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EDUCATION

**The George Washington University**, Washington, DC

Ph.D., Political Science, 1999

* Specialization: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Central and Eastern Europe
* Dissertation: *Transformation through European Integration: A Comparative Study of the Czech Republic and Romania*

M.A., International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, 1992

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA

B.A., International Relations, 1990. Russian Area Studies Minor.

Thematic Option Honors Program and scholarship. Graduated in 3 years.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**California State University, Fresno**, Fresno, CA

* Chair, Department of Political Science, spring 2018 - present
* Professor of Political Science, 2017 - present
* Director, College of Social Sciences Honors Program, 2016 - 2018
* Associate Professor of Political Science, 2012 - 2017
* Director, Master of Arts in International Relations Program, 2009 – 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

**The George Washington University**, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington, DC

* Research Associate, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, 2001 - 2008

**Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**, Washington, DC

USA coordination office of Japanese government agency for Official Development Assistance

* Senior Program Officer & Advisor on US Affairs, 2000 - 2006

PUBLICATIONS

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

* “Regime Complexity and a Galvanizing Idea: Development Goals and Intergovernmental Organization Coordination,” forthcoming in *Journal of International Organizations Studies*
* “EU Roma Policy: Under Construction” forthcoming in *Research Handbook on Minority Politics in the European Union*, eds. Tove H. Malloy and Balázs Vizi, Edward Elgar Publishing
* “International Organization Autonomy and Issue Emergence: The World Bank’s Roma Inclusion Agenda,” *Global Governance* 23, no. 4 (Oct-Dec. 2017): 565-582.
* “International Policy and Roma Education in Europe: Essential Inputs or Centralized Distractions?” *Alberta Journal of Educational Research* [special issue on “Inclusion and Education Rights of Roma Children”] 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* [special issue on “Romania and the European Union”] 1, no. 2 (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 Jennifer L. Schulze, *Strategic Frames: Europe, Russia, and Minority Inclusion in Estonia and Latvia* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018) in *Political Science Quarterly* 134, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 170-172.
* 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.

**Under Review**

* “Bridging European Divides: Southeast European Cooperation and European Integration.” In *Regional Groupings and European Integration*, Brill European Studies peer-reviewed book series

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

**Invited Speaker**

* Queen’s University Belfast. Keynote speech/paper: “Europeanized Hypocrisy: Roma Inclusion and Exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe.” Conference on “New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the Neighbourhood.”March 2015, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
* The World Bank. Presentation to staff on “Finding a Path to Social and Economic Inclusion of Europe’s Roma Population,” April 2013, Washington, DC.
* University of Texas at Austin. Paper presentation on “Roma Rights and the Failure of Identity Politics.” Conference on “Identity Politics: The New World versus New (and Old) Europe,” March 2013, Austin, TX.
* York University European Union Centre of Excellence. Paper presented on “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?” March 2011, Toronto, Canada.

**Academic Association Conference Papers**

* “Regime Complexity and a Galvanizing Idea: Development Goals and Intergovernmental Organization Coordination.” To be presented at American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 2021, Seattle, Washington.

Previous paper presentations

* International Studies Association: 2020, 2010, 2001
* American Political Science Association: 2019, 2015, 2003, 2002, 2001
* Association for the Study of Nationalities: 2014, 2013, 2011, 2009
* Western Political Science Association: 2008
* Southern Political Science Association: 2016
* European Community Studies Association: 2014, 2001

**Specialized Academic Conference Presentations**

* “Intergovernmental Organization Coordination, Aid Fragmentation, and Development Goals.” Central and East European Studies Association - International Studies Association (CEEISA-ISA) joint conference, June 2019, Belgrade, Serbia.
* “Bridging European Divides: Southeast European Cooperation and European Integration.” BENELUX, Regional Groupings and the Dynamics of European Integration: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives, April 2019, University of Luxembourg.
* “International Policy and Roma Education in Europe: Essential Inputs or Centralized Distractions?” 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.
* “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.
* “The NGO Role in the Diffusion of EU Ideas and Policies.” Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG) conference on “The Transformative Power of Europe,” Free University Berlin, Dec. 2009, Berlin, Germany.
* “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.
* “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.
* “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.
* “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, June2001, Berlin, Germany.
* “Black Sea Cooperation towards European Integration.” IREX and Woodrow Wilson Center Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium, April 2001, Leesburg, VA.
* 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.”

HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

**California State University, Fresno**

* Faculty Service Award, College of Social Sciences, 2020
* Provost’s Faculty Scholarship Support Award, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010
* Research and Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2007
* Division of Graduate Studies Recruitment Mini-Grant, California State University, Fresno, 2012, 2011
* Digital Campus eScholars Program Award, California State University, Fresno, 2008
* University Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, 2011, 2007
* Provost’s Promising New Faculty Award, 2011
* Graduate Faculty Enhancement Award, 2009, 2008, 2007

**External awards**

* 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 Development Studies grant for research in Romania, 1999
* Cosmos Club Foundation Junior Scholar's Award for research in Czech Republic, 1999
* Société des Professeurs Français et Francophones d’Amérique (SPFFA) scholarship for summer study at Université Laval, Québec, 1999 (declined)
* Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars fellow, short-term grant, East European Studies, 1998
* Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for intensive Czechlanguage study, Czech Republic, 1997
* Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic,study fellowship, 1996
* FLAS Fellowship for intensive Czechlanguage 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 & Honors Program admission, University of Southern California, 1987
* American Association of University Women Scholarship, 1987

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

**Online and hybrid inclusive teaching training programs,** *California State University, Fresno*

* Virtual Summer Institute, 3-week advanced training for online teaching, July 2020
* eScholars Program, semester-long training to develop fully online course, spring 2014
* eScholars Institute, training to develop hybrid course, July 2008
  + Invited to share my developed course and tips with other faculty in “Designing a Hybrid Course,” at 2009 Regional Conference on Excellence in Teaching & Learning,Teaching for Engaged Learning,March 2009, California State University, Fresno.

**HERS Leadership Institute,** *Bryn Mawr University*, July 2017.

* Nominated for participation by University Provost and College of Social Sciences Dean
* Trained in academic leadership, diversity, and inclusive excellence

COURSES TAUGHT

* International Politics
* International Law and Organization
* International Human Rights
* Politics of Foreign Aid
* Honors Research
* Democracy and Human Rights (graduate seminar)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

* Academic Senate
  + Senator representing the Department of Political Science, 2010-2013; representing the university, 2014 - present
  + Executive Committee (one of 7 elected to represent university faculty in the review and revision of university policies), 2012 – 2013, 2014 - 2020
* Provost’s Task Force on High Impact Educational Practices, 2017-2018
* President’s Task Force on Testing Services, one of 3 faculty members appointed by the President, 2016
* President’s Level A Budget Allocation Review Committee, one of 4 faculty members appointed by the President, 2015 – 2016
* Provost’s Awards Committee, 2015
* WASC Accreditation Committee, Provost appointee, 2013 – 2015
* WASC Core Competency Subcommittee, 2013 – 2015
* World Cultures and Globalization cohort, 2011-
* Center for Creativity and the Arts Committee, 2010 - present
* Study Abroad Scholarship Review Committee, 2010 - 2014
* Distinguished International Student Nominations reader, 2013
* CSU-International Programs Selection Committee, 2013
* Honorary Doctorate Nomination Committee, 2012, 2019
* International careers panel organizer & moderator, International Education Week, 2010 – 2012
* Chair, Professional Activities, Untenured Faculty Organization, 2011 – 2012
* Co-Chair, Red Balloon Project Faculty Workload Task Force, 2011 – 2012
* Red Balloon Project Steering Committee, Provost appointee, 2011 – 2012
* Chair, Research Support, Untenured Faculty Organization, 2009 - 2011
* Lowell Neighborhood Project, College of Social Sciences representative, 2009 – 2010
* International Scholarship Committee, 2008

**College of Social Sciences**

* Executive Committee, 2015 – 2018
* International Education Committee, 2010-2018; Co-Chair 2015 - 2017
* Honors College Ad Hoc Committee, 2017 – 2018
* Research Committee, 2012 – 2015
* Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor
  + Adrianna Brito, “Thematic Curriculum: An Analysis of the Local Language Policy and its Impact on Literacy in Ugandan Lower Primary Education,” 2020-2021
  + Timothy Ryan, “Understanding the Domestic Impact of Human Rights Treaties: Examining the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in the U.S.,” 2016-17
  + Meghan Macauley, “Exploring Access to Clean Water and Public Services in Sub-Saharan Africa: Using Case Studies of Ethiopia and Botswana,” 2015-16
  + Andrew Dadasovich, on same sex marriage in Slovenia, 2015-16
  + Megi Hakobjanyan, “Explaining Slavophilia and Nostalgia for the Russian Empire in Post-Soviet Armenia as a Direct Result of Russian Economic Hegemony in the Region,” 2014-15

**Department of Political Science**

* Personnel Committee, 2018 - present
* RTP Review Committee, 2018 – present
* Curriculum Committee, 2016 - present
* Professional Leave Committee, 2018 - 2019
* Student Scholarships Review Committee, 2017 - 2019
* Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Comparative Politics/International Relations, 2017
* Director, Graduate Program in International Relations, 2009 – 2013
* Program Coordinator, Seven Year Review and Student Outcome Assessment Program for the Graduate Program in International Relations, 2009 – 2013
* Faculty Search Committee, Latin American Politics/International Relations, Departments of Political Science and Chicano and Latin American Studies, 2010 – 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### Peer reviewer of national grant proposals

* 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**

* Global Governance
* Journal of Politics
* East European Politics
* Problems of Post-Communism
* Europe-Asia Studies
* Ethnic and Racial Studies
* Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism
* Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
* Ethnopolitics
* Journal of Common Market Studies
* Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies
* Intersections: East European Journal of Society and Politics
* Journal of Contemporary European Research
* Alberta Journal of Educational Research
* European Education
* JOMEC Journal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

* American Political Science Association
* International Studies Association
* Society for International Development
* Academic Council on the United Nations System
* Women’s Caucus for Political Science
* Phi Beta Delta International Education Honor Society
* European Academic Network on Romani Studies (academic project of the EU and Council of Europe)

STUDYABROAD & LANGUAGES

**Study Abroad**

* Germany: University of Lüneburg,summer 2007 (USAC Faculty Award for language study)
* Romania: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, summer 1999
* Czech Republic: Charles University, summer & fall 1996, summer 1997
* Russia: Moscow Institute for Social and Political Studies, summer 1993
* UK, France, & Switzerland: USC International Communication Studies Graduate Program, summer 1990

**Language Skills**

* English (native)
* French & Italian (intermediate; advanced reading)
* Romanian (intermediate reading; beginning speaker)
* Czech, Russian, Spanish (prior knowledge, needs refreshing)