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Academic interests

Social anthropology, anthropology of religion, ethnicity, nationalism, memory studies, historic consciousness, ethnic conflicts, Islam, post-Soviet space, North Caucasus.

Education

- 2022 – 2024 **Ph.D., Social Anthropology**, University of Helsinki, Doctoral Programme in Political, Societal and Regional Change.
- 2017 – 2021 **Ph.D. track, Social Anthropology**, (transferred for public defence to Helsinki), European University at St. Petersburg, Department of Anthropology.
- 2015 – 2017 **M.A., Social Anthropology**, European University at St. Petersburg, Department of Anthropology.
- 2011 – 2015 **B.A., Religious Studies**, Russian State University for the Humanities, Centre for the Study of Religion.
- 2010 – 2011 **B.A., Classical History**, (transferred to the Centre for the Study of Religion), Russian State University for the Humanities, Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies.

Additional training

- 2024 March CELTA, Cambridge English teaching certificate, **Swansea University**.
- 2014 – 2015 Visiting scholar in Celtic Studies, Department of Germanic and Celtic Philology, **Moscow State University**.

Languages

Russian – native; English – fluent; Welsh, German – basic; Latin, Ancient Greek – reading knowledge.

Employment

- 2025 **Stanford University**, postdoctoral scholar, Wayne Vucinich fellowship, Center for Russian East European and Eurasian Studies (CREEES).

- 2023 **University of Swansea**, research assistant, coordinated edited volume production (12 contributors): scheduling, chasing drafts, version control; edited chapters in MS Office for structure, clarity and consistency; proofread final copy; contributed to publication-ready layout/design support.
- 2021 **University of Helsinki**, doctoral scholar, Young Russian Scholars Helsinki Fellowship, Aleksanteri Institute.
- 2021 **Qualitative Research Consultant** (contract), Dagestan oral-history interview project; recruited and interviewed witnesses/colleagues of poet Rasul Gamzatov; built access via local fixer and snowball sampling; designed topic guide; managed recording, consent, anonymisation and secure data handling; produced analytical synthesis/report from interview material for client use.
- 2020 **University Wisconsin-Madison**, doctoral scholar, research fellowship, Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia (CREECA).
- 2017 – 2018 **European University at St. Petersburg**, research assistant, conducted research and conference organisation for the Centre for Anthropology of Religion.
- 2010 – 2026 **Tutoring**. English language and academic writing tutor for more than 50 clients. Tailored one on one courses for diverse age groups and proficiency levels. Specialized instruction in academic and business English. Assisted in crafting job, university, and funding applications. Integrated content from history, geography, and social sciences into language lessons for enriched learning experiences.

Scholarships and prizes

- 2015 – 2017 **M.A. stipend**, Dagestan research programme, European University at St. Petersburg, Department of Anthropology.
- 2014 – 2015 **B.A. scholarship** for academic and leadership excellence, the Russian State University for the Humanities, Center for the Study of Religion.

Fieldwork, heritage and volunteering

- 2025 Volunteering for Cadw at Kidwelly Castle, **Wales**.
- 2016 – 2021 Ethnographic fieldwork, **Dagestan**.
- 2017 Ethnographic fieldwork and mentorship, Khevsureti region, **Georgia**.
- 2016 Ethnographic fieldwork, Neo-charismatic Pentecostal church, **St. Petersburg**.
- 2009 – 2015 Archaeological expeditions to the Upper Palaeolithic site Avdeevo, **Kursk oblast**.

Teaching experience and invited talks

- 2025 Nov 'Memory of the Russian Civil War', guest lecture and seminar for the undergraduate teaching module 'The Russian Civil War', **Swansea University**.
- 2025 Oct 'National identity, race and ethnicity in Welsh schools', guest lecture and seminar for undergraduate teaching module 'Educational Policy', **Swansea University**.
- 2025 May 'The choices and legacy of Dagestani leaders of the Russian Civil war: heroic narratives and ethnic identity in modern Dagestan', public lecture, CREEES seminar, **Stanford University**.
- 2024 CELTA course, taught A2-B2 English learners from Syria, Ukraine, Iran, China and Korea, **Swansea University**.
- 2023 April 'Allied intervention in the Russian Civil War', guest lecture for the undergraduate teaching module 'The Russian Civil War', **Swansea University**.
- 2019 Nov 'Khlysty: Russian Spiritual Christians and sectarianism in XVII century', guest lecture for 'Cha-Shcha' publishing house, 'Tsiolkovsky' bookshop, **Moscow**.
- 2016 Aug 'Khati of Likoki valley: the state of religions practices in contemporary Southern Khevsureti', field work assistance and academic mentorship for a postgraduate student, **Georgia**.

Publications

- Grigoryev G.** (forthcoming) 'Chronological imagination in a North Caucasian village community', *Europe-Asia Studies*.
- Grigoryev G.** (2024) *Collective Memory of Modern Dagestanis about the Local Heroes of the Russian Civil War: Heroic Narratives and Ethnic Identity*. 'Dissertationes Universitatis Helsingiensis' series, University of Helsinki Doctoral School, Unigrafia publishing house.
- Grigoryev G.** (2021) 'The image of Najmuddin Gotsinskii (1859-1925) in the historical narratives of modern Dagestanis', *Kunstkamera*, № 4 (14). pp. 60-77.
DOI: [https://doi.org/10.31250/2618-8619-2021-4\(14\)-60-77](https://doi.org/10.31250/2618-8619-2021-4(14)-60-77)
- Grigoryev G.** (2020) Review of Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces. Religious Pluralism in the Post Soviet Caucasus, by Tsypylma Darieva, Florian Mühlfried, Kevin Tuite (eds), *State Religion Church*, 3(38), pp. 369-373. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22394/2073-7203-2020-38-3-369-373>
- Grigoryev G.** (2020) 'St Patrick's staff in Irish Hagiography' in Parina E.A., Baida V.V., Sidelcev A.V. (ed.) *Focal, Fios agus foghlaim*. Moscow: MAKs Press, pp. 58-69.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.29003/m899.978-5-317-06378-8>

- Grigoryev G.** (2017) 'The construction of historical knowledge in Akusha settlement, Republic of Dagestan', *Greater Caucasus: The Space of Interaction of Peoples and Civilisations*, Southern Federal University, Rostov-on-Don, pp. 200–209.
- Grigoryev G.** (2017) 'Bachal Ísu: the Symbolism of St. Patrick's Crosier in Early-Medieval Irish Hagiography', *Studia Celtica Fennica*, 14, pp. 73–86.

Conference presentations

- 2024 April The Russian Civil War in the Northern Caucasus: contemporary ethnic and religious conflicts in Dagestan through the frame of collective memory, ASEN conference, **University of Edinburgh**.
- 2024 April Was Dagestan ever conquered? Defeat, grief and submission to Russia in the narratives of modern Dagestani, BASEES conference, Robinson college, **Cambridge University**.
- 2024 April Access Denied: Contending with barriers in the field and within the field in Slavic and Russian Studies, roundtable by Nikolai Sarkisyan and Grigory Grigoryev, BASEES conference, Robinson college, **Cambridge University**.
- 2023 April The choices and the legacy of Dagestani leaders of the Russian Civil war: heroic narratives and ethnic identity in modern Dagestan, BASEES conference, **University of Glasgow**.
- 2023 Jan The image of Najmuddin Gotsinsky (1859-1925) in the historical narratives of modern Dagestanis, BASEES Study Group on the Russian Revolution, **University of Southampton**.
- 2022 Nov The use and preservation of fragments of the past: the image of Najmuddin Gotsinsky (1859-1925) in the Avar version of the Russian Civil War in the Northern Caucasus, 'Ways of Being: Hybridization and Fragmentation of Time and Space and Eastern Europe and Central Asia' conference, **University College London**.
- 2021 Feb The Specificity of Historical Knowledge in Modern Dagestan: Resisting the Present Through the Frames of the Past, "'Change, Conflict, and Dissent' in Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia" conference, **University of Pittsburgh**.
- 2020 Sept Veiled by historicity: collective memory and ethnic conflicts in modern Dagestan, 'Form and Forgetting' AHRC DTP conference, **Cambridge University**.
- 2020 June Dagestani 'heroes' of the Russian Civil War and the formation of social, political and religious identities in the contemporary Republic of Dagestan, workshop by Wisconsin Russia Project, **University Wisconsin Madison**.

- 2018 Sept Remembering Soviet occupation in the modern Northern Caucasus, the case study of collective memory in one Dagestani village, BASEES conference, the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, **Uppsala University**.
- 2018 May Who needs a village history museum? Localisation and actors of museum life in Dargwa village of Akusha, 'Lavrovskie readings' conference, Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography 'Kunstkamera', **Saint-Petersburg**.
- 2017 Nov The memory of the Russian Civil War (1917-1922) as a resource for identity construction in Akusha settlement, Republic of Dagestan, 'Problems of Identity - International Experience' conference, Institute of Anthropology and Ethnography, **Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow**.
- 2017 Nov The construction of historical knowledge in Akusha settlement, Republic of Dagestan, 'Bolshoi Kavkaz' international forum of historians of Caucasus, **Southern Federal University, Rostov-on-Don**.
- 2016 Aug Bachal Ísu: the Symbolism of St. Patrick's Crosier in Early-Medieval Irish Hagiography, 15th International Symposium of Societas Celtologica, **University of Helsinki**.
- 2015 July Bachal Ísu: the Symbolism of St. Patrick's Crosier in Early-Medieval Irish Hagiography, 29th Irish Conference of Medievalists, **University College Dublin**.
- 2014 Sept Bachal Ísu: the Symbolism of St. Patrick's Crosier in Early-Medieval Irish Hagiography, 7th Colloquium of Societas Celto-Slavica, **Bangor University**.