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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

Robert D. Crews is an historian whose research and teaching interests focus on Afghanistan, Central and South Asia, Russia, Islam, and Global History. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he received an MA from Columbia University and a PhD degree in History from Princeton University.

He is the author of *Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation* (Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2015) and *For Prophet and Tsar: Islam and Empire in Russia and Central Asia* (Harvard University Press, 2006) and co-editor of *Under the Drones: Modern Lives in the Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands* (Harvard University Press, 2012) and *The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan* (Harvard University Press, 2008). His work has also appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, and *The New York Times*.

A 2009 Carnegie Scholar, Crews received the Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching for First Years of Teaching, 2006-2007, the El Centro Chicano Faculty Appreciation Award in 2011, and the Stanford College Prep Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award, Summer 2012.

His course offerings in 2018-2019 include "The Global Drug Wars," "Russian Rebels," "Religion, Violence, and Empire," and an Introductory Seminar, "Terrorism."

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of History, Stanford University, (2010-2013)
- Director, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, Stanford University, (2010-2013)
- Director, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University, (2013-2016)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Carnegie Scholar, Carnegie Corporation (2009)
- Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching for First Years of Teaching, Stanford University (2006-2007)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Afghanistan: A Very Short Introduction (book manuscript co-authored with Wazmah Osman, under contract with Oxford University Press).

Muslims from the Margins: The Politics of Islam in a Global Age (book manuscript – a history of the politics of Muslim minority communities in Mexico, Ghana, India, Russia, and Northern Ireland)

The Afghan Shia: A Revolutionary Minority (book manuscript)

Teaching

COURSES

2019-20

- Research Seminar for Majors: HISTORY 209S (Spr)
- Terrorism: HISTORY 3N (Aut)
- The Global Drug Wars: HISTORY 201A, HISTORY 301A (Spr)
- The Islamic Republics: Politics and Society in Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan: HISTORY 187 (Aut)
- The Islamic Republics: Politics and Society in Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan: HISTORY 87 (Aut)

2018-19

- Global History: The Modern Age: HISTORY 1C (Spr)
- Religion, Violence, and Empire: HISTORY 204J, HISTORY 304J (Spr)
- Russian Rebels: HISTORY 223D, HISTORY 323D (Aut)
- Terrorism: HISTORY 3N (Aut)

2016-17

- Global History: The Modern Age: HISTORY 1C (Spr)
- Global Islam and the British Empire: OSPOXFRD 95 (Aut)
- Shia Islam: HISTORY 281D, HISTORY 381D (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Orals Chair

Samil Can, Nisrin Elamin, Melanie Leon, Cristopher Vazquez Munoz

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Anubha Anushree, Mejgan Massoumi

Orals Evaluator

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Doctoral (Program)

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Risking Democracy in Afghanistan: Voting, Violence, and the Struggle for Parliament** *Journal of International Affairs (online)*
Crews, R.
2018; October 18, 2018
- **Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation**
Crews, R.

(Belknap Press of Harvard University Press).2015

- **Moscow and the Mosque Co-opting Muslims in Putin's Russia** *FOREIGN AFFAIRS*
Crews, R. D.
2014; 93 (2): 125-134
- **Trafficking in Evil? The Global Arms Trade and the Politics of Disorder** *Conference on Circuits and Networks - Muslim Interactions in the First Age of Globalization*
Crews, R.
UNIV CALIFORNIA PRESS.2014: 121-?
- **Putin's Khanate: How Moscow is Trying to Integrate Crimean Muslims** *Foreign Affairs*
Crews, R. D.
2014
- **The Russian Worlds of Islam** *Islam and the European Empires*
Crews, R. D.
edited by Motadel, D.
Oxford University Press.2014
- **The Taliban and Nationalist Militancy in Afghanistan** *Contextualizing Jihadi Thought*
Crews, R. D.
edited by Deol, J., Kazmi, Z.
Columbia/Hurst.2012
- **Under the Drones: Modern Lives in the Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands**
Tarzi, A., Dorronsoro, G., Haroon, S., Caron, J., Hanifi, S. M., Ruttig, T., Rzehak, L., Devji, F., Andrabi, T., Das, J., Khwaja, A. I., Shaikh, F., Elias, et al
edited by Bashir, S., Crews, R. D.
Harvard University Press.2012
- **Muslim Networks, Imperial Power and the Local Politics of Qajar Iran** *Asiatic Russia: Imperial Power in Regional and International Contexts*
Crews, R. D.
edited by Tomohiko, U.
Routledge.2012
- **Russia Unbound: Historical Frameworks and the Challenge of Globalism** *Ab Imperio*
Crews, R. D.
2010; 1: 53-63
- **An Empire for the Faithful, A Colony for the Dispossessed** *Turkestan russe: une colonie comme les autres?*
Crews, R. D.
edited by Gorshenina, S., Abashin, S.
Collection de l'IFEAC.2009: 79-106
- **The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan**
Crews, R. D., Tarzi, A.
Harvard University Press.2008
- **Rewriting Europe's Muslim Pasts** *European Studies Forum*
Crews, R. D.
2008; 38 (1): 5-11
- **Liberating Afghanistan** *Middle East Institute Viewpoints*
Crews, R. D.
2008: 75-78
- **For Prophet and Tsar: Islam and Empire in Russia and Central Asia**
Crews, R. D.
Harvard University Press.2006

- **Islamic Law, Imperial Order: Muslims, Jews, and the Russian State** *Ab Imperio*
Crews, R. D.
2004; 3: 467-490
- **Empire and the confessional state: Islam and religious politics in nineteenth-century Russia** *AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*
CREWS, R.
2003; 108 (1): 50-83
- **Civilization in the City: Architecture, Urbanism, and the Colonization of Tashkent** *Architectures of Identity in Russia, 1500-2000*
Crews, R. D.
edited by Cracraft, J., Rowland, D.
Cornell University Press.2003: 117-132