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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ph.D., Department of Political Science, 2000

Awarded honors for Comparative Politics doctoral examination.

Dartmouth College, B.A., Department of Government, Russian and Eastern European Studies, 1992 cum Laude with Government Department Honors

Senior Thesis: "National-Russian Relations in Estonia and Moldova"

CURRENT POSITIONS

Case Western Reserve University

Lucy Adams Leffingwell Professor, Department of Political Science

Varieties of Democracy

Project Manager, Subnational Government, 2009 to present

Subnational Politics and Regimes Network

Founder and Coordinator, 2022

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Varieties of Democracy: Measuring Two Centuries of Political Change (Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Adam N. Glynn, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Staffan I. Lindberg, Daniel Pemstein, Brigitte Seim, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jan Teorell, with David Altman, Michael Bernhard, Fernando Bizzarro, Joshua Krusell, Matthew Maguire, Kyle Marquardt, **Kelly McMann**, Valeriya Mechkova, Farhad Miri, Josefine Pernes, Jeffrey Staton, Natalia Stepanova, Eitan Tzelgov, Yi-ting Wang). New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Corruption as a Last Resort: Adapting to the Market in Central Asia. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2014.

Received honorable mention for the Ed A. Hewett Book Prize for outstanding publication on the political economy of Russia, Eurasia and/or Eastern Europe.

Featured as book discussion with three contributors and author's response in *Central Asian Affairs*, 3 (2016), 193-207.

Economic Autonomy and Democracy: Hybrid Regimes in Russia and Kyrgyzstan. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Articles

- "Assessing Data Quality: An Approach and An Application." (**Kelly McMann**, Daniel Pemstein, Brigitte Seim, Jan Teorell, and Staffan Lindberg) *Political Analysis*, 30, 3 (2022), 426-449. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/pan.2021.27
- "Explaining Subnational Regime Variation: Country-Level Factors," (**Kelly M. McMann**, Matthew Maguire, John Gerring, Michael Coppedge, Staffan Lindberg) *Comparative Politics*, 53, 4 (2020), 637-685.

- "Why Low Levels of Democracy Promote Corruption and High Levels Diminish It." (**Kelly M. McMann**, Brigitte Seim, Jan Teorell, and Staffan Lindberg) *Political Research Quarterly*, 73, 4 (2019), 893-907.
- "Measuring Subnational Democracy: Toward Improved Regime Typologies and Theories of Regime Change." *Democratization*, 25, 1 (2018), 19-37.
- "Developing State Legitimacy: The Credibility of Messengers and the Utility, Fit and Success of Ideas." *Comparative Politics*, 48,4 (July 2016), 538-556.
- "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: A New Approach" (Michael Coppedge and John Gerring, with David Altman, Michael Bernhard, Steven Fish, Allen Hicken, Matthew Kroenig, Staffan I. Lindberg, **Kelly McMann**, Pamela Paxton, Holli A. Semetko, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jeffrey Staton, and Jan Teorell,) *Perspectives on Politics*, 9, 2, (2011), 247-267.
- "Market Reform as a Stimulus to Particularistic Politics." *Comparative Political Studies*, 42, 7 (2009), 971-994.
- "A Survey of Democracy in Russia's Regions." (Kelly M. McMann and Nikolai V. Petrov) *Post-Soviet Geography and Economics*, 41, 3 (2000), 155-182.

Book Chapters

- "The Shrinking of the Welfare State: Central Asians' Assessments of Soviet and Post-Soviet Governance." *Everyday Life in Central Asia: Past and Present.* eds. Jeff Sahadeo and Russell Zanca. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007, 233-247.
- "The Civic Realm in Kyrgyzstan: Soviet Economic Legacies and Activists' Expectations." *The Transformation of Central Asia: States and Societies from Soviet Rule to Independence*. ed. Pauline Jones Luong. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003, 213-245.
- "The Personal Risks of Party Development." *Dilemmas of Transition in Post-Soviet Countries*. ed. Joel C. Moses. Chicago: Burnham, Inc. Publishers, 2003, 163-186.

DATASETS

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)

Project manager for subnational government for this dataset of more than 470 indicators of democracy for each country of the world from 1789 to the present. Versions 1-4, 5 (first public release), 6-13. Details at https://v-dem.net.

Epidemics Dataset

Compiler of original dataset about epidemics that occurred in the years 1980 to 2019 in countries of the world, with help from epidemiologist Daniel Tisch and research assistants.

Central Asian 2015 Mass Survey Datasets

Collaborator on surveys about media usage and attitudes toward foreign countries, which included 2000 respondents each in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Central Asian 2003 Mass Survey Datasets

Co-PI for political and economic surveys of 1500 respondents each in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Invited Articles, Essays, and Reports

"Bringing About Democracy Without Increasing Corruption: Lessons from Post-Soviet States," Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia Policy Memo, January 2022, http://www.ponarseurasia.org/.

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- "Democratic Institutions and Practices and COVID-19 Outcomes," (**Kelly M. McMann** and Daniel Tisch) Stockholm: International IDEA, (2020, updated 2021).
- "Democracy, Governance, and Population Health: An Evaluation of Research," Stockholm: International IDEA (June 2020).
- "Authoritarianism: Learning from Subnational Enclaves," *Comparative Democratization*, 13, 2, American Political Science Association (June 2015), 3, 18-19.
- "The Problem of Subnational Unevenness in Democracy." Stockholm: International IDEA, 2014.
- "Look Beyond the Capital: The Geography of Political Openings in Eurasia" Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia Policy Memo, September 2014, http://www.ponarseurasia.org/.
- "Research Report. V-Dem: A New Way to Measure Democracy" (Staffan I. Lindberg, Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, and Jan Teorell, with David Altman, Michael Bernhard, Steven Fish, Adam Glynn, Alan Hicken, Matthew Kroenig, **Kelly McMann**, Pamela Paxton, Daniel Pemstein, Megan Reif, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jeffrey Staton, Eitan Tzelgov, and Yi-ting Wang,) *Journal of Democracy*, 25, 2 (July 2014), 159-169.
- "Improving Theories of Regimes, Regime Continuity, and Regime Change Through Subnational Research: The Utility of the Varieties of Democracy Dataset" *Comparative Democratization*, 10, 2, American Political Science Association (June 2012), 4, 23-27.
- "New Presidents in Central Asia: Will Life Improve for the Average Person?" *NewsNet*, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (May 2007), 1-4, 6-7.
- "The Case for Economic Pluralism." Russia Watch, 2 (August 2000), 9-10.

Working Papers

- "How Lower Levels of Corruption in Democracies Prevented COVID Deaths," (Kelly M. McMann and Daniel Tisch) Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 139. May 2023.
- "Democratic Regimes and Epidemic Deaths," (**Kelly M. McMann** and Daniel Tisch) Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 126. August 2021.
- "Democratic Consolidation: A Theory of Territorial Consolidation," (**Kelly M. McMann** and Matthew Maguire) Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 74. August 2018.
- "Democracy and Corruption: A Global Time-Series Analysis with V-Dem Data," (Kelly M. McMann, Brigitte Seim, Jan Teorell, and Staffan I. Lindberg) Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 43. March 2017.
- "The Effectiveness of Democracy Aid to Different Regime Types and Democracy Sectors," (Anna Lührmann, **Kelly M. McMann**, and Carolien van Ham) Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 40. January 2017.
- "Governing Countries: A Theory of Subnational Regime Variation," (**Kelly M. McMann**, John Gerring, Matthew Maguire, Michael Coppedge, Staffan Lindberg) Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 28. March 2016.
- "Measuring Subnational Democracy." Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 26. March 2016.
- "Strategies of Validation: Assessing the Varieties of Democracy Corruption Data." (**Kelly M. McMann**, Daniel Pemstein, Brigitte Seim, Jan Teorell, Staffan I. Lindberg) Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 23. February 2016.
- "Central Asians and the State: Nostalgia for the Soviet Era." Washington, D.C.: The National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2004.
- "The Transformation of State-Society Relations in Post-Soviet Central Asia." Washington, D.C.: The National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2004.
- "Kazakhstan's Repression, America's Peril." Washington, D.C.: The National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2004.

Conference Proceedings

"International Influences on Russian Regional Democratization." *Slavic Eurasia's Integration into the World Economy and Community*. ed. Tabata Shinichiro and Akihiro Iwashita. Sapporo: Slavic Research Center, 2004, 413-434.

Book Reviews

Review of Edward L. Gibson, *Boundary Control: Subnational Authoritarianism in Federal Democracies, Perspectives on Politics*, 11, 4 (December 2013), 1206-1208.

Review of Thomas F. Remington, *The Politics of Inequality in Russia*, *The Journal of Politics* 74, 1 (January 2012), 1-2.

Review of Graeme B. Robertson, *The Politics of Protest in Hybrid Regimes: Managing Dissent in Post-communist Russia*, *Perspectives on Politics*, 9, 3 (September 2011), 746-748.

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Democracy's Advantages, series of co-authored articles (partial list below) and a single-authored book

"Democracy Saves Lives: How Lower Levels of Corruption Prevented COVID Deaths," (Kelly M. McMann and Daniel Tisch), article manuscript under review

"Democracy's Benefits: Why Particular Regime Types Tackle Certain Problems Better," draft article manuscript

"Accountable for Lives: Democratic Regimes and Epidemic Deaths," (Kelly M. McMann and Daniel Tisch), article manuscript

"(Dis)incentives to Combat Epidemics: Democratic, Hybrid, and Authoritarian Regimes' COVID-19 Policies," (Kelly M. McMann and Brian Gran), article manuscript

Amplifying Voices of Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, collaborative research project on outsiders' misconceptions about the countries and peoples that were once part of the Soviet Union

Extending Democratic Rights and Institutions, series of single- and co-authored articles (partial list below) and a single-authored book

"Eliminating Non-Democratic Enclaves: The Territorial Consolidation of Democracy," (Kelly M. McMann and Matthew Maguire), article manuscript

"Subnational Catalysts of Democratization," article manuscript

"The Study of Subnational Democratization: The State of the Field and a Research Agenda," article manuscript

"Democratization Beyond National Capitals: Clues from the First Wave," article manuscript

"Electoral Free and Fairness: The Impact of Local Elections on National Ones" (Kelly M. McMann and Staffan Lindberg), article manuscript

RESEARCH GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS (external only)

International IDEA Research Contract, \$9,800, 2020

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (awarded to research team, PI Staffan Lindberg), \$5.8 million, 2014-2020 Social Science Research Council Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2006-2008

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Contract, \$50,000, co-PI Pauline Jones, 2002-2003 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Policy Research Fellowship, \$25,000, 2001-2002 International Research & Exchanges Board Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Grant, \$8,199, 2001 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Award, \$4,500, 2001

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International Research & Exchanges Board Short-term Travel Grant, \$1,132, 2001

Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Sociology Fellowship, \$2,350, 1998

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant, \$8,450, advisor Zvi Gitelman, 1998

Institute for the Study of World Politics Fellowship, \$13,000 1997

Fulbright-Hays Summer Scholarship, 1995

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 1994-1996

AWARDS

Lucy Adams Leffingwell Professorship, Case Western Reserve University, 2023, continuous. Awarded for "high-quality research, teaching, and service."

Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Data Set Award, American Political Science Association. Awarded for the Varieties of Democracy dataset for which I am the project manager for subnational government.

Glennan Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University, 2008. Awarded for "demonstrated excellence in both scholarship and teaching."

INVITED PRESENTATIONS and PAPERS

Local Public Sector Alliance, "Elevating the Debate—Local Governance Indicators: Varieties of Democracy, online, October 12, 2022.

Ukrainathon, "Russian Pressures on Putin to End the War," Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia, online, March 16, 2022.

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, "The Effects of Democracy Support in Different Regime Types," GovNet Webinar on Democracy Support, April 15, 2021.

Council on Foreign Relations, "Democracy-Population Health Mechanisms," February 20, 2020.

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), "Eliminating Non-Democratic Enclaves: The Territorial Consolidation of Democracy," October 23, 2019.

University of Missouri, "Democratic Consolidation: A Theory of Territorial Consolidation" and "Methods Seminar: Introduction to the Varieties of Democracy Data," March 2, 2018.

Oxford University, "Why Low Levels of Democracy Promote Corruption and High Levels Diminish It," Anxieties of Democracy Program: The Performance of Democracies Workshop, May 23, 2017.

University of Amsterdam, "The Development of Democracy and Authoritarianism Within Countries: Overcoming Subnational Regime Variation," The Subnational State in Latin America Workshop, March 17, 2017.

Central European University, "Democracy and Corruption: A Global Time-Series Analysis with V-Dem Data," Varieties of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Regional and Global Perspectives Research Workshop, March 9, 2017.

Central European University, "The Development of Democracy and Authoritarianism Within Countries: Overcoming Subnational Regime Variation," Political Science Department Seminar, March 8, 2017.

Aarhus University, "Electoral Freeness and Fairness: The Impact of Local Elections on National Ones," April 20, 2016.

Varieties of Democracy Institute, "Electoral Freeness and Fairness: The Impact of Local Elections on National Ones," April 13, 2016.

University of Michigan, "Corruption as a Last Resort: Individuals Adapting to the Market in Central Asia," Center for Russian and East European Studies, October 28, 2015.

Quality of Government Institute, "Corruption as a Last Resort: Individuals Adapting to Market Reform," May 29, 2015.

University of Amsterdam, "Change and Continuity in Space: Authoritarian Enclaves," Conceptualizing and Operationalizing Authoritarianism Seminar, June 5, 2014. (continues)

- Varieties of Democracy Institute, "Subnational Democracy: Global Expansion," May 12, 2014.
- **Brown University**, "Subnational Research in Comparative Politics: Concluding Roundtable Discussion," The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, May 9-10, 2013.
- **University of Pennsylvania**, "Democratization Beyond National Capitals," Comparative Politics Workshop, March 18, 2013.
- **University of Notre Dame**, "Outside Capitals: Measuring and Explaining Subnational Democracy," Kellogg Institute for International Studies, May 1, 2012.
- **Norwegian Institute of International Affairs**, "Corruption as a Last Resort: Adapting to the Market in Central Asia," September 28, 2011.
- University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Grand Plans and Petty Corruption: Adapting to Market Reform in Central Asia," Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, October 21, 2010.
- **Indiana University**, "Coping with Uncertainty: Individual Challenges and Institutional Change Twenty Years after the Introduction of Market Economies," Russian and East European Institute, Panel, April 16, 2010.
- **Harvard University**, "Setting the Criteria for State Legitimacy: The Roles of States and Societies," Workshop on Conceptualizing and Measuring Legitimacy for Comparative and Cross-National Analyses, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, March 14, 2009.
- **Harvard University**, "Market Reform's Impact on Bribery, Clientelism, and Favoritism: Evidence from Central Asia and Other Postcommunist States," Central Asia and Caucasus Working Group, March 12, 2009.
- **Cornell University**, "The Endurance of Hybrid Regimes: Particularistic Politics and Citizens' Support," Central Asia and Africa Workshop, Department of Government, September 26, 2008.
- **Havighurst Center at Miami University**, "The Demise of the Welfare State in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Rewriting the Contract Between Citizens and Government," October 10, 2005.
- **Indiana University**, "Kyrgyzstan Effect: A Panel Discussion on Current Events in Kyrgyzstan," Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, April 11, 2005.
- **Harvard University**, "Events in Kyrgyzstan and Their Regional Implications," Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Panel, April 7, 2005.
- **Ohio State University**, "Coping Without Communism: State and Societies in Central Asia," Center for Slavic and East European Studies, February 3, 2005.
- **University of Michigan**, "Coping Without Communism: State and Societies in Central Asia," Center for Russian and East European Studies, January 19, 2005.
- **Harvard University**, "Post-Soviet Civil Society," Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, October 7, 2004.
- **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**, "Communities and State-building in Central Asia," Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Center, September 30, 2004.
- **Hokkaido University**, "International Influences on Russian Regional Democratization," Slavic Research Center, July 18, 2003.
- **Indiana University**, "Coping Without Communism: Ethnic Perspectives on State Transformation in Kazakhstan," Workshop on Identity Politics, May 23, 2003.
- **Harvard University**, "Citizens' Impact on State Development: Survival Strategies in Kazakhstan," Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, May 1, 2003.
- **The Kennan Institute**, Caspian Sea Regional Policy Symposium, "Coping Without Communism: Private Services and State-Building in the Caspian Region," March 15, 2002.
- **Harvard University**, "The Impact of the Campaign against Terrorism on Attitudes and Life in Central Asia," Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, November 13, 2001.
- **Harvard University**, "Global Terrorism and Central Asia: The Governments and Economies of Post-Soviet Central Asia," Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, October 10, 2001.

- Yale University, "Coping Without Communism: Private Services and State Transformation," State-Building in Communist States: Toward Comparative Analyses Conference, April 28, 2001.
- **Harvard University**, "'Doesn't Hurt, Doesn't Help': The State-Society Relationship in Kyrgyzstan," Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Olin Seminar Series, March 22, 2001.
- University of North Carolina, Charlotte, "Activism and Economic Independence in Kyrgyzstan," Central Asia Conference, March 18, 2000.
- Yale University, "Local Governance in Central Asia: Problems and Prospects," Central Asia Summer Seminar, July 27, 1999.
- **Bishkek Humanities University**, Lectured to 70 students and faculty on Political Science in the United States, May 21, 1997.

CONFERENCE PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS

2023

"Democracy's Benefits: Why Particular Regime Types Tackle Certain Problems Better," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September 2, 2023.

2022

"(Dis)incentives to Combat Epidemics: Democratic, Hybrid, and Authoritarian Regimes' COVID-19 Policies," with Brian Gran (who did not attend), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September 15, 2022.

2021

"Accountable for Lives: Democratic Regimes and Epidemic Deaths," with Daniel Tisch (who did not attend), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September 29, 2021. (Co-author presented this research at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, October 25, 2021.)

2020

"Regimes and Epidemics: Insights into the COVID-19 Pandemic," with Daniel Tisch, APSA, September 11, 2020.

2019

- "Eliminating Non-Democratic Enclaves: The Territorial Consolidation of Democracy," Southwest Multimethods Research Workshop, ITAM, October 25, 2019.
- "Author Meets Critics: *Hybrid Regimes within Democracies* by Carlos Gervasoni," Roundtable participant, APSA, August 31, 2019.
- "Author Meets Critics: "Subnational Research in Comparative Politics," Roundtable participant, APSA, August 30, 2019.
- "United Russia and the Likelihood of Political Liberalization: A Comparison and Contrast with Mexico's PRI," Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS) workshop, George Washington University, February 1, 2019.

2018

- "Governing Post-Soviet Countries in Turbulent Contexts" PONARS workshop, Yerevan State University, November 8, 2018.
- "The Development of Democracy within Countries," with Matthew Maguire, APSA, September 2, 2018.
- "The Development of Democracy within Countries: Preliminary Findings and a Research Proposal," V-Dem Academic Research Conference, May 29, 2018.

2017

"Democratic Consolidation: A Theory of Territorial Consolidation," with Matthew Maguire, APSA, September 3, 2017.

- "Corruption in Europe: A Challenge to a Common European Home?" Council for European Studies (CES) Annual Conference, July 13, 2017.
- "Democratic Consolidation: A Theory of Territorial Consolidation," with Matthew Maguire, V-Dem Internal Research Conference, May 8, 2017.

2016

- "Freeness and Fairness: Connections between Subnational and National Elections," with Staffan Lindberg, APSA, September 2, 2016.
- "Effective Democracy Aid? Exploring Favorable and Unfavorable Conditions" with Anna Lührmann and Carolien van Ham, APSA, September 4, 2016.
- "Measurement Assessment Strategies: Assessing the Varieties of Democracy Corruption Measures," with Brigitte Seim, Jan Teorell, and Daniel Pemstein, Electoral Integrity Project & Varieties of Democracy Expert Indicators in the Social Sciences Workshop, August 31, 2016.
- "Corruption in Eastern Europe: A Challenge to a Common European Home," First Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, June 13, 2016.
- "Erosion of Democratic Rights and Institutions in Post-Soviet States," PONARS workshop, University of Helsinki, June 10, 2016.
- "Electoral Freeness and Fairness: The Impact of Local Elections on National Ones," with Staffan Lindberg, V-Dem Internal Research Conference, May 17, 2016.
- "Democracy and Corruption: A Global Time-Series Analysis with V-Dem Data," with Brigitte Seim, Jan Teorell, and Staffan Lindberg, V-Dem Internal Research Conference, May 16, 2016.
- "Political Conditions for Effective Democracy Assistance," with Anna Lührmann and Carolien van Ham, V-Dem Internal Research Conference, May 16, 2016.

2015

- "Electoral Freeness and Fairness: The Impact of Local Elections on National Ones," APSA, September 3, 2015.
- "Does Democracy Kill Corruption? A Global Time-Series Analysis with V-Dem Data" with Jan Teorell and Brigitte Zimmerman, APSA, September 5, 2015.
- "Democratization of Authoritarian Enclaves in Historical England and France," Council for European Studies (CES) Annual Conference, July 10, 2015.
- "How Do I Know Whether My Data are Valid: Assessing the Validity of V-Dem Corruption Data," with Jan Teorell and Brigitte Zimmerman, V-Dem Internal Research Conference, May 27, 2015.
- "Democratic and Authoritarian Unevenness: A Crossnational Analysis of Subnational Regime Variation," with John Gerring, Matthew Maguire, Staffan Lindberg, and Michael Coppedge, V-Dem Internal Research Conference, May 27, 2015.

2014

- "Look Beyond the Capital: The Geography of Political Openings in Eurasia," PONARS workshop, George Washington University, September 22, 2014.
- "Democratic Unevenness: A Crossnational Analysis," with John Gerring, Matthew Maguire, Staffan Lindberg, and Michael Coppedge, APSA, August 30, 2014.
- "Subnational Democracy," V-Dem Research Program Conference, May 12, 2014.
- "Democratization Beyond National Capitals: Clues from the First Wave," CES, March 14, 2014.

2013

- "Democratization Beyond National Capitals: Evidence from England and France," APSA, August 30, 2013.
- "Subnational Democracy Indices: Aggregating Varieties of Democracy Data," with Andrew Slivka, APSA, August 29, 2013.

2011

"Democratization Subnationally," APSA, September 1, 2011.

2010

"Studying Subnational Politics: The Role of Expert Surveys," APSA, September 4, 2010.

2009

- "The Dynamics of Particularistic Politics in Non-Democracies: Corruption as a Last Resort," APSA, September 5, 2009.
- "The Absence of Islamic Social Services in Central Asia," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference (CESS) October 10, 2009.

2008

- "The Endurance of Hybrid Regimes: Particularistic Politics and Citizens' Support," Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies National Convention (ASEES, formerly AAASS) November 23, 2008.
- "Particularistic Politics and Citizens' Support for Hybrid Regimes in Central Asia," CESS, September 19, 2008.

2007

"Clientelism as an Unexpected Outcome of Market Reform," APSA, August 30, 2007.

2006

- "Citizens' Impact on State Capacity: Building States in Post-Soviet Central Asia," APSA, September 2, 2006.
- "Citizens' Impact on State Capacity: Building States in Post-Soviet Central Asia," ASEEES, November 18, 2006.
- "Citizens' Impact on State Capacity: Building States in Post-Soviet Central Asia," CESS, September 30, 2006.

2005

"The Impact of Neoliberal Reforms on State-Society Relations: Coping Without Communism in Central Asia," APSA, September 3, 2005.

2003

- "International Influences in Post-Communist Democratization," APSA, August 30, 2003.
- "Credit and Capital: Shifting Financial Services in Post-Soviet States," APSA, August 28, 2003.
- "New State-Society Relations: Central Asians' Attitudes toward Their Leaders," ASEEES, November 21, 2003.

2001

- "The Territorial Dimension of Democratization: Reform in Post-Soviet Federal and Unitary Systems," APSA, August 30, 2001.
- "From the Street to the Ballot Box: How Different Forms of Participation Interact," APSA, August 31, 2001.
- "The Civic Realm in Kyrgyzstan: The Defining Influence of Soviet Economic Legacies," ASEEES, November 17, 2001.

2000

- "Under the State's Thumb: The Effect of Employment on Civic Activism," APSA, September 2, 2000.
- "Biting the Hand that Feeds You: Employment and Democratization," ASEEES, November 11, 2000.

1999

- "Coping Without the State: New Problem-Solvers in Russia and Kyrgyzstan," APSA, September 2, 1999.
- "Replacing the State: NGOs as Service-Providers in Russia and Kyrgyzstan," ASEEES, November 19, 1999.

1998

- "Provincial Leaders and Slackers: Why Levels of Democracy Vary in Kyrgyzstan and Russia," APSA, September 3, 1998.
- "Provincial Leaders and Slackers: Why Levels of Democracy Vary in Kyrgyzstan and Russia," ASEEES, September 24, 1998.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economic, Environmental, and Health Challenges—The Impact of Democracy, undergraduate and graduate seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Transitions to Democracy and Dictatorship, undergraduate and graduate seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Introduction to Comparative Politics, undergraduate course, Case Western Reserve University

State-Building and State Collapse, undergraduate and graduate seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Politics of Russia, undergraduate and graduate seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Politics of Central Asia, undergraduate and graduate seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Research Methods, undergraduate and graduate seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Evidence, interdisciplinary first-year seminar, Case Western Reserve University

Continuity and Change in Central Asia, undergraduate and graduate seminar, Yale University

Russian and Post-Soviet Politics, undergraduate course, Wellesley College

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Coordinator of the Amplifying Voices of Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia Task Force: Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia, 2022 to present

Co-Organizer of Emerging Scholar Early Career Research Development Workshop: American Political Science Association-Democracy and Autocracy (formerly Comparative Democratization) Section, 2018, 2019, 2021

Treasurer: American Political Science Association-Democracy and Autocracy Section, 2017-2019

Editorial Board Member: American Political Science Association-Comparative Democratization Newsletter, 2014-2016

Conference Section Organizer: Politics of Communist and Former Communist Countries, American Political Science Association, 2013; Politics of Communist and Former Communist Countries Section, Midwest Political Science Association, 2010

Manuscript Reader: American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Democratization, Europe-Asia Studies, European Political Science Review, International Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, National Bureau of Asian Research, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Problems of Post Communism, Regional & Federal Studies, Review of International Political Economy, Slavic Review, Studies in Comparative and International Development, World Politics, and Cornell University Press

Reviewer: Swiss National Science Foundation, 2023; Fulbright National Screening Committee, 2014-2016; Eurasia Economic and Social Research Council (UK), 2011; International Research & Exchanges Board, 2011; ACTR/ACCELS, 2010; National Endowment for the Humanities, 2008; National Science Foundation, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2016; Kluge Fellowship, Library of Congress, 2004; Central Eurasian Studies Society conference proposals, 2004, 2003.

Panel Discussant/Chair: American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021; Council for European Studies, 2014; Harvard University, Subnational Research in Comparative Politics Workshop, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2014. American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Conventions, 2000, 2002, 2004; American Association for the Study of Nationalities Conventions, 2000, 2003.

Panel Organizer: American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015; American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Conventions, 2001, 2008, 2009; Council for European Studies, 2014, 2015.

Media Interviews: New York Times, BBC World Service, Gazeta do Povo (Brazil), Global Finance, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, The Plain Dealer

OUTREACH

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Reference Group Member, development assistance, democratisation, and autocratisation, 2021 to present.

International IDEA

Senior Analysis and Indices Consultant, 2021 to present.

External Reviewer

Operationalization of the State of Local Democracy Assessment Framework, December 2017.

Assessment of the State of Local Democracy in Moldova, June 2017.

The State of Local Democracy Assessment Methodology, April 2013.

Facilitator

Developing a Local Democracy Handbook, meeting co-facilitator and presenter, Stockholm, Sweden, December 8-9, 2015.

Speaker

- "The Problem of Subnational Unevenness in Democracy," Stockholm, Sweden, November 5, 2014.
- "Local Democracy: Global Data and Trends Across Time," Stockholm, Sweden, May 15, 2014.
- "Democracy at the Local Level," Citizen-led Assessments of Democracy—A Decade of Experiences from Around the World, conference, Bangkok, Thailand, September 16, 2013.
- "Democracy at the Local Level," Stockholm, Sweden, June 27, 2013.
- "Measuring Local Democracy," The State of Local Democracy Assessment Methodology—A Review, workshop, Lusaka, Zambia, December 7, 2011.

International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD)

Advisor, project to measure local democracy in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America, 2021-2022.

Local Public Sector Alliance

Reviewer, Local Governance Institutions Comparative Assessment Framework, 2022.

Instituto Sivis (formerly Instituto Atuação)

Advisor, Cidade Modelo project to assess democracy in cities of Brazil and then worldwide, 2016, 2018.

Global Policy Event

Speaker at annual global democracy and governance policy conference for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers, University of Gothenburg, 2015-2017.

New Hampshire Council on World Affairs

"Societies, Politics, and Economies of Contemporary Central Asia," talk, March 20, 2002.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Case Western Reserve University

Democracy and Global Challenges Project Coordinator, 2019 to present

Judaic Studies Faculty Steering Committee Member, 2012 to present

International Affairs Advisory Council, 2017-2022

Wellman Hill Political Science Internship Grants Committee, 2016-2021

Projects for Peace CWRU Selection Committee, 2018

Office for Support of Undergraduate Research & Creative Endeavors Advisory Board, 2016-2017

Department of Political Science Careers Colloquium Committee, 2016 (chair), 2015

Department of Political Science Strategic Planning Committee, 2016

Asian Studies Advisory Committee Member, 2005-2013

Committee on Educational Programs, College of Arts and Sciences, elected position, 2009-2012

Political Science Working Group, Founder and Coordinator, 2006-2012

Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Associate Program Faculty, 2003-2012

Co-chair, Funding and Resources Working Group, International Planning Committee, 2010-2011

International Planning Committee, College of Arts and Sciences representative, 2010-2011

Political Science Lecture Series Committee Member, 2010-2011

Kelvin Smith Library Liaison, Political Science Department, 2002-2010

Graduate Studies Committee Member, Political Science Department, 2002-2009

German Studies Advisory Committee Member, 2003-2009

Comparative Politics Reading Group, Founder and Coordinator, 2007-2008

IRB Researcher in Local Context, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, 2007

Graduate Coordinator, Political Science Department, 2003-2007

Executive Committee Member, University Undergraduate Faculty, elected position, 2004-2007

Library Advisory Committee Member, College of Arts and Sciences, 2004-2006

Undergraduate Grant Committee Member, College of Arts and Sciences, 2002-2003

PAST POSITIONS

Case Western Reserve University

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2017-2023

International Studies Program Director, (interim first four years), 2011-2022

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2010-2017

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002-2010

University of Michigan

Research Associate, Center for Russian and East European Studies, 2005-2019

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2005-2006

Harvard University, Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, 1999-2002

Yale University, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Spring 2001, Fall 1999

Wellesley College, Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science, Spring 2000

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia, 2012 to present

Program on Eurasia in Transition, Harvard University, 2002-2005

American Political Science Association, 1993 to present

Council for European Studies, 2014-2015

Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, 1993-2012

Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2000-2009

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Russian: achieved proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing

Uzbek: acquired basic knowledge

Kyrgyz, Kazakh: acquired familiarity with from fieldwork and study of Uzbek, a related language

French, German: acquired basic knowledge

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