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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, 1999, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Specialization: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Central and Eastern Europe

Dissertation: *Transformation through European Integration: A Comparative Study of the Czech Republic & Romania*

Master of Philosophy, Political Science, 1995, George Washington University

Master of Arts, International Affairs, 1992, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

Specialization: International Law; International Politics; Science, Technology, and Public Policy

Bachelor of Arts, International Relations, 1990, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Russian Area Studies Minor

Graduated *cum laude* in 3 years

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International organizations, European integration, Europeanization, Central and Eastern Europe, democratization, minority rights, Roma, non-governmental organizations, transnational advocacy networks

TEACHING AREAS

International Relations, International Organizations, International Law, Foreign Aid, Human Rights, Democratization, Honors Research

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2012 - present

Director/Coordinator and Advisor of Master of Arts in International Relations program, June 2009 – June 2013

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2006 – 2012

Universidad de La Habana, Havana, Cuba

Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), summer 2018 (invited)

Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), summer 2017 (invited)

University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana

Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), summer 2013

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain

Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), fall 2008

George Washington University, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington, DC, Sept. 2001 - Aug. 2008

Research Associate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Government of Japan (overseas foreign aid office), Washington, DC, April 2000 - July 2006
Senior Program Officer & Advisor on U.S. Affairs

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “IO Autonomy and Issue Emergence: The World Bank’s Roma Inclusion Agenda,” *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations* (accepted for publication, volume pending)
- “International Policy and Roma Education in Europe: Essential Inputs or Centralized Distractions?” *Inclusion and Education Rights of Roma Children*. Special issue of *Alberta Journal of Educational Research*, 61, no. 4 (Winter 2015): 465-483.
- “Europeanized Hypocrisy: Roma Inclusion and Exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe,” *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*, 13, no. 3 (2014): 15-44.
- “European Integration, Migration, and Representation: The Case of Roma in France,” *Ethnopolitics* 13, no. 3 (May 2014): 203-224.
- “Legacies of EU Conditionality: Explaining Post-Accession Adherence to Pre-Accession Rules on Roma,” *Europe – Asia Studies* 64, no. 7 (Sept. 2012): 1191-1218.
- “Lost in Transition? Europeanization and the Roma,” *L’Europe en Formation* 364 (summer 2012): 417-434.
- “Roma Advocacy and EU Conditionality: Not One without the Other?” *Comparative European Politics* 9, no. 2 (March 2011): 217-241.
- “Interests, Norms, and Advocacy: Explaining the Emergence of the Roma onto the EU’s Agenda,” *Ethnopolitics* 9, no. 2 (June 2010): 197-217.
- “Romania: From Laggard to Leader?” In *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. Bernd Rechel, 180-194. N.Y.: Routledge, 2009.
- “The Roma” (with Peter Vermeersch). In *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. Bernd Rechel, 61-73. N.Y.: Routledge, 2009.
- “Anti-Discrimination Policy and the Roma: Assessing the Impact of EU Enlargement,” *Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy* 3 (Nov. 2007): 491-514.
- “On Setting and Reaching Development Goals: The MDGs, Policy Coherence, and Partnership,” with Takao Toda. *Journal of International Development Studies* 14, no. 2 (Nov. 2005).
- “Democratization through European Integration: The Case of Minority Rights in the Czech Republic and Romania.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 38, no. 2 (summer 2003): 28-56.
- “Built by Association: Legislating for the West in EU Candidate States.” In *South-Eastern Europe, the Stability Pact and EU Enlargement*, eds. David Phinnemore and Peter Siani-Davies, 130-155. Cluj, Romania: European Studies Foundation Publishing House, 2002.
- “Harmonizing Laws with the European Union: The Case of Intellectual Property Rights in the Czech Republic.” In *Norms and Nannies: The Impact of European Organizations on Central and East European States*, ed. Ronald H. Linden, 259-286. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2002.
- “Minority Relations in Multiethnic Societies: Assessing the European Union Factor in Romania,” *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics* 1, no. 2, special issue, “Romania and the European Union” (Nov. 2001): 63-90.

- “Transformation through European Integration: The Domestic Effects of European Union Law in Romania. In *The Transformations of 1989-1999: Triumph or Tragedy?* ed. John S. Micgiel. New York: East Central European Center, Columbia University, 2000.

Other Publications

- Book review of Aidan McGarry, *Who Speaks for Roma? Political Representation of a Transnational Minority Community*, in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (JEMS)* 39, no. 1 (2013): 180-181.
- “The Trafficking of Women in the NIS and CEE.” Policy Paper, International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), September 2000.
- “The Roma in Central and Eastern Europe.” Policy Paper, IREX, March 2000.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION/UNDER REVIEW

- *Roma Life Stories: Breaking Barriers* (book project)
- “Overlapping Institutions, Mutual Dependency, and International Organization Efficiency”

HONORS AND AWARDS

- HERS Leadership Institute, Bryn Mawr University, July 2017
- Provost’s Faculty Scholarship Support Program Award, California State University, Fresno, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, & 2010
- Selected as Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), summer 2018, summer 2017, summer 2015, summer 2013, fall 2008
- Fresno State Talks (student-selected lecture series) nominee, Fall 2014
- College of Social Sciences Research & Creative Activity Award, California State University, Fresno, 2013, 2012, 2011, & 2007
- Division of Graduate Studies Recruitment Mini-Grant, California State University, Fresno, 2012 & 2011
- University Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, California State University, Fresno, 2011 & 2007
- Provost’s Promising New Faculty Award, California State University, Fresno, 2011
- Graduate Faculty Enhancement Award, California State University, Fresno, 2009, 2008, & 2007
- Digital Campus eScholars Program Award, California State University, Fresno, 2008
- University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) Faculty International Development Award for language study in Lüneburg, Germany, 2007
- International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)/Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Regional Policy Symposium Grant, 2006
- IREX Short-Term Travel Grant to Romania, 2004
- Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, research travel grant to Czech Republic, 2002
- Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium Grant, Woodrow Wilson Center and IREX, 2001
- Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar Scholarship, Woodrow Wilson Center (East European Studies) and American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), 2000
- Hoffman Dissertation Prize, George Washington University, 1999
- IREX Southeastern Europe Area Studies Seminar grant, Romania, 1999
- Cosmos Club Foundation Junior Scholar's Award for dissertation field research, 1999

- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars fellow, short-term grant, East European Studies, 1998
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for intensive Czech language study, Czech Republic, 1997
- Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, study fellowship, 1996
- FLAS Fellowship for intensive Czech language study, U.S., 1996
- Hoffman Dissertation Award, George Washington University, 1996
- University Fellow, George Washington University, 1993 – 1994
- FLAS Fellowship for intensive Russian language study, Russia, 1993
- Dean's Scholarship, University of Southern California, 1987
- Honors Program (Thematic Option) admission, University of Southern California, 1987
- American Association of University Women Scholarship, 1987

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “IO Autonomy and Issue Emergence: The World Bank's Roma Inclusion Agenda.” Presented at Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2016, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- “An Emerging Agenda: The World Bank and Roma.” Presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 2015, San Francisco, CA.
- “International Policy and Roma Education in Europe: Essential Inputs or Centralized Distractions?” Presented at conference on “Policy, Inclusion and Education Rights of Roma Children: Challenges and Successes in the EU and North America,” University of Alberta, March 2015, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- *Keynote speech*: “Europeanized Hypocrisy: Roma Inclusion and Exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe,” presented at conference on “New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the Neighbourhood,” Queen’s University Belfast, March 2015, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- “Europeanization and the Roma: Spreading the Norms of Inclusion and Exclusion.” Presented at the European Community Studies Association-Canada (ECSA-C) 10th Biennial Conference, May 2014, Montreal, Canada.
- “Inclusion, Exclusion, and the Failure of Roma Identity Politics.” Presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, April 2014, New York, NY.
- “Migration and Representation: The Case of Roma in France.” Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, April 2013, New York, NY.
- “Finding a Path to Social and Economic Inclusion of Europe’s Roma Population.” World Bank, April 2013, Washington, DC. (*invited speaker*)
- “Roma Rights and the Failure of Identity Politics.” University of Texas at Austin, conference on “Identity Politics: The New World versus New (and Old) Europe,” March 2013, Austin, TX. (*invited speaker*)
- “Lost in Transition? Europeanisation and the Roma in Romania and Bulgaria.” Conference on “Europeanisation after EU accession: Transformation, reform and compliance in recent EU member states,” organized by *L’Europe en Formation: Journal of Studies on European Integration and Federalism*, March 2012, Nice, France.
- “Roma Rights in an Expanded EU: Legacies of EU Conditionality.” Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, April 2011, New York, NY.
- “The EU and the Roma: A Path to Social and Economic Inclusion?” Conference on “The Maturing of the Multicultural Experiment: European Challenges Coming to Canada?” hosted by the European Union Centre of Excellence, York University, March 2011, Toronto, Canada. (*invited speaker*)

- “Legacies of EU Conditionality: Explaining Post-Accession Adherence to Pre-Accession Rules on the Roma.” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Feb. 2010, New Orleans, LA.
- “The NGO Role in the Diffusion of EU Ideas and Policies.” KFG conference on “The Transformative Power of Europe,” Free University Berlin, Dec. 2009, Berlin, Germany.
- “Roma Advocacy and EU Conditionality: Not One without the Other?” Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, April 2009, New York, NY.
- “Bringing NGOs Back In: EU Conditionality and NGO Advocacy.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2008, San Diego, CA.
- “Anti-Discrimination Policy and the Roma: Assessing the Impact of EU Enlargement.” Jean Monnet Seminar on Advanced Issues of European Law, “European Law After the Big Bang Enlargement: Assessment and Perspectives,” 5th session, April/May 2007, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- “Transnational Networks for Minority Rights in Europe: The Case of the Roma.” IREX/Woodrow Wilson Center Regional Policy Symposium on “EU and NATO Member States and their Eastern Borderlands,” March/April 2006, Chesapeake Beach, MD.
- “Lobbying the European Union from Afar: NGO Advocacy on Minority Rights in Candidate States.” Conference on “Organized Civil Society and European Governance: Training, Recruitment and Practices of Interest Group Representatives in the European Union,” Institut d’Etudes Politiques, June 2004, Strasbourg, France.
- “From the Sidelines to the Headlines: How the Roma Gained a ‘Voice’ in European Politics,” with Thomas T. Holyoke. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 2003, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Bridging the EU Divide: From Subregional Cooperation to European Integration.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug./Sept. 2002, Boston, MA.
- “Built by Association: Transplanting Democracy through European Integration.” Conference on “The European Union’s Eastern Enlargement: Surveying the Social and Economic Divides,” University of Toronto, Feb. 2002, Toronto, Canada.
- “Foreign Aid Policy in the New International Environment.” JICA USA seminar on “Post-September 11: Triggering a New Approach to Foreign Aid?” Nov. 2001, Washington, DC.
- “Built by Association: Legislating for the West in EU Candidate States.” Conference on “South-Eastern Europe and EU Enlargement,” Babes-Bolyai University, Sept. 2001, Cluj, Romania.
- “Democratization through European Integration: The Case of Minority Rights in the Czech Republic and Romania.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 2001, San Francisco, CA.
- “European Union Aspirations and Obligations: The EU Influence on Minority Rights in Candidate States.” Conference on “Voice or Exit: Comparative Perspectives on Ethnic Minorities in Twentieth Century Europe,” Humboldt University, June 2001, Berlin, Germany.
- “European Union Policymaking in Candidate States: Legislating Minority Rights in the Czech Republic and Romania.” European Community Studies Association International Conference, June 2001, Madison, WI.
- “Black Sea Cooperation towards European Integration.” Presented at IREX and Woodrow Wilson Center Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium, April 2001, Leesburg, VA.
- “Sub-regional Cooperation and European Integration: Romania’s Delicate Balance.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Feb. 2001, Chicago, IL.
- Woodrow Wilson Center Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar, presentation and discussion of doctoral dissertation research, Aug. 2000, Wye River, MD.

- Columbia University, paper presentation at 1999 Harriman Institute/East Central European Center conference on “1989 - 1999 Transformations: Triumph or Tragedy?”
- Harvard University, paper presentation at 1999 Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies conference on “New Approaches to Southeast Europe.”

Chair, Discussant, and Guest Lecturer

- “Pushing the Boundaries of Human Rights Research.” Panel co-Discussant. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2016, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- “The EU and Human Rights.” Panel Chair and Panel Discussant. European Community Studies Association-Canada (ECSA-C) 10th Biennial Conference, May 2014, Montreal, Canada.
- “Roma Rights and the Politics of Recognition.” Panel Discussant. Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, April 2013, Columbia University, NY.
- “Civil Societies and the Challenges to Diversities in East-Central Europe and the Balkans.” Panel Chair. Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, April 2011, Columbia University, NY.
- “The European Union and the Nationality Factor.” Panel Discussant. Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, April 2010, Columbia University, NY.
- “New Paradigms in the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism.” Panel Chair. Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, April 2010, Columbia University, NY.
- “European Identities and Diversity.” Panel Chair. Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, April 2009, Columbia University, NY.
- “Designing a Hybrid Course,” presented at 2009 Regional Conference on Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Teaching for Engaged Learning, March 2009, California State University, Fresno.
- “International Systems and Models.” Panel Chair. Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2008, San Diego, CA.
- “Terrorism and Security.” Panel Chair (with introductory remarks), Nov. 2007, Newman Center, Fresno, CA.
- “Post-Ceausescu Romania.” Panel discussant. Association for the Study of Nationalities 11th Annual World Convention, March 2006, Columbia University, NY.
- “The Politics of International Development.” Guest lecture, International Political Economy course, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2003, George Washington University, Washington, DC.
- “Japan's Current Plans for Reconstruction in Afghanistan.” Guest lecture, course on "Preparing for the Rehabilitation Effort in Afghanistan" (training course supported by Embassy of Afghanistan), Program on Peacekeeping Policy, June 2002 & Feb. 2003, George Mason University, Washington, DC.
- “European Union Enlargement.” Guest lecture, Comparative Politics and Government of Western Europe course, Department of Political Science, March 2000, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Peer reviewer of grant proposals (last 4 years)
 - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
 - Swiss National Science Foundation
 - Czech Science Foundation
 - Autonomous Province of Bolzano in Northern Italy
- Peer reviewer of journal manuscripts (last 6 years)
 - *Global Governance* (2017)
 - *Journal of Common Market Studies* (2013)
 - *Europe-Asia Studies* (2011)
 - *Ethnopolitics* (2016, 2012)
 - *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (2015, 2013)
 - *Problems of Post-Communism* (2016 x 2, 2014)
 - *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* (2013)
 - *JOMEK Journal* (2014)
 - *European Education* (2015)
 - *Alberta Journal of Educational Research* (2015)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Executive Committee of the Academic Senate, officer elected to represent university faculty, April 2012 – April 2013, April 2014 to April 2017, May 2017-April 2020
- Academic Senate, Senator elected to represent Political Science Department, spring 2010 – spring 2013; Senator elected to represent faculty university-wide, April 2014 to April 2017, May 2017- April 2020
- Provost's Task Force on Student Course Access and High Impact Educational Practices member, spring 2017-present
- Center for Creativity and the Arts Committee member, fall 2010 - present
- President's Task Force on Testing Services, one of 3 faculty members appointed by the President, spring 2016
- President's Level A Allocation Review Committee (review committee for the University Budget Allocation Policy and Process), one of 4 faculty members appointed by the President, spring 2015 – spring 2016
- Provost's Awards Committee 2014-2015, elected member, spring 2015
- WASC Accreditation Committee member (appointed by the Provost), spring 2013 – spring 2015
- WASC Core Competency Subcommittee member, spring 2013 – spring 2015
- World Cultures and Globalization cohort member, fall 2011- present
- Study Abroad Scholarship Review Committee member, fall 2010 - 2014
- Distinguished International Student Nominations reader, spring 2013
- CSU-International Programs Selection Committee member, spring 2013
- Honorary Degree Nomination Committee member, fall 2012
- International Education Week, international careers panel organizer and moderator, fall 2010 – fall 2012
- Chair, Professional Activities, Untenured Faculty Organization, fall 2011 – spring 2012
- Co-Chair, Red Balloon Project Faculty Workload Task Force, spring 2011 – fall 2012
- Red Balloon Project Steering Committee member (appointed by the Provost), spring 2011 – fall 2012
- Chair, Research Support, Untenured Faculty Organization, fall 2009 - spring 2011
- Lowell Neighborhood Project, College of Social Sciences representative, fall 2009 – fall 2010

- International Scholarship Committee member, spring 2008

College of Social Sciences

- Director/Instructor of College of Social Sciences Honors Program, 2016-17 & 2017-18
- Executive Committee, member fall 2015 - present
- Co-Chair, International Education Committee, College of Social Sciences, fall 2015- present; member since fall 2010
- Honors College Ad Hoc Committee member, spring 2017 - present
- Honors Program Research Mentor (for development of B.A. theses), 4 students, spring 2015, spring 2016, 2016-17
- Research Committee member, College of Social Sciences, fall 2012 – spring 2015

Department of Political Science

- Chair of Faculty Search Committee, Comparative Politics/International Relations, spring 2017 – fall 2017
- Curriculum Committee member, fall 2016 - present
- Coordinator/Director/Advisor, Graduate Program in International Relations, summer 2009 – spring 2013
- Chair, Graduate Program in International Relations Consultative Faculty Committee, fall 2009 – spring 2013
- Chair, Graduate Program in International Relations Admissions Committee, fall 2009 – spring 2013
- Program Coordinator, Seven Year Review and Student Outcome Assessment Program for the Graduate Program in International Relations, spring 2009 – spring 2013
- Latin American Politics/International Relations Search Committee member, Department of Political Science and Department of Chicano and Latin American Studies, fall 2010 – spring 2011

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, TEACHING, STUDY & LANGUAGES

Research & Teaching Abroad

- Extended field research in Czech Republic and Romania
- Short-term field research in France, Germany, and Brussels
- Visiting Professor in Spain (fall 2008), Ghana (summer 2013), Thailand (summer 2017)

Study Abroad

- Germany: University of Lüneburg, summer 2007
- Romania: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, summer 1999
- Czech Republic: Charles University, summer & fall 1996, summer 1997
- Russia: Moscow Institute for Social and Political Studies, summer 1993
- UK, France, and Switzerland: USC International Communication Studies Graduate Program, summer 1990

Foreign Language Skills

- Advanced knowledge of French and Italian
- Intermediate knowledge of Romanian and Czech
- Basic knowledge of Spanish and Russian

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Society for International Development
- American Society of International Law
- Association for the Study of Nationalities
- Phi Beta Delta International Education Honor Society
- European Academic Network on Romani Studies (academic project of the EU and Council of Europe)
- University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Collaborative Research Network “Romanis in Europe”