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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Rochester
Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies, 2018-19

George F. Kennan Fellow
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Summer 2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, 2018

Comparative Politics, Political Economy, International Relations, Political Methodology
Dissertation: *States within Markets. Elites, Institutions and the Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves*

Master of Arts, Georgetown University, 2012

Russian and East European Studies

Master of Science, University of Oxford, 2008

Global Governance and Diplomacy

B.A., Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania, 2007 (valedictorian)

Political Science; European Studies

Erasmus Scholarship at Sciences Po, Lille

Research Areas: Economic Policy Reversal, Populism and Economic Nationalism, Economic Development and Inequality, Corruption, Eastern European and Russian Politics, Quantitative Analysis

SCHOLARSHIP

Book

2010 *The Energy Dimension in the EU-Russian Relations* (Bucharest: Institutul European, 2010)
Published in Romanian, original title *Relația Uniunea Europeană-Rusia. Problema energetică*

Peer reviewed publications

- 2015 "Baikonur, Bagys and the Legacy of Soviet-Era Territorial Leases in Contemporary Central Asia", *Cambridge Central Asian Reviews*, University of Cambridge (vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 1-18)
- 2012 "Being a Jewish Writer in Second World War Bucharest. The case of Mihail Sebastian" in *Slovo*, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, (vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 3-18)
- 2011 "A Problem of Consolidation. Moldovan Democracy and Regime Change from Independence to the "Twitter Revolution,"" *Romanian Journal of International Relations and Security Studies* (vol. 1, no. 2, November 2011)
- 2009 "Threads in the Canvas. Pipeline Politics and the Economization of the Russian Foreign Policy in the Black Sea Region", *Journal of Asian and East European Studies*, (vol. 1, no. 1, April 2009, pp. 25-40)

Working papers

Tied Aid and Poverty in Developing Countries, with Desha Girod, under review with the *American Journal of Political Science*

Corruption: Quantity or Consequences?, with Harley Balzer, under review with the *British Journal of Political Science*

Offshore Protection: Evidence from the Yukos Precedent and the Moscow Stock Exchange, with Nik Kalyanpur

Bringing the State Back In. Populism and Economic Policy Reversal in Eastern Europe

The social origins of economic nationalism. Public opinions on transition reforms and the rise of populism

The Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves

The China-Russia Corruption Conundrum, with Harley Balzer

Place Matters. Economic Geography and Populist Voting in Europe, with Kate McNamara

Is the Right right?, with Nita Rudra and Jennifer Tobin

Work in Progress

Development Effects of Compliance with World Bank Aid Agreements, with Desha Girod and Sara Fischer

Issues and Ideologies in Party Competition. Racial Intolerance and Rightist Parties in 19 Democracies, with Hans Noel

Property Rights in the Aftermath of Conflict. The Impact of the India-Pakistan Partition on Property Claims in Karachi, with Rabea Kirmani

US Pension Funds and the New Politics of International Investments, with Caitlin McGowan

The Double Democratic Decline. The Impact of Highly Skilled Migration on Extremist Voting in Host and Home Countries, with Abe Newman and Filip Savatic

Early childhood nutrition, institutional support and development. Methodological innovations in surveying childhood development, with Harold Alderman and Jed Friedman

Varieties of Inequality and Democratization, with Loriana Crasnic

Chapters in books

- 2012 "Global Governance in Contemporary Politics", chapter in the *International Relations Textbook*, Andrei Miroiu and Radu-Sebastian Ungureanu, eds. (Bucharest: Polirom, 2012)
- 2008 "Dissensions and Incertitudes. European Union-Russia Dialog in Transition", chapter in *International Relations. World of yesterday, world of tomorrow*, Paul Nistor, ed. (Iasi: Pim and the International Relations Association Est-Democratia, 2008, pp. 230-244)

AWARDS

External Awards

- 2019 George F. Kennan Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center (\$ 12000)
- 2017-18 Adam Smith Fellowship (\$ 10000)
- 2017 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, University of Wisconsin Madison (\$ 1000)
- 2017-18 Humane Studies Fellowship (\$ 15000)
- 2017 Harriman Institute at Columbia University grant to attend the Sixth Annual ICSID Conference, "Political Economy of Development: Exiting the Middle Income Trap," at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow (\$ 2250)
- 2016 NSF grant to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Rice University (\$ 1500)
- 2015 PhD Scholarship from the Institute for Humane Studies (\$ 1500)
- 2011 Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, full funding for the Russian Language Summer School at Middlebury College (\$ 10000)
- 2007-08 Chevening Scholarship from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Open Society Foundation for graduate work at Oxford University (\$ 30000)
- 2006 European Union Erasmus Mobility Fellowship to study at the Institute for Political Science (Sciences Po), Lille (\$ 2000)

Internal Awards

- 2016-17 The Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Georgetown University (\$ 65000)
- 2017 Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Government, Georgetown University (\$5000)
- 2016 Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Georgetown University (\$ 5000)
- 2016 Georgetown University Fellowship for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program offered by the Department of Government (\$ 3000)
- 2015 Georgetown University Graduate Student Organization Teaching Assistant Award for assisting in the PhD statistics course *Analysis of Political Data*
- 2014 Georgetown University Fellowship for the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research offered by the Department of Government (\$ 5000)
- 2014 Georgetown University Summer Research Award for a collaborative project with a faculty member (\$ 2000)
- 2012-17 Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, PhD fellowship
- 2012 Georgetown University Conference Travel Award for the 11th International Postgraduate Conference at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies London (\$ 1000)

- 2011 Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies summer research travel grant for field work in the Republic of Moldova (\$ 2000)
- 2010-12 Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, graduate fellowship for the MA in Russian and East European Studies
- 2003-07 Alexandru Ioan Cuza University Study Award

Conferences

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2014, 2017, 2018
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), 2016, 2017
- ISA/FLACSO, Quito, Ecuador, 2018
- Sixth Annual ICSID Conference, "Political Economy of Development: Exiting the Middle Income Trap," Higher School of Economics, Moscow, June 2017
- Association for Slavonic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, 2016
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA), 2015
- Midwestern Political Science Conference (MPSA), 2014, 2015, 2019
- Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN) Conference "Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region," Istanbul, 2012
- GOSECA University of Pittsburgh Graduate Conference, 2012
- 11th International Postgraduate Conference at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London, 2012

Invited talks

- Georgetown University Political Economy Faculty Seminar, 2016
- Georgetown Quantitative Models, 2016, *Advanced Topics in L^AT_EX*
- George Washington University, 2016, Comparative Politics Workshop
- Georgetown Quantitative Models, 2015, *Advanced Visualization Techniques in R*
- Georgetown Quantitative Models, 2014, *Accelerated Introduction to L^AT_EX*

Research Experience

- 2018 Quantitative Researcher, World Bank Development Research Group (Poverty and Inequality Team)
- 2017-18 Editorial Assistant for *International Organization (IO)*, responsible for replication of accepted quantitative papers
- 2015-16 Professor Angela Stent, Researcher on Russian foreign policy
- 2016-18 Professor Desha Girod, Statistical researcher on international aid and economic development

- 2015-16 Professor Jenny Guardado, Statistical researcher on insurgencies and conflict funded by a grant from the Office of Naval Research and the University of Chicago
- 2015 Professor Bill Gormley, Statistical researcher for Georgetown University Center for Research on Children in the US (CROCUS)
- 2013-15 Professor Harley Balzer, Qualitative research on Russian regional development and corruption in Russia and China
- 2014 Expert coder for the *Varieties of Democracy* Project, Boston University

Additional Research Skills

Languages: Romanian (native), French (fluent), Russian (advanced), Spanish (advanced), Italian (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate)

Field work: Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Poland, Ukraine, Russia

Technical skills: Statistical Packages (R, STATA, SPSS, Mplus, Python), Applications (L^AT_EX, common Windows software) and mapping in ArcGIS, STATA and R

Methods Training: Ordinary Least Squares Regression, Generalized Linear Models, Time Series Analysis, Game Theory, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Advanced Bayesian Models

Additional Methods Training: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program and the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

TEACHING

University of Rochester

- Lecturer, *Political Economy of Developing Countries* 2018
- Lecturer, *Populism in 21st Century Politics* 2019

Georgetown University

- Lecturer, *States and Markets: Linking Political Institutions and Economic Outcomes* 2016
- Lecturer, *Theories of International Relations* 2015
- Lecturer, *PhD Math Camp* for Government Department doctoral students 2015, 2016, 2017
- Teaching Assistant, *Analysis of Political Data* (PhD statistics seminar), received the 2015 Georgetown Graduate Teaching Award 2014
- Teaching Assistant, *Comparative Political Systems* 2013, 2014, 2015
- Teaching Assistant, *Russian Foreign Policy* 2013, 2014, 2016
- Teaching Assistant, *Environmental Policy* 2013

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania

- Teaching Assistant, *Theories of International Relations* 2009
- Teaching Assistant, *European Union Institutions* 2009
- Teaching Assistant, *Politics of the European Union* 2010

SERVICE

- 2015-16 Treasurer of the Government Department's Women's Caucus
- 2014-15 Graduate Student Organization Dissertation Writing Boot Camp Drill Instructor
- 2013-15 Chair of the Georgetown University Political Science Graduate Working Group
- 2014-15 President of the Georgetown Quantitative Models, treasurer (2013 - 2014)
- 2013-14 Treasurer of the Georgetown's Graduate Political Science Association
- 2012-16 Georgetown CRITICS (Current Research on Issues and Topics In Comparative Scholarship) discussant for Anna Grzymala-Busse, Melani Cammett, Desha Girod, Laia Balcells, and Sona Golder

REVIEWER: *International Studies Quarterly*

REFERENCES

The following professors can write letters on my behalf.

Professor Harley Balzer, Georgetown University, balzerh@georgetown.edu

Professor Marc Morjé Howard, Georgetown University, mmh@georgetown.edu

Professor Erik Voeten, Georgetown University, ev42@georgetown.edu

Professor Desha Girod, Georgetown University, dmg78@georgetown.edu

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