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***EDUCATION***

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**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***

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European integration, Europeanization, Central and Eastern Europe, democratization, minority rights, Roma, non-governmental organizations and transnational advocacy networks, international organizations, foreign aid policy

***TEACHING AREAS***

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

***ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE***

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**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

**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***

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**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

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- “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.

*HONORS AND AWARDS*

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- Provost’s Faculty Scholarship Support Program Award, California State University, Fresno, 2015, 2014, 2012, & 2010
- Selected as Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), 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*

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- “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 Discrimination: The Unintended Consequences of the EU’s Ethnic Equality Regime.” 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 & MEMBERSHIPS

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- Peer reviewer of grant proposals
  - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
  - Swiss National Science Foundation
  - Autonomous Province of Bolzano in Northern Italy
  - Czech Science Foundation
- Peer reviewer of journal manuscripts
  - *Journal of Politics*
  - *Problems of Post-Communism*
  - *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*
  - *Journal of Contemporary European Research*
  - *Journal of Common Market Studies*
  - *Europe-Asia Studies*
  - *Ethnopolitics*
  - *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
  - *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*
  - *JOMEC Journal*
  - *European Education* (special issue on Roma)
  - *Alberta Journal of Educational Research* (special issue on Roma)

- Professional Memberships
  - 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”
  - European Union Studies Association
  - Association for the Study of Nationalities
  - American Political Science Association
  - Southern Political Science Association
  - American Society of International Law
  - Phi Beta Delta International Education Honor Society

*UNIVERSITY SERVICE*

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

- Executive Committee, member fall 2015 - present
- Honors Program Research Mentor (for development of B.A. theses), 3 students, spring 2015 & spring 2016
- Co-Chair, International Education Committee, College of Social Sciences, fall 2015- present; member since fall 2010
- Research Committee member, College of Social Sciences, fall 2012 – spring 2015

**Department of Political Science**

- 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*

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**Research & Teaching Abroad**

- Extended field research in Czech Republic and Romania
- Short-term field research in France, Germany, and Brussels
- Visiting Professor in Accra, Ghana (University of Ghana, Legon, summer 2013)
- Visiting Professor in Madrid, Spain (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, fall 2008)

**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