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Curriculum Vitae

Education and Qualifications

- 2012 **Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice**
University of Southampton
- 2007 **PhD Russian and East European Studies**
University of Birmingham
- 2002 **MA Russian and East European Studies**
University of Birmingham
- 2000 **MA Historical Research (Distinction)**
Lancaster University
- 1998 **BA History (Major), Economics and Politics (2:1)**
Lancaster University

Employment

- From 2009 **Lecturer in Sociology** (equivalent to US tenure-track Assistant Professor), Division of Sociology and Social Policy, School of Social Sciences, University of Southampton, UK
- 2007-09 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Social Inequality in Russia and Eastern Europe**, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies and St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK
- 2004-07 **Lecturer in Sociology and Russian and East European Studies** (part-time, adjunct), Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham, UK
- 2005 **Researcher** (part-time) National Evaluation of the UK Children's Fund (consultancy for UK Department for Education and Skills), School of Education, University of Birmingham, UK
- 2004-05 **Assistant Researcher** (part-time), Connexions National Impact Study (consultancy for UK Department for Education and Skills), Youth Affairs Unit, De Montfort University, UK

Honorary affiliations

- From 2007 **Honorary Research Fellow**, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, UK

Scholarships and distinctions

- 2007 **Ashley Prize** for Best PhD Thesis, School of Social Sciences, University of Birmingham, UK
- 2003 **Grayson Prize** for Postgraduate Study, School of Social Sciences, University of Birmingham, UK
- 2001-05 **ESRC scholarships** (both University of Birmingham) for MA, 2001-02, and PhD, 2002-05
- 1998-99 **Iredell Scholarship** for MA Historical Research, Department of History, Lancaster University, UK

Books and monographs

- 2012 Walker, C., and Stephenson, S. (eds) *Youth and Social Change in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union*, London: Routledge.
- 2011 Heath, S., and Walker, C. (eds) *Innovations in Youth Research*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.
- 2011 Walker, C., *Learning to Labour in post-Soviet Russia: Vocational Youth in Transition*. London: Routledge.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- In progress Walker, C. "I don't want to, like, sew slippers for grannies". Ordinary girls, service sector employment and social mobility in contemporary Russia', *Sociological Research Online* (forthcoming special issue on 'the missing middle in youth research')
- 2012 Walker, C., 'Klass, gender i sub'ektivnoe blagopoluchie na novom rossiiskom rynke truda: opyt molodezhi v Ul'yanovske i Sankt-Peterburge' ('Class, gender and subjective well-being in Russia's new labour market: experiences of young people in Ul'ianovsk and St Petersburg'). *Zhurnal Issledovani Sotsialnoi Politiki (Journal of Social Policy Studies)*, 10 (4)
- 2010 Walker, C., and Stephenson, S. 'Youth and social change in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union', *Journal of Youth Studies*, 13 (5), 521–32
- 2010 Walker, C. 'Space, kinship networks and youth transition in provincial Russia: negotiating rural–urban and inter-regional migration', *Europe-Asia Studies* 62 (4), 647–69.
- 2009 Walker, C. 'From 'inheritance' to individualisation: dis-embedding working-class youth transitions in post-Soviet Russia', *Journal of Youth Studies* (special issue on 'Youth, Class and Place'), 12 (5), 531–45.
- 2007 Walker, C., 'Navigating a 'zombie' system: youth transitions from vocational education in post-Soviet Russia', *International Journal of Lifelong Education*, 26 (5), 513–31.
- 2006 Walker, C. 'Managing vocational education and the youth labour market in post-Soviet Russia', *International Journal of Human Resource Management*, 17 (8), 1426–40.

Book chapters

- 2012 Walker, C. 'Young workers in post-Soviet Russia: employment, identity and subjective well-being', in Salmenniemi, S. (ed.) *Rethinking Class in Russia*. Farnham: Ashgate.
- 2011 Walker, C., 'Positionality and difference in cross-cultural youth research: being 'other' in the former Soviet Union' In Heath, S., and Walker, C. (eds), *Innovations in Youth Research*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.
- 2011 Walker, C., 'Molodezhnie issledovaniya kak kul'turnyi obmen: refleksiya na skhozhest' i raznost' v pole' ('Youth research as cultural exchange: reflections on sameness and difference in the field'). In E. Omelchenko and G. Sabirova (eds), *Peremena Mest: Poputnaya Sotsiologiya (Changing Places: Sociology on the Way)* (pp. 81-88). Ul'yanovsk, Russia: Izdatelstvo Ul'yanovskogo Gosudarstvennogo Universiteta.
- 2010 Walker, C., 'Classed and gendered 'learning careers': transitions from vocational to higher education in Russia' In D. Johnson (ed.), *Politics, Modernisation and Educational Reform in Russia: from past to present*. Oxford: Symposium Books.
- 2005 Walker, C. 'Reforming Vocational Education in post-Soviet Russia: combining new and old approaches' In Yasin, E (ed), *Economic Modernisation and Institutional Development*. Moscow: State University Higher School of Economics.

Book reviews

- 2004 Pilkington, H. and Walker, C., review of Williams, Christopher, Vladimir Chuprov and Julia Zubok, *Youth, Risk and Russian Modernity*, Ashgate: Aldershot, 2003, in *Russian Review*, 63 (3), 554–55
- 2012 Walker, C., review of Diuk, Nadia, *The Next Generation in Russia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2012, in *East European Politics* (forthcoming).

Funded research projects

- 2011-12 *Masculinities and wellbeing in contemporary Russia*. Project funded by University of Southampton Annual Adventures in Research Fund (£10,945). Role: principal investigator.
- 2011-12 *Economic change, state priorities and the wellbeing of vulnerable Groups: Children and the Elderly in Russia*. Project funded by the UK Nuffield Foundation (£14,918). Role: co-investigator, with principal responsibility for fieldwork in Russia.
- 2010 *Young adulthood and social mobility in post-Soviet Russia: working-class youth transitions in longitudinal perspective*. Project funded by University of Southampton Strategic Research Development Fund (for early career research staff) (£2000). Role: principal investigator.
- 2009 *Male mortality in post-Soviet Russia: new dimensions of inequality and risk in public health*. Project funded by the John Fell Fund, University of Oxford (£1100) – pump-priming grant.
- 2007-09 *Social inequalities in emerging education and labour markets: young people and vocationalism in Russia and Lithuania*. Project funded as part of CEELBAS Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the University of Oxford (AHRC, ESRC, HEFCE).

Selected conference and seminar papers

- Mar 2012 ‘Employment, family and well-being amongst working-class young men in contemporary Russia’, American Men’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, USA
- June 2011 ‘Working-class young men in Russia: employment, identity and subjective well-being’, CEELBAS dissemination conference, University College London
- Mar 2011 ‘Russia’s vocational education system in the context of economic and cultural dislocation’, Centre for Russian, Soviet, Central and Eastern European Studies 20th Annual Conference, University of St. Andrews
- Nov 2010 ‘“Re-inventing yourself”? Working-class young men, employment and subjective well-being in post-Soviet St. Petersburg’, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies 42nd Annual Convention, Los Angeles, USA
- Oct 2010 ‘Relationships with respondents in longitudinal youth research in Russia: new positionalities, same differences?’, CEELBAS Research Ethics Workshop, University College London
- June 2010 ‘Working-class youth in Russia: employment, identity and subjective well-being’, Russian and East European Studies Seminar Series, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford
- May 2010 ‘Researching across linguistic and cultural divides’, Researching Youth: Methodological Issues and Challenges, Workshop, ESRC National Centre for Research Methods, University of Southampton
- Sept 2009 ‘“Re-inventing yourself”: new patterns of working-class youth transition in post-socialist St. Petersburg’, European Sociological Association 9th Annual Conference, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Dec 2008 ‘Re-inventing themselves? Transformations in work, gender and class in Eastern European youth transitions’, 8th Annual Aleksanteri Conference, Welfare, Gender and Agency in Russia and Eastern Europe, University of Helsinki
- Apr 2008 ‘Dis-embedding/re-embedding youth: individualisation and transition in Russia’, American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Boston, USA

- Mar 2008 'Space, networks and youth transition in provincial Russia: negotiating urban-rural and inter-regional migration', BASEES Annual Conference, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge
- Mar 2008 'Virtual vocationalism and garage universities: new and old working-class routes in Russian education', Seminar Series: The Culture and Politics of Education in Contemporary Russia, St. Antony's College and the Department of Educational Studies, University of Oxford
- Jan 2008 'Space, networks and youth transition in provincial Russia: negotiating urban-rural and inter-regional migration', The Place of Youth: Young People and Social Space, Conference at Kingston University
- June 2005 'Growing-up working-class in provincial Russia: negotiating new opportunities and risks', Centre for Russian and East European Studies Annual Conference, Windsor
- Apr 2005 'Reforming Vocational Education in post-Soviet Russia: combining new and old approaches', Moscow Higher School of Economics 6th International Conference, Moscow
- Mar 2005 'Structures, supports and strategies: negotiating the transition to adulthood in post-Soviet Russia', British Sociological Association Annual Conference, University of York
- Sept 2004 'Labour Market Transitions from Vocational Education in Post-Soviet Russia', 19th Annual Employment Research Unit Conference, Management, Work and Organization in Post-Socialist Societies, University of Cardiff

Teaching experience

- 2012 **Invited Expert and Teaching Fellow, MacArthur Foundation-funded Summer School in 'Discourses of Social Inequality'**, organized by the Center for Social Policy and Gender Studies (Samara University) and Moscow Higher School of Economics, Department of Sociology. Duties involved giving lectures and research presentations and chairing seminar discussions with young lecturers from Russia and the former Soviet Union.
- From 2009 **Lecturer in Sociology, University of Southampton**
My current position as a permanent faculty member in the Division of Sociology and Social Policy involves teaching and supervision at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. Courses and duties include:
- The Sociology of Everyday Life – lecturer
 - Education and Society – lecturer and seminar tutor
 - Gender and Society – lecturer
 - Migration in a Globalising World – lecturer
 - The Sociology of Youth – convener
 - Youth, Crime and Society – convener
 - MSc Project Module – tutor
 - Comparative Sociology – lecturer and seminar tutor
 - PhD supervisor – 'Transitions to adulthood amongst young Polish migrants in the UK'
 - Undergraduate dissertation supervisor
 - Postgraduate dissertation supervisor
- 2007-09 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Oxford**
My primary responsibility at Oxford was to re-design and deliver a core course in the Masters programme in Russian and East European Studies entitled 'The Culture of Russia and Eastern Europe', which had originally focused on the arts and humanities, but now adopted a more social scientific definition of 'culture' denoting the ways in which social identities and meanings are constructed, negotiated and resisted through discourse, representation and lived practice. Topics included cultural memory, consumption, gender and youth in a range of Eastern European countries.

2004-07 **Lecturer in Sociology and Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham**
In this post I was convener of two second-year undergraduate modules, 'Youth and Society' (the sociology of youth) and 'The Cultural Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe'.

Administrative Experience

2012 **Development of international collaborative Master's degree:** on-going development of an international collaborative Master's degree in Comparative Social Policy with National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia.

2010-12 **Sociology and Social Policy Seminar Series coordinator**, Division of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Southampton

2010-12 **Admissions tutor** responsible for outreach activities (presentations at local schools and colleges), Division of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Southampton

Conference organization

2009 *Youth and Social Change across borders: emerging identities and divisions in Eastern and Western Europe* (main organizer), CEELBAS conference, February 27-28 2009, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK.

2008 *Changing Attitudes to Disability in Russia, Ukraine and Central Asia* (co-organizer), BEARR Trust Annual Conference, November 21 2008, London (http://www.bearr.org/en/event/annual_conference/2008)

2008 *Social Class and Social Inequality in Russia and Eastern Europe* (main organizer), CEELBAS workshop, May 30 2008, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK.

2007 *Mental Health and Intellectual Disability in Post-Socialist Eastern Europe: from Institutionalization to Integration?* (main organizer), CEELBAS workshop, October 26 2007, University College London, UK All CEELBAS events at: <http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk/research/socialinequality/events>)

Consultancy

2009-12 Oxford Analytika, Global Analysis and Advisory Service – expert reports on labour market developments in Russia.

Media appearances

2012 Radio station *Voice of Russia*, broadcast on 'Anti-abortion law and the prospects for pro-natalist policies in Russia'

Editorships

From 2012 Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Youth Studies*

2010 Guest Editor (Principal) of *Journal of Youth Studies*, special issue on 'Youth and Social Change in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union', volume 13, issue 5.

Referees

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