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### Education

- In progress Ph.D., Demography, University of California, Berkeley  
Qualifying exam topics: demographic methods, human fertility, population policy  
Dissertation topic: The fertility postponement transition in contemporary Russia  
Committee: Joshua Goldstein, Jennifer Johnson-Hanks (chair), Ann Swidler
- 2015 M.A., Demography, University of California, Berkeley
- 2010 M.A., Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies, Georgetown University  
Capstone paper: "From the Post-Soviet to the Transnational: Circassian Politics in Global Context"
- 2006 B.A., Linguistics, Yale University

### Publications

- Root, L., & Johnson-Hanks, J. (2016). Gender, Honor, and Aggregate Fertility. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, 75(4), 904–928. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajes.12159>
- Goldstein, L., Nam, H., Kulthreshtha, M., Root, L., and Best, C. (2008). Distribution of Tongue Tip Articulations in Hindi versus English and the Acquisition of Stop Place Categories. *Proceedings in Laboratory Phonology 11*.

### Grants, Fellowships, Awards

- 2018-2019 UC Berkeley Graduate Division Doctoral Completion Fellowship
- 2017 U.S. Department of State Title VIII Fellowship for advanced research in the former Soviet Union
- 2017 U.C. Berkeley Department of Demography Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2014-2018 U.S. National Institutes of Health Traineeship

- 2009-2010 U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Advanced Turkish
- 2009 U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship, Intermediate Turkish
- 2008-2009 U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Advanced Russian
- 2006-2008 Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship: English Teaching Assistantship
- 2005 Yale College Dean's Research Fellowship

#### Conference Activity and Invited Talks

- 2019 "When abortion is stigmatized, who gets abortions? Mixed-methods evidence from Russia," poster presented at the Fertility poster session at the Population Association of American Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas  
 "What comes after 'abortion culture'?" Invited talk at Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH) – UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, Oakland, California
- 2018 "Russian Fertility: Understanding What to Expect," presented at the Health and Demography roundtable at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2017 "Between Bongaarts and Putin: Explaining Russia's Fertility Trough and Rebound," presented at the Contemporary and Historical Fertility Transitions session at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
- 2016 "Russia's Fertility Fall and Rebound: Data, Measurement, Causes," presented at the Health and Demography roundtable at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- "Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Census in Crimea," paper presented at the UC Berkeley Center for European Studies conference, *A Polarizing Europe*
- "Geographic Differentials in Russian Male Mortality Improvement," poster presented at the Adult Mortality poster session at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 2015 "Mortality improvement in Russia, 2003-2014," presented at the Health and Demography roundtable at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## Teaching Experience

- 2019 (Fall) Head teaching assistant, *Introduction to Population Analysis*, Ayesha Mahmud, University of California, Berkeley
- (Spring) Teaching assistant, *Economic Demography*, Joshua Goldstein, University of California, Berkeley
- 2018 (Summer) Instructor, *Fundamentals of Population Science*, University of California, Berkeley
- (Spring) Head teaching assistant, *Economic Demography*, Joshua Goldstein, University of California, Berkeley
- 2017 Teaching assistant, *Economic Demography*, Joshua Goldstein, University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 (Fall) Teaching assistant, *Sex, Death, and Data*, Jenna Johnson-Hanks, University of California, Berkeley
- (Spring) Teaching assistant, *Economic Demography*, Joshua Goldstein and Ryan Edwards, University of California, Berkeley
- 2008 English teaching assistant, Department of Russian and Foreign Languages, Taganrog Institute of Management and Economics, Taganrog, Russia
- 2007 English teaching assistant, Department of Foreign Languages, Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia

## Research Experience

- 2017 Dissertation fieldwork, Taganrog, Russia
- 2016 Research assistant to Dr. Amal Harrati, constructing sex-, race- and SES-specific lifetables for the state of California
- 2016 Research assistant to Dr. Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, project on gender in demography
- 2010 Research assistant to David Satter, popular press book on Russia's communist past
- 2009 Research assistant to Dr. Melanie Feakins, project on urban geography in St. Petersburg

## Other Relevant Professional Experience

- 2010-2014 U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Program administration, American Councils for International Education, Washington, DC
- Resident director, intermediate and advanced Russian (2010)
  - Program assistant (2010-2011)
  - Program officer: Turkish, Azerbaijani and Bengali programs (2012)
  - Program officer: communications, recruitment and selection (2012-2014)

### Related Professional Skills

Data analysis – R, Stata, MAXQDA

Russian – fluent

Turkish – advanced proficiency

Azerbaijani – reading knowledge

Spanish – reading knowledge

Ukrainian – reading knowledge

### Professional Memberships

Population Association of America

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies

Association for Women in Slavic Studies