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AREAS OF INTEREST:

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| Old World Archaeology | Contemporary Social and Political Theory |
| Eurasia – Russia and the Caucasus | Archaeological Theory |
| Paleobotanical Analysis, Landscapes | Political Ecology |

EMPLOYMENT:

2006-Present: *Arizona State University*
Honors Faculty Fellow, Barrett Honors College
Affiliated Faculty, School of Human Evolution and Social Change
Melikian Center Faculty Affiliate

Spring 2005, 2006: *University of Chicago*
Lecturer, Social Science Collegiate Division

EDUCATION:

2000-2006: *University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology*
Ph.D., 2006. Dissertation: *Political Pastures: Navigating the Steppe in the Middle Volga Region (Russia) during the Bronze Age*

1997-2000: *University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology*
M.A., 2000

1994-1997: *University of Missouri – Columbia, Department of Anthropology*
B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, 1997. Anthropology (with Honors), French minor.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS:

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| 2007 | Sol and Esther Drescher Faculty Research Grants (Barrett Honors College) |
| 2006-07 | Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Visiting Scholar, University of California at Los Angeles - <i>Declined</i> |
| 2005-06 | Social Science Dissertation Teaching and Research Fellowship (University of Chicago) |
| 2005 | Department of Anthropology Starr Lectureship (University of Chicago) Course: The Eurasian Landscape - <i>Declined</i> |

- 2004 Overseas Dissertation Research Fellowship (University of Chicago)
 2002 Student Paper Award, 8th European Association of Archaeologists
 Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece
 2002 Leiffer Pre-field Research Fellowship (University of Chicago)
 2001 University of Chicago Unendowed Fellowship (Tuition Waiver)
 2000 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Russian) – *Declined*
 1998-2000 University of Chicago Unendowed Fellowship (Tuition Waiver)
 1997 Phi Beta Kappa, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Golden
 Key National Honor Society
 1996 University of Missouri Undergraduate Research Scholarship
 1995-1997 Jesse Wrench Scholarship for Anthropology at the University of Missouri

RESEARCH GRANTS:

- 2008 ASU Global Engagement Faculty Seed Grant (with Achim Herrmann and
 John N. Parker), Matched by the Barrett Honors College – *Samara River
 Valley Political Ecology Project*
 2004 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant –
*Pastoral Economies and Ecologies of the Late Bronze Age in the Middle
 Volga Region, Russia*

PUBLICATIONS:

Work in Progress:

n.d. (with Eileen Murphy) The Resting Place of Charismatic Leaders or Communal
 Cemetery? The Kurgan Burials at Spiradonovka (Samara) in Context.

Edited Volumes:

2007. *Social Orders and Social Landscapes: Proceedings of the 2005 University of
 Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*. Lead Editor with Charles Hartley and
 Adam T. Smith. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press.

2006. *Beyond the Steppe and the Sown: Proceedings of the 2002 University of Chicago
 Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*. Co-editor with David Peterson and Adam T.
 Smith. Colloquia Pontica Series. Leiden: Brill.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

(* indicates publication under the name Laura Soikkeli)

Forthcoming (2009). Blurring the Boundaries: Uncovering the Complex Interactions
 between Foragers and Pastoralists in the Volga-Ural Region. In *Monuments, Metals,
 and Mobility: Trajectories of Complexity in the Late Prehistory of the Eurasian
 Steppe*. Edited by Bryan Hanks and Kathryn Linduff. Cambridge: Cambridge
 University Press.

2007. Introduction (with Charles Hartley and Adam T. Smith). In *Social Orders and Social Landscapes: Proceedings of the 2005 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*. Edited by Laura M. Popova, Charles Hartley, and Adam T. Smith. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press. Pp. xxiv-xxx.
2007. A New Historical Legend: Tracing the Long-Term Landscape History of the Samara River Valley. In *Social Orders and Social Landscapes: Proceedings of the 2005 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*. Edited by Laura M. Popova, Charles Hartley and Adam T. Smith. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press. Pp. 95-119.
2006. Pastoralism in the Late Bronze Age in Russia: Past Interpretations and New Goals for Future Research. In *Beyond the Steppe and the Sown: Proceedings of the 2002 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*. Edited by D. Peterson, L. Popova, and A. Smith. Colloquia Pontica Series. Leiden: Brill. Pp. 463-473.
2006. Introduction (with David Peterson and Adam T. Smith). In *Beyond the Steppe and the Sown: Proceedings of the 2002 University of Chicago Conference on Eurasian Archaeology*. Edited by D. Peterson, L. Popova, and A. Smith. Colloquia Pontica Series. Leiden: Brill. Pp. xiii-xiv.
2005. The Samara Valley Project: Late Bronze Age Economy and Ritual in the Russian Steppes (with David W. Anthony, Dorcas Brown, Emmett Brown, Audrey Goodman, Aleksandr Khokhlov, Pavel Kuznetsov, Pavel Kosintsev, Oleg Mochalov, Eileen Murphy, Anne Pike-Tay, Arlene Rosen, Nerissa Russell, and Alison Weisskopf). *Eurasia Antiqua* 11: 395-417.
2005. Poisk sledov gornorudnogo delo epokhi pozdnei bronzy v srednom Povol'zhe (arkheologicheskie raboty v neissledovanikh raionakh Samaraskoi oblasti (with Pavel F. Kuznetsov, Oleg D. Mochalov, David Peterson, Alla P. Semenova, and Dimitri Kormilitsin). *Izvestia Samarskogo nauchnogo tsentra Rossiskoi akademii nauk* 2 (July-December):332-343.
2003. An Initial Assessment of Pollen Preservation at the Late Bronze Age Structure at Krasnosamarskoe. In *Chteniya, posvyashchennye 100-letiu deyatel'nosti Vasiliya Alekseevicha Gorodtsova v gosudarstvennom musee*. Edited by N.I. Shishlina. State Historical Museum, Moscow. Pp. 189-192
- *1999. William Clark's 1814 Map of Central Missouri. *Missouri Archaeological Society Quarterly* 16(1): 4-12.

TEACHING:

Arizona State University:

Undergraduate Lower Division Courses: **HON 171: The Human Event** - a discussion course exploring the world's greatest literature from earliest writing to the Renaissance.

HON 272: The Human Event - a selection of the most influential thinkers in the social sciences from the Renaissance to the present.

ASB 222 (Honors): Buried Cities and Lost Tribes – An introductory course about archaeology demonstrating the development of the field as well as highlighting great discoveries in Old World archaeology

Undergraduate Upper Division Courses: **HON 394: Russia in Context** – part of the BHC Study Abroad Program to Russia that integrated visits to places of historical and political importance with reading primary texts associated with the place.

HON 394: Russian Language and Culture – part of the BHC Study Abroad Program to Russia connecting Russian literature about food, nature, and train travel with experiences on the trip, such as camping, eating at a traditional Russian restaurant, and traveling on a train.

HON 394: Political Ecology – a discussion of the conceptual underpinnings of contemporary western notions of ecology, environment, and balance as well as an examination of historical trajectories of anthropogenic landscape change using the theoretical toolkit of political ecology.

HON 498: Proseminar: Political Ecology in Uganda – a discussion of the key environmental issues that Uganda faces through the theoretical lens of political ecology with special emphasis on the environment and health issues (AIDS)

University of Chicago:

Instructor: **Power, Identity, and Resistance 112** (discussion course covering major socio-political theorists of the 20th century including Lenin, Arendt, Hayek, Polanyi, Marcuse, Foucault, Fanon and others)

Teaching Assistant: **Power, Identity, and Resistance 111** (discussion course covering the development of liberalism and its critics, focusing on Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Wollstonecraft, J.S. Mill, Nietzsche and others); **Power, Identity, and Resistance 112** (see above), **Archaeology Method and Theory** (intensive graduate discussion course covering the development of archaeological method and theory in the United States)

PREPARED COURSES:

The Eurasian Landscape
A Political Ecology of Pastoralism: Past and Present

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS COMMITTEES:

Curriculum Vitae – Laura M. Popova

Madeleine McLeester (University of Chicago), Spring 2005
Cassandra Cushing (ASU), Fall 2007
Emma Breyse (ASU), Spring 2009
Christina Raup (ASU), Fall 2009

GRADUATE DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:

Madeleine McLeester (University of Chicago)

SERVICE:

College:

- Provost's Full-Time Contract Faculty Committee, 2008-Present
- College By-Laws Committee, 2008-Present
- Curriculum Committee (Hon 274 group), 2008-Present
- BHC New Faculty Search Committee, 2007-2008
- BHC Admissions Committee, 2006-2007
- Study Abroad Program Committee 2006-2008
- Director of the BHC Study Abroad Program to Russia (Summer 2008)
- BHC Writing Center Committee, Spring 2007
- Honors Faculty Council Committee, 2006-Present
- BHC Movie Night Coordinator, 2006-Present

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES:

- 2008 Political Pastures: Navigating the Steppe in Bronze Age Russia. Archaeology Brown Bag Talk at the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, ASU, Oct. 24th.
- 2008 Bronze Age Russia. Talk for *Spirit of the Senses*, an arts and cultural organization based in Phoenix. June 2nd.
- 2008 The Resting Place of Charismatic Leaders or Communal Cemetery? The Kurgan Burials at Spiradonovka (Samara) in Context. Paper presented at the Third University of Chicago Eurasian Archaeology Conference. May 2nd.
- 2008 Ecology of Death in Bronze Age Russia. Paper presented at the Global Environment Workshop at the University of Chicago. May 2nd.
- 2008 Military Confederacy or Egalitarian Polity? The Difficulty of Reconstructing Politics in Ancient Pastoral Societies. Paper Presented at the Society of American Archaeology 73rd Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada.
- 2007 Politics and Pastures: Life in Bronze Age Russia. New Faculty Lecture, Arizona State University, April 12th.

- 2006 The Social and Political Aspects of Making Metal During the Late Bronze Age in Russia. Paper Presented at the Society of American Archaeology 71st Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2006 The Kurgan Complex: Coming to Terms with Middle Bronze Age Burials in the Volga-Ural Region (with M. Marshall). Paper Presented at the Society of American Archaeology 71st Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2006 Blurring the Boundaries: Uncovering the Complex Interactions between Foragers and Pastoralists in the Volga-Ural Region. Paper presented at the Steppe Symposium at the University of Pittsburgh.
- 2005 Living and Working in the Forest-Steppe during the Late Bronze Age: An In-Depth Look at Kibit 1 (with P. Kuznetsov, O. Mochalov, E. Brown, and M. McLeester). Paper presented at the European Association of Archaeologists 11th Annual Conference in Cork, Ireland.
- 2005 An Introduction to Research in the Kamishla Region, Russia (with P. Kuznetsov, O. Mochalov, and D. Peterson). Paper presented at the European Association of Archaeologists 11th Annual Conference in Cork, Ireland.
- 2005 As for the Nomads, They Lived on the Marsh Meadows: Understanding Shifting Bronze Age Settlement Patterns in the Samara River Valley, Russia. Paper presented at the Second University of Chicago Eurasian Archaeology Conference “Social Orders and Social Landscapes: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Eurasian Archaeology.” April 15-16, 2005.
- 2005 Rich Homeland: A Paleobotanical Study of a Late Bronze Age Settlement in the Forest-Steppe – Baitugan, Russia (with Madeleine McLeester). Poster presented at the Society of American Archaeology 70th Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2004 Re-integrating the Global and the Local in the Eastern European Steppe: An Analysis of Past and Current Pollen and Faunal Studies of the Region. Paper presented at the University of Chicago Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop.
- 2003 Interacting with Pastoralists: A Comparison of Pastoral Practices and Products in the Volga-Don, Volga-Ural, and Southern Ural Regions. Paper presented at the European Association of Archaeologists 9th Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Russia.

- 2003 Pastoral Ecologies of the Late Bronze Age: A Paleobotanical Assessment of Krasnosamarskoe and Peschani Dol. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology 68th Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2002 Meadow Steppe and Marsh: The Late Bronze Age Environment at Krasnosamarskoe and Pollen Analysis. Paper presented at the European Association for Archaeologists 8th Annual Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 2002 Pastoral Ecologies and Economies of the Late Bronze Age in the Middle Volga Region. Paper presented at the First University of Chicago Eurasian Archaeology Conference “Beyond the Steppe and the Sown: Integrating Local and Global Visions.” May 3-4, 2002

OTHER PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

- 2006 Session organizer, Archaeology in Europe and Eurasia. The Society of American Archaeology 71st Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005 Student Conference Committee Chair, Second University of Chicago Eurasian Archaeology Conference: Social Orders and Social Landscapes. April 15-16, 2005.
- 2003 Session Co-organizer (with A. Smith and D. Peterson), The Complications of Complexity: The Roots of Social Complexity in the Eurasian Steppes and the Caucasus in the 2nd Millennium BC. The European Association of Archaeologists 9th Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 2002 Student Conference Committee, First University of Chicago Eurasian Archaeology Conference: Beyond the Steppe and the Sown. May 3-4, 2002
- 2001 Participant, First Annual conference in honor of Vasili Alekseevich Gorodtsov concerning chronology and periodization of archaeological cultures in Russia and the Former Soviet Republics in Samara, Russia.
- 1998-99 Workshop Co-organizer (with Anwen Tormey), Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop at the University of Chicago

FIELDWORK:

- 2008 Co-Director and Paleobotanical Specialist. Joint Russian-American excavation for the Samara River Valley Political Ecology Project. Preliminary survey of a Late Bronze Age settlement site at Spiridonovka, excavation of an Early Bronze Age burial mound at Krasnosamarskoe, **Russian Federation.** Directors: Laura

- Popova and Oleg Mochalov.
- 2005 Paleobotanical Specialist and Field Assistant. Joint Armenian-American Project for the Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian States (ArAGATS), Excavation of the Late Bronze Age Fortress at Gegharot, **Republic of Armenia**. Directors: Adam T. Smith, Ruben Badalyan.
- 2004 Co-director and Paleobotanical Specialist. Joint Russian-American excavation of a Late Bronze Age settlement (Kibit 1) in the Kamishla Region, Samara. **Russian Federation**. Directors: Laura Popova, Pavel Kuznetsov, and Oleg Mochalov.
- 2003 Paleobotanical Specialist and Field Assistant. Joint Armenian-American Project for the Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian States (ArAGATS), Excavation of the Late Bronze Age Fortresses of Gegharot and Tsakahovit, **Republic of Armenia**. Directors: Adam T. Smith, Ruben Badalyan.
- 2001 Paleobotanical Specialist and Field Assistant. Joint Russian-American archaeological survey and test excavations in the Kamishla District (Northeastern Samara), **Russian Federation**. Directors: David Peterson, Pavel Kuznetsov, and Oleg Mochalov.
- 2001 Paleobotanical Specialist and Field Assistant. Joint Russian-American Samara Valley Archaeology Project. Excavation of a Late Bronze Age pit structure at Krasnosamarskoe. **Russian Federation**. Directors: David Anthony, Igor Vasiliev.
- 2000 Paleobotanical Specialist and Field Assistant. Joint Russian-American Samara Valley Archaeology Project. Excavation of Late Bronze Age herding camps at Peschani Dol. **Russian Federation**. Directors: David Anthony, Igor Vasiliev.
- 1999 Field Assistant. Joint Russian-American Samara Valley Archaeology Project. Excavation of Bronze Age burial mounds and part of a Late Bronze Age pit structure at Krasnosamarskoe. **Russian Federation**. Directors: David Anthony, Igor Vasiliev.
- 1997 Field Assistant. Archaeological survey of Mount Rainier National Park in association with Central Washington University. Director: Patrick McKutchen
- 1996 Field Assistant. Joint French-American excavation at Verberie Buisson Campin. Excavation of a long-term Upper-Paleolithic campsite. **France**. Directors: Jim Enloe, Françoise Audouze.
- 1995 Student. Field School at Thomas Jefferson's home at Monticello, Virginia. Director: Susan Kern

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Member of the Society for American Archaeology, the European Association of Archaeologists, and the American Anthropological Association

LANGUAGES: Russian and French

REFERENCES:

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