

Karen Petrone

Education:

Ph. D. in History University of Michigan 1994

Current Employment: University of Kentucky

Professor Department of History 7/2011- present
Co-Director of the UK-JHF Holocaust Education Initiative 6/2021- present
Elected Faculty Trustee, UK Board of Trustees 7/2025 - 6/2028
Zantker Professor of Jewish History 1/2025 - 12/2029
Department Chair Department of History 7/2011- 6/2015, 7/2016 - 6/2020
Distinguished Professor of the College of Arts & Sciences 2017 - 2018

Single-Authored Books:

--The Great War in Russian Memory (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2011), 385 pages. Winner of the Heldt Prize; Choice Outstanding Academic Title.
--Life Has Become More Joyous, Comrades: Celebrations in the Time of Stalin, (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2000), 280 pages. ACLS Humanities E-Book, 2008, <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.05285>

Textbooks and Edited Volumes:

--With Kenneth Slepyan, The Soviet Union and Russia, 1939-2015: A History in Documents, Oxford University Press, 2016.
--Editor with Choi Chatterjee, David Ransel and Mollie Cavender, Everyday Life in Russia Past and Present, Indiana University Press, 2015, 419 pages.
--Editor with Jie-Hyun Lim, Gender Politics and Mass Dictatorship: Global Perspectives, (Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave, 2011), 310 pages.
--Editor with Valerie Kivelson, Michael Flier, and Nancy Shields Kollmann, The New Muscovite Cultural History: A Collection in Honor of Daniel B. Rowland (Bloomington, IN: Slavica, 2009), 350 pages.

Books in Progress:

--Reading War Memory in Putin's Russia, under contract with Indiana University Press.
--Co-editor with Choi Chatterjee, Contemporary Russia in World History: A Hinge Nation in a Multipolar World?, will be submitted for review at a top-tier university press in 5/2026.

Recent Grants and Awards:

2021-2026 Co-PI, on six yearly grants from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Holocaust Education Initiative, <https://holocausteducation.uky.edu>, totaling more than 1.9 million dollars.
2025 Association for Women in Slavic Studies Outstanding Achievement Award

Recent Scholarly Articles:

With Jill Abney, Janice Fernheimer, and Lauren Hill, "[Creating Communities of Inquiry, Allyship, and Ethical Holocaust Education](#)," *Sources, A Journal of Jewish Ideas*, published by the Shalom Hartman Institute, Spring 2025.
--"Gender Identity and the Myth of the "Great Patriotic War" in Svetlana Alexievich's *The Unwomanly Face of War*," Canadian-American Slavic Studies 58 (2024): 1-23.
--Co-editor with Choi Chatterjee of a hybrid print and [online forum](#) in *Slavic Review* 83, No. 1 (Winter 2024) on the responses of the Global South to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.