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Employment

University of Washington (2008-present)

Associate Professor, Jackson School of International Studies (effective September 2012)
Assistant Professor, Jackson School of International Studies (January 2008-August 2012)
Director, Herbert J. Ellison Center for Russian, Eastern European, and Central Asian Studies (July 2012-present)
Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science
Adjunct Associate Professor of Sociology

Education

Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Science, May 2007.
B.A The University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, May 2000.

Book

Weapons of the Wealthy: Predatory Regimes and Elite-Led Protests in Central Asia (Cornell University Press, 2010)

Honorable Mention, Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies
Shortlisted for Central Eurasian Studies Society Book Award (decision to be announced in October 2012)
Invited book panel, Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2011
Discussion Forum, *Central Asian Survey*, 2012

Refereed Articles

"Oil in the Family: Managing Presidential Succession in Azerbaijan," *Democratization* 19(1), February 2012: 60-77.

"The Color of Money: Privatization, Economic Dispersion, and the Post-Soviet 'Revolutions,'" *Comparative Politics* 42(2), January 2010: 127-146.

"The Origins of Social Capital: Evidence from a Survey of Post-Soviet Central Asia," *Comparative Political Studies* 42(6), June 2009: 707-732. With Christoph Zuercher and Jonathan Wheatley.

"Weighing the Political and Economic Motivations for Migration in Post-Soviet Space: The Case of Uzbekistan," *Europe-Asia Studies* 58(5), July 2006: 653-677.

"Look Who's Talking! Islamic Discourse in the Chechen Wars," *Nationalities Papers* 34(2) May 2006: 237-256.

"Networks, Localism, and Mobilization in Aksy, Kyrgyzstan," *Central Asian Survey* 24(4), December 2005: 405-424.

"The Tyranny of Small Differences: The Relationship between Ethnic Diversity and Democracy in the Former Socialist Bloc," *Demokratizatsiya* 12(4), Fall 2004: 575-606.

"Working with the Warlords: Designing an Ethnofederal System for Afghanistan," *Regional and Federal Studies* 14(4), Winter 2004: 513-537.

Refereed Book Chapters

"Oil in the Family: Managing Presidential Succession in Azerbaijan," in Yitzhak Brudny and Evgeny Finkel, eds., *No More Colors! Authoritarian Reactions to Colored Revolutions in Russia and Eurasia*, (forthcoming, Routledge, 2012).

"A Horse of a Different Color: Revolution and Regression in Kyrgyzstan," in Valerie Bunce, Michael A. McFaul, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, eds., *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Post-Communist World* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Other Journal Articles

"Review Essay: Informal Politics and the State," *Comparative Politics* 43, April 2011: 351-371.

"What Really Happened in Kyrgyzstan?" *Journal of Democracy* 17(2), April 2006: 132-146.

Book Reviews

Timothy Frye, Building States and Markets after Communism: The Perils of Polarized Democracy, *Slavic Review*, 71(2), Summer 2012.

Henry Hale, The Foundations of Ethnic Politics, *Comparative Political Studies*, 42(10) October 2009.

Kathleen Collins, Clan Politics and Regime Transition in Central Asia, *Review of Politics* 69, Summer 2007.

Edward Schatz, Modern Clan Politics: The Power of "Blood" in Kazakhstan and Beyond, *Nationalities Papers* 34(4), September 2006.

Policy Articles and Op-eds

"The Politics of Foreign Intrigue in the Caucasus," PONARS Eurasia Memo, September 2012.

"Certain Uncertainties about Conflict in Central Asia," Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, 2012.

"Waiting for Spring," *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 17, 2012.

"What to Read: Revolutions," *The Political Economist*, American Political Science Association, Volume XIII, Issue 2, Winter 2012: 10-12.

"Yawning through the Arab Spring: Resilient Regimes in Central Asia and the Caucasus," PONARS Eurasia memo, September 2011.

"Competing Narratives and Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan," in Kyrgyzstan: Recovery and Reformation, PONARS Eurasia Dialogue, August 2010.

"The Unraveling of Southern Kyrgyzstan," *Central Asia-Caucasus Institute Analyst*, June 23, 2010.

"Stopping Ethnic Cleansing in Kyrgyzstan," *Hürriyet Daily News & Economic Review*, June 23, 2010. With Harris Mylonas.

"Afghanistan Offers Lessons for U.S. Approach to Kyrgyzstan," Seattle Times, April 15, 2010.

Work in Progress

"Threat Perceptions and Support for Authoritarianism," with Kristan Seibel.

"Don't Stop Thinking about Yesterday: An Experiment on the Malleability of Post-Conflict Attitudes in the Caucasus"

"The Determinants of Belief in Conspiracy Theories"

"The Onset of Ethnic Politics: An Experiment on Identity in Post-Soviet Georgia"

"Power, State, and Society after Empire: The Remaking of the Soviet Periphery," with Jonathan Wheatley and Christoph Zuercher.

Awards and Fellowships

- Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) grant from National Science Foundation and Department of Homeland Security, $39,260 for "Determinants of Belief in Conspiracy Theories"
- Jackson School Student Service Award, 2011
- IREX Short-term Grant, Tbilisi, Summer 2011
- Course Development Grant, African Studies Program, University of Washington
- Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington, $39,900 for research on identity and post-conflict reconciliation in Azerbaijan, 2009.
- IREX Short-term Grant, Baku, Azerbaijan, Summer 2008
- Course Development Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Washington, Spring 2008
- Course Development Grant, Institute for Global and Regional Security Studies, University of Washington, Spring 2008
- Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Research Scholar, July-December 2007
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University. Postdoctoral Fellow, 2006-2007
- Volkswagen Foundation, fellowship for research project, "Accounting for State-Building, Stability, and Conflict: The Institutional Framework of Caucasian and Central Asian Transitional Societies," Berlin, April 2003-August 2005
- Fulbright Scholarship, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, September 2003-August 2004
- ACTR/ACCELS, Tashkent, January-April 2003,
- Mellon Foundation, Program on NGOs and Forced Migration, Tashkent, Summer 2002
- FLAS Fellowship, Institute of Languages and Literature, Tashkent, Summer 2002
- MIT Presidential Graduate Fellowship, 2000-2004

Invited Talks

"The Onset of Ethnic Politics: An Experiment on Identity in Post-Soviet Georgia," Arizona State University, March 16, 2012.

"Central Asia and the Arab Spring: Growing Pressure for Human Rights?" Testimony for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Washington DC, May 11, 2011.

"Struggles of Central Asia since Independence," Seattle Asian Art Museum, April 9, 2011.

"Geopolitics in the Caucasus," World Affairs Council of Oregon, Portland State University, February 25, 2011.

"Don't Stop Thinking about Yesterday: An Experiment with Conflict Narratives in the Caucasus," University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, February 18, 2011.

"Challenges Facing Democracy Assistance in Central Asia," Democracy Assistance in Central Asia Roundtable and Workshop, State Department Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Washington DC, October 21, 2009.

"Russia and its Neighbors: Challenging the Post-Soviet Status Quo?" Trade Development Alliance, Seattle, March 10, 2009.

"Mobilization and Informal Networks in Central Asia," UC Berkeley, Program in Eurasian and East European Studies, November 7, 2008.

"Elites, Networks, and Grassroots Resistance." Panel on Southern Kyrgyzstan, SAIS Johns Hopkins, December 12, 2007.

"Mobilization and Networks in Post-Soviet Central Asia," US Department of State, December 6, 2007.

Co-chair, Panel on Russia and Central Asia. Student Conference on US Affairs, US Military Academy, West Point, NY, October 31-November 3, 2007.

"Mass Mobilization, Networks, and the State in Central Asia," Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, October 3, 2007.

Conferences and Presentations

"Informality and Post-Soviet Politics," PONARS Eurasia academic workshop, Kyiv, Ukraine, November 3-5, 2012.

"The Determinants of Belief in Conspiracy Theories," American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August 30, 2012.

"Yawning through the Arab Spring: Resilient Regimes in Central Asia and the Caucasus," Program on New Approaches to Research and Security (PONARS) Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, September 9, 2011.

"Threat Perceptions and Support for Authoritarianism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Azerbaijan," PONARS Eurasia Workshop, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 13, 2011.

Book discussion on *Weapons of the Wealthy*

- University of Washington, April 27, 2011
- Elliott School, George Washington University, Washington DC, April 13, 2011

"Don't Stop Thinking about Yesterday: An Experiment with Conflict Narratives in the Caucasus," UW International Security Colloquium, March 4, 2011.

"Competing Narratives and Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan," PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, October 22, 2010.

"Threat Perceptions and Support for Authoritarianism," American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 3, 2010.

"Historical Narratives and Post-Conflict Reconciliation in the Caucasus: A Psychological Experiment"

- PONARS Eurasia Workshop, Odessa, Ukraine, June 13, 2010
- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 13, 2009

"Stability and Breakdown in Transitional States: An Analysis of Central Asia and the Caucasus"

- American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 4, 2009
- Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 23, 2009
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3, 2009

"Sources of Resistance to the State in Central Asia and the Caucasus in the 1990s," Annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Philadelphia, November 22, 2008.

"The View from Central Asia," at "Competition or Cooperation: Energy and Russia's Foreign Policy Towards Northeast Asia." Workshop at the University of Washington, February 9, 2008.

"Social Capital and Organized Resistance in Central Asia," Central Eurasian Studies Society annual meeting, Seattle, October 18-21, 2007.

"Mass Mobilization, Networks, and the State in Central Asia"

- Kennan Scholar Seminar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, October 4, 2007
- Central Eurasian Studies Society, Ann Arbor, September 29, 2006
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard, October 19, 2006
- Identity Politics Working Group, MIT, March 16, 2006

"Weighing the Political and Economic Motivations for Migration in Post-Soviet Space: The Case of Uzbekistan," Center for International Studies, MIT, May 2, 2006.

"State Deconstruction, Patronage, and Mobilization in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan," annual meeting of Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, March 24, 2006.

Dissertation in progress presented at "Governance in Eurasia: Historical and Contemporary Approaches," Dissertation Development Workshop, Social Science Research Council, University of Texas at Austin, March 5-7, 2004.

"Perspectives on the US-Iraq War," ACTR/ACCELS Library, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, April 16, 2003.

"The Chechens? They're All Talk: Islamic Discourse in the Chechen Wars," annual meeting of the AAASS, Pittsburgh, November 21-24, 2002.

"Prepared to Take a *Stan*?: The (non) Threat of Islamic Fundamentalism to Central Asia's States," annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 11-13, 2002.

Teaching

- Contemporary Central Asian Politics
- The Making of the 21st Century
- Post-Soviet Security
- Failed States
- US Democracy Promotion
- Social Movements and Revolutions

Professional Service

- Title VIII Selection and Advisory Committee, Social Science Research Council
- Advisory Board, Central Asian Studies Institute, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Council Advisory Committee to Asian Art Council of Seattle Art Museum
- Referee for *World Politics, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Europe-Asia Studies, Problems of Post-Communism, Slavic Review, Central Asian Survey, Nationalities Papers, Review of International Affairs, Journal of Asian and African Studies*
- Reviewer for National Science Foundation, ACTR/ACCELS Eurasian Regional Language Program, 2007; Leverhulme Trust Detailed Research Project Grants; Minority Rights Group International, Foundation for Polish Science
- Interviews for Seattle, King 5 News, eurasianet.org, The Diplomat magazine, Azerbaijan News Agency, Voice of America Uzbek Service
- Carnegie Junior Fellows Program campus selection committee, 2010-11
- Executive Committee, REECAS, 2010-12
- Program Committee, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, 2009-11
- Graduate Committee, International Studies, University of Washington, 2008-2009
- Undergraduate Admissions Committee, International Studies, 2009-11
- MAIS Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008, 2011
- Junior Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, University of Washington, Fall 2008
- Ellison Center MA admissions, FLAS committee, 2009
- Chair, Global Studies FLAS committee, 2011-12
- Admissions Committee, Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies, 2011
- Faculty Senate representative, 2011-

Advising

- Doctoral committees: Nika Kabiri (Sociology), David Merrill (Law), Jeanene Mitchell (Middle East)
- Masters Thesis Committees: Odina Solihbaeva, Anders Conway, Katherine Kostiuk, Miriam Counterman, Brett Walton, Natalia Wobst, Britnee Carter, Derek Hom, Jack Coombes, Austin

Malloy, Haley Sides (Ellison Center), Angela Halonen-Webb, Kyle Routen (International Studies)

Related Experience

- Linguist, Karshi-Khanabad (K2) Air Base, October 2004 - April 2005
- Research Associate, Free University, Berlin, April 2003 - August 2005
- Research Assistant for Roger Petersen, MIT, 2001-02
- Research Assistant, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Summer 1998

Languages and Quantitative Skills

- Russian-advanced in reading, writing, and speaking
- Uzbek-intermediate in reading, writing, and speaking
- Statistical packages R, Stata, SPSS

References

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