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## Academic Background

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**, Princeton, NJ.

Ph.D., Politics, 2006. M.A., Politics, 2001.

Dissertation: "Re-Creating the State: Governance and Power in Poland and Russia."

Dissertation Committee: Nancy Bermeo (chair), Atul Kohli, Joshua Tucker and Christopher Achen.

General Examination Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Russia and the former Soviet Union.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Cambridge, MA.

B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) in Government and Slavic Languages and Literatures, 1995.

Senior thesis: "The Return of the Communists and the Politics of Economic Reform in the Newly Independent States."

Senior Thesis Advisor: Joel Hellman

## Current Position

**EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE**, Florence, Italy.

Max Weber Fellow, September 2007 – August 2008.

**INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX**, Brighton, United Kingdom.

Research Fellow, Governance Team. June 2007 - Present. (On leave: Sep. 2007 - Aug. 2008.)

## Forthcoming Publications and Working Papers

"Less Fear, Little Trust: Deciphering the Whys of Ukrainian Tax Compliance." For an edited volume to be published by the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars and Johns Hopkins University Press, Forthcoming, 2007.

"Rationalizing or Empowering Bureaucrats? Tax Administration Reform in Post-Communist Poland and Russia." For an edited volume to be published in Russian, *Power Relationships in the Context of Administrative Reform* (Moscow: ROSSPEN, Forthcoming 2007); and under review at *The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*.

“Becoming Citizens: Attitudes Toward Tax Compliance in Poland, Russia and Ukraine.” *Social Reality* (Moscow), Forthcoming, 2007.

“Serving Citizens: Bureaucracies and the Distribution of Social Welfare Payments in Poland and Russia.” To be submitted to *Comparative Political Studies*. Under Review at *East European Politics and Society*, September 2007.

## **Publications**

“American Constitutional and Legal Provisions Protecting Freedom of the Press,” in Charles J. Brown and Herman Schwartz, ed., *Judges and Journalists in the Transitional Democracies of Eastern Europe*. (Kyiv: Freedom House, Russian language, Dec. 1997; Ukrainian language, May 1998.)

“Introduction,” in Mykola Shulha, *Problems of Migration and the Return of Deported Peoples to Ukraine*. (Kyiv, Ukraine: Freedom House, Russian language edition, October 1997; Ukrainian language edition, November 1997.)

“Law in Action Freedom Monitor,” (Kyiv, Ukraine: Freedom House, English-, Russian-, and Ukrainian-language editions, Spring 1997- Summer 1998.) A quarterly publication for one year.

“Introduction,” in Oleksandr Betsa, *In Search of Alternatives to Prison Sentencing: Materials from the International Symposium January 15-16, 1997*. (Kyiv, Ukraine: Freedom House, Russian language edition, May 1997; Ukrainian language edition, September 1997.)

“The Update on Criminal Law Developments Reported from Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States.” (Washington, DC: The American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative, June 1, 1995, - May 31, 1996.) A biweekly publication for one year.

“The Carpathian Euroregion Project.” (Atlanta, GA: The Institute for EastWest Studies, 1994.)

Memoranda on the American and British constitutional and legal provisions for freedom of the press. (Cambridge, MA: Strengthening Democratic Institutions Project, 1992-1993.)

## **Conference Participation**

“Creating Citizens, Subjects or Slackers? Post-Orange Opportunities to Overcome the Opting Out of One’s Obligations to the Ukrainian State,” paper:

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 29 August - 2 September 2007, Chicago, IL.

“Becoming Citizens: Attitudes Toward Tax Compliance in Poland, Russia and Ukraine,” paper:

- World Bank’s Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), 17-18 May 2007, Bled, Slovenia.

“Less Fear, Little Trust: Deciphering the Whys of Ukrainian Tax Compliance,” paper:

- Association for the Study of Nationalities 2007 World Convention at Columbia University, 12-14 April 2007, New York, NY.

- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, 16-19 November 2006, Washington, DC.
- Second Annual Danyliw Research Seminar in Ukrainian Studies, Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa, 12-14 October 2006, Ottawa, Canada.

“Tax Messages to the State: Deciphering the Whys of Ukrainian Tax Compliance in Comparison to Poland and Russia,” paper:

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 31 August - 3 September 2006, Philadelphia, PA.

“Rationalizing Bureaucrats: The Governance of Tax Collection in Post-Communist Poland and Russia,” paper:

- *ReformNet* (the International Network of Experts on Issues of Administrative Reform in Post-Soviet Countries), First Meeting, the Memorial University of Newfoundland, 26-29 August 2006, St. John’s, Newfoundland.

“Don’t Mess with Taxes! How Poles, Russians and Ukrainians Pay Their Dues,” paper:

- Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 13 April 2006, Princeton, NJ.
- International Graduate Student Symposium “New Perspectives on Contemporary Ukraine: Politics, History, and Culture,” the Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto, 17-19 March 2006, Toronto, Canada.

“Don’t Mess with Taxes! How Poles and Russians Pay Their Dues,” paper:

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 1-4 September 2005, Washington, DC.
- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, 3-6 November 2005, Salt Lake City, UT.

Chair and Organizer, “Governance in the Era of Democratization: The Intersection of State, Law and Society across Eurasia,” panel at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 1-4 September 2005, Washington, DC.

Chair, “Special Roundtable: Yushchenko's First 100 Days,” panel at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Convention, Columbia University, 14-16 April 2005, New York, NY.

“Serving Citizens: Bureaucracies and the Distribution of Social Welfare Payments in Poland and Russia,” paper:

- Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies conference, “Bridging Disciplines, Spanning the World: Approaches to Identities, Institutions and Inequalities,” Princeton University, 8-9 April 2005, Princeton, NJ.

“Governing the State: Bureaucracies and the Distribution of Social Welfare Payments in Poland and Russia,” paper:

- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, 4-7 December 2004, Boston, MA.

“Re-Creating the State: Bureaucracies and the Distribution of Social Welfare Payments in Poland and Russia,” paper:

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2-5 Sept. 2004, Chicago, IL.

“Re-Creating the State: Governance and Power in Poland and Russia,” paper:

- Social Science Research Council Dissertation Development Workshop “Governance in Eurasia: Historical and Contemporary Approaches,” University of Texas at Austin, 5-7 March 2004, Austin, Texas.

“Re-Creating the State: Tax Governance in Poland and Russia,” paper

- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, 20-23 November 2003, Toronto, Canada.

“Re-Creating the State: Tax Governance in Poland,” paper:

- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, 21-24 November 2002, Pittsburgh, PA.

## **Research Experience**

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**, Princeton, NJ.

Research Associate, Department of Politics. Constructed a unique database of national and sub-national elections and referenda since 1945 to test theories on election sequencing in post-conflict transitional states. September 2006 – May 2007.

Research assistant for Prof. Joshua A. Tucker. Conducted academic research and wrote a series of original essays on the recent post-communist revolutions in Serbia (2000), Georgia (2003), Ukraine (2004) and Kyrgyzstan (2005). Summer 2005.

Research assistant for Prof. Kathryn Stoner-Weiss. Compiled newspaper article database on provincial-center relations in Russia, Summer 1999. Interviewed federal and regional government officials in Ufa, Ulan-Ude, and Yakutsk, Russia, Summer 2000.

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION’S CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN LAW INITIATIVE PROJECT**, Washington, DC.

Research Analyst. For a joint project with the U.S. Department of Justice, developed, wrote and published a comprehensive biweekly newsletter covering organized crime, corruption and criminal law developments in Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States, which was distributed to the U.S. Congress, government agencies, law enforcement, criminal law experts and embassies abroad. Examined the legal status of parliamentary immunity in Russia. June 1995 - June 1996.

**INSTITUTE FOR EAST-WEST STUDIES**, Atlanta, GA.

Research Associate. Researched economic policies and pension reform in Eastern Europe for a project to assist the Latvian government. Wrote summary of the Institute’s activity in the Carpathian Euroregion of Eastern Europe. Summer 1994.

**INTERNATIONAL MEDIA PROGRAM, THE CARTER CENTER OF EMORY UNIV.**, Atlanta, GA

Research and Program Assistant. Assisted Dr. Ellen Mickiewicz in the preparation for the annual U.S.-Newly Independent States Commission on Radio and Television Policy by doing research on issues relating to television, elections and tolerance. Compiled guidebook “Television and Radio Opportunities in the N.I.S.” and organized the Business Market forum for the 1993 meeting. Summarized the various political factions in Russia for President Carter. Interviewed international news editors for television policy guidebooks. Summers 1991, 1992. June 1993 - January 1994.

**STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS PROJECT, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA**

Research Intern. Assisted Professors Graham Allison and Elizabeth Sherwood on the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government project which catalyzed support for the democratization of the former Soviet republics. Focused on media issues. Wrote memoranda on the American and British constitutional and legal provisions for freedom of the press which were translated into Russian and presented to the Russian Minister of Press and Information and to Russian parliament members. Funded by a Ford Foundation grant. October 1991 - June 1993.

**Related Experience**

**FREEDOM HOUSE, Kyiv, Ukraine.**

Program Officer. Responsible for founding and directing the “Law in Action” project in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. The USAID-funded project sought to sustain human rights NGOs as well as to further the dialogue on rule of law issues through ten conferences in Russia, Ukraine and the Caucasus states; the publication of civil society handbooks and the training of local human rights monitors. July 1996 – July 1998.

**CNN WORLD REPORT, Atlanta, GA**

Intern. Assisted in the production of a weekly international news program. Researched the recent return of the communists to power in Eastern Europe. Assisted in the training of visiting international journalists at CNN. Summer 1994.

**SENATOR WYCHE FOWLER, JR., Atlanta, GA**

State Office Intern. Kept daily correspondence with constituents and government agencies. Summer 1990.

**Teaching Experience**

Preceptor and Course Administrator, Politics 388: Causes of War. Undergraduate Course. Prof. Gary Bass. Princeton University. Led four weekly classroom discussions. Fall 2004.

Preceptor and Guest Lecturer, Politics 230: Introduction to Comparative Politics. Undergraduate Course. Prof. Joshua Tucker. Princeton University. Directed three weekly classroom discussions and lectured on Robert Putnam’s Making Democracy Work. Fall 2000.

**Awards and Fellowships**

Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, September 2007-August 2008.

Best Field Work Award for Doctoral Dissertation, American Political Science Association, Comparative Democratization section, 2007.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Grant for Field Research and Public Opinion Surveys in Ukraine, Fall 2005.

Social Science Research Council Eurasia Program Dissertation Write-up Fellowship, 2003-2004 Academic Year.

Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 Academic Years.

Council on Regional Studies' Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, Princeton University, 2003-2004 Academic Year. (Declined.)

American Council of Learned Societies' Dissertation Fellowship in East European Studies, 2002-2003 Academic Year.

Institute for the Study of World Politics' Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, January – August 2002.

American Councils for International Education Research Fellowship, September – December 2001.

American Councils for International Education Language Program Fellowship for Polish language study in Poland, July – August 2001.

Council on Regional Studies dissertation travel grant, Princeton University, 2001-2002 academic year.

Center of International Relations dissertation travel grant, Princeton University, 2001-2002 academic year.

Stafford Fund grant for Polish language study at the Jagiellonian University Summer School program in Krakow, Poland, Department of Politics, Princeton University, Summer 2000.

Council on Regional Studies grant for study in political science in years 1 and 2 of graduate school. Princeton University, September 1998-2000.

Magna Cum Laude, Government and Slavic Languages and Literatures, Harvard University, June 1995.

Slavic Department award for the best senior thesis in the Russian Studies Program, Harvard University, 1994-1995. Awarded June 1995.

Eliot House Thesis Prize for the Social Sciences, Harvard University. Awarded June 1995.

Dean's List, Harvard University, June 1995.

Ford Foundation grant for work at the Strengthening Democratic Institutions project, Harvard University, 1991-1993.

John Jay Scholar, Columbia University, 1989-1990.

## **Other Education**

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**, Tempe, Arizona.  
Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, January 5 -16, 2004.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN**, Lublin, Poland.  
Polish Language Summer School, Advanced Course, Highly Intensive, July – August 2001.

**JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY**, Krakow, Poland.  
Polish Language Summer School, Intermediate Course, August 2000.

**HERZEN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY**, St. Petersburg, Russia.  
ACTR/Bryn Mawr College Semester Program in Advanced Russian, February – May 1994.

**MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE**, Middlebury, Vermont.  
Russian Language Summer School, Intermediate course, July-August 1992.

## **Languages**

Italian (beginning), Polish (fluent), Russian (fluent) and Ukrainian (reading ability)

## **Professional Association Memberships**

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

American Political Science Association

*AdmReformNet*: The International Network of Experts on the Issues of Administrative Reform in Post-Soviet Countries

## **References**

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