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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND TRAINING

Ph.D. 2007, Purdue University, Political Science

M.A. 2002, Purdue University, Political Science.

J.D. 2000, Moscow National Law Academy, International Public Law, Civic Jurisprudence

Non-degree coursework:

The Council on Foreign Relations Educators Workshop for professors teaching in fields of international affairs and foreign policy, New York, April 16-17, 2015

Faculty Seminar, Islam in a Globalized World, University of Kansas, International Programs, Spring 2011

Faculty Seminar, Globalization's Penumbra: Human Deprivation or Human Flourishing?, International Programs, Fall 2009

Faculty Seminar on Developing and Enhancing Teaching, University of Kansas, Center for Teaching Excellence, Spring 2008 and Fall 2009

SWOTT (Summer Workshop on Teaching Terrorism), University of Oklahoma, July, 2007.

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Summer 2002.

Courses: Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Ordinary Least Squares Regression

Institute for Humane Studies, Social Change Workshop for Graduate Students, June 2002, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

CIE College Teaching Workshops Series I: Basics of Teaching, January 2001, Purdue University, Center for Instructional Excellence

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018 – present Professor, National War College, National Defense University

2018 – present Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas

2012 – 2018 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas

2013 – 2015 Director, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies

2012 - 2013 Acting Director, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies

2010 - 2012 Associate Director, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

2007 - 2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas

2002 - 2005 Independent Instructor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University

2001 - 2002 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Purdue University

RESEARCH

Scholarly interests: Eurasian security and geopolitics of Central Asia, Russian foreign policy, counterterrorism and human rights, terrorism/trafficking nexus, Islam and politics, and democracy/autocracy promotion

Research Skills: statistics (regression analysis, MLE, structural equation modeling), experimental research, survey research, discourse analysis with NVivo, AtlasT, and Provalis, Russian (fluent)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Webs of Corruption: Trafficking and Terrorism in Central Asia (with Lawrence Markowitz), forthcoming with Columbia University Press

Democracy in Central Asia? Competing Perspectives and Alternative Strategies, 2015, the University Press of Kentucky

Reviewed by R.W. Olson, 2015 *Choice connect* 53(4)

Christoph H. Stefes, 2016 *Democratization* 23(6): 1097-99

Adam Lenton, 2016 *Europe-Asia Studies* 68(5): 950-951

Ivar Dale, 2017, *International Affairs* (93)2: 493-494.

Aliya Tskhay, 2017, *Central Asian Survey* 36(4): 583-585.

Catherine Putz, "Interview: Competing Perspectives on Democracy in Central Asia," *The Diplomat*, 26 August 2015, <http://thediplomat.com/2015/08/interview-competing-perspectives-on-democracy-in-central-asia/>

Nationalism and Identity Construction in Central Asia: Dimensions, Dynamics, and Directions, 2014, editor, Lexington Press

Reviewed by Julie Gerlach, 2016 *Europe-Asia Studies* 68(5): 948-950

Diana T. Kudaibergenova, 2016, *Central Asian Survey* 35(4): 577-578.

Counterterrorism Policies in Central Asia, Routledge, 2011 (Outstanding Academic Title by *Choice*).

Reviewed by Stephen Blank, 2012 *Central Asian Survey* 31(1): 108-109

Journal Articles

Democratic or Cultural Peace?: Examining the Joint Democratic Peace Proposition through the Lens of Shared Emancipative Values, forthcoming in the *European Journal of International Security* (with Brittnee Carter)

Kazakhstan's Multi-Vectorism and Sino-Russian Relations, forthcoming in *Turkey Insight*

Liberalism and Religion: Amplifiers of War between Democratic and Non-Democratic States? *Democracy & Security*, with Brittnee Carter, online first, August 2018.

doi.org/10.1080/17419166.2018.1510776

Disciplined and Undisciplined Repression: Illicit Economies and State Violence in Central Asia's Autocracies, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1060586X.2018.1496646> with Lawrence Markowitz

Covert Operations, Wars, Detainee Destinations, and the Psychology of Democratic Peace, with Chris Crandall, Ryan Beasley, and Owen Cox, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2018, 62(5): 929-256. Online First, October 2016. DOI: [10.1177/0022002716669572](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002716669572)

Does Drug Trafficking Impact Terrorism? Afghan Opioids and Terrorist Violence in Central Asia, with Lawrence P. Markowitz, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, online first 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2018.1434039>

Religion and Politics: Examining the Impact of Faith on Political Participation, *Religion, State & Society*, 2017. Online first: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09637494.2017.1363345> with Ranya Ahmed

A New Russian Holiday Has More Behind It Than National Unity: the Political Functions of Historical Commemorations, *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 2017, 63(3): 429-441 (special issue on centennials in international relations)

Military Aid and Human Rights: Assessing the Impact of U.S. Security Assistance Programs on Civilians' Rights in the Situations of Conflict, with Brittnee Carter and Luke Campbell, 2017, *Political Science Quarterly*, 2017, 132(1): 119-144.

Critical Geopolitics on Russian Foreign Policy: Uncovering the Imagery of Moscow's International Relations, *International Politics*, 2016, 53(6): 708-726.

Authoritarian Legitimation: Assessing Discourses of Legitimacy in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, *Central Asian Survey*, 2016 15: 481-500.

An Unending Quest for Russia's Place in the World: The Discursive Co-Evolution of the Study and Practice of International Relations in Russia, with Lidiya Zubytska, *New Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Journal of CEE Politics & IR*, 2016, 24(1), free download http://ceenewperspectives.iir.cz/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2.NP_2016_01_OmelichevaZubytska_RussianIR_UndendingQuest.pdf

This Isn't Your Usual Obstacle Course: Critical Pedagogy with Special Operations Forces, with Shannon O'Lear, Thomas Heilke, and Eric Hanley, *Geoforum*, 2016, 75:159-167.

Islam and Power Legitimation: Instrumentalisation of Religion in Central Asian States, *Contemporary Politics* 2016, 22(2): 144-163.

Competing Perspectives on Democracy and Democratization: Assessing Alternative Models of Democracy Promoted in Central Asian States, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 28(1): 75-94, 2015.

Terrorism in Central Asia: Dynamics, Dimensions, and Source, *Education About Asia*, Vol. 18, No. 3, 2013, <http://www.asian-studies.org/ea/18-3-Supplemental/Omelicheva.pdf>

Fab! Or Drab? Increasing the Effectiveness of Teaching and Learning in Summer Classes, *Journal of Political Science Education*, 8(3): 258-270, 2012.

Russia's Foreign Policy Toward Iran: A Critical Geopolitics Perspective, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 14(3): 331-344, 2012

Natural Disasters: Triggers of Political Instability? *International Interactions*, 37(4): 441-465, 2011

Islam in Kazakhstan: A Survey of Trends and Conditions for Securitization, *Central Asia Survey*, 30 (2): 243-256, 2011

Between Commitment and Pragmatism: Assessing International Influence on Human Rights Practices in Georgia, *Journal of Human Rights*, 9(4): 445-466, 2010

Ethnic Dimension of Religions Extremism and Terrorism in Central Asia, *International Political Science Review*, 2010 31(2): 167-186.

Security Rights Violations in the Context of Counterterrorism: Analysis of the Post-Soviet Nations. *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 14(2): 166-188, 2010.

Convergence of Counterterrorism Policies: A Case Study of Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia, *Studies of Conflict and Terrorism*, 32(10): 893-908, 2009.

Reference Group Perspective on State Behavior: A Case Study of Estonia's Counterterrorism Policies, *Europe Asia Studies*, 61(3): 483-504, 2009.

Global Civil Society and Democratization of World Politics: A Bona Fide Relationship or Illusory Liaison? *International Studies Review*, 11(1):109-133, 2009.

Teaching with Lecture or Debate? Testing the Effectiveness of Traditional versus Active Learning Methods of Instruction, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, (July): 603-7, 2008 with O. Avdeyeva

Combating Terrorism in Central Asia: Explaining Differences in States' Responses to Terror, *Terrorism and Political Violence* 19:369-394, 2007.

Resolved: Academic Debate Should Be a Part of Political Science Curricula, *Journal of Political Science Education* 3:161-177, 2007.

Values and Ethics of Global Civil Society Actors: Insights from a Survey and Content Analyses, *Journal of Civil Society* 2(3):233-249, 2006.

Global Politics on Trial: Using Educational Debate for Teaching Controversies of World Affairs, *International Studies Perspectives* 7:172-186, 2006.

Self- and Peer-Evaluation in Undergraduate Education: Structuring Conditions That Maximize Its Promises and Minimize the Perils, *Journal of Political Science Education* 1(1): 191-206, 2005.

Peer-Reviewed Chapters

Russia's Regional and Global Counterterrorism Strategies: How Moscow's Vision of the New Global Order Affects its Approach to Terrorism, in *Routledge Handbook of Russian Security Studies*, edited by Roger Kanet, forthcoming

Russia's Foreign Policy in Central Asia, in *Russian Foreign Policy*, Routledge, ed. Andrei Tsygankov, 2018, 325-337.

The Faultlines of Democratization in Central Asia, in *Routledge Handbook of Politics in Asia*, Routledge, ed. Shiping Hua

Human Rights and Governance in Central Asia, in *Central Asia in the Era of Sovereignty: The Return of Tamerlane?* Edited by Daniel L. Burghart and Teresa Sabonis-Helf. Lexington Books, 2018, 57-80.

Democracy and Dictatorship in Central Asia, in *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, edited by Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013 with revisions in 2015 & 2018. Available through subscription only: <http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/>

Russia's Counterterrorism Policy: Variations on an Imperial Theme, in *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Counterterrorism Policy*, ed. Scott Romaniuk, et. al., Palgrave, 2017, pp. 515-534.

The Multiple Faces of Islamic Rebirth in Central Asia in *New Approaches to Area Studies in the Global Era: Community, Place, Identity*, edited by Edith Clowes and Shelly Bromberg. Northern Illinois University Press, 2015, pp. 143-158

Eye on the International Image: Turkmenistan's Nation Branding, in *Nationalism and Identity in Central Asia*, ed. Mariya Omelicheva, Lexington Press, 2014, 91-110.

Central Asian Conceptions of "Democracy": Ideological Resistance to International Democratization, in *The International Dimensions of Authoritarian Persistence in the Former Soviet Union*, eds. Rachel Vanderhill and Michael E. Aleprete Jr., Lexington Press, 2013, 81-104.

Russian Foreign Policy, in *Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective*, Ryan Beasley, Juliet Kaarbo, Jeffrey Lantis, and Michael Snarr (eds.). CQ Press, 2012, pp. 94-117

Russian Security and Nuclear Policies: Successor to the Superpower Arsenal?, in *International Studies Online*, ed. Robert A. Denemark. Wiley-Blackwell in association with International

Studies Association. Available through subscription only at:
<http://www.isacompendium.com/public/online>. 2011.

“Constructivism,” in *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Handbook*, eds. J. Ishiyama, and M. Breuning, Sage Publications. 2010.

“Reform in Russia and China: A Comparative Perspective,” with John Kennedy. in *The International Studies Encyclopedia*, Robert A. Denemark (ed.). Vol. IX. Blackwell Publishing (2010), pp. 6134-52.

“Assessment of Learning and for Learning: Testing the Effectiveness and Accuracy of the Standard Scoring Instruments,” In K. Hamann, J. Ishiyama, and M. Deardorff (eds.) *Assessment in Political Science*. Washington, DC: American Political Science Association, Assessment in Political Science (2009), pp. 163-180.

Book Reviews and Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

Uzbekistan’s Foreign Policy: the Struggle for Recognition and Self-Reliance under Karimov, by Teles Fazendeiro (Routledge, 2018) Central Asian Politics, online first, 2018:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02634937.2018.1500120>

Kelly J. Shannon, *U.S. Foreign Policy and Muslim Women’s Human Rights*. Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights Series. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, April 2018. In H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=51412>

Alexander Dukalskis, *The Authoritarian Public Sphere: Legitimation and Autocratic Power in North Korea, Burma, and China* (Routledge 2017), *Review of Politics*, 2018 80(1): 189-192.

Kyrgyzstan Beyond “Democracy Island” and “Failing State”: Social and Political Changes in a Post-Soviet Society, eds. Marlene Laruelle and Johan Engvall. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2015. *Slavic Review* 2017 76(1): 246-247.

David Cadier and Margot Light (eds.), *Russia’s Foreign Policy: Ideas, Domestic Politics and External Relations*, Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2015, *European Review of International Studies*, Vol. 4, Issue 1, 2017, pp. 87-89.

Suslov, Mikhail, and Mark Bassin, eds. *Eurasia 2.0: Russian Geopolitics in the Age of New Media*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016. *The Russian Review*, 76(1), pp. 194-195, 2016.

Terrorism/Crime Nexus in Central Asia: Implications for Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism, 2015, Hedayah, Abu Dhabi, UAE

The Transformative Power of Deliberation: When Ethnic Protests Lead to Democratization, *International Studies Review*, 0:1-3, 2013.

Peter Willetts, *Non-Governmental Organizations in World Politics: The Construction of Global Governance* (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2011), *Human Rights Quarterly* 34: 300-303, 2012

Failures and Prospects of Regional Organizations: Lessons from the Post-Soviet Space and Beyond, *The Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Affairs*, XIII (II): 97-102, 2012, with Lidiya Zubyska,

Post-Soviet and Liberal Transitions: Wherefore, to What Effect, and How?, *International Studies Review* 12:305-308, 2010.

Russia's Counterterrorism Legislation, Warts and All: Overview and Assessment of the Legal Framework for Combating Terrorism in the Russian Federation. In *Threats and Prospects in Combating Terrorism: A Challenge for Domestic or Transnational Cooperation*, ed. Anna Mikkonen. Series 2: Research Reports No. 41. National Defense University, Helsinki, Finland, 2009.

RESEARCH-BASED POLICY MEMOS AND OP-EDs

How Russia's Economic Recession Benefits Moscow Politically in Its "Near Abroad", PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #522, April 2018. <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/memo/how-russias-economic-recession-benefits-moscow-politically-near-abroad>

U.S. Security Assistance to Central Asia: Examining Limits, Exploring Opportunities. PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #487, October 2017. <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/memo/us-security-assistance-central-asia>

Eurasia's CSTO and SCO: A Failure to Address the Trafficking/Terrorism Nexus, PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #455, January 2017, <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/memo/eurasia-csto-and-sco-failure-address-trafficking-terrorism-nexus>

"The U.S. has a long history of hacking other democracies," with Chris Randall and Ryan Beasley, Monkey Cage at the Washington Post, December 19, 2016. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/12/20/the-u-s-has-a-long-history-of-hacking-other-democracies/?utm_term=.8ff1308da751

"Uzbekistan. Stable Transition into Volatile Future", *New Eastern Europe*, 15 September 2016 <http://neweasterneurope.eu/articles-and-commentary/2123-uzbekistan-stable-transition-into-volatile-future>

"Russia's 'Checks and Balances' On Kazakhstan's Quest for Military Independence," *Russian Analytical Digest* #188, 3 August 2016, pp.5-10 <http://www.css.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/pdfs/RAD188.pdf>

“A Trafficking-Terrorism Nexus in Central Asia,” 30 June 2016 *The Diplomat*, <http://thediplomat.com/2016/06/a-trafficking-terrorism-nexus-in-central-asia/>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“How Central Asia Understands Democracy,” *New Eastern Europe*, 2017, 6(XXIX), pp. 25-30.

“Islamist Activity in Kazakhstan,” American Foreign Policy Council’s *World Almanac of Islamism*, 2017. <http://almanac.afpc.org/Kazakhstan>

“After Beslan: Changes in Russia’s Counterterrorism Policy,” in *e-International Relations*, 15 October, 2012. <http://www.e-ir.info/2012/10/15/after-beslan-changes-in-russias-counterterrorism-policy/>

“Western and Central Asian Perspectives on Democracy and Democratization,” Research Brief, prepared for IREX, September 2011. Available from: <http://www.irex.org/resource/western-and-central-asian-perspectives-democracy-and-democratization-research-brief>

“Will Tajikistan be Another Afghanistan?” (in Chinese) Sanlian Life Weekly (Beijing, China), October, 2010, No.41. Edited and translated by Lisha Yu

Russia’s Counterterrorism Policy: Variations on an Imperial Theme. *Perspectives on Terrorism*. 3(1), 2009. Available from: http://www.terrorismanalysts.com/pt/index.php?option=com_rokzine&view=article&id=70&Itemid=54

Counterterrorism: the State of Scholarship, Directions for Future Data Collection and Analysis. *Perspectives on Terrorism*. 1(2), 2007. Available from: <http://www.terrorismanalysts.com/pt/index.php/pot/article/view/7/html>

APSA Teaching and Learning Conference: A Summary of Four Tracks (with J. Ishiyama, T. Baldino, B. Caswell, M. Choudary, M. Deardorff, S. Erb, K. Hamann, S. Harkness, R. Holtzman, and C. Young. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 37(3):483-485, 2004.

Simulations as an Educational Medium of Instruction: games and simulations for teaching about human rights. Vologda, Russia, 1999.

CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations Related to Research

“Trafficking-Terrorism Nexus in Eurasia”, presented at the 2018 Minerva Meeting and Program Review, 26 September 2018

An “Armed Underground” or ISIS?: The Nature and Sources of Terrorist Threat in Russia, presented at the PONARS Eurasia Annual Policy Conference, George Washington University, 21 September 2018 (co-authored with Lawrence Markowitz)

“Foreign Fighters in Central Asia,” presented for the Central Asia-Afghanistan Security Executive Seminar, “The Life Cycle of a Foreign Terrorist Fighter” organized by the NESACenter (NDU), 22 August 2018.

What Explains Low Levels of Non-State Violence? Illicit Economies and the State in Eurasia, presented at the annual meeting of ASN, Columbia University, New York, May 2018, with Lawrence Markowitz

When the Crime-Terror Nexus Does Not Materialize: Drug Trafficking, Militants and the State in Russia, presented at the annual security conference, *Crime-Terror Nexus and Intelligence-Led Responses*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, April 2018, with Lawrence Markowitz

Economic Crises and Socio-Political Instability: An Analysis of Security Contingences of Economic Recession in Russia, presented at the annual meeting of ISA, San Francisco, April, 2018, with Clayton Webb.

“Terrorists” with Criminal Pasts: Debunking Another Myth of Muslim Radicalization in Central Asia, presented at the annual meeting of ISA, San Francisco, April, 2018.

Beyond Economic Contagion: Regional Consequences of Russia’s Economic Recession, presented at the annual meeting of PONARS Eurasia, September 2017

Migration and Crime: Debunking the Entrenched Myths in Russia, Presented at the 8th Security Conference “Migration, Security, and Securitization of Migration”, University of Kansas, April 10, 2017.

Liberalism and Religion: Amplifiers of War between Democracies and Non-Democratic States? Presented at the annual meeting of MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2017, with Brittnee Carter.

Terrorism/Trafficking Nexus in Eurasia: Examining the Changing Nature of Political Violence and Crime, presented at the annual meeting of ISA, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017.

Mapping the Trafficking/Terrorism Nexus in Central Asia, Central Eurasian Studies Society annual meeting, November 2016, Princeton University.

“CSTO and SCO: Stuck on the Old Ways of Dealing with Security Threats”, PONARS Eurasia annual policy conference, 22-24 September, 2016, George Washington University, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C.

“Critical Geopolitics on Russian Foreign Policy in MENA”, presented at a conference *After the Uprisings: Public Opinion, Gender, and Conflict in the Middle East*, May 5, 2016, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

“Critical Geopolitics on Russian Foreign Policy,” presented at the 7th annual security conference “Russia at NATO’s Borders”, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, April 15, 2016.

“Religion and Politics: Contentious Politics Beyond Islam”, with Ranya Ahmed, presented at the annual meeting of ISA, Atlanta, GA, March 15-20, 2016.

“A New Russian Holiday Has More Behind It Than National Unity: the Political Functions of Historical Commemorations,” presented at the annual meeting of ISA, Atlanta, GA, March 15-20, 2016.

“Religion and Politics: Examining the Impact of Faith on Political Participation,” with Ranya Ahmed, Presented at the annual meeting of ISA-Midwest, October, 2015, St. Louis, MO.

- “The Human Trafficking – Terrorism Nexus in Central Asia,” Presented at Historians Against Slaver Conference, “Using History to Make Slavery History” hosted by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 24-26, 2015.
- “What Do Foreign Militaries Learn?: Assessing the Impact of US Military Training Programs on Human Rights in the Situations of Conflict”, prepared for the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 16-18 April, 2015, with Brittnee Carter and Luke Campbell
- “A ‘National School of IR’ in Russia: A Key to Understanding ‘Russia’s IR’?” presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, February 17-21, 2015, New Orleans.
- “Terrorism and Crime Nexus in Central Asia,” presented at Countering Violent Extremism research conference, December 5-7, 2014, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- “Human Trafficking in the Organized Crime/Terrorism Nexus in Central Asia,” presented at the annual meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 22-24, 2014, New York
- “Russian Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Deciphering Russia’s New ‘Geopolitics Code””, presented at annual ISA meeting, March 25-30, 2014, Toronto, Canada.
- “What and How Do Militaries Learn?: Assessing the Impact of US IMET Programs on Human Rights in Conflict and Beyond”, presented at annual ISA meeting, March 25-30, 2014 Toronto, Canada
- “Realist Status Quos: Discerning the Realist Foundations of Russian, Chinese, and American Foreign Policy,” presented at annual ISA meeting, April 3-6, 2013, San Francisco
- “Uzbekistan’s ‘6+3’ Initiative: An Epitome of Geopolitical Trends Affecting the Afghan Process,” presented at annual ISA meeting, April 3-6, 2013, San Francisco
- “Mapping out Muslims in Central Asia: From Popular Practices to Official Representations,” Presented Islam in Central Asia: Politics, Society and Resistance, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, November 24-25, 2012 UK.
- “Central Asian Conceptions of “Democracy”: Ideological Resistance to International Democratization”, presented at the fourth regional conferences of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Tbilisi, Georgia July 20-21, 2012.
- “Small States in Great Power Politics: the Impact of Kazakhstan’s Multi-Vectorism on Sino-Russian Relations, with Ruoxi Du, presented at the ISA annual meeting, April 1-3, 2012, San Diego.
- “Competing Perspectives on Democracy and Democratization: Assessing Alternative Models of Democracy Promoted in Central Asian States”, presented at a second round of the workshop on the substance of EU democracy promotion, Ghent University, Belgium, December 2011
- “Faces of Islamic Revival in Central Asia”, presented at the Conference on Identity & Community after the Cold War Era, University of Kansas, August 2011
- “Western and Central Asian Perspectives on Democracy and Democratization: Comparing the Models of Democracy Promoted by the EU, US, and Kazakhstan,” presented at the workshop on Comparative Perspectives on the Substance of EU Democracy Promotion, Ghent University, Belgium, June 2011
- “Iran’s Factor in Russia’s Nuclear Policy,” Presented at the ISA annual meeting, March 16-19, 2011, Montreal.
- “Western and Central Asian Perspectives on Democracy and Democratization: Comparing the Models of Democracy Promoted by the US, OSCE, and Uzbekistan,” invited presentation

- at the International Conference “Strengthening of Democratic Reforms in Uzbekistan – implementation of concept of transition from strong state to strong civil society”, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, November 2010
- “Democratizing Central Asia: Framing as a Novel Approach to Democracy Promotion in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”, invited presentation at the OSCE Summer Academy in Astana, Kazakhstan, June 2010
- “Islam in Kazakhstan: Assessing the Trends and Conditions for Islamic Securitization,” ISA annual meeting, Feb. 16-19, 2010, New Orleans
- “Between Commitment and Pragmatism: Promoting and Upholding Democracy”, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 8-11, 2009, Toronto
- “Natural and Technological Disasters: Triggers of Political Instability?” Presented at the Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2-5 April, 2009.
- “In the Name of Counterterrorism: Explaining Human Rights Violations in the Post-Soviet State,” Presented at the ISA annual meeting, Feb. 15-8, 2009, New York
- “Between Commitment and Pragmatism: Human Rights in Georgia’s Politics and Foreign Policy”, Presented at the ISA annual meeting, Feb. 15-8, 2009, New York
- “Russia’s Counterterrorism Legislation, Warts and All: Overview and Assessment of the Legal Framework for Combating Terrorism in the Russian Federation”, Presentation for the Annual Russia Seminar in Helsinki, Finland, The Department of Strategic and Defense studies, Finnish National Defense University, 22-23 October, 2008
- “Radical Islam in Central Asia: What Explains Variation in Support by Various Ethnic Groups?” Presented at the annual conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at George Washington University, September 18-21, 2008.
- “Convergence of Counterterrorism Policies: A Case Study of Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia,” presented at the First Regional Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Kyrgyzstan, August 4-7, 2008.
- “Russia’s Counterterrorism Policy: Variations on an Imperial Theme,” presented at the ISA annual convention, San Francisco, April 2008.
- “Security Threats are What States Make of Them: The Social Theory of Threat Construction and Security Responses: A Case Study of Central Asia,” presented at the annual conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at the University of Washington October 18-21, 2007.
- “Ethnic Dimension of Religious Extremism and Terrorism in Central Asia”, presented at the MAR-sponsored panel, ISA annual meeting, Chicago, March 2007
- “Human Rights vs. Counterterrorism: When Human Rights Norms are More Influential than Counterterrorism Norms in Guiding States’ Behavior”, presented at the annual meeting of the ISA-Midwest, St. Louis, November 2006.
- “Counterterrorism and Human Rights: Explaining Differences in the Brutality of States’ Responses,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August – September 2006.
- “Power Hierarchies of Global Civil Society,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – Midwest, St. Louis, MI, October 2005.
- “‘Global Civil Society’: An Empirical Portrayal,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.

- “Estimates of Genocide: Disentangling Rummel’s Ambitious Legacy of Definitions, Numbers, and Correlations with Regard to the Holocaust,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, TX, March 2004.
- “Global Civil Politics”: Critical Reflections on the Timeliness and Authenticity of the Conceptualization of Contemporary World Affairs,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – Midwest, St. Louis, MI, November 2003.
- "NGOs as Agents of Democratic Global Civil Politics," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.
- “Ethnic Conflict in Informational Age,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 2003.

Conference Presentations Related to Teaching and Administration

- “Portfolio Assessment: An Alternative to Traditional Performance Evaluation Methods in the Area Studies Programs,” presented at 2013 NRC Conference: Demonstrating the Impact of National Resource Centers, OSU, Columbus, Ohio, February 27-28, 2013.
- Participant, Teagle/Spencer Project Annual Meeting, Duke University, June 11-12, 2009
- “Assessment of Learning and for Learning: Testing the Effectiveness and Accuracy of the Standard Scoring Instruments,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August – September 2007.
- “Global Politics on Trial: Using Educational Debate for Teaching Controversies of World Affairs,” presented at the International Studies Association meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2006.
- “Topography of Teaching: Which Routes Serve Desired Learning Outcomes?” Paper presented at the 3rd annual APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning in Political Science, Washington, DC, February 2006.
- “There’s No Debate About the Use of Debates! Instructional and Assessment Functions of Debates in Political Science Curricula,” presented at the 2nd annual APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning in Political Science, Washington, DC, February 2005.
- “Self and Peer Evaluation in Undergraduate Education: When Promises are Worth Risking the Perils,” presented at the APSA’s Inaugural Conference on Teaching and Learning, Washington, DC, February 2004.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, “Mapping the Extremist Threat for Central Asia and Afghanistan,” at the Central Asia-Afghanistan Security Executive Seminar, “The Life Cycle of a Foreign Terrorist Fighter,” NESACenter, NDU, August 2018.
- Organizer, annual security conference, *Crime-Terror Nexus and Intelligence-Led Responses*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, April 2018.
- Speaker, “U.S. Security Assistance in Central Asia: Explaining Mixed Success in Building States’ Capacity to Combat Trafficking and Terror”, Military & Society Seminar, Halls Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, 18 January 2018.
- Speaker, Research on the Leading Edge (ROLE) Symposium on Or Rosenboim’s “The Emergence of Global Capitalism,” Halls Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, November 1, 2017.
- Speaker, roundtable on Russia, China, and Central Asia. Indiana University, April 7, 2017.

Speaker, Mapping the Trafficking/Terrorism Nexus in Central Asia, GIS Day at KU, November 15, 2016.

Discussant and Participant, “Re-Examining Russia’s Nuclear Security Threat Landscape Workshop”, Nuclear Threat Initiative, Washington, D.C. October, 2016.

Speaker, “Russian New Generation Warfare in Ukraine: Implications for Regional and Global Security,” Culture and Language Management Office, US Army’s Combined Arms Center, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, April 21, 2016

Speaker at the roundtable on the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Contemporary Russian Foreign Policy and International Relations, ISA, Atlanta, GA, March 15-20, 2016.

Speaker, “Islam as a Power Resource: Instrumentalization of Religion in Central Asia,” Central Asia Program, EIRES, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, May 5, 2015.

Speaker, “Ideological Factors of Authoritarian Persistence in Central Asia,” 5th Annual Lang Symposium on Central Asia, the University of Louisville, March 27-28, 2015.

Participant, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College National Security Roundtable, Ft. Leavenworth, KS (December 2014)

Speaker, *Teaching Essentials*, New GTA Conference, KU CTE (August 2014)

Participant, “*Iran in Regional and Global Perspective*” task force meeting, Ca’Foscari University, Venice, Italy, 16-17 March 2013.

Moderator, Working group on Research on Human Trafficking, Kansas Conference on Slavery and Human Trafficking, University of Kansas, Jan. 31 – Feb.1, 2013.

Participant, Working Group on Central Asia. CENTCOM’s Academic Consortium, “Scanning the Horizon,” December 4-6, 2012, University of South Florida, Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Solutions, Tampa, FL

“International Frameworks for Preventing Genocide,” invited presentation at the Conference on “Genocide: The Arts, Memorializing Trauma, and Reconciliation”, November 30, 2012, University of Kansas, KS

Interview, Russian and Iran in International Relations, KLWN, Lawrence, KS News Talk, 1320AM, February 2012.

Speaker, “Central Asian Perspectives on Democracy,” KU CREES Brownbag Series, October 2011.

Speaker, Panel on “The Fall of the Soviet Union: 20 Years Later” with Norman Saul and Shannon O’Lear, Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas, August 31, 2011

Speaker, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, the Winter Lecture Series, “Russia in Central Asia”, February 2011.

Speaker, KU CREES, Book Talk, “Counterterrorism Policies in Central Asia”, November 2010.

Speaker, KU Law School, Round Table on Human Rights and Human Rights Law, October 2010

Speaker, KU CREES, Roundtable on Ethnic Violence in Kyrgyzstan, October, 2010.

Speaker, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, “Terrorism is What States Make of It: Threat Construction and Counterterrorism Responses in Central Asia”, September 2010.

Lecture, KU Mini College, Talk titled, “US in the Post-Soviet Space: Security Interests, Democratization, American Foreign Policy, May, 2010

Presenter at the Conference on Culture and Security in Central Asia, co-sponsored by KU CREES, CEAS, the Dole Institute of Politics, and the Foreign Military Studies Office at Fort Leavenworth, April 23, 2010.

Member of the Panel on Georgia/Russia with First Deputy Defense Minister of Georgia, V. Chachibaia, CREES KU, May 13, 2009

Participant, Carnegie Foundation for International Peace Junior Fellows Conference “New Authoritarian Moment,” April, 2008, Washington, D.C.

Panelist, The Eurasian Security Conference/Panel Discussion: Russian Foreign Policy in the “Near Abroad”, CREES, University of Kansas, April 24, 2008.

PERSONAL GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

- KU CLAS FIG (Fill-In the Gap) Grant, \$5,000, Spring 2018.
- Trafficking/Terrorism Nexus in Eurasia, The Minerva Research Initiative, \$953,540 for 2015-2018 (PI; with co-PIs Steven Egbert (University of Kansas) and Lawrence Markowitz (Rowen University)
- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Award for 2015, \$700
- Open Society Institute’s International Fellowship Program to work with the Yerevan State Linguistic University After V. Brusov on Education Management and Planning for 2013-14, finalist (declined)
- Kansas Anti-Human Trafficking and Slavery Initiative: KASHTI, University of Kansas, Level II Strategic Initiative Grant (SIG), \$39,809 for 6/15/2013 – 4/15/2014 with Co-Is: Hannah Britton, Katie Cronin, Dorothy Daley, Shannon O’Lear, Emily Rauscher, Akiko Takeyama
- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Award for 2013, \$700
- KU General Research Fund (2011-12) (\$4,664)
- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Abroad Award for 2012, \$700
- IREX 2011-12 Short-Term Travel Grant for survey research in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan (\$7,000)
- KU General Research Fund (2011-12) (\$2,200)
- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Abroad Award for 2011, \$700
- PI on a Political Instability Task Force Grant (originally received by Dr. Phillip Schrodt). 1/2009 – 1/2011 (\$128,661.00)
- NCEEER Short Travel Grant for a research trip to Uzbekistan (\$3000)
- International Studies Association, Travel grant (\$350)
- Teagle/Spencer Project, with KU CTA
- KU CTE Instruction Fund for 2009 Faculty Workshop, \$1000
- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Abroad Award for 2009, \$1200
- International Studies, University of Kansas, Grant for participation in the seminar, “Globalization’s Penumbra: Human Deprivation or Human Flourishing?”, 2009, \$850
- PITF Grant for project titled, “Natural and Technological Disasters” Triggers of Political Instability?”, 2009, \$6,071
- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Award for 2009 ISA annual meeting \$450

- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Award for 2008 CESS Regional Conference in Kyrgyzstan (\$1,800)
- KU New Faculty General Research Fund Research grant for the project “Explaining Counterterrorism Policies: Reference Group Theory and a Case Study of Central Asia, 2008, (\$8,000)
- KU CIBER Grant for Internationalizing Curriculum, 2008, (\$850)
- KU CTE Instruction Fund for 2008 Faculty Workshop on Interdisciplinary teaching, 2008, (\$1,000)
- KU CLAS Faculty Travel Award for 2008 ISA Annual Convention (\$1,000)
- APSA Travel Grant for 2006 APSA Annual Meeting
- Purdue Research Foundation grant for the 2006-2007 academic year (\$14,000)
- Frank L. Wilson Award for international travel during dissertation research, Summer 2006 (\$250)
- Ludwig Kruhe Doctoral Fellowship for the 2005-06 academic year (\$14,000)
- Purdue Research Foundation Summer Research Grant, summer 2005 (\$2,320)
- Purdue Research Foundation Summer Research Grant, Summer 2003 (\$2,200)
- US Department of State Grant “Russian Young Leadership Fellows for Public Service Program,” 2000-01 (\$25,000)
- US Department of State Grant “Freedom Support Act”, \$12,000, 1994-95

INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS

- Eco-Reps: Peer-to-Peer Sustainability Outreach, Department of State, US-Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Program (\$100,000), July 2014 – June 2015
- Bramlage Foundation’s support to CREES (\$3,000), 2014 & 2013
- United States Institute of Peace, the Public Education for Peacebuilding Support Initiative, Grant for “Path to Peace: Kosovo-Kansas Web Forum”, February 2013 (\$2,000)
- Institute of Turkish Studies, Matching Seed-Money Grant for a New Position in Turkish Language Instruction, 2013 administrator
- US Army Research Office Grant (\$330,000), 2012-13 administrator
- U.S. Department of Education Title VI Comprehensive NRC Grant (\$164,000), 2012-13 administrator
- U.S. Department of Education Title VI FLAS GRANT (\$261,000), 2012-13 administrator

HONORS and AWARDS

- CREES Faculty Service Award for 2008
- Purdue University Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award, April, 2006
- Department of Political Science honoree for the Purdue University Excellence in Teaching Award, Spring 2005
- Winner of the Purdue University Teaching E-portfolios Contest in the nomination for the most comprehensive e-portfolio, Spring 2005
- Department of Political Science Outstanding Teaching Assistant, 2002

TEACHING

Courses Taught at the Graduate Level

Trafficking, Organized Crime, and Terrorism: U.S. Government Response (Fall 2017)
International Organization (Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2016)
Theories of International Relations (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2016; Fall 2017)
International Human Rights (Spring 2011, 2013, Fall 2014)
Foreign Policy Analysis (Spring 2017)

Courses Taught at the Undergraduate Level

International Humanitarian Law: Law of Armed Conflict (online course, Fall 2012, Fall 2015)
Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2002; Spring 2003; Fall 2003; Spring 2004; Spring 2005; Fall 2007; Spring 2008, 2012 – honors section with focus on human rights)
Introduction to Political Science (Summer 2004, Fall 2004)
Russian Foreign Policy (Fall 2007, Spring 2011, Fall 2016)
Eurasian Security (Spring 2008, Fall 2011)
Eurasian Security and Geopolitics (Fall 2008)
International Human Rights (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2018)

Directed Reading Courses

Post-Positivist Approaches in International Relations (Graduate level) (Fall 2011)
Russia's Security, Military, and Nuclear Policy (Graduate Level) (Fall 2010)
International Human Rights (Graduate level) (Spring 2009)
Corruption and Authoritarianism on the Post-Soviet Space (Spring 2008)
Eurasian Cyber Security (Spring 2008)
International Law (Fall 2008)

Specialized Courses/Courses Offered for the Army

A536 Crime-Terror Nexus and Government Response, prepared and taught for DJIMO, US CGSC, Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Spring 2018)
GIST750 Dilemmas of International Politics (Global Interagency Studies, CGIS, funded by the US Special Operations Commands and tailored for Special Operation Forces officers) (Summer 2013, 2014)
POLS683 International Organization (for CGIS ISP program)
VTCs on US foreign policy toward Central and Eastern Europe in support of ODA 0243 Ft. Carson, CO (May 2015)
Strategic Broadening Seminar for the Army officers, seminar lectures on neopatrimonialism and terrorism/trafficking nexus in Eurasia (August 2015)

Post-Doc Advisor

Dr. Valeriy Khan (Uzbekistan, Fullbright)
Dr. Amir Ali Chandio (Pakistan)
Dr. Abdul Bozarov (Uzbekistan, JFDP)

PhD Dissertation Committee, Chair

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Brittnee Carter
Ranya Ahmed
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Todd Schmidt
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Andrew Harvey
Adam Brown
Alexandria Innes
Baris Kesgin
Alex Williams (external, psychology)
John Hess (external, history)
Samuel Henkin (external, geography)
Jamshed Ali Baloch (University of Sindh, external reader)
Rachel Danney (external, Women Studies)
Marcy Quiason (external, Women Studies)

MA Thesis/Chair

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Paul Aldaya
Alina Bashirova
Taylor Tidwell
John Stanko
Amilee Turner
Ashley Garner

MA Thesis/Exam Committee Member

Luke Herrington
Tefik Agushi
Kayla Anderson
Terylin Huntington

Jennifer Dunn
Amy Murphy
Ranya Ahmed
Sarah Bazih
Philip Cardin
Patric Callen
Kevin Freudenburg
Gary Lui
Nathan Pickett
Alexander Williams (in Political Science and Psychology as an external member)

Honors Theses

Constanza Castro (McNair Scholar, mentor)
Rhianna Hoover (chair)
Vineeth Shanker (chair)
David Bowden (member of the committee)
Michael Raven (chair)
Campbell Gatehouse (member of the committee)
Ryan Ott (member of the committee)

SERVICE

Department of Political Science, University of Kansas

Member, KU Advisory Committee 2016-17
Member, Graduate Committee, 2015-16
Member, KU Department of Political Science Search Committee, 2014
Member, KU Department of Political Science Graduate Committee
Chair, International Relations Preliminary Exams Committee, 2013
Member, KU Department of Political Science Search Committee, 2012
Member, KU Department of Political Science Graduate Committee, 2011-12
Member, KU Department of Political Science Advisory Committee 2010-11
Member, KU Department of Political Science Search Committee, Fall 2009
Chair, Preliminary Exams Committee Fall 2009
Member, KU Department of Political Science Search Committee, Fall 2008
Chair, Preliminary Exams Committee Fall 2008
KU Department of Political Science Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2007-08

University of Kansas

Member, FLAS awards committee, KU CREES (Spring 2018)
Reviewer, Undergraduate Research Awards Competition, KU Center for Undergraduate Research (Fall 2017)
Member, Advisory Board, Global Awareness Program (Spring – Fall 2017)
Member, Committee for Evaluation of Chairs and Directors (2016-18)
Instructor, “Teaching Essentials” session, New GTA Conference, Fall 2014 & Spring 2015
Member, CLAS Dean’s Cabinet (2014-15)
Member, FLAS Committee, Spring 2009, 2011, Spring 2012, 2013, 2014
Member, CREES admissions committee 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

CTE Colloquium “Interdisciplinary Teaching in International Studies”, Fall 2007

Positions in Professional Associations

Program chair for Post-Communist States section, MPSA, 2018
Program chair for Central Asian States section, MPSA, 2017
Member, Executive Council, Post-Communist Systems section, ISA, 2013-2015
Interim President, Post-Communist Systems section, ISA, Dec. 2012 – Apr. 2013
Section Program Chair, ISA Annual Meeting, Post-Communist Systems section, 2009-2013
Co-Program Chair, ISA Annual Meeting Program, Post-Communist States Section, 2009.
Reviewer of submissions, CESS annual meeting, 2009, 2010
Member, Human Rights Task Force, APSA annual meeting, Chicago, IL, Aug.-Sep., 2007

Professional Service Outside of the University

Discussant, round table on Erica Marat’s book, “The Politics of Police Reform: Society Against the State in Post-Soviet Countries”, Oxford University Press. Annual meeting of ASN, Columbia University, New York, May 2018.
Discussant, panel titled “Perspectives on Domestic Power Struggles in the Postcommunist Central Asia,” the annual meeting of the ISA, San Francisco, April 2018.
Reviewer, Grawemeyer World Order Award, University of Kentucky, Spring 2018.
Discussant, panel titled “Europe on the Edge”, the annual meeting of the ISA, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017.
Discussant, panel titled “De Facto States and Russia’s Interests,” the annual meeting of CESS, Princeton University, November, 2016.
Chair, panel titled “Decision Making and Foreign Policy Crisis, the annual meeting of ISA, Atlanta, GA, March 15-20, 2016.
Discussant, panel titled “Regionalism and Globalization in Eurasia,” the annual meeting of ISA, Atlanta, GA, March 15-20, 2016.
Chair and discussant, panel titled, “Central Asia as Contested Space: Developmental Challenges in a Geopolitical Frame,” ISA annual meeting, February 17-21, 2015, New Orleans
Chair and discussant, “The Universality of Rights”, Fifth Annual Mid-America Humanities Conferences for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, April 3-4, 2014
Chair, panel titled “Human Rights and Civil Conflict,” annual ISA meeting, March 25-30, Toronto, Canada.
Chair, Panel titled, “Is Past Prologue? Interpretations of Memory and Identity in Central Asia,” ISA annual meeting, April 3-6, 2013, San Francisco
Chair, Panel titled, “Afghanistan and Central Asia in the Changing Geopolitical Environment”, ISA annual meeting, April 3-6, 2013, San Francisco
Chair and Discussant, Panel titled New Directions in Environmental Security, APSA annual meeting, Aug. 30 – Sep. 2, 2-12. Via Skype
Chair, Panel titled, “Is Past Prologue? Interpretations of Memory and Identity in Central Asia” ISA Annual meeting, April 1-4, 2012, San Diego.
Chair, Panel titled, “Psychology of Russian Foreign Policy”, ISA Annual meeting, April 1-4, 2012, San Diego.
Presenter, Roundtable, “Teaching Foreign Policies from Comparative & Theoretical Perspectives, ISA Annual meeting, April 1-4, 2012, San Diego.

Discussant, Panel on Nationalisms and Identity Construction in Central Asia, April 1-4, 2012, San Diego.

Discussant, Panel on Challenges of Post-Communist Post-Conflict Societies, April 1-4, 2012, San Diego.

Grant applications reviewer, JSC National Centre of Science and Technology Evaluation and Ministry of Education, Kazakhstan, Fall 2011 and Spring 2013.

Chair, Panel titled "From Moscow to Where? Explaining Multi-vector Foreign Policies in the Post-Soviet Space", ISA annual meeting, March 16-19, 2011, Montreal

Chair, Panel on Advocacy and Mobilization Networks, Transnational Campaigns, and Other Forms of Public Activism: Challenging Traditional Modes of Political Contestation, ISA annual meeting, March 16-19, 2011, Montreal

Discussant, Panel on Energy Politics in the Eurasian Space, ISA annual meeting, Feb. 16-19, 2010, New Orleans

Discussant and Chair, International Norms: Emergence, Empowerment and Implementation, ISA annual meeting, Feb. 16-19, 2010, New Orleans

Discussant, Panel on Frameworks for Foreign and Domestic Policy, Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 8-11, Toronto

Discussant, Panel titled "Drawing a Line in the Stans: International Relations and Central Asia", Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2-5 April, 2009.

Chair, Panel on the National Interest and Cognitive Change, Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2-5 April, 2009.

Chair, Panel on Issues in Democratization in the Former Soviet Block, ISA annual meeting, Feb. 15-8, 2009, New York

Chair and Discussant, Panel on Building Stable Societies in the Post-Communist Realm, ISA annual meeting, Feb. 15-8, 2009, New York

Discussant, Panel on Culture(s) of Government and Governability in Central Asia, First Regional Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Kyrgyzstan, August 4-7, 2008.

Discussant and Chair, Panel on Law and International Institutions, Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008

Discussant and Chair, Panel on Global Local Human Rights Challenges, Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008

Discussant and Chair, Panel on Formerly Communist Countries in a Globalized Arena, Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008

Discussant, Panel on Economic Policies in China and Russia: A Comparative Perspective, International studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, March 26-29, 2008

Chair, Panel on Terrorist Networks, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

Discussant, Panel on the Socio-Economic Aspects of Post-Communist Transition. International Studies Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, February-March 2006.

Discussant, Panel on Democracy and Terrorism. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 2006.

Discussant, Panel on Information Processing. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 2006.

Discussant, Panel on Foreign Policy Opinions. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

Discussant, Panel on Motivated Reasoning. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2004.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Political Science Association
Member, Midwest Political Science Association
Member, International Studies Association
Member, Central Eurasian Studies Society
Member, Human Rights Section, APSA
Member, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research Section, APSA
Member, Post-Communist States in International Relations Section, ISA
Member, PONARS Eurasia

JOURNAL POSITIONS

Member, Editorial Board, *International Journal of Central Asian Studies*
Member, Editorial Board, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*
Member, Editorial Board. *American Undergraduate Journal of Politics and Government*, 2002-09

MANUSCRIPTS AND PROPOSALS REVIEWED

Presses

Georgetown University Press
The University Press of Kentucky
Palgrave McMillan
Columbia University Press
The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group
Lexington Press

Journals

American Undergraduate Journal of Politics and Government
Asian Security
British Journal of Political Science
Central Asian Survey
Comparative Political Studies
Comparative Politics
Democratizatsiya
Contemporary Politics
Europe-Asia Studies
International Studies Perspectives
International Political Science Review
International Politics
Journal of Politics
Journal of Global Security Studies
Journal of Political Science Education

Journal of International Relations and Development
Journal of Intervention and State-Building
Journal of Peace Research
Nationalities Papers
Political Research Quarterly
Problems of Post-Communism
Public Policy and Administration
Religion, State and Society
Studies in Conflict and Terrorism
Terrorism and Political Violence

Grant Agencies

National Science Foundation
National Center of Science and Technology Evaluation, Kazakhstan
The Austrian Science Fund
The Republic of Georgia Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation

Interviews and Commentaries

Vox
Harper's Magazine
Deutsche Welle
Forbes
Dutch daily Trouw

WHYY, Philadelphia's NPR Affiliate
KMBC radio (Kansas City)
6News (Lawrence, KS)
WIBW radio (Topeka, KS)
Kansas City Star (Newspaper)
41News (Kansas City)
Last Refuge Radio (New York, NY)
Lawrence Journal World
The University Daily Kansan
Central Standard, KCUR 89.3FM – Kansas City Public Media
2Paragraphs
Central Asian Analytical Network <http://caa-network.org/>

“Mariya Omelicheva about Democracy in Central Asia” [in Russian and English], Central Asian Analytical Network, September 16, 2016
<http://caa-network.org/archives/7581>

“Religion has been used as a source of unity and peace but also a source of war and conflict”, 31 May, 2016.
<http://www.ponarseurasia.org/article/omelicheva-religion-has-been-used-source-unity-and-peace-also-source-war-and-conflict>

“Professor Develops Framework to Test How Governments Use Religion in Rhetoric,” 26 May 2016. <https://news.ku.edu/2016/05/18/professor-develops-framework-test-how-governments-use-religion-rhetoric>

“Competing Perspectives on Democracy in Central Asia”, by Catherine Putz, August 26 2015 *The Diplomat* <http://thediplomat.com/2015/08/interview-competing-perspectives-on-democracy-in-central-asia/>

“Is Russian Democracy Real Democracy?” April 4, 2014 *2paragraphs* <http://2paragraphs.com/2014/04/is-russian-democracy-real-democracy/>

“Professor Examines Foreign Policy through Russia’s Lens”, March 31, 2014 <https://crees.ku.edu/cherry-picked>