

## From the Editors

### The *Kritika* Index: The Shrinking Past

- Number of graduate programs in the United States in Russian history in the early- to mid-1980s with early Russian programs: 21 [\[1\]](#)
- Number in 2002: 12 [\[2\]](#)
- Number of these programs that will likely be eliminated after the retirement of the holder in the coming five years: 5 [\[3\]](#)
- Number of top-tier graduate programs granting Ph.D.s in Russian history that are currently without any specific faculty competence in early Russian history: 19 [\[4\]](#)
- Number of these programs with two or more historians specializing in the period 1850-1941: 9 [\[5\]](#)
- Number of these programs with two or more scholars specializing in the period 1900-41: 5 [\[6\]](#)
- The probability that many recent Russian history hires teaching the survey in early Russian history will not have had graduate training in that field: highly likely
- Number of postings for early Russian jobs at major graduate programs since 1985: 2 [\[7\]](#)
- Number of early Russian historians hired in early Russian slots at major graduate programs since 1985: 1 [\[8\]](#)
- Number of postings for all Russian history jobs in the United States since 1991: approximately 70
- Number that went to early Russian scholars: 4 [\[9\]](#)
- Percentage who were hired at first-tier universities or colleges: 25% [\[10\]](#)
- Number of jobs since 1991 that went to Soviet historians: approximately 50
- Number of early Russianists hired in medieval European lines since 1991: 1 [\[11\]](#)
- Number of early modern Russianists hired in early modern European lines since 1991: 0
- Number of Ph.Ds. granted in early Russian history since 1991: approximately 20

[\[1\]](#) Here we mean Ph.D. granting institutions with Carnegie I rankings that had a scholar from the "early period" teaching classes for undergraduates and graduates in Kievan-Muscovite history. The tally is: Berkeley (Riasanovsky); Harvard (Keenan and Pritsak); Chicago (Hellie); Oregon (Alef); Washington (Waugh); Ohio State (Levin); Indiana (Halperin); Connecticut (Langer); Kansas (Backus); Yale (Bushkovitch); Princeton (Black); Columbia (Cherniavsky); Stanford (Kollmann); Michigan (Kivelson); Pennsylvania (Riasanovsky); Davis (Crummey); Maryland (Majeska); Washington University in St. Louis (Okenfuss); Illinois (Uroff); Georgetown (Goldfrank); Kentucky (Rowland).

[\[2\]](#) Harvard (Kennan); Chicago (Hellie); Michigan (Kivelson); Stanford (Kollmann); Yale (Bushkovitch); Connecticut (Langer); UC Riverside (Michels); Washington University in St. Louis (Okenfuss); Georgetown (Goldfrank); Washington (Waugh); Ohio State (Levin); Kentucky (Rowland).

[\[3\]](#) Harvard (Keenan); Chicago (Hellie); Washington (Waugh); Connecticut (Langer); Washington University in St. Louis (Okenfuss).

[4] Cornell, Brown, NYU, Columbia, Rutgers, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Duke, Northwestern, Ohio State, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, Washington.

[5] Rutgers, Princeton, Virginia, Ohio State, Indiana, Illinois, Texas, UCLA, UC Berkeley.

[6] Rutgers, Princeton, Indiana, Illinois, Texas.

[7] Michigan and Berkeley.

[8] Michigan (Kivelson).

[9] Westminster College (Martin); Southern Connecticut State University (Chrissidis); UC Riverside (Michels); Eastern Kentucky (Spock).

[10] UC Riverside (Michels).

[11] Kent State (Thyret).