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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, December 1997
Dissertation: *Building Democracy by Winning Votes? A Study of Politicians and Institutions in Transitional Russia*
- M.A. Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, December 1994
- B.A. State University of New York at Albany, Albany, New York, May 1983

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2006-present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University
- 1997- 2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Penn State University
- 1998-1999 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University
- 1996-1997 Instructor, Department of Political Science, Penn State University

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

BOOKS

Candidate Strategies and Electoral Competition in the Russian Federation: Democracy Without Foundation, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Series in Comparative Politics, 2006.

ARTICLES

with Anna Lowry and Brandon Wilkening, "Engineering Victory: Institutional Reform, and Formal Institutions and the formation of a Hegemonic Party Regime in the Russian Federation," *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 23, 2(April-June 2007), pp. 118-137.

"Strong Partisans, Weak Parties? Party Organizations and the Development of Mass Partisanship in Russia," *Comparative Politics*, vol. 38, no. 2(January 2006): pp. 209-228.

"Building State Capacity from the Inside Out: Parties of Power and the Success of the President's Reform Agenda in Russia," December 2002, *Politics and Society*, 30, 4 (December 2002): 555-578.

with Herbert Kitschelt, "Programmatic Party Cohesion in Emerging Post-Communist Democracies: Russia in Comparative Context," *Comparative Political Studies*, 35, 10 (December 2002): pp. 1228-1256.

"Ideological vs. Regional Cleavages: Do the Radicals Control the RSFSR Parliament?" 1990. *Journal of Soviet Nationalities* 1:3.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"The More Things Change: Coping with Transition in the New Russia," Werner Schaie and Glenn Elder, *Historical Influences on Lives and Aging*. New York: Springer Publishing, 2005.

"The Ties that Bind: The Importance of Region in the Construction of Social and Political Citizenship," with Cynthia Buckley. 2001. Blair Ruble, editor, *Fragmented Space: Russian Regions in Transition*. Johns Hopkins University Press

"Political Ambition, Elite Competition, and Electoral Success in Saratov Oblast." In *Growing Pains. Russian Democracy and the Election of 1993*. 1998. Timothy J. Colton and Jerry F. Hough, editors. Washington DC: The Brookings Institution.

"The Russian Parliament and Political Consolidation." In *Russia's Future: Consolidation or Disintegration*. 1993. Douglas Blum, editor. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Engineering Consolidation: Explaining Electoral System Innovation in Post-Communist States," revised paper. The paper presents a critical test of theories of institutional change relying on data on electoral law reform in new democracies, 1990-2006.

William Bianco, Christopher Kam, Itai Sened, Regina Smyth. "Parliaments, Cabinets

and Uncovered Sets,” revised Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, September 2007.

“Political Leadership, Trust, and the Decision to Protest: Explaining Ukraine’s Orange Revolution,” revised paper with John Hulsey. This paper explores the relationship between political trust and the emergence of post-election protest in the former Soviet states.

PUBLIC INTEREST WRITING

“Predicting the Results of Russia’s 2007 Parliamentary Election. What Can We Learn from Political Science?” September 2005. Policy Memo, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security. Available at www.ponars.org.

“What Does Winning Mean in 2003? A Candidate-Centered Analysis of Upcoming Parliamentary Elections,” October 2002. Policy Memo, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security. Available at www.ponars.org.

“Putin’s Tightrope: Maintaining Support in the Face of Domestic and International Policy Demands,” December 2001. Policy Memo, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security. Available at www.ponars.org.

“Power as Patronage: Russian Parties and Russian Democracy,” February 2000. Policy Memo, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security. Available at www.ponars.org.

“Supporting Democratic Institutions Rather than "democrats" in Russia.” 2000. Policy Memo, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security. Available at www.ponars.org.

“The Role for US Democracy Assistance: Helping Build Parties from the Bottom Up.” 2000. Policy Memo, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, available at www.ponars.org.

“Programmatic Party Cohesion in Emerging Post-Communist Democracies: Russia and Other Post-Soviet Cases.” 1999. Policy Memo, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, available at www.ponars.org.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2006 National Science Foundation. “Characterizing Party Influence in Legislatures: A Cross-National Analysis,” with Co-Principal Investigator with William Bianco, Christopher Kam, and Itai Sened. (\$181,262)

2000 Smith Richardson Foundation, Principal Investigator (\$60,000)

1999 Penn State University, Research and Graduate Studies Office, Principal Investigator, (\$8,800)

1999 National Science Foundation, Small Grants for Exploratory Research, Principal Investigator (\$30,000)

1999 CELT Teaching Grant, Penn State University, with Lee Ann Banasak, (\$5,500).

1998 National Science Foundation Award, POWRE Program, Principal Investigator (\$98,000)

1998 National Council for Soviet and East European Research, Co-Principal Investigator, with Herbert Kitschelt, Research Grant (\$35,000)

1997 Faculty Recognition Award, College of Liberal Arts, Penn State University

1997 National Council For Soviet and East European Research, Co-Principal Investigator. Research Grant (\$74,626)

1995-1996 National Security Education Program, Graduate Enhancement Fellowship

1995-1996 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Enhancement Grant

1995 International Research and Exchanges Board, Dissertation Field Research Grant

1995 Graduate School Conference Grant, Duke University

1994-1995 Graduate Studies Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Duke University

1993 Travel Grant, Harvard University Research Project on the 1993 Elections in Russia

1992-1994 Social Science Research Council, Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, Graduate Training Award

1991 Research Travel Grant, Carnegie Corporation of New York

1991 Olin Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Duke University

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

“Political Leadership, Trust, and the Decision to Protest: Explaining Ukraine’s Orange Revolution,” (with John Hulse) presented at the Workshop on Comparative Politics, University of Illinois.

“Engineering Victory: Russia’s Transition to a Hegemonic Party Regime,” presented at the Center For Russian, East European and Central Asia (CREECA), University of Wisconsin, Madison, December 7, 2006.

“Engineering Consolidation: Explaining Electoral System Innovation in Post-Communist States, presented at the conference: Mobilizing Democracy, NY, Russell Sage Foundation, February 3-5, 2006.

“Translating State Resources into Political Dominance: The Prospects for the Consolidation of a Dominant State Party in Russia,” presented at the conference *Kremlin Power and the 2003-04 Russian Elections*, Indiana University, February 29-20, 2004.

“The More Things Change: Coping with Political Transition in the Russian Federation” for the *Historical Influences on Lives and Aging Conference*, Penn State University, October 13 and 14, 2003.

“Democracy Interrupted: The Interaction of State and Society in Russia,” Paper presented at the conference *State-Building in Post-Communist States: Toward Comparative Analysis*, Yale University, April 27-28, 2001.

“Candidate and Parties in Russia” and “Parties, Incumbency and Legislative Action,” Presented at the Executive Program for Members of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, April 25, 2000.

“The Evolution of Russian Parties and the Party System in Comparative Perspective,” presented at, “*Russia Votes: Preview of Russia’s Duma Election*,” Davis Center for Russian Studies, the Strengthening Democratic Institutions Project, and the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University. November 29, 1999.

“Beyond Procedures: Understanding the Quality of Emerging Democracy,” Presented at a roundtable on “Virtual Democracy in the Eurasian/East European States: Ten Years After Communism,” the Regional Advisory Panel of the Eurasian/East European States of the Social Science Research Council. November 10, 1999.

“Assessing the Impact of Elections on Democratic Consolidation,” PONARS Policy Discussion, Washington, DC. November 5, 1999.

“The Ties that Bind: The Importance of Region in the Construction of Social and Political Citizenship,” with Cynthia Buckley. Presented at the Conference on Russian Regions. Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, Woodrow Wilson Center. August 27-28, 1999.

“The Political Impact of Electoral Systems: Institutions, Incentives, and Elite Behavior,” Presented at the Yale-Central Asia Summer Seminar on Designing

Institutions to Meet the Challenges of Democratic Governance. July 24, 1999.

“Programmatic Party Cohesion in Emerging Post-Communist Democracies: Russia and Other Post-Soviet Cases.” Presented at the Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Conference, May 6-8, 1999.

“Programmatic Party Cohesion in Emerging Post-Communist Democracies: Russia in Comparative Context,” Presented at the Director’s Seminar, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University. May 4, 1999.

“Reflections on Institutional Advancement after Communism,” Presented at “Science and Culture in Russia and the Soviet Union: A Symposium in Honor of Lauren Graham.” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 24, 1999.

“The Political Implications of Mixed Electoral Systems: Candidates and Strategy in the Russian Federation,” CREECA, University of Wisconsin, Madison. November 4, 1999.

“Democratic Institutions and Politician’s Campaign Strategies: The Case of Russia,” Conference on Economic and Political Liberalization,” Duke University Department of Political Science, February 28-March 2, 1999.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Putin After 2008,” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, DC, November 16-19, 2006.

“Engineering Consolidation: Explaining Electoral System Innovation in Post-Communist Democracies,” Paper presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington DC.

“What We Have Here is a Failure to Consolidate: Russian Political Development in Comparative Perspective,” Paper presented at the 2004 American Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.

“Explaining the Rise of Dominant Political Parties: The Success of United Russia,” Paper presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Toronto, Canada.

“Electoral Institutions, Uncertainty, and Candidates’ Electoral Appeals: Learning from Past Contests,” Paper presented at the 2002 American Political Science Association Meetings, Boston MA.

“Building State Capacity from the Inside Out: Parties of Power and the Success of the President's Reform Agenda in Russia,” Paper presented at the 2002 American Political Science Association Meetings, Boston MA.

“Democracy Interrupted: The Interaction of State and Society through Russia’s Party System,” Paper presented at the 2001 American Political Science Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.

“Crooks, Cronies and Democrats: Variation in Party Affiliation and its Effects on Contemporary Russian Parties,” Paper presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL

“The Political Implications Of Mixed Electoral Systems: A Comparative Framework,” Paper presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

“Citizens and Parties in Transitional Russia,” Paper presented at the 2000 American Association for Slavic Studies Annual Meetings, Boulder, Colorado.

“Mixed Electoral Systems and Partisan Affiliation: the Russian Case,” Paper presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Issues, Identities, and Programmatic Parties. The Emerging Russian Party System in Comparative Perspective.” (with Herbert Kitschelt). Paper presented at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.

“Democratic Institutions and Politicians’ Campaign Strategies. The Case of Russia.” Conference on Economic and Political Liberalization, March 1997, Duke University.

“To Join or not to Join: Partisanship and the Consolidation of Democracy in the Russian Federation.” Paper presented at the 1996 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

"Building Democracy by Winning Votes: Studying Electoral Politics in Transitional Russia," Presented at the Social Science Research Council Graduate Student Conference on Post-Soviet Domestic Politics, July 3-13, 1995, St. Petersburg Russia.

"Candidates and Strategies: Political Determinants of Election Outcomes in Russian Parliamentary Elections," Presented at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

"Candidates and Strategies: Consensus Mobilization in the 1993 Parliamentary Elections" Presented at the 1994 Annual Meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Chicago IL.

"Legislative Institutions and Political Change in Russia." Presented at the NSF Workshop on the Politics of Economic Reform in the Former Communist Bloc States, UCLA, 1993.

"The Development of Legislative Politics in Russia: The Formation of a Parliamentary Committee System," presented at the First NSF Workshop on the Politics of Economic Reform in the Former Communist Bloc States, UCLA, 1992.

"Developing Democratic Institutions: The RSFSR Congress of People's Deputies," SSRC Summer Workshop on Soviet and East European Politics, June 15 – July 1, 1992, Toronto.

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Discussant, "After the Commonwealth of Independent States: What Comes Next?" American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 22, 2006.

Coordinator, APSA Working Group on the Mechanics of Voting, 2005-2006.

Session Chair, "Do Elections Matter?" PONARS Policy Conference, Washington DC, December 12, 2003

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Elections and Democracy in Post-Soviet Russia," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Meetings, Toronto, Canada, November 2003.

Discussant, "Structural Theories of Party Formation in Post-Communist Europe," Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2003

Chair and Discussant, "Party Formation and Political Cleavages in Post-communist Europe" at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2000.

Discussant, "Democratic Transitions," Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1999.

Discussant, "Studying Political Institutions in Transition." Meeting American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, MA, October 1995.

Discussant, "Legislative Institutions in Post-Communist States." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1994.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Faculty Member, Teacher Training Workshop, "Ten years Into the Transition: An Inter-Disciplinary Workshop on the Former Soviet Bloc in the Post-Soviet Era." Sponsored by The Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 20-23, 2000.

Election Observer, National Democratic Institute, Russia, December 1999

Member, New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS) Working Group, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC.

Member, Working Group on Russian Regional Development, Kenan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC

REVIEW ACTIVITY

BOOK REVIEWS

Thomas Carothers, *Confronting the Weakest Link: Aiding Political Parties in New Democracies in Perspectives on Politics*, forthcoming.

A review of M. Steven Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia. The Failure of Open Politics*, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, *Resisting the State*, in *Democratization*, forthcoming.

A review essay "The Communist Legacy in Post-Soviet Elections: Looking Beyond Redemption," based on Anna Grzymala-Busse's *Redeeming the Communist Past. The Regeneration Communist Parties in East Central Europe*, in *Government and Opposition. Redeeming the Communist Past. The Regeneration of Communist Parties in Government and Opposition*, vol. 40, no. 3 (Summer 2005): 464-472.

A review of Richard Rose and Neil Munro's *Democracy without Order* in *Political Studies*.

A review of Steven Smith and Thomas Remington's *The Politics of International Choice*, in *Congress and the Presidency*, 29, 2 (Autumn 2002): pp. 236-237.

A review of Peter Mair's *Party System Change* in *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 1998.

PEER REVIEWS

1997- present Reviewed articles for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Party Politics*,

Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, and Journal of Politics

Reviewed book manuscripts for McGraw-Hill Press, Princeton University Press

Reviewed proposals for the National Science Foundation, National Security Education Program, National Academy of Sciences, ACTR/ACLS Title VIII Program

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Seminar: Russian Politics

Graduate Seminar: Comparative Politics Pro-Seminar

Graduate Seminar: Political Parties and Party Systems

Graduate Seminar: Democratic Political Institutions

Introduction to Comparative Politics

The Politics and Government of Western Europe

Freshman Seminar: Democracy and Elections around the World

Freshman Seminar: Why Don't Young People Vote?

Freshman Seminar: Democratic Architecture: Is Democracy Possible In Iraq?

The Politics and Theory of Democratic Transitions (Junior and Senior Seminars)

The Politics and Government of the Soviet Union and Russia (1917-Present)

Russian Politics

Soviet Politics: From Revolution to Revolution (1917-1991)

Democracy and Market in the Russian Transition

Senior Seminar: Democracy and Elections