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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND TRAINING

Ph.D. 2007, Purdue University, Political Science
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018 – present Professor, National War College, National Defense University
2019 – present Adjunct Professor, Security Studies Program, Georgetown University
2018 – 2021 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: Russian foreign and security policy, Eurasian security and geopolitics, organized political violence, terrorism/trafficking nexus, gender and security, 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, dynamic network analysis (ORA), Russian (fluent)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Covid-19 “Humanitarianism: China and Russia in Geostrategic Competition with the US, book manuscript under review (with Brittnee Carter)

Webs of Corruption: Trafficking and Terrorism in Central Asia (with Lawrence Markowitz), Columbia University Press, May 2019

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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.

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

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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 and Peer-Reviewed Research Reports

A “Good” Samaritan? The Geopolitics of Russia’s Covid-19 Assistance, forthcoming at *Canadian Journal of European and Russian Studies*

A Framework for Explaining P/CVE Programs: A Case Study of Kazakhstan (with Anastassiya Reshetnyak), *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, online first.

COVID-19 in Central Asia: (De-)Securitization of a Health Crisis (with Lawrence Markowitz), *Problems of Post-Communism*, online first.

Rethinking Intersections of Crime and Terrorism: Insights from Political Economies of Violence, *International Studies Review* (with Lawrence Markowitz), online first (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viab025>.

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Repression Trap: The Mechanisms of Escalating State Violence in Russia, report for the Center for Strategic and International Studies. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/repression-trap-mechanism-escalating-state-violence-russia>

Pandemic Politics in Eurasia: Roadmap for a New Research Subfield, *Problems of Post-Communism*, online first 9 October 2020 (with Marlene Laruelle and others).

Economic Crises and Terrorism: Analyzing Competing Economic Pressures on Terrorism in Russia, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, online first, 12 September 2020 (with Clayton Webb)

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- “Female Terrorism and Radicalization of Women in Russia,” Presented at the annual meeting of the ASN, 5 May, 2019, Columbia University, New York
- “Human Trafficking-Terrorism Nexus: When Violent Non-State Actors Engage in Human Smuggling and Trade,” presented at annual meeting of the ISA, March 2019, Toronto (with Nazli Avdan)
- “Russia in Syria: Reshaping the Global Order or Fighting Terrorism?”, presented at a policy panel, Russian Policy in Syria and the Middle East: Termination, Delight, and Disappointment, Dec. 7, 2-18, Central Asian Program, EIRES, George Washington University.
- “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 Slavery 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

Chair, “Central Asia in the Shadow of Russia’s War in Ukraine,” PONARS Eurasia annual conference, Washington, DC, September 2022.

Speaker, Russian Foreign Policy, 71st annual meeting of the Defense Orientation Conference Association, National Defense University, October 2022.

Participant, Russia’s Alternative Futures in 2030 workshop, hosted by the Institute for Defense Analyses for a EUCOM project. November 2022.

Discussant, “Long Soviet Shadows: the Nomenklatura Ties of Putin Elites,” by Maria Snegovaya, DC-area Post-Communist Politics Social Science Workshop, November 2022.

Speaker, “The Future of Asymmetric and Hybrid Threats in the Caspian Region,” the Caspian Security Conference organized by the Washington-based Caspian Policy Center and the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA Center) of the U.S. National Defense University. 29 June 2022

Speaker, The Policy Exchange Discussion: Guaranteeing Ukraine's Long-Run Security, organized by PONARS Eurasia, 9 June 2022. <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/policy-exchange-discussion-guaranteeing-ukraines-long-run-security-june-9/>

Speaker, Russia’s War on Ukraine, the 89th Airlift Wing of the United States Air Force at Joint Base Andrews, 20 April 2022.

Speaker, Risks and Opportunities for Central Asia in a New Geopolitical Context organized by the Central Asia Program of George Washington University, 20 April, 2022.

Speaker, The Impact of Western Sanctions Against Russia on Central Asia and Plausible Scenarios for Economic Development organized by the Institute for War & Peace Reporting (IWPR) and Central Asian Bureau for Analytical Reporting (CABAR), 19 April 2022.

Speaker, the roundtable on Russia and Global Disorder at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN, March 2022.

Speaker, A New Russian Empire? The Invasion of Ukraine in Context organized by the Tulane Journal of Policy & Political Economy at Tulane University, March 2022.

Speaker, “Understanding Vladimir Putin: His Battle Strategy and Psychological Interpretation of Rebuilding the Soviet Empire,” hosted by the Naples Council on World Affairs, March 7, 2022.

Presenter, a virtual lecture to the Canadian Forces College, titled “Power and Global Politics,” 2 February 2022.

Lecturer, “Sources of Authoritarian Persistence”, for fellows of The Central Asia-Azerbaijan Fellowship Program at CAP Program of George Washington University. 18 November 2022.

Speaker, “Russia’s Counterterrorism,” the Defense Intelligence Agency Academy of Defense and the Europe Eurasia Regional Center at DIA (JBAB), October 2022.

Speaker, “The Storming of the US Capitol: Views from Eurasia,” PONARS Panel, 1 February 2021. <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/event-feb-4-the-storming-of-the-us-capitol-views-from-eurasia-with-dubovyk-omelicheva-pisano-schatz-and-troitskiy/>

Speaker, Russian Panel in online symposium, *North Korea: From Inside Out*, University of Kansas, 3 September 2020.

Speaker, Central Asia in the Era of Sovereignty, panel, annual meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Washington, D.C., 10 October 2019.

Speaker, Islamic Revival and Political Islam? Examining Islam and Politics across Central Asia, panel, annual meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Washington, D.C., 10 October 2019.

“US Security Assistance to Ukraine”, an invited presentation at the State Department, 12 September 2019.

Discussant, CSIS panel on China’s “Soft Power” in Central Asia, Washington, D.C. 12 September 2019.

“War Games in PME,” Presented to the Uzbekistan War College Delegation, NESAN DU, September 2019.

Speaker, Russia’s Counterproductive Counterterrorism, testimony for the U.S. Helsinki Commission, U.S. House of Representatives, June 12, 2019.

<https://www.csce.gov/international-impact/events/russias-counterproductive-counterterrorism>
“Human Trafficking-Terrorism Nexus”, presented at a Department of State-funded seminar for law enforcement officials, NESAN DU, March 2019.

Speaker, “Russia’s Activities in Europe: Cold War, or Hot Air?”, Round Table, annual meeting of the ISA, March 2019, Toronto.

Discussant, “The Trump Presidency’s Failed Russian Revolution: The Impact of Norms, Alliances, and Domestic Politics on the US-Russia Relationship since 2016,” Round Table, ISA, March 2019, Toronto.

Speaker, “Russia in Syria: Reshaping the Global Order of Fighting Terrorism?”, presented at a one-day workshop on Russia in Syria, Central Asia Program, IERES, George Washington University, December 7, 2018

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,” NESAN Center, 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 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

- United States Institute of Peace, \$7,500 (grant for conducting research on the role of organized crime and government-led violence in Central Asia), with Lawrence Markowitz, Fall 2021
- 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

TEACHING

Courses Taught at National War College

Regional Seminar: Ukraine (AY 2019, 2020, 2021)

Regional Seminar: Russia (AY2021)

NWC6310 Statecraft II: Strategic Design and Implementation in the Modern Era (Spring 2019)

NWC 6400 The U.S. Domestic Context (Spring 2019)

NWC 6030 National Security and Foreign Policy Decision Making (Spring 2019)

NWC 6033 Crime-Terror Nexus and the U.S. Response (Spring 2020)
NWC 6500 Global Context (Core Course Director, AY 2020, 2021, 2021)
NDU6079 Women, Peace, and Security

Courses Taught at Georgetown University

SEST 501 Strategy, Policy and Military Operations (Fall 2019)
SEST639 (En)Gendered Security

Courses Taught at the University of Kansas

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)

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)

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Dr. Abdul Bozarov (Uzbekistan, JFDP)

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Marcy Quiason (external, Women Studies)

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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)

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, “Debt, Corruption and the Effects of Western Sanctions against Russia on Eurasia,”
CESS Conference, October 2019.
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

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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

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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.

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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.

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 Member, Editorial Board, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* (since 2010)

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