

Ian Ona Johnson

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EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University, Department of History** 2010-2016
- **Ph.D.**, History.
Dissertation: "The Faustian Pact: Secret Soviet-German Cooperation in the Interwar Period."
Major Field: Military History. Minor Fields: Soviet History and Modern European History, with a focus on technology. Advisor: Jennifer Siegel.
 - **M.A.**, History.
Thesis: "The Secret School of War: The Soviet-German Tank Academy at Kama."
- Claremont McKenna College** 2005-2009
- **B.A.**, *cum laude* Majors: History and Government.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- The University of Notre Dame** 2019-Present
- P.J. Moran Family Assistant Professor of Military History
- Yale University** 2017-2019
- Associate Director of the Brady Johnson Program in Grand Strategy.
 - Lecturer in the History Department.
- The University of Texas at Austin** 2016-2017
- Postdoctoral Fellow at the Clements Center for National Security.
 - Lecturer in the History Department
- Yale University** 2015-2016
- Predoctoral Fellow in International Security Studies.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Research Grant** 2022
Provided \$14,915 in research funding for travel related to a new project.
- **America in the World Consortium, Research Grant** 2022
Provided \$10,000 in research funding for travel related to a new project.
- **Eisenhower Presidential Library Foundation, Research Grant** 2022
Provided funding for research visit to Eisenhower Library in Fall 2022.
- **Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Henkels Grant** 2020
Grant totaling \$18,871 from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts to host an international conference at the University of Notre Dame.
- **General Ridgway Military History Research Grant** 2017-2018
Fellowship for research at the Army War College's Army Heritage and Education Center.
- **Stanford USRussia Forum Fellow** 2016-2017
Yearlong, Track II diplomacy program exploring areas of potential cooperation between the United States and Russian Federation.
- **Smith-Richardson Foundation, Predoctoral Fellowship** 2015-2016
Twelve months of funding provided for dissertation completion while in residence at Yale.
- **H.F. Guggenheim Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship** 2015-2016

- An award which provided \$20,000 of supplemental funding towards dissertation completion.
- **Smith-Richardson Foundation, Research Grant** 2015
Provided summer funding to continue dissertation writing and research.
 - **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship** 20142015
Awarded to support eight and a half months of dissertation research in Russia.
 - **Polish Studies Initiative Grant** 2013
Supported research in London and Warsaw.
 - **Lieutenant Colonel Sean Judge Travel Grant** 2013
Grant from the OSU History department that supported summer research in Germany.
 - **Mershon Center, Research Grant** 2013
Awarded by Mershon Center for International Security Studies to support summer research.
 - **Russell F. Weigley Grant** 2013
Award providing funding to speak at national SMH conference
 - **Bradley Foundation, Research Grant** 20142015
Four grants awarded from 20142015 to support research in Germany and the United States.
 - **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship** 20142012
Supported an academic year of Russian language studies at the Ohio State University, followed by a summer term in Russia at the International University in Moscow.

DISTINCTIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

- **John Adams '71 Cent's Cold War Essay Contest** 2022
Awarded First Prize in recognition of the article "Army of Peace: American Military Ambitions for the United Nations and the Origins of the Cold War."
- **Truman Scholar's Award, The Truman Library Institute** 2022
Provided \$30,000 in funding for a book project related to the Truman Administration.
- **Distinguished Book Award, The Society for Military History** 2022
Awarded to *Faustian Bargain* in the category of best first book.
- **International Journal of Military History Early Career Prize** 2020
Awarded in recognition of the article "Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1948."
- **The Ohio State University Presidential Award** 20152016
Award offered to graduate students at Ohio State, providing up to eighteen months of dissertation writing funds (declined).

BOOKS

MONOGRAPHS

- *Ridgway's Moment: The United Nations, the Korean War (Working Title)*. Under Contract with Oxford University Press. Expected 2025.
- *Faustian Bargain: The Soviet Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War*. Oxford University Press. June 2021.

EDITED WORKS

- Co-Editor with Robert Clemm. *Bloody Years of Peace: A Global Military History of the Interwar Period*. Under Advance Contract with University Press of Kansas. Currently under Peer Review.
- Editor. *The White Nights: Pages from a Russian Doctor's Diary*. Bowen Press Books. April 2018.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN PRINT

- "Army of Peace: American Military Ambitions for the United Nations and the Origins of the Cold War," *The Journal of Military History*, part of the John Adams '71 Center's Cold War Essay Contest. Volume 86, Number 3 (2023).
- "Ernst Volckheim, Heinz Guderian, and the Origins of German Armor Doctrine," *The Journal of Military History*, volume 86, Number 1 (January 2023).
- "Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1918." *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* 40, Issue 2 (October 2020).
- "Prophet of Poison Gas: Yakov Fishman and the Soviet Chemical Weapons Program, 1924-1937." *Vulcan: The International Journal of the Social History of Military Technology*, Number 1 (August 2018).
- "Technology's Cutting Edge: Futurism and Research in the Red Army, 1931-1937." *Technology and Culture*, Volume 59, Number 3 (August 2018).
- "The Secret School of War: The Secret German Armored Warfare Academy, 1919-1933." *Journal of Global War Studies*, Volume 13, Number 2 (Summer 2017).
- "The Fire of Revolution: A Counterfactual Analysis of the Bolshevik War." *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, Volume 28, Number 1 (March 2015).

UNREFEREED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

BOOK REVIEWS

- "The Spectre of War, by Jonathan Haslam." *American Historical Review*, accepted July 2022, Forthcoming).
- "Response, INet Roundtable on Ian Ona Johnson, Faustian Bargain: The German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War," XXIII: 43 (June 2022).
- "Book Review: Jonathan House, *A Military History of the Cold War, 1996* by Jonathan House." *The Journal of Military History*, 85, No. 3 (July 2021).
- "Book Review: Craig W. H. Luther, *The First Day on the Eastern Front: Germany Invades the Soviet Union June 22, 1941*" *The Journal of Military History*, Volume 83, Number 2 (April 2019).
- "Blood Soaked Tyrant: A Review of Steven Kotkin's Stalin Biography." *The Claremont Review of Books*, Volume 18, Number 4 (Fall 2018).
- "Book Review: Iain Johnston White, *The British Commonwealth and Victory in the Second World War*." *Global Military Studies Review*, Volume 1, Number 2 (January 2018).
- "In Review: A Crisis in the European Order." *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs*, Volume 61, Issue 2 (Spring 2017).
- "Review Dorondó, *Riders of the Apocalypse: German Cavalry and Modern Warfare, 1945-1947*" *Reviews*, November 2012.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Germany's recommitment to NATO in response to invasion of Ukraine is a remarkable shift." March 9, 2022 *Chicago Tribune*.
- "The Long Shadow of 1939: The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the Politics of Memory in Eastern Europe." *Europe in the World*, 28, 2021.
- "This Month in History: Operation Barbarossa." *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, June 12, 2021.

- "How an International Order Died: Lessons from the Interwar Era." *War on the Rocks* August 5, 2021.
- "Putin's Myths about the Soviet Union and World War II," May 8, 2020, *The Wall Street Journal*.
- Co-Author, with Lance K okonos. "The Forgotten Rocketeers: German Scientists in the Soviet Union, 1945-1959." *War on the Rocks* October 28, 2019.
- "The United States, Turkey, and the Search for Collective Security." *Global Relations Forum Analysis Paper Series* November 3 (Fall 2018).
- Co-author, with Ionut Popescu, "The Missing Element in Trump's National Security Strategy: A Competitive Strategy," January 2, 2018, *The National Interest*
- "The Motherland Calls: The Battle of Stalingrad, 75 Years Later." *War on the Rocks* August 30, 2017.
- "Moscow's Assaults on American Democracy Began 80 Years Ago." *War on the Rocks* June 14, 2017.
- Co-author, with Joel Beckner, Heng Qin and Nadezhda Smakhtina. "New Life for New START?" May 22, 2017. *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*
- Co-author, with Joel Beckner, Heng Qin and Nadezhda Smakhtina. "Cooperation or Competition? Russia, the United States, and the Elusive Promise of Missile Defense." *The Stanford USRussia Forum Research Volume* VII (April 2017).
- "El Terreno de Pruebas De K ama," [The K ama Testing Ground] in *Panzer: El Triunfo de la Blitzkrieg, 1939-1940* [Panzers: the Triumph of the Blitzkrieg, 1939-1940]. *Desperta Ferro Especiales No. 12* Madrid: Desperta Ferro Ediciones, 2017.
- "Sowing the Wind: The First Soviet-German Military Pact and the Origins of World War II." *War on the Rocks* June 7, 2016.

INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- "Above Great Power Politics? International Military Forces and the Failure of Collective Security, 1919-1949." Rethinking Great Power Politics: Celebrating Paul Kennedy, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, November 10, 2023.
- "Community of Fate: The Soviet-German Relationship and the Origins of the Second World War." Seminar Series in Geopolitics, The Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, October 19, 2023.
- "War on the Wintry Sea: The Russian Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1920." The Society for Military History Conference, Fort Worth, Texas. April 30, 2022.
- "Roundtable: The State of the Art of War." International Studies Association Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, April 1, 2022.
- "Faustian Bargain; The Soviet-German Partnership and Origins of the Second World War." The Fourteenth International Conference on World War II. The National World War II Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 22, 2021.
- "Cooperation among Competitors: The Soviet-German Interwar Partnership." Center for Strategic and International Studies. Washington, D.C. October 18, 2019.
- "The Polish-Soviet War: Last Front of the Great War?" Bloody Years of Peace: A Global Military History of the Interwar Period Conference. South Bend, Indiana. October 8, 2021.
- "The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period." The Notre Dame International Security Center. South Bend, Indiana. October 8, 2019.

- Chair, Commentator, Panel: "The Strategic Challenge of Nuclear Weapons, 1949-1964." The Society for Military History. Columbus, Ohio. May 10, 2019.
- "Ambitious for War: The Interwar Soviet-German Partnership." Applied History Network Meeting, Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts. May 4, 2019.
- Co-organizer, Russian Grand Strategy in Historical Perspective Conference. Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut. April 11-12, 2019.
- "Lessons from the Second World War at Sea." Yale University NROTC Leadership Conference. New Haven, Connecticut. April 5, 2019.
- "Back to the Future: The Creation of a Permanent UN Military." Centre for Grand Strategy, King's College, London. London, United Kingdom. March 11, 2019.
- "Forecasting and Forging the Future of Warfare: Early Soviet Unmanned Combat Systems." War Studies in a Changing World Conference. The University of Southern Denmark. Odense, Denmark. October 4-6, 2018.
- "The Soviet Union, the UN Military Staff Committee, and the Origins of the Cold War." The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Philadelphia, PA, June 21-23, 2018.
- "The United States, Turkey, and the Search for Collective Security." Global Relations Forum. Istanbul, Turkey. May 14, 2018.
- Chair, Panel: "The Role of Political Culture." Regime Evolution, Institutional Change, and Social Transformation in Russia: Lessons for Political Science Conference. Yale University. April 27-28, 2018.
- Chair, Panel: "Multipolarity in the Interwar Period." The Yale Naval History Conference. Yale University. April 20-21, 2018.
- "Army of Peace: The Plan to Arm the United Nations and the Origins of NATO." Society for Military History Conference. Louisville, Kentucky. April 5-8, 2018.
- Keynote Address. War, Technology, and Trauma Conference. The University of York. York, United Kingdom. March 22-23, 2018.
- "The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period." The Centre for Grand Strategy, King's College, London. March 19, 2018.
- "Grand Strategy and Russia's Rise: the Use and Abuse of Multinational Institutions." Rising Power Grand Strategies Workshop. Yale University. March 9, 2018.
- "Collective Security and the United Nations' Military, 1944-1947." The Texas National Security Review Launch Conference. Washington, DC. October 25, 2017.
- "Army of Peace? The UN Military Staff Committee and the Origins of NATO." Global Relations Forum. Istanbul, Turkey. September 30, 2017.
- "Cooperation or Competition? Russia, the United States, and the Elusive Promise of Missile Defense." The Stanford US-Russia Forum Capstone Conference. Stanford, California. April 28, 2017.
- "Remaking the European Order: The Strategic Consequences of Secret Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period." Society for Military History Conference. Jacksonville, Florida. March 30/April 2, 2017.
- "Shooting Down the Critics: A Fresh Take on Missile Defense Cooperation." The Stanford US-Russian Forum at The National Research University Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia. November 23, 2016.

- "Experimenting with Mass Destruction: The Secret Soviet-German Chemical Weapons Program." Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies Conference. Washington, DC. November 20, 2016.
- "Men or Machines? Deep Battle and the Soviet Robotic Tank Program, 1929-1941." International Committee for the History of Technology. Lisbon, Portugal, July 26-30, 2016.
- "The Faustian Pact: Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period." West Point Summer Seminar. West Point, New York. June 6-21, 2016.
- "Death Rays, Teletanks and Chemical Weapons: The Soviet Military's Cult of Technology in the Interwar Period." The Society for the History of Technology Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico. October 8-11, 2015.
- "The Secret School of War: The Soviet-German Armored Warfare Facility at Kama, 1926-1933." Global War Studies Conference. The Royal Military Academy. Sandhurst, United Kingdom. April 14-17, 2014.
- "The Birthplace of Blitzkrieg: Kama and Armored Warfare, 1922 to 1933." Society for Military History Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. April 4-7, 2014.
- "Sowing the Wind: Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period." Northern Great Plains History Conference. Hudson, Wisconsin, September 26-28, 2013.
- Co-Organizer, Beyond Battle: Military History Graduate Student Conference. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. May 10, 2013.
- "Interwar German-Soviet Cooperation at Kama, 1926-1933." Midwest Slavic Association Conference. Columbus, Ohio. March 30 - April 1, 2012.
- "The Seeds of Destruction: Interwar German-Soviet Military Connections." Networks, Connections and Exchange Conference. The University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Amherst, Massachusetts. March 10, 2012.
- "Moscow's Offensive: Soviet Aid to North Vietnam and the 1968 Tet Offensive." Midwest Slavic Association Conference. Columbus, Ohio. April 14-16, 2011.

OTHER PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." New York Military Affairs Symposium. New York, April 17, 2023.
- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." The World War II Roundtable at the Mante Historical Society. St. Paul, Minnesota, January 10, 2023.
- "Address on Military History and Grand Strategy," Inaugural Conference, Center for Military History and Grand Strategy, Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan, September 10, 2022.
- "A Historical Approach to Russian-German Relations." The Fulbright Alumni Association. Virtual, September 7, 2022.
- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." The Mershon Center, The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio, November 12, 2021.
- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." The Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. November 4, 2021.
- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." International Security Studies, Yale University. New Haven, CT. October 27, 2021.

- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." The Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College. Claremont, California. October 21, 2021.
- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan. September 10, 2021.
- "Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War." Indianapolis World War Two Roundtable. Indianapolis, Indiana. July 28, 2021.
- "Stalinism: Collectivization, the Gulags, and the Great Terror." Nebraska Wesleyan University. Lincoln, Nebraska. March 14, 2017.
- "Grand Strategy and Economics in Putin's Russia." Texas Society for Policy and Enterprise, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas, November 7, 2016.
- "Experimenting with Mass Destruction: The Soviet-German Chemical Weapons Laboratory at Tomka, 1927-1933." International Security Studies, Yale University. September 22, 2015.
- "The Battle of Warsaw, 1920: A Counterfactual Examination." Polish Studies Initiative, The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. February 5, 2014.
- "No Divine Intervention: How A Team of Polish Mathematicians won the Battle of Warsaw." Lakeland College. Cleveland, Ohio. April 11, 2013.

MEDIA

- Interviewed or quoted by Newsweek (US), C SPAN (US), CNN (US), ABC (US), VEJA Magazine (Brazil), El Pais (Spain), Superexpress (Poland), and Historia Do Rzeczy (Poland).
- Frequent Guest on *History Hit's Warfare* with James Rogers.
- Historical Consultant. "Stephen Fry's Secrets of the Roaring Twenties." *Visible Originals Podcast*. November 2022.
- Historical Consultant. "From Yalta to Malta." *Voyage Pictures*. October 2022.
- "How to Write History that Hasn't Ended." Podcast Interview, *War Room*, the US Army War College, September 20, 2022.
- "Faustian Bargain." Podcast Interview, *New Books in Military History*, August 10, 2021.
- "British Submarines in the Baltic." Podcast Interview, *Warfare*, May 14, 2021.
- "Dealing with Stalin." Podcast Interview, *The Historic Present* with Jonah Howe and Charlie Gordon January 22, 2021.
- "Interwar Germany's Secret Ally: The USSR." Podcast Interview, *History Hit with Dan Snow* January 6, 2020.
- "Soviet Intelligence and American Elections." Radio Appearance, *The Beck Sexton Show*, 14, 2017.
- TV Interview, "The Stanford US Russian Forum." Interviewed by Anna Chekhonskaya, *Tyumenski Sluzhba Novosti*, Tyumen, Russia. November 26, 2016.
- *Hashtag*, hosted by Artyom Kushner and Danila Fatin. Talk Show Appearance, Tyumen, Russia, November 25, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| ▪ Co-Director, International Security Studies Minor | 2022 | Present |
| ▪ Thesis Supervisor, Department of History | 2019 | Present |
| ▪ Notre Dame Forum Faculty Advisory Committee | 2022 | 2023 |

- Highbarger Prize Committee for Best History Dissertation 2020-2021
- Reviewer, Laura Shannon Book Prize 2019-Present

YALE

- Faculty Advisor, Military History Society 2017-2019
- Thesis Supervisor, Department of History 2017-2019
- Co-Chair, International Security Studies Colloquium Series 2017-2019
- Co-Supervisor, Bradley Johnson and International Security Studies Pre and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program 2017-2019

OTHER PROFESSIONAL

- Editorial Advisory Board, The Journal for Military History 2023-Present
- Coffman Dissertation Prize Committee, Society for Military History 2019-2022
- Reviewer, *Routledge Academic* 2023-Present
- Reviewer, *Polity Press* 2020-Present
- Reviewer, *The International Journal* 2020-Present
- Reviewer, *Anthem Press* 2019-Present
- Reviewer, Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship Program 2017-2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- Notre Dame International Security Center, Faculty Fellow 2019-Present
 - Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Faculty Fellow 2019-Present
 - Global Relations Forum Fellow 2017-2018
 - Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations 2017-Present
 - Stanford US-Russian Forum, Arms Control Working Group 2016-2017
 - Society for Military History 2010-Present

OTHER NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER**

- Sean Raming.. Dissertation in Progress. Dissertation Proposal Defense Passed Spring 2023.
- Raymond "J.R." Drause, "In Word and Deed: Exiled Siberian Decembrists as Servants of the Russian State. Successfully Defended, Spring 2022.

GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Sean Raming. Written and Oral Examinations Passed, Spring 2022.

SENIOR THESES DIRECTED

- Quentin Fairchild, "Britain's Global Strategy and the Lessons of the Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1914," expected 2024.
- Eoghan Fay, "Espionage, Counterintelligence, and Neutrality in Ireland during the Second World War, 1939-1945," completed 2023. Winner, O'Hagan Award for the Best Thesis or Essay in Irish History.

- Christine Schulman, "Women's Participation and Portrayal in the Political Warfare Executive's Black Propaganda During World War II," completed 2022.
- Nicholas Holmes, "Unity in Desperation: The Origins of the British Union Proposal of June 1940," completed 2021.
- Matthew Twargoski, "The Crash of Allied Hopes: The Mechelen Incident of 1940 Fall of France," completed 2021.
- Jake Ables, "Social History of the Blitz and Battle of Britain," withdrew from thesis course in spring 2020 due to the pandemic.