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Employment

University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies (2008-)
Herbert J. Ellison Associate Professor of Russian and Eurasian Studies (2020-)
Associate Professor (2012-2020)
Assistant Professor (2008-2012)

Professional Appointments

Director and Chair, Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies (2012-2020, 2021-)
Faculty member, Center for an Informed Public (2021-)
Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science
Adjunct Associate Professor of Sociology
Adjunct Associate Professor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilization

Education

Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Science, 2007
B.A. The University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, 2000

Books

Enemies Within: The Global Politics of Fifth Columns (forthcoming, Oxford University Press, 2022), with Harris Mylonas, ed.

Revealing Schemes: The Politics of Conspiracy in Russia and the Post-Soviet Region (Oxford University Press, 2021)

- Author-meets-critics panels at American Political Science Association and Association for the Study of Nationalities

Weapons of the Wealthy: Predatory Regimes and Elite-Led Protests in Central Asia (Cornell University Press, 2010)

- Honorable Mention, Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies
- Shortlisted for Central Eurasian Studies Society Book Award

Refereed Articles

2022. "Solidarity through Cynicism? The Influence of Russian Conspiracy Narratives Abroad," *International Studies Quarterly* 66(2), June 2022.

2021. "Dilemmas of Distrust: Conspiracy Beliefs, Elite Rhetoric, and Motivated Reasoning," *Political Research Quarterly* (forthcoming).

2021. "Perceived Threats and the Tradeoff between Security and Human Rights," *Journal of Peace Research* (forthcoming).

2021. "Studying States and Regimes in Central Asia: Contributions to Comparative Politics and Future Challenges," *Central Asian Survey* 40(4): 576-591 (with Lawrence P. Markowitz).
2021. "Allies or Agitators? How Partisan Identity Shapes Public Opinion about Violent or Nonviolent Protests." *Political Communication* 38(4): 479-497 (with Yuan Hsiao).
2019. "Reinterpreting the Enemy: Geopolitical Beliefs and the Attribution of Blame in the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict." *Political Geography* 70: 64-73.
2018. "Between Russia and a Hard Place: Great Power Grievances and Central Asian Ambivalence." *Europe-Asia Studies* 70(10): 1597-1611
2018. "Historical Narratives and Post-Conflict Reconciliation: An Experiment in Azerbaijan." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 35 (2): 154-174.
2017. "Ethnic Cues and Redistributive Preferences in Post-Soviet Georgia." *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 52(3): 278-300.
2017. "Is Belief in Conspiracy Theories Pathological? A Survey Experiment on the Cognitive Roots of Extreme Suspicion." *British Journal of Political Science* 47(1): 113-129 (with Patrick Underwood).
2016. "Paranoia with a Purpose: Conspiracy Theory and Political Coalitions in Kyrgyzstan." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 32(5): 474-489.
2012. "Oil in the Family: Managing Presidential Succession in Azerbaijan," *Democratization* 19(1), February: 60-77.
2010. "The Color of Money: Privatization, Economic Dispersion, and the Post-Soviet 'Revolutions,'" *Comparative Politics* 42(2): 127-146.
2009. "The Origins of Social Capital: Evidence from a Survey of Post-Soviet Central Asia," *Comparative Political Studies* 42(6): 707-732 (with Christoph Zurcher and Jonathan Wheatley).
2006. "Weighing the Political and Economic Motivations for Migration in Post-Soviet Space: The Case of Uzbekistan," *Europe-Asia Studies* 58(5), July: 653-677.
2006. "Look Who's Talking! Islamic Discourse in the Chechen Wars," *Nationalities Papers* 34(2): 237-256.
2005. "Networks, Localism, and Mobilization in Aksy, Kyrgyzstan," *Central Asian Survey* 24(4): 405-424.
2004. "The Tyranny of Small Differences: The Relationship between Ethnic Diversity and Democracy in the Former Socialist Bloc," *Demokratizatsiya* 12(4): 575-606.
2004. "Working with the Warlords: Designing an Ethnofederal System for Afghanistan," *Regional and Federal Studies* 14(4): 513-537.

Refereed Book Chapters

“No Collusion! Or is There? Presidents as Puppets in Russia and the United States,” in *Enemies Within: The Global Politics of Fifth Columns* (forthcoming, Oxford University Press, 2022, eds. Mylonas and Radnitz).

“Introduction,” in *Enemies Within: The Global Politics of Fifth Columns* (forthcoming, with Harris Mylonas).

“Conclusion: The Politics of Fifth Columns Revisited,” in *Enemies Within: The Global Politics of Fifth Columns* (forthcoming, with Harris Mylonas).

2018. “Why the Powerful (in Weak States) Prefer Conspiracy Theories.” In *Conspiracy Theories and the People Who Believe Them*, ed. Joseph Uscinski (Oxford University Press).

2018. “How Do Tools of Evasion Become Instruments of Exploitation?” In Alena Ledeneva, ed., *Global Encyclopedia of Informality* (University College London Press).

2017. “Power, Peripheries, and Pyramids in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan and Georgia,” In *Paradox of Power: The Logics of State Weakness in Eurasia*, eds. Edward Schatz and John Heathershaw (University of Pittsburgh Press).

2013. “Oil in the Family: Managing Presidential Succession in Azerbaijan,” in Yitzhak Brudny and Evgeny Finkel, eds., *Coloured Revolutions and Authoritarian Reactions* (Routledge).

2009. “A Horse of a Different Color: Revolution and Regression in Kyrgyzstan,” in Valerie Bunce, Michael A. McFaul, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, eds., *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Post-Communist World* (New York: Cambridge University Press).

Work in Progress

“Why Do People Support Conspiratorial Leaders?” (with Yuan Hsiao).

“Explaining Support for Conspiratorial Leaders in the Time of Covid-19: The Role of Situational Anxiety” (with Yuan Hsiao)

“The Micro-level Determinants of Defection: Georgia, 1999-2004” (with Julie George and Franziska Keller)

“Information Wars: The Contentious Politics of Foreign Disinformation”

Other Academic Writing

2022. “Why Democracy Fuels Conspiracy Theories.” *Journal of Democracy* 33(2), April 2022: 147-161.

2018. “Crashes and Clashes: How to Make Sense of How People Make Sense of Suspicious Events.” *Geopolitics* 23(4): 923-928.

2013. “Author Response” in “Author–critic Forum: Popular Protest and Regime Change in Central Asia,” *Central Asian Survey* 32(1): 85-94

2012. “What to Read: Revolutions,” *The Political Economist* XIII (2): 10-12.

2011. “Review Essay: Informal Politics and the State,” *Comparative Politics* 43: 351-371.

2006. "What Really Happened in Kyrgyzstan?" *Journal of Democracy* 17(2): 132-146.

Public Writing

"Putin's Warning about Russian 'Fifth Columns' Has a Long, Sordid Lineage" *Washington Post*, March 30, 2022 (with Harris Mylonas)

"Vladimir Putin's Casus Belli for Invading Ukraine," PONARS Eurasia policy memo, March 28, 2022.

"What are false flag attacks--and Could Russia Make One Work in the Information Age?" *The Conversation*, February 17, 2022

"Are Black Lives Matter Protesters Peaceful or Violent? Depends on Whom You Ask." *Washington Post*, August 24, 2020 (with Yuan Hsiao).

"Why Conspiracy Theories Spread Faster Than Coronavirus," *The Guardian*, March 3, 2020.

"Where Else Do Leaders Do What Trump is Accused of? Start with Russia." *Washington Post*, October 3, 2019.

"If Putin has Kompromat on Trump, How Might He Use It?" *Washington Post*, April 24, 2018.

"Why Some People Think Trump May Be a 'Siberian candidate,'" *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, August 11, 2016.

"Europe's Extremists Are Not Putin's Fault," *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 13, 2016.

"Memories of Manas: What Central Asia Taught America about Geopolitics," *The National Interest*, June 30, 2014.

"Why Putin Wants Us to Believe He's Crazy," *Slate*, March 17, 2014.

"How to Prevent the Crisis in Ukraine from Escalating," *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, February 28, 2014.

"Why the Carrot Isn't Working, Either," *ForeignPolicy.com*, November 11, 2013 (with Sean Roberts).

"Will Afghanistan Take Central Asia Down with It?" *The National Interest*, August 1, 2013 (with Marlene Laruelle).

"In Georgia, Two Machines are Better than One," *ForeignPolicy.com*, September 27, 2012.

"Waiting for Spring," *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 17, 2012.

“Competing Narratives and Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan,” in *Kyrgyzstan: Recovery and Reformation*, PONARS Eurasia Dialogue, August 2010.

“The Unraveling of Southern Kyrgyzstan,” *Central Asia-Caucasus Institute Analyst*, June 23, 2010.

“Stopping Ethnic Cleansing in Kyrgyzstan,” *Hürriyet Daily News & Economic Review*, June 23, 2010 (with Harris Mylonas).

“Afghanistan Offers Lessons for U.S. Approach to Kyrgyzstan,” *Seattle Times*, April 15, 2010.

Book Reviews

Ilya Yablokov, Fortress Russia, in *Nationalities Papers* 48(1), 2020: 196-97.

Regine Spector, Order at the Bazaar, in *Central Asian Affairs* 5(4), 2018: 373-375.

Timothy Frye, Building States and Markets after Communism: The Perils of Polarized Democracy, *Slavic Review*, 71(2), Summer 2012.

Henry Hale, The Foundations of Ethnic Politics, *Comparative Political Studies*, 42(10) October 2009.

Kathleen Collins, Clan Politics and Regime Transition in Central Asia, *Review of Politics* 69, Summer 2007.

Edward Schatz, Modern Clan Politics: The Power of “Blood” in Kazakhstan and Beyond, *Nationalities Papers* 34(4), September 2006.

Awards and Fellowships

- Jean Monnet Fellowship, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, 2022-23
- Woodrow Wilson Center Fellowship, 2022-23 (declined)
- Center for an Informed Public, University of Washington, \$18,265 for surveys in U.S., Ukraine, and Taiwan for research project “How Domestic Divisions Shape Perceptions of Foreign Disinformation” (with Yuan Hsiao)
- Simpson Center for the Humanities, \$13,700 for March 2019 workshop on the politics of fifth columns in Eurasia
- Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington, \$39,400 for research on the institutional roots of conspiracy theories in Georgia and Kazakhstan, 2016
- International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, June 8-12, 2014
- Society of Scholars, Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, 2013-14
- Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) grant from National Science Foundation and Department of Homeland Security, \$39,260 for “Determinants of Belief in Conspiracy Theories”
- Jackson School Student Service Award, 2011
- IREX Short-term Grant, Tbilisi, Summer 2011
- Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington, \$39,900 for research on identity and post-conflict reconciliation in Azerbaijan, 2009.
- IREX Short-term Grant, Baku, Azerbaijan, Summer 2008
- Course Development Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Washington, Spring 2008

- Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Research Scholar, July-December 2007
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University. Postdoctoral Fellow, 2006-2007

Invited Talks and Workshops

Max Kade Center for European & German Studies, Vanderbilt University (postponed due to Covid-19)

“Conspiratorial Soft Power? Russian Propaganda in the Near Abroad.” Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series (PRESS), January 27, 2021, online.

Conference on Conspiracy Theories, University of Miami, March 21, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19).

“Cynicism and Sense-Making: The Logic of Conspiracy Thinking in Kazakhstan and Georgia.” Symposium on Central Asia, Indiana University, January 31, 2020.

“Religion and Social Mobilization in Central Asia,” Oxford Handbook on Politics in Muslim Societies, workshop at University of Michigan, May 9, 2019.

“Political Institutions and Conspiracy Belief: Evidence from Surveys in Georgia and Kazakhstan.” Kings College, London, November 30, 2017.

“Political Institutions and Conspiracy Belief: Evidence from Surveys in Georgia and Kazakhstan.” Cambridge University, November 28, 2017.

“Post-Soviet Conspiracy Theories” Caucasus Research Resources Center, Tbilisi Georgia, September 5, 2016.

“Between Russia and a Hard Place: Great Power Grievances and Central Asian Ambivalence.” University of Trento, January 29, 2016.

“From Conflict to Cooperation? Examining US-Russia Relations.” Panel discussion for World Affairs Council, Seattle, November 17, 2015.

“Central Asian Extremism: Threats and Responses.” Briefing for US Government officials, Washington, DC, November 12, 2015.

“Mobilized Contention: The State-Protest Movement Nexus.” Workshop and book project, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, September 18, 2015.

“The Buildup and (Potential) Breakdown of Central Asian Regimes,” Seoul National University, May 21, 2015.

“Domestic Dynamics in Central Asia,” at conference “Central Asia: What's Next?” Georgetown University, March 30, 2015.

“A Conspiracy Consensus: Violence Narratives and Political Order in Kyrgyzstan.” Workshop on Conspiracy Theories, University of Miami, March 14, 2015.

“Informality and State Weakness” at “The Strength of Weak States in Eurasia.” Workshop, Exeter, U.K., September 12-13, 2013.

- “Afghan Spillover Oversell: The Greater Danger of Self-Inflicted Harm in Central Asia” Central Asia Security Workshop, George Washington University, Washington, DC, March 25, 2013.
- “Political Patronage in Uncertain Times: Russia, Central Asia, and the Middle East Compared,” Harriman Institute, Columbia University, February 7, 2013.
- “Strongmen in Weak States: The Case of Southern Kyrgyzstan,” Uppsala University, Sweden, December 17, 2012.
- “The Onset of Ethnic Politics: An Experiment on Identity in Post-Soviet Georgia,” Arizona State University, March 16, 2012.
- “Central Asia and the Arab Spring: Growing Pressure for Human Rights?” Testimony for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Washington DC, May 11, 2011.
- “Struggles of Central Asia Since Independence,” Seattle Asian Art Museum, April 9, 2011.
- “Geopolitics in the Caucasus,” World Affairs Council of Oregon, Portland State University, February 25, 2011.
- “Don’t Stop Thinking about Yesterday: An Experiment with Conflict Narratives in the Caucasus,” University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, February 18, 2011.
- “Challenges Facing Democracy Assistance in Central Asia,” Democracy Assistance in Central Asia Roundtable and Workshop, State Department Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Washington DC, October 21, 2009.
- “Russia and its Neighbors: Challenging the Post-Soviet Status Quo?” Trade Development Alliance, Seattle, March 10, 2009.
- “Mobilization and Informal Networks in Central Asia,” UC Berkeley, Program in Eurasian and East European Studies, November 7, 2008.
- “Elites, Networks, and Grassroots Resistance.” Panel on Southern Kyrgyzstan, SAIS Johns Hopkins, December 12, 2007.
- “Mobilization and Networks in Post-Soviet Central Asia,” US Department of State, December 6, 2007.
- Co-chair, Panel on Russia and Central Asia. Student Conference on US Affairs, US Military Academy, West Point, NY, October 31-November 3, 2007.
- “Mass Mobilization, Networks, and the State in Central Asia,” Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, October 3, 2007.

Conferences and Presentations

- “Pretexts and Pretenses in Putin's casus belli for invading Ukraine.” PONARS Eurasia Spring Policy Conference, Washington, DC, March 25, 2022.
- “Revealing Schemes: Conspiracy Theories and Politics in the Post-Soviet Region,” Author meet critics book panel, APSA, Seattle, October 1, 2021.
- “Conspiratorial Soft Power? Russian Propaganda in the Near Abroad”

- Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia, New York, May 7, 2021 (online)
- PONARS Eurasia Tartu, June 4, 2021 (online)

Book panel on *Revealing Schemes*, Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia, New York, May 6, 2021 (online)

Discussant on book panel for Thomas Rid's *Active Measures*, Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia, New York, May 5, 2021 (online)

"From the Margins to the Mainstream: Conspiracy Claims in Russia," Conference on Comparative Perspectives on the Political Economy of Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, June 9, 2020 (online)

"Perceived Threats and Attitudes toward Authoritarianism: Evidence from Survey Experiments in Three Countries," Washington, D.C., August 31, 2019.

Roundtable on "The Enemy Within: The Politics of Fifth Columns," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 30, 2019.

"Conspiracy Theory as a Framing Device in Russia," International Studies Association, Toronto, March 29, 2019.

"Machiavellian Maneuvers: Testing the Effectiveness of Conspiratorial Appeals," Program on New Approaches to Research and Security (PONARS) Eurasia workshop, St. Petersburg, March 15, 2019.

"Institutions and Conspiracy Claims in Post-Soviet Space," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 31, 2018.

"The Unstrategic Logic of Fifth Column Claims in Russia and the Near Abroad," Program on New Approaches to Research and Security (PONARS) Eurasia workshop, September 21, 2018

"The Imagination of Power: Conspiracy Beliefs in Post-Soviet Space," Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia, New York, May 5, 2018.

"The Comparative Politics of Fifth Columns, Real and Imagined," Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia, New York, May 4, 2018 (with Harris Mylonas).

"Who Cares about Conspiracy Theories? Evidence from Post-Soviet States" Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 9, 2017.

"Who Cares about Conspiracy Theories? Evidence from a New Survey of Georgia and Kazakhstan," PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, September 13, 2017.

"The Ties that Bind (Until they Don't): Elite Networks and Party Emergence and Collapse in Georgia," Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, May 6, 2017 (with Julie George).

"Post-Soviet Conspiracy Claims," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington D.C., November 19, 2016.

"After Karimov: Uzbekistan and Central Asia." Round table, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington D.C., November 19, 2016.

“Context, Contestation, and Confabulation: Unraveling Post-Soviet Conspiracy Claims,” Central Eurasian Studies Society, Princeton University, November 5, 2016.

“Strategic Solidarity: How Central Asia Responds to the Kremlin's Exhortations,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, September 23, 2016.

“The Pitfalls of Peaceful Protest: Why Nonviolence Isn't All It's Cracked Up to Be.”

- UW Sociology, February 12, 2016.
- Program on New Approaches to Research and Security (PONARS) Eurasia workshop, Helsinki, June 10-11, 2016.

“Beyond the Binary of Intractable Conflicts: War and Geopolitical Imagination in Azerbaijan.” Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, April 15, 2016.

“Detecting Defections: The Causes of Party Breakdown in Georgia, 2003-2012.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 5, 2015.
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 19, 2015.
- Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, April 15, 2016.

“Post-Succession Scenarios in Central Asia,” PONARS Eurasia workshop, Astana, Kazakhstan, June 15, 2015.

“Why Don't More Political Scientists Study Conspiracy Theories?” PONARS Eurasia conference on Comparative Political Development in Post-Soviet Eurasia and the Middle East, NYU Abu Dhabi, December 9, 2014.

“Post-Imperial Politics and Contested Conspiracies in Georgia”

- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio, November 22, 2014
- Simpson Center Society of Scholars, University of Washington, April 16, 2014.

“Practically Paranoid: Conspiracy Discourses in Central Asia,” Central Eurasian Studies Society, Columbia University, New York, October 24, 2014.

“Revolutions, Conflicts, and (Non-)Interventions: Comparing Ukraine, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan Ten Years after the Colored Revolutions.” Round table, Central Eurasian Studies Society, Columbia University, New York, October 25, 2014.

“The Psychological Logic of Protracted Conflict in Ukraine,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, September 22, 2014

“International Education for the REECAS Region after Ukraine,” REECAS Northwest Plenary Session, Portland State University, April 26, 2014.

“The Lobby Hobby: How Small Countries Buy Respect Abroad,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Workshop, Chisinau, Moldova, December 6-7, 2013.

“Spinning the Spillover: Why NATO Withdrawal from Afghanistan Does Not Pose a Threat to Central Asia,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, September 24, 2013.

“Implied Ethnicity and Attitudes toward Redistribution in Post-Soviet Georgia: A Survey Experiment,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1, 2013.

“Ethnicity and Attitudes toward Redistribution in the Caucasus,” International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, April 3, 2013.

“Russia and the South: Russia’s Future in Central Asia” Russia and the World, a Dynamic Landscape, Kennan Institute, March 28, 2013.

“Protests and Continuity in Russia,” Northeast Asia in Transition: New Leadership, New Dynamics, National Bureau of Asian Research, November 13, 2012.

“Post-Soviet Informality,” PONARS Eurasia academic workshop, Kyiv, Ukraine, November 3-5, 2012.

“The Politics of Foreign Intrigue in the Caucasus,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, September 13, 2012.

“The Determinants of Belief in Conspiracy Theories,” American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August 30, 2012.

“Yawning through the Arab Spring: Resilient Regimes in Central Asia and the Caucasus,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, September 9, 2011.

“Threat Perceptions and Support for Authoritarianism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Azerbaijan,” PONARS Eurasia Workshop, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 13, 2011.

Book discussion on *Weapons of the Wealthy*

- University of Washington, April 27, 2011
- Elliott School, George Washington University, Washington DC, April 13, 2011

“Don't Stop Thinking about Yesterday: An Experiment with Conflict Narratives in the Caucasus,” UW International Security Colloquium, March 4, 2011.

“Competing Narratives and Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington DC, October 22, 2010.

“Threat Perceptions and Support for Authoritarianism,” American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 3, 2010.

“Historical Narratives and Post-Conflict Reconciliation in the Caucasus: A Psychological Experiment”

- PONARS Eurasia Workshop, Odessa, Ukraine, June 13, 2010
- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 13, 2009

“Stability and Breakdown in Transitional States: An Analysis of Central Asia and the Caucasus”

- American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 4, 2009
- Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 23, 2009
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3, 2009

“Sources of Resistance to the State in Central Asia and the Caucasus in the 1990s,” Annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Philadelphia, November 22, 2008.

“The View from Central Asia,” at “Competition or Cooperation: Energy and Russia’s Foreign Policy Towards Northeast Asia.” Workshop at the University of Washington, February 9, 2008.

“Social Capital and Organized Resistance in Central Asia,” Central Eurasian Studies Society annual meeting, Seattle, October 18-21, 2007.

“Mass Mobilization, Networks, and the State in Central Asia”

- Kennan Scholar Seminar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, October 4, 2007
- Central Eurasian Studies Society, Ann Arbor, September 29, 2006
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard, October 19, 2006
- Identity Politics Working Group, MIT, March 16, 2006

Selected Teaching

- Misinformation and Democracy
- States, Markets, and Societies
- Contemporary Central Asian Politics
- Post-Soviet Security
- Failed States
- Social Movements and Revolutions
- The Making of the 21st Century
- Research Design and Methods

Selected Professional Service

- Associate Editor, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* (2020-)
- Member, Advisory Council, Kennan Institute, 2016-2020
- Member, Royalty Research Fund subcommittee for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (2019-2021)
- Senior Advisor, Freedom in the World 2019
- Member, Board of Directors, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (APSA representative), 2015-17
- Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *World Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Slavic Review*, *Central Asian Survey*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Review of International Affairs*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*
- Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Fulbright U.S. Student Program National Screening Committee, ACTR/ACCELS Eurasian Regional Language Program, 2007; Leverhulme Trust Detailed Research Project Grants; Minority Rights Group International, Foundation for Polish Science, Swiss National Science Foundation, Varieties of Democracy, National Center of Science and Technology Evaluation of Kazakhstan

Languages and Quantitative Skills

- Russian-advanced in reading, writing, and speaking
- Uzbek-intermediate in reading, writing, and speaking
- Statistical packages R, Stata, SPSS