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Research Specializations

Comparative politics, political economy, development,
Post-Soviet and Central Asian politics, qualitative methods

Education

- 2009 **University of California, Berkeley**
PhD in Political Science
Fields of Specialization: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Dissertation: “Protecting Property: The Politics of Bazaars in Kyrgyzstan”
- 1999 **Stanford University, 1999**
MA in International Policy Studies
BA in International Relations

Academic and Professional Appointments

- 9/12-present **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
5/17-present **Harvard University**, Research Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
7/11-7/12 **Smith College**, Lecturer, Department of Government
8/11-8/12 **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**, Lecturer, Department of Political Science
9/10-5/11 **Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC**,
Title VIII Research Scholar
9/09-8/10 **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**, Lecturer, Department of Political Science
9/00-6/02 **Brookings Institution**, Research Assistant, Foreign Policy Studies Program

Publications

Books

- 2017 *Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia*, Cornell University Press, August.

Peer Reviewed Academic Articles

- 2017 “New Shopowners in Old Buildings: Spatial Politics of the Apparel Sector in Kyrgyzstan,” (with Aisalkyn Botoeva), *Post-Soviet Affairs* 33:3 (2017): 235-53.
- 2013 “Sewing to Satisfaction: Craft-based Entrepreneurs in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan” (with Aisalkyn Botoeva), *Central Asian Survey* 32:4 (2013): 487-500.

- Republished in *Kyrgyzstan Beyond 'Democracy Island and Failing State'* edited by Marlene Laruelle and Johan Engvall (Lexington Books, 2015).

- 2008 "Bazaar Politics: The Fate of Marketplaces in Kazakhstan," *Problems of Post-Communism* 55:6 (November/December 2008): 42-53.
- 2008 "Securing Property in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 24:2 (April – June 2008): 149-176.

In Progress: Articles Submitted to Peer-Reviewed Journals

- "Manufacturing and Migration in Eurasia," revise and resubmit received from *Europe-Asia Studies*, accepted for publication, forthcoming in 2018.
- "Production Networks in Predatory States: Export-oriented Manufacturing at the Margins of the Law," revise and resubmit received from *Review of International Political Economy*, revisions expected to be submitted in October 2017.
- "Property, Lawfare, and the Politics of Hope in Weak States," revise and resubmit received from *Polity*, revisions submitted in August 2017.
- "Reflective Teaching: Engaging Students in the Politics of Faraway Places," under review.

Book Chapters, Non Peer-Reviewed Articles and Papers

- 2015 "The Pillars of Authoritarian Resilience in Central Asia," in *The Future of Authoritarianism* edited by Maria Stephan and Mat Burrows (Atlantic Council 2015).
- 2012 "Education Reform in Energy-Exporting States: The Post-Soviet Experience in Comparative Perspective" in Brenda Shaffer and Taleh Ziyadov, eds., *Beyond the Resource Curse*, (University of Pennsylvania Press 2012): 225-258.
- 2010 "External Sources and Consequences of Russia's 'Sovereign Democracy'" (with Michael McFaul, Stanford University) in Peter Burnell and Richard Youngs, eds., *New Challenges to Democratization?* (Routledge 2010): 116-133.
- 2009 "Open Authoritarian Regimes: Surviving and Thriving in the Liberal International Order" (with Naazneen Barma and Ely Ratner), *Democracy & Society* 6:2 (Spring 2009): 8-11.
- 2006 Encyclopedia entry on "Authoritarianism," for the *Encyclopedia of Governance*, Sage Publications.
- 2006 "The Anti-Revolutionary Toolkit," *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, December 13.
- 2004 "The Transformation of Askar Akaev, President of Kyrgyzstan," University of California, Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies Working Paper Series, April.

- 2002 “Central Asia: More than Islamic Extremists” (with Svante Cornell), *The Washington Quarterly* 25:1 (2002): 193-206.
- 2002 “The North-South Transport Corridor,” *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, July 3.
- 2001 “Caspian Basin and Asian Energy Markets” (with Fiona Hill), *Brookings Institution* Conference Report Number No. 8, September.

Fellowships and Grants

- 2017 UMass Seed Grant, with PI Eve Vogel, Geosciences, PI (\$10,000 for team in total)
- 2017 UMass Publication Subvention Award (\$3,000 to publisher for book)
- 2015, 2016 UMass MSP Research Support Fund (\$1,000 each year)
- 2015 UMass Center for Teaching Micro Mutual Mentoring Grant (\$1,200)
- 2013 UMass Amherst SBS Research Grant (\$6,000)
- 2012, ‘13, ‘15, ‘16 UMass Amherst Center for Teaching FLEX Grant (\$500 each year)
- 2013 Mellon-Funded Five College Summer Faculty-Student Seminar, MA (\$3,500)
- 2007 IREX Policy Symposium on Central Asia, Washington, DC
- 2006 Institute for Public Policy, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, fellow and one-month living stipend
- 2006-2007 William Davidson Institute Grant for Overseas Dissertation Research (\$22,000)
- 2005-2006 UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship for two semesters of funding
- 2005 UC Berkeley Program on Post-Soviet Studies Summer Travel Grant
- 2005 Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Tempe, Arizona
- 2002-2004 Foreign Language Areas Studies Fellowship for Turkish, UC Berkeley (2 years)
- 2003 ACCELS NIS Summer Language Program, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2003 IREX Policy Symposium on Central Asia, Washington, DC
- 1999-2000 IPP International Parliamentary Scholarship/Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

Invited Lectures and Presentations

- March 2017 Presentation: “Collectively Organizing at Dordoi Bazaar,” at a conference on ‘Reimagining Civil Society,’ American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- October 2017 Presentation: Roundtable on “Good Governance Institutions and Practices: the Past and Future of Post-Soviet Experience of Reform,” Kennan Alumni Conference, Tartu, Estonia.
- August 2015 Panelist: Briefing of recently confirmed US Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan on the country’s current political and economic context, US Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- February 2014 Presentation: Central Asian Security Workshop, George Washington University, “‘Made in Kyrgyzstan’: The Reassembling of Manufacturing Production in a Transition Country,” Washington, D.C.
- February 2014 Lecture: Annual Endowed Navai Lecture on Central Asian Studies, “Protecting Property without Rights: Bazaars and the Emergence of a Familial State in Kyrgyzstan,” Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

- October 2013 Commentator and Participant: Policy Dialogue on Central Asia's Regional Challenges, Hollings Center, (Invited participant and commentator at opening session), Istanbul, Turkey.
- December 2012 Paper Presented: "Conceptualizing Unions in Transition: Bazaar Trade Unions in Kyrgyzstan," for conference entitled: "Kyrgyzstan beyond "Island of Democracy" and "Failing State": Factoring Social and Political Changes in a Post-Soviet Society," Uppsala, Sweden.
- May 2012 Lecture: Annual Endowed Treadgold Lecture, "All in the Family? Property Struggles and Patronage Politics in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan," University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- April 2012 Lecture: "All in the Family? Property Struggles and Patronage Politics in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan," George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- March 2011 Lecture: "All in the Family? Property Struggles and Patronage Politics in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan," Smith College, Northampton, MA
- February 2011 Presentation: "Protecting Property: Patronage, Politics and Bazaars in Kyrgyzstan," U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- February 2011 Presentation: "Protecting Property: Patronage, Politics and Bazaars in Kyrgyzstan," Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.

Conference Papers (since 2012)

- May 2017 Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN): "Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia," Columbia University, NY, NY.
- February 2017 International Studies Association (ISA): "Production Networks in Predatory States: Export-Oriented Manufacturing at the Margins of the Law," Baltimore, MD.
- November 2016 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), "Production Networks in Predatory States: Export-Oriented Manufacturing at the Margins of the Law," Washington, DC.
- September 2016 Annual Political Science Association (APSA): "New Manufacturers in Old Buildings: Infrastructure, Electricity, and Apparel Production in Kyrgyzstan," Philadelphia, PA.
- October 2015 Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS): "Entrepreneurship in Context: Self-identification vs. State Categories in Central Asia," with Aisalkyn Botoeva, Washington, DC.
- September 2015 Annual Political Science Association (APSA): Ambiguity of Bazaar Ownership: Courts, Lawfare, and the Politics of Hope in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan," San Francisco, CA.
- February 2015 International Studies Association (ISA): "Autonomous Industrialization: A

Regional, Emergent Perspective on Central Asian Apparel Reassemblage,”
New Orleans, LA.

- October 2014 Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS): “Reclaiming “Made in Kyrgyzstan”: The Urban Geography of Industrial Recomposition in Central Asia” (with Aisalkyn Botoeva), New York City, NY.
- November 2013 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES): “Made in Kyrgyzstan’: The Social Foundations of Industrial Growth in a Transition Country,” Boston, MA.
- September 2013 American Political Science Association (APSA): “Made in Kyrgyzstan’: The Social Foundations of Industrial Growth in a Peripheral Country,” Chicago, IL.
- May 2013 New England Political Science Association (NEPSA): “Sewing to Satisfaction: Apparel Producers in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan (with Aisalkyn Botoeva),” Portland, ME.
- October 2012 Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS): “Made in Kyrgyzstan:’ The Historical and Social Origins of Industrial Upgrading in a Transition Country” (with Aisalkyn Botoeva), Bloomington, IA.

Conference Panel Discussant

- April 2017 UMass Amherst, Panel Discussant of Undergraduate Papers: First Annual Five College Symposium on “Politics in Russia and Eurasia in Turbulent Times,” MA.
- April 2016 Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Panel Discussant: “Political Institutions and Political Order under Authoritarianism,” NY, NY.
- September 2015 Annual Political Science Association (APSA): Invited Roundtable Participant for Susanne Wengle’s book *Post-Soviet Power: State-Led Development and Russia’s Marketization*. San Francisco, CA.
- October 2014 Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), Panel Discussant: “Embedded Economies,” NY, NY.
- November 2013 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Panel Discussant: “Culture and Politics in Contemporary Kazakhstan,” Boston, MA.
- May 2013 New England Political Science Association (NEPSA), Panel Discussant: “Challenges of Late Modern State-Building,” Portland, ME.
- September 2012 Central Asia Program Working Group, Paper Discussant for Jeremy Pine: “Understanding the Contemporary Silk Road: Cross Border Trade in Central Asia,” Harvard University, MA.
- January 2011 Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Panel Discussant: “Civil Society in Kazakhstan and Central Asia,” Washington, D.C.

Departmental Service

Field Clerk

2017-present Comparative Politics Subfield

Co-Convener (with Kevin Young)

2013-present Political Economy Working Group (Department of Political Science)

Member, Ad-hoc Committees

Spring 2015 Political Science Search Committee for Department Chair

Spring 2014 Political Science Mid-tenure Review Committee

Fall 2013 Political Science Comparative Politics Search Committee

Fall 2012 Political Science/Near Eastern Studies Joint Search Committee

Member, Standing Committees

2013-2014 Personnel Committee, Political Science Department

2014-2016 Undergraduate Studies Committee, Political Science Department

2016-2017 Personnel Committee, Political Science Department

Member, Doctoral Exam Committees (enumerated)

Comparative Politics Field Exam: Eight students

Contemporary Theory Exam: Three students

Interdisciplinary Comp Exam: One student

Dissertation Committees: Two students (one recently graduated)

Member, MA Committee (enumerated)

Translation Studies: One student

Member, Honors Thesis Committee (enumerated)

Department of Political Science: Two students

Internship Supervisor (enumerated)

Department of Political Science: One student

University and Five-College Service

Member and Participant

2012-present Five-College Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

2012-present UMass Amherst Steering Committee for the Russian, East-European and Eurasia major

Member, Ad-hoc Committees

Spring 2017 Boren Fellowship Interview Committee (International Programs Office)

Fall 2017 Fulbright Fellowship Interview Committee (International Programs Office), invited

Professional Service

Selection Committee Member

- 2014-2015 Best Graduate Student Paper on Central Asian Studies for publication in *Central Asian Affairs*
 2015 Best Graduate Student Paper Presented at the Annual Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Conference
 2017 Biannual Public Outreach Award from the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) invited to be a selection committee member by the President of the organization

Conference Committee Organizer

- 2015-present Eurasia section program organizer for panels and best graduate student paper at the Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Conference

External Panel Reviewer

- 2017 American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS) - Title VIII Research Fellowship Program application for dissertation research to be conducted in Central Asia

Coordinator and Moderator (Consultant)

- 9/11-5/13 Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
 “Spotlight on Central Eurasia” Speaker Series, Organizer and Host

Journal Reviewer

Ab Imperio
American Political Science Review
Central Asian Affairs
Central Asian Survey
Demokratizatsiya
Eurasian Geography and Economics
Nationalities Papers
New Political Science
Post-Soviet Affairs
Problems of Post-Communism
World Politics

Teaching at UMass Amherst (since 2012)

Undergraduate

PS281: Introduction to Comparative Political Economy (lecture)
 PS383: Energy Politics (IE seminar course)
 PS394CI: Central Asian Politics (IE seminar course)

Graduate

PS791: Political Economy Proseminar
 PS792: Debating Development

Other Workshops

2013, 2014 Field Research Approaches and Strategies, Political Science Dpt (for graduate students)

Invited Guest Lectures

“Field Research as a Woman of Color,” Professor Carlene Edie, *Afro-Caribbean Immigrants and Identity Politics in the U.S.*, UMass Amherst, April 14, 2014.

"Kazakhstan," Professor Stephen Jones, *Oil and Water Don't Mix: Geopolitics, Energy and the Environment*, Mt. Holyoke College, March 27, 2012 and February 18, 2014.

"Energy and International Politics," Professor Peter Haas, *International Political Economy*, UMass Amherst, November 29, 2011.

“Political Economy in Central Asia: Business-State Relations,” Invited Guest Lecturer, Foreign Service Institute, US Department of State, March 3, 2011.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Central Eurasian Studies Association (CESS)

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Society for the Advancement for the Socio-Economics (SASE)