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EDUCATION:

Columbia University, Political Science Department
Doctor of Philosophy (1992) *Awarded Distinction*
Master of Philosophy (1986)

Boston College, Political Science and History Departments
Bachelor of Arts (1981) *cum laude*

TEACHING POSITIONS:

Boston College, Political Science Department
Professor (2012-present)
Associate Professor (2003-2012)
Assistant Professor (1999-2003)
-- Department Chair (2019-present)
-- Director of Master's Program (2010-2018)
-- Assistant Chair (2015-2017)

Miami University (Ohio), Political Science Department
Visiting Assistant Professor (1995-1997)

Georgetown University, Government Department
Visiting Assistant Professor (1992-1995)

Columbia University, Political Science Department
Instructor (1986-1989); Teaching Assistant (1984-1986)

RESEARCH POSITIONS:

Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
Center Associate (2000-present)

American Committee on US-Soviet Relations, Washington, DC
Senior Research Analyst for Soviet Domestic Reforms (1987-1989)

Columbia University, Center for Social Science Research

Research Associate for Leopold Haimson: Project on Labor Movement in Late Imperial Russia (1985-1987

CURRENT RESEARCH:

Broken Barricades: Police and People in the Communist Collapse (book manuscript)

Last Stand of the Raven Clan: When Russia Went to War in America (book manuscript)

"Coercive Shifts and Democratic States: Politics of Policing Reform" (journal article)

"Politics of Plunder: Colonial Neglect as a Causal Factor in Outlier Democracies," (journal article)

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Art Wreck: The Lost Treasure Ship of Catherine the Great
(Pegasus Books, 2020)

Capital, Coercion and Post-Communist States (Cornell University Press, 2012)
*Winner – Davis Book Prize (ASEEES, 2013), best book in Social Sciences
*Winner – Hewett Book Prize (ASEEES, 2013), best book in Political Economy

Reconstructing the State: Personal Networks and Elite Identity in Soviet Russia (Cambridge University Press, 2000, Cambridge Series in Comparative Politics; translated into Russian, ROSSPEN 2010)

Shaping the Economic Space in Russia: Policy-making, Institutions, Actors, co-editor (Ashgate Publishers, 2000; Republished by Routledge, 2017)

Journal Articles

"From Confrontation to Containment: Policing Protest in Putin's Russia," *Problems of Post-Communism* (forthcoming)

"State Finance in Post-Communist Poland: Building Capacity and Consent," *Public Administration Issues* (no. 5; 2014).

"State Building and Tax Regimes: Critical Discussion," *Perspectives on Politics*, vol., 11, no. 4 (December 2013)

"The Russian State in the Time of Putin," *Post-Soviet Affairs* (September 2008)

"The Russian Tax Police," *Post-Soviet Affairs* (December 2002)

"Politics of Revenue Extraction in Post-Communist States: Poland and Russia Compared," *Politics and Society* (December 2002)
"Redefining Center-Regional Relations in the Russian Federation: Sverdlovsk Oblast," *Europe-Asia Studies,* Vol. 49, No. 4 (June 1997)

"Preference for Presidentialism: Post-Communist Regime Change in Russia and the NIS," *World Politics*, Vol. 49, No. 2 (January 1997).

"Personal Networks and Post-Revolutionary State Building: Soviet Russia Reexamined," *World Politics*, Vol. 48, No. 4 (July 1996)

Book Chapters

"Avoiding the Succession Trap: Leadership Change in Survivor Communist States," in L. Cook and B. Chotiner, eds. (forthcoming)

"Revenue Imperatives: State over the Market in Russia" in Neil Robinson, *Russia's New Political Economy* (M. L. Sharpe, 2012)

"Capacity, Consent and Tax Collection in Post-Communist States," in *Capacity and Consent: Taxation and State-Building in Developing Countries*, (Cambridge University Press, 2008), Deborah Brautigam, Odd-Helge Fjeldstad and Mick Moore, eds.

"Taxation and State Re-Formation in Russia," *Tax Evasion, Trust and State Capacities* (Peter Lang Publishers, 2007), Simon Bug and Nikoas Hayoz, eds.

"Building Fiscal Capacity," in *The State After Communism*, (Rowman and Littlefield, 2006), Timothy Colton and Stephen Holmes, eds.

"Rossia i sbor nalogov: stroitel'stvo fiskal'nogo potentsialala v postkommunisticheskom gosudarstvo," in *Effektivnost' osushchestvleniia gosudarstvennogo upravleniia v* Rossii (Moscow: Institute of Law and Public Policy, 2004)

"Networks, Bureaucracy and the Russian State," in *Explaining Post-Soviet Patchworks* (Ashgate Publishers, 2001), Klaus Segbers, ed.

"Preference for Presidentialism: Post-Communist Regime Change in Russia and the NIS," republished in *The Politics of the Post-Communist World* (Ashgate Publishers, 2001), Stephen White and Daniel Nelson, eds.

"Institutional Legacy of the Old Regime as a Constraint to Reform: The Case of Fiscal Policy," in *Shaping the Economic Space in Russia*, Easter and Harter, eds.

"Political Reform in Gorbachev's Russia"; "Dynamics of Change in Contemporary Soviet Society"; "Cultural Reform in the Soviet Union" in *Toward a More Civil Society: The USSR under Mikhail Gorbachev* (New York: Harper and Row, 1989), W. G. Miller, ed.

Book Reviews

Power of Systems: How Policy Sciences Opened Up the Cold War World (E. Rindzeviciute) in *American Historical Review* (2018)

Building Business in Postcommunist Russia (D. Duvanova) in *Canadian American Slavic Studies* (2015)

State Building and Tax Regimes in Central America (A. Schneider) in *Perspectives on Politics* (2013)

Mirrors of the Economy (Y. Herrera) in *Perspectives on Politics* (2012)

Politics of Tax Reform in Eastern Europe (H. Appel) in *Comparative Political Studies* (2012)

Constructing Grievances: Ethnic Nationalism in Russia's Republics (E. Giuliano) in *Political Science Quarterly* (2012)

Building States and Markets after Communism (T. Frye) in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* (2012)

Crisis of Russian Democracy (R. Sakwa) in *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* (2011)

Frozen and Forgotten Conflicts in Post-Communist States (C. Ciobanu) in *Russian Review* (2011)

Grand Theater: Regional Governance in Stalin's Russia, 1931-1941 (L. Holmes) in *Journal of Modern History* (2010)

Preying on the State (V. Ganev) in *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2009)

Divide and Pacify: Social Policy and Political protest in Post-Communist Democracies (J. Vanhyusse) in *Political Science Quarterly* (2008)

Havens in a Storm: The Struggle for Global Tax Regulation (J. Sharman) in *Governance* (2008)

Resisting the State: Reform and Retrenchment in Post-Soviet Russia (K. Stoner-Weiss) in *Russian Review* (2007)

Privatizing the State (Beatrice Hibou) in *International Studies Review* (2006)

Stalinism: Russian and Western Views at the Turn of the Millennium (Alter Litvin and John Keep) in *Russian Review* (2006)

Balkan Identities: Nation and Memory (Maria Todorova) in *Nationalism and Ethnic Studies* (2005)

Defining Russian Federalism (Elizabeth Pascal) in *Perspectives on Politic*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (2004)

Framing Democracy: Civil Society and Civic Movements in Eastern Europe (John Glenn) in *Journal of International Law* (2004)

Russia: Inventing the Nation (Vera Tolz) in *Russian Review* (2002)

A Fistful of Rubles: The Rise and Fall of the Russian Banking System (Juliet Johnson) in *American Political Science Review* (2002)

Identity in Formation: The Russian-Speaking Populations in the Near Abroad (David Laitin) in *Nationalities Papers* (2001)

On My Country and the World (Mikhail Gorbachev) in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* (2001)

Changing Channels: Television and the Struggle for Power in Russia (Ellen Mickiewicz) in *Slavic Review* (2001)

Russia, Ukraine and the Breakup of the Soviet Union (Roman Szporluk) in *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 28 (December 2000)

On Revolutions (Mark Katz) in *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 28 (September 2000)

Russia's Politics of Uncertainty (Mary McAuley), in *Russian Review*, Vol. 58 (April 1999)

Ideology and the Collapse of the Soviet System (Neil Robinson), in *Russian Review*, Vol. 56 (January 1997)

Other Publications

"Russia's Presidential Election: Meaning and Response," *American Committee on East-West Accord* (March 2018)
"Russia's Presidential Election" *Chinese Social Sciences Today* (March 2018)

"US-Russia: Helsinki Summit" *Chinese Social Sciences Today* (July 2018)

"US-Russian Relations," *Chinese Social Sciences Today* (December 2017)

"Capital, Coercion and Postcommunist States," *Montreal Review* (December 2012)

"Taxation," "Regressive Taxes," and "Progressive Taxes." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* (Macmillan, 2nd ed., 2008)

"History of New England," *Lonely Planet New England* (2005, 3rd edition)

"Russian Federation," entry in *Collier's Encyclopedia* (1999)

"At Europe's Edge: Sverdlovsk Oblast and the World Economy"
Institute for East-West Studies, *Russian Regional Report*, Vol. 3, No. 12 (March 1998)

"Restructuring Ethnic Relations in the Soviet Union"
ACUSSR, *Occasional Research Paper*, No. 13 (September 1989)

"Perestroika and Socialism: Recent Ideological Revision in the Soviet Union,"
ACUSSR, *Occasional Research Paper*, No. 10 (May 1989)

"Gorbachev and the Ghost of Stalin: History and the Politics of Reform in the Soviet Union," ACUSSR, *Occasional Research Paper*, No. 5 (May 1988)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS:

Boston College – Faculty Fellowship (2019)

Boston College - Teaching, Advising, Mentoring Grant (2017-2018)

Davis Book Prize, ASEEES (2013); for *Capital, Coercion and Postcommunist States*
Best book published in 2012 in the Social Sciences.

Hewett Book Prize, ASEEES (2013); for *Capital, Coercion and Postcommunist States* Best book published in 2012 in Political Economy.

Boston College - Research Expense Grant (2013; 2009)

Davis Senior Fellowship (2006-07)
Davis Center, Harvard University

Fulbright Teaching Fellowship (2003)
European University, Saint Petersburg

Junior Faculty Research Grant (2001-2002)
Smith Richardson Foundation

Post-doctoral Research Fellowship (1997-1998)
Social Science Research Council

Special Projects Grant (1996)
International Research Exchange Council, Moscow
Short-Term Grant (1995)
Kennan Institute, Wilson Center, Washington, DC

Visiting Research Fellow (1992)
Moscow State Institute for International Relations

PepsiCo Travel Grant for Russian Studies (1992)
Harriman Institute, Columbia University

Distinction Award for Doctoral Dissertation (1992)
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University

Harriman Post-doctoral Fellowship (1991-1992)
Harriman Institute, Columbia University

Carnegie Fellowship (1989-1990; 1990-1991)
East-West Center, Duke University

Harriman Junior Fellowship (1985-1986; 1986-1987)
Harriman Institute, Columbia University

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, INVITED TALKS:

Venice International University, Italy (November 2018)

Gender Workshop Presentation: “Scenarios of Power: Masculinity in Russian History”

Association for Study of Nationalities: World Conference, New York (May 2018)
Discussant: “From Triumph to Crisis: Neoliberal Economic Reform”

Brown University (April 2018)
Invited Lecture: “Policing Protest in Russia”

Harvard University, Post-Communist Workshop, Davis Center (December 2017)
Paper presented: “Policing Protest in Russia”

ASEEES, Annual Meeting, Chicago (November 2017)
Presidential Panel Presentation: “Legacies of Russian Revolution”

Association for Study of Nationalities: World Conference, New York (April 2016)
Discussant: “Nation and State in Serbia and Russia”

Association for Study of Nationalities: World Conference, New York (April 2015)
Discussant: “Russia and the West”

Talk Back 360 Series
MIT Museum, Cambridge, MA (April 2014)
Invited Lecture: “What Happened in Ukraine?”

Association for Study of Nationalities: World Conference, New York (April 2014)
Discussant/Chair: “Technologies of Power in Putin’s Russia”

ASEEES, Annual Meeting, Boston (November 2013)
Paper presented: “Fiscal Crisis of the Old Regime: Poland and USSR Compared”

Association for Study of Nationalities: World Conference, New York (April 2013)
Paper presented: “Once You Go Presidential, Can You Go Back?”

Jordan Center, New York University (March 2013)
Presentation: “International and Domestic Sources of Economic Reform”

Post-Communist Workshop, Davis Center, Harvard University (April 2012)
Presentation: “When Coercion Fails: Police and People in the Communist Collapse”

AAASS, Annual Meeting, Seattle (2011)
Panel Chair: “Politics of Tax Regime Change: Eastern Europe and Latin America”

“Policy World Meets Academia: Designing US Foreign Policy toward Russia”

American Academy of Arts and Science (January 2010)
Workshop participant

AAASS, Annual Meeting, Boston (November 2009)
Paper presented: "Revenue Imperatives: State over Market in Putin's Russia"
Panel discussant: "Reform and Institutional Development in Eastern Europe"

105th APSA, Annual Meeting, Toronto (August 2009)
Paper presented: "International Leverage vs Institutional Mimicry: The Case of Tax Reform in Eastern Europe"
"The Russian State in the Time of Putin" (invited talk at UWisconsin; February 2009)

103rd APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago (August 2007)
Paper presented: "Extending the Reach of the State: Tax Harmonization and the Politics of Extra-territorial Revenue Extraction"

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Newton, MA (April 2007)
Panel Discussant and Chair, "National Identity"

Annual Meeting of Association for Study of Nationalities, New York (April 2007)
Panel Chair and Discussant, "Public Opinion, Civil Society and the State in Ukraine"

102nd Annual Meeting APSA, Philadelphia, PA (September 2006)
Paper Presentation: "Revenue Bargains, Compliance Strategies and State Building in Eastern Europe"
Panel Discussant and Chair, "From Red to Black: Extracting and Managing State Revenue in Transition Economies"

17th Annual Meeting, *Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics* (Budapest: 2005)
Presidential Panel Paper: "Politics of Revenue Extraction in Poland and Russia"

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Portland, ME: April 2005)
Chair and Discussant: "Institutional Effects in Transitional Democracies"
Chair: "Movement Politics and Regime Change"

36th Annual Meeting, *Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies* (Boston: Dec 2004)
Discussant and Chair: "Putin's New Federalism and the Russian Public"

100th Annual Meeting, *American Political Science Association* (Chicago: August 2004)
Discussant: "Emerging Configurations of Post-Communist States"
Chair: "Public-Private Interactions in Post-Communist Political Economies"

"Promoting Prosperity or Cultivating Conflict? The Role of Business in Foreign and Security Policy," *Center for Strategic Studies* (Zurich: June 2004)
Paper: "Business-State Relations in Russia"

98th Annual Meeting of APSA, Boston (August 2002)
Paper: "Institution Building and Bureaucratic Coercive Compliance in Post-Communist Russia: The Tax Police"

"Governance in Russia," Institute of Law and Public Policy, Moscow (January 2002)
Carnegie Foundation sponsored joint US-Russian research project

NEPSA Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, NH (May 2001)
Panel Chair and Discussant: "Russia's Democratic Transition"

Conference on Post-Communist State-Building, Yale University (April 2001)
"Building Fiscal Capacity in Post-Communist States: Poland and Russia Compared"

History Workshop, Davis Center, Harvard University (February 2001)
Presentation: "Personal Networks, Elite Identity and Soviet State Building"

33rd Annual Meeting of AAASS, Denver, CO (November 2000)
Paper: "Building Fiscal Capacity in Post-Communist States: Russia and Poland"
Discussant and Chair: "Politics of Economic Reform in Post-Communist Transitions"

VI I CCEES, Tampere, Finland (July 2000)
Paper: "Russia's Regions as Global Actors: Changing Opportunity and Constraint Structures"

32nd Annual Meeting of AAASS, St. Louis, MO (November 1999)
Discussant: "Pathways from the Local to the Global: Russia's Regions"

Federal Institute for East European and International Studies, Cologne (May 1999)
Paper: "Institutional Legacy of the Old Regime as Constraint to Reform: Fiscal Policy"
31st Annual Meeting of AAASS, Boca Raton, FL (September 1998)
Paper: "Anatomy of a Tax Revolt: Redefining Center-Regional Fiscal Relations in the Russian Federation"

94th Annual Meeting of the APSA, Boston, MA (September 1998)
Discussant/Chair: "Sub-national Identities and Communities in Post-Communist States"

30th Annual Meeting of AAASS, Seattle, WA (November 1997)
Paper: "Diffusion of Power, State Capacity and Territorial Disintegration: Soviet Union"

29th Annual Meeting of AAASS, Boston, MA (November 1996)
Paper: "Constructing Elite Identities in Post-revolutionary Russia: Provincial Leaders"

Conference on the History of the Nationalist Parties in the Russian Revolution
Russian Institute for Nationality Issues, Moscow (May 1996)
Conference Organizer and Panel Discussant

38th Meeting of Western Social Science Association, Reno, NE (April 1996)
Discussant: "Politics in Russia"

11th Symposium on Russian-East European Affairs, University of Virginia (March 1995)
Moderator and Discussant: "Ukrainian-Russian Relations"

52nd Annual Meeting Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 1994)
Paper: "Paths to Independence and State Building in the Former Soviet Union"

6th SSRC Workshop on Post-Soviet Politics, University of Toronto (June 1993)
Paper: "Regional Separatism and Center-Peripheral Relations in the Russian Federation"

WIIS Conference on Ethnic Conflict in the Former Communist States: Domestic and International Implications, Georgetown University (November 1992)
Presentation: "Russian-Ukrainian Relations: Historical Overview"

Program on Nationality and Siberian Studies, Columbia University (March 1992)
Paper: "Class Conflict and *Korenizatsiia*: Soviet State Building in the Non-Russian Periphery"

29th Annual Southern Conference for Soviet Studies, Savannah, GA (March 1991)
Discussant: "Nationality Politics in the Soviet Union"

3rd SSRC Workshop on Soviet Domestic Politics, University of Toronto (June 1990)
Paper: "The Dynamics of Institution Building during the NEP and the Origins of the Command-Administrative System"

2nd SSRC Workshop on Soviet Domestic Politics, University of Toronto (June 1989)
Paper: "The Tactics of Reform in Soviet Politics"

31st Meeting of Western Social Science Association, Albuquerque, NM (April 1989)
Paper: "The Tactics of Reform in Soviet Politics"

13th Meeting of Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, Dickinson College (April 1989)
Paper: "Collectivization, Provincial Leaders and Center-Peripheral Conflict"

Conference on Prospects for Gorbachev's Reforms, The RAND Corporation (April 1988)
Paper: "The Stalin Question, Party History and Reform in Soviet Politics"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Positions held

Hewitt Prize for Outstanding Book in Political Economy
(Chair: 2019-21) ASEEES

Varieties of Democracy Project (Country Expert: Russia, 2011-2012)
University of Gothenburg, Sweden and Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame

Davis Book Award Committee for Outstanding Book in Social Sciences
(Chair, 2007-10) ASEEES

Post-Communist Workshop (co-chair: 2006-2009; member: 2000-2018)
Davis Center, Harvard University

Editorial Board

Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society (2015-present)

Peer Review: Journals

American Political Science Review (1997, 2014, 2018)
British Journal of Political Science (2011)
Canadian Slavonic Papers (2010)
Comparative Politics (2009)
Comparative Political Studies (2002, 2004, 2005, 2009)
Journal of Cold War Studies (2018)
Kritika (2011)
International Journal of Political Economy (2015)
Nationalities Papers (1999-2001
Perspectives on Politics (2017, 2018)
Political Chronicle (2000-01)
Political Science Quarterly (2004, 2009)
PS (2009)
Problems of Post-Communism (2004, 2012)
Russian Review (1996-98, 2008-2010)
Slavic Review (2001-02)
Soviet and Post-Soviet Affairs (2012, 2014, 2016)

Voprosy Ekonomiki (2012)
World Politics (2000-05, 2007-2010)

Peer Review: Book Manuscripts

Cambridge University Press (2017)
Central European University Press (2000)
Cornell University Press (2006, 2007)
Lynne Rienner (2012)
Polity Press (2018)

Peer Review: Fellowships and Grants

ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Fellowships (2011, 2012, 2013)
Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (2010).
National Science Foundation (2009, 2010))
Fulbright Senior Scholar Exchange Program (2006, 2007, 2009)
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2006, 2014)
Academy of Educational Development, International Affairs Panel (2002)
Boren Graduate Fellowship Awards (2002)

Peer Review: External Review Departments and Promotions

University of Amsterdam/Swiss National Science Foundation (2018)
"Negative Campaigning Comparative Election Survey: Russia"

Indiana University, Political Science Dept (2018)
Outside reviewer for full professor case

Baylor University, Political Science Dept (2017)
Outside reviewer for tenure case

Harriman Institute, Columbia University (2005)
External review of Harriman Institute curriculum and program for Title VI Grant

The Free University of Berlin (2004)
Outside reviewer for new on-line graduate program in East European Studies.

Conference Planning: Section Head

New England Political Science Association (2005)

American Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies (2004, 2009)

COURSES TAUGHT:

Russian Revolution in Comparative Perspective
New Cold War: Russian Foreign Policy
Comparative Regime Change
The Modern State
Comparative Politics: Field Seminar
Comparative Political Economy
Graduate Thesis Writing Workshop
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Cops, Colonels, Spies
Fundamentals of Political Science
Reform, Revolution and Communist Collapse
Post-Communist Transitions
Ethno-Nationalism in Eastern Europe
Politics, Propaganda and Film (Venice International University)