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William H. Bonsall Professor of History

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

I began studying Russia in college, when I completed an honors thesis on Dmitrii Pisarev and the radical intelligentsia of the 1860s. In graduate school at Harvard, I discovered a passion for earlier Russian history studying, studying the sixteenth century with the brilliant Edward L. Keenan and Omeļjan Pritsak. I've been honored to start my scholarly career at Stanford in 1982 and have continued there ever since; my work has addressed issues of politics and society, contributing to discussions on the nature of autocracy and practices of law and governance.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- William H. Bonsall Professor in History, Stanford University, (2004- present)
- Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of History, Stanford University, (2006-2007)
- Director, Graduate Studies, Dept. of History, (2006-2007)
- Director, Graduate Teaching, Dept. of History, (2006-2013)
- Professor, Dept. of History, Stanford University, (1996-1996)
- Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Stanford University, (1989-1989)
- Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Stanford University, (1982-1982)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize for "Crime and Punishment", Western Association for Women Historians (2013)
- Heldt Prize, Honorable Mention for "Crime and Punishment", Association of Women in Slavic Studies (2013)
- Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford (2011-12)
- Kahn-Van Slyke Award, Graduate Mentoring, Dept. of History (2007)
- Faculty Research Fellow, Stanford Institute for International Studies (2003-4)
- Sabbatical Fellowship, American Philosophical Society (2003-4)
- Walter J. Gores Award, Excellence in Teaching for 2002 (2002)
- Faculty Research, Stanford Humanities Center (1998-99, 2007-8, 2015-16)
- Fellowship, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad (1998 (deferred), 1986, 1876-77)
- Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation (1994-95)
- Summer Stipend Awards, National Endowment for Humanities Summer Stipend (1993)

- Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities Independent Study and Research (1986)
- Dean's Award, Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University (1984-85)
- Fellowships for research travel to Russia, International Research and Exchanges Board (1976-77, 1986, 1995)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Resident Fellow, Norcliffe Dorm, Stanford University (2016 - 2021)
- Committee on Residential Learning, member, VPUE (2017 - 2019)
- University Prize Committee, (Gores, Dinkelspiel, Cuthbertson), Registrar's Office (2002 - 2003)
- Member, Thinking Matters Governance Board, VPUE (2013 - 2018)
- Resident Fellow, West Lagunita Dorm, Stanford University (2012 - 2016)
- University Prize Committee, (Gores, Dinkelspiel, Cuthbertson), Registrar's Office (2009 - 2011)
- Member, Academic Standing Review Board, VPUE (2009 - 2013)
- Executive Committee, National Council for East European and Eurasian Research (NCEEER) (2006 - 2012)
- Member at Large, Board of Directors, American Assoc. for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (1995 - 1997)
- Chair, Visiting Committee for Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (1993 - 1993)
- Chair, Visiting Committee for Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (1998 - 1998)
- Chair, Visiting Committee for Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (2002 - 2002)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- A.B., Middlebury College , History and Russian Language and Literature
- A.M., Harvard University , History
- Ph.D., Harvard University , History

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

October 2018: In 2017 I published a synthetic history -- "The Russian empire 1450-1801" (Oxford). I am working on images of Russia in early modern Europe, generally by eyewitness travelers but also in the scurrilous penny press. I'm exploring how the tropes of engraving culture shaped images, how knowledge of Russia was disseminated and what image of Russia literate Europeans received. Then I'll return to the law -- Catherine II's 1772 judicial reforms on the local level across the Empire.

PROJECTS

- Catherinian legal reforms in the provinces
- Images of Russia in early modern European print discourse.

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Doing Microhistory: HISTORY 200F (Win)
- Research Seminar for Majors: HISTORY 209S (Win)
- Russia and Ukraine: Empire, Nation, Myth: HISTORY 223G, HISTORY 323G, SLAVIC 203 (Spr)
- The Russian Empire, 1450-1800: HISTORY 120A (Aut)

- The Russian Empire, 1450-1800: HISTORY 20A (Aut)
- The Russian Empire, 1450-1800: SLAVIC 110 (Aut)

2024-25

- Crime and Punishment in Early Modern Europe and Russia: HISTORY 222, HISTORY 322A (Aut)
- From Vladimir to Putin: Key Themes in Russian History: HISTORY 225E, HISTORY 325E, REES 225E (Win)
- Research Seminar for Majors: HISTORY 209S (Win)

2023-24

- Doing Microhistory: HISTORY 200F (Aut)
- Research Seminar for Majors: HISTORY 209S (Win)
- Russia and Ukraine: Empire, Nation, Myth: HISTORY 223G, HISTORY 323G, SLAVIC 203 (Win)

2022-23

- Graduate Research Seminar: Russia and East Europe: HISTORY 425A (Win)
- Graduate Research Seminar: Russia and East Europe: HISTORY 425B (Spr)
- Research Seminar for Majors: HISTORY 209S (Win)
- Russia and Ukraine: Empire, Nation, Myth: HISTORY 223G, SLAVIC 203 (Spr)
- Russia and Ukraine: Historical Interconnections: MLA 368 (Aut)
- The Russian Empire, 1450-1800: HISTORY 120A (Win)
- The Russian Empire, 1450-1800: HISTORY 20A (Win)
- The Russian Empire, 1450-1800: SLAVIC 110 (Win)
- Topics in Early Modern Russia and Ukraine: HISTORY 322E, REES 223E, SLAVIC 342 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Sina Salessi

Orals Evaluator

Alina Bykova, Sina Salessi, Merve Tekgurler, Angelica Krystel von Kumberg

Master's Program Advisor

Nikolas Eristavi, Winston Feng, Martha Josephson, Perry Karsen, Maureen Kosewic, Ramanan Raghavendran, Charlah Robinson, Nicole Scandlyn, Sara Scott, Manish Vaidya, Nila Yeung, Julie van den Hout

Doctoral (Program)

Aruuke Uran Kyzy

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Adventus and Entry? Symbolic Communication Between Ruler and Ruled in Sixteenth-Century Russia** *JOURNAL OF EARLY MODERN HISTORY*
Kollmann, N. S.
2025; 29 (1-2): 10-43
- **Reconnoitring Russia: Mapping, Exploring and Describing Early Modern Russia, 1613-1825** (Book Review) *IMAGO MUNDI- THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY*

- Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N.
2025; 77 (1): 101-102
- **From the Holy Roman Empire to the Land of the Tsars: One Family's Odyssey, 1768-1870, by Alexander M. Martin (Book Review)** *ENGLISH HISTORICAL REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N. S.
2024
 - **Robert O. Crummey** *SLAVIC REVIEW*
Kollmann, N., Martin, R. E., Rowland, D. B.
2024; 83 (2): 453-455
 - **Essays on the history of the penitentiary system (Book Review)** *ROSSIISKAYA ISTORIYA*
Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N.
2022: 232-236
 - **English Trade and Adventure to Russia in the Early Modern Era: The Muscovy Company, 1603-1649 (Book Review)** *ENGLISH HISTORICAL REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N. S.
2021
 - **God, Tsar, and People: The Political Culture of Early Modern Russia (Book Review)** *RUSSIAN REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N. S.
2021; 80 (2): 326-27
 - **"A Unitary State of Difference?"** *RUSSIAN HISTORY-HISTOIRE RUSSE*
Kollmann, N.
2021; 48: 1-10
 - **Crime and Punishment in the Russian Empire** *CAMBRIDGE WORLD HISTORY OF VIOLENCE, VOL III: 1500-1800 CE*
Kollmann, N. S.
edited by Antony, R., Carroll, S., Pennock, C. D.
2020: 331-349
 - **The Litsevoi Svod as Graphic Novel Narrativity in Iconographic Style** *KRITIKA-EXPLORATIONS IN RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN HISTORY*
Kollmann, N. S.
2018; 19 (1): 53-82
 - **A History of Russian Law: From Ancient Times to the Council Code (Ulozhenie) of Tsar Aleksei Mikhailovich of 1649 (Book Review)** *RUSSIAN REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N. S.
2018; 77 (4): 656-58
 - **Russia and Courtly Europe: Ritual and the Culture of Diplomacy, 1648-1725 (Book Review)** *SLAVIC REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N.
2018; 77 (2): 520-22
 - **The Complexity of History Russia and Steven Pinker's Thesis** *HISTORICAL REFLECTIONS-REFLEXIONS HISTORIQUES*
Kollmann, N.
2018; 44 (1): 41-53
 - **The Russian- Swedish border (1617-1700). Formation. Functioning. Heritage. Historical essays (Book Review)** *AB IMPERIO-STUDIES OF NEW IMPERIAL HISTORY AND NATIONALISM IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE*
Book Review Authored by: Kollmann, N. S.
2018: 241-43
 - **Representing Legitimacy in Early Modern Russia** *RUSSIAN REVIEW*
Kollmann, N. S.
2017; 76 (1): 7-21
 - **The Russian Empire**

Kollmann, N. S.
Oxford University Press .2016

- **A Deeper Early Modern A Response to Paul Bush kovitch** *KRITIKA-EXPLORATIONS IN RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN HISTORY*
Kollmann, N. S.
2015; 16 (2): 317-329
- **Crime and Punishment in Early Modern Russia**
Kollmann, N. S.
Cambridge.2012
- **Pictures at an Execution: Johann Georg Korb's 'Execution of the Strel'tsy** *Dubitando*
Boeck, B.
edited by Martin, R. E., Rowland, D.
Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers.2012: 399–407
- **Torture in Early Modern Russia** *The New Muscovite Cultural History*
edited by Kivelson, V., Petrone, K., Kollmann, N. S., Flier, M.
Bloomington, Ind.: Slavica.2009: 159–70
- **The Concept of Political Culture in Russian History** *A Companion to Russian History*
Gleason, A. T.
Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.2009: 89–104
- **Marking the Body in Early Modern Judicial Punishment,"** *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*
Kollmann, N. S.
2009: 557–65
- **Etiquette for Peter's time: The 'Honorable Mirror' for youth** *RUSSIAN HISTORY-HISTOIRE RUSSE*
Kollmann, N. S.
2008; 35 (1-2): 63-83
- **Thoughts on Beauty and Violence: Images of the Crucifixion in Russian Iconography** *Anfologion*
Kollmann, N. S.
Moscow: Indrik.2008: 362–69
- **The Cap of Monomakh** *Picturing Russia*
edited by Kivelson, V., Neuberger, J.
Yale University Press.2007
- **27 October 1698: Peter Punishes the Strel'tsy** *Days from the Reigns of Eighteenth-Century Russian Rulers*
Kollmann, N. S.
Cambridge.2007: 23–36
- **Change and Continuity in the Law under Peter I** *Papers from the VII International Conference of the Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia, Wittenberg 2004*
edited by Bartlett, R., Lehmann-Carli, G.
2007: 383–91
- **The quality of mercy in early modern legal practice** *KRITIKA-EXPLORATIONS IN RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN HISTORY*
Kollmann, N. S.
2006; 7 (1): 5-22
- **Law and Society in Seventeenth-Century Russia** *Cambridge History of Russia*
edited by Perrie, M.
Cambridge.2006: 559–78
- **Und 17. Jahrhundert aus der Perspektive seiner Regionen** *Forschungen zur osteuropäischen Geschichte*
edited by Kappeler, A.

Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag.2004: 252–268

- **Convergence, Expansion, and Experimentation: Current Trends in Muscovite History-Writing** *After the Fall. Essays in Russian and Soviet Historiography*
Kollmann, N. S.
2004: 9-22
- **Associate Editor, Europe. 1450 to 1789** *Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World*
edited by Dewald, J.
New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.2004
- **Society and Identity** *Modernizing Muscovy*
edited by Kotilaine, J., Poe, M.
London and New York: Routledge.2004: 417–31
- **Self, Society and Gender in Early Modern Russia and Eastern Europe** *A Companion to Gender History*
edited by Meade, T. A., Wiesner-Hanks, M. E.
London: Blackwell.2004: 358–70
- **Romancing the Sources** *Adventures in Historical Research*
Kollmann, N. S.
Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe.2003: 153–64
- **Gender and the Problem of Muscovite Particularities** *Muscovy*
edited by Szvak, G.
Budapest.2003: 34–41
- **Soedinnenye chest'iu** *trans.*
Kamenskii, A. B.
Moscow.2002
- **What's Love Got to Do With It** *Changing Models of Masculinity in Muscovite and Petrine Russia*
edited by Clement, B. E., Friedman, R., Healey, D.
London.2002: 15–32
- **Lynchings and Legality in Early Modern Russia** *Forschungen zur osteuropäischen Geschichte*
Kollmann, N. S.
2002; 56: 1801-6
- **Convergence, expansion, and experimentation: Current trends in Muscovite history-writing** *KRIKA-EXPLORATIONS IN RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN HISTORY*
Kollmann, N. S.
2001; 2 (2): 233-240
- **Russian Law in a Eurasian Setting** *The Arzamas Region, Late Seventeenth - Early Eighteenth Century*
edited by Szvak, G.
Budapest.2001: 200–6
- **The New Cambridge Medieval History** *Russia in the Fifteen Century*
Jones, M.
Cambridge University Press.2000
- **Problema chesti zhenshchin v Moskovskoi Rusi [The Problem of Women's Honor in Muscovite Russia],** *Sotsial'naia istoriia*
Kollmann, N. S.
1999: 205-16
- **By Honor Bound** *State and Society in Early Modern Russia*
Kollmann, N. S.
Cornell University Press.1999

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Y, I. N.
Cornell University Press.1999
- **The extremes of patriarchy: Spousal abuse and murder in early modern Russia** *RUSSIAN HISTORY-HISTOIRE RUSSE*
Kollmann, N. S.
1998; 25 (1-2): 133-140
- **The New Cambridge Medieval History** *The Rus' Principalities in the Fourteenth Century*
Allmand, C.
Cambridge University Press.1998
- **Concepts of Society and Social Identity in Early Modern Russia** *Religion and Culture in Early Modern Russia and Ukraine*
edited by Kollmann, N. S.
1997
- **Religion and Culture in Early Modern Russia and Ukraine**
edited by Baron, S. H.
DeKalb, Ill.: Northern Illinois Univ. Press.1997
- **Muscovite Russia, 1450-1598** *Russia*
Freeze, G.
New York.1997: 27-54
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- **Murder in the Hoover Archive** *The Rhetoric of the Medieval Slavic World*
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Harvard Ukrainian Studies.1995: 324-34
- **Pilgrimage, Procession and Symbolic Space in Sixteenth-Century Russian Politics** *Medieval Russian Culture*
Kollmann, N. S.
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- **Major Problems in Early Modern Russian History**
edited by Kollmann, N. S.
New York: Garland Publishing.1992
- **Women's Honor in Early Modern Russia** *Russia's Women*
edited by Engel, B. A., Worobec, C. D.
Berkeley.1991: 60-73
- **Collateral Succession in Kievan Rus'** *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*
Kollmann, N. S.
1990; 14 (3/4): 377-87
- **WAS THERE HONOR IN KIEV RUS** *JAHRBUCHER FUR GESCHICHTE OSTEUROPAS*
Kollmann, N. S.
1988; 36 (4): 481-492
- **THE GRAND-PRINCE IN MUSCOVITE POLITICS - THE PROBLEM OF GENRE IN SOURCES ON IVAN MINORITY** *RUSSIAN HISTORY-HISTOIRE RUSSE*
Kollmann, N. S.
1987; 14 (1-4): 293-313
- **Kinship and Politics** *The Making of the Muscovite Political System*
Kollmann, N. S.

Stanford University Press.1987: 324

- **RITUAL AND SOCIAL DRAMA AT THE MUSCOVITE COURT** *SLAVIC REVIEW*
Kollmann, N. S.
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- **CONSENSUS POLITICS + MUSCOVY - THE DYNASTIC CRISIS OF THE 1490S RECONSIDERED** *RUSSIAN REVIEW*
Kollmann, N. S.
1986; 45 (3): 235-267
- **THE SECLUSION OF ELITE MUSCOVITE WOMEN** *RUSSIAN HISTORY-HISTOIRE RUSSE*
Kollmann, N. S.
1983; 10: 170-187