

# Edward D. Cohn

## Academic positions

Professor of History, Grinnell College (2022–;  
began as visiting assistant professor in 2007)  
Director of the Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs,  
International Relations, and Human Rights,  
Grinnell College (begins July 2024)

## Education

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 2007  
B.A., Swarthmore College, 1999

## Selected Publications

*The High Title of a Communist: Postwar Party Discipline and the Values of the Soviet Regime.* DeKalb, Illinois: Northern Illinois University Press, 2015.

“Recidivism, Prophylaxis, and the KGB.” In *The Political Police and the Soviet System: Insights from Newly Opened KGB Archives in the Former Soviet Republics*, ed. Michael David-Fox, Kritika Historical Studies (Pittsburgh: the University of Pittsburgh Press, 2023), 328-348.

“A Soviet Theory of Broken Windows: Prophylactic Policing and the KGB’s Struggle with Political Unrest in the Baltic Republics.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 19:4 (Fall 2018), 769-792.

“Coercion, Reeducation, and the Prophylactic Chat: *Profilaktika* and the KGB’s Struggle with Political Unrest in Lithuania, 1953-64.” *The Russian Review* 76:2 (April 2017), 272-293.

“Policing the Party: Conflicts between Local Prosecutors and Party Organs under Late Stalinism.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 65:10 (December 2013), 1912-1930.

“Sex and the Married Communist: Marital Infidelity, Family Troubles, and Communist Party Discipline in the Post-War USSR, 1945-1964.” *The Russian Review* 68:3 (July 2009), 429-450.

## Writing for a non-specialist audience

“What ‘The Americans’ Gets Wrong about the Cold War.” Entry on the *Washington Post*’s “Made by History” blog, March 28, 2018.

## Selected Awards and Honors

Research Grant, the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2023  
Fellowship in Residence, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa, Spring 2017  
Short-Term Fellowship, the Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia at NYU, 2016  
Summer Stipend, the National Endowment for the Humanities, 2015  
Franklin Research Grant, the American Philosophical Society, 2015  
Emerging Scholar Research Grant, the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, 2013  
Tucker-Cohen Dissertation Prize in Soviet or Post-Soviet History or Politics, Honorable Mention, 2008  
Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship, 2004

## Selected Professional Service

American Historical Association Working Group on Small Liberal Arts Colleges, co-chair, 2024–  
Selection committee for the Cohen-Tucker Dissertation Fellowship from the Association for Slavic,  
Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, 2022–  
Steering committee, #AHRsSyllabusProject, for *The American Historical Review*, 2022–2023  
Program Committee for the 2023 American Historical Association annual meeting, 2021-2022  
Co-PI of a one-million-dollar grant to Grinnell College from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation on the  
theme “The Humanities in Action,” 2019-2022 (supporting community-engaged learning,  
gateway course development, and faculty-student pedagogical partnerships)  
Grinnell College service: Social Studies division chair and college Executive Council member (twice),  
parliamentarian, Curriculum Committee member