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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 Cycles*

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, 2007 (valedictorian)

Political Science; European Studies

Erasmus Scholarship at Sciences Po, Lille

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

AWARDS & GRANTS

Awards

- 2016-17 The Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Georgetown University
- 2016 Georgetown University Fellowship for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program offered by the Department of Government
- 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
- 2012-17 Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, PhD fellowship

- 2011 Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, full funding for the Russian Language Summer School at Middlebury College, VT
- 2010-12 Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, graduate fellowship for the MA in Russian and East European Studies
- 2007-08 Chevening Scholarship from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Open Society Foundation for graduate work at Oxford University
- 2006 European Union Erasmus Mobility Fellowship to study at the Institute for Political Science (Sciences Po), Lille
- 2003-07 Alexandru Ioan Cuza University Study Award

Grants

- 2017-18 Adam Smith Fellowship (\$ 5000)
- 2017 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, University of Wisconsin Madison (\$ 1000)
- 2017 Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Government, Georgetown University (\$ 5000)
- 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 Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Georgetown University (\$ 5000)
- 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)
- 2014 Georgetown University Summer Research Award for a collaborative project with a faculty member (\$ 2000)
- 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)

SCHOLARSHIP

Working papers

Tied Aid and Poverty in Developing Countries, with Desha Girod, under review

The Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Cycles

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

The China-Russia Corruption Conundrum, with Harley Balzer

Corruption: Quantity or Consequences?, with Harley Balzer

Varieties of Inequality and Democratization, with Lorian Crasnic

Work in Progress

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

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

Private Property Redistribution after Conflict, with Rabea Kirmani

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

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
- 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
- 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)

Other publications

- 2012 *Global Governance in Contemporary Politics* 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* 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)

Book reviews

- 2011 Andreas Goldthau and Jan Martin Witte (2009) "Global Energy Governance: The New Rules of the Game," Brookings, reviewed for the *CEU Political Science Journal*, December 2011
- 2011 George Gavrillis (2008) "The Dynamics of Interstate Boundaries", Cambridge University Press, reviewed for *Political Studies Review*, January 2011

- 2010 Paradorn Rangsimaporn (2009) "Russia as an Aspiring Great Power in East Asia. Perceptions and Policies from Yeltsin to Putin," Palgrave, reviewed for *International Affairs*, March 2010
- 2010 James Headley (2008) "Russia in the Balkans Foreign Policy from Yeltsin to Putin," Hurst, reviewed for *Europe-Asia Studies*, May 2010

Conferences

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2014, 2017
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), 2016, 2017
- 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, 2015
- Midwest Political Science Conference, 2014, 2015
- 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*
- Comparative Politics DC Workshop, George Washington University, 2016
- Georgetown Quantitative Models, 2015, *Advanced Visualization Techniques in R*
- Georgetown Quantitative Models, 2014, *Accelerated Introduction to L^AT_EX*

Research Experience

- 2017-18 Editorial Assistant for *International Organization (IO)* under Professor Erik Voeten, responsible for replication of accepted quantitative papers
- 2015-16 Professor Angela Stent, Researcher on Russian foreign policy

- 2016 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), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Russian (advanced), Italian (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate)

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

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

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

TEACHING

Georgetown University

- Main Instructor, *States and Markets: Linking Political Institutions and Economic Outcomes* 2016
- Main Instructor, *Theories of International Relations* 2015
- Main Instructor, *PhD Math Camp* for Government Department 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

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

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 Angela Stent, Georgetown University, stenta@georgetown.edu

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

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