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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, degree expected in July 2006.

Dissertation: “The Pen is Mightier Than the Horde: Networks, Mobilization and the State in Central Asia.”

Committee: Roger Petersen (Chair), Chappell Lawson, Lily Tsai, Pauline Jones Luong (Brown).

Major Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Minor Field: Political Economy

Research interests: politics of Central Asia and the former Soviet Union; ethnic identity and conflict; informal networks; state-building; civil wars; social movements.

The University of California, Berkeley

B.A. with high honors in Political Science, May 2000.

Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Rothberg School for Overseas Students, 1998-1999. Courses in history and politics of the Middle East.

Publications

“Weighing the Political and Economic Motivations for Migration in Post-Soviet Space: The Case of Uzbekistan,” forthcoming, May 2006, *Europe-Asia Studies*.

“Look Who’s Talking! Islamic Discourse in the Chechen Wars,” forthcoming, May/June 2006, *Nationalities Papers*.

“What Really Happened in Kyrgyzstan?,” *Journal of Democracy*, 17(2), April 2006.

“Networks, Localism, and Mobilization in Aksy, Kyrgyzstan,” *Central Asian Survey*, 24(4), December 2005.

“The Tyranny of Small Differences: The Relationship Between Ethnic Diversity and Democracy in the Former Socialist Bloc,” *Demokratizatsiya*, 12(1), Winter 2004.

“Working with the Warlords: Designing an Ethnofederal System for Afghanistan,” *Regional and Federal Studies*, 14(4), Winter 2004.

Works Under Review

“Informal Networks and Mobilization in Central Asia,” in Christoph Zuercher, Jan Koehler, and Jonathan Wheatley, eds., book chapter submitted as part of edited volume on state-building and informal institutions in Central Asia and the Caucasus.

Research in Progress

“Social Capital and Networks in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Evidence From a New Cross-National Survey,” (with Christoph Zuercher and Jonathan Wheatley).

“Bottom-up, Top-Down, and Run Amok: A Critique of Theories of Revolution and Rebellion.”

“State De-construction and Modernization Theory in Central Asia.”

“Up a Creek Without an Ally: Rebellion and Repression in Rural Russia and China.”

Paper Presentations

“State Deconstruction, Patronage, and Mobilization in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan,” annual meeting of Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, March 24, 2006.

“Networks, the State, and Mobilization in Central Asia,” Identity Politics Working Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March 16, 2006.

Dissertation in progress presented at “Governance in Eurasia: Historical and Contemporary Approaches,” Dissertation Development Workshop, Social Science Research Council, University of Texas at Austin, March 5-7, 2004.

“Prepared to Take a *Stan?*: The (non) Threat of Islamic Fundamentalism to Central Asia’s States,” annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 11-13, 2002.

“The Chechens? They’re All Talk: Islamic Discourse in the Chechen Wars,” annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 21-24, 2002.

“Perspectives on the US-Iraq War,” talk delivered at ACTR/ACCELS library in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, April 16, 2003.

Awards and Fellowships

Kennan Institute, title VIII Research Scholarship for September 2006-June 2007.

Volkswagen Foundation, fellowship for participation in research project Accounting for State-Building, Stability, and Conflict: The Institutional Framework of Caucasian and Central Asian Transitional Societies in Berlin coinciding with dissertation research, April 2003-August 2005.

Fulbright Scholarship, covering all expenses for research in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, September 2003-August 2004.

ACTR/ACCELS, Combined Research and Language Training Program, grant for research and language, January-April 2003, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Mellon Foundation, Program on NGOs and Forced Migration, research grant for Summer 2002 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Fellowship, intensive Uzbek at Institute of Languages and Literature, Tashkent, Summer 2002

MIT Presidential Graduate Fellowship, 2000-2004, covering tuition and annual stipend

Recognition of “Highest Honors” in political science, UC Berkeley 2000

Phi Beta Kappa, lifetime membership

Dean’s List, UC Berkeley, 1997-1999

UC Berkeley Honorary Scholarship, 1997, 1998
National Merit Scholarship, 1996

Related Professional Experience

Linguist, Karshi-Khanabad (K2) Air Base *October 2004 - April 2005*
Interpreter of Russian and Uzbek for KBR Security at US military base in Uzbekistan.
Conducted written and real-time oral translation for screening of local employees and advised KBR employees on local and cultural matters pertaining to interaction with host-country nationals.

Research Associate, Free University, Berlin *April 2003 - August 2005*
Participant in Project “Accounting for State-Building, Stability, and Conflict: The Institutional Framework of Caucasian and Central Asian Transitional Societies,” involving individual fieldwork in Central Asia, participation in seminars in Berlin, and contribution to edited volume.

Independent Analyst, Swiss Development Corporation, Tashkent *September 2002*
Hired to write 15-page analysis of development project and its impact, for Uzbekistan-based bureau under the Swiss Foreign Ministry.

Research Assistant, MIT Political Science Department *September 2001- May 2002*
Assistant to Professor Roger Peterson, doing preliminary research for book on ethnic conflict in Eastern Europe.

Research Assistant, Truman Research Institute, Jerusalem *October 1998 - June 1999*
Assisted in research of Professor of Political Science, Dr. Hillel Frisch, on international relations articles for publication, including Israeli-Palestinian relations, Middle East regime analysis, and rightsizing of state borders. Acquired data, proofread and edited manuscripts, and contributed original text for articles.

Research Assistant, Center for Strategic and International Studies *Summer 1998*
Conducted research for Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman in Middle East Studies Program of Washington D.C. think tank. Assisted in Dr. Cordesman’s publications regarding North Africa’s military developments, including extensive research, editing, and writing original text in manuscript. Assisted in coordinating conferences for CSIS.

Research Intern, Institute of Urban and Regional Development *January - May 1998*
Through “Cooperative Education” internship program. Worked with director in assembling and researching information and conducted interviews on current growth trends, policies, and practices in the Bay Area, culminating in publication for Institute.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, “American Foreign Policy” (Dr. Stephen Van Evera, MIT Political Science), Fall 2002 and Fall 2005.

Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to American Politics” (Dr. Steve Ansolabehere, MIT Political Science), Spring 2006.

Languages

Russian-proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking. Traveled extensively throughout Russia and

Ukraine in Summer, 2000.

Middlebury College, intensive advanced course in Russian, Summer 2001.

Moscow State University, intensive intermediate in Russian, Summer 2000.

Uzbek- advanced in reading, writing, and speaking. Traveled and spoke Uzbek throughout Uzbekistan, southern Kyrgyzstan, and western China.

Institute of Language and Literature, Tashkent, Course in intermediate Uzbek, Summer 2002 & January-March, 2003.