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EDUCATION

The George Washington University

Ph.D. in Political Science

Washington, DC

December 2019 (expected)

- **Dissertation:** *Manufacturing Dissent: The Subtle Ways International Propaganda Shapes Our Politics*
- **Committee:** Henry Hale (Chair), Rachel Stein, Danny Hayes, and Michael K. Miller.
- **Fields:** Comparative Politics (Main), Quantitative Methods (Minor)

The George Washington University

Masters of Arts in Political Science

Washington, DC

January 2017

Temple University

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History

Philadelphia, PA

May 2014

Academic Positions

Jefferson University

Instructor

Philadelphia, PA

January 2019 - May 2019

- Designed and instructed two sections of *Debating Global Issues* (Undergraduate students)

The George Washington University

Instructor

Washington, DC

July 2018 - August 2018

- Designed and instructed a summer course: *Science, Technology, and Politics* (Undergraduate students)

The George Washington University

Math Camp Instructor

Washington, DC

August 2018 - August 2018

- Led a 4-day course reviewing fundamental math principles (Doctoral students)

The George Washington University

Quantitative Methods Fellow

Washington, DC

September 2017 - May 2018

- Teaching assistant for two courses on linear and non-linear regression (Doctoral students)

The George Washington University

Teaching Assistant

Washington, DC

September 2014 - December 2015

- Led discussion sections for *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (Undergraduate students)

Peer Reviewed

"Is There a Trump Effect? An Experiment on Political Polarization and Audience Costs," with Miles M. Ever and Steven D. Schaaf. *Perspectives on Politics* (2019).

"A New Cold War? International Public Opinion of Russia and the United States." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (2019).

Under Review

- "The Consequences of Propaganda's Presumed Influence"
- "Demonizing the Enemy: The Influence of *Russia Today (RT)* on American Audiences"
- "Trickle Down Soft Power: Do Russia's Ties to European Parties Influence Public Opinion?"

Working Papers

- "Is Russian Propaganda Making Us More Cynical?"
- "How to Criticize an Autocrat: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Russia."
- "Foreign Media is Not Enough: Predicting Anti-Regime Attitudes in Russia"
- "Does Countering Foreign Propaganda Work? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Latvia"

Other Publications

- "Perceptions of Russian Interference in U.S. Elections Matters as Much as Actual Involvement?", *Foreign Policy Research Institute* (2019).
- "Moldova and Ukraine: Diverging Neighbors?", *Foreign Policy Research Institute* (2017).
- "Ukraine's Struggle for Democracy: Severe Challenges Ahead", with Adrian Basora. *Foreign Policy Research Institute* (2015).
- "Putin's Greater Novorossiia: The Dismemberment of Ukraine", with Adrian Basora. *Foreign Policy Research Institute* (2015).
- "Home-Grown Terrorism: Russia's Ticking Bomb", with Maia Otarashvili. *ISN, Center for Security Studies (CSS)* (2015).
- "Ukraine Crisis Timeline as of January 30, 2015", *Foreign Policy Research Institute* (2015).

Awards

- Summer Dissertation Fellowship, George Washington University, 2019
- Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship, George Washington University, 2019
- CCAS Dean's Conference Travel Grant, George Washington University, 2019
- Trajectories of Change' Fieldwork Grant, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, 2018-2019
- Bradley Fellowship, The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2018-2019
- Hoffman Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, 2018
- Shirley H. and Robert L. Richards Endowment Scholarship, 2017-2018
- Rumsfeld Foundation Graduate Fellow, 2017-2018
- Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2017-2018
- Graduate Research Fund, George Washington University, 2016,2017
- Michael Hoffman Fund, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, 2016
- The George Washington University Graduate Research Fellowship, 2014-2017
- Professor Edward R. and Essie Baron Memorial, Temple University, 2014
- Ronald C. Schwarzkopf Endowed Award in Political Science, Temple University, 2014
- Marvin and Adeline Wachman History Scholarship, Temple University, 2012

Invited Workshops

- 5th Student Conference for Trajectories of Change, Berlin, Germany, 2019
- Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Annual Meeting, 2017-2019
- Annual DC Area Comparative Workshop, George Washington University, 2019
- Junior Scholar's Symposium, Cato Institute, 2018

- Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University, 2018
- Annual DC Area Comparative Workshop, Georgetown University, 2018
- ASN Convention, Columbia University, 2018
- Graduate Workshop on Regime Evolution, Institutional Change, and Social Transformation in Russia, Yale University, 2018
- Post-Communist Workshop, George Washington University, 2017
- Rethinking Russian Media Strategy and Influence, George Washington University, 2017
- Post-Communist Workshop, George Washington University, 2016

Other Teaching Experience

- Business Writing Tutor, Temple University, 2013-2014
- Temple University, Honors Peer Mentor, 2012-2014
- Temple University, Student Athlete Advisor, 2012-2013

Research Skills

- Computational Skills
 - R, Stata, Latex, Python (web-scraping applications only), Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk
- Advanced Research Methods Used In Papers:
 - Survey experiments, natural experiments, various time-series cross-sectional models, causal mediation analysis, extreme bounds analysis, sensitivity analysis, multinomial logistic regression, factor analysis, multiple imputation by chained equations (MICE)
- Languages:
 - Russian (Native speaker)

Memberships

- Associate Scholar at the *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, Philadelphia, PA, 2014-Present
- Fellow at the *Penn Kemble Youth Forum on Democracy*, Washington, DC, 2014-2015