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EDUCATION

2019-Present | PhD History (candidate)
Tallinn University | Estonia

2010-2012 | MA History, and MA Comparative History of Eastern,
Central, and Southeastern Europe
Central European University | Hungary

CAREER HISTORY

2024-Present | Editorial Assistant
Journal of Baltic Studies | Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
(AABS)

2021-Present | Junior Research Fellow
Tallinn University | Estonia

2019 | History Teacher
Audentes International School | Estonia

2015-2017 | English Teacher
Tartu Folk High School | Estonia

2013-2016 | Academic Writing Instructor
University of Tartu | Estonia

2012-2013 | Logistics Instructor
Valga County Vocational Training Centre | Estonia

2012 | English Teacher
Fluency School of English | Hungary

2009 | English Teacher
Tallinn University | Estonia

PUBLICATIONS

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "Tackling the Everyday: Race and Nation in Big-Time College Football by Tracie Canada (review)," *Journal of Sport History*, Vol. 52, No. 3 (2025), pp. 189-191.

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "Lithuania: a history by Richard Butterwick, C. Hurst & Co., London, 2025, ix + 483 pp., seven maps, 31 illus., £18.99 (paperback), ISBN 978-1911-72-360-8," *Journal of Baltic Studies*, Vol. 56, No. 4 (2025), pp. 855-858.

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "No Friday Night Lights: Reservation Football on the Edge of America by John M. Glionna," *The Museum of Americana: A Literary Review*, Vol. 34 (2024).

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "A Place Between Nations: The Idea of a Latvian-Lithuanian State, 1884-1984," in Ginta Ieva Bikše (ed.), *Jauno vēsturnieku zinātniskie lasījumi IX = The Scholarly Readings of Young Historians IX* (Rīga: LU Akadēmiskais apgāds, 2024), pp. 82–91.

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "Baltic Experiences of Exile. Rezension zu: Plakans, Andrejs: *The Reluctant Exiles. Latvians in the West after World War II*. Paderborn 2021, ISBN 978-3-506-76028-9 / Heikkilä, Pauli A.: *Estonia as a Captive Nation. International Cooperation in Exile within the Assembly of Captive European Nations, 1954-1972*. Paderborn 2021, ISBN 978-3-506-79182-5," *H-Soz-Kult* (2024).

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "The Curious Case of Aistija: Sidelights on Latvian-Lithuanian Rapprochement during the 20th Century," *Journal of Eurasian Studies, Baltic Region as a Place of Contacts*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (2024), pp. 118-130.

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "Rezension zu: Loader, Michael; Hearne, Siobhán; Kott, Matthew (Hrsg.): *Defining Latvia. Recent Explorations in History, Culture, and Politics*. Budapest 2022, ISBN 978-963-386-445-6," *H-Soz-Kult* (2024).

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "An Illustrated History of Lithuania, Vol. 1: *From the Prehistoric Balts to the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth*, by Ignas Kapleris, Vilnius, Briedis, 2022, 288 pp., €56.00, ISBN 978-9955-26-922-9," *Journal of Baltic Studies*, Vol. 54, No. 3 (2023), pp. 673-675.

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "From Here to Aistija: The Baltic State that Never-was," *Diacronie: Studi di Storia contemporanea*, Imagining North-Eastern Europe. Baltic and Scandinavian states in the eyes of local, regional, and global observers, Vol. 52, No. 2 (2022), pp. 43–60.

James Montgomery Baxenfield and Kevin Rändi, "Precarious Roads to Recognition: Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, 1917-1922," *Acta Historica Tallinnensia*, Recognition: de facto and de jure, Vol. 28, No. 2 (2022), pp. 187–211.

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "Klaus Richter: *Fragmentation in East Central Europe: Poland and the Baltics, 1915-1929*. Oxford University Press. Oxford 2020. xii, 355 pp. ISBN 9780198843559," *Forschungen zur baltischen Geschichte*, Vol. 17 (2022), pp. 252–255.

James Montgomery Baxenfield, "Tomas Balkelis: *War, Revolution, and Nation-Making in Lithuania, 1914-1923*. Oxford University Press. Oxford 2018. VI, 186 pp. ISBN 978-0199668021," *Forschungen zur baltischen Geschichte*, Vol. 15 (2021), pp. 281–284.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2024–Present | Editorial Assistant | *Journal of Baltic Studies*

2022 | Guest Co-Editor | *Acta Historica Tallinnensia*. Special Issue:
Recognition: de facto and de jure (Vol. 28, No. 2)

2021 | Language Editor | *Acta Historica Tallinnensia*. Special Issue: On
Saints, Migrants and Communists: Transnational Explorations in Estonian
History (Vol. 27, No. 1)

2020-Present | Volunteer Proofreader | *Forschungen zur baltischen
Geschichte*

2019 | Language Editor | *Baltic Journal of Art History* (Vol. 18)

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

2023-Present | Peer Reviewer | *Journal of Baltic Studies*

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nov 2024 | A Prospect in Retrospect: Reappraising the Unrealised Idea of
a Latvian-Lithuanian State, 1905-1919
10th Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEEES) Annual Conference |
Shaping Futures: The Baltics and Eastern Europe in the World | Södertörn
University

Dec 2023 | A Place Between Nations: The Idea of a Latvian-Lithuanian
State, 1884-1984
Scholarly Readings of Young Historians IX | Valmiera Museum

Sep 2023 | Advertising Nations to Independence: The Baltic States and
Public Relations, 1918-1919
Anatomy of Independence: Security and Its Threats in the Baltic Region Over the
Centuries | Latvian War Museum

Jun 2023 | Between the Lines: The Idea of a Latvian-Lithuanian State in
Lithuanian-American Public Diplomacy, 1918-1919
15th Conference of Baltic Studies in Europe (CBSE) | Turning Points: Values and
Conflicting Futures in the Baltics | Vytautas Magnus University

May 2023 | Footnotes to the Past: Forgotten Episodes of
Latvian-Lithuanian Federation and Confederation, 1884-1984
Spring conference of doctoral students in history and archaeology | Institute of
History and Archaeology | University of Tartu

Jun 2022 | Out of the Past: From a Lithuanian Émigré Idea to a Latvian
Exile Movement: The Notion of a Latvian-Lithuanian State, 1884-1984
74th Baltisches Historikertreffen | Baltic Historical Commission | University of
Göttingen

May 2022 | White, Red, Yellow: The Aistijan Flag as a Symbol of Baltic
Unity
28th Biennial AABS Conference | Baltic Studies at a Crossroads | University of
Washington

May 2022 | A Space Between Nations: Latvia and Latvians in
Lithuanian-American Ethnographic Concepts, 1919-1922
11th International Interdisciplinary Conference | The Region: History, Culture,
Language | Vilnius University Šiauliai Academy

Nov 2021 | Under Three Stars and One Flag: A Semiotic Analysis of
Aistijan Symbolism
12th Conference of the Nordic Association for Semiotic Studies | Meaning in
Perception and the Senses | Vilnius University

Oct 2021 | The Space Between Nations: Traces of Latvian-Lithuanian
Federation in the Lithuanian-American Image Campaign of 1919
8th Baltic Students Conference | Bridges in the Baltics | Vilnius University

Sep 2021 | From Respublika to Aistija: The Perennial Idea of a Union
Between Latvia and Lithuania
14th CBSE | Rights and Recognition in the Baltic Context | Uppsala University

May 2021 | After Šliūpas: The Perennial Idea of Latvian-Lithuanian
Federation, 1884-1984
10th International Interdisciplinary Conference | The Region: History, Culture,
Language | Vilnius University Šiauliai Academy

Feb 2020 | Finding Aistija: Re-imagining the Baltic Past
16th Biennial Postgraduates Conference | Truth, Reality and Imagination:
Interpretations from Eastern and Central Europe | School of Slavonic and East
European Studies | University College London

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2024 | Erasmus+ Programme Mobility Scholarship
European Commission

2023-2024 | Dissertation Grant for Graduate Students
AABS | United States

2023 | Herder Fellowship
Herder Institute in Marburg | Germany

2022-2023 | Baumanis Grant for Creative Research in Baltic Studies
AABS | United States

2019-2023 | Doctoral Allowance
Republic of Estonia

2019-2022 | Various mobility grants for attending conferences as a
presenter, and conducting doctoral research at foreign archives/libraries
Dora Plus | Kristjan Jaak | Archimedes | Harno | European Regional
Development Fund | Republic of Estonia | Tallinn University School of Humanities
Research Fund

2019-2021 | School of Humanities Research Scholarship
Tallinn University | Estonia

2010-2012 | Partial Master's Fellowship
Central European University | Hungary

2011 | Master's Research Stipend
Central European University Foundation | Hungary

2009 | Lithuanian State Scholarship for Lithuanian Language and
Culture
Education Exchanges Support Foundation | Lithuania

2008-2009 | Erasmus Programme Scholarship
European Commission

SELECTED UNIVERSITY LECTURES, GUEST LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

Nov 2024 | A Prospect in Retrospect: Reappraising the Unrealised Idea of
a Latvian-Lithuanian State, 1911-1919
Guest Lecture | Advancing Trans-Regional Border Studies | Eur-Asian Border Lab
| University of Amsterdam

Oct 2023 | History: Sources and Methods
Doctoral Student Seminar | Two Seminars
PhD History/Linguistics/Studies of Cultures Syllabus | School of Humanities |
Tallinn University

Oct 2023 | The Historical Method
Doctoral Student Seminar | Two Seminars
PhD History/Linguistics/Studies of Cultures Syllabus | School of Humanities |
Tallinn University

Nov 2022/2023 | Brexit and Beyond: The Roots, Consequences, and
Complexities of Britain's Exit from the European Union
Culture and Society of English-speaking Countries | One Lecture | One Seminar
BA Liberal Arts Syllabus | School of Humanities | Tallinn University

Nov 2022/Oct 2023 | The History and Culture of Victorian England, the
Empire, and Creation of British Identity
Culture and Society of English-speaking Countries | One Lecture | One Seminar
BA Liberal Arts Syllabus | School of Humanities | Tallinn University

Nov 2022 | Footnotes to the Past: Forgotten Episodes of
Latvian-Lithuanian Federation and Confederation, 1884-1984
Guest Lecture | Vilnius University Šiauliai Academy

Oct 2022 | Writing in the Humanities
Doctoral Student Workshop | Four Seminars
PhD History/Linguistics/Studies of Cultures Syllabus | School of Humanities |
Tallinn University

Mar 2021/2022 | History of Diplomacy: From Versailles to the Hitler-Stalin
Pact
History of the Twentieth Century | One Lecture | One Seminar
BA History Syllabus | School of Humanities | Tallinn University

Feb 2021/2022 | The Versailles Peace and the Emergence of New States
History of the Twentieth Century | One Lecture | One Seminar
BA History Syllabus | School of Humanities | Tallinn University

Nov 2021 | Lithuanian Romantic Nationalism
Nationalism and Transnational History | 1 Lecture | 1 Seminar
MA History Syllabus | School of Humanities | Tallinn University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2024-Present | Professional Football Researchers Association (PFRA)
Member

2024-Present | North American Society for Sport History (NASSH)
Member

2023-2024 | North American Vexillological Association (NAVA)
Member

2021-2022 | Nordic Association of Semiotic Studies (NASS)
Member

2019-Present | AABS
Member

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

17 Nov 2025 | The Baltic League: A Growing Hub for American Football
Pigskin Dispatch | Sports History Network

28 Jul 2023 | Latvian-Lithuanian Connections from Morta to Modernity
Baltic Ways | AABS

8 Dec 2022 | How to Research the Establishment and Recognition of a
State?
Academia Scientiarum Estoniae | Estonian Academy of Sciences

SELECTED VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

2020-Present | Volunteer Proofreader
Forschungen zur baltischen Geschichte | Tallinn/Tartu, Estonia

2012-2017 | Project Manager, Event Planner, and Non-Formal Educator
Estonian Printing Museum | Tartu, Estonia

2013-2014 | Project Manager
Creative Center Carnation, Estonia | European Voluntary Service