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CURRENT POSITION

2018-2020 China Public Policy Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation
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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Government, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**
Committee: Valerie Bunce (chair), Andrew Mertha, Ron Herring, & Ken Roberts
- 2015 M.A., Government, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**
Subfields: Comparative politics (major); International relations (minor)
- 2012 M.A., Russian & East European Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN**
- 2010 B.A. (with high honors), Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT**
Government, Russian & East European Studies (majors); Environmental Studies (minor)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Taking Risks or Proving Beneficial?: Authoritarian Politics and Environmental Activism in China and Russia

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Mass Mobilization in China and Russia: From Unexpected Victories to Unintended Consequences,”
Russian Politics, 3(4). 2018.

“Protecting Cultural Heritage: Unexpected Successes for Environmental Movements in China and Russia.” In Carol Hager and Mary Alice Haddad, eds., *NIMBY is Beautiful: Cases of Local Activism and Environmental Innovation Around the World*. NY: Berghahn Books. 2015.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Why Autocrats Sometimes Relax Censorship: Signaling Government Responsiveness on Chinese Social Media.” with Christopher Cairns (Revise & resubmit)

“Not All NGOs Are Created Equal: Selective Repression and Civil Society in Russia and China.”
(Under review)

“A Tale of Two Laws: Managing Foreign Agents and Overseas NGOs in Russia and China.”
(Under review; Book chapter for an edited volume on state-society relations in Russia and China)

WORKING PAPERS

“Voice after Exit: How Russian Environmentalists Mobilize Support in Exile.” with Laura Henry (updating draft and adding interviews, Summer 2019)

“Should We Stay or Should We Go?: How International Foundations Respond to Restrictions in Authoritarian Contexts.” (conference draft)

BOOK REVIEW

“Book Review: Ellen Mickiewicz, *No Illusions: The Voices of Russia’s Future Leaders*,” *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, 42(2). 2015.

RELATED NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Comparing Recent NGO Laws in Russia and China: Do Russia’s Laws Foreshadow China’s Future?” *ChinaFile: The China NGO Project*. 10 August 2017.

“Putin Joins the Climate Change Deniers.” (with Peter Rutland) *Transitions Online*. 18 April 2017.

“Rising Temperatures.” *The New York Times*. 12 September 2012. Appeared in print in: *The International Herald Tribune*. 13 September 2012. Page 6.

“Deep Trouble.” *Transitions Online*. 10 February 2010. Reprinted as: “A Setback for Russia’s Lake Baikal.” *Business Week* (now *Bloomberg*). 12 February 2010.

Quoted in: *The Moscow Times*, *China Files*, and *La Nación*.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2019 “Should We Stay or Should We Go?: How International Foundations Respond to Restrictions in Authoritarian Contexts.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. April 7.

2018 “Civil Society under Putin’s 4th Term.” Comments for roundtable on “Putin’s 4th Term” at the Association for the Study of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention in Boston, MA. December 8.

2018 “Voice after Exit: How Russian Environmentalists Mobilize Support in Exile.” (With Laura Henry). Paper presented at ASEEES Annual Convention in Boston, MA. December 8.

2018 “Seeking Justice under Authoritarianism in Russia and China.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. September 1.

2018 “Not All NGOs Are Created Equal: Selective Repression and Civil Society in Russia and China.” Paper presented at a workshop on Russian civil society at the Harriman Institute at Columbia University. February 23. (Earlier versions presented at the China-Russia Workshop at the University of Notre Dame on March 10, 2017 and at ASEEES 2016).

2017 “Win, Lose, or Appeal?: Seeking Justice after the 2012 Russian ‘Foreign Agent’ Law.” Paper presented at ASEEES Annual Convention. Chicago, IL. November 11.

2017 “The Impact of Failed Electoral Mobilization on Social Movements in Russia.” Paper presented at APSA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 1.

- 2017 “Hazy Messaging: Framing Air Pollution on Chinese Social Media.” (with Christopher Cairns). Paper presented at the Graduate Seminar on China. Chinese University of Hong Kong. January 7.
- 2016 “Why Autocrats Sometimes Relax Censorship: Signaling Government Responsiveness on Chinese Social Media.” (with Christopher Cairns). Paper presented at the Institute for the Study of Institutions and Development (ICSID) Annual Workshop. Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia. June 20. (Earlier version presented at MPSA 2015).
- 2015 “Framing Effects and Mobilization along the Marcellus Shale.” Paper presented at the APSA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 4. (Earlier version presented at APSA 2014).
- 2014 “Artful Oppositions and Savvy Dictators: Cycles of Innovative Dissent and Authoritarian Learning.” Paper presented at the Comparative Workshop on Mass Protests. London School of Economics. London, UK. June 13-14.
- 2013 “Shaping the Arctic ‘Revolution’: Public Opinion and Framing in US, Russian, and Canadian Arctic Policies.” Paper presented at the ASEES Annual Convention. Boston, MA. November 24.

SELECTED INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2019 “‘Foreign Agents’ and ‘Undesirables’: Analyzing Russia’s Foreign NGO Laws”
Seminar presentation for graduate students at the Davis Center, Harvard University
- 2019 “Environmental Activism in China”
Lecture for graduate students at Harvard Kennedy School
- 2019 “International Funding and NGOs: Positive Force or Disruptive Influence?”
Lecture for graduate students at Harvard Kennedy School
- 2018 “Seeking Justice under Authoritarianism in Russia and China”
Workshop presentation for fellows at the Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2014 “Social Movements”; Lecture for undergraduate students at Cornell University
- 2014 “Russian Politics”; Lecture for undergraduate students at Cornell University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (*G = graduate; UG = undergraduate*)

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA

- Spring 2019 *Teaching Fellow*, The Political Economy of Transition in China (G)
Instructor: Anthony Saich

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

- Fall 2014 *Instructor of Record*, Grassroots to Global: Politics, Media, and the Environment (UG)
Solo-designed and taught first-year writing seminar
- Spring 2014 *Head Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG)
Instructor: Andrew Mertha
- Fall 2013 *Teaching Assistant*, China under Revolution and Reform (UG)
Instructor: Andrew Mertha

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

- May-June 2010 *Teaching Assistant*, Summer Russian Language Intensive (UG)
Instructor: Irene Aleshkovsky
- Fall 2009 *Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to International Politics (UG)
Instructor: Giulio Gallarotti

Fall 2009, Spring 2009, *Teaching Assistant*, Elementary & Intermediate Russian Language (UG)
& Fall 2007 Instructors: Duffield White and Irene Aleshkovsky

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Sage Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Government Department, Cornell University, 2017-2018
Research Travel Grant (China), Graduate School, Cornell University, Winter 2017
Lee Teng-hui Fellowship (China), East Asia Program, Cornell University, Spring 2016
Luigi Einaudi Fellowship (Russia), Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, 2015-2016
International Research Travel Grant (Russia), Einaudi Center, Cornell University, Fall 2015
Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship (China), 2015-2016 (*Declined*)
Blakemore Freeman Fellowship (China), 2015-2016 (*Declined*)
Chinese Scholarship Council Fellowship (China), 2015-2016 (*Declined*)
International Research Travel Grant (Russia), Einaudi Center, Cornell University, Summer 2014
FLAS Fellowship (Russian), Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, Summer 2014
Sustainability Grant, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2013-2014
Hu Shih Travel Grant (China), East Asia Program, Cornell University, 2013-2014
Reading Group Grant, Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University, 2013-2014
FLAS Fellowship (Mandarin), East Asia Program, Cornell University, Summer 2013
Sage Fellowship, Government Department, Cornell University, 2012-2013
Byrnes Fellowship, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University, 2010-2012
FIPSE Grant, US-Russia Global Environmental Issues, Summer 2010

RELEVANT TRAVEL FOR RESEARCH & LANGUAGE TRAINING

January 2017 Dissertation fieldwork, Hong Kong and mainland China
June-Sept 2016 Dissertation fieldwork, ICSID, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
Jan-May 2016 Dissertation fieldwork & language training, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
Sept-Dec 2015 Dissertation fieldwork, ICSID, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
August 2014 Pre-dissertation fieldwork, Moscow and Irkutsk, Russia
Winter 2014 Pre-dissertation fieldwork, Beijing and Harbin, China
June-Aug 2013 Princeton in Beijing (language training), Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China
May 2011 Independent Research Travel, Moscow, Irkutsk, and Chita, Russia
July-Aug 2010 Participant, U.S.-Russia Global Environmental Issues, Tyumen, Russia
Jan-June 2009 Exchange student at Irkutsk State Linguistic University, Irkutsk, Russia

RELATED SKILLS

Languages: Russian (Advanced), Mandarin Chinese (Advanced); Software: Stata, LaTeX

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer for *Social Movement Studies*, *Environmental Politics*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Governance and Policy in China*, *Employment and Economy in Central and Eastern Europe*, and *Sibirica: Journal of Siberian Studies*

American Political Science Association (APSA); Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

REFERENCES

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