



Katherine Verdery

GRFP Recipient: 1970

Undergraduate Institution:
B.A. 1970, Reed College

Graduate Institution:
M.S. 1971, Ph.D. 1977, Stanford
University

Graduate Field of Study:
Anthropology

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Current Position:
Professor of Anthropology,
City University of New York
(CUNY) Graduate Center

RESEARCH INTERESTS //

Verdery's work focuses on political anthropology, property, social inequality and socialism in Eastern Europe. During her studies in Romania, Verdery was followed by the Romanian Secret Police. Using the Secret Police file she received from the Romanian government in 2008, she plans to write a book from the perspective of the secret police that followed her during her research in Romania. Her most recent book, "Peasants under Siege: The Collectivization of Romanian Agriculture, 1949-1962," was published in 2011 and has won a number of book prizes. Her previous book, "The Vanishing Hectare" about property restitution in Romania, won the coveted J.I. Staley Prize in Anthropology.

AWARDS/ HONORS //

- John D'Arms Graduate Mentorship Award, University of Michigan (2004)
- Guggenheim Fellow (2004)

POSITION PROFILE //

- 1977-83 Assistant professor of anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
- 1983-87 Associate professor of anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
- 1987-97 Professor of anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
- 1989-92 Chair, Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
- 1997-2005 Eric R. Wolf Professor of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2000-2002 Director, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan
- 2003-2004 Acting chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2005 Julien J. Studley Faculty Scholar and distinguished professor, Anthropology Program, CUNY Graduate Center

