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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-** Assistant Professor of Political Science, Stetson University, Deland, FL
- 2022-2023** China Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC
- 2018-2020** China Public Policy Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation
Kennedy School of Government

EDUCATION

- 2018** Ph.D. in Government, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Dissertation: “Authoritarian Politics and Environmental Activism in Russia & China”
Committee: Valerie Bunce (chair), Andrew Mertha, Ronald Herring, & Kenneth Roberts
- 2015** M.A. in Government, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Subfields: Comparative politics (major); International relations (minor)
- 2012** M.A. in 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)

RESEARCH

Research & Teaching Interests

Comparative politics; international relations; environmental politics and policy; authoritarianism; civil society and philanthropy; transnational and domestic activism; Chinese politics; Russian politics

Book Manuscript in Preparation

Friends or Foes?: Authoritarian Politics and Environmental Activism in China and Russia

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming. “Puzzling Partnerships: Overseas Infrastructure Development by Chinese State-Owned Enterprises and Humanitarian Organizations” with Wendy Leutert and Austin Strange. *Studies in Comparative International Development*.
2022. “Activism in Exile: How Russian Environmentalists Maintain Voice after Exit” with Laura Henry. *Post-Soviet Affairs* 38(4): 274-292.
2022. “Not All NGOs Are Treated Equally: Selectivity in Civil Society Management in China and Russia.” *Comparative Politics* 54(3): 501-524.

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

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

2022. “Civil Society and Social Movements.” with Alfred B. Evans, Jr. In Darrell Slider, ed., *Putin’s Russia: Past Imperfect, Future Uncertain*, 8th Edition. Rowman & Littlefield.

2020. “A Tale of Two Laws: Managing Foreign Agents and Overseas NGOs in Russia and China.” In Karrie J. Koesel, Valerie J. Bunce, and Jessica C. Weiss, eds., *Citizens & the State in Authoritarian Regimes: Comparing Russia & China*. Oxford University Press.

2015. “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*. Berghahn Books.

Works in Progress

Under review

“Complementary Partners? Attitudes toward Multi-Actor Development Projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo” with Austin Strange and Wendy Leutert

Manuscripts in preparation

“Pivoting to Overseas Development: INGOs’ Changing Engagement with China” with Wendy Leutert and Austin Strange (*Conference draft; preparing to submit in fall 2022*)

“Environmental Activism and Party Politics in Electoral Authoritarian Russia” (*Conference draft; aiming to submit in fall 2022*)

“Funding Foreign Agents” with Lisa Sundstrom (*Conference draft; aiming to submit in fall 2022*)

“Disappearing Research: Academic Censorship in Chinese Universities” with Ning Leng (*Conference draft; aiming to submit in fall 2022*)

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

Book Reviews

2021. “Book Review: Alexander Libman and Michael Rochlitz, *Federalism in China and Russia: Story of Success or Story of Failure*.” *The Russian Review* 80(2): 343-344.

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

Public Scholarship

“Putin Called Fleeing Russians ‘Traitors.’ Who’s Actually Leaving?” (with Laura Henry) *The Washington Post*. 31 March 2022.

“Opportunities and Constraints for Civil Society in China.” *Communiqué*. Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard Kennedy School. 8 December 2021.

“Environmental Activism in Russia.” *Russian Analytical Digest*, No. 261. December 2020. Appeared in German in *Russland-Analysen* in October 2020.

“Partnering for Overseas Development: International NGOs’ Changing Engagement with China.” (with Wendy Leutert and Austin Strange) *Harvard Fairbank Center Blog*. 29 June 2020.

“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.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

American Political Science Association	2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*, 2021*, 2022
Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies	2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*, 2021*, 2022 (<i>planned</i>)
Midwest Political Science Association	2015, 2019
International Society for Third-Sector Research	2022

Invited Talks

New York-Russia Public Policy Series, co-hosted by Columbia University's Harriman Institute and New York University's Jordan Center, February 2022*

Chinese Politics, Department of Government, Wesleyan University, October 2021*

The Davis Center for Russian & Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, April 2021*

Project for Eastern European Relations, Swarthmore College, February 2020

Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, October 2019

Shasha Seminar for Human Concerns, Wesleyan University, October 2019

Workshops

Global Challenges to Democracy: Cross-Regional Perspectives, discussant and participant, Cornell University, May 2022

Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series (PRESS), discussant on Lauren McCarthy's "Citizen Oversight of the Legal System in Russia," February 2021*

China Program postdoctoral fellows' workshop, Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School, May 2020*

Institute for the Study of Institutions and Development Annual Workshop, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, June 2016 and June 2019

Competitive Authoritarian Protest Research Network, University of Manchester, UK, June 2019

Book manuscript development workshop, Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School, May 2019

China Program doctoral fellows' workshop, Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School, September 2018

Workshop on Russian civil society, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, February 2018

Russia-China Workshop, University of Notre Dame, March 2017

Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 2017

Russia-China Workshop, Cornell University, September 2016

Comparative Workshop on Mass Protests, London School of Economics, UK, June 2014

**Virtual due to Covid-19*

TEACHING

Stetson University

Introduction to Political Science, Fall 2021 & Fall 2022

Comparative Politics, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, & Spring 2022

Russian Politics, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, & Fall 2022

Chinese Politics, Spring 2022

Russia, China, & the World, Spring 2021 & Spring 2023 (*planned*)

International Environmental Activism (*junior seminar*), Spring 2021 & Spring 2023 (*planned*)

Russian Foreign Policy, Spring 2022

Senior Research I (*research design and methods*), Fall 2022

Senior Research II (*capstone research project*), Spring 2023 (*planned*)

MENTORING

Stetson University

- Faculty Advisor, Stetson Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Grant, Summer 2021,
Shadia Muñoz-Najar, “Explaining the Correlation between Compulsory Voting and COVID
Death Rates in Latin America”
Honors Oral Examiner for Ihsaan Fanusie (passed with distinction), April 2022

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Fellowships

- Sage Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Government Department, Cornell University, 2017-18
Lee Teng-hui Fellowship (China), East Asia Program, Cornell University, Spring 2016
Luigi Einaudi Fellowship (Russia), Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, 2015-16
Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship (China), 2015-16 (*Declined*)
Blakemore Freeman Fellowship (China), 2015-16 (*Declined*)
Chinese Scholarship Council Fellowship (China), 2015-16 (*Declined*)
FLAS Fellowship (Russian), Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, Summer 2014
FLAS Fellowship (Mandarin), East Asia Program, Cornell University, Summer 2013
Sage Fellowship, Government Department, Cornell University, 2012-13
Byrnes Fellowship, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University, 2010-12

Grants

- Summer research grant, Office of Academic Affairs, Stetson University, Summer 2022
Mercy Corps DRC research grant, with Wendy Leutert and Austin Strange, 2019-2021
Research Travel Grant (China), Graduate School, Cornell University, Winter 2017
International Research Travel Grant (Russia), Einaudi Center, Cornell University, Fall 2015
International Research Travel Grant (Russia), Einaudi Center, Cornell University, Summer 2014
Sustainability Grant (for research), Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2013-14
Hu Shih Travel Grant (China), East Asia Program, Cornell University, 2013-14

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & LANGUAGE TRAINING ABROAD

- July-Aug 2022 Research fieldwork, Germany & Estonia (*planned travel to Russia cancelled due to war*)
June 2020 Research fieldwork, mainland China (*cancelled due to Covid-19*)
March 2020 Research fieldwork, Democratic Republic of Congo (*cancelled due to Covid-19*)
June 2019 Research fieldwork, Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia
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 project, Tyumen, Russia
Jan-June 2009 Exchange student at Irkutsk State Linguistic University, Irkutsk, Russia

RESEARCH SKILLS

Languages: Russian (Advanced), Mandarin Chinese (Advanced), French (Elementary)

Software: Stata, R, LaTeX

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer

Cambridge University Press, Governance, Social Movement Studies, Mobilization, 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

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association (APSA); Association for Asian Studies (AAS); Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES); International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR)

External Committees or Service Roles

Founding Member, ASEEES Committee on Environmental Sustainability, 2020-2022
Co-Chair, Division 13: Politics of Communist and Former Communist Countries, APSA 2022

Internal Committees or Service Roles at Stetson University

Faculty Co-Chair, Stetson Ukraine Initiative (*to support displaced students and scholars*), 2022-2023
Search Committee Member (*on two searches*), Department of Political Science, 2022-2023
Assessment Coordinator, Department of Political Science, 2021-present
External Member, VAP Search Committee, Communication & Media Studies, 2021-2022
Member, Internal Selection Committee, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellows Program, 2021-2022
Member, Asian Studies Committee, 2020-present
Member, Stetson Program in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies Committee, 2020-present
Co-Faculty Coordinator, Women in Politics Group, Department of Political Science, 2020-present