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## Employment

Assistant Professor, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, 2008-present

## Education

**Ph.D.** Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Science, May 2007.

**B.A.** The University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, May 2000.

## Journal Articles

“The Color of Money: Privatization, Economic Dispersion, and the Post-Soviet ‘Revolutions,’” *Comparative Politics*, forthcoming, January 2010.

“The Origins of Social Capital: Evidence from a Survey of Post-Soviet Central Asia,” *Comparative Political Studies* 42(5), June 2009: 707-732. With Christoph Zuercher and Jonathan Wheatley.

“Weighing the Political and Economic Motivations for Migration in Post-Soviet Space: The Case of Uzbekistan,” *Europe-Asia Studies* 58(5), July 2006 (lead article): 653-677.

“Look Who’s Talking! Islamic Discourse in the Chechen Wars,” *Nationalities Papers* 34(2) May 2006: 237-256.

“What Really Happened in Kyrgyzstan?” *Journal of Democracy* 17(2), April 2006: 132-146.

“Networks, Localism, and Mobilization in Aksy, Kyrgyzstan,” *Central Asian Survey* 24(4), December 2005: 405-424.

“The Tyranny of Small Differences: The Relationship between Ethnic Diversity and Democracy in the Former Socialist Bloc,” *Demokratizatsiya* 12(4), Fall 2004: 575-606.

“Working with the Warlords: Designing an Ethnofederal System for Afghanistan,” *Regional and Federal Studies* 14(4), Winter 2004: 513-537.

## Book Chapter

“A Horse of a Different Color: Revolution and Regression in Kyrgyzstan,” in Valerie Bunce, Michael A. McFaul, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, eds., *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Post-Communist World*, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming, 2009.

## Book Reviews

Henry Hale, *The Foundations of Ethnic Politics* for *Comparative Political Studies*, forthcoming, Fall 2010.

Kathleen Collins, *Clan Politics and Regime Transition in Central Asia* (Cambridge University Press), *Review of Politics* 69, Summer 2007.

Edward Schatz, *Modern Clan Politics: The Power of "Blood" in Kazakhstan and Beyond* (University of Washington Press), *Nationalities Papers* 34(4), September 2006.

### **Works in Progress**

"Weapons of the Wealthy: Elite-led Protest in Central Asia." Book manuscript, under review.

"Power, State, and Society after Empire: The Remaking of the Soviet Periphery," Book manuscript, co-authored with Christoph Zuercher and Jonathan Wheatley.

"Historical Narratives and Post-Conflict Reconciliation in the Caucasus: A Psychological Experiment." Working paper.

"Social Capital and Organized Resistance in Central Asia." Working paper.

"Russian Soft Power in the Near Abroad and US Policy," with Andrei Tsygankov. Under review.

### **Awards and Fellowships**

- Course Development Grant, African Studies Program, University of Washington
- Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington, \$39,000 for research on identity and post-conflict reconciliation in Azerbaijan, 2009.
- IREX Short-term Grant, Baku, Azerbaijan, Summer 2008
- Course Development Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Washington, Spring 2008
- Course Development Grant, Institute for Global and Regional Security Studies, University of Washington, Spring 2008
- Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Research Scholar, July-December 2007
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University. Postdoctoral Fellow, 2006-2007
- Volkswagen Foundation, fellowship for research project, "Accounting for State-Building, Stability, and Conflict: The Institutional Framework of Caucasian and Central Asian Transitional Societies," Berlin, April 2003-August 2005
- Fulbright Scholarship, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, September 2003-August 2004
- ACTR/ACCELS, Tashkent, January-April 2003,
- Mellon Foundation, Program on NGOs and Forced Migration, Tashkent, Summer 2002
- FLAS Fellowship, Institute of Languages and Literature, Tashkent, Summer 2002
- MIT Presidential Graduate Fellowship, 2000-2004

### **Invited Talks**

"Russia and its Neighbors: Challenging the Post-Soviet Status Quo?" Trade Development Alliance, Seattle, March 10, 2009.

"Mobilization and Informal Networks in Central Asia," UC Berkeley, Program in Eurasian and East European Studies, November 7, 2008.

"Elites, Networks, and Grassroots Resistance." Panel on Southern Kyrgyzstan, SAIS Johns Hopkins,

December 12, 2007.

“Mobilization and Networks in Post-Soviet Central Asia,” US Department of State, December 6, 2007.

Co-chair, Panel on Russia and Central Asia. Student Conference on US Affairs, US Military Academy, West Point, NY, October 31-November 3, 2007.

“Mass Mobilization, Networks, and the State in Central Asia,” Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, October 3, 2007.

## **Conferences and Presentations**

“Stability and Breakdown in Transitional States: An Analysis of Central Asia and the Caucasus”

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3, 2009
- Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 23, 2009

“Sources of Resistance to the State in Central Asia and the Caucasus in the 1990s,” Annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Philadelphia, November 22, 2008.

“The View from Central Asia,” at “Competition or Cooperation: Energy and Russia’s Foreign Policy Towards Northeast Asia.” Workshop at the University of Washington, February 9, 2008.

“Social Capital and Organized Resistance in Central Asia,” Central Eurasian Studies Society annual meeting, Seattle, October 18-21, 2007.

“Mass Mobilization, Networks, and the State in Central Asia”

- Kennan Scholar Seminar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, October 4, 2007
- Annual meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Ann Arbor, September 29, 2006
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard, October 19, 2006
- Identity Politics Working Group, MIT, March 16, 2006

“Weighing the Political and Economic Motivations for Migration in Post-Soviet Space: The Case of Uzbekistan,” Center for International Studies, MIT, May 2, 2006.

“State Deconstruction, Patronage, and Mobilization in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan,” annual meeting of Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, March 24, 2006.

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

“Perspectives on the US-Iraq War,” ACTR/ACCELS Library, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, April 16, 2003.

“The Chechens? They’re All Talk: Islamic Discourse in the Chechen Wars,” annual meeting of the AAASS, Pittsburgh, November 21-24, 2002.

“Prepared to Take a *Stan?*: The (non) Threat of Islamic Fundamentalism to Central Asia’s States,” annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 11-13, 2002.

## **Teaching**

- Contemporary Central Asian Politics
- The Making of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Security Issues in Post-Soviet Space
- Failed States

## **Professional Service**

- Referee for *World Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Central Asian Survey*, *Nationalities Papers*
- Reviewer for ACTR/ACCELS Eurasian Regional Language Program, 2007
- Reviewer for Leverhulme Trust Detailed Research Project Grants
- Program Committee, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, 2009
- Graduate Committee, International Studies, University of Washington, 2008-present
- Admissions Committee, International Studies, 2008-09
- Junior Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, University of Washington, Fall 2008
- Ellison Center MA admissions, FLAS committee, 2009
- Bicknell Awards Committee, Department of History, 2009
- Presentations at UW Central Asian Seminar, UW Retirement Association
- Discussant, University of Washington: Luce Foundation Symposium on Religion and Human Security, May 8, 2009; “The Power of Scandinavia,” November 12, 2008; “Rethinking Advocacy Organizations: A Collective Action Perspective,” May 23, 2008.

## **Advising**

- PhD Thesis Committees: Nika Kabiri (Sociology), Erica Johnson (Political Science)
- Masters Thesis Committees: Odina Solihbaeva, Anders Conway, Katherine Kostiuik, Miriam Counterman, Brett Walton, Natalia Wobst (Ellison Center), Angela Halonen-Webb (International Studies), David Merrell (Law), Alva Robinson (Near Eastern Languages and Cultures)

## **Related Experience**

- Linguist, Karshi-Khanabad (K2) Air Base, October 2004 - April 2005
- Research Associate, Free University, Berlin, April 2003 - August 2005
- Research Assistant for Roger Petersen, MIT, 2001-02
- Research Assistant, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Summer 1998

## **Consulting/Policy Work**

United States Institute of Peace, October 2006. Updated training modules on Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia for online course to train OSCE employees.

Swiss Development Corporation, September 2002. Wrote impact assessment of development projects for Uzbekistan-based bureau under the Swiss Foreign Ministry.

## **Languages and Quantitative Skills**

- Russian-advanced in reading, writing, and speaking
- Uzbek-intermediate in reading, writing, and speaking
- Statistical packages R, Stata, SPSS

## References

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