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Education

Ph.D., Political Science

2019

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, Illinois

- Dissertation “The Revolution Will be Made Public: The Effects of International Actors on Protest Movements in Authoritarian Regimes Today”

M.A., Political Science

2010

University of Missouri

Columbia, Missouri

- Thesis: “Understanding Citizen Satisfaction with Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe”

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies

2008

Truman State University

Kirkville, Missouri

- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Phi Kappa Phi

Affiliations:

International Research Student

2017

National University of Kyiv – Mohyla Academy

Kyiv, Ukraine

- Conducted dissertation research in Kyiv during spring and fall 2017

Professional Experience

Program Manager

2010-2012

Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc.

Washington, DC

- Met with Members of Congress and staffers to advocate for passage of legislation promoting democracy and human rights in Central and Eastern Europe and the post-Soviet space
- Researched political developments in Central and Eastern Europe and presented reports to the Committee’s Board of Directors
- Attended foreign policy conferences, think tank events, and governmental hearings as the Committee’s representative and prepared analysis for the Board of Directors
- Helped communicate information between the Board of Directors and the Embassy of Latvia; also helped communicate information between the Board of Directors and many Congressional offices
- Gained real-world experience that informed my research agenda and the focus of my dissertation

Research Experience

Research Assistant

2016-2017

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, Illinois

- Investigated and summarized public opinion polls conducted throughout Ukraine to identify and assess survey methodologies being utilized in the field
- Analyzed correlation between electoral returns and patronage spending in Turkey to identify links between localized support for the ruling party and governmental investment in different regions
- Recorded and evaluated trends in parliamentary voting behavior in Kyrgyzstan

Research Assistant

University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

2009-2010

- Conducted qualitative research to assess the compatibility of Confucian culture and democratic values
- Conducted quantitative research on women's representation in parliaments throughout Latin America

Publications

"Paradoxes of Minority Representation: A Comparison of Russophone Political Attitudes in Estonia and Latvia." With Kyle Estes. *Journal of Baltic Studies*, under review. 2020

Conference Presentations

Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies conference, *San Francisco, CA* 2019

- Presented "Paradoxes of collective endurance: comparing Russophone ethnic parties in Estonia and Latvia." With Kyle Estes.

Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, *Chicago, IL* 2019

- Served as Chair for panel entitled, "Identity, Protest, and Participation in Developing Countries"
- Presented "Motivation or Deterrence? Testing the Competing Effects of Democracy Promotion and Autocratic Intervention on Democratic Movements in Authoritarian and Hybrid Regimes"

American Political Science Association annual conference, *Boston, MA* 2018

- Presented "Importing Revolution: Global Determinants of Protest Movements in Autocracies"

Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, *Chicago, IL* 2018

- Served as Chair and Discussant for panel entitled, "State, Media, and Society: A Changing Landscape of Relationships in the Post-Soviet Space"
- Presented "Why do People in Authoritarian Regimes Protest? Evidence from an Original Survey Experiment in Ukraine"

International Association for Political Science Students conference, *Odessa, Ukraine* 2017

Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, *Chicago, IL* 2017

- Presented "Opposition NGOs and Governance in New Democracies." With Amanda Burke.

American Political Science Association annual conference, *Philadelphia, PA* 2016

- Presented "Which Factors Drive Protest Behavior in the Post-Communist World Today?"

International Association for Political Science Students conference, *Kyiv, Ukraine* 2016

Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, *Chicago, IL* 2016

- Presented "Why Protest? Identifying the Factors that Drive Protests, Social Movements, and Contentious Politics in the Post-Communist World Today"

Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, *Chicago, IL* 2015

- Presented "Troubled Neighborhoods: Explaining the Cross-National Diffusion of Ethnic Conflict." With Thomas Lassi.

American Political Science Association annual conference, *Washington, D.C.* 2014

- Presented "Understanding the Determinants of Citizen Satisfaction with Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe Today"

- Midwest Political Science Association** annual conference, *Chicago, IL* 2014
- Presented “Understanding Citizen Satisfaction with Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe”

Research & Language Skills

Methodological Training

- Qualitative methods, R, STATA, GeoDa, and QGIS

Foreign Language Ability

- Moderate proficiency in Latvian
- Basic proficiency in Russian

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant 2012-2019

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Urbana, Illinois

- Independent instructor for Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2016, Fall 2015)
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to American Government (Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2013, Spring 2013); Racial & Ethnic Politics (Fall 2014); and Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2012)

Teaching Assistant 2008-2010

University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2009)

Honors and Awards

List of Teachers Rated as Excellent by Their Students 2012-2018

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Denotes student teaching evaluations among the highest 30% of instructors on campus (Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012)
- Received “outstanding” evaluations during the fall and spring semesters of 2018 and the spring semester of 2013, denoting evaluations ranking among the highest 10% of all instructors on campus

University of Illinois Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant 2017

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Awarded to fund fieldwork in Ukraine as part of dissertation research during spring 2017

Organizational Affiliations

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies; Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies; American Latvian Association