-Present

Associate Professor of History, University of Montana Western, 2013-Present

Assistant Professor of History, University of Montana Western, 2011-2013

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Montana Western, 2009-2011

Instructor of History, University of Montana Western, 2007-2009

## Areas of Specialization

Russian/Soviet History

Intellectual History

Philosophy of History

## Scholarly Work

### Articles/Papers:

"The Meaning of 'I' in Ayn Rand's *Anthem*," in *Dystopia*, ed. M. Keith Booker, *Critical Insights* Series, Salem Press, 2012.

"Nihilist Life, Nihilist Art: The 'Men of the Sixties' and Ayn Rand." Conference Paper presented at annual meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, November 2013.

“Triumph of a Theoretic: The Uses of Philip Rieff,” *Anamnesis* 4 (2015): 66-88.

“Russian Egoism Goes to America? A Case for a Connection between Ayn Rand and the Shestidesiatniki,” *The Journal of Ayn Rand Studies*, July 2017. (Forthcoming July 2017)

“Revisionism (Marxism)”. Entry in EBSCO’s “Research Starters” Series. 1000 words. Forthcoming Spring 2017.

### Reviews:

Review of Kevin F.M. Platt, *Terror and Greatness: Ivan and Peter as Russian Myths*. *Russian Review* 71, no. 4 (October 2012): 676-677.

Review of Anna Schur, *The Wages of Evil: Dostoevsky and Punishment*, *Russian Review* 72, n. 3 (July 2013) 495-497.

Review of Anindita Banerjee, *We Modern People: Science Fiction and the Making of Russian Modernity*, *Russian Review* 72, n. 4 (October 2013) 681-683.

“History as Manifesto.” *Front Porch Republic*. 23 February, 2015.  
<http://www.frontporchrepublic.com/2015/02/history-manifesto/>

“Whatever Happened to Sacral Kingship?” *First Things*. 22 December, 2015.  
<http://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2015/12/whatever-happened-to-sacral-kingship>

Review of Keith Jeffery, *1916. The History Teacher*. February 2017 (Forthcoming)

Review of Aileen Kelly, *The Discovery of Chance: The Life and Thought of Alexander Herzen, Slavic and East European Journal* 61, n. 1 (Spring 2017)

Review of Kristin Ross, *Communal Luxury: The Political Imaginary of the Paris Commune*. *Journal for the Study of Radicalism* (Forthcoming).

### **Fellowships, Grants, Awards**

University of Kentucky: *Daniel R. Reedy Fellowship* recipient for academic years 02-03, 03-04, 04-05

University of Kentucky: *Presidential Graduate Fellowship* nominee, academic year 2005-2006

University of Montana Western, Research Travel Grant, 2009

University of Montana Western, Conference Travel Grant, 2013

## **Courses Taught**

HSTR 101-Western Civilization I  
HSTR 102-Western Civilization II (In regular format and thematic-linked versions)  
HSTA 101-American History I  
HSTA 102-American History II  
HSTR 200-Historical Methods  
HSTR 255-History of the Far East  
HSTR 294-Chinese Civilization  
HSTR 294-Japanese Civilization  
HSTR 294-The Mongol Conquests  
PHL 100-Intro to Philosophy  
HSTA 371-Montana and the American West  
HSTR 357-Russian History to 1881  
HSTR 358-Russian History since 1881  
HSTR 294/494-Russian Cultural and Intellectual History, from Muscovy to the Revolution  
HSTR 452-European Intellectual History  
HSTR 494-The Great Game  
HSTR 491-Historical Writing and Theory  
HSTR 422-Philosophies of History  
HON 202/402-The World of Dostoevskii  
HSTR 494-The Crusades in History and Memory

## **University and Professional Service**

Current service as peer reviewer for the *Journal of Russian American Studies*.

Past University of Montana Western Committee Service: General Education; Psychology Faculty Search Committee Member; History Faculty Search Committee Chair; Honors Committee; Provost Search Committee Member

Present University of Montana Western Service: Chair of Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences; Faculty Adviser to Student Honors Club

Served as Proofreader/Historical Consultant for Dr. Danielle Jones' volume of Russian translations, *Skaz* (Translit Publishing, 2014)

Courses contributed to Montana Western Honors Program: Fall 2008; Spring 2011

Invited talks at the University of Montana Western: Guest speaker in MUS 143: The History of Rock n' Roll (Multiple talks); ISSS 222: Qualitative Methods for Social Sciences (Multiple talks); Guest speaker to various ENG courses, to provide historical perspective on figures such as Aldous Huxley, Boris Pasternak, and Alexander Solzhenitsyn; Guest speaker (Spring 2016) to Honors course on Russian Anarchism; Guest panelist on UMWestern discussion panel "The Powers and Perils of Texting" (Spring 2016)