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Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Researcher. Department of Political Science. Central European University.
Budapest & Vienna. Summer 2019–

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University, 2020
Dissertation: *Identity and Agency: Majority and Minority Ethnic Voting in New Democracies*
doi.org/10.7916/d8-86gk-rh28
Supervisors: Timothy Frye, Daniel Corstange
Committee Members: Sheri Berman, Daniel Bochsler, Elise Giuliano

M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University, 2014

M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, 2013

M.A., Political Science (*summa cum laude*), Ohio University, 2006
Thesis: “Democracy and Identity in Bosnia-Herzegovina”

B.A. Political Science (*summa cum laude*), Ohio University Honors Tutorial College, 2006

Research and Teaching Interests

Ethnic Politics, Democratization, Political Institutions, Elections, Post-Communism

Publications

“Europeanization in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Recent Lessons from the Dairy Sector.” With Stephen Deets. *Problems of Post-Communism*. 2019. 66(5), 342-355.
doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2018.1484666

Working Papers

“Institutions and Others: Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Voting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.”
(Awarded Best Paper—APSA Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, 2018)

“Candidate Ethnic Identification in Post-Soviet Latvian Elections.”

“Power Sharing and Democratization in North Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina”

Conference Presentations

The Post-1989 Springtime of National Minorities? (2019, Budapest)
Diversity and Democratic Governance (IPSA Conference 2019, Sarajevo)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020)
Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2017, 2019)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018)

Public Lectures

“Politicization of Ethnicity in New Democracies”

Central European University Conflict and Security Seminar Series
October 18, 2019, Budapest

Teaching Experience

Columbia University, New York City

Teaching Fellow (2012-2018)

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe, Introduction to Human Rights, American Foreign Policy

Lead Teaching Fellow (2014-2015)

Pedagogical Development for Political Science Graduate Students

JET Programme, Kobe, Japan

Assistant Language Teacher–English, Minatojima Junior High School (2006-2007)

Special Instructor–English and International Social Studies, Kobe City Hospital Pediatrics (2006-2007)

Professional Service

Columbia University Political Science Undergraduate Advisor (2016-2019)

Columbia University Political Science Book Dissertation Workshop Chair (2016-2018)

Columbia University Political Science Dissertation Seminar Convener (2014-2015)

Columbia University Comparative Politics Speaker Series Coordinator (2012-2014)

Awards and Fellowships

Best Paper—APSA Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section (2018)

Columbia University Workshop Grant (2016, 2017)

Columbia University Dissertation Fellowship (2015-2016)

PepsiCo Fellowship for Research Travel in Russia, Eurasia, and East Central Europe (2013, 2015)

Columbia University Political Science Dissertation Development Grant (2015)

Columbia University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Lead Teaching Fellowship (2014-2015)

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Summer Training Fellowship (2014)

Phi Beta Kappa (2004)

PFLAG of Dayton, Ohio Inaugural Undergraduate Ally Scholarship (2001)

Other Training, Research, and Experience

Fieldwork

Macedonia: Skopje, Tetovo, Gostivar (Winter 2015)

Bosnia-Herzegovina: Sarajevo (Fall 2015)

Latvia: Riga, Rezekne, Daugavpils (Summer 2015)

Bulgaria: Sofia (Summer 2013)

Macedonia: Skopje (Summer 2013)

Bosnia-Herzegovina: Sarajevo (Summer 2004)

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Professor Kimuli Kasara (2013-2014)

Research Assistant, Professor John Huber (2014-2015)

Non-Degree Training Programs

Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research, Syracuse University (June 2014)
Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, Russian State University for the Humanities
Moscow (2007-2008)
Russian Language Immersion—Moscow State University, Russia (Spring 2004)
French Language Immersion—University of Tours, France (Spring 2002)

Non-Academic Employment

Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2008-2011)
Immigration and Nationality Law
Researcher, Technical Writer, Legal Interpreter (Russian, French)

Special Skills

Language Ability

English: Native Speaker
Russian: Professional Proficiency
French: Professional Proficiency
Japanese: Intermediate Speaking, Rudimentary Reading
South Slavic Languages:¹ Intermediate Reading, Rudimentary Speaking
Latvian: Rudimentary Reading

Software Competence

Stata, R, Python, nVivo, L^AT_EX

References

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¹Including Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian, and Bulgarian