

Yacov Zohn Muldoon

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison)

PhD student (2019-2022), PhD candidate in history, February 2022 – 2025 (expected)

Dissertation: Tactical Representation: Political Goals in the Soviet National Soccer Team (1952-1972)

Advisors: Dr. Francine Hirsch and Dr. David McDonald

Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (PFUR University)

Master's degree with honors (Red Diploma) in foreign regional studies, July 2018.

Nazareth University of Rochester

B.A. in international studies, *Summa Cum Laude*, with a minor in French, May 2016.

Varsity soccer player, Dean's List all semesters, study abroad in Russia.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Fellow at the Leibniz Institute for European History, 2024 – present.

Soccer Researcher for Zealand (over 343,000 subscribers), YouTube, 2023 - present.

Most watched video: The Lone Fan that Saved his Club (over 1,390,000 views)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhGI3D1E44U&t=64s>.

Visiting Researcher at the Georgian Football Federation, 2023.

Visiting Researcher at the University of Lausanne, 2023.

Project Assistant for Dr. David McDonald, fall 2022 and summer 2020.

Teaching Assistant, 2021-2022 academic year.

History 101, American History to the Civil War Era

History 136, Sport, Recreation, and Society in the USA

Reader-Grader His 201 and His 417, 2020-2021 academic year.

Language Tutor, September 2018 - June 2019.

English Teacher at Kiddy & Junior Classes and Teacher Finder, 2018 - 2019.

Research Internship at Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences of the Russian

Academy of Sciences (INION RAN), spring 2018.

Student Worker, Athletics Department, Nazareth University, 2015-2016.

Student Worker, Foreign Language Department, Nazareth University, 2013-2014.

Translated documents from French to English and English to French, French tutor,

Language Lab assistant.

Civic Engagement Project, Rochester Somali Community, fall 2013.

Organized two soccer games between Rochester Somali community and Nazareth University.

Soccer Player at A.S. Cannes and La Bocca, 2012-2013.

PUBLICATIONS

“Kyiv 1 Moscow 0: Player Transfers and Ukraine’s Rise to the Top of Soviet Soccer (1953-1963),” upcoming publication at the Journal of Sport History.

“Dynamo Kyiv Enters the Field: The Soviet National Soccer Team Calls Upon the Ukrainians (1957-1960),” submitted at Russian Review.

“National and Local Identity in Soviet Football,” History with Jackson, 2024.

“Unthawed: Post-Cold War Economic Ties Between Kaliningrad and Europe,”
Journal of Baltic Studies, 2019.

“Istoricheskaia Dinamika Sviazei Mezhdru Kaliningradskoi Oblast’iu i Stranami Evropy
(1945-2017),” master’s degree thesis, 2018.

“Kaliningrad i Evropa: Ekonomika,” Bulletin of Science and Practice, 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Stephen F. Cohen–Robert C. Tucker Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), 2024.

Visiting Fellowship, Leibniz Institute of European History, 2024.

Fellowship for Doctoral Students, Leibniz Institute of European History, 2024 (Declined).

FIFA Research Scholarship, Centre International d’Étude du Sport (CIES), 2024 (Declined).

The North American Society for Sport History (NASSH) Graduate Student Essay Award, 2024.

Early Career Scholar Award, European Committee for Sports History, 2024.

The Russia Program and the Bridge Research Network Fieldwork Scholarship, 2023.

Réseaux d’Études des Relations Internationales Sportives member, 2023.

Senn Award, UW-Madison, 2023.

Student Research Grants Competition – Combined, UW-Madison, 2023.

Stephen F. Cohen–Robert C. Tucker Dissertation Research Fellowship, ASEEES, 2022.

Kennan Institute Title VIII Summer Research Scholarship, 2022.

New York Public Library Short-Term Research Fellowship, 2022.

The NASSH Dissertation Research Award, 2022.

Title VIII Summer Research Laboratory Associateship, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2022.

ASEEES Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2022.

External Opportunities Fund, UW-Madison, 2022 and 2023.

Student Research Grants Competition - Research Travel Award, UW-Madison, 2022.

History Graduate Student Summer Funding, UW-Madison, 2021-2023.

Co-captain, Isthmus City FC, 2021-2022.

Title VIII scholarship, Ukrainian language at Indiana University, 2021.

Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Polish (academic year), 2020.

Phi Kappa Phi, honor society, 2016.

Sigma Iota Rho, honor society, 2016.

Pi Delta Phi, National French Honor Society, 2016.

Diversity Scholarship, American Institute for Foreign Study, 2015.

LANGUAGES

English – Native speaker. Academic experience in reading, speaking, and writing.

Spanish – Native speaker. Fluent in reading, speaking, and writing.

German – Advanced reading, writing, and speaking. Spoken at home. Studied at university and in Mainz, Germany (summer 2015) at Verbum Novum.

Russian – Advanced proficiency. All master’s coursework in Russian at PFUR.

Ukrainian – ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview Advanced-Low, 2021. 4 semesters of course work at Indiana University.

French – Advanced level. 1 year of studies in immersion program at Collège international du Cannes, B22-B23 diploma, 2012-2013. French minor for BA at Nazareth University.

Italian – B2 upper intermediate (CELI certificate). Studied at PFUR.

Dutch – B2 certificate from CVO Brussel, 2019. Studied at CVO Brussel, 2018-2019.
Polish – 6 semesters worth of classes completed at UW-Madison.
Georgian – Currently B1. Enrolled at Tbilisi Central School of Foreign Languages 2022-2023.
Hebrew – 1 Ulpan Certificate from Israel. Studied at Israel Consulate in Moscow and 1 semester at UW-Madison.
Chinese – Beginner. Audited 2 semesters at Nazareth University.

INTERVIEWS

Kennan Institute, 2022, <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/constructing-soviet-image-soccer-conversation-title-viii-summer-scholar-yacov-zohn>.
New York Public Library, 2022, <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2023/01/03/nypl-researcher-spotlight-yacov-zohn>.
The Slavic Connexion, 2022, <https://www.slavxradio.com/guests/zohn>.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

ASEEES Conference, 2024.
“The Soviet National Soccer team: Kyiv overtakes Moscow at the Summit (1965-1968).”
NASSH Conference, 2024.
“Kyiv 1-0 Moscow: Player Transfers and Ukraine’s Rise to the Top (1953-1963).”
The European Committee for Sports History Conference, 2024.
“Dynamo Kyiv Enters the Field (1957-1960).”
International Football History Conference, 2024.
“Moscow Fights Back Dirty (1961-1964).”
The Russian Empire and its Legacies, 2023.
“Football in the Russian Empire: Legacy and Soviet Memory of the People’s Game.”
ASEEES Conference, 2022.
“The USSR’s National Soccer Team in the 1950s.”
Wilson Center’s Kennan Institute, 2022.
Internal presentation on Soviet national soccer team during the 1950s.
International Society for History of Physical Education and Sport Workshop/Conference, 2022.
“The Soviet National Football Team: Moscow Defending Soviet Prestige (1952-1956).”
Modern Europe Dissertation Workshop at UW-Madison, 2022.
Presentation on the national Soviet soccer team.
Graduate Methods Training Workshop at Indiana University, 2020.

GUEST LECTURES

Guest lecture for Russian Flagship Program at UW-Madison, fall of 2019.
Guest Lecture, Nazareth University, August 30, 2017.