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From 1990 to 2004, he was a permanent discussant at the Voice of America's radio and television show *Gliadya iz Ameriki* ("Looking from America"), which was broadcast to Russia every week.

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- Weekly Contributor (Radio and TV Program), *Gliadya iz Ameriki* ("Looking from America"), Voice of America, 1990-2004
- Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University, 1994-96-Senior Policy Analyst, Heritage Foundation, 1987-92
- Senior Project Director, Newspaper Advertising Bureau, 1984-87
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