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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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; authoritarian regimes; environmental politics; social movements and contentious politics; civil society and philanthropy; Chinese politics; Russian politics

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

- “Mass Mobilization in China and Russia: From Unexpected Victories to Unintended Consequences,” *Russian Politics*, 3(4). 2018.
- “A Tale of Two Laws: Managing Foreign Agents and Overseas NGOs in Russia and China.” In Valerie J. Bunce, Karrie J. Koesel, and Jessica C. Weiss, eds., *Citizens & the State in Authoritarian Regimes: Comparing Russia & China*. Oxford University Press (under contract).
- “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.

Book Manuscript in Preparation

Friends or Foes?: Authoritarian Politics and Environmental Activism in China and Russia
Book workshop held at Harvard Kennedy School on May 23, 2019
Workshop participants: Diana Fu, Laura Henry, Anthony Saich, Jessica Teets
Target proposal submission date: October 2019

Works in Progress

- “Why Autocrats Sometimes Relax Censorship: Signaling Government Responsiveness on Chinese Social Media.” with Christopher Cairns (Revise & resubmit)
- “Not All NGOs Are Treated Equal: Selectivity in Civil Society Management in China and Russia.” (Manuscript in preparation for journal submission)
- “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 Reviews

- “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

Conferences

American Political Science Association	2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 (<i>planned</i>)
Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies	2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (<i>planned</i>)
Midwest Political Science Association	2015, 2019

Workshops

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

Invited Talks

- Shasha Seminar for Human Concerns, Wesleyan University (*planned, October 2019*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(G = graduate; UG = undergraduate)

Instructor of Record

Grassroots to Global: Politics, Media, and the Environment (UG), Cornell University, Fall 2014

Teaching Assistant

The Political Economy of Transition in China (G), Harvard Kennedy School, Spring 2019
Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG), Head TA, Cornell University, Spring 2014
China under Revolution and Reform (UG), Cornell University, Fall 2013
Introduction to International Politics (UG), Wesleyan University, Fall 2009
Elementary, Intermediate, & Summer Intensive Russian Language (UG), Wesleyan University, May-June 2010, Fall & Spring 2009, Fall 2007

Guest Lectures

“Foreign Agents’ and ‘Undesirables’: Analyzing Russia’s Foreign NGO Laws” (G), Harvard, 2019
“Environmental Activism in China” (G), Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), 2019
“International Funding & NGOs: Positive Force or Disruptive Influence?” (G), HKS, 2019
“Social Movements” (UG), Cornell University, 2014
“Russian Politics” (UG), Cornell University, 2014

Additional Training

Teaching Workshops, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard, January & July 2019
WRIT 7100: Teaching Writing, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell, Fall 2014

Potential Course Offerings

Comparative Politics: Intro; Authoritarianism; Comparative Environmental Politics; Social Movements & Contentious Politics; Civil Society & NGOs; Chinese Politics; Russian Politics
International Relations: Intro; Politics of International Philanthropy; Transnational Activism; Global Environmental Politics; China, Russia, & the World; US-Russia or US-China Relations
Methods: Research Design; Field Research Methods; Qualitative & Quantitative Content Analysis

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

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

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); **Software:** Stata, R, 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*

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request.