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### EDUCATION

#### **The George Washington University, Washington, DC**

Ph.D., Political Science, 1999

- Specialization: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Central and Eastern Europe
- Dissertation: *Transformation through European Integration: A Comparative Study of the Czech Republic and Romania*

M.A., International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, 1992

#### **University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

B.A., International Relations, 1990. Russian Area Studies Minor.

Thematic Option Honors Program and scholarship. Graduated in 3 years.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA**

- Professor of Political Science, 2017 - present
- Chair, Department of Political Science, Jan. 2018 – Jan. 2022
- Director, College of Social Sciences Honors Program, 2016 - 2018
- Associate Professor of Political Science, 2012 - 2017
- Director, Master of Arts in International Relations Program, 2009 – 2013
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2006 – 2012

#### **University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana**

- Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), summer 2013

#### **Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain**

- Visiting Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), fall 2008

#### **The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington, DC**

- Research Associate, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, 2001 - 2008

#### **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Washington, DC**

USA coordination office of Japanese government agency for Official Development Assistance

- Senior Program Officer & Advisor on US Affairs, 2000 – 2006

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

- “European Union Roma Policy: Under Construction.” In *Research Handbook on Minority Politics in the European Union*, eds. Tove H. Malloy and Balázs Vizi, 250-270. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022.

- “Regime Complexity and a Galvanizing Idea: Development Goals and Intergovernmental Organization Coordination.” *Journal of International Organizations Studies* 10, no. 2 (2019): 33-53.
- “International Organization Autonomy and Issue Emergence: The World Bank’s Roma Inclusion Agenda.” *Global Governance* 23, no. 4 (Oct-Dec. 2017): 565-582.
- “International Policy and Roma Education in Europe: Essential Inputs or Centralized Distractions?” *Alberta Journal of Educational Research* [special issue on “Inclusion and Education Rights of Roma Children”] 61, no. 4 (Winter 2015): 465-483.
- “Europeanized Hypocrisy: Roma Inclusion and Exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe.” *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe* 13, no. 3 (2014): 15-44.
- “European Integration, Migration, and Representation: The Case of Roma in France.” *Ethnopolitics* 13, no. 3 (May 2014): 203-224.
- “Legacies of EU Conditionality: Explaining Post-Accession Adherence to Pre-Accession Rules on Roma.” *Europe – Asia Studies* 64, no. 7 (Sept. 2012): 1191-1218.
- “Lost in Transition? Europeanization and the Roma.” *L'Europe en Formation* 364 (summer 2012): 417-434.
- “Roma Advocacy and EU Conditionality: Not One without the Other?” *Comparative European Politics* 9, no. 2 (March 2011): 217-241.
- “Interests, Norms, and Advocacy: Explaining the Emergence of the Roma onto the EU’s Agenda.” *Ethnopolitics* 9, no. 2 (June 2010): 197-217.
- “Romania: From Laggard to Leader?” In *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. Bernd Rechel, 180-194. N.Y.: Routledge, 2009.
- “The Roma” (with Peter Vermeersch). In *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. Bernd Rechel, 61-73. N.Y.: Routledge, 2009.
- “Anti-Discrimination Policy and the Roma: Assessing the Impact of EU Enlargement.” *Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy* 3 (Nov. 2007): 491-514.
- “On Setting and Reaching Development Goals: The MDGs, Policy Coherence, and Partnership” (with Takao Toda). *Journal of International Development Studies* 14, no. 2 (Nov. 2005).
- “Democratization through European Integration: The Case of Minority Rights in the Czech Republic and Romania.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 38, no. 2 (summer 2003): 28-56.
- “Built by Association: Legislating for the West in EU Candidate States.” In *South-Eastern Europe, the Stability Pact and EU Enlargement*, eds. David Phinnemore and Peter Siani-Davies, 130-155. Cluj, Romania: European Studies Foundation Publishing House, 2002.
- “Harmonizing Laws with the European Union: The Case of Intellectual Property Rights in the Czech Republic.” In *Norms and Nannies: The Impact of European Organizations on Central and East European States*, ed. Ronald H. Linden, 259-286. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2002.
- “Minority Relations in Multiethnic Societies: Assessing the European Union Factor in Romania.” *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics* [special issue on “Romania and the European Union”] 1, no. 2 (Nov. 2001): 63-90.
- “Transformation through European Integration: The Domestic Effects of European Union Law in Romania.” In *The Transformations of 1989-1999: Triumph or Tragedy?* ed. John S. Micgiel. New York: East Central European Center, Columbia University, 2000.

### Other Publications

- “The Language of Communication and Cooperation.” Fulbright Schuman Program, Americans in the EU, 12 Jan. 2023, available at <https://www.fulbrightschuman.eu/the-language-of-communication-and-cooperation/>
- Book review of Jennifer L. Schulze, *Strategic Frames: Europe, Russia, and Minority Inclusion in Estonia and Latvia* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018) in *Political Science Quarterly* 134, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 170-172.
- Book review of Aidan McGarry, *Who Speaks for Roma? Political Representation of a Transnational Minority Community* (N.Y.: Continuum, 2010) in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (JEMS)* 39, no. 1 (2013): 180-181.
- “The Trafficking of Women in the NIS and CEE.” Policy Paper, International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), Sept. 2000.
- “The Roma in Central and Eastern Europe.” Policy Paper, IREX, March 2000.

### CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

#### Invited Speaker/Guest Lecture

- University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science: “Persistence and Proliferation of Regional Cooperation Organizations: Connecting Central and Southeastern Europe” presented at Advanced Research Seminar, 16 December 2022.
- Queen’s University Belfast. Keynote speech/paper: “Europeanized Hypocrisy: Roma Inclusion and Exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe.” Conference on “New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the Neighbourhood.” March 2015, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- The World Bank. Presentation to staff on “Finding a Path to Social and Economic Inclusion of Europe’s Roma Population,” April 2013, Washington, DC.
- University of Texas at Austin. Paper presentation: “Roma Rights and the Failure of Identity Politics” at conference on “Identity Politics: The New World versus New (and Old) Europe,” March 2013, Austin, TX.
- York University European Union Centre of Excellence. Paper presentation: “The EU and the Roma: A Path to Social and Economic Inclusion?” at conference on “The Maturing of the Multicultural Experiment: European Challenges Coming to Canada?” March 2011, Toronto, Canada.

#### Academic Association Conference Papers & Presentations

- International Studies Association: 2023, 2020, 2010, 2001
- American Political Science Association: 2023, 2021, 2019, 2015, 2003, 2002, 2001
- Association for the Study of Nationalities: 2014, 2013, 2011, 2009
- Western Political Science Association: 2008
- Southern Political Science Association: 2016
- European Community Studies Association: 2014, 2001

#### Selected Academic Conference Papers & Presentations (all sole authored)

- “Russian Aggression and Regional Cooperation Organizations: Evaluating Responses to a Crisis.” Prepared for presentation at International Studies Association Annual Convention, 15-18 March 2023, Montréal, Québec, Canada.

- “Regime Complexity and a Galvanizing Idea: Development Goals and Intergovernmental Organization Coordination.” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 2021, Seattle, Washington.
- “Intergovernmental Organization Coordination, Aid Fragmentation, and Development Goals.” Central and East European Studies Association - International Studies Association (CEEISA-ISA) joint conference, June 2019, Belgrade, Serbia.
- “Bridging European Divides: Southeast European Cooperation and European Integration.” BENELUX, Regional Groupings and the Dynamics of European Integration: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives, April 2019, University of Luxembourg.
- “IO Autonomy and Issue Emergence: The World Bank's Roma Inclusion Agenda.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2016, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- “International Policy and Roma Education in Europe: Essential Inputs or Centralized Distractions?” Conference on “Policy, Inclusion and Education Rights of Roma Children: Challenges and Successes in the EU and North America,” University of Alberta, March 2015, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- “Lost in Transition? Europeanisation and the Roma in Romania and Bulgaria.” Conference on “Europeanisation after EU accession: Transformation, reform and compliance in recent EU member states,” organized by *L'Europe en Formation: Journal of Studies on European Integration and Federalism*, March 2012, Nice, France.
- “The NGO Role in the Diffusion of EU Ideas and Policies.” Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG) conference on “The Transformative Power of Europe,” Free University Berlin, Dec. 2009, Berlin, Germany.
- “Anti-Discrimination Policy and the Roma: Assessing the Impact of EU Enlargement.” Jean Monnet Seminar on Advanced Issues of European Law, “European Law After the Big Bang Enlargement: Assessment and Perspectives,” 5th session, April/May 2007, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- “Transnational Networks for Minority Rights in Europe: The Case of the Roma.” IREX/Woodrow Wilson Center Regional Policy Symposium on “EU and NATO Member States and their Eastern Borderlands,” March/April 2006, Chesapeake Beach, MD.
- “Lobbying the European Union from Afar: NGO Advocacy on Minority Rights in Candidate States.” Conference on “Organized Civil Society and European Governance: Training, Recruitment and Practices of Interest Group Representatives in the European Union,” Institut d’Etudes Politiques, June 2004, Strasbourg, France.
- “Built by Association: Transplanting Democracy through European Integration.” Conference on “The European Union’s Eastern Enlargement: Surveying the Social and Economic Divides,” University of Toronto, Feb. 2002, Toronto, Canada.
- “Built by Association: Legislating for the West in EU Candidate States.” Conference on “South-Eastern Europe and EU Enlargement,” Babes-Bolyai University, Sept. 2001, Cluj, Romania.
- “European Union Aspirations and Obligations: The EU Influence on Minority Rights in Candidate States.” Conference on “Voice or Exit: Comparative Perspectives on Ethnic Minorities in Twentieth Century Europe,” Humboldt University, June 2001, Berlin, Germany.
- “Black Sea Cooperation towards European Integration.” IREX and Woodrow Wilson Center Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium, April 2001, Leesburg, VA.
- Woodrow Wilson Center Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar, presentation and discussion of doctoral dissertation research, Aug. 2000, Wye River, MD.

- Columbia University, paper presentation at 1999 Harriman Institute/East Central European Center conference on “1989 - 1999 Transformations: Triumph or Tragedy?”
- Harvard University, paper presentation at 1999 Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies conference on “New Approaches to Southeast Europe.”

#### HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- Fulbright Schuman European Union Affairs U.S. Scholar Award 2022-23 for research in Italy, Croatia, and Romania in fall 2022
- Chancellor’s Office Graduation Initiative 2025 award for culturally competent professional development activities to pilot a student peer writing tutor program in Political Science, 2022
- Faculty Service Award, College of Social Sciences, 2020
- Provost’s Faculty Scholarship Support Award, 2023, 2022, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010
- Research and Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences, 2021, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2007
- Division of Graduate Studies Recruitment Mini-Grant, California State University, Fresno, 2012, 2011
- Digital Campus eScholars Program Award, California State University, Fresno, 2008
- University Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, 2011, 2007
- Provost’s Promising New Faculty Award, 2011
- Graduate Faculty Enhancement Award, 2009, 2008, 2007
- University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) Faculty International Development Award for language study in Lüneburg, Germany, 2007
- International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)/Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Regional Policy Symposium Grant, 2006
- IREX Short-Term Travel Grant to Romania, 2004
- Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, research travel grant to Czech Republic, 2002
- Black Sea Regional Policy Symposium Grant, Woodrow Wilson Center and IREX, 2001
- Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar Scholarship, Woodrow Wilson Center (East European Studies) and American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), 2000
- Hoffman Dissertation Prize, George Washington University, 1999
- IREX Southeastern Europe Area Development Studies grant for research & language study in Romania, 1999
- Cosmos Club Foundation Junior Scholar's Award for research in Czech Republic, 1999
- Société des Professeurs Français et Francophones d’Amérique (SPFFA) scholarship for summer study at Université Laval, Québec, 1999 (declined)
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars fellow, short-term grant, East European Studies, 1998
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for intensive Czech language study, Czech Republic, 1997

- Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, study fellowship, 1996
- FLAS Fellowship for intensive Czech language study, U.S., 1996
- Hoffman Dissertation Award, George Washington University, 1996
- University Fellow, George Washington University, 1993 – 1994
- FLAS Fellowship for intensive Russian language study, Russia, 1993
- Dean's Scholarship, University of Southern California, 1987
- Honors Program (Thematic Option) admission, University of Southern California, 1987
- American Association of University Women Scholarship, 1987

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Online and hybrid inclusive teaching training programs, California State University, Fresno

- Virtual Summer Institute, 3-week advanced training for online teaching, July 2020
- eScholars Program, semester-long training to develop fully online course, spring 2014
- eScholars Institute, training to develop hybrid course, July 2008
  - Newly designed course shared in “Designing a Hybrid Course” at Regional Conference on Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Teaching for Engaged Learning, March 2009, California State University, Fresno.

HERS Leadership Institute, Bryn Mawr University, July 2017

- Nominated for participation by University Provost and College of Social Sciences Dean
- Trained in academic leadership, diversity, and inclusive excellence

#### COURSES TAUGHT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● International Politics</li> <li>● International Law and Organization</li> <li>● International Human Rights</li> <li>● Politics of Foreign Aid</li> <li>● Internship in Political Science</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Writing about Politics: Local, National, &amp; Global Issues</li> <li>● Social Science Honors</li> <li>● Graduate seminars:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advanced Research &amp; Writing in IR</li> <li>○ Democracy and Human Rights</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Academic Senate
  - Senator representing the Department of Political Science and subsequently all university faculty as university-wide senator, 2010-2013, 2014 - 2021, 2023 - present (10+ years)
  - Executive Committee (one of 7 elected to represent university faculty in the review and revision of university policies), 2012-2013, 2014-2017, 2017-2020, 2020-2021 (8 ½ years)
- President’s Fresno State 2023-2029 Strategic Plan Goal Sub-Committee, spring 2023
- Provost’s Task Force on High Impact Educational Practices, 2017-2018
- President’s Task Force on Testing Services, one of 3 faculty members appointed by the President, 2016

- President's Level A Budget Allocation Review Committee, one of 4 faculty members appointed by the President, 2015 – 2016
- Provost's Awards Committee, 2015
- WASC Accreditation Committee, Provost appointee, 2013 – 2015
- WASC Core Competency Subcommittee, 2013 – 2015
- Distinguished International Student Nominations reader, 2013
- CSU-International Programs Selection Committee, 2013
- Honorary Doctorate Nomination Committee, 2012, 2019
- World Cultures and Globalization cohort, 2011-
- Study Abroad Scholarship Review Committee, 2010 - 2014
- Center for Creativity and the Arts Committee, 2010 - 2013
- International careers panel organizer & moderator, International Education Week, 2010 – 2012
- Chair, Professional Activities, Untenured Faculty Organization, 2011 – 2012
- Co-Chair, Red Balloon Project Faculty Workload Task Force, 2011 – 2012
- Red Balloon Project Steering Committee, Provost appointee, 2011 – 2012
- Chair, Research Support, Untenured Faculty Organization, 2009 - 2011
- Lowell Neighborhood Project, College of Social Sciences representative, 2009 – 2010
- International Scholarship Committee, 2008

#### **College of Social Sciences**

- Executive Committee, 2015 – 2018
- Co-Chair, International Education Committee, 2015-2017, member 2010-2018
- Honors College Ad Hoc Committee, 2017 – 2018
- Research Committee, 2012 – 2015
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, 2014-15, 2015-16 (2 students), 2016-17, 2020-21

#### **Department of Political Science**

- Managed Political Science B.A. Program Review, 2021 - 2022
- Personnel Committee, 2018 - 2021, 2023
- RTP Review Committee, 2018 – 2021
- Curriculum Committee, 2016 - present
- Professional Leave Committee, 2018 - 2019
- Student Scholarships Review Committee, 2017 - 2019
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Comparative Politics/International Relations, 2017
- Director, Graduate Program in International Relations, 2009 – 2013

- Program Coordinator, Seven Year Review and Student Outcome Assessment Program for the Graduate Program in International Relations, 2009 – 2013
- Faculty Search Committee, Latin American Politics/International Relations, Departments of Political Science and Chicano and Latin American Studies, 2010 – 2011

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### Peer reviewer of national grant proposals

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Swiss National Science Foundation
- Czech Science Foundation
- Autonomous Province of Bolzano in Northern Italy

#### Peer reviewer of journal manuscripts

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| • Global Governance                       | • Journal of Common Market Studies                             |
| • Journal of Politics                     | • Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies          |
| • East European Politics                  | • Intersections: East European Journal of Society and Politics |
| • Problems of Post-Communism              | • Journal of Contemporary European Research                    |
| • Europe-Asia Studies                     | • Alberta Journal of Educational Research                      |
| • Ethnic and Racial Studies               | • European Education   |
| • Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism    | • JOMEC (Journalism, Media & Cultural Studies) Journal         |
| • Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies |  |
| • Ethnopolitics                           |  |

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| • American Political Science Association        | • Phi Beta Delta International Education Honor Society   |
| • International Studies Association             |  |
| • Academic Council on the United Nations System | • European Academic Network on Romani Studies (academic project of the EU and Council of Europe) |

### STUDY ABROAD

- Germany: University of Lüneburg, summer 2007 (USAC Faculty Award for language study)
- Romania: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
  - Romanian language, summer 1999
- Czech Republic: Charles University
  - Czech language & politics, summer & fall 1996, summer 1997
- Russia: Moscow Institute for Social and Political Studies
  - Russian language & politics, summer 1993
- UK, France, & Switzerland: USC International Communication Studies Graduate Program, summer 1990