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EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs, January 2000.

Dissertation: "Irredentism: Ethnic Conflict and International Politics."

Major Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations.

M.A. in Foreign Affairs, May 1996.

Thesis: "The Federation of Bosnia and Hercegovina."

Trenton State College (The College of New Jersey)

B.A., Political Science (Public Administration) and Philosophy, May 1993.

Magna Cum Laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

North Dakota State University

Pre-Law Advisor (Sm2024-present)

Department Head, Criminal Justice and Political Science (Sm2019-Sm2020)

Professor with Tenure (F2013-present)

Director, International Studies Major (F2009-Sm 2014)

Associate Professor with Tenure (F2006-Sp2013)

Assistant Professor (F2000-Sp2006)

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia)
Lecturer (Sm 2010)

Western Kentucky University
Assistant Professor (F1999-Sp2000)

University of Virginia
Instructor (Sm1997-Sm1998)

TEACHING

Extensive teaching record beginning in 1997 as an instructor at the lower- and upper-division levels. My regular course rotation includes: Introduction to Political Science, Terrorism, International Politics, International Law, and International Criminal Law.

AWARDS

Faculty Lectureship, NDSU, 2018. (Recognizes sustained professional excellence in teaching, scholarly achievement, and service among current faculty at NDSU.)

Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lectureship Finalist, NDSU, 2017. (Nominated for research activities.)

Outstanding Service Award, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, NDSU, 2017. (Awarded for service activities.)

Apple Polisher Award, Bison Ambassadors, 2017. (Student organization award for teaching.)

Outstanding Educator, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, NDSU, 2011. (Awarded in recognition for all three areas of the University's mission: teaching, research, and service.)

Outstanding Research Award, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, NDSU, 2007. (Awarded for research activities.)

Blue Key Distinguished Educator Award, NDSU, 2007. (Student organization award for teaching.)

RESEARCH

Books

1. *Authoritarian Backlash: Russian Resistance to Democratization in the Former Soviet Union* (Ashgate, 2009).
2. *Challenging America's Global Preeminence: Russia's Quest for Multipolarity* (Ashgate, 2005).
3. *Irredentism: Ethnic Conflict and International Politics* (Praeger, 2001).

Edited Books

1. *Ethnic Identity Groups and U.S. Foreign Policy* (Praeger, 2002). Project initiator, sole editor, and contributor (introduction, conclusion, substantive chapter, extensive revisions of Scott/Osman chapter).
2. *International Law and the Rise of Nations: The State System and the Challenge of Ethnic Groups* (Chatham House, 2001). Project initiator, principal editor, and contributor (two focus essays, conclusion, substantive chapter). With Robert J. Beck (first author).

Journal Articles

1. "When Children Join the Coalition: Apparent Hereditary Grooming as a Power-Preservation Tool in Post-Soviet Autocracies," *Europe-Asia Studies*, in process. With Jakob Tolstrup (first author).
2. "The Wicked Problems of *This War of Mine*: Exploring Ethical Dilemmas Through Boardgaming," *Northern Plains Ethics Journal*, vol.11, no.1 (Fall 2023): 73-104.
3. "Performing the Cold War through the 'the Best Board Game on the Planet': The Ludic Geopolitics of Twilight Struggle," *Geopolitics*, vol.28, no.2 (2023), 846-878. With Jonathan Ross (undergraduate, second author).
4. "The War on Terror Beyond the Barrel of a Gun: The Procedural Rhetorics of the Boardgame *Labyrinth*," *Media, War & Conflict* vol.16, no.4 (2022): 495-515. With Jonathan Ross (undergraduate, second author).
5. "Belarus, Kazakhstan and Alliance Security Dilemmas in the Former Soviet Union: Intra-Alliance Threat and Entrapment After the Ukraine Crisis," *Europe-Asia Studies* vol.72, no.9 (2022): 1700-1728.
6. "Sustainable Development Agendas of Regional International Organizations: The European Bank of Reconstruction and Development and the Eurasian Development Bank," *Problems of Post-Communism* (2021). With Stephen Hall and Anastassia Obydenkova (authors listed alphabetically).
7. "Estonian Identity Construction between Nation Branding and Building," *Czech Journal of International Relations* vol.55, no.2 (2020): 24-46. With Abel Polese (first author) and Tanel Kerikmäe (third author).
8. "The American Securitization of China and Russia: U.S. Geopolitical Culture and Declining Unipolarity," *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, vol.61, no.2 (2020): 162-194. With Carson Schram (undergraduate, second author) and Preston Heopfner (undergraduate, third author).

9. "The Geopolitical Discourse of Barack Obama's State of the Union Addresses: Pursuing a Geopolitical Reorientation from the Middle East," *Geopolitics* vol.25, no.2 (2020): 479-509. With Preston Hoepfner (undergraduate, second author), Kevin E. Thompson (undergraduate, third author), and Kari Watson (undergraduate, fourth author).
10. "How do we tell Authoritarian Diffusion from Illusion? Exploring Methodological Issues of Qualitative Research on Authoritarian Diffusion," *Quality and Quantity*, vol.53, no.6 (2019): 2741-2763. With Jakob Tolstrup (second author).
11. "Authoritarian Norms in a Changing International System," *Politics and Governance*, vol.6, no.2 (2018): 120-123.
12. "The Fall of Yanukovich: Structural and Political Constraints to Implementing Authoritarian Learning," *East European Politics*, vol.33, no.2 (2017): 184-209.
13. "Authoritarian Learning: A Conceptual Overview," *East European Politics*, vol.33, no.2 (2017): 143-161. With Stephen Hall (graduate student, first author).
14. "Russia's Ukraine Intervention and Changes to American Perceptions of the Russian Threat: Executive Branch Testimony to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, 2008-2016," *Journal of Global Security Studies* vol.2, no.2 (2017): 104-122.
15. "The Architecture of Alignment: The Russia-China Relationship and International Agreements," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol.69, no.1 (2017): 110-156.
16. "The Architecture of Annexation? Russia's Bilateral Agreements with South Ossetia and Abkhazia," *Nationalities Papers*, vol.44, no.5 (2016): 673-693. With William A. Lange (undergraduate student, second author).
17. "The Rhetoric of Irredentism: The Russian Federation's Perception Management Campaign and the Annexation of Crimea," *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, vol.27, no.3 (2016): 467-490.
18. "Mapping Kazakhstan's Geopolitical Code: An Analysis of Nazarbayev's Presidential Addresses, 1997-2014," *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, vol.55, no.1 (2015): 537-559. With William A. Lange (undergraduate student, second author).
19. "Democratic Black Knights," *Comparative Democratization* (APSA Newsletter), vol.13, no.1 (2015): 2, 12-14.
20. "Leadership Succession in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan: Regime Survival after Nazarbayev and Karimov," *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, vol.17, no.2 (2015): 49-67.

21. "Beyond the Transition Paradigm: A Research Agenda for Authoritarian Consolidation," *Demokratizatsiya*, vol.22, no.3 (Summer 2014): 471-495.
22. "Democratic States and Authoritarian Firewalls: America as a Black Knight in the Uprising in Bahrain," *Contemporary Politics*, vol.20, no.3 (September 2014): 331-346.
23. "Mapping the Geopolitics of the Russian Federation after Yeltsin: The Geography of Federal Assembly Addresses under Putin and Medvedev," *Geopolitics*, vol.18, no.2 (April 2013): 435-466. With Geoffrey Vandrovec (graduate student, second author).
24. "The Rise of the 'China Model' and 'Beijing Consensus': Evidence of Authoritarian Diffusion?" *Contemporary Politics*, vol. 18, no. 4 (December 2012): 381-399.
25. "Unfreezing the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict? Evaluating Peacemaking Efforts Under the Obama Administration," *Ethnopolitics*, vol. 10, no. 1 (March 2011): 93-114.
26. "Constructing a Framework of Authoritarian Diffusion: Concepts, Dynamics, and Future Research," *International Studies Perspectives*, vol. 11, no. 4 (November 2010): 375-392.
27. "The Kurdistan Referendum Movement: Political Opportunity Structures and National Identity," *Democratization*, vol.15, no.5 (December 2008): 891-908. With Azad Berweri (graduate student, first author).
28. "Catching the 'Shanghai Spirit': How the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Promotes Authoritarian Norms in Central Asia," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol.60, no.8 (October 2008): 1321-1344.
29. "Insulating Russia from a Colour Revolution: How the Kremlin Resists Regional Democratic Trends," *Democratization*, vol.14, no.2 (April 2007): 232-252.
30. "The Political Success of Russia-Belarus Relations: Insulating Minsk from a 'Color' Revolution" *Demokratizatsiya*, vol.14, no.3 (Summer 2006): 407-434.
31. "The Non-Material Cost of Bandwagoning: The Yugoslav Crisis and the Transformation of Russian Security Policy," *Contemporary Security Policy*, vol.27, no.2 (August 2006): 258-281.
32. "Trying Saddam Hussein: Teaching International Law through an Undergraduate Mock Trial," *International Studies Perspectives* vol.7, no.2 (May 2006): 159-171.
33. "The Geopolitics of Demographic Decay: HIV/AIDS and Russia's Great Power Status," *Post-Soviet Affairs*, vol.22, no.1 (January 2006): 1-23.
34. "The Russo-American Dispute over the Invasion of Iraq: International Status and the Role of Positional Goods," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol.57, no.8 (December 2005): 1189-1210.

35. "The Third Side? The Multipolar Strategic Triangle and the Sino-Indian Rapprochement," *Comparative Strategy*, vol.24, no.5 (December 2005): 397-414.
36. "Bringing Ethnic Conflict into the Classroom: A Student-Centered Simulation of Multiethnic Politics," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, vol.37, no.2 (April 2004): 285-9.
37. "From Balancer to Ally? Russo-American Relations in the Wake of September 11th," *Contemporary Security Policy*, vol.24, no.2 (August 2003): 1-28.
38. "Congressional Perceptions of Ethnic Cleansing: Reactions to the Nagorno-Karabagh War and the Influence of Ethnic Interest Groups," *Review of International Affairs*, vol.2, no.1 (Autumn 2002): 24-45.
39. "Vanquishing The Ghost of Trianon: Preventing Hungarian Irredentism through Western Integration," *Seton Hall Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* vol.3, no.1, Winter/Spring 2002, pp. 38-52.
40. "Russia's Quest for Multipolarity: A Response to U.S. Hegemony," *European Security*, vol.10, no.1 (Spring 2001): 45-67.
41. "The Geopolitics of Slavic Union: Russia, Belarus, and Multipolarity," *Geopolitics*, vol.4, no.3 (Winter 1999): 73-90.

Book Chapters

1. "Authoritarian Succession," *Research Handbook on Authoritarianism*, Natasha Lindstaedt, et al, eds., pp.244-260 (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024).
2. "Between Threat, Alliance, and Multivectorism: Kazakh-Russian Relations in the Wake of the Russo-Ukrainian War," in Jean-François Caron (ed.), *A Revolt in the Steppe: Understanding Kazakhstan's January Events of 2022*, pp.25-52 (Palgrave, 2023).
3. "Security Hedging after Nazarbayev? The Future of Kazakhstan's Alignment with Russia," in Jean-François Caron (ed.), *Understanding Kazakhstan's 2019 Political Transition*, (Palgrave, 2021).
4. "Russia's Effects on a Consolidated Democracy: The Erosion of Democracy in Hungary and the Putin Model," in Kneuer, M., Demmelhuber, T. (eds.), *Authoritarian Gravity Centers: a Cross-regional Study of Authoritarian Promotion and Diffusion* (Routledge, 2020).
5. "The Finances of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)," in *The Finances of Regional Organisations in the Global South: Follow the Money*, eds. Ulf Engel and Frank Mattheis (Routledge, 2020).

6. "Instrumentalizing the Frozen Conflicts of the Greater Black Sea Region," in Roger Kanet (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Russian Security* (Routledge, 2019).
7. "Unfreezing the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict? Evaluating Peacemaking Efforts Under the Obama Administration" in Gulshan Pashayeva and Fuad Chiragov, eds., *Trapped Between War and Peace: The Case of Nagorno-Karabakh* (Center for Strategic Studies under the President of Azerbaijan, 2018). (Reprint of article in *Ethnopolitics*.)
8. "Authoritarian Belarus between Russia and Europe: Four Scenarios," in Rachael Vanderhill and Michael E. Aleprete Jr., eds., *The International Dimensions of Authoritarian Persistence Lessons from Post-Soviet States* (Lexington Press, 2013).
9. "Russia Reacts to the Color Revolutions: A Multifaceted Approach to Undermining Democratization in the Former Soviet Union," in Donnacha O Beachain and Abel Polese, eds., *The Color Revolutions in the Former Soviet Republics* (Routledge, 2010).
10. "Russia Against Estonia: Defending the Kremlin through Tu Quoque Rhetoric," in Roger Kanet, ed., *A Resurgent Russia and Europe* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2009).
11. "East Timor Independence: Changing Foci of International Pressure," in Robert Compton, ed., *Transforming East Asian Domestic and International Politics: The Impact of Political Economy and Globalization* (Ashgate, 2002).

Papers Published in Conference Proceedings

1. "Domestic Threats from NATO Expansion: Democratic Diffusion and Russia's Reaction to Alliance Membership for Georgia and Ukraine," in *Adaptation of NATO: From the North Atlantic Treaty to Security in Pakistan*, Natalie Mychajlyszyn, ed. (Centre for Defense and Security Studies, University of Manitoba, 2008).
2. "The Breakup of Czechoslovakia and the Calculus of Consociationalism," in John S. Micgel, ed., *Perspectives on Political and Economic Transitions after Communism* (Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, 1997).
3. "The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Failure of Implementation," in John S. Micgel, ed., *State and Nation Building in East Central Europe: Contemporary Perspectives* (Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, 1996).

Published Research Reports

1. "The Legal Framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization: An Architecture of Authoritarianism," in *Sharing Worst Practices: How Countries and Institutions in the former Soviet*

Union Help Create Legal Tools of Repression, Adam Hug (ed.), The Foreign Policy Centre (UK), May 2016.

Published Book Reviews

Eighteen (18) published book reviews in *National Identities*, *Ethnic Conflict Research Digest*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Democratization*, *Slavonica*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Dialogue*, *The Russian Review*, *International Studies Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*.

Online & Miscellaneous Publications

Twelve (12) online & miscellaneous publications in *Voices on Peace and War* (Norwich University, USA), Polish Institute of International Affairs (Warsaw, Poland, Crikey.com (Australia), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Diplomatic and Military History*, *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, *Ethnic Conflict Research Digest*, *Encyclopedia of Nationalism*.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Sixty-six (66) conference activities including presentations, panel discussant, and panel chair over the past 25+ years. For a full list, please contact me.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Numerous service activities at the University System, University, College, and Department levels over the past 25+ years. For a full list, please contact me.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/SERVICE

Media Interviews

Numerous local, national, and international levels over the past 25+ years. For a full list, please contact me.

Professional Service

Numerous article and book reviewer activities over the past 25+ years. For a full list, please contact me.

Miscellaneous Presentations

Numerous miscellaneous presentations online and to international and local groups over the past 25+ years. For a full list, please contact me.