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Positions

Michelle and Kevin Douglas Professor of International Studies, Department of Political Science 2016-
Nonresident Fellow, Brookings Institution, 2023-
Senior Fellow (by courtesy), Hoover Institution, 2020-
Director, The Europe Center, Stanford University, 2018-
Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University, 2016-
Senior Fellow, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2015-
Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, Department of Political Science,
University of Michigan, 2010-2016.
Director, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED) and Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia
(WCEE), University of Michigan, 2010-2016.
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2005-2010.
Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2004.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2000-2004.

Education

Harvard University, PhD with Distinction, Government Department, June 2000.
Cambridge University, MPhil, Faculty of Social and Political Studies, July 1993.
Princeton University, AB with Honors, Public and International Affairs, June 1992.

Publications

Books

Sacred Foundations: The Religious and Medieval Roots of the European State Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2023.

- 2024 Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award, Social Science History Association.
- 2024 J. David Greenstone Best Book Award, Politics and History Section, APSA.

- 2024 Hubert Morken Best Book in Religion and Politics Award, Religion and Politics Section, APSA.
- 2024 Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Book: Honorable Mention, Comparative Politics Section, APSA
- 2024 Robert L Jervis and Paul W Schroeder Best Book Award: Honorable Mention, International History and Politics Section, APSA.
- 2023 *Financial Times* Ten Best Books in History.

Nations Under God: How Churches Use Moral Authority to Influence Policy Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015.

- 2017 Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Book, Comparative Politics Section, APSA
- 2016 Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European Studies for Best Book in Politics and History
- 2016 European Politics Section Prize for Best Book, APSA.
- 2016 Giovanni Sartori Award: Honorable Mention, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, APSA

Rebuilding Leviathan: Party Competition and State Exploitation. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007

- 2008 Ed A. Hewett Prize for Best Publication on the Political Economy of the Former Soviet Union and East Central Europe, ASEES.

Redeeming the Communist Past: The Regeneration of Communist Successor Parties. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Peer-reviewed Articles

"How green is my party? Programmatic stances towards environmental protection in Europe," with Piotr Jabkowski and Mariusz Baranowski, *Party Politics*, July 2025.

"How the Popes helped Luther: Territorial Fragmentation and the Diffusion of Protestant Ideology," *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 4: 1, 2024.

"Historical State Formation Within and Beyond Europe," (with Lisa Blaydes), *World Politics*, December 2023.

"Tilly Goes to Church: The Religious and Medieval Origins of European State Fragmentation," *American Political Science Review*, April 2023/ February 2024.

- 2025 Heinz Elau Award for Best Article in the *American Political Science Review*, APSA
- 2024 Gregory Luebbert Award for Best Article, Comparative Politics Section, APSA
- 2024 Best Article Award, European Politics Section, APSA

"Beyond War and Contracts: The Medieval and Religious Roots of the European State," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2020.

"The consequences of authoritarian party exit and reinvention for democratic competition," *Comparative Political Studies*, September 2020.

"Populism," for the "Weasel Words" edited Symposium, *East European Politics and Societies*, Spring 2020.

"How Populists Rule: The Consequences for Democratic Governance," "Introduction," and "Conclusion" for the "European Populism in Global Perspective" edited Symposium, *Polity*, October 2019.

"Hoist on their own petards? The reinvention and collapse of authoritarian successor parties" *Party Politics*, July 2019.

"Making Godly Nations: Church-State Pathways in Poland and the Philippines" (with Dan Slater) *Comparative Politics*, July 2018.

"The Difficulty with Doctrine," *Government and Opposition*, April 2016.

"Weapons of the Meek: How Churches Influence Public Policy," *World Politics*, January 2016.

- 2017 Mary Parker Follett Prize, *Politics and History Section, APSA*

"Thy Will Be Done? Religious Nationalism and Its Policy Effects in in East Central Europe," *East European Politics and Societies*, May 2015.

"Good Clubs and Community Support: Explaining the Growth of Strict Religions" *Journal of Church and State*, 56, 2: 2014.

"Why are there are (Almost) No Post-Communist Christian Democratic Parties?" *Party Politics*, 19, 2: 2013.

"Why Comparative Politics Needs to take Religion More Seriously," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2012.

"Time will Tell? Temporality and the Analysis of Causal Mechanisms," *Comparative Political Studies*, 44, 9, 2011.

- 2012 Alexander George Award for Best Article, *Qualitative Methods Section, APSA*

"The Best-Laid Plans: The Impact of Informal Rules on Formal Institutions," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, September 2010.

"Beyond Clientelism: Incumbent Capture and State Building," *Comparative Political Studies* April/ May 2008.

"Encouraging Effective Democratic Competition" *East European Politics and Societies*, Winter 2007.

"The Great Divide: Precommunist Schooling and Postcommunist Trajectories" (with Keith Darden) *World Politics*, October 2006.

- 2008 Gregory Luebbert Award for Best Article, *Comparative Politics Section, APSA*

"Authoritarian Determinants of Democratic Party Competition," *Party Politics*, April/ May 2006.

"Political Competition and the Politicization of the State," *Comparative Political Studies*, December 2003.

- 2004 Best Paper Award, *European Politics Section, APSA*

"Great Expectations: the EU and domestic political competition in East Central Europe," (with Abby Innes), *East European Politics and Societies*, Special Issue on EU Enlargement, Winter 2003.

"Re-conceptualizing the State: Lessons from Post-Communism," with Pauline Jones Luong, *Politics and Society*, Special Issue on Re-conceptualizing the State (co-edited with Pauline Jones Luong), December 2002.

"The Programmatic Turnaround of Communist Successor Parties in East Central Europe," *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, March 2002.

"Coalition Formation and the Regime Divide in East Central Europe," *Comparative Politics*, October 2001.

"The Organizational Strategies of Communist Parties in East Central Europe, 1945- 1989," *East European Politics and Societies*, Fall 2001.

"Reform Efforts in the Czech and Slovak Communist Parties and their Successors, 1988- 1993," *East European Politics and Societies*, Fall 1998.

Other Articles

"Ukraine Divides Postcommunist Europe," *Journal of Democracy*, December 2023

"Global Populisms White Paper," The Europe Center and Freeman Spogli Institute, May 2020

"Paths to Power," *Foreign Affairs*, January/ February 2020

"The Failure of European Mainstream Parties," *Journal of Democracy*, October 2019.

"Poland's Illiberal Turn," *Current History*, March 2018.

"Introduction," and "Global Populisms" *Slavic Review*, Critical Discussion editor, Summer 2017.

"An East-West Split in the EU?," *Current History*, March 2016.

"Re-stating Party Development in Central and Eastern Europe?" Special Review Section, *Czech Sociological Review*, 44, 6, 2008

"New Dysfunctionalism? Paradoxes of EU Accession and the Postcommunist Candidate Countries," *APSA European Politics Section Newsletter*, Spring/ Summer 2004

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Autocracies," with Eugene Finkel in *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*, eds. Jeffery Jenkins and Jared Rubin, Oxford University Press, 2023.

"Religion and Politics," in *The Oxford Handbook of Polish Politics*, eds. Fernando Casa Bertoa and Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka, Oxford University Press, 2023.

"Victims of their own success? The paradoxical fate of the communist successor parties," in *Authoritarian Successor Parties*, eds. James Loxton and Scott Mainwaring, Cambridge University Press, 2018.

"Religion and Historical Institutionalism," in *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism*, eds. Tulia Falletti and Orfeo Fioretos, Oxford University Press, 2016.

"The Peculiarities of Post-communist State Outcomes: Institutional Consolidation and Elite Competition" (with Pauline Jones Luong) in *The Oxford Handbook of the State*, eds. Evelyne Huber, Stephan Leibfried, John Stephens, Oxford University Press, 2015.

“Historical Roots of Religious Influence on Post-Communist Democratic Politics,” in *Historical Legacies of Communism in Russia and East Europe*, eds. Mark Beissinger and Stephen Kotkin, Cambridge University Press, 2014.

“The Communist Exit in East Central Europe and Its Consequences,” in *Political Transitions in Dominant Party Systems: Learning to Lose*, ed. Joseph Wong and Edward Friedman, Routledge, 2008.

“Democratization: Post-Communist Implications,” (with Pauline Jones Luong) in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy*, eds. Barry Weingast and Donald Wittman, Oxford University Press, 2006.

“Redeeming the Past: Communist Successor Parties after 1989,” in *Capitalism and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Assessing the Legacy of Communist Rule*, eds. Grzegorz Ekiert and Stephen Hanson, Cambridge University Press, 2003.

“The Effects of Communist Party Transformation on the Institutionalization of Party Systems,” in *Communist Successor Parties a Decade After: Reform or Transmutation?* eds. Andras Bozoki and John Ishiyama, M.E. Sharpe, 2002.

“Organizational resources, elite capacities, and public commitments: the Czech and Slovak cases,” in *Communist Successor Parties in Post-Communist Politics*, ed. John Ishiyama, Nova Science Publishers, 1998.

Reviews

The Project State and Its Rivals, by Charles S. Maier, *H-Diplo*, 2025.

The New Party Challenge, by Tim Haughton and Kevin Deegan Krause, *Party Politics*, 28:4, 2022.

Religion, Politics, and Values in Poland: Continuity and Change since 1989, edited by Sabrina Ramet and Irena Borowik, *Journal of Religion in Europe*, Issue 2-3, 2018.

The Post-Communist Mafia State, by Balint Magyar. *Slavic Review*, Fall 2017.

The 1989 Revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe, edited by Kevin McDermott and Matthew Stibbe, *Slavonic and East European Review*, April 2014

Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Postcommunist World, edited by Valerie Bunce, Michael McFaul, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss. *Slavic Review* Summer 2011.

Political Parties and the State in Post-Communist Europe, edited by Petr Kopecky, *Party Politics*, May 2010

Institutions and the Fate of Democracy, by Michael Bernhard, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Winter 2010.

In Pursuit of Liberalism, by Rachel Epstein, *Governance*, December 2009.

Political Parties in Post-Communist Societies, by Maria Spirova, *Slavic Review*, Fall 2008.

Constraints and Opportunities of Leadership in Post-Communist Europe, by Timothy Haughton, and *Policy Reform and the Development of Democracy in Eastern Europe*, by Chris Hasselman, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, 2008.

Post-Communist EU Member States: Parties and Party Systems, by Susanne Jungerstam-Mulders, *Slavic Review*, Fall 2008.

From Elections to Democracy: Building Accountable Government in Hungary and Poland by Susan Rose-Ackerman, *Political Science Quarterly*, Spring 2006.

Developments in Central and East European Politics, edited by Stephen White, Judy Batt, and Paul Lewis, *Europe-Asia Studies*, January 2004.

Political Parties After Communism: Developments in East-Central Europe, by Tomas Kostecky, in *Slavic Review*, 3, 2003.

The Radical Right in Central and Eastern Europe Since 1989, edited by Sabrina Ramet, *Newsletter of the ECPR-SG on Extremism & Democracy*, No. 3, Autumn 2000

Popular Publications

"How Historic Turnout Upended Illiberal Rule in Poland" *Good Authority*, 19 October 2023.

"What is at stake in Poland's election?" *Brookings Institution*, 2 October 2023

"Orban inspires authoritarians, but they can't copy him" *Niskanen Center*, 2 November 2022

"Europeans are overwhelmingly pro-choice, but that doesn't mean women's rights are safe" *The Guardian* 29 June 2022

"Supreme Court Justice Alito thinks the U.S. has always prohibited abortion. He's wrong." *San Francisco Chronicle* 10 May 2022.

"What Will It Take for Germany, Europe's Heavyweight, to Stand Up to Russia?" *Los Angeles Times* 21 April 2022.

"Tilly goes to Church: the Medieval and Religious Origins of the European State," *Broadstreet Blog* 23 July 2021.

"If the EU doesn't wake up to what's happening with Poland, it may sleepwalk into self-destruction" *Monkey Cage*, 16 July 2021

"Paths to Power" *Foreign Affairs* January/ February 2020

"Poland's Presidential Election Just Got More Complicated," *Monkey Cage* 8 May 2020.

"Once, the 'Judeo-Christian tradition' united Americans. Now it divides them," *Monkey Cage*, 17 April 2019.

"Poland's new right wing government has a new prime minister," *Monkey Cage*, 12 December 2017.

"Austrian election proves right-wing populism is the new normal," *The Hill*, 22 October 2017.

"A Tale of Two Illiberalisms: Why Is Poland Failing Where Hungary Succeeded?," *IPI Global Observatory*, August 3, 2017.

"Why are there protests in Poland? Here are five things you need to know," *Monkey Cage*, December 19, 2016.

"Thousands of Poles took to the streets and defeated a draconian antiabortion law," *Monkey Cage*, October 14, 2016

"Why Would Poland Make Its Already Strict Abortion Law Draconian," *Monkey Cage*, April 18, 2016

"How Irish Gays Became 'Normal' and Why the Church Was Unable to Do Much About It," *Irish Times*, May 14, 2015

"Remembering Duverger," *Mischiefs of Faction*, December 31, 2014

"Area Studies Centers are Vital but Vulnerable," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 30, 2013

"The Role of God in the 2012 US Election" *The Guardian* 'Comment is Free' Blog, 29 August 2012, with Mia Bruch

"Let Us Now Praise the Unlikely Triumph of Polish Democracy," *The New Republic*, 12 April 2010

Media and Public Appearances

NPR (April 2010), France 24 Radio (November 2014), CBS Radio (November 2014), World Affairs San Francisco (February 2019), World Affairs Sonoma County (June 2019), Politics in Question Podcast (May 2020), National Intelligence Council (July 2020), World Affairs Monterey (October 2020), Council on Foreign Relations (November 2020, May 2021), On Point NPR (June 2021, October 2021) Background Briefing, KPFK FM, Los Angeles (April 2022), Vox/ NPR (October 2023), Brookings (October 2023), The World (December 2023), NPR (January 2024)

Podcasts: Religion in Praxis (September 2022), Democracy Paradox with Justin Kempf (February 2023), Democracy IRL with Francis Fukuyama (February 2023), Javier Mejia (February 2023), Penn PISM with Fernando Arteaga (May 2023), New Books Network with Owen Bennett-Jones (June 2023), New Books Network with Piotr Kosicki (November 2023), Crown and Crozier with Patrick Brown (November 2023)

Conferences and Workshops Organized

"Joint Stanford-Vienna Workshop on Polarization and Political Parties," Europe Center, September 2025.

"Seesaws of Power and Europe's Future After the War in Ukraine," Hoover Institution, March 2024.

"(Mis)managing Differences," Hoover Institution, August 2023.

"Security in the Age of Global Populism," panels, Hoover Institution, May 2021.

"Global Populisms and their International Diffusion" conference, March 2019.

"Immigration and Populism" Workshop, Stanford University, June 2018.

"Global Populisms" Conference, Stanford University, November 2017.

"The Contemporary Interpretation of Historical Legacies in East Central Europe" Conference, POLIN Museum, Warsaw, May 2016.

"Sovereignty Under Threat?" Conference, University of Michigan, May 2015.

"Religion, Identity, and Politics" Conference, University of Michigan, May 2013.

"Making Autocracies Work: Beyond the Electoral Paradigm" Conference, University of Michigan, April 2011.

"Religion and Its Ramifications" Faculty Study Group, University of Michigan, 2006-7.

"Democracy, Governance, and Identity" Conference, University of Michigan, May 2006.

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Michigan, 2005-2015.

"New Challenges for Political Parties and Representation" Conference, University of Michigan, May 2005 (with Ken Kollman)

Workshop on Post-Communist Politics, Yale University, 2002-4 (with Keith Darden and Pauline Jones Luong)

“Rethinking the Post-Communist State” Conference, Yale University, April 2001 (with Pauline Jones Luong.)

Awards and Fellowships

2021-2 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences Fellow

2021 Bronisław Malinowski Award in the Social Sciences, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences

2020-1 Guggenheim Fellow

2018 Engaged Scholar Award, University of Denver

2017 American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellow

2017-19 Hewlett Foundation Grant for “Global Populisms” research project (total project funding \$650,000)

2016-2017 Andrew Carnegie Fellow

2015- Senior Fellow, Center for European Studies, Harvard University

2014 Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence

2013 Faculty Recognition Award, University of Michigan

2009 Henry Russel Award, University of Michigan

2003 NCEEER Policy Research Fellowship Grant for Public Opinion Research

2003 ISPS Grant for Public Opinion Research in Poland, Czech Republic, and Slovakia.

2003 IREX Short-Term Grant

2002 Yale University Social Science Research Fund Award

2001-2 and 1999-2000 Harvard Academy for Area Studies Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

2000 Gabriel Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, APSA

1998-9 Brookings Institution Research Fellowship in the Foreign Policy Program.

1998-9 Program for the Study of Germany and Europe Dissertation Writing Fellowship.

1997-8 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Fellowship.

1996-7 Krupp Foundation Grant for Research Abroad.

1996 Center for European Studies Short-Term Opportunity Grant.

1996-7 Mellon Foundation Summer Fellowships.

1995-6 Mellon Fellowship for the Sawyer Seminar on the Performance of Democracies.

1992-1993 Cambridge Overseas Trust Fellowship for study at Cambridge University.

Invited Presentations

2025: Princeton University, Yale University, European Union Institute Max Weber Lecture, The Rome Seminars, John Cabot University, University of Bergen, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2024: Georgetown University, University of Michigan, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of California-Berkeley, Jürgen Westerstahl Lecture at Gothenburg University, Clough Center Distinguished Lecture at Boston College

2023: Columbia University, Washington University-St. Louis, University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-San Diego, Leszek Kołakowski Lecture at Oxford University, London School of Economics, Atheneum Lecture at Claremont-McKenna College

2022: University of California-Los Angeles, The Ohio State University, Boston University, US Army War College, Duke University

2021: Council on Foreign Relations, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Texas A & M University, University of Southern California, Illiberal Studies Program (George Washington University)

2020: Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, Center for European Policy Analysis, National Intelligence Council, European Politics Online Workshop, Griffith University, University of California-Berkeley, Harvard University, University of Michigan, Council on Foreign Relations, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2019: University of British Columbia, Northwestern University, University of California-Berkeley, Harvard University

2018: University of Denver, Harvard University, George Washington University, Bocconi University, University of Southern California, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2017: University of California-Irvine, University of Oregon, University of Kansas, Vanderbilt University, Princeton University, University of Virginia

2016: University of California, Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, Tulane University

2015: Kennedy School of Government, Georgetown University, Stanford University, SAIS

2014: Northwestern University, SAIS-University of Bologna, European University Institute, Institute for Political Economy and Governance, Barcelona, Georgetown University, University of Chicago, Northwestern University

2013, Florida International University, Arizona State University, Columbia University, Yale University, Harvard University, George Washington University

2012: University of Michigan, Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2011: Brigham Young University, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Juan March Institute

2010: University of Florida, Brown University, University of Rochester, Princeton University, World Bank, Columbia University, University of Toronto

2009: University of California, Los Angeles, University of Chicago

2008: Yale University

2007: Columbia University, Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University

2005, University of Toronto, World Bank Social Policy Unit, University of Notre Dame, Harvard University

2004: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, McGill University, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2003: Cornell University, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, University of Washington

2002: EUI, The Ohio State University, University of Chicago, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2001: Laval University, Quebec.

1999: Yale University, Department of Political Science

Conference and Workshop Presentations

2025: Tansatlanticism and the Future of the Liberal Order conference, EUI, Florence; SWMMR; USC HPE Conference; APSA

2024: Comparative Histories of State Capacity, Yale University; Council of Europeanists, Lyon; APSA.

2023: Author meets Critics Panel, APSA and SSHA; "The State of American Institutions," The Hoover Institution.

2022: Statebuilding conference, Princeton University; "Historical Comparative Politics and Political Economy" conference, Duke University; "Authoritarian Regimes and Democratic Backsliding" conference, University of Texas-Austin; "CDDRL 20th Anniversary" conference, Stanford University; "Russia and Ukraine," conference, Claremont McKenna University,

2020: "Global Challenges to Democracy" conference, Cornell University, "Institutional Weakening" Workshop, Columbia University.

2019: "Populism in Europe" Workshop, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, "Varieties of Communism" Conference, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China.

2018: "Parties, Representation, and Governance," (Stanford University)

2017: "The Democratic Change Research Initiative: Global Trajectories and Policy Analysis," Northwestern University, "Why Do Democracies Fail (And Could it Happen Here?)," Yale University, "State Capacity in Comparative Perspective," Harvard University

2016: Where the Party Rules book workshop (Harvard University), Compliance and Resistance in Iraq under Saddam Hussein book workshop (Stanford University)

2015: Conference on Life after Dictatorship: Authoritarian Successor Parties Worldwide (University of Notre Dame), Dilemmas of Inclusion book workshop (Stanford University), Rich Voters Poor Voters book workshop (Duke University)

2014: Whither Eastern Europe? Conference (ACLS and University of Florida), 10 Years of the New Europe Conference (European University Institute), EU Enlargement and State-Building Workshop (European University Institute)

2013: Parties and Partisans Conference (Juan March, Madrid), Rivalry and Revenge book workshop (Duke University), States and Sinners book workshop (Brown University)

2011: Ruling Politics: The Formal and Informal Foundations of Power (Harvard University), Conference on Communist Legacies (Princeton University)

2010: Conference on Economic Integration and Political Fragmentation (European University Institute), Conference on Developing Party Systems (Princeton University)

2009: Workshop on Legitimacy (Harvard University)

2008: Vote Maximizing Strategies of Political Parties conference (Washington University)

2007: Workshop on Historical Institutionalism and Institutional Change (Northwestern University), Conference on Research Frontiers in Comparative Politics (Duke University)

2006: Conference on Learning to Lose: Adapting To Democracy in One-Party Dominant Systems (University of Toronto), New Frontiers of Social Policy (World Bank), Club de Madrid IV General Assembly, Post-Communist State and Society: Transnational and National Politics Conference (Syracuse University)

2004: Conference on The Role of Ideas in Postcommunist Politics (Havighurst Center, Luxembourg)

2004: Dilemmas of Europeanization Conference (Harvard University), Globalization and Social Stress Conference (TIGER, Warsaw)

2003: Eastern Enlargement of the European Union: Confronting New Unknowns? (University of California, San Diego), Overcoming State Weakness Conference (European University Institute), Evaluating Success and Failure in Postcommunist Reform (Claremont-McKenna College)

1996-1999: Postcommunist Transitions a Decade Later (Harvard University), Czech Academy of Science, Woodrow Wilson Center, New Directions in the Study of East European State Socialism (Harvard University)

American Political Science Association: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998.

Council of Europeanists: 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2008, 2000, 1998

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies: 2019, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2008, 2004, 2003, 2001, 1998

Teaching

Graduate courses

Paths to the Modern World

Comparative Politics

Authoritarian Regimes

States and Regimes

Party Politics

Qualitative Methods

Undergraduate courses

Populism and the Erosion of Democracy
Hidden Politics
Authoritarian Regimes
East Central European Politics

PhD Committees

Stanford University:

Alexandra Blackman (Assistant Professor, Cornell University)
Hanna Folsz
Haemin Jee (Assistant Professor, West Point)
Hans Lueders (Hoover Institution)
Sebastian Lucek
Emily Russell
Alena Smith
Aliz Toth (Assistant Professor, London School of Economics)

University of Michigan:

Amit Ahuja (Assistant Professor, UC-Santa Barbara)
Janna Bray (Airbnb)
Eli Feiman (Senior Analyst, US Department of State)
Jennifer Gonzalez-Miller, co-chair (Senior Analyst, Penn Schoen Berland)
Maiko Heller (Mediaplus, Munich)
Trevor Johnston, chair (Kennedy School Post-Doc)
Carolina Moyer de Miguel (Assistant Professor, University of Toronto)
Yoshi Ono (Professor, Tohoku University, Japan)
Nico Ravanilla (Stanford Shorenstein Post-Doc)
Michael Robbins (Project Director, Arab Barometer)
David Smith, chair (Assistant Professor, University of Sydney, Australia)
Jessica Steinberg (Assistant Professor, University of Indiana)
Serban Tanasa (State University School of Higher Economics, St. Petersburg)
Kharis Templeman (Taiwan Democracy Program, Stanford University)
Alon Yakter (Assistant Professor, Hebrew University)

Yale University:

Aleksandra Sznajder (Professor, University of Richmond)

Professional Service

Chair, Comparative Politics Section of APSA, 2025-27

Committee Member: Luebbert Best Article Prize, J. David Greenstone Book Award, Jervis and Schroeder Best Book Award, Huber Morken Best Book Award, Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award (APSA and Social Science History Association)

Member, Advisory Board, WZB Social Science Center, 2024-

Chair, External Review Committee, Harvard University, March 2023

Board member, WCFIA Advisory Board, 2022-

Board member, SPIA Advisory Board, 2022-

Program Co-Chair, APSA, 2018

President, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2017

Chair, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA, 2015-17

Chair, European Politics and Society Best Book Committee, APSA, 2017

External Review Committee, Harvard University, February 2016

Laura Shannon Prize Committee, Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame, 2014

Alexander George Best Article Award Committee, Qualitative Methods, APSA, 2013

Best Article Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA, 2012

University of Michigan Press Board Member, 2012-4

SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship Committee, 2011-2012

Chair, Luebbert Best Article Award Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA, 2011

External Reviewer, Center for European, Russia, and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto, 2011

Chair, Best Book Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA, 2009-2010

Chair, European Politics Section, APSA, 2008-9

Luebbert Best Book Award Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA, 2009

National Science Foundation Study Panel, 2009-2012

Editorial Board, Annual Review of Political Science, 2009-13

Guest Editor, Annual Review of Political Science, 2008

APSA Program Committee, Division Chair, European Politics Section, 2008

National Science Foundation Study Panel (IGERT), 2007

Program Committee, Section Chair for European Politics, MPSA Annual Meeting, 2007
AAASS Advisory Board, APSA Liaison 2006-12
Shulman Prize Committee, AAASS, 2005-7
Book Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA 2006
Executive Board, Comparative Politics Section, APSA, 2005-7
Almond Best Dissertation Prize Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA, 2005
Executive Board, European Politics Section, APSA, 2001-3
Officer at Large, Slovak Studies Association, 2000-2
Program Committee, Council of Europeanists 2003

University and Departmental Service

Chair, Faculty Senate, 2025-6
Senator, Faculty Senate, 2022-
Academic Speech Committee, Committee on Committees, Policy Planning Board, Stanford University
Co-Director, Changing Human Experience Initiative, 2019-21
Director, The Europe Center, 2018-
Director, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies and Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia, 2010-6
Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2018
Chair, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2013
Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2012
Chair, Middle East Politics Search Committee, 2011
International Institute Steering Committee, 2010-11 and 2014-15
Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-8 and 2009-10
Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, Steering Committee, 2007-9
Copernicus Steering Committee, CREES, 2007-2016
Center for International and Comparative Studies, Interim Director, 2006-7
Fulbright Campus Evaluation Committee, 2007-2009
Center for International and Comparative Studies, UM, Advisory Board 2007-9
Junior Faculty Manuscript Workshop organizer, Department of Political Science, 2005-2015
Comparative Politics Workshop organizer, Department of Political Science, 2005-2015

Editorial Boards

co-editor, Cambridge University Press Series in Comparative Politics (with Dan Slater), 2024-, Cambridge University Press Religion and Politics Series (2017-), Cambridge University Press Comparative Politics Series (2014-), *Government and Opposition* (2018-), *Perspectives on Politics* (2017-) *Journal of Democracy* (2022-), *Journal of Politics* (2016-), *Annual Review of Political Science* (2009-2014), *Comparative Political Studies* (2005-2012), *East European Politics* (2011-), *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics* (2007-9), *Religion and Politics* (2013-), *Slavic Review* (2014-), *West European Politics* (2005-15), *World Politics* (2010-).

Languages

Native speaker of Polish, fluent in Czech. Some Slovak, Russian, German, Spanish, Italian, and Latin.

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