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Curriculum Vitae

Political Science
College of the Holy Cross
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, 2012
M.A. Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, 2007
B.A. International Relations and French (*magna cum laude*), Roanoke College, 2003

Certificates

- 2002 Certificat d'Etudes Politiques, (*mention bien, high honors*),
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Rennes, France

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 – present** College of the Holy Cross, MA
Assistant Professor, Political Science
- 2017 – 2019** Dickinson College, PA
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Studies
- 2016 – 2017** Transylvania University, KY
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science
- 2013 – 2016** Gettysburg College, PA
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science
- 2012 – 2013** Mary Baldwin College, VA
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming “To Resign or Not to Resign: Why Incumbents Ignore Peaceful Mass Protests?”
Europe-Asia Studies.
- 2014 “When Winning Seats is Not Everything: Tactical Seat-Loss during Democratization,”
Comparative Politics, 46/2: 209-229.

Book Manuscript

Why Choose to Lose? Tactical Seat Loss and Electoral System Reform during Regime Transitions in Western and Eastern Europe

Journal Articles in Preparation

“Understanding Brexit: Critical Junctures, Process-Tracing and Institutional Reform”

“Endogenous Institutional Change and Electoral System Reform in Western Europe: Belgium and Britain Re-Examined”

“A Tough Nut to Crack: Performance, Mobilization and the Success and Failure of Recent Protest Movements in Bulgaria”

“Demonstrating Duverger’s Law and Hypothesis: Assessing the Effects of a Classroom Simulation on Students’ Understanding of the Consequences of Electoral Systems”

Other Publications

“Austria Now Holds the EU Presidency. Expect a Tougher Stance on Immigration,” *The Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*, https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/08/02/austria-now-holds-the-e-u-presidency-expect-a-tougher-stance-on-immigration/?utm_term=.903545f0cb2a August 2, 2018.

“Analyzing Politics through the Lens of Institutional Change,” *Clio: Newsletter of Politics & History*, Vol. 26, No. 2, Summer 2017.

“Bulgaria’s Government Will Include Far-Right Nationalist Parties for the First Time,” *The Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*, https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/04/25/bulgarias-government-will-include-nationalist-parties-on-the-far-right-heres-why-and-what-this-means/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.1b4bc0fbcfb2 April 25, 2017.

“Mechanisms of Electoral System Choice: Bulgaria, 1990, 1991, 2009” *International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)*, research brief, 2009.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

2012	APSA Conference Travel Grant, APSA (conference cancelled)
2011/2012	Huskey Travel Grants, University of Virginia
2010	Dumas Malone Fellowship, University of Virginia
2009	Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), U.S. Department of State, Title VIII Program and IREX Scholar Support Fund
2008	Research Grant, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia
2008	Raven Fellowship, Raven Society, University of Virginia.
2008/2010	Dissertation Away Fellowship, University of Virginia
2007-2008	Junior Fellow (invited member), Society of Fellows, University of Virginia
2006-2012	Graduate Fellowship, Department of Politics, University of Virginia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College of the Holy Cross

POLS 105 Introduction to International Relations (F19, S20)
POLS 265 European Politics (F19)
POLS 299 European Political Parties (S20)

Dickinson College

INST 170/POSC 170 Introduction to International Relations (F17, S18, F18, S19)
INST 270/POSC 270 Politics of the European Union (F17, F18)
INST 290/POSC 290 European Migration & Refugee Debates (S18)
INST 290/POSC 290 European Political Parties (in Western and Eastern Europe) (S19)

Transylvania University

PS 1004 Introduction to Politics (F16, S17)
FYS 1104 First-Year Research Seminar: Global Protests (Occupy and Its Aftermath) (S17)
PS 3344 Modern Political Concepts, Methodology and Analysis (F16)
PS 3384 Politics of the European Union (F16)
PS 3264 Human Rights (S17)
PS 3294 Protests and Social Movements (women's suffrage and equal pay) (May Term 17)

Gettysburg College

POL 104 Introduction to Comparative Politics (S16, S15, S14)
POL 215 Methods of Political Science (S15, S14)
POL 204 Politics of the European Union (F15, F14, F13)
POL 260 European Politics (Politics of Western Europe) (F15, F14, F13)
POL 304 European Political Parties (F15, F14, F13)
POL 404 Capstone Seminar: Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe (S16)

Mary Baldwin College

POLS 111 Introduction to Comparative Politics (F12, S13, also online)
POLS 221 International Relations (F12)
POLS 277 Democratization and Modern Politics in Eastern Europe (S13, also online)

University of Virginia

PLCP 4500 Democratic Transitions and Modern Politics in Eastern Europe (Lecturer, S13)
PLCP 4500 European Political Parties (Instructor, F11, S11)
PLCP 311 Politics of Western Europe (Teaching Assistant, S08, S07)
PLCP 221 Politics of Developing Areas (Teaching Assistant, F07, F06)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Inclusion and Diversity in Academia: Constructing a 21st Century Syllabus, Conference with a Conference sponsored by SPSAWomen, Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17-19.
- 2018 Understanding Brexit: Critical Junctures, Process-Tracing and Institutional Reform, Short Course, American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2.

- 2018 Barricades and Ballots: How Electoral Strategies Affect the Success of Protest Movements in Eastern Europe, American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2.
- 2017 Brexit and Institutional Change, Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.
- 2017 Understanding the Successes and Failures of Peaceful Protest Movements in Eastern Europe, Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.
- 2016 Diverse Government Responses to the 2013 Protests in Brazil, Bulgaria and Turkey (with Ana Alves), Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10.
- 2016 Incumbent Parties' Responses to Protest Movements: To Repress, Discredit, Negotiate, Resign or Ignore? Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9.
- 2014 What Can Electoral System Reform Teach Us about Endogenous and Exogenous Institutional Change? American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 27-31.
- 2014 Incumbency Status and its Effect on Electoral System Design (Fifth Republic France and Czechoslovakia), Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6.
- 2014 To Resign or Not to Resign? Incumbents' Responses to Extra-Institutional Pressure in Post-Communist Bulgaria (1990 – 2014), Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6.
- 2014 Demonstrating Duverger's Law: Using a Simulation Exercise to Illustrate the Effects of Electoral Systems, American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Philadelphia, February 7-9.
- 2013 There and Back Again: Electoral System Reform in Bulgaria (1990 – 2011), Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2-5.
- 2012 Electoral System Reform without Seat-Maximization: The Logic of Tactical Seat-Loss, American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August (cancelled).
- 2012 Party Dominance and Democratization: Limiting Legislative Seat-Maximization in Electoral System Reform, Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15.
- 2012 Evaluating Causal Mechanisms: Electoral Systems, Welfare States and Redistribution (The Case of Sweden), Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 12-14.

- 2011 Electoral System Reform and Institutional Change: Bridging the Divide, Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31 – April 3.
- 2011 When Gaining Seats is Not Everything: Designing Electoral Systems in the Context of Democratization, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 5-8.
- 2008 Explaining Electoral System Change: The Adoption of Proportional Representation in Belgium and Its Rejection in Great Britain, Virginia Social Science Association, April 10.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 The Rise of Populism in Europe,
World Affairs Council, Harrisburg, PA, March 18.

CAMPUS TALKS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 2017 To Resign or Not to Resign? Why Incumbents Ignore Peaceful Mass Protests?
Transylvania University, April 13.
- 2014 Borders: Global Perspectives on the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Gettysburg College, panel discussion, November 5.
- 2013 Electoral Systems in Eastern Europe, Samuel and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement, Mary Baldwin College, February 6.
- 2009 Mechanisms of Electoral System Choice: Preparing for Reform in Bulgaria 2008-2009, Symposium, Raven Society, University of Virginia, February 8.

SERVICE/CONSULTING

Consulting

Consultant, provided research on the rise of populist parties for the development of a war game scenario exploring strategic deterrence challenges in South-Eastern Europe, King's College London, Spring 2018.

College Service

Graduate Studies Advisor, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, 2019-2020.

Member, Committee for Center for Teaching and Learning, Transylvania University, Spring 2017.

Chair, Gender Equality Panel, 16th Annual First-Year Research Conference, Transylvania University, January 2017.

Internship Advisor, Transylvania University, advised Michael Reed, intern at Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Lexington, KY, Fall 2016.

Meeting Organizer, Gettysburg College, Eisenhower Institute, organized a meeting for the Undergraduate Fellows with the Minister Counsellor (Social Policy and Employment, European Economic and Social Committee) and the Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to E.U. in Brussels, Belgium, January 2015.

Advisor, Mary Baldwin College, advised Dequana Mervin and Kathryn Laflin, conference presenters, Virginia Social Science Association, April 2013.

Guest Speaker Lecture Organizer, Mary Baldwin College, Samuel and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement, lecture on Stuxnet and Iran's nuclear program, November 15, 2012.

Contributor, Mary Baldwin College, Election Live Broadcast, organized a mock presidential debate on US foreign policy that was televised during the first student-run broadcast, November 6, 2012.

Conference Panel Chair & Discussant Roles

Panel Chair, "The Nations of the UK and Brexit," American Political Science Association, Short Course, 2018.

Poster Session Discussant, "Public Policy & Poster Session: Qualitative and Multi-Method Research," American Political Science Association, 2018.

Panel Chair/Discussant "Interpreting Brexit I: Causes and Campaigns," Mid-West Political Science Association 2017.

Panel Chair, "Domestic and International Influences on Elections," Southern Political Science Association, 2016.

Panel Chair/Discussant "Historical Antecedents of State Stability and Capacity," Southern Political Science Association, 2016.

Discussant "LGBT Politics and Policy," American Political Science Association, 2015.

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

Panel Chair/Discussant "Drugs, Crime, Immigration and Refugees," Virginia Social Science Association, 2009.

Journal Referee Service

Manuscript Reviewer, *Comparative Politics*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Comparative Political Studies*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Virginia Social Science Journal*

Public Service

Guest Speaker, Clinical Skills & Assessment Program, School of Medicine, University of Virginia, Fall 2010.

Election Monitor, 41st National Assembly of Republic of Bulgaria, Transparency without Borders, Transparency International, Sofia, Bulgaria, July 7, 2009.

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Central Pennsylvania Consortium

- 2018 “Finding Your Voice and Helping Students Find Theirs in the Classroom and on Campus”
- 2015 “Teaching Naked: How Moving Technology Out of Your Classroom Will Improve Student Learning”
- 2013 “Blended Learning”

Dickinson College

- 2017 “Inclusive Pedagogies: Implicit Bias, Micro-aggressions & Classroom Resources”

Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning, Gettysburg College

- 2016 “Expanding the Student Intellectual Experience at Gettysburg: Integrating Programs and Pedagogy”
- 2014 “Purposeful Teaching and the Paradigms of Liberal Education”
- 2013 “Framing Assignments Large and Small”

American Political Science Association

- 2018 TLC Conference “Simulations & Games” Panel
- 2014 “Case Teaching and Participant Learning in Political Science and Public Policy”

Mary Baldwin College

- 2013 “Active Teaching/Active Learning”

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Virginia

- 2011 – 2012 Tomorrow’s Professor Today Program
6-week seminar, 19 hours of workshops on research, teaching, service, classroom observations, teaching consultation, interviews with faculty and administrators

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006/2009 ***Research Assistant to Carol Mershon, Department of Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA***
Collected data on party-switching in the UK. Assisted with editing tasks.
- 2004 ***Research Assistant, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, Cleveland, OH***
Assisted in the development of a pilot program to improve world geography education in elementary and middle schools by designing courses and connecting educators and students to international guest speakers, including community members and international students and faculty from Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland State University.
- 2000 – 2003 ***Assistant to Director of International Education, Roanoke College, Roanoke, VA***

Global Engagement: Organized and advertised new annual campus-wide events: *Study Abroad Fair*, *International Education Week* and *International Festival*. Assisted in organizing a national conference “Globalizing Education in Liberal Arts Colleges,” November 1-4, 2001. Developed strong ties with faculty, administrators and students to promote all aspects of global engagement. **Study Abroad:** Assisted the Director in growing the study abroad program by actively recruiting students. Provided initial advising to undergraduates about study abroad opportunities. Contributed to orientation and re-entry orientation. Communicated with students about cultural adjustment abroad and upon return to home institution. Acquired excellent understanding of application and course credit transfer procedures. **International Students:** Oriented new international students. Facilitated the integration and increased the visibility of international students on campus. Promoted cross-cultural understanding. Addressed international students’ concerns about college life (e.g., international student housing, transportation off campus). Became familiar with visa procedures (for F1 and J1 visas, OPT).

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian – native proficiency
English – native proficiency
French – good spoken; excellent reading
Russian – excellent reading
Spanish – can read with dictionary

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Political Science Association
Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
NAFSA: Association of International Educators
Virginia Social Sciences Association
Pi Sigma Alpha

REFERENCES

Provided upon request