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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Associate Professor of Government and Politics, August 2011-Present.

Assistant Professor of Government and Politics, August 2005-August 2011.

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2003-July2005.

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Postdoctoral Fellow in Central Asian Studies, August 2002-July 2003.

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Ph.D. in Politics, January 2003.

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York

B.A. with Honors in Political Science (Phi Beta Kappa, General Honors), 1995.

Yaroslavl' State University, Yaroslavl', Russian Federation

Visiting Student, 1993-1994.

BOOK

2011. *Chaos, Violence and Dynasty: Politics and Islam in Central Asia* (University of Pittsburgh Press).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming. “Defending and Defining Sovereignty: Central Asian States’ Pursuit of Global Connections in the Wake of Russia’s War Against Ukraine,” in Douglas Northrop, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Central Asia* (Oxford University Press).

2022. “Property,” in D. Montgomery, ed., *Central Asia Contexts for Understanding* (University of Pittsburgh Press).

2020. “Governance and order-making in Central Asia: from illiberalism to post-liberalism?” *Central Asian Survey* 39:3 (Fall 2020), co-authored with Philipp Lottholz, John Heathershaw, Aksana Ismailbekova, Janyl Moldalieva, and Catherine Owen.

2016. “Leadership Succession, Great Power Ambitions, and the Future of Central Asia,” *Central Asian Affairs* 3:3 (July).

2014. "Fast Forwarding the Brezhnev Years: Osh in Flames," *Russian History* 41(3).

2012. "Foreign Policy and Aging Central Asian Autocrats," *Demokratizatsiya* 20(3).

2011. "Exploring Regime Instability and Ethnic Violence in Kyrgyzstan," *Asia Policy* 12 (July).

2009. "Searching for Kamalot: Political Patronage and Youth Politics in Uzbekistan," *Europe-Asia Studies* 61(7): 1137-1150.

2009. "Islamic Revivalism and State Failure in Kyrgyzstan," *Problems of Post-Communism* 56(3): 16-28.

2007. "Aiding the Internet in Central Asia," with Erica J. Johnson, *Democratization* 14(2): 273-288.

2006. "Islamic Leaders in Uzbekistan," *Asia Policy* 1(1): 123-144.

2006. "The Making of Militants: The State and Islam in Central Asia," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 25(3): 554-566.

2004. "Kyrgyzstan Country Report," in *Countries at the Crossroads: A Survey of Governance, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in 30 States* (Freedom House): 1-18.

2000. "Contours of Discontent? Demographics and Perceptions of Governance in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan," *Journal of Central Asian Studies* 5(1): 14-30.

COMMISSIONED STUDY (PEER-REVIEWED WITHIN THE US GOVERNMENT)

2019. "China's Mixed Reception in Central Asia," in *Chinese Strategic Intentions: A Deep Dive into China's Worldwide Activities* (Department of Defense Strategic Multilayer Assessment White Paper).

2013. "Violent Extremism and Insurgency in Tajikistan: A Risk Assessment," (USAID-commissioned study).

2013. "Violent Extremism and Insurgency in Kazakhstan: A Risk Assessment," (USAID-commissioned study).

2013. "Violent Extremism and Insurgency in Central Asia: A Risk Assessment," (USAID-commissioned study).

2007. *A Study of Political Party Assistance in Eastern Europe and Eurasia*, co-author (USAID-commissioned study).

OPINION ARTICLES AND POLICY PAPERS

2025. "Voice of America, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty, and the Future of US Strategic Interests," PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo (November 2025).

2024. "Echoes of War: Public Perception of the Russian-Ukrainian War in Central Asia," *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Foundation*.

2024. "How Uzbek State and Society View Foreign Relations in the Context of the Russo-Ukrainian War," PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo (May 2024).

2022. "Russia's Erosion in Central Asia," PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo 808 (November 2022), co-authored with Shairbek Juraev.

2022. "What Drives Border Conflicts in Central Asia? Roots of the Deadly Violence on the Kyrgyz-Tajik Border," PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo 733 (January 2022), co-authored

with Shairbek Juraev.

- 2021. "The Central Asian Antigay Movement in Global and Local Perspective," NYU Jordan Center (December 2021).
- 2021. "The April 2021 Kyrgyz-Tajik Border Dispute: Historical and Causal Context," Crossroads Policy Brief No. 2-2021 (July 2021). Russian language version: "Кыргызско-Таджикский Пограничный Конфликт в Апреле 2021 Года: Исторический и Причинно-следственный Контекст."
- 2021. "The populist and nationalist threat to human rights in Kyrgyzstan," *Foreign Policy Centre* (March 2021).
- 2020. "The limits of Washington's Staying Power in Central Asia," Crossroads Policy Brief No. 3-2020 (June 2020). Russian language version: "Пределы Возможностей Вашингтона Сохранять Позиции в Центральной Азии."
- 2019. "Questioning Sinophobia in Central Asia," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* no. 630, (December).
- 2019. "Explaining Great Power Status in Central Asia: Unfamiliarity and Discontent," *Minerva Owl* in the *Olive Tree Post* (October), co-authored with Marlene Laruelle.
- 2019. "Kazakh President Nazarbayev Has Resigned," *Washington Post* (20 March 2019).
- 2018. "The Changing Landscape of Uncivil Society in Kyrgyzstan," The Foreign Policy Centre (July).
- 2018. "'Uzbek Terrorism' and the Logical Inconsistencies of Extreme Vetting," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* 500 (January)
- 2017. "Renewing EU and US Soft Power in Central Asia," EUCAM Commentary No. 28 (October, with Marlene Laruelle)
- 2016. "Foreign Policy Consequences of Homegrown Eurasian Nationalism," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* No. 418, (February)
- 2015. "Central Asia's Autocrats: Geopolitically Stuck, Politically Free," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* No. 380 (August)
- 2013. "States of Protest in Central Asia," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* No. 299 (September).
- 2013. "Eurasia 2014: Into Thin Air," Central Asia Policy Brief No. 10, Central Asia Program, George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs (June)
- 2010. "Running in Circles in Kyrgyzstan," *The New York Times* (Op-Ed, April 10)
- 2009. "Three Perspectives on Political Islam in Central Asia," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* No. 76 (September)
- 2008. "An Opening in Uzbekistan," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* No. 14 (August)
- 2008. "Food, Protest and Political Instability in Central Asia," *Global Studies Review* (Summer)
- 2008. "Patronage, Islam, and the Rise of Localism in Central Asia," *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo* No. 2 (March)
- 2007. "Linking International Development and Political Party Building in Central Asia and the Caucuses," *Global Studies Review* (Summer)
- 2005. "Avoiding the Great Game and Domestic Unrest in Eurasia," *PONARS Policy Memo* No. 402, Center for Strategic and International Studies (December)
- 2005. "Revolutions and Religion in Central Asia," *PONARS Policy Memo* 364 (June)
- 2005. "Kyrgyz Democracy Gets Second Chance," *Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty* (April 8)
- 2003. "In For Life: Leadership Succession in Post-Soviet Central Asia," *PONARS Policy Memo* 312 (November)
- 2000. "Powerless in Kyrgyzstan," *Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty* (July)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND OTHER ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2012. "Central Asia Grows Wobbly," *Current History* (October).

2009. "Central Asian Protest Movements," in A. Wooden and C. Stefes, eds., *The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus* (Routledge).

2007. "Competing Islams: The Everyday Struggle for Faith in Uzbekistan," in J. Sahadeo & R. Zanca, eds., *Everyday Life in Central Asia* (Indiana University Press).

2005. "Autocrats, Islamists, and the Rise of Radicalism in Central Asia," *Current History* 104 (October).

2004. "Public Opinion Research in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan," in John G. Geer, ed., *Public Opinion and Polling Around the World* (ABC-CLIO).

BOOK REVIEWS

2019. "Islam, Society, and Politics in Central Asia," Pauline Jones, ed., reviewed in *Slavic Review*, Volume 77, Issue 4 Winter 2018: pp. 1090-1093.

2014. "Unlootable Resources and Unruly Elites in Central Asia," by Lwarence Markowitz, reviewed in *Central Asian Affairs* 1(2): 303-305.

2008. "Russia's Islamic Threat," by Gordon M. Hahn, reviewed in *Slavic Review*, Winter 2008.

2006. "Modern Clan Politics: The Power of 'Blood' in Kazakhstan and Beyond," by Edward Schatz, reviewed in *Middle East Journal* 60(4): 805-807.

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS

2017-2023. U.S. Department of Defense Minerva Initiative, "The Erosion of U.S. Soft Power in Central Asia," Principal Investigator (Professor Marlene Laruelle, Co-Principal Investigator).

2015-2017. U.S. Department of State, Embassy to Georgia, "University Public Policy Research in Georgia," Co-Principal Investigator.

2012-Present. U.S. Department of State, Embassy to Georgia "GIPA-Mason Public Administration Partnership," Co-Principal Investigator.

2010-2013. U.S. Departmetn of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), Co-Principal Investigator, "A US-Russia Collaboration: Reading Networked Societies."

2008-2015. *Soros / Open Society Institute Fellowship*, Central Asian Research and Training Initiative.

2010-2011. National Asia Research Program, *National Bureau of Asian Research and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*.

2003-2010. *National Science Foundation Fellowship*, Co-Principal Investigator, "The Effect

of the Internet on Society: Incorporating Central Asia into the Global Perspective," Award #0326101.

2009. *Social Science Research Center* Fellowship, Principal Investigator, Teaching Islam in Central Asia.

2007-2008. *Social Science Research Center* Eurasia Teaching Fellowship.

2006-2007. *National Council for Eurasian and East European Research* Fellowship, Principal Investigator, Islam and Social Mobilization in Central Asia.

2003-2004. *Iowa State University* Faculty Development Grant to support research on Political Islam in Central Asia.

2003-2004. *Iowa State University* Small Research Grant to support Visiting Research Assistant from the Kyrgyz Academy of Sciences.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2024-Present. Schar School Faculty Representative, George Mason Global Assembly.

2021-2025. Director, Schar School International Relations Policy Task Force.

2023-Present. Faculty Advisor, No Lost Generation at George Mason.

2013-2015. Director of Graduate Studies, School of Policy, Government, & International Affairs.

2010-2016. Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies Steering Committee.

Faculty Search Committees, PhD Comprehensive Exams Comparative Politics Committee, Schar School Curriculum Committee, Boren and Fulbright University Committees, Admissions Committee, Office of Institutional Assessment Academic Program Review Committee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-Present. Editor, *Global Perspectives*, Special Collection: Central Asia and the South Caucasus in a Multipolar World.

2024-2026. *Fulbright National Screening Committee for Eurasia*.

2023-2025. Faculty Mentor, Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS) RISC Summer Internship.

2024. *Minerva Research Initiative*, external reviewer.

2024. *United States Institute for Peace* Peace Scholar Fellows application review.

2021, 2024. *American Councils* Title VIII Research Fellowships application review.

2019. Selection Committee, *Open Society Foundation Civil Society Scholar Awards Program*.

2019 *American Councils* Title VIII Research Fellowships application review.

2015-2018. Member of Executive Committee, PONARS Eurasia.

2014. Selection Committee *International Research & Exchanges Board* IARO Fellowship.

2012. Selection Committee *International Research & Exchanges Board* US Embassy Policy Specialist Program.

2010-2012. Elected Member, Board of Directors, *Central Eurasia Studies Society*.

2010-2012. Member, Eurasia Program Advisory Board, *Social Science Research Council*.

2010. Selection Committee Member, Eurasia Dissertation Support Fellowship, *Social Science Research Council*.

2009. Selection Committee Chair, Diplomacy Fellowship in Science and Technology,

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

2008. Selection Committee Member, Diplomacy Fellowship in Science and Technology, *American Association for the Advancement of Science*.

2008. Selection Committee for Best Graduate Student Paper Award, *Central Eurasia Studies Society*.

2007. Book Review Editor for *Central Eurasian Studies Review*.

Reviewer: *American Councils*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asia Policy*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Cornell University Press*, *Europe – Asia Studies*, *Demokratizatsiya*, *Freedom House Freedom in the World & Nations in Transit*, *Governance*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Journal of Terrorism*, *Oxford University Press*, *Problems of Post- Communism*, *National Science Foundation*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Religion, State and Society*, *Slavic Review*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, *University of Pittsburgh Press*, *University of Washington Press*, *World Politics*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025. “The Future of Independent Journalism in Eurasia,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, November 15.

2025. “Voice of America, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty, and the Future of US Strategic Interests,” PONARS Eurasia Annual Policy Conference, October 3.

2025. “Defending and Defining Sovereignty: Central Asian States’ Pursuit of Global Connections in the Wake of Russia’s War Against Ukraine,” Central Eurasian Studies Society and the European Society for Central Asian Studies Lisbon Conference, January 7-11.

2024. “In Their Own Words: Central Asian Perspectives on the War in Ukraine,” George Washington University Central Asia Program Security Workshop, March 28, 2024.

2024. “Why Central Asians Fault the US and NATO, Not Russia, for the War in Ukraine,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference,” March 29.

2024. “In Their Own Words: Central Asian Perspectives on the War in Ukraine,” The George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs Central Asia Program Security Workshop,” Washington, DC, March 28.

2023. “Great Power Influence in Central Asia,” 2023 Minerva Meeting and Annual Review, Arlington, VA, May 3.

2022. “Kazakhstan at the Crossroads in an Era of Domestic and International Turmoil,” Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies, Georgetown University, April 19, 2022.

2021. “Drivers of Cross-Border Conflicts between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan,” PONARS Eurasia Annual Policy Conference, George Washington University, September 24, 2021.

2020. “Washington’s Withdrawal from Afghanistan: Implications for US Relations with Russia and Central Asian Countries,” *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, November 8.

2020. "The Limits of Washington's Staying Power in Central Asia," Hollings Center for International Dialogue Conference, "Thirty Years of Central Asia's International Relations: Taking Stock and Looking Forward," American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, March 4.

2019. "Central Asia in Context," *Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference*, Washington, October 10, 2019.

2019. "Great Power Influence in Central Asia," *Minerva Meeting and Program Review*, Washington, September 18.

2019. "Questioning Sinophobia in Central Asia," *PONARS Eurasia / CSIS*, Washington, September 12.

2019. "Between participation, patronage and coercion: Exploring varieties of governance and order-making in Central Eurasia," 16th Biennial Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies, University of Exeter, June 29.

2019. "Property in the Central Asian Context," 16th Biennial Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies, University of Exeter, June 27.

2018. "Great Power Connections in Central Asia," STIX: Science, Technology, and Innovation Exchange, Basic Research Office of the Department of Defense, US Institute for Peace, December 11.

2018. "US Soft Power: The View from Kyrgyzstan," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 25.

2018. "The Erosion of U.S. Soft Power in Kyrgyzstan," Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, NY, May 5.

2018. "'Central Asian Terrorism' and the Limits of Extreme Vetting," Central Asian Security Workshop, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., March 20.

2018. "Presidential Transitions and the Implications for US Soft Power in Central Asia," Central Asian Security Workshop, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., March 6.

2017. "U.S. Soft Power in Central Asia," PONARS Eurasia, Washington, D.C., September 16.

2015. "Violence in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan," Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, NY, April 24.

2015. "Islam, Secularism and Security in Kazakhstan," British Council Bridging Voices Workshop, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. April 20.

2014. "Strategies for Circumventing Authoritarian Control," American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C, August 29.

2014. "Settling Scores in Central Asia," Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, NY, April 25.

2013. "The State of Social Mobilization in Central Asia," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Madison, WI, October 4.

2012. "Chaos, Violence and Dynasty: Politics and Islam in Central Asia," Book Panel, Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, NY, April 20.

2012. "The Timid Autocratic: Domestic Might and International Stage Fright in Central Asian Foreign Policy," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 15.

2011. "Governance in Central Asia's Stateless Territories," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2.

2010. "Political Discontent in Asia—Kyrgyz Chaos," National Bureau of Asian Research and

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Asia Policy Assembly, Washington DC, June 17.

- 2010. Foreign Service Institute, US State Department, "Technology, Internet and Communication Tools in Central Asia," Arlington, VA, March 1.
- 2009. Foreign Service Institute, US State Department, "Central Asia and Challenges Facing Democracy Assistance," Arlington, VA, October 21.
- 2009. "Transitions 2.0: The Internet, Political Culture and Autocracy in Central Asia," American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 5.
- 2008. "Autocratic Implosion: Patronage, Islam and the Rise of Localism in Central Asia," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, November 22.
- 2008. "The State of Discourse or the State's Discourse on Islam in Central Asia?" Princeton University Conference on Re-Thinking Sectarianism, Princeton, NJ, May 21.
- 2007. "Foundations of Kyrgyzstan's Islamic Renaissance," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, New Orleans, LA, November 17.
- 2007. "Many Shades of Green: Variations in Islam-Centered Mobilization in Kyrgyzstan's New Color Revolution," American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 31.
- 2007. "Aiding Political Parties in Central Asia and the Caucasus," International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March 1.
- 2006. Brookings-UNDP Conference on "The Challenges and Opportunities of Regional Cooperation and Integration in Central Asia," Washington, D.C., March 27.
- 2006. "Youth and Uzbek Politics," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, DC, November 18.
- 2005. "Foreign Aid and ICT Policy in Central Asia," (Erica Johnson, co-author), American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1.
- 2005. "Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Its Effect on Political Mobilization in Central Asia," US Department of State Conference, "Youth in Transition: Eurasia and Central/East Europe," Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C., August 15.
- 2005. "Islamic Leaders in Uzbekistan," Social Science Research Council Summer Institute, "Teaching Islam in Eurasia," Kazan, Russia, June 20-July 3.
- 2005. "The Patterns of Structural Corruption in Central Asia," Northwestern University, Center for International and Comparative Studies Conference on "Identifying Self-Repairing Dynamics in Post-Conflict Societies: The Caucasus and Central Asia," February 3-5.
- 2005. "Digital Divide in Central Asia: Comparing ISP Policy," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10.
- 2004. "Central Asian Protest Movements: Domestic Forces and International Resources," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, MA, December.
- 2004. "Weak States, Impoverished Societies and Rich Rulers: The Making of Authoritarian Rule in Eastern Europe and Central Asia," American Political Science Association, Chicago, September.
- 2004. "Divided Faith: Tensions Between State and Islam in Central Asia," Center for Strategic and International Studies Academic Conference, Seattle, Washington, May.
- 2004. "The Making of Militants: State and Islam in Central Asia," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.

- 2003. "In For Life: Leadership Succession in Post-Soviet Central Asia," Center for Strategic and International Studies Policy Conference, Washington, DC, December.
- 2003. "Accommodation or Repression: State Responses to Political Islam in Central Asia," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Toronto, Canada, November.
- 2003. "Torment or Transformation? The Future of Opposition Movements in Central Asia," Central Eurasian Studies Society, Cambridge, MA, October.
- 2003. "Central Asia: Authoritarian Solutions Follow Democratic Institutions," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.
- 2002. "Coherence Today, Gone Tomorrow? Comparing Kyrgyz and Kazakh Political Change," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Pittsburgh, November.
- 2001. "Political Order in Central Asian Societies," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, D.C., November.
- 2001. "Capacity or Collapse? Nation Building in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan," Association for the Study of the Nationalities, Columbia University, April.
- 1999. "Kyrgyzstan: A Case of State Decentralization in Post-Soviet Central Asia," Sixth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference, Indiana University, March.

INVITED TALKS

- 2025. "Kazakhstan National Security: Challenges and Opportunities," Central Asia Policy Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, February 28, 2025.
- 2022. "Politics and Islam in Central Asia," U.S. Customs and Immigration Services RAIO Research Division Keynote Speaker Series, March 22, 2022.
- 2022. "Kazakhstan, Ukraine, & the Russian Way of War," Russian Strategic Initiative (US Department of Defense), February 1, 2022.
- 2021. "Eurasia: Defending Sovereignty 30 Years After Independence—Factors that Enhance and Degrade Independence," U.S. Department of State, September 16, 2021.
- 2021. "Central Asia after 20 Years of U.S.-Coalition Operations in Afghanistan—Regional Connectivity," U.S. Department of State, August 10, 2021.
- 2021. US Department of State, "Kyrgyzstan: Post-Third Revolution," March 30.
- 2020. US Department of State, "Perceptions of the US, China, and Russia: Findings from Kazakh and Kyrgyz Focus Groups," February 21.
- 2017. Foreign Service Institute, "American Negotiating Crisis in Central Asia," August 29, 2017.
- 2016. Foreign Service Institute, "Central Asian: Regional Trends," May 16, Arlington, VA.
- 2016. Yale University, "Between Anarchy and the Police State: Geopolitics and International Development in Central Asia, A Roundtable," January 25, New Haven, CT.
- 2015. Foreign Service Institute, "Central Asian Authoritarianism," April 20, Arlington, VA.
- 2015. George Washington University, Keynote Speech, Tracking Factors of Change in Tajikistan Conference, "Using a Wide Lens to Assess the Narrow Risk of Radical Islam in Tajikistan," March 10, Washington, D.C.
- 2015. Georgetown University, 25th Annual Navai'i-Nalle Annual Lecture, "Negotiating Crisis in Central Asia," February 26, Washington, D.C.
- 2014. Foreign Service Institute, "State, Society, and Religion in Central Asia," October 15, Arlington, VA.

2014. The Ohio State University, Keynote Speech for the 2014 Midwest Slavic Conference “A Theft So Nice, They Did it Twice: Fleecing Local Populations and Foreign Investors in Central Asia,” March 28, Columbus, OH.

2014. University of Pittsburgh, “Hands Off! Property Rights and Predatory Central Asian States,” March 22, Pittsburgh, PA.

2013. University of Wisconsin, “Chaos, Violence, Dynasty *and Central Asian Society*: The Untold Story,” October 3, Madison, WI.

2013. Bowdoin College, “Islam and State Sovereignty in Central Asia,” February 28, Brunswick, ME.

2013. University of Pittsburgh, Keynote Speech for the 10 Annual REES / GOSECA Graduate Student Conference, “Geopolitical Threats: Perception and Reality in Central Asia,” February 22, Pittsburgh PA.

2011. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, “Chaos, Violence, Dynasty: Politics and Islam in Central Asia,” Book Presentation, Washington DC, November 17.

2011. National Defense University, “Perspectives on Central Asian Islam,” Washington, DC, November 7.

2011. Wesleyan University, “Fast Forwarding the Brezhnev Years: Osh in Flames,” Middletown, CT, October 21.

2011. American University of Central Asia, “International Challenges to Central Asian Security,” Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 15, 2011.

2011. US State Department, “The Politics of Uzbek Presidential Succession, March 28.

2010. Social Science Research Council, “Does Kyrgyzstan Matter?” Webinar, May 24.

2009. Open Society Institute, “Implications of US Security Policies for Political Reform and Human Rights in the Region,” Washington, D.C., June 24.

2009. University of Toronto, “Fridays in Andijan: Localized Islam and the Erosion of Centralized Autocracy,” March 13.

2008. US State Department, Kazakhstan, “Political Party Formation in Central Asia,” Astana, Kazakhstan, May 27.

2008. University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, “Patronage, Islam and the Fading Central Asian State,” April 24.

2008. University of Michigan, “The Blurred Borders of State and Islam in Central Asia,” Ann Arbor, MI, January 9.

2007. American University of Central Asia, “Evolving Islamic Identities in Central Asia,” Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, November 28.

2007. State Department Briefing on Political Party Assistance in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, Washington, D.C., October 9.

2007. Central European University, “Political Science Approaches to State and Religion in Central Asia,” Budapest, Hungary, August 14 & 15.

2007. George Washington University National Security Studies Program, “Trends in Central Asian Politics,” Washington, D.C., June 15.

2007. George Washington University Workshop on Post-Communism, “Youth Mobilization and the Future of Uzbek Politics,” Washington, D.C., May 4.

2007. Texas A & M, “Islam and Uzbek Politics,” College Station, TX, April 30.

2007. Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty, “Islamic Activists and Soviet Autocrats: Negotiating Myth and Reality in Central Asia,” Washington, D.C., April 26.

2007. Centre for OSCE Research, University of Hamburg, “Approaches and Results of USAID

Democratization Assistance,” Hamburg, Germany, January 31.

2007. U.S. Commission On International Religious Freedom Briefing and the Center for Strategic and International Studies, “State Policy and Islam in Kyrgyzstan,” Washington D.C., January 11.

2006. International Institute for Strategic Studies, “New Partner or New Problem: US Views toward the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,” London, January 27.

2006. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, “After Andijan: Authoritarianism, Islam, and Social Mobilization in Central Asia,” Washington, D.C., January 17.

2005. IREX State Department Briefing on Kyrgyz Presidential Elections, Washington, D.C., July 26.

2005. Center for Strategic and International Studies Congressional Briefing on Central Asia, Washington, D.C., June 14.

2004. Yale University, “Constructing Militant Opposition: Authoritarian Rule and Political Islam in Central Asia,” Central Asia and the Caucasus in a Globalized World Lecture Series, April 6.

2004. Northwestern University, “Authoritarian Rule and Militant Islam in Central Asia,” Comparative Politics Lecture Series, April 19.

2002. Stanford University, “Central Asia: Democracy Derailed,” Stanford University Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, November 19.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND BRIEFINGS

2010. “A Region in Crisis – The Violent Conflict in Kyrgyzstan,” *Congressional Hearing*, July 1.

2010. “Corruption, Repression, Extremism in Central Asia: Looking Beyond Kyrgyzstan,” Congressional Briefing (Co-Sponsored: House Foreign Affairs Committee and Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty), May 19.

2009. “Approaching the OSCE Chairmanship: Kazakhstan 2010,” *Congressional Hearing*, May 12.

2008. “Prospects for Change in Turkmenistan,” *Congressional Hearing*, November 19.

2008. “Uzbekistan: Three Years After Andijan,” *Congressional Briefing*, May 13.

2006. “Democracy in Tajikistan: Preview of the Presidential Election” *Congressional Briefing*, October 26.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC HONORS

2003. *International Research & Exchanges Board* Short Term Travel Grant awarded for summer field research in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

2001. *Social Science Research Center* Research Workshop, “Reconfiguring Regions, Localities and Histories: Transformations of Central Asian and Caucasian Societies.”

1999-2000. *International Research & Exchanges Board* Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship for dissertation research (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan).

1998-1999. *Princeton Council on Regional Studies* fellowship for dissertation field research (Summer 1998, Kyrgyzstan; Uzbek Language Summer 1999).

1998. *Mellon Foundation* Summer Fellowship for dissertation research and methodology.

1997-1998. *Foreign Language Area Studies* Fellowship awarded for Studies in Russian (1997-

1998, Princeton University; Summer 1997, Nevsky Institute, St. Petersburg).
1996-1997. *Princeton Russian Studies Fellow*.
1996-2002. *Princeton University Fellowship* (Full award, 1996-1997, 1998-1999, 2000-2002).
1995-1996. *Thomas J. Watson National Fellowship* awarded for independent research
(Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Russian Federation).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Comparative Politics
Research Methods
Central Asian Politics
International Relations