

Christine D. Worobec
Department of History
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115
worobec@niu.edu
815-753-6821 (o); 815-761-6277 (c)

DEGREES:

1979-1984: Ph.D., History, University of Toronto
1977-1978: M.A., History, University of Toronto
1973-1977: B.A., History, University College, University of Toronto

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Presidential Research Professor, Northern Illinois University, July 2003-2007
Professor of History, Northern Illinois University, 2001-
Associate Professor of History, Northern Illinois University, 1999-2001
Associate Professor of History, Kent State University, 1992-99
Visiting Associate Professor of History, Harvard University, Summer 1998
Assistant Professor of History, Kent State University, 1984-1992 (tenured in fall, 1991)
Director of the Soviet and East European Studies Program, Kent State University, Fall 1991-99
Graduate Coordinator of the Department of History, Kent State University, 1992-96
History Tutor, University of Toronto, 1979-1981, 1983-1984
Bibliographer, The Multicultural History Society of Ontario, 1978-1979

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

Women and Gender in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia: A Comprehensive Bibliography, co-edited with Mary Zirin, Irina Livezeanu, and June Pachuta-Farris (under contract with M. E. Sharpe; vol. II: *Russia, the Non-Russian Peoples of the Russian Federation, and the Successor States of the Soviet Union* submitted June 2005, forthcoming Fall 2006).

Possessed: Women, Witches, and Demons in Imperial Russia (DeKalb, Ill.: Northern Illinois University Press, 2001). Issued in paperback in October 2003.

Peasant Russia: Family and Community in the Post-Emancipation Period (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1991), 257 pp. Reprinted in paperback with a new preface by Northern Illinois University Press, 1995.

Russia's Women: Accommodation, Resistance, Transformation, ed. with Barbara Evans Clements and Barbara Alpern Engel (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991), 300 pp.

Ukrainians in North America: A Select Bibliography, comp. with Halyna Myroniuk (Toronto: Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, and the Multicultural History Society of Ontario, 1981), 236 pp.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

Reprint of "Death Ritual among Russian and Ukrainian Peasants: Linkages between the Living and the Dead," as the leading essay plus a "Postscript," in *Letters from Heaven: Popular Religion in Russia and Ukraine*, edited by John-Paul Himka and Andriy Zayarnyuk (forthcoming, University of Toronto).

- "Klikushestvo v Imperskoi Rossii" [Demon Possession in Imperial Russia], in *Smena paradigmmy* [Paradigmatic Shifts], edited by Boris Mironov (forthcoming from Nestor, St. Petersburg, 2006).
- "Miraculous Healings," in *Sacred Stories: Religion and Spirituality in Modern Russian Culture*, edited by Mark Steinberg and Heather Coleman (forthcoming from Indiana University Press, Fall 2006).
- "Celebration of the Summer Solstice Among the East Slavic Peasants of the Nineteenth-Century Russian Empire," in *Rossiiskaia istoricheskaia mozaika: Sbornik nauchnykh statei/Russian Historical Mosaic: Collection of Scientific Articles*, ed. by A. L. Litvin (Kazan: Kazanskoe matematicheskoe obshchestvo, 2003), 91-103. (A Festschrift for John Keep, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto).
- "Conceptual Observations on the Russian and Ukrainian Peasantries," in *Culture, Nation, and Identity: The Ukrainian-Russian Encounter (1600-1945)*, ed. by Andreas Kappeler, Zenon E. Kohut, Frank E. Sysyn, and Mark von Hagen (Edmonton, Alta.: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, 2003), 256-76.
- "Masculinity in Late Imperial Russian Peasant Society," in *Russian Masculinities in History and Culture*, ed. by Barbara Evans Clements, Rebecca Friedman, and Dan Healy (Houndmills, UK: Palgrave, 2002), 76-93.
- "An Epidemic of Possession in a Moscow Rural Parish in 1909," in *The Human Tradition in Modern Russia*, ed. by William B. Husband (Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 2000), 31-44.
- "Death Ritual among Russian and Ukrainian Peasants: Linkages between the Living and the Dead," in *Cultures in Flux: Lower Class Values, Practices, and Resistance in Late Imperial Russia*, ed. by Stephen P. Frank and Mark D. Steinberg (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994), 11-33.
- "Accommodation and Resistance," in *Russia's Women: Accommodation, Resistance, Transformation*, ed. by Barbara Evans Clements, Barbara Alpern Engel, and Christine D. Worobec (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991), 17-28.
- "Victims or Actors? Russian Peasant Women and Patriarchy," in *Peasant Economy, Culture, and Politics of European Russia, 1800-1921*, ed. by Esther Kingston-Mann and Timothy Mixer (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1991), 177-206.
- "The Post-Emancipation Russian Peasant Commune in Orel Province, 1861-90," in *Land Commune and Peasant Community in Russia: Communal Forms in Imperial and Early Soviet Society*, ed. by Roger Bartlett (London: Macmillan, 1990), 86-105.

ARTICLES:

- Co-authored with Laura Schlosberg, "Lowering the Glass Ceiling: A Gender Profile of Professionals in Slavic Studies," *NewsNet* 42, no. 2 (March 2002): 13-19.
- "Witchcraft Beliefs and Practices in Prerevolutionary Russian and Ukrainian Villages," *The Russian Review* 54, no. 2 (April 1995): 165-87.
- "Temptress or Virgin? The Precarious Sexual Position of Women in Post-Emancipation Ukrainian Peasant Society," *Slavic Review* 49, no. 2 (Summer 1990): 227-38. Reprinted in *Russian Peasant Women*, ed. by Beatrice Farnsworth and Lynne Viola (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992): 41-53.
- "Horse Thieves and Peasant Justice in Post-Emancipation Imperial Russia," *Journal of Social History* 21, no. 2 (Winter 1987): 281-93. Nominated for the Berkshire Prize.
- "Patterns of Property Devolution Among Ukrainian Peasants in Kiev and Kharkiv Provinces, 1861-1900," *Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies Occasional Paper*, #206 (January 1986), 37 pp.
- "Reflections on Customary Law and Post-Reform Peasant Russia," *Russian Review* 44, no. 1 (January 1985): 21-25.
- "Customary Law and Property Devolution Among Russian Peasants in the 1870s," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 26, nos. 2 & 3 (June-September 1984): 220-34.

"Contemporary Historians on the Muscovite Peasantry," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 23, no. 3 (September 1981): 315-27.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES:

"Commission on the Reform of the Volost Courts" in *The Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet, and Eurasian History (SMERSH)* (Academic International Press, 2005).

REVIEW ESSAYS:

"Lived Orthodoxy in Imperial Russia," *Kritika* 7, no. 2 (Spring 2006): 329-50. A review of four books, three of which are in the Russian language.

"Galicians into Ukrainians': Ukrainian Nationalism Penetrates Nineteenth-Century Rural Austrian Galicia," *Peasant Studies* 16, no. 3 (Spring 1989): 199-209.

ESSAY ON TEACHING:

"Integrating Women into Russian History Courses," *NewsNet* 37, no. 2 (March 1997): 1, 3-4.

TRANSLATIONS (from Russian to English):

"Witchcraft," in *Russian Women, 1698-1917: Experience and Expression, An Anthology of Sources*, compiled by Robin Bisha, Jehanne M. Gheith, Christine Holden, and William G. Wagner (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2002), 262-65.

"Rural Institutions," in *A Social History of Russia, 1700-1917*, vol. 1, by Boris N. Mironov with Ben Eklof (Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press, 2000), 286-370.

With Barbara Evans Clements and Barbara Alpern Engel, "Women in the Medieval Russian Family of the Tenth through Fifteenth Centuries," by N. L. Pushkareva, in *Russia's Women: Accommodation, Transformation, Resistance*, ed. by Clements, Engel, and Worobec (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991), 29-43.

BOOK REVIEWS in *American Historical Review*, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Ethnic Forum*, *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Ukrainian Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Slavic and East European Journal*, *Social History*, and *Soviet Union/Union Soviétique*.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

"Agriculture: Peasantry," in *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, edited by Bonnie G. Smith (under contract with Oxford University Press).

"Orthodoxy and Women's Spirituality in Late Imperial Russia" (a revised book chapter that I was invited to write for a volume on Russian Orthodoxy, edited by Donald Ostrowski and Nicholas Lupinin). The collection has been submitted to a press.

The Human Tradition in Imperial Russia (an edited collection of essays by sixteen scholars on daily life in Imperial Russia targeted for use in the classroom, under contract with Rowman and Littlefield in The Human Tradition around the World Series). I have two books chapters in the volume, one on an eighteenth century women who believed herself to be demon possessed and one on nineteenth century miraculous healings attributed to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk. The manuscript will be submitted to the press in early 2006.

Seraphim of Sarov: An Imperial Russian Saint (under contract with Addison Wesley Longman for the series The Library of World Biographies, edited by Peter Stearns).

ACADEMIC AWARDS:

BOOK AND ARTICLE PRIZES:

- The Association for Women in Slavic Studies' 2001 Heldt Prize for the best book in Slavic/East European/Eurasian Women's Studies for *Possessed: Women, Witches, and Demons in Imperial Russia* (DeKalb, Ill., 2001).
- The Southern Historical Association's 1997 Amos Simpson Award for "New Sources on Popular Religion in Imperial Russia," a paper presented at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association in New Orleans.
- The Ohio Academy of History 1992 Publication Award for *Peasant Russia: Family and Community in the Post-Emancipation Period* (Princeton, 1991), "The outstanding historical publication of the preceding year."
- The Association for Women in Slavic Studies' 1991 Heldt Prize for the best book written by a woman for *Peasant Russia: Family and Community in the Post-Emancipation Period* (Princeton, 1991).

EXTERNAL FUNDING:

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2006
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1996-97
- National Endowment for the Humanities 1993 Summer Seminar for College Teachers, "Church and Religion in Imperial Russia, 1860-1930," conducted by Professor Gregory Freeze, Brandeis University and held at the Russian State Humanities University, Moscow, Russia, 7 June-30 July 1993.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1992
- National Endowment for the Humanities Conference Grant for "Women in the History of the Russian Empire," February 1988-October 1989
- Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies/Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Research Scholarship, May 1985-January 1986

OTHER AWARDS:

- Graduate Student Senate Chair's Award, Kent State University, 1997
- Graduate Student Senate Chair's Award for Best Graduate Coordinator, Kent State University, 1994
- Associateship of the Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, July 1983 and July 1990

OTHER RECOGNITION:

- Finalist for the Kent State University Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award, 1994, 1997
- Nominated for Student Senate Teaching Award, Kent State University, 1993, 1994

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS:

- "Miraculous Healings in Late Imperial Russia," presented at a workshop of Russian historians from Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia, Georgetown University, 7 December 2005.
- "The State of Slavic Studies in North America," invited lecture before a class on Russian folklore (taught by Andrei Toporkov) at the Russian State Humanities University, Moscow, 12 October 2005.
- "Witchcraft Trials in Nineteenth Century Russia," Conference "Späte Hexenprozesse," Weingarten, Germany, 29 September - 2 October 2005, organized by the Arbeitskreis Interdisziplinäre Hexenforschung (AKIH), dem Lehrstuhl Frühe Neuzeit der Universität des Saarlandes und dem Institut für Geschichtliche Landeskunde der Universität Tübingen.

- "Witches, Sorcerers, and Demons in a Remote Corner of Contemporary Northern Russia," Workshop on "Who Was a Witch? Russian Witchcraft in Comparative Perspective" at the University of Michigan, 1-2 April 2005.
- "The Current Witch Craze in Russia," invited public lecture to open the Workshop on "Who Was a Witch? Russian Witchcraft in Comparative Perspective" at the University of Michigan, 1-2 April 2005.
- "Orthodoxy and Women's Spirituality in Imperial Russia," Women's History Month Featured Lecture, University of Tulsa, March 2004.
- "Orthodoxy and Women's Spirituality in Late Imperial Russia," The George and Dorothy Carson History Lecture, Oregon State University, 27 October 2003.
- "Miraculous Healings in Late Imperial Russia," Noon Seminar, Oregon State University, 27 October 2003.
- "Russian Women's Spirituality in Late Imperial Russia," Conference on "Recontextualizing Russian Women's Studies," Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 25-26 April 2003.
- "Women, Witches, and Demons in Imperial Russia," invited public lecture at the University of New Hampshire, 10 October 2002. My book, *Possessed: Women, Witches and Demons in Imperial Russia* (2001), was one of five books chosen for discussion in the University of New Hampshire Department of History's course Introduction to Historical Thinking, which in Fall 2002 enrolled 60 students.
- "The Church as an Outlet for Women's Spirituality," Workshop on the History of the Russian Orthodox Church at The Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, 22-23 March 2002. This paper has been revised and presented to the Workshop on the History of the Russian Orthodox Church at Yale University, 20-21 September 2003.

REFEREE FOR: ACLS Short-term Grants for Humanities Leadership, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Cornell University Press, *Gender and History*, *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, Indiana University Press, Kent State University Press, *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Kritika*, *Nationalities Papers*, *NWSA Journal*, NEH, Northern Illinois University Press, Oxford University Press, Prentice-Hall, *Past Imperfect*, Princeton University Press, *Slavic Review*, *Slavonic and East European Review*, University of California Press, University of Pittsburgh Press, and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Canadian Slavonic Papers
Nationalities Papers

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
 American Association for Ukrainian Studies
 American Historical Association
 Association for the Study of Eastern Christianity
 Association for Women in Slavic Studies
 Canadian Association of Slavists
 Slavic and East European Folklore Association

COURSES TAUGHT at NIU:

Culture and Thought in Russia (senior undergraduate/graduate)
 History of Russia, Origins to 1682 (junior undergraduate)
 History of Russia, 1682-1917 (junior undergraduate)
 History of Russia, 1917 to the Present (junior undergraduate/graduate levels)
 History of the World, 1500 to the Present (undergraduate survey)
 19th-Century Europe (senior undergraduate/graduate levels)
 Russian Revolution (senior undergraduate/graduate levels)
 Women in Modern European History (junior undergraduate)

Reading Seminar on Modern European Women's History (graduate level)
 Reading Seminar on Popular Religion (graduate level)
 Seminar on Modern European Peasantries (graduate level)
 Reading Seminar on Agrarian Societies in Early Modern and Modern Europe/Russia (graduate level)

DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED:

Co-director of Karen B. Coffing, "Out of Mind, Out of Sight: Ohio Women Convicted of Insanity, 1874-1940," Kent State University, 1999.
 Co-director of Dimitra Giannuli, "American Philanthropy in the Near East: Relief to the Ottoman Greek Refugees, 1922-23," Kent State University, 1992.

EXTERNAL DISSERTATION EVALUATION:

Oksana Kis, "Zhinka v Ukraïns'kii selians'kii sim'i druhoï polovyny XIX – pochatku XX stolittia: Genderni aspekty" [Women in the Ukrainian Peasant Family in the Second Half of the Nineteenth and Beginning of the Twentieth Centuries: Gender Aspects], defended at the Institute of Ethnology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, June 2002.

DIRECTOR OF M.A. STUDENTS:

Becky Blankenship
 Henry Bryant
 Ann Gaskin
 Aaron Phillips
 Luke Swinson