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John A. Bernbaum

Education

Honorary Doctorate	Huntington University Huntington, Indiana	2009
Honorary Doctorate	Nizhni Novgorod State University Nizhni Novgorod, Russia	1995
Ph.D.	University of Maryland European and Russian History	1972
M.A.	University of Maryland European History	1967
B.A.	Calvin College History	1965
A.A.	Trinity Christian College	1963

Work Experience

Jan. 2015 – present	President & CEO, BEAM (Business & Education as Mission), Inc. – a private foundation investing in educational programs in the post-Communist world
July 1995-Dec. 2014	Founder and President Russian-American Institute (formerly Russian-American Christian University) Moscow, Russia
July 1995-June 2005	Senior Advisor, International Programs Coalition for Christian Colleges & Universities
Sept. 1992-June 1995	Vice President and Director of the Russian Initiative Christian College Coalition
Feb. 1992-May 1992	Visiting Professor of History and Political Science Nizhni Novgorod State University Republic of Russia (sabbatical leave)
May 1991-Aug. 1992	Executive Vice President Christian College Coalition
1985-1991	Vice President and Director American Studies Program
1976-1985	Founding Director, American Studies Program Christian College Coalition
1972-1976	Historian/Contributing Editor <i>Foreign Relations of the United States</i> series Historical Office - U.S. Department of State
1971-1972	Instructor in European History University College, University of Maryland
1970-1971	Research Fellow Studied in Austria and Germany

Educational Program Development

- Founded, developed and directed the **American Studies Program**, a work-study program focused on public policy in Washington, D.C., for the Christian College Consortium and Coalition, 1976-1991.
- Developed and administered the establishment of the **Latin American Studies Program**, a Coalition student program in San Jose, Costa Rica, 1986-1991.
- Developed and administered the establishment of the **Los Angeles Film Studies Center**, a Coalition work-study program focused on the film industry in Burbank, California, 1990-1991.
- Founded and developed the **Russian Studies Program**, a Coalition student program in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, January 1994-June 1995.
- Co-director of the Russian-American values-based MBA Program, that involved a partnership of American and Russian business faculty, 1991-1995.

Awards

- Trinity Christian College Alumnus of the Year, 1997
- Timothy Christian High School Alumnus of the Year, 1999 (first recipient of this award)
- Two Honorary doctorates (listed above)
- Richard C. Chewning Award from the Christian Business Faculty Association, October 2000

National Board Memberships

- Board of Advisors, Washington Institute for Public Service and Policy Development, 2007 – 2012.
- Advisory Board, Christian Higher Education Journal, 200? – current.
- Board of Directors, Preserving Bible Times, 2006 - current.
- Commission for International Higher Education, Deputy Chair, 2007-2008 (CCCU)
- Board of Directors, Great Dads, Inc., 1997-2001.
- Board of Directors, National Center for Leadership, 1996-2002.
- Board of Directors, Bread for the World, 1987-1993; Executive Committee, 1991-1993.
- Marketplace Advisory Council, IVCF, 1988-1993.
- Peace, Freedom and Security Studies Program Advisory Council, National Association of Evangelicals.
- Board of Advisors, Lithuania Christian College, 1992-1995.
- ESA Crossroads Advisory Board, 1993-1996.

Speaking & Teaching

- Adult Sunday School Teacher (Biblical studies, faith & work, etc.)
- Staley Distinguished Scholar lecturer (twelve lectureships), 1983-94.
- Graduation speaker (11 Coalition college graduations), 1985-2009.
- Academic convocation speaker (over forty Coalition campus lectureships), 1976-94.
- Faculty seminars on integration of faith and learning (over ten

campuses and in Coalition-sponsored workshops), 1985-94.
Conference speaker (CCO Jubilee Conference, Creation Festival,
NAE Federal Seminar, etc.), 1982-94.

Blogs

“Reflections on Russia” – essays on life in Russia (history, politics, religion, literature, education, etc.). Available at <http://jb-russianreflections.blogspot.com/>

“Reflections on Shalom” – essays about Biblical Shalom and its implications for how we live our lives today. Available at <http://reflectionsonshalom.blogspot.com/>

Publications

Public Policy Issues (selected):

Opening the Red Door: The Inside Story of Russia's First Christian Liberal Arts University (InterVarsity Academic Press, 2019) The story of twenty years of building a private college in the midst of Russia's traumatic post-Communist transition.

“Reflections on Russia,” bi-monthly newsletter, February 1994-2012. These two-page essays on Russian history, culture and social life are accessible on www.johnabernbaum.org.

“Getting Russia Right,” in Jonathan Chaplin (editor), *God and the Global Order: The Power of Religion in American Foreign Policy* (Baylor University Press, 2010).

“Reflections on Faith & Work,” monthly newsletter, June 1996-May 2000.

“Ethics and the Marketplace,” ten weekly newspaper columns in Nizhni Novgorod's business newspaper *Stock Exchange*, March-May 1992.

“Revolution '89: The Spiritual Dimension” (Editorial), *Christian Science Monitor* (August 15, 1990)

(with Simon Steer) *Why Work? Careers and Employment in Biblical Perspective* (Baker Book House, 1986). American, Japanese and Korean editions have been published.

(editor and contributor) *Perspectives on Peacemaking* (Regal Books, 1984).

“Shaping a Peaceful World,” in Dean C. Curry (editor), *Evangelicals and the Bishops' Pastoral Letter* (Eerdmans, 1984).

Over twenty articles on contemporary issues, in *Christianity Today*, *Reformed Journal*, *World*, *Transformation*, *Eternity*, etc.

American Diplomatic History:

Contributing editor in eight volumes of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* series.

Personal

Family: Married on June 8, 1965 (Margery S. Taylor – died May 22, 2020); seven children.

Church: Elder, The National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.;

Chair, International Missions Committee, 2013-2019.