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**About Me**

Professor Kirschenbaum has long combined a serious commitment to research with enthusiasm for teaching. While completing her PhD at University of California, Berkeley (1993), she taught middle and high school students at Oakwood School, an independent school in southern California. Since coming to West Chester in 1996, she has developed classes in Soviet and Russian history as well as thematic courses that transcend national boundaries.

Professor Kirschenbaum's research explores how people come to represent and understand their life stories as part of history, focusing on the linkages between individual, private lives and the momentous, often traumatic events of Russia's twentieth century. She has published three books: *Small Comrades: Revolutionizing Childhood in Soviet Russia, 1917-1932* (RoutledgeFalmer, 2000); *The Legacy of the Siege of Leningrad, 1941-1995: Myth, Memories, and Monuments* (Cambridge University Press, 2006); and *International Communism and the Spanish Civil War: Solidarity and Suspicion* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), which was awarded the 2016 Heldt Prize. Her current book project, “Il’f and Petrov’s American Road Trip: Soviet Adventures in the Land of the Capitalists,” is under contract with Cambridge University Press.

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