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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian governance, law and courts, formal and informal institutions, property rights, comparative political economy and development

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University. Ph.D., Political Science (Expected 2017).

- Major Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Economy
- Committee: Marcus Kurtz, Pauline Jones Luong (University of Michigan), Irfan Nooruddin (Georgetown University), Morgan Liu (Near Eastern Studies and Anthropology)

European University at St. Petersburg. M.A. with distinction, Russian Studies & Political Economy (2006).

Grinnell College. B.A. with honors, History (2005).

AWARDS

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| 2016 | National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDRIG) in Political Science |
| 2015 | Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) |
| 2015 | Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Title VIII Pre-Doctoral Fellowship |
| 2015 | Ohio State University Office of International Affairs (OIA) Research Grant |
| 2014 | Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant for intermediate Tajik (Declined) |
| 2014 | Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award |
| 2014 | Social Science Research Council Title VIII Pre-Dissertation Award |
| 2014 | Mershon Center for International Security Studies Student Research Grant |
| 2014 | Office of International Affairs at Ohio State University Research (Honorary) |
| 2013 | Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship in Persian (Farsi/Tajik) |
| 2012 | Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship in Persian (Farsi) |
| 2012 | Summer Title VIII Funding for American Councils Eurasian Regional Language Program (Kazakh) |
| 2011 | University Fellowship (Ohio State University) |
| 2009 | U.S. Student Fulbright Research Grant (Kazakhstan) |
| 2009 | Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award (Russian) |
| 2004 | Charles E. Payne Memorial Scholarship in History (Grinnell College) |
| 2001-2005 | Trustee Honors Scholarship (Grinnell College) |

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

“Legalized Rent-Seeking: Eminent Domain in Kazakhstan.” *Cornell International Law Journal*. Forthcoming April 2017.

Articles under review

“Regime Type and Investment in Higher Education: Evidence from Eurasia” (with Sarah Wilson Sokhey). Under review, *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

Working papers

Law and Conflict Emergence under Authoritarianism

Going to Court against the Regime: Citizen-State Civil Disputes in Dictatorships

Land Privatization in Russia's Regions (with D. Lukmanov and D. Yumaguzhina).

Original datasets

Survey of landholders in Kazakhstan, N=1,200. I evaluate perceptions of property rights security, common types of conflicts, and experience with litigation. Funding provided by the National Science Foundation, Ohio State Office of International Affairs, and Ohio State Department of Political Science.

Survey of attorneys in Kazakhstan, N=1,000 (in progress). I use a list experiment to estimate citizen-driven bribery and the use of informal connections to influence civil court cases. Funding provided by the National Science Foundation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 "Why Go to Court in an Autocracy?" *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2016 "Citizen-State Land Disputes in Kazakhstan," *Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies*.
- 2015 "Land Rights and Local Governance in Kazakhstan." *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2015 "Which Regimes Invest in Higher Education? Evidence from Eurasia," with Sarah Wilson Sokhey, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2015 "Property Rights and Authoritarian Governance in Kazakhstan," *Institutions, Elites, and Collective Action in the Developing World*, International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation.
- 2014 "Land Privatization in Russia's Regions," with D. Lukmanov and D. Yumaguzhina, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2014 "Land Rights in the Developing World," *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2013 "Satellite Parties in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan," *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2013 "The Puzzling Case of Satellite Parties in Authoritarian Regimes," *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2015 - 2016 Visiting Researcher, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

Summer 2015 Visiting Researcher, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring, Summer 2016 & Fall 2016)

Introduction to Comparative Politics Online (Summer, Fall 2014)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

NurOrda International School, Middle School Teacher, Astana, Kazakhstan (2010-2011)

Institute for International Education, Fulbright Student Grantee, Almaty & Astana, Kazakhstan (2009-2010)

Foster Quan LLP, Legal Assistant, Houston, Texas (2007-2009)

SERVICE

Discussant

“Politics of Property Rights in Developing Countries,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2014).

“Will the Real Astana Please Stand Up?” Central Eurasian Studies Society – Association of Slavic, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies Regional Conference (2014).

Membership

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Law and Society Association, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computer skills

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Languages

Native speaker of English. Advanced speaker of Russian and Spanish. Advanced beginner/intermediate Kazakh, Farsi, and Tajik.

REFERENCES

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