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## CURRENT POSITION

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
China Public Policy Postdoctoral Fellow, 2018-2020  
Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation  
Kennedy School of Government

## EDUCATION

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY  
*Doctor of Philosophy*, Government, August 2018  
Dissertation: *Authoritarian Politics and Environmental Activism in Russia and China*  
Committee: Valerie Bunce (chair), Andrew Mertha, Ronald Herring, & Kenneth Roberts  
*Master of Arts*, Government, 2015  
Major: Comparative politics; Minor: International relations

**Indiana University**, Bloomington, IN  
*Master of Arts*, Russian & East European Studies, 2012

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT  
*Bachelor of Arts* with High Honors (University Honors nomination), 2010  
Majors: Government; Russian & East European Studies  
Minor: Certificate in Environmental Studies

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Authoritarianism; civil society and social movements; environmental and energy politics; Russian politics; Chinese politics

## PEER-REVIEWED ACADEMIC 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)

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

“Not All NGOs Are Created Equal: Selective Repression and Civil Society in Russia and China.” (Manuscript in preparation for journal submission)

*Authoritarian Politics and Environmental Activism in Russia and China.* (Book manuscript in preparation).

## **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 PAPERS**

“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. New York, NY. February 23, 2018. (Earlier versions presented at the China-Russia Workshop at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN on March 10, 2017 and the ASEES Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. on November 19, 2016).

“Win, Lose, or Appeal?: Seeking Justice after the 2012 Russian ‘Foreign Agent’ Law.” Paper presented at the Association for the Study of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEES) Annual Convention in Chicago, IL. November 11, 2017.

“The Impact of Failed Electoral Mobilization on Social Movements in Russia.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 1, 2017.

“Hazy Messaging: Framing Air Pollution on Chinese Social Media.” Paper (with Christopher Cairns). Paper presented at the Graduate Seminar on China. Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong. January 7, 2017.

“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, 2016. (Earlier version presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2015 Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 16, 2015).

“Framing Effects and Mobilization along the Marcellus Shale.” Paper presented at the APSA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 4, 2015. (Earlier version presented at APSA’s 2014 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., August 30, 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, 2014.

“Shaping the Arctic ‘Revolution’: Public Opinion and Framing in US, Russian, and Canadian Arctic Policies.” Paper presented at the ASEEES Annual Convention. Boston, MA. November 24, 2013.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**

- *Instructor*, Grassroots to Global: Politics, Media, and the Environment  
First-year writing seminar, Fall 2014
- *Head Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Instructor: Andrew Mertha, Spring 2014
- *Teaching Assistant*, China under Revolution and Reform  
Instructor: Andrew Mertha, Fall 2013

### **Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT**

- *Teaching Assistant*, Summer Russian Language Intensive  
Instructor: Irene Aleshkovsky, May - June 2010
- *Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to International Politics  
Instructor: Giulio Gallarotti, Fall 2009
- *Teaching Assistant*, Elementary & Intermediate Russian Language  
Instructors: Duffield White and Irene Aleshkovsky, Fall 2009, Spring 2008, & Fall 2007

## **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, Cornell University, Society for the Humanities, 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  
Phi Beta Kappa, Wesleyan University, Spring 2010

### **RELEVANT TRAVEL FOR RESEARCH & LANGUAGE TRAINING**

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

### **RELATED SKILLS**

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

### **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Graduate Intern, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs (EUR/PPD), Washington, D.C., Summer 2011
- International Intern, Great Baikal Trail Association (ENGO), Irkutsk, Russia, Spring 2009

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS**

Reviewer for *Social Movement Studies*, *Environmental Politics*, *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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