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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 2019-

Postdoctoral Fellow, Skalny Center, University of Rochester, 2018-19

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Government, 2018, Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Political Methodology

Dissertation: *States within Markets. Elites, Institutions and the Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves*

M.A. in Russian and East European Studies, 2012

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

M.Sc. in Global Governance and Diplomacy, 2008

A.I. CUZA UNIVERSITY, IAȘI, ROMANIA

B.A. in Political Science and European Studies, 2007 (valedictorian)

Research Areas: Democratic Backsliding, Populism and Economic Nationalism, Economic Policy Reversal, Inequality and Economic Development, Corruption and Transparency, Energy and Environmental Policy, Western European, Eastern European and Russian Politics, Political Methodology

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

manuscript *Privatization, Nationalization and Back Again. The Politics of Economic Policy Reversal*
in progress Book workshop scheduled for March 2022

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

2021 "Assessing the Performance of Caregiver Reported Early Development Instruments (CREDI) Relative to the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development (Bayley-III) in Rural India," with Harold Alderman and Jed Friedman, *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*

- 2021 "Economic Consequences of Illiberalism," chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of Illiberalism* edited by András Sajó, Stephen Holmes and Renáta Uitz
- 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)

R&Rs and Under Review

- "Bringing the State Back In. Populism and Economic Nationalism in Europe," under review with *Comparative Politics*
- "Ties that Bind: The Impact of Tied Aid on Development," with Desha Girod, under review with *International Studies Quarterly (ISQ)*
- "Offshore Protection: Evidence from the Yukos Precedent and the Moscow Stock Exchange," with Nik Kalyanpur, under review with *Energy Policy*
- "Corruption: Quantity or Consequences?," with Harley Balzer
- "The Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves"
- "Patterns of Policy Responses to the COVID-19: Coronavirus Pandemic in Federal vs. Unitary States," with Tim Buthe, Joan Barcelo, Cindy Cheng, Allison Spencer Hartnett, Robert Kubinec and Luca Messerschmidt

Working papers

- "The coercive capacity of COVID-19 policies: The rule of law or the rule of fear?" with Caress Schenk, to be presented at APSA 2021
- "The new politics of private investment in developing countries," with Erum Haider and Duncan Hobbs, to be presented at APSA 2021
- "The Left Behind: Emigration, Political Brain Drain, and Support for Far-Right Parties in Europe," with Abe Newman and Filip Savatic, presented at APSA 2020, ISA 2021
- "Political scandals and populism: Origin story or silver bullet?" with Tsveta Petrova
- "The social origins of economic nationalism. Public opinions on transition reforms and the rise of populism"
- "Populism and environmental politics" with Swapna Pathak
- "Place Matters. Economic Geography and Populist Voting in Europe," with Kate McNamara
- "Property Rights in the Aftermath of Conflict. The Impact of the India-Pakistan Partition on Property Claims in Karachi," with Rabea Kirmani

AWARDS

External Awards

2022	Institute for Humane Studies, Book Manuscript Workshop Grant
2022	James Buchanan Fellowship
2021	Institute for Humane Studies, Book Proposal Workshop Grant
2020-21	Visiting Lecturer, Duke-DKU Global Fellows Program, Duke Kunshan University
2020-21	Regional Studies Association, Grant on Pandemics, Cities, Regions and Industry
2020, 2021	Summer Humane Studies Fellowship Award
2020	Kennan Alumni Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center (canceled due to COVID-19)
2019, 2018	F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
2019	APSA Small Research grant through the Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs
2019	Eurolab Grant at the GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
2019	George F. Kennan Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center
2017-18	Adam Smith Fellowship
2017	National Science Foundation (NSF) travel grant
2017-18, 2015	Humane Studies Fellowship
2017	Harriman Institute, Columbia University travel grant
2016	National Science Foundation (NSF) travel grant
2011	Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Middlebury College, Russian Language Summer School
2007-08	Chevening Scholarship from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Open Society Foundation, Oxford University
2006	European Union Erasmus Mobility Fellowship, Institute for Political Science (Sciences Po), Lille

Internal Awards

2020-21	Columbia University Pepsico Fellowships for Research Travel, Winter 2020 (Poland), Summer 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19), Fall 2021 (Czech Republic, Romania)
2016-17	The Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Georgetown University
2017	Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Government, Georgetown University
2016	Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University (Hungary)
2016	Georgetown University Fellowship for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program
2015	Georgetown University Graduate Student Organization Teaching Assistant Award
2014	Georgetown University Fellowship for the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
2014	Georgetown University Summer Research Award
2012-18	Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, PhD fellowship
2012	Georgetown University Conference Travel Award
2011	Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies summer research grant (Moldova)
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

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19), 2021

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), 2016, 2017
 International Political Economy Society (IPES), 2019
 Midwest Political Science Conference (MPSA), 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)
 The Ideational Approach to Populism: Consequences and Mitigation, IE University in Segovia, Spain, 2019
 ISA/FLACSO, Quito, Ecuador, 2018
 Sixth Annual ICSID Conference, "Political Economy of Development: Exiting the Middle Income Trap,"
 Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, June 2017
 Association for Slavonic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, 2016
 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA), 2015
 Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN) Conference "Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern
 Caucasus and the Black Sea Region," Istanbul, Turkey, 2012

Invited talks

Romanian Cultural Institute, New York	2020
Columbia University, Harriman Institute, New York	2019
Leibnitz Institute for Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany	2019
Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University	2019
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC	2019
University of Rochester	2019
Georgetown University, Political Economy Faculty Seminar	2016
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Advanced Topics in L^AT_EX</i> ¹	2016
George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop	2016
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Advanced Visualization Techniques in R</i> ¹	2015
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Accelerated Introduction to L^AT_EX</i> ¹	2014

Additional Research Skills

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

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

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

Statistical methods used in research and teaching: Ordinary Least Squares, Generalized Linear Models, Time Series Analysis, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Advanced Bayesian Models, Text-as-Data, Survey Analysis and Survey Experiments, Randomized Control Trials, Event Study Analysis and Survival Analysis, Game Theory

Additional Training:

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

Middlebury College Russian Summer School

¹ Conducted the lecture and coding training.

Work and Research Experience

2020-21	Regional Data Manager CoronaNet Research Project , Western Europe
2018-19	World Bank Development Research Group (Poverty and Inequality Team)
2017-18	Editorial Assistant for <i>International Organization (IO)</i> , 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)
2014	Expert coder for the <i>Varieties of Democracy</i> Project, Boston University
2008	Research Assistant at the Overseas Development Institute, London

TEACHING

Columbia University

Instructor of record, <i>Populism in Europe and the World</i>	2020, 2021, 2022
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Duke Kunshan University, Kunshan, China

Visiting Lecturer, <i>International Politics</i>	Summer 2020
Visiting Lecturer, <i>Economic Development</i>	Summer 2020

University of Rochester

Instructor of record, <i>Political Economy of Developing Countries</i>	2018
Instructor of record, <i>Populism in 21st Century Politics</i>	2019

Georgetown University

Instructor of record, <i>States and Markets: Linking Political Institutions and Economic Outcomes</i>	2016
Instructor of record, <i>Theories of International Relations</i>	2015
Instructor of record, <i>PhD Math Camp</i> for Government Department doctoral students	2015, 2016, 2017
Teaching Assistant, <i>Comparative Political Systems</i>	2013, 2014, 2015
Teaching Assistant, <i>Analysis of Political Data</i> (PhD statistics seminar)	2014
Teaching Assistant, <i>Russian Foreign Policy</i>	2013, 2014, 2016
Teaching Assistant, <i>Environmental Policy</i>	2013

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania

Teaching Assistant, <i>Politics of the European Union</i>	2010
Teaching Assistant, <i>Theories of International Relations</i>	2009
Teaching Assistant, <i>European Union Institutions</i>	2009

SERVICE

- ADVISING Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies "The Evolution of Populist Parties Positions when Mainstream Parties Adopt Previously Extremist Policies: The case of the *Alternative for Germany*"
Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies "Memory Politics in Orban's Hungary"
Columbia University, MA Thesis in Russian and East European Studies "Corruption in Romania"
- REVIEWER International Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly
- 2019-20 Language Exchange Fellow, International House NY
2019-20 Co-Chair of the Postdoctoral Working Group, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
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

REFERENCES

The following professors can write letters on my behalf.

Professor Alexander Cooley, Columbia University, Director Harriman Institute, acooley@barnard.edu

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

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

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

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