

Biography of Philip Skorokhodov



Philip Skorokhodov is a dedicated academic researcher with a strong foundation in history, political science, and international relations. His research has been deeply influenced by historical events such as the Second World War and includes extensive studies of cities like Moscow and Paris. He is proficient in Russian and French and profoundly committed to education, teaching extensively at high school and college levels.

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he attended Manzano Day School and later Albuquerque Academy for his primary and secondary education. His academic prowess was

evident early on, especially in History and English, where he received several commendations. After high school, he continued his education at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, participating in the Honors Program and earning a Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Political Science. His undergraduate thesis, titled "Who Won the War? Teaching the Young Generation: The Case of France (1946-2008)," critically examined how the French education system tackled the complexities of World War II history in the years following the war.

His academic journey led him to Paris during his junior year through the Internships in Francophone Europe program, where he immersed himself in the French language, culture, and politics. After Swarthmore, he pursued a Master of Arts in Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. His master's thesis focused on "The Second World War Debates in Russia (2000-2010): Political and Academic Obsession," analyzing the persistent historical and political dialogues about the war in modern Russia.

Philip then moved to Arizona State University to commence his PhD in History, concentrating on his dissertation "A Tale of Two Cities: Food, Hunger and Rationing in Moscow and Paris during WWII." Though he has reached ABD status—completing all required coursework and exams—he has not yet defended his dissertation.

His scholarly activities include several research projects internationally. Over two summers, he researched in Moscow, exploring wartime government rationing policies and their impact on the population during World War II. He extended his research to Paris, working at the National Archives of France and the Paris City Historical Archive. He focused on a comparative analysis of survival strategies in Soviet and French capital cities during the war.

Throughout his academic career, he worked as a research assistant, assisting a professor at the Centre d'Histoire in Paris on abolishing the death penalty in France and translating Russian documents for a professor's biography project at the University of New Mexico.

Philip's teaching experience is extensive. He has taught history courses at Arizona State University, focusing on Western Civilization and U.S. History, and has served as an adjunct faculty member at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. He also temporarily taught Russian to K-8 students. Additionally, he worked as an administrative assistant at the Albuquerque International Association, aiding in event planning and management.

Aside from his academic commitments, Philip is multilingual, speaking English, Russian, French, and Spanish. His love for languages complements his passion for travel, having explored various European cultures and histories. His personal life includes a variety of hobbies and cultural activities, from outdoor sports like skiing and hiking to attending concerts and visiting museums. Most importantly, he cherishes the time spent with his beloved corgi, Ryzhik, who provides comfort and joy.