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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science. Iowa State University. 2017-present.

Post-Doctoral Fellow. Conflict Resolution Institute. Josef Korbel School of International Studies. 2017.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Florida, 2016

M.A. Politics, New York University, 2008

B.A. Chemistry and Biology, Concordia College-Moorhead, 2004

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics; International Relations; Identity and Conflict; Politics of Europe, Russia and Eurasia; Social Movements; American Politics; Research Methodology;

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellow, 2013-2014

Fulbright Fellow, 2012-2013

IREX/IARO Fellow, 2012-2013

FLAS Dissertation Fellow, 2012-2013 (Declined)

FLAS Fellow (five awards), 2009-2011

Center of European Studies Research Grant, Summer 2012, 2011, and 2010

Department of Political Science Research Grant, Summer 2011 and 2010

Best Graduate Student Paper for the CES at the University of Florida, AY 2010-2011

State Department Title VIII Language and Research Fellowship, Summer 2010

Faculty and Graduate Student Collaborative Grant (with Benjamin Smith), Summer 2010

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Grant. Chicago. April 2010

COURSES TAUGHT

Eastern European Politics (Instructor of Record, at UF)

Comparative Politics (TA, at UF)

American Federal Government (TA, at UF)

Bureaucracy and Public Policy (TA, at NYU)

Legislative Processes (TA, at UF)

PUBLICATIONS

(with Nicole D'Errico). 2011. "Kenyan Immigrants." *Multicultural America: An Encyclopedia of the Newest Americans*. Edited by Ronald H. Bayor. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group. Named a "Best Reference" by the American Library Association's magazine *Booklist*.

2014. "Book Review: *Russian Politics: The Paradox of a Weak State* by Marie Mendras (2012) Columbia University Press." *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*. 41(1) 85-89

“Politics of Secession and Stability: Inter-Group Dynamics in Early post-Soviet Eurasia” (Under Review)

“The Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes: Economic Growth Models.” (Under Review)

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“Breaking down Authoritarian Regimes and Building up Economic Growth Theories.” Annual Meeting of The American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia. September 2016.

“A Fuzzy Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Early Post-Communist Secession.” APSA, San Francisco. September 2015.

“Modern and Contingent Origins of Pre-communist Group Solidarity: Russians, Ukrainians, and Moldovans.” APSA, San Francisco. September 2015.

“Legacies of Ethnic Mobilization in Russia, Moldova, and Ukraine.” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 2015. / Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention. San Antonio, TX. November 2014.

“Democratic Institutions and Group Violence: A Multi-Method Analysis.” APSA, Chicago. August 2013. / Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), San Diego. April 2012.

“Regime Type and Economic Growth.” ISA, San Diego. April 2012.

“Making Sense of Secession in Comparative Politics.” Graduate Student Workshop: Institutions, Narratives, and Identity: Bridging Political Theory and Comparative Politics, Gainesville. February 2012.

“Violent Secession in the Former Soviet Union: A Comparative Analysis of Moldova and Estonia.” Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention. Columbia University, New York. April 2011. / Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS). George Mason University, Washington, DC. April 2011.

“Secession, Stability, and Chaos: A Multi-Method Analysis of the Former Soviet Union.” APSA, Seattle. September 2011. / ISA, Montreal. March 2011. / Presentation at the Center of European Studies Brownbag Lecture Series at the University of Florida, Gainesville. March 2011.

“Separatism and Violence: A Comparative Perspective of Eurasia's 'Frozen Conflicts'.” APSA, Washington, D.C. August 2010.

“The Violent Thaw of ‘Frozen Conflicts’: Why Separatist Movements in Former-Soviet States Return to Violent Conflict after Periods of Peace.” MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 2010. / SCSS, Gainesville. March 2010.

“Root, Root, Root for the Home Team: The Effects of Kosovo’s 2008 Declaration of Independence on Moldovan Nationalism.” Graduate Student Research Forum at the University of Florida. February 2009. / Presentation at the Center of European Studies Brownbag Lecture Series at the University of Florida. October 2008.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

“Identity Politics of Secession and Stability: Early post-Soviet Russia, Moldova and Ukraine” Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. April 2017

“Concept of the Political.” Guest Lecture. Carthage College, Kenosha, WI. April 2015.

“Catalonia, Next State of Europe?” Round Table discussion with professors Charles Boix, Javier Krauel and Juan Herrero sponsored by the Catalan Studies in the Spanish and Portuguese Department at the University of Colorado, October 2014.

“The Crisis in Ukraine: Risks and Dangers for Europe and the United States” Highland City Club luncheon

Talk. Boulder, CO. May 2014.

“US Elections: Perspectives on Institutions and Behavior” Keynote Address to the conference, *2012 US Presidential Elections: Expectations and Challenges*. American Studies Center, Moldovan State University. Chisinau, Moldova. October 2012.

“Secession and Autonomy in the former Soviet Union” Guest Speaker to the Institute of Learning in Retirement at Oak Hammock, Gainesville. February 2012.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer, *Soviet and Post Soviet Review*, 2013-ongoing

Ph.D. Student Mentor. University of Florida, 2009 - ongoing

Associate Editor, *East African Journal of Research*. 2008 – ongoing

Graduate Student Writing Mentor. New York University, New York. 2007 – ongoing

Organizing Committee for the Graduate Student Conference, *Institutions, Narratives, and Identity: Bridging Political Theory and Comparative Politics*, February 16-19, 2012. University of Florida, 2011-2012. <http://workshopuf.wordpress.com>

Expert reader: *Cultures of the World - Moldova*. New York: Marshall Cavendish. 2010

Graduate Student Social Chair for the Department of Political Science. University of Florida, 2009-2010

The Department’s Library Restoration Committee. University of Florida, 2009-2010

Panel Discussant/Chair:

ASEEES Annual Convention. San Antonio, TX, November 2014; Graduate Student Conference, *Institutions, Narratives, and Identity: Bridging Political Theory and Comparative Politics*. University of Florida, February 16-19, 2012; Annual Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS). Washington, DC, April 2011; Annual SCSS. Gainesville, March 2010; Comparative Politics Colloquium at the University of Florida, December 14, 2009

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

US Peace Corps Volunteer. Saratenii Vechi, Moldova. 2005-2007

Rose Spector for United States House. San Antonio, TX. Assistant Field-Director, Jan. 2005 – Feb., 2005

United States Senate Leader Tom Daschle. Rapid City, SD. Western SD Rural Field Organizer, June 2004 – November 2004

Clay County Public Health. Moorhead, MN. Intern/Volunteer, June 2002 – May 2003

United States Senator Tim Johnson. Washington, D.C. Internship, May 2001 – August 2001

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member American Political Science Association

Member International Studies Association

Member Association for the Study of Nationalities

Member American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

ADVANCED LANGUAGE STUDY

Lomonosov Moscow State University. Russian Language, Summer 2011

American Councils, Chisinau. Romanian Language, Summer 2010

University of Florida. Russian Language, AYs 2009-2010, 2010-2011

University of California – Berkeley. Russian Language, Summer 2009

LANGUAGES

Romanian/Moldovan (Proficient)

Russian (Advanced)

Ukrainian (Intermediate Reading)