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Education

- Ph.D. August 2006. Political Science (Comparative/World Politics), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dissertation: "Human Rights Accountability: Exploring Determinants of Transitional Justice"
- M.A. April 2002. Political Science with concentration in World Politics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- B.A. December 1996. *Summa Cum Laude*. University of Colorado, Boulder. Independently Structured Major, "Comparative Democratic Revolution." Thesis: "Exploring the Transition Gap: The Risk of Elite Reversals in Transition States," based on data collected in Russia, Poland and South Africa.

Professional Experience

- 2006 - Present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Courses include:
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - Comparative Political Analysis
 - Politics of Human Rights
 - Globalization and Transitional Justice
 - Central Asian Politics
- Summer 2005 Instructor, Politics of Human Rights, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2001 - 2002 Research Assistant for William Zimmerman, director of Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2000 - 2002 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Introduction to World Politics
 - Arab-Israeli Conflict
 - Eastern European Politics (grader)
 - Russian Foreign Policy (grader)
- 2000 Political/Economic Officer, US Embassy Tashkent, Uzbekistan

- Portfolio included refugee and human rights issues, organized labor, weapons non-proliferation
- 1999 Economic/Consular Officer, US Embassy Warsaw, Poland
Economic portfolio included regional development, corruption and organized crime
- 1997 - 1999 Reporter, Warsaw Business Journal, Warsaw, Poland
Covered energy, environment, EU accession, agriculture, cross-border trade and defense for a weekly newspaper
- Fall 1996 Intern, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Languages

Fluent in **Russian** and **Polish**, advanced **Croatian/Serbian**, intermediate **Uzbek** and basic understanding of **Spanish**, **French** and **Zulu**.

Books

The Costs of Justice: Understanding How New Leaders Choose to Respond to Previous Rights Abuses (forthcoming University of Notre Dame Press, 2010)

Civil Society in the Shadow of Revolution: The Fate of Pro-Democracy Organizations When Democracy is Won (book manuscript in progress)

Peer Reviewed Publications

“Exploring the Schelling Conjecture in Reverse: ‘International Constraints’ and Cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia,” forthcoming *European Journal of International Relations* (2010).

“Beyond Lustration: Truth-Seeking Efforts in the Post-Communist Space,” forthcoming *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* (manuscript solicited for special issue) (December 2009)

“International Prosecutions and Domestic Politics: The Use of Truth Commissions as Compromise Justice in Serbia and Croatia,” forthcoming *International Studies Review* 11(4) (December 2009).

“From Neo-Corporatism to Delegative Corporatism? Empowerment of NGOs during Early Democratization,” forthcoming *Democratization* 16(5) (October 2009).

“Re-Ordering Justice: Towards A New Methodological Approach to Studying Transitional Justice,” forthcoming *Journal of Peace Research* 46(6) (November 2009).

“On the Other Side of the Curtain: A Reassessment of Non-Elite Human Rights Experiences and Values in Poland,” *Human Rights Review* 10(2) (June 2009): 219-238.

“Lessons (Not) Learned: A New Look at Bureaucratic Politics and US Foreign Policy Making in the Post-Soviet Space,” *Problems of Post-Communism* 56(2) (March-April 2009): 43-57.

“Weighing the Costs of Accountability: The Role of Institutional Incentives in Pursuing Transitional Justice,” *Journal of Human Rights* 7(4) (Fall 2008): 353-375.

“Justice Without Transition: Truth Commissions in the Context of Repressive Rule,” *Human Rights Review* 9(3) (September 2008): 281-297.

“Looking for Solidarność in Central Asia: The Role of Human Rights Organizations in Political Change,” *Slavic Review* 66(3) (Fall 2007): 442-462.

“Producing Truth: The Politics of Investigating Past Human Rights Violations in Post-Communist States,” *World Affairs* 169(3) (Winter 2007): 125-133.

“Resource Dependency and Political Opportunity: Explaining the Transformation from Excluded Political Opposition Parties to Human Rights Organizations in Post-Communist Uzbekistan,” *Government and Opposition* 42(1) (Winter 2007): 96-120.

“Direct Pressures for Human Rights in Uzbekistan: Understanding the U.S. Bargaining Position,” *Central Asian Survey* 23(3) (December 2004): 327-344.

“The New Game in Central Asia: Comparative Uzbek and Kazakh Foreign Policy,” *Journal of Central Asian Studies* 5(2) (Spring/Summer, 2003): 16-31.

Works Under Review or In Progress

“With Us or Against Us? Evolving State – Civil Society Relations after Georgia’s Rose Revolution,” book chapter to be included in *Now What? Challenges to Liberalism in the Post-Postcommunist Era* (edited volume under review at Woodrow Wilson Press)

“Genocide Campaigns: The Use and Abuse of Atrocities in the Quest for International Recognition,” manuscript under revision

“From the Field to the Stands: The Effects of De-Mobilization on Pro-Democracy Organizations,” manuscript in progress

“Grand Symbolism and Human Rights: The Impact of International Leadership Positions on Domestic Politics,” manuscript in progress

“When Two Giants Collide: Explaining Civic Decline and Union Strength since the Fall of Apartheid,” manuscript in progress

“Understanding Union Strength During Early Democratic Consolidation: The Evolution of COSATU and Devolution of Solidarity,” manuscript in process

Book Review

Review of *Europe and the Recognition of New States in Yugoslavia*, Richard Caplan (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2005) in *Comparative Political Studies* 39 (December 2006): 1285-1287.

Awards and Grants

2008

- Research Scholar, East European Studies, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, September 2008 – December 2008
- Special Research Assistantship/Initiative Support (SRAIS), University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Summer Faculty Fellowship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

2007

- Summer Faculty Fellowship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Travel Grant, International Development Assistance in the Post-Soviet Space Symposium, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Travel Grant, International Research and Exchanges (IREX) Regional Symposium: The Former Soviet Republics of Central Asia and the Contemporary Silk Road

2006

- Title VIII Prize for Eurasian Affairs (American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies/US Department of State) for paper entitled “Civil Society and Democratization: Warnings from Uzbekistan.”
- Short-Term Grant, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Travel Grant, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley

2005

- American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Fellowship
- Social Science Research Council Dissertation Write-up Fellowship (declined)
- Harold Jacobson Fellowship, Political Science Department, University of Michigan
- Travel Grant, International Research and Exchanges (IREX) Asia Regional Policy Symposium
- Travel Grant, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars/American Council of Learned Societies Junior Scholars' Training Seminar
- Travel Grant, Russian, East European and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Travel Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan
- Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan
- International Institute Travel Grant, University of Michigan

2004

- ACTR/ACCELS (American Councils) Combined Research and Language Training Program – Uzbekistan
- International Research and Exchanges (IREX) Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) (declined)
- Academy for Educational Development NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship
- Center for Russian and East European Studies Research, Internship and Fellowship Program Grant
- International Institute Travel Grants, University of Michigan
- Travel Grant, Political Science Department, University of Michigan

2003

- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars East European Studies Short-Term Grant
- Center for Russian and East European Studies Research, Internship and Fellowship Program Grant
- Thesis Grant, Political Science Department, University of Michigan
- Indiana University/NSEP block grant (Uzbek language study in Samarqand)
- Thesis Grant, Political Science Department, University of Michigan
- Discretionary Grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- Southeast European Studies Association Harrison Small Grant
- Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan
- International Institute Travel Grants, University of Michigan

2002

- Foreign Language and Area Studies, University of Michigan (Serbo-Croatian language study - Academic Year 2002/2003)
- Social Science Research Council block grant (Uzbek language study)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies, University of Michigan (Uzbek language study)
- Committee on Institutional Cooperation - Foreign Language Enhancement Program (Uzbek language study)
- Discretionary Grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan
- Travel Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan
- American Council of Learned Societies (Serbian language study, declined)
- Serbian organization “Azbukum” (Serbian language study, declined)

2001

- Kosciusko Foundation/Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan (to participate in Warsaw International Summer Education program, Warsaw, Poland)

1999-2000

- Fасcell Fellowship, US Department of State (1999-2000)

Invited Talks

“Paying for the Past: Perceived Costs of Justice in Post-Communist States,” presented at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., December 2008.

“Acting Globally, Thinking Locally: The Side-Effects of Pursuing International Justice in the former Yugoslavia,” presented at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., October 2007.

“Teaching on Central Asia,” seminar for Oakland County, Michigan social studies teachers, Farmington, Michigan, December 2005.

Open Society Institute Roundtable on Civil Society in Central Asia, New York (attended via conference call), March 2005.

"Human Rights: Understanding US foreign policy construction," American Corner (American Cultural Center), Podgorica, Serbia and Montenegro, February 2005.

"Selective justice: A risk-based analysis of transitional justice application," American Corner (American Cultural Center), Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro, January 2005.

“Odpowiedzialnosc za lamania praw czlowieka w PRL (Accountability for Human Rights Violations Committed in Communist Poland)," Department of Political Sociology, Institute of Sociology, Copernicus University in Torun, Poland, January 2004 (presented in Polish).

Conferences, Presentations and Workshops

“Exploring the Schelling Conjecture in Reverse: ‘International Constraints’ and Cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia,” to be presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 2009.

“When Two Ambiguities Collide: The Use of Genocide in Self-Determination Drives in Post-Soviet ‘Frozen Conflicts,’” presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 40th National Convention, Philadelphia, November 2008.

“Institutionalizing Revolution in Georgia: From Social Movements to Corporate Interests?” presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., September 2008.

“Co-Optation or Empowerment? The Fate of Western-Supported NGOs in the Aftermath of Georgia’s Democratic Revolution,” presented at the International Development Assistance in the Post-Soviet Space Symposium, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., December 2007.

“Friend or Foe: Why Pro-Accountability Political Elites in Serbia and Croatia Support or Eschew Hague Cooperation,” presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 39th National Convention, New Orleans, November 2007.

“International Aid, Human Rights and Democratization: A Reexamination of Assistance to Uzbekistan,” presented at the International Development Assistance in the Post-Soviet Space Symposium, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., May 2007.

“Buying Revolutions? US Elite Understandings of Post-Soviet Democratic ‘Revolution’ in Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Georgia,” presented at the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) and Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2007 Regional Policy Symposium on “The Former Soviet Republics of Central Asia and the Contemporary Silk Road,” Washington, D.C., April 2007.

“On the Other Side of the Curtain: A Reassessment of Non-Elite Human Rights Experiences and Values in Post-Communist States,” presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 38th National Convention, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

“Justice Without Transition: The Case of Uzbekistan’s Truth Commission,” presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 2006.

“Exploring Determinants of Transitional Justice: The Role of Institutions in Human Rights Accountability,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2006.

Participant, New Era Foreign Policy Conference, University of California, Berkeley, California, March 2006.

“Looking for Solidarity in Central Asia: The Role of Human Rights Organizations in Political Change,” presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2005.

"Producing Truth: The Politics of Investigating Past Human Rights Violations in Post-Communist States," presented at the Women’s Caucus for Political Science - APSA Pre-Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2005.

"Imposing Transitional Justice: Serbian and Croatian Compliance with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia," presented at Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars/American Council of Learned Societies Junior Scholars' Training Seminar, Washington, D.C., August 2005.

"Local Elite Perceptions of International Pressures for Transitional Justice in the Former Yugoslavia," presented at Balkan Studies Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 2005.

"Direct versus Indirect Pressures for Human Rights Accountability: Lessons from Uzbekistan," presented at International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) and Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Asia Regional Policy Symposium, Washington, D.C., April 2005.

"Organizational Responses to Repression: From Political Opposition to Human Rights Advocacy in Uzbekistan," presented at Central Asia Research Network's Transformation in Central Asia conference, Rome, Italy, November 2004.

"Limitations of Direct Foreign Pressure on Human Rights Reform in Uzbekistan," presented at Tenth Annual Conference on Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, April 2003.

"After the Party: Foreign and Domestic Influences on Human Rights Accountability in Post-Communist States," presented at Social Science Research Council Dissertation Development Workshop on Central Asia and the Caucasus, Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 2003.

"Truth or Excuses: The Role of Domestic Transition and International Actors on Transitional Justice," presented at British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies annual conference, Cambridge, England, March 2003.

"Uzbek and Kazakh Foreign Policies in Comparative Perspective," presented at European Society for Central Asian Studies annual conference, Bordeaux, France, September 2002.

Professional Service and Memberships

Departmental Service

2006-2008 Recorder of Minutes
2007 SCUSA Student Selection Coordinator

University Service

Member of Interdisciplinary Studies Committee
Comprehensive Exam Evaluator for Public Policy Doctoral Program
Member of Dissertation Committee (Jessica Hentschel, Public Policy)

Professional Service/Memberships

Referee for *International Studies Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism* and *Asian Security*.

2009 Outside reviewer for American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS Title VIII program
2007 – 2008 Member of Selection Committee for IREX's ECA Alumni Small Grant Program (ASG)
2006 Chair, *Panel on Identity Politics: Conflict, Islam and Identity*, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
2006 – Present Member of American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

2005 – Present Member of American Political Science Association
2005 – Present Member of Central Eurasian Studies Society
2004 Member of local Fulbright Selection Committee, Belgrade, Serbia and
Montenegro
2003 – 2004 Member of Southeast European Studies Association

Other

2008 – Present Volunteer Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician, Ellicott City
Volunteer Fire Department, Ellicott City, Maryland
1991 – 1996 Volunteer Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician, Bethesda-Chevy
Chase Rescue Squad, Bethesda, Maryland