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EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs, January 2000.
Dissertation: "Irredentism: Ethnic Conflict and International Politics."
Major Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations.

M.A. in Foreign Affairs, May 1996.
Thesis: "The Federation of Bosnia and Hercegovina."

Trenton State College (The College of New Jersey)

B.A., Political Science (Public Administration) and Philosophy, May 1993.
Magna Cum Laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

North Dakota State University

Department Head, Criminal Justice and Political Science (F2019-present)

Professor with Tenure (F2013-present)

Director, International Studies Major (F2009-Sm 2014)

Associate Professor with Tenure (F2006-Sp2013)

Assistant Professor (F2000-Sp2006)

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia)

Invited Instructor (Sm 2010)

Western Kentucky University

Assistant Professor (F1999-Sp2000)

University of Virginia

Instructor (Sm1997-Sm1998)

AWARDS

Faculty Lectureship, NDSU, 2018. (Recognizes sustained professional excellence in teaching, scholarly achievement, and service among current faculty at NDSU.)

Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lectureship Finalist, NDSU, 2017. (Nominated for research activities.)

Outstanding Service Award, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, NDSU, 2017. (Awarded for service activities.)

Apple Polisher Award, Bison Ambassadors, 2017. (Student organization award for teaching.)

Outstanding Educator, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, NDSU, 2011. (Awarded in recognition for all three areas of the University's mission: teaching, research, and service.)

Outstanding Research Award, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, NDSU, 2007. (Awarded for research activities.)

Blue Key Distinguished Educator Award, 2007. (Student organization award for teaching.)

RESEARCH

Books

1. *Authoritarian Backlash: Russian Resistance to Democratization in the Former Soviet Union* (Ashgate, 2009).
2. *Challenging America's Global Preeminence: Russia's Quest for Multipolarity* (Ashgate, 2005).
3. *Irredentism: Ethnic Conflict and International Politics* (Praeger, 2001).

Edited Books

1. *Ethnic Identity Groups and U.S. Foreign Policy* (Praeger, 2002). Project initiator, sole editor, and contributor (introduction, conclusion, substantive chapter, extensive revisions of Scott/Osman chapter).
2. *International Law and the Rise of Nations: The State System and the Challenge of Ethnic Groups* (Chatham House, 2001). Project initiator, principal editor, and contributor (two focus essays, conclusion, substantive chapter). With Robert J. Beck (first author).

Refereed Journal Articles

1. "The American Securitization of China and Russia: U.S. Geopolitical Culture and Declining Unipolarity," *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, forthcoming. With Carson Schram (undergraduate, second author) and Preston Hoepfner (undergraduate, third author).
2. "How do we tell Authoritarian Diffusion from Illusion? Exploring Methodological Issues of Qualitative Research on Authoritarian Diffusion," *Quality and Quantity*, vol.53, no.6 (2019): 2741-2763. With Jakob Tolstrup (second author).
3. "Authoritarian Norms in a Changing International System," *Politics and Governance*, vol.6, no.2 (2018): 120-123.
4. "The Geopolitical Discourse of Barack Obama's State of the Union Addresses: Pursuing a Geopolitical Reorientation from the Middle East," *Geopolitics* (2018) (forthcoming). With Preston Hoepfner (undergraduate, second author), Kevin E. Thompson (undergraduate, third author), and Kari Watson (undergraduate, fourth author).
5. "The Fall of Yanukovych: Structural and Political Constraints to Implementing Authoritarian Learning," *East European Politics*, vol.33, no.2 (2017): 184-209.
6. "Authoritarian Learning: A Conceptual Overview," *East European Politics*, vol.33, no.2 (2017): 143-161. With Stephen Hall (graduate student, first author).
7. "Russia's Ukraine Intervention and Changes to American Perceptions of the Russian Threat: Executive Branch Testimony to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, 2008-2016," *Journal of Global Security Studies* vol.2, no.2 (2017): 104-122.
8. "The Architecture of Alignment: The Russia-China Relationship and International Agreements," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol.69, no.1 (2017): 110-156.
9. "The Architecture of Annexation? Russia's Bilateral Agreements with South Ossetia and Abkhazia," *Nationalities Papers*, vol.44, no.5 (2016): 673-693. With William A. Lange (undergraduate student, second author).
10. "The Rhetoric of Irredentism: The Russian Federation's Perception Management Campaign and the Annexation of Crimea," *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, vol.27, no.3 (2016): 467-490.
11. "Mapping Kazakhstan's Geopolitical Code: An Analysis of Nazarbayev's Presidential Addresses, 1997-2014," *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, vol.55, no.1 (2015): 537-559. With William A. Lange (undergraduate student, second author).
12. "Democratic Black Knights," *Comparative Democratization* (APSA Newsletter), vol.13, no.1 (2015): 2, 12-14. (Editor reviewed.)

13. "Leadership Succession in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan: Regime Survival after Nazarbayev and Karimov," *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, vol.17, no.2 (2015): 49-67.
14. "Beyond the Transition Paradigm: A Research Agenda for Authoritarian Consolidation," *Demokratizatsiya*, vol.22, no.3 (Summer 2014): 471-495.
15. "Democratic States and Authoritarian Firewalls: America as a Black Knight in the Uprising in Bahrain," *Contemporary Politics*, vol.20, no.3 (September 2014): 331-346.
16. "Mapping the Geopolitics of the Russian Federation after Yeltsin: The Geography of Federal Assembly Addresses under Putin and Medvedev," *Geopolitics*, vol.18, no.2 (April 2013): 435-466. With Geoffrey Vandrovec (graduate student, second author).
17. "The Rise of the 'China Model' and 'Beijing Consensus': Evidence of Authoritarian Diffusion?" *Contemporary Politics*, vol. 18, no. 4 (December 2012): 381-399.
18. "Unfreezing the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict? Evaluating Peacemaking Efforts Under the Obama Administration," *Ethnopolitics*, vol. 10, no. 1 (March 2011): 93-114.
19. "Constructing a Framework of Authoritarian Diffusion: Concepts, Dynamics, and Future Research," *International Studies Perspectives*, vol. 11, no. 4 (November 2010): 375-392.
20. "The Kurdistan Referendum Movement: Political Opportunity Structures and National Identity," *Democratization*, vol.15, no.5 (December 2008): 891-908. With Azad Berweri (graduate student, first author).
21. "Catching the 'Shanghai Spirit': How the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Promotes Authoritarian Norms in Central Asia," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol.60, no.8 (October 2008): 1321-1344.
22. "Insulating Russia from a Colour Revolution: How the Kremlin Resists Regional Democratic Trends," *Democratization*, vol.14, no.2 (April 2007): 232-252.
23. "The Political Success of Russia-Belarus Relations: Insulating Minsk from a 'Color' Revolution" *Demokratizatsiya*, vol.14, no.3 (Summer 2006): 407-434.
24. "The Non-Material Cost of Bandwagoning: The Yugoslav Crisis and the Transformation of Russian Security Policy," *Contemporary Security Policy*, vol.27, no.2 (August 2006): 258-281.
25. "Trying Saddam Hussein: Teaching International Law through an Undergraduate Mock Trial," *International Studies Perspectives* vol.7, no.2 (May 2006): 159-171.
26. "The Geopolitics of Demographic Decay: HIV/AIDS and Russia's Great Power Status," *Post-Soviet Affairs*, vol.22, no.1 (January 2006): 1-23.
27. "The Russo-American Dispute over the Invasion of Iraq: International Status and the Role of

Positional Goods," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol.57, no.8 (December 2005): 1189-1210.

28. "The Third Side? The Multipolar Strategic Triangle and the Sino-Indian Rapprochement," *Comparative Strategy*, vol.24, no.5 (December 2005): 397-414.
29. "Bringing Ethnic Conflict into the Classroom: A Student-Centered Simulation of Multiethnic Politics," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, vol.37, no.2 (April 2004): 285-9.
30. "From Balancer to Ally? Russo-American Relations in the Wake of September 11th," *Contemporary Security Policy*, vol.24, no.2 (August 2003): 1-28.
31. "Congressional Perceptions of Ethnic Cleansing: Reactions to the Nagorno-Karabagh War and the Influence of Ethnic Interest Groups," *Review of International Affairs*, vol.2, no.1 (Autumn 2002): 24-45.
32. "Vanquishing The Ghost of Trianon: Preventing Hungarian Irredentism through Western Integration," *Seton Hall Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* vol.3, no.1, Winter/Spring 2002, pp. 38-52. (Editor reviewed.)
33. "Russia's Quest for Multipolarity: A Response to U.S. Hegemony," *European Security*, vol.10, no.1 (Spring 2001): 45-67.
34. "The Geopolitics of Slavic Union: Russia, Belarus, and Multipolarity," *Geopolitics*, vol.4, no.3 (Winter 1999): 73-90.

Book Chapters

1. "Russia's Effects on a Consolidated Democracy: The Erosion of Democracy in Hungary and the Putin Model," in Kneuer, M., Demmelhuber, T. (eds.) *Authoritarian Gravity Centres: a Cross-regional Study of Authoritarian Promotion and Diffusion* (Routledge, forthcoming).
2. "The Finances of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)," in *The Finances of Regional Organisations in the Global South: Follow the Money*, eds. Ulf Engel and Frank Mattheis (Routledge, 2020).
3. "Instrumentalizing the Frozen Conflicts of the Greater Black Sea Region," in Roger Kanet (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Russian Security* (Routledge, 2019).
4. "Unfreezing the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict? Evaluating Peacemaking Efforts Under the Obama Administration" in Gulshan Pashayeva and Fuad Chiragov, eds., *Trapped Between War and Peace: The Case of Nagorno-Karabakh* (Center for Strategic Studies under the President of Azerbaijan, 2018). (Reprint of article in *Ethnopolitics*.)
5. "Authoritarian Belarus between Russia and Europe: Four Scenarios," in Rachael Vanderhill and Michael E. Aleprete Jr., eds., *The International Dimensions of Authoritarian Persistence Lessons*

from Post-Soviet States (Lexington Press, 2013).

6. "Russia Reacts to the Color Revolutions: A Multifaceted Approach to Undermining Democratization in the Former Soviet Union," in Donnacha O Beachain and Abel Polese, eds., *The Color Revolutions in the Former Soviet Republics* (Routledge, 2010).
7. "Russia Against Estonia: Defending the Kremlin through Tu Quoque Rhetoric," in Roger Kanet, ed., *A Resurgent Russia and Europe* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2009).
8. "East Timor Independence: Changing Foci of International Pressure," in Robert Compton, ed., *Transforming East Asian Domestic and International Politics: The Impact of Political Economy and Globalization* (Ashgate, 2002).

Papers Published in Conference Proceedings

1. "Domestic Threats from NATO Expansion: Democratic Diffusion and Russia's Reaction to Alliance Membership for Georgia and Ukraine," in *Adaptation of NATO: From the North Atlantic Treaty to Security in Pakistan*, Natalie Mychajlyszyn, ed. (Centre for Defense and Security Studies, University of Manitoba, 2008).
2. "The Breakup of Czechoslovakia and the Calculus of Consociationalism," in John S. Micgel, ed., *Perspectives on Political and Economic Transitions after Communism* (Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, 1997).
3. "The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Failure of Implementation," in John S. Micgel, ed., *State and Nation Building in East Central Europe: Contemporary Perspectives* (Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, 1996).

Published Research Reports

1. "The Legal Framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization: An Architecture of Authoritarianism," in *Sharing Worst Practices: How Countries and Institutions in the former Soviet Union Help Create Legal Tools of Repression*, Adam Hug (ed.), The Foreign Policy Centre (UK), May 2016.

Published Book Reviews

In *National Identities*:

- David Campbell, *National Deconstruction: Violence, Identity, and Justice in Bosnia*;
- Walter C. Clemens, Jr., *The Baltic Transformed*.

In *Nationalities Papers*:

- Christopher Lord and Olga Strietska-Ilina (eds.), *Parallel Cultures*.
- Thomas S. Szayna (ed.), *Identifying Potential Ethnic Conflict*.
- Stephen D. Shenfield, *Russian Fascism*.

- Alexander Cooley and John Heathershaw, *Dictators without Borders: Power and Money in Central Asia*.

In *Ethnic Conflict Research Digest*:

- Wayne Bert, *The Reluctant Superpower: United States' Policy in Bosnia, 1991-95*.
- *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict*, David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild (eds.).
- *The Serbs and their Leaders in the Twentieth Century*, Peter Radan and Aleksandar Pavkovic (eds.).
- Milica Zarkovic Bookman, *The Demographic Struggle for Power*.
- *International Law and Ethnic Conflict*, David Wippman (ed.).
- David R. Maples, *Belarus: A Denationalized Nation*.

In *Contemporary Security Policy*:

- Jeffrey W. Legro, *Rethinking the World: Great Power Strategies and International Order*.

In *Democratization*:

- Dmitri V. Trenin, *Getting Russia Right*.

In *Slavonica*:

- Robert Brannon, *Russian Civil-Military Relations*.

In *Perspectives on Politics*:

- Markus Kornprobst, *Irredentism in European Politics*.

In *International Dialogue*:

- Edith Clowes, *Russia on the Edge: Imagined Geographies and Post-Soviet Identity*.

In *The Russian Review*:

- *Roots of Russia's War in Ukraine*, Elizabeth A. Wood, et al (eds.).

In *International Studies Review*:

- *Authoritarianism Goes Global*, Larry Diamond, Marc Plattner, and Christopher Walker (eds.).

In *Perspectives on Politics*:

- *Authoritarian Regionalism in the World of International Organizations: Global Perspectives & the Eurasian Enigma*, Anastassia V. Obydenkova and Alexander Libman

Non-Refereed and Miscellaneous Publications

1. "NATO Upgrades in Eastern Europe." (opinion piece) 5 March 2016. Polish Institute of International Affairs. https://blog.pism.pl/blog/?p=1&id_blog=36&lang_id=13&id_post=768.
2. "Russian Provocations in the Baltic Sea." (opinion piece) 27 April 2016. Polish Institute of International Affairs. https://blog.pism.pl/blog/?p=1&id_blog=36&lang_id=13&id_post=791.

3. "Is the West able to effectively fight back against Russia's information war?" 27 February 2015. (opinion piece) Polish Institute of International Affairs.
https://blog.pism.pl/blog/?p=1&id_blog=36&lang_id=12&id_post=512.
4. "What Will Be the Effect of Putin's Nuclear Threats?" (opinion piece) 8 July 2015. Polish Institute of International Affairs.
https://blog.pism.pl/blog/?p=1&id_blog=36&lang_id=12&id_post=603
5. "What did Putin achieve at the United Nations showdown?" (opinion piece) 14 October 2015. Polish Institute of International Affairs.
https://blog.pism.pl/blog/?p=1&id_blog=36&lang_id=13&id_post=659
6. "With Europe on the Brink, MH17 Is Putin's Watershed Moment," Crikey.com (Australia):
<<http://www.crikey.com.au/2014/07/25/with-europe-on-the-brink-mh17-is-putins-watershed-moment/>>.
7. "Putin A 21st-Century Tsar, With Russians Happy To Trade Freedoms For Security," Crikey.com (Australia)
<www.crikey.com.au/2014/05/15/putin-a-21st-century-tsar-with-russians-happy-to-trade-freedoms-for-security/?wmpmp_switcher=mobile&wmpmp_tp=1>.
8. Entry on "Lobbies, Influence on Foreign Policy," *Oxford Encyclopedia of Diplomatic and Military History* (Oxford University Press, 2012).
9. Entry on "Irredentism," *International Encyclopedia of Political Science* (Sage, 2011).
10. "Ethnic Conflicts and U.S. National Interests," *Ethnic Conflict Research Digest* vol.4, no.2, September 2001, pp. 7-9. [Review article.]
11. Entries on "Irredentism, Concept of," "Russian Empire and Nationalism," "Russian Nationalism," "Soviet Nationalism," "Hungarian Nationalism," "Territorial Imperative," "Ethnic Cleansing," in the *Encyclopedia of Nationalism* (Academic Press, 2000).

TEACHING (*online)

North Dakota State University

- Introduction to Political Science (F2000, F2001, F2002, Sm2003, F2003, Sm2004, F2004, F2005, F2006, F2007, F2008, F2014, F2015, F2016, F2017, F2018);
- International Politics (Sp2001, Sp2002, Sp2003, Sp2004, Sp2005, Sp2006, Sp2007, Sp2008, Sp2009, Sm 2009, Sp2010, Sp2011, Sp2012, Sp2013, Sm 2013*, Sp2014*, Sm2014*, F2014*, Sp2015, Sm2015*, Sp2016, Sm2016*, F2016*, Sp2017, Sm2017*, F2017*, Sp2018, F2018*, Sp2019, Sm2019*, F2019*);
- Model United Nations (Sp2001, Sp2002, Sp2003);
- International Organizations (Sp2001, Sp2002);

- International Law (F2001, F2002, F2003, Sp2005, Sp2006, F2007, F2009, Sp2011, F2014, F2015, F2016, F2017, F2018, F2019);
- International Criminal Law (Sp2012, Sp2013, Sp2014, Sp2015, Sp2016, Sp2017, Sp2019).
- Ethnic Conflict (Sp2001, Sp2002, Sp2003, F2004, F2005, F2006, Sp2009);
- Global Policy (F2000);
- American Power and World Media (team-taught Honor's Course, Sp2003);
- Senior Seminar (Sp2004, Sp2007, Sp2008, Sp2010, Sp2014, Sp2018, F2019).
- Introduction to International Studies (F2010, F2011, F2012, F2013).
- Integrative Senior Project Proposal (F2010, Sp2011, F2011, Sp2012, F2012, Sp2013, Sm2013, F2013, Sp2014, Sm2014).

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia)

- Russian Politics and Policy (Sm 2010)

Western Kentucky University

- International Relations (Sp2000);
- Introduction to Political Science (F 1999, Sp2000);
- Politics of Europe (Sp2000);
- Government and Politics of Russia (F 1999).

University of Virginia

- Nationalism and Ethnicity (Sm 1998);
- Ethnic Conflict, Genocide, and International Law (Sp1998);
- The Politics of the Bosnian Conflict (Sm 1997).

FELLOWSHIPS

1. Academic Fellows Program, Foundation for the Defense of Democracy. (A ten-day, all-expense-paid, intensive learning experience on counter-terrorism in Israel, including both lectures at Tel Aviv University and field-trips throughout Israel during May-June 2012).
2. Developmental Leave, North Dakota State University, 2008 (cancelled due to illness of other faculty member).
3. Instructional Development Grant. North Dakota State University, 2006.
4. Fellow of the Faculty Institute for Excellence in Learning, North Dakota State University, 2002-3.
5. Faculty International Development Grant. North Dakota State University, 2002.
6. Summer Research Grant. North Dakota State University, 2001, 2002.
7. Full Summer Sabbatical Leave. Western Kentucky University, 2000.

8. Albert Gallatin Fellow in International Affairs. University of Virginia, 1998-9.
9. DuPont Fellow. University of Virginia, 1995-6, 1996-7, 1997-8.
10. Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellow. University of Virginia, Summer 1994, Summer 1996; University of Pittsburgh, Summer 1996.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

1. "Russia's Effects on a Consolidated Democracy: The Erosion of Democracy in Hungary and the Putin Model," American Political Science Association annual conference, Washington, DC, August 2019.
2. "Hereditary Grooming in the Former Soviet Union: An Authoritarian Strategy for Patronal Presidential Regimes," Slavic-Eurasian Research Center 2019 Summer International Symposium, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, July 2019.
3. "Hereditary Grooming in Post-Soviet Authoritarian Regimes: Regime Survival Strategies and Demonstration Effects," European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, August 2018, Hamburg, Germany.
4. Panel Discussant for "Regional Dimensions of Authoritarianism – Cooperation, Diffusion, and Power Dynamics," European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, August 2018, Hamburg, Germany.
5. "Authoritarian Diffusion or Illusion? Exploring Practical and Methodological Issues of Conducting Authoritarian Diffusion Research," Conference on Authoritarian Gravity Centres, July 2018, Hildesheim University, Hildesheim, Germany.
6. "The Spread of Hereditary Succession in the former Soviet Union: Political Dynasties in Central Asia," Zentrums für Osteuropa- und Internationale Studien (ZOiS), Berlin, Germany, July 2018.
7. "Authoritarian Diffusion or Illusion? Exploring Practical and Methodological Issues of Conducting Authoritarian Diffusion Research," Conference on Authoritarian Practices Beyond National Regimes, July 2018, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
8. "The Diffusion of Populism or Authoritarian Strategies? The Consolidation of Power in Hungary and the Putin Model," Democracy in Decline? The Challenge of Global Populism Conference, May 2018, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
9. "Russian Neo-Authoritarian Governmentality," International Studies Association Annual Conference, April 2018, San Francisco.
10. "The Fall of Yanukovych: Structural and Political Constraints to Implementing Authoritarian Learning," Authoritarian Stability and Breakdown in Russia and Its Neighbor Countries, Workshop, Aarhus University, December 2016, Aarhus, Denmark.

11. "The Bear is Back? U.S. Government Threat Images of the Russian Federation," Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, July 2016, Kaunas, Lithuania.
12. Panel Chair for "Ukraine Crisis in Comparative Perspective," the Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, July 2016, Kaunas, Lithuania.
13. "The Architecture of Annexation? An Examination of Russia's Agreements with South Ossetia and Abkhazia," European International Studies Association's 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Italy. With William A. Lange.
14. "Democratic Black Knights," the 'Theory Seminar', Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, Norway, December 2014.
15. "Authoritarianism and Foreign Policy: The Growing Divide Between Russia and the West," the "Russia and Global (dis)Order" conference, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, Norway, December 2014.
16. "Counter-Diffusion Strategies During the Arab Uprisings: A Comparative Approach," the World International Studies Conference, Frankfurt, Germany, August 2014.
17. Panel Discussant for two (2) panels ("Issues in IR Theory: Looking for Alternative Explanations" and "Concepts in IR") at the World International Studies Conference, Frankfurt, Germany, August 2014.
18. "Democratic States and Authoritarian Counter Diffusion: America Acquiesces to the Bahraini Crackdown," the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2013.
19. "The Rise of the 'Beijing Consensus' and 'China Model': Evidence of Authoritarian Diffusion?," Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section (CISS) annual conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2012.
20. Panel Discussant, "Global and Regional Perspectives," Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section (CISS) annual conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2012.
21. "Authoritarian Consolidation in Russia: The Foundations of Putinism," Weissberg Program in Human Rights Conference on "Russia after the Collapse of Communism: Prospects for Liberalization," Beloit College, March 2012.
22. "Mapping the Geopolitics of the Russian Federation After Yeltsin: The Geography of Federal Assembly Addresses Under Putin and Medvedev," CISS/WISC Joint Conference, Porto, Portugal, August 2011.
23. Panel Discussant, "Perspectives on the Dilemmas of Peace," CISS/WISC Joint Conference, Porto, Portugal, August 2011.

24. "Nagorno-Karabakh and American Foreign Policy: Entangled Alliances, Incompatible Interests, and Enduring Conflict," conference co-sponsored by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and Uludag University Department of International Relations entitled "Reassessing the Security of South Caucasia and Turkish-Azerbaijani-Relations," Bursa, Turkey, May 2011.
25. "Unfreezing the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict? Evaluating Peacemaking Efforts Under the Obama Administration," Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section (CISS) Annual Conference in Venice, Italy, July 2010.
26. Chair and Discussant, "Russia's Resurgence: Challenges to European Security," Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section (CISS) Annual Conference in Venice, Italy, July 2010.
27. "The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: A Brief History," panel on the 1992 Khojaly Massacre, hosted by the Azerbaijani-American Council, Berkeley, CA, February 2010.
28. "Azerbaijan in the Caspian Geopolitical Context," hosted by the Norman Patterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, invited by the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Canada, November 2009.
29. "*Tu Quoque*: How the Kremlin Redirects External Criticism Through Rhetorical Attacks," the World International Studies Committee 2008 conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
30. "Redefining Democracy in Russia: How the Kremlin Uses Wordplay to Counter External Criticism," the International Studies Association 2008 annual conference, San Francisco.
31. Panel Discussant, "Geostrategy, Stability and Politics in Central Asia and the Caspian Basin," the International Studies Association 2008 annual conference, San Francisco.
32. "Catching the 'Shanghai Spirit': Resisting Democratization in Central Asia through International Cooperation," Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association, Buçaco, Portugal, June 2007.
33. "Reacting to the Color Revolutions: Russia's Antagonistic Policy toward Ukraine and Georgia," International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February-March 2007.
34. Panel Chair, "New Issues in the Formation of Civic Societies in the Post-Communist States," International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February-March 2007.
35. Invited Panelist, "Countering NATO Expansion: Three Strategies to Insulate the Kremlin from a Color Revolution," NATO's New Agenda: From Regional to Global Actor, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, January-February 2007.
36. Invited Panelist, "Inside the Mind of the Homicide/Suicide Bomber," Early Responders Distance Learning Center, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA, July 2006.

37. "The Political Success of Russia-Belarus Relations: Insulating Minsk from a 'Color' Revolution," International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2006.
38. "The Political Success of Russia-Belarus Relations: Insulating Minsk from a 'Color' Revolution," International Studies Association-South, Miami, FL, November 2005.
39. "The Geopolitics of Demographic Decay: HIV/AIDS and Russia's Great Power Status," International Studies Association, Honolulu, HI, March 2005.
40. "The Russo-American Dispute Over the Invasion of Iraq: International Status and the Role of Positional Goods," International Studies Association, Honolulu, HI, March 2005.
41. "The Foundation of an Anti-Hegemonic Coalition? The Russo-Chinese Challenge to American Power in the International System," Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2003.
42. "The Foundation of an Anti-Hegemonic Coalition? The Russo-Chinese Challenge to American Power in the International System," International Studies Association-West, Las Vegas, NV, October 2003.
43. "The Bush Doctrine and North Korea," North Korea in Crisis: Food Production, Economics, and Security, Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, September 2003.
44. "Ethnic Identity Groups and U.S. Foreign Policy," presentation at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars long-range study on "Diasporas and Conflict Resolution," Washington, D.C., June 2003.
45. "The Geopolitics of Demographic Decay: HIV/AIDS and Russian National Security," Great Plains Political Science Association, Marshall, MN, April 2003.
46. Roundtable Discussion, "Foreign Policy After 9/11," Great Plains Political Science Association, Marshall, MN, April 2003.
47. "From Balancer to Ally(?): Russo-American Relations in the Wake of September 11th," International Studies Association-South, Richmond, VA, October 2002.
48. "Broadening the Hegemonic Coalition: Russia and the War Against Terrorism," International Studies Association-West, Las Vegas, NV, October 2002.
49. Panel Chair, "(Re)Assessing American Foreign Policy," International Studies Association-West, Las Vegas, NV, October 2002.
50. "Simulating Ethnic Conflict: Utilizing an On-Line Approach for an In-Class Exercise," Beyond Boundaries: A Conference on Integrating Technology into Teaching & Learning, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, September 2002.

51. "Encounters with the Alien: Teaching Identity Politics through Science Fiction Films and Television," Great Plains Political Science Association, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, March 2002.
52. "Entangling Alliances: The Turkish-Israeli Lobbying Partnership and Its Unintended Consequences," Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2001.
53. "Flirting with the Hegemon: Russia's Rejection of the Hegemonic Coalition," International Studies Association-South, Winston-Salem, NC, October 2001.
54. Panel Chair, "Comparing Group Resistance Movements," International Studies Association-South, Winston-Salem, NC, October 2001.
55. "Congressional Perceptions of Ethnic Cleansing: Reactions to the Nagorno-Karabakh War and the Influence of Ethnic Lobbies," A Century of Killing: Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the 20th Century, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, October 2000.
56. "Acquiring Friends and Allies in Ethnic Conflicts: The Armenian-American Lobby and U.S. Involvement in the Nagorno-Karabakh War," American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2000.
57. "Russia's Quest for Multipolarity: A Response to U.S. Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Era," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2000.
58. "Ottoman 'Hegemonic Control' in the Balkans: An Application of David Laitin's Theory of Ethnic Cleavage Formation to Bosnia-Herzegovina," Graduate Student Symposium on Russian and East European Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, April 1997.
59. "The Breakup of Czechoslovakia and the Calculus of Consociationalism," Institute on East Central Europe's Conference on Perspectives on Political and Economic Transitions after Communism, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 1997.
60. "Testing Samuel Huntington's 'Clash of Civilizations' Paradigm: An Examination of Russian Foreign Policy," Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference (AAASS Affiliate), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 1996.
61. "The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Failure of Implementation," Institute on East Central Europe Conference on 'State and Nation Building in East Central Europe, Contemporary Perspectives', Columbia University, New York, NY, March 1996.
62. "An Inquiry into Samuel Huntington's 'Clash of Civilizations' Paradigm," Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, Newark, NJ, November 1995.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University System

Council of College Faculties (Member 2014-2016, 2018-present).

Political Science Academic Discipline Group, North Dakota University System (Member 2009-11; Chair 2011-2014).

University

Faculty Leader, Faculty Led Study Abroad (2017).

Communist Collapse 25 Years On: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective, Planning Committee (Member September 2016 - February 2017).

Provost's PTE Advisory Committee (Member November 2016-January 2017).

Faculty Leader, Faculty Led Study Abroad (May 2016).

Provost Budget Taskforce (Spring 2016).

Erasmus Scholarship Committee (Member, October 2016-January 2017).

Faculty Senate Budget Committee (Member 2014-2015; Chair 2015-2016).

Faculty Leader, Faculty Led Study Abroad (May 2015).

Faculty advisor for NDSU's Gaming Guild (2015-present)

Faculty Leader, Faculty Led Study Abroad (May 2014).

International Programs Scholarship Committee (Member 2012-present).

NDSU Academic Integrity Committee (Member 2011-2014).

NDSU Global Council Committee (Member 2009-2014).

Office of International Programs Director Search Committee (Member Fall 2011).

Program Review Committee (Alternate, 2003-5; Full Member 2005-6, 2007-9; Chair 2009-11).

M.A. Thesis Committee (Member, 5 M.A./M.S. theses outside of department).

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee (Member, 1 committee outside of department).

Graduate Grade Appeals Committee (Alternate, 2004-5).

NDSU University Senate (AHSS Alternate 2002-3; AHSS Representative 2003-2006).

Parliamentarian for NDSU University Senate (2001-3).

Faculty advisor for NDSU's Model United Nations Club (2000-2015).

College

AHSS Promotion, Tenure, and Evaluation Committee (Member 2015-2018).

Student Progress Committee (Member 2014-2016; Chair 2016-2017).

Head Evaluation Committee (Member 2016).

AHSS Dean Search Committee (Member 2010-2011).

AHSS Curriculum Committee (Member 2008-2011)

AHSS Policy and Planning Committee (Alternate, 2003-4; Full Member 2006-7).

Department

Departmental Library Liaison (member, 2014-present).

Political Science Transfer Evaluation Liaison (2011-present).

Department Policy Manual Committee (Chair, 2011-present).

Department PTE Committee (Member 2007-2011; Chair, 2011-present).

Department Head Search Committee (two searches).

Department Faculty Search Committee (four searches).

Department Head Evaluation Committee (Chair, 2008).

Faculty Advisor for Incoming, Prospective, and Transfer Students in Political Science (2004-present).

M.A. Thesis Committee (Member, 2 M.A. theses).

Faculty Mentor for a visiting scholar from Ukraine under the American Councils for International Education's Junior Faculty Development Program (2001-2).

Departmental representative for summer orientation/advising (2001, 2006).

NDSU Political Science Department Webmaster (2000-2003).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/SERVICE

Media Interviews

International interviews with media outlets in United Kingdom (BBC Azeri), Iraq (Hewler, Kurdish Globe, Gulan, Rudaw Weekly Paper), Azerbaijan (Azerbaijani News Agency, news.az, Regionalplus, Baku Post, Interfax-Azerbaijan), Armenia (news.am), Georgia (Georgia Today), and Russia (Gazeta), China (Sanlian Life Weekly), Karabakh Foundation's 'Azerbaijan Radio Hour' (Washington, DC).

National interviews with Southeast European Times and the Karabakh Foundation's Azerbaijan Radio Hour.

Local interviews with Prairie Public Radio (radio), KVLV (television), KDSU-FM (radio), KVRR (television), WDAY (radio), WDAY (television), Y94 (radio), SU TV News (internet), NDSU 'Thunder Radio' (radio), NDSU *Spectrum* (newspaper), and *The Forum* (newspaper).

Weekly guest of WDAY (radio). Occasional guest host for the Mike McFeely Show (WDAY).

Weekly guest of KFGO (radio). Occasional guest host for the Mike McFeely Show (KFGO).

Weekly guest of the Mike McFeely podcast uploaded via The Forum (newspaper).

Frequent guest on WKYU-FM's (Western Kentucky Public Radio), Midday Edition, regarding Russian, Balkan, West European, and American political developments (1999-2000).

Professional Service

Peer reviewer of articles for *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Journal of Communication*, *Asian Perspective*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Central Asian Affairs*, *China: An International Journal*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *Contemporary Politics*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Democracy and Security*, *Democratization*, *Demokratizatsiya*, *East European Politics*, *Ethnopolitics*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Geopolitics*, *Globalizations*, *International Critical Thought*, *The International Journal*, *International Politics*, *International Spectator*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *The International Spectator*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *International Journal of Communications*, *Journal of International Affairs*, *Journal of Global Governance*, *The Journal of Political Science Education*, *Journal of Politics*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Polish Political Science Yearbook*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Politics and Policy*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, *Voice of America -- Russian News Service*, *Sage Open* (guest article editor), *World Politics*.

Manuscript reviewer for Lexington, Westview, Longman, Ashgate, Oxford University Press, Wiley-Blackwell, Palgrave-Macmillan, Lynne Reiner, W.W. Norton, NYU Press, SUNY Press, and Pearson.

Book review of *Massada Has Not Fallen* for an independent scholar.

Grant reviews for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (Canada), the Research Foundation – Flanders (Netherlands), and the National Centre of Science and Technology (Kazakhstan)

Editorial Board Member, *Politics & Policy* (2003-2005).

Chair of Political and Security Committee at the Arrowhead Model United Nations Conference (April 2002).

Miscellaneous Presentations

1. Presentation to the Germans from Russia Heritage Society on history and current state of affairs of Ukraine, August 2019.
2. Presentation to Building Bridger on Understanding the Syrian Civil War: What sparked this refugee crisis?
3. "Last Lecture," NDSU Mortar Board Chapter, April 2018.
4. "U.S.-Russian Relations in the New, New World Order," American University in Moscow, April 2018.
5. "The Authoritarian Toolkit," Communist Collapse 25 Years On: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective, NDSU, February 2017.
6. "The Fall of the USSR and Research," Communist Collapse 25 Years On: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective, February 2017.
7. "North Korea," to the NDSU Model United Nations, October 2017.
8. "The 2016 Presidential Election," Fargo-Moorhead Rotary International, October 2016.
9. "The Importance of Studying Abroad," UNIV 189 Course, October 2016.
10. "The State of the International System," Touchmark Retirement Home, June 2016.
11. "Timbuktu: Islamic Fundamentalism in Film," French Film Series, February 2016.
12. "The Syrian Civil War," Great Western Exchange Club, October 2013.
13. "Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama in Comparative Perspective," Pfiffier Lecture Series on President Reagan, NDSU, January 2013.

14. Roundtable discussion, "After the Fall: Twenty Years of Post-Communist Transition in the Former Soviet Empire," North Dakota State University, October 2011.
15. "World War IV? The Expansion of American Military Activity Following 9/11," during a 10-year retrospective on 9-11 event, Moorhead State University, September 2011.
16. "Obama and the American Media," Tbilisi State University (Georgia), June 2010.
17. "Human Trafficking," NDSU Social Justice Series, March 2009.
18. "The Saddam Hussein Trial" to the Great Western Reserve Club (Fargo civic organization), December 2005.
19. "Women's Rights in Afghanistan," for the Women Lawyers' Section of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, April 2002.
20. "Africa Forgotten," for U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa: the Cold War and After (Tri-College University), March 2002.
21. Participated in "Human Rights in Afghanistan: Relativists vs. Universalists," Human Rights and Democracy Conference, North Dakota State University, April 2002.
22. Participated in a public panel entitled "U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East Since 1945," sponsored by Peace Now NDSU, November 2001.