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**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

Affiliated Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University 2015-2016.

Associate Professor, Department of Politics, New School for Social Research, New York, 2012-  
Affiliated faculty, Committee on Historical Studies

Center Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, 2004-

Associate Professor, Ecole d'études politiques, University of Ottawa, 2007-2012 (tenured 2009).

Research Chair in the Politics of Property, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa, 2011-2012.

Assistant Director, Ecole d'études politiques, University of Ottawa, 2008-2010. Academic unit of 50+ full-time faculty members, offering multiple PhD and MA programs and >200 undergraduate courses per year.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Colgate University, 2003-2006.

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Colgate University, 2002-2003.

**EDUCATION:**

Yale University, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2003. MA in Political Science, 1997.

Dissertation with distinction, "Soviet men into peasants: Property rights and economy in the Black Earth, 1991-2000."

Exchange scholar at Harvard University, Department of Government, 2000-01; Moscow State University (Russia), Department of Economics, 1997-98); and Kharkiv National University (Ukraine), Department of Sociology, 1999-2000.

Harvard College, A.B. *magna cum laude* with highest honors in History and Literature, 1994.

Senior essay, "Constructed Lives: Author as Saint in the Soviet Literary Biographical Museum." Thomas P. Hoopes Prize for excellence in undergraduate work; Edward Chandler Cummings Prize for best senior essay in History and Literature; George B. Sohler prize for best senior essay in English, Comparative Literature, Slavic or Romance Languages and Literatures, or History and Literature.

Exchange student at Herzen Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia, Summer 1991.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Book:**

*The Post-Soviet Potemkin Village: Politics and Property Rights in the Black Earth.* Cambridge University Press, 2008.

\* 2009 Harvard University Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies for best book published on Russia, Eurasia, or Eastern Europe in anthropology, political science, sociology, or geography.

### **Books in progress:**

*Political Theater: Coercion and Cooperation in Performances of Democracy.* Expected to be ready for publisher review in June 2016.

*A Social Life of Property: European Borderlands under Fascism, State Socialism, and Neoliberalism.* Expected to be ready for publisher review in December 2018.

*The Dogs of Beregszász: Animal Lives in the Making and Unmaking of Socialism.* Expected to be ready for publisher review in September 2017.

### **Articles in peer-reviewed journals:**

“Opting Out under Stalin and Khrushchev: Post-War Sovietization in a Borderlands Magyar Village,” *Problems of Post-Communism*, 58:1 (January-February 2011), 58-66.

“Social contracts and authoritarian projects in post-Soviet space: The use of administrative resource,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 43:4 (2010), pp. 373-382.

“From Iron Curtain to Golden Curtain: Remaking Identity in the European Union Borderlands,” *East European Politics and Societies*, 23:2 (May 2009), pp. 266-290.

\* 2011 Hungarian Studies Association Mark Pittaway biennial article prize for the best scholarly article related to Hungary.

“Property: What is it good for?” *Social Research*, 76:1 (Spring 2009), pp. 175-202.

“The Two Faces of Petr Arkad’evich: Land and Dispossession in Russia’s Southwest, ca. 2000,” *International Journal of Labor and Working Class History*, (Spring 2007), pp. 70-90.

“Sub Rosa Resistance and the Politics of Economic Reform: Land Redistribution in Post-Soviet Ukraine,” *World Politics*, 56:4 (July 2004), pp. 554-581. Also published in Mark Bevir, ed. *Interpretive Political Science* (London and New Delhi: SAGE Publications, 2010).

**Articles in peer-reviewed journals (cont.):**

“Land Reform and the Social Origins of Private Farmers in Russia and Ukraine,” *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 31:3 (July 2004), pp. 489-514. Also published as “Land Reform and the Social Origins of Private Farmers in Russia and Ukraine” in Stephen Wegren (ed.), *Rural Adaptation in Russia* (London: Routledge, 2005).

“Agrarnye reformy v Rossii i na Ukraine: sravnitel’nyi analiz [Land reforms in Russia and Ukraine: A comparative analysis],” *Otechestvennye zapiski*, 4:1 (March 2004), pp. 1-12 (in Russian).

**Articles in progress:**

“Thinking without regimes”

“The Soviet collapse did not take place: temporality and micro-experiences of macro-events”

“Competing epistemologies and unsettling legitimacy around Ukraine’s shatter zone”

**Chapters in peer-reviewed edited volumes:**

“What is a “post-Soviet” border? Space and sovereignty in the Ukraine-EU and Sino-Russian borderlands” (with André Simonyi), in Tone Bringa and Hege Toje, eds. *Eurasian Borderlands: Spatializing borders in the aftermath of state collapse* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming 2016).

“*Pokazukha* and Cardiologist Khrenov: Soviet Legacies, Legacy Theatre, and a Usable Past,” in Mark Beissinger and Stephen Kotkin (eds.), *The Historical Legacies of Communism in Russia and Eastern Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), pp. 222-242.

“Legitimizing facades: Civil Society in post-Orange Ukraine” in Paul D’Anieri (ed.), *Orange Revolution and Aftermath: Mobilization, Apathy, and the State in Ukraine* (Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010), pp. 229-253.

“How to Tell an Axe Murderer: An Essay on Ethnography, Truth, and Lies,” in Edward Schatz (ed.), *Political Ethnography: What Immersion Contributes to the Study of Power* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2009), pp. 53-73.

\* 2010 American Political Science Association Giovanni Sartori Award for the best book in qualitative or multi-method research (co-recipient).

“Reorganization and its Discontents: A Case Study in Voronezh *oblast’*” in David O’Brien and Stephen Wegren (eds.), *Rural Reform in Post-Soviet Russia* (Washington, D.C. and Baltimore: Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002), pp. 298-324.

**Other chapters in edited volumes:**

- “The Social Life of Borders: Political economy at the edge of the EU” (with André Simonyi) in Joan DeBardeleben and Achim Hurrelmann (eds.), *Transnational Europe: Promise—Paradox—Limits* (Palgrave, 2011), pp. 222-238.
- “*Klychkov i Pustota*: Post-Soviet Bureaucrats and the Production of Institutional Facades,” in Thomas Lahusen and Peter Solomon (eds.), *What is Soviet Now? Identities, Legacies, Memories* (London: LIT Verlag, 2007), pp. 41-56.
- “Friendship of Peoples’ After the Fall: Violence and Pan-African Community in Post-Soviet Moscow” (with Eric Allina-Pisano) in Maxim Matusevich (ed.), *Africa in Russia, Russia in Africa: 300 Years of Encounters* (Trenton, New Jersey: Africa World Press, 2006), pp. 175-198.

**Working papers:**

- “Opting Out under Stalin and Khrushchev: Post-War Sovietization in a Borderlands Magyar Village.” Working paper, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, September 2010, pp. 1-22. Also published as article in *Problems of Post-Communism* as listed above.

**Shorter articles:**

- “Tug of War: Notes from the Battlefield of Reflexivity,” *Cultural Anthropology*, November 2014.
- “Seeds of Discontent: Russia’s Food Woes,” *Current History*, October 2008, pp. 330-335.
- “Rural Transformation in Ukraine: A Sustainable Model?” *Geographische Rundschau International Edition*, 2007. Also published as Ländliche Transformation in der Ukraine: ein nachhaltiges Modell? *Geographische Rundschau*, December 2007, pp. 42-47.
- “Agricultural privatization in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union,” *Development and Transition*, July 2007, London School of Economics and United Nations Development Programme, pp. 19-21.

**Shorter articles in progress:**

- “Laughter and territory in the constitution of the political: Russia in Crimea, 2014”

**Reviews:**

- Ukraine After the Euromaidan*, ed. Viktor Stepanenko and Yaroslav Pylynskyi, *Slavic Review*, forthcoming Fall 2015.
- Can Russia Modernise?: Sistema, Power Networks and Informal Governance*, by Alena V. Ledeneva, *Political Science Quarterly* 129:2 (Summer 2014), pp. 346-347.

**Reviews (cont.):**

*Le droit de propriété en mutation. Essai à la lumière du droit russe*, by Aurore Chaigneau, *Cahiers du Monde russe*, 50:4 (Fall 2010), pp. 912-915 (in French).

*Nationalist Politics and Everyday Ethnicity in a Transylvanian Town*, by Rogers Brubaker, Margit Feischmidt, Jon Fox, and Liana Grancea, *Perspectives on Politics*, 7:2 (June 2009), pp. 424-425.

*Rural Development in Eurasia and the Middle East*, ed. Kurt E. Engelmann and Vjeran Pavlakovic, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 36:2 (May 2004) pp. 314-315.

**CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED:**

Comparative Politics Initiative series, New School for Social Research, 2013-

“Grounding Theoretical Reflections in Politics: Ukraine as a Mirror of the Political” Conference, New School for Social Research, October 2014.

**SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

2011 Hungarian Studies Association biennial prize for the best scholarly article relating to Hungary for “From Iron Curtain to Golden Curtain: Remaking Identity in the European Union Borderlands,” in the Spring 2009 issue of *East European Politics and Societies*.

2011 Fulbright Scholarship Board, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Fulbright award to the Russian Federation (declined).

2011 University of Ottawa, Faculty of Social Sciences Research Chair in Politics of Property.

2010 American Political Science Association, Giovanni Sartori Award for the best book in qualitative and multi-methods research (co-recipient).

2009 Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, sponsored by Harvard University, for *The Post-Soviet Potemkin Village*. The prize is awarded annually for “an outstanding monograph published on Russia, Eurasia, or Eastern Europe in anthropology, political science, sociology, or geography.”

2006 Harvard University Ukrainian Institute Shklar Research Fellowship

2005 Harvard University Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship

2004 Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies Research Scholarship

2004 Social Science Research Council Eurasia Program Postdoctoral Fellowship (2004-2006)

2002 Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies Research Scholarship (declined)

2000 Yale University Dissertation Fellowship

1998 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (cont.):**

1997 Yale Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship  
1997 Fox International Fellowship, Yale University and Moscow State University  
1996 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (1996-2001)

**EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS:**

2008 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Canada Standard Research Grant (2008-2012)  
2006 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Grant (2007-2009)  
2006 American Political Science Association Small Research Grant  
1998 IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Research Grant

**INVITED LECTURES:**

Has lectured widely in U.S., Canada, Europe and Eurasia, Japan, and China

**RECENT RESEARCH GRANT EVALUATIONS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS:**

Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), External reviewer, hiring committee for directeur d'études, Paris, 2014.  
Social Science Research Council Dissertation Development Award Fellows Workshop, Resource faculty, 2013.  
American Councils for International Education ACTR/ACCELS Title VIII Research Fellowships external reviewer, 2013.  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Doctoral awards pre-selection committee, 2009.

**PEER REVIEW AND EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

*American Political Science Review, Cahiers du Monde Russe (France), Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Canadian Slavonic Papers, Demokratizatsiya, East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies (Canada), Europe-Asia Studies, East European Politics and Societies, Journal of Agrarian Change, Journal of International Relations and Development, Laboratorium (Russia), Nationalities Papers, Problems of Post-Communism, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Politics.*

Cambridge University Press  
Cornell University Press  
Oxford University Press  
Yale University Press

*Studies in Political Economy* (Canada), Executive board member, 2007-2008.

**CURRENT GRADUATE SUPERVISION AND COMMITTEES:**

Patrick Ciaschi (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research, “Assembling Movement: Hungarian Roma Lives with Borders in Mind,” Supervisor.

Edward Wilcox (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research. “Borders at the Heart of Europe: Frontex and the Production of ‘European’ Borders,” Supervisor.

Shaza Elsheshtawy (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research, “Cairo’s *Ashwa’iyyat*: Informal Settlement Formation and the Haphazard Manifestations of Resistance,” Supervisor.

Amanda Zadorian (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research, “Oil Exploration and Political Legitimacy in Russia and Brazil,” Committee member.

Mario Pasco della Porta (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research, “Formal- Procedural, Dialogical, and Confrontational Repertoires of Contention: A Comparative Analysis of Mining-Related Conflicts in Latin American Countries.” Committee member.

Christopher Harris (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research, “Performing the Political: Culture And Politics Among Millennials in America.” Committee member.

Julia Carrillo Lerma (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research and Sciences Po, Paris, “A Colombian ‘Diaspora’: From Living and Leaving a Conflict to Engaging in Peace-Building and the Rewriting of Social Memories of Violence.” Committee member.

Kevin Nesbitt (PhD), Politics Department, New School for Social Research, “Male Headed Single Parent Households Explorations of Intentional Single Fatherhood as a Manifestation of the Modern Family.” Committee member.

**CURRENT INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Executive board, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, 2014 –

New School for Social Research Dean’s task force on PhD reform, 2014.

New School for Social Research Reappointments and Promotions Committee, 2014 –

Department of Politics Graduate admissions coordinator, 2013-

New School for Social Research Tenure Committee, 2012.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Political Science Association

American Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (formerly AAASS)

Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS)

Hungarian Studies Association

**LANGUAGES:**

Spoken, written, and read: English (native), French, Russian, Ukrainian, Hungarian.

Read: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Czech, Slovak, Polish, Serbian, Croatian, some German.

\* Complete curriculum vitae available upon request