

## **Ann E. Robertson**

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### **Skills**

- Writing, developmental editing, substantive editing, copyediting, and book design
- Academic, reference, and trade books, textbooks, book chapters, and journal articles
- Political science, international relations, current events, economics, Russian, Eurasian and East European studies, terrorism, space weapons, military reform, law
- Word, WordPress, InDesign, Photoshop, Excel, Acrobat, Scrivener, Chrome, Safari, RapidWeaver
- Advanced Word functions, such as style sheets, custom formatting, and track changes, as well as cross-platform functions such as converting Excel tables for use in InDesign and importing tagged Word documents into user-defined InDesign style sheets

### **Experience**

2013–Director, Girl Scout History Project

2013–chair, Archives & History Committee, Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital

2003–present: Writer/Editor at Robertson Writing

### **Girl Scout History Project (Founder)**

A blog and four virtual museums exploring, preserving, and celebrating our Girl Scout past. ([gshistory.com](http://gshistory.com))

### **Selected Clients**

### **Classroom Ready**

Contributed articles to monthly classroom packets on current events for middle- and high-school audiences. Wrote articles on more than 50 current events topics, ranging from the global economic crisis to Obama administration policies, Tibet, Libya, Japanese elections, Olympic Games, baseball, and emerging technology.

### **CQ Press**

Contributing writer for chapter on terrorism for *World At Risk*, 2nd ed. (2009).

### **Facts on File**

Author of two 400-page reference books:

- *Terrorism and Global Development* (2007)
- *Militarization of Space* (2011)

### **Global Development Network**

Contract editor for annual reports, financial statements, grant RFPs, and outreach materials. Contract editor and designer for 10+ volumes in the GDN/Edward Elgar book series on global economic development. Coordinated revisions and page proof reviews

with authors from more than 40 countries. Designed and created camera-ready copy for all books using InDesign, Intaglio, and MathType.

## **Gale/Macmillan Reference**

- Senior Associate Editor, Photo Editor, and Contributing Writer for *Encyclopedia of Russian History*, 4 vol. (2003). Named “Outstanding Academic Title” by *Choice* magazine and “Outstanding Reference Source” by the American Library Association
- Contributing writer for the *Gale Encyclopedia of World History: Governments* (2008)
- Contributing writer for *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities* (2005)

## **Jamestown Foundation**

Contract managing editor of 868 issues of *Eurasia Daily Monitor*, a daily 3,000-word e-newsletter analyzing breaking political, economic, ethnic, social, and military events in the former Soviet region; most authors not native speakers of English.

## **National Council for Eurasian and East European Research**

Contract managing editor of *Problems of Post-Communism*, a bimonthly peer-reviewed journal analyzing political, economic, ethnic, social, and military events in the former Soviet region, Asia, and Latin America.

## **Sage Publications**

Contributing writer for multiple entries in the *SAGE Encyclopedia of Terrorism*, 2nd ed. (2011).

## **University Press of Kansas**

- Freelance copyeditor for three books, including reorganizing and rewording for clarity, creating a style sheet for consistent transliteration of Russian names and phrases, and verifying citations according to both CMS 15 and Bluebook styles.
- Dale R. Herspring, *The Kremlin and the High Command: Presidential Impact on the Russian Military from Gorbachev to Putin* (2006, a *Choice* magazine Outstanding Academic Title)
- Dale R. Herspring, *Rumsfeld's Wars: The Arrogance of Power* (2008)
- Louis Fisher, *The Constitution and 9/11: Recurring Threats to America's Freedoms* (2008)

## **Previous Employers**

### **George Washington University (1994–2003)**

#### **Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies**

Managing Editor, *Problems of Post-Communism*

- Produced 64-page bimonthly academic journal
- Recruited authors, supervised peer-review process, and substantively edited manuscripts
- Primary liaison between authors and publisher, editors and reviewers.
- Supervised one graduate research assistant per year

- Edited articles, reports, and books by faculty, staff, and visiting scholars

### **Adjunct Professor of International Relations**

Courses taught:

- Introduction to Russian and East European Studies
- Graduate-level capstone seminar in post-communist state-building
- Graduate-level capstone seminar in Yugoslav politics
- Russian and East European Politics (upper undergraduate level)

### **International Research & Exchanges Board (1990–1994)**

Public Information Manager/Bibliographer

- Wrote and edited bimonthly newsletter, seminar reports, and orientation handbooks
- Created bibliography of IREX-sponsored research using ProCite
- Created annual 100+ page directory of research project summaries
- Created directory of 2,000+ foreign alumni, served as liaison for U.S. alumni
- Interviewed past and present staff and worked at Library of Congress manuscript annex in Maryland to write history of the organization
- Supervised information technology and graphic design staff

### **Library of Congress (1989)**

Bibliographer

- Read and categorized entries for the 1988 edition of the *American Bibliography and Slavic and East European Studies*
- ABSEES is an annual compilation of all journal articles, books, book chapters, book reviews, dissertations, online resources, and selected government publications on East-Central Europe and the former Soviet Union published in the United States and Canada.
- Subjects covered: anthropology, ethnology, and archaeology; culture and the arts; economics and foreign trade; education and scholarship; geography and demography; government, law, and politics; history; international relations; language and linguistics; literature; military affairs; philosophy, political theory, and ideology; psychology; religion; science and technology; sociology; women's studies

### **Education**

Ph.D. Political Science, George Washington University (2003)

Major field: comparative politics; minor field: international politics

Dissertation: “Should We Stay or Should We Go? State-building via Political Divorce”

M.Phil. Political Science, George Washington University (1997)

Certificate in Editorial Practices, USDA Graduate School (1994)

M.A. Russian and East European Studies, George Washington University (1990)

Thesis: “Anglo-Soviet Relations 1979–1989: The View from Moscow”

B.A. Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky (1988)

Political Science, History minor

Attended on full, four-year scholarship

## Academic Honors

Resident Research Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2003)  
Woodrow Wilson International Center Junior Scholars Training Seminar (2002)  
George M. Hoffman Dissertation Prize, George Washington University (2001)

## Selected Publications

*Rescue Rockwood: How a Group of Determined Women Rallied to Save a Beloved Girl Scout Camp* (Girl Scout History Project, 2023)

*Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital of the Nation's Capital* (Charleston SC: Arcadia, 2013).

*Militarization of Space* (New York: Facts on File, 2011).

"Introduction: Coup de Grâce?" *Problems of Post-Communism* 58, no. 4/5 (July/October 2011): 23–45.

*SAGE Encyclopedia of Terrorism*, 2nd ed. (Los Angeles: SAGE, 2011), nine entries.

"Terrorism," *World At Risk*, 2nd ed. (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2009), pp. 730–60.

*Gale Encyclopedia of World History: Governments* (New York: Gale Reference, 2008), seven entries.

*Terrorism and Global Security* (New York: Facts on File, 2007).

*Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities* (New York: Gale Reference, 2005), four entries.

*Encyclopedia of Russian History*, 4 vol. (New York: Macmillan, 2003). Senior Associate Editor, Photo Editor, and Contributing Writer for 20 entries.

"Enduring Problems: Fifty Years of Scholarship," *Problems of Post-Communism* 50, no. 1 (January/February 2003): 3–7.

"We the People," *RFE/RL East European Perspectives* (June 26 and July 10, 2002).

"Yeltsin, Shaimiev, and Dudaev: Negotiating Autonomy for Tatarstan and Chechnya," in *Unity or Separation: Center-Periphery Relations in the Former Soviet Union*, ed. Daniel R. Kempton and Terry D. Clark (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2001), pp. 99–142.

"How to Succeed at Seceding: The Value of Federalism in Political Divorce," in *State and Nation Building in East Central Europe: Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. John S. Micgiel, (New York: Columbia University Institute on East Central Europe, 1996), pp. 199–241.

"Kings, Queens, Tsars, and Commissars: Russia Gets the Royal Treatment," *Demokratizatsiya* 4, no. 2 (spring 1996): 201–22.

"Analyzing Secession: U.S. and Soviet Responses to the Baltic Independence Drive," *International Affairs Review* 5, no. 1 (winter 1996): 109–35.

## Conference Presentations

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, celebration of Lou Henry Hoover's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, "Lou Henry Hoover: Pioneer, Humanitarian, Leader." Presenter, "Lou Henry Hoover and the Birth of Girl Scouting," West Branch, Iowa, " (March 30, 2024).

Girl Scout History Conference, Presenter, “Lou Henry Hoover and the Birth of Girl Scouting,” Briarcliff Manor, NY (April 4, 2024).

Peabody Room, Georgetown (DC) Public Library, Author Talk, “Rescue Rockwood,” Washington, DC (February 4, 2023).

Montgomery County (MD) Historical Society, “Rescue Rockwood,” virtual (March 14, 2023).

National First Ladies Library, presentation, “Girl Scouts at the White House,” (virtual) March 1, 2023.

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, presentation, “Lou Henry Hoover, the Foundation of Girl Scouting,” virtual (June 16, 2022).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress, chair, “The Construction of Power in the Russian State,” New York, NY (April 14–16, 2011).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress, chair, “Russian Racism,” New York, NY (April 23–25, 2009).

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 40<sup>th</sup> National Convention, presenter, “Elder Statesmen or Political Headaches? The Role of Former Presidents in Post-Communist States,” Philadelphia, PA (November 20–23, 2008).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress, discussant/chair, “Anna Politkovskaya: Life and Death,” New York, NY (April 12–14, 2007).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress, discussant/chair, “Impact of Government Politics on State and Society,” New York, NY (March 23–25, 2006).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress, panel chair, “Assessing the Relevance of Ethnic Nationalism,” New York, NY (March 23–25, 2006).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress, panelist for roundtable “Western Coverage in Russia: How Well are We Doing?” New York, NY (April 14–16, 2005).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress, presenter, “Founding Fathers and Red Presidents,” New York, NY (April 15–17, 2004).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress, presenter, “Patriots Abroad: Recognition, Nationalism, and the 1992 U.S. Presidential Election,” New York, NY (April 3–5, 2003).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress, panelist for roundtable “Publishing in Slavic and East European Studies,” New York, NY (April 11–13, 2002).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress, presenter, “We the People: Constructing the Nation in New States,” New York, NY (April 11–13, 2002).

Northeastern Political Science Association, presenter, “Founding Fathers and Bastard States: The Institutionalization of Political Leadership in New States,” Philadelphia, PA (November 8–10,

2001).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress, panel chair, "Russian Diaspora: Political Allegiances and Changing Identities," New York, NY (April 5–7, 2001).

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 34<sup>th</sup> National Convention, panel chair/organizer "If We Could Do It All Over Again," Denver, CO (November 9–12, 2000).

Association for the Study of Nationalities, 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress, panel discussant, "Russia's Regions and Republics," New York, NY (April 13–15, 2000).

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention, presenter, "Point of No Return: Negotiating Autonomy for Tatarstan and Chechnya," Seattle, WA (November 20–23, 1997).

Georgetown University Center for German and European Studies Conference, presenter, "Toward a New Europe: A Continent in Transition," Washington, DC (November 9–10, 1996).

Columbia University Institute on East Central Europe Graduate Student Conference, presenter, "State and Nation Building in East Central Europe: Contemporary Perspectives," New York, NY (March 1–2, 1996).

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington DC Chapter Winter Symposium, presenter, "Moscow to Washington Via No. 10," Washington, DC (February 21, 1995).

## **Languages Used in Research**

English, Russian, and French