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Curriculum Vitae

Education

The George Washington University – Washington, DC	2013-2022
Department of Political Science – Ph.D in Political Science	
Subfield: Comparative Politics; Minor: Methodology	
The George Washington University – Washington, DC	2013-2016
Department of Political Science – MA in Political Science	
The George Washington University – Washington, DC	2009-2013
Elliott School of International Affairs – BA in International Affairs, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

Current Professional Employment

Center for Naval Analyses (Russia Studies Program) – <i>Research Analyst</i>	2020-present
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Current Academic Affiliation

The George Washington University – <i>Professorial Lecturer in Political Science</i>	2022-present
Illiberalism Studies Program (Elliott School of International Affairs) – <i>Non-Resident Fellow</i>	2020-present

Academic Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

Ph.D Dissertation: *Beyond the Rubber-Stamp: Essays on Parliamentary Bodies Under Authoritarianism*, George Washington University, May 2022.

Book Manuscript: *Autocrats Can't Always Get What They Want: State Institutions and Autonomy under Authoritarianism*, expected 2024 at University of Michigan Press (w/ Nathan J. Brown, Steven Schaaf, and Samer Anabtawi).

“Distinctions with a Difference: Illiberalism and Authoritarianism in Scholarly Study,” forthcoming at *Political Studies Review*.

“Authoritarianism and Illiberalism,” forthcoming book chapter, in Marlene Laruelle, ed. *Oxford Handbook of Illiberalism*.

“Integralism, Political Catholicism, and Actually-Existing Democracy in the Modern West,” forthcoming book chapter in William Murphy, ed. *Social Catholicism for the 21st Century*.

“Mimicking the Mad Printer: Legislating Illiberalism in Post-Soviet Eurasia,” *Problems of Post-Communism*, 70:3 (Summer 2023), pp. 225-240.

“Disentangling Authoritarianism and Illiberalism in the Context of the Global States System,” *Journal of International Affairs*, 75:1 (Fall/Winter 2022), pp. 33-54.

“Authoritarianism Here?” *American Affairs*, 6:1 (Spring 2022), pp. 158-178.

“Elites and Institutions in the Russian Thermidor: Regime Instrumentalism, Entrepreneurial Signaling, and Inherent Illiberalism,” *Journal of Illiberalism Studies*, 1:1, (June 2021), pp. 1-23.

“Mobilization, Mass Perceptions, & (Dis)information: ‘New’ and ‘Old’ Media Consumption Patterns and Protest,” *Social Media + Society*, 7:2 (April-June 2021). (w/ Olga Onuch and Emma Mateo)

“Constitutional Courts and Political Uncertainty: Constitutional Ruptures and the Rule of Judges,” *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, 14:4 (Oct. 2016), pp. 817-850. (w/ Nathan J. Brown)

*Winner of the 2017 I•CON Best Paper Prize

National Security, Political-Military, & Regional Analysis Publications

“What Does Tucker Carlson’s Vladimir Putin Interview Mean for the Ukraine War?” *The National Interest*, February 2024.

“Putin’s Wartime Dictatorship Enters a New Year,” *The National Interest*, December 2023.

“Guardianship and Resentment in Precarious Civil-Military Relations,” *The Strategy Bridge*, December 2023, w/ Naman Karl-Thomas Habtom.

“Elite Political Culture and Illiberalism in Wartime Russia,” *Russian Analytical Digest*, No.299, August 2023, pp. 8-11.

“Intelligence Failures and Political Misjudgment in an Age of Ideological Change,” *The Strategy Bridge*, June 2023.

“Putin’s Agency and the Decision for War,” *RIDDLE Russia*, May 2023.

“Public Politics in the Russian Wartime Dictatorship,” *War on the Rocks*, January 2023.

“Problems With Russia’s Political Prepwork in the Russo-Ukrainian War,” *The National Interest*, March 2022.

“Russian Duma Offers a Possible Post-Invasion Vision of Ukraine,” *The National Interest*, February 2022.

“Q&A With CNA: Russia’s Troop Build-up on Ukraine’s Border,” *CNA InDepth*, January 2022.

“Beyond Pessimism: Three Paths to Progress in U.S.-Russia Relations,” *CNA InDepth*, January 2022.

“Dynamics of Illiberalism in Russia and Eurasia,” *RIDDLE Russia*, September 2021.

“Russia’s Response to US Withdrawal from Afghanistan: Criticism of US, Concerns About Security Environment,” *Russia Matters*, September 2021 (w/ Mary Chesnut).

“Institutional Constraints and Possibilities in (Semi-)Revolutionary Belarus,” *Baltic Worlds*, Sept 2020.

“Parliamentary Daydreams in Belarus: When the Rubber-Stamp Really is Just a Rubber-Stamp,” *NYU Jordan Center – All the Russias*, April 2020.

*First Prize Winner, Graduate Essay Contest

“‘Smart Voting’ is Getting Smarter,” *RIDDLE Russia*, October 2019.

“Personalisierung und die Gefahr geschwächter autoritärer Institutionen: Putins Zentralisierung und die Krise institutioneller Politik in Russland,” *Russland-Analysen*, No. 346, December 2017, pp. 7-11.

“The Early Run-Up to the Russian Election,” *ZOiS-Spotlight*, November 2017.

“Re-setting the Game: The Logic and Practice of Official Support for Alexei Navalny’s Mayoral Run,” *Russian Analytical Digest*, No. 136, September 2013, pp. 6-9.

Analytic & Scholarly Publications (Non-Refereed/Shorter-Form)

“Political Actors: A Review of Patrick Deneen’s Regime Change,” *The Lamp*, September 2023.

“Illiberalism and Postliberalism: Comparing Ideological Ferment in Eastern Europe and the Anglo-American World,” *Illiberalism Studies Program* (Postliberal America Series), February 2023.

“Varieties of Constitutional Models and Authoritarian Political Order,” *The Loop – ECPR*, December 2022.

“The Illiberal Right Moves Beyond Critique,” *Illiberalism Studies Program* (Postliberal America Series), November 2022.

“Classical Political Forms, the Mixed Regime, and the State of Emergency – Roman, Byzantine, Muscovite?” *Ius & Iustitium*, October 2022.

“America’s Pro-Authoritarian Theorists,” *American Purpose*, August 2022.

“Is America’s Democracy Really Backsliding?” *RealClearWorld*, July 2022.

“We Just Can’t Shake the F-Word,” *Russia.Post*, June 2022.

“It’s the Sausage-Making,” *American Purpose*, September 2021.

“Harnessing Illiberalism’s Analytical Leverage,” *The Loop – ECPR*, August 2021.

“Scholarly Blinders and the Diversity of Authoritarianism,” *The University Bookman*, February 2021.

“Quirks in the Neo-Integralist Vision,” *Church-Life Journal*, February 2021.

Selected Government-Funded Research Publications (*Center for Naval Analyses*)

“Russian Military Logistics in the Ukraine War: Recent Reforms and Wartime Operations,” *CNA Research Memorandum*, September 2023, w/ Paul Schwartz, Anya Fink, and Michael Kofman.

“Russian Approaches to Competition,” *CNA Research Memorandum*, October 2021, w/ Michael Kofman, Dmitry Gorenburg, Mary Chesnut, Paul Saunders, and Kasey Stricklin.

“Russian Military Strategy – Core Tenets and Operational Concepts,” *CNA Research Memorandum*, August 2021, w/ Michael Kofman, Anya Fink, Dmitry Gorenburg, Mary Chesnut, and Jeffrey Edmonds.

“Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy in Russia,” *CNA Research Memorandum*, May 2021, w/ Jeffrey Edmonds, Samuel Bendett, Anya Fink, Mary Chesnut, Dmitry Gorenburg, Michael Kofman, and Kasey Stricklin.

Working Papers & Manuscripts

“Intellectual Entrepreneurs Against Democracy: Theorizing Authoritarian Futures in America,” under review.

“‘Illiberalism’ in the East But ‘Postliberalism’ in the West? Contrasting Elite Ideological Dissent from Eastern Europe to North America,” under review.

“Influence of the Patriarchs: Coordinating Church and State in Post-Soviet Russia,” (w/ Kevin Zhang), under review.

“Authoritarianism Before Democracy Was Standardized: Models of Interwar-Era Electoral Authoritarianism and the Liberal Inheritance,” working paper.

“Authoritarian Conciliar Bodies and Judicial Systems: Theory-Building Cases from Post-Soviet Eurasia,” working paper.

“Authoritarian Roads Not Taken: Institutional Trajectories of Authoritarian Constitutionalism in Interwar Eastern Europe,” working paper.

“The Perils of Authoritarian Presidentialism: Stumbling Towards Post-Democratic Institutionalism in Eurasia,” working paper.

“A Whig History of Electoral Authoritarianism? Trajectories of Parliamentary Capacity and Prestige in the Post-Soviet Space,” working paper.

“Authoritarian Governance in Long-Term Space Settlement,” working paper.

“Legislator Recruitment and Retainment in Authoritarian Parliaments: The Case of Russia,” (w/ Henry E. Hale), working paper.

“Is Russia Fascist and Why It Matters,” working paper for *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.

Professional Experience & Visiting Positions

Non-Resident Fellow, Illiberalism Studies Program	Fall 2020-present
Visiting Scholar, <i>Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies</i> (IERES)	2022-2023
Contributing Scholar, Classics of Strategy and Diplomacy Project	Summer 2020-2022
Visiting Researcher, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Spring 2018
Visiting Scholar, Zentrum für Osteuropa- und internationale Studien (ZOiS)	Fall 2017
Visiting Researcher, Higher School of Economics (ISCID)	2016-2017
Doctoral Student Fellow, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES)	2015-2016

Teaching Experience

• Professorial Lecturer, <i>Russian Politics</i>	2022-present
• Instructor of Record, <i>Introduction to Comparative Politics</i>	Spring 2019
• Teaching Assistant for Eric Kramon, <i>Development Politics</i>	Fall 2015
• Teaching Assistant for Harris Mylonas, <i>Nationalism</i>	Spring 2015
• Teaching Assistant for Harvey Feigenbaum, <i>Comparative Politics of W. Europe</i>	Fall 2014
• Teaching Assistant for Bruce Dickson, <i>Intro to Comparative Politics</i>	Spring 2014
• Teaching Assistant for Kimberly Morgan, <i>Intro to Comparative Politics</i>	Fall 2013

Awards & Honors

Bradley Foundation Graduate Fellowship (Bradley Foundation)	2019-2020
Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies)	2019-2020
Summer Dissertation Fellowship (GWU)	Summer 2019
Duty-Free Graduate Fellowship (GWU)	Fall 2018
Friedrich Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies)	Summer 2018, Fall 2019, 2022
Visiting Researcher, Dept. of Sociology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Spring 2018
Visiting Scholar, Zentrum für Osteuropa- und internationale Studien (ZOiS)	Fall 2017
Visiting Researcher, ISCID (Higher School of Economics)	2016-2017
ASEEES Dissertation Research Grant (ASEEES)	Spring 2017
Hoffman Dissertation Fellowship (IERES)	Fall 2016
Bucerius Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius)	Fall 2016
Duty-Free Graduate Fellowship (GWU)	Spring 2016
Doctoral Student Fellow, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES)	2015-2016
William and Helen Petrach Program on Ukraine Grant (IERES)	Summer 2014
Elliott School Undergraduate Research Grant (GWU)	Summer 2013
National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Scholarship (DoD)	Fall 2012
Critical Language Scholarship (US Department of State)	Summer 2012
Phi Beta Kappa Society - Alpha Chapter	April 2012
“Dobro Slovo” National Slavic Honor Society	April 2012

University Honors Program – Honors Scholar (GWU)	2009-2013
Board of Trustees Scholarship (GWU)	2009-2013
University and Alumni Award (GWU)	2009-2013
Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Award for Excellence	2009

Conferences & Workshop Participation

- *Southern Political Science Association*: 2022, 2023, 2024
- *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies*: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023
- *Oberseminar Osteuropäische Geschichte at Imre Kertész Kolleg Jena*: 2023
- *“Authoritarian Encounters” Workshop at Imre Kertész Kolleg Jena*: 2023
- *Association for the Study of Nationalities*: 2022, [2024]
- *Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Conference*: 2022
- *Conference of Europeanists*: 2021
- *American Political Science Association*: 2019
- *Midwest Political Science Association*: 2016, 2019
- *British Association for Slavic and East European Studies*: 2017
- *“Entangled Parliamentarisms” Workshop at Heidelberg University*: 2019
- *Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Research Colloquium*: 2018
- *Forschungstelle Osteuropa at Bremen University*: 2018
- *Forschungskolloquium Osteuropa at LMU Munich*: 2018
- *Interdisciplinary Central Asia Day at Hamburg University*: 2017
- *HSE Research Seminar on Diversity and Development*: 2017
- *Trajectories of Change Annual Conference*: 2017
- *Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies*: 2017
- *Graduate Student Mid-Atlantic Conference for Eurasian Studies*: 2016
- *Workshop on Survey Research in Ukraine at GWU*: 2015

Additional Abroad Coursework, Professional Development, & Certificates

Münchener Volkshochschule – Munich, Germany <i>Deutsch Integrationskurse, A1.2 & A2.1</i>	Spring 2018
Berliner Volkshochschule, – Berlin, Germany <i>Deutsch Integrationskurse, A1.1 & A1.2</i>	Fall 2017
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, New York <i>Process-tracing; Text Analysis; Ethnographic Fieldwork</i>	Summer 2016
International Centre of Slavic Studies – Kyiv, Ukraine <i>Ukrainian as a Foreign Language, A1 Certification</i>	Summer 2014
Herzen Russian State Pedagogical University – Saint-Petersburg, Russia <i>ACTR Advanced Russian Language & Area Studies Program</i>	Fall 2012
Akmulla Bashkir State Pedagogical University – Ufa, Russia <i>CLS Russian - Russian Language & Literature Program</i>	Summer 2012

Academic Reviews

Review of Bo Petersson, *The Putin Predicament: Problems of Legitimacy and Succession in Russia*. In *Europe-Asia Studies*, 75:8 (October 2023), pp. 1417-1419.

Review of András Sajó, Renáta Uitz, and Stephen Holmes, *Routledge Handbook of Illiberalism*. With Maria Snegovaya and Mihai Varga. In *The Journal of Illiberalism Studies*, 7:3 (Spring 2023), 117-127.

Review of Richard Sakwa, Henry E. Hale, and Stephen White, eds. *Developments in Russian Politics* 9. In *Europe-Asia Studies*, 73:10 (Dec 2021), 1976-1977.

Review of Megan Hauser. 2019. *Electoral Strategies Under Authoritarianism: Evidence from the Former Soviet Union*. In *Europe-Asia Studies*, 72:9 (Dec 2020), pp. 1608-1610.

Review of Daniel Treisman, ed. 2018. *The New Autocracy: Information, Politics, and Policy in Putin's Russia*. In *Europe-Asia Studies*, 70:10 (Dec 2018), pp. 1720-1721.

Review of David James Meadows. 2012. *The Effects of Political-Culture on Divergent Patterns of Post-Soviet Political-Economic Transformation: A Comparison of the Experiences of Latvia and Belarus Since 1991* (Doctoral dissertation). In *Dissertation Reviews*, Dec 2014.

Professional Activities and Affiliations

- DC Area Postcommunist Politics Social Science Workshop (PPSSW)
- DC-Area Comparative Workshop
- Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Fraternity - Eta Chapter
- Delta Phi Epsilon Foreign Affairs Council
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
- British Association for Slavic and Eastern European Studies (BASEES)
- Peer-Reviewer for *Political Studies Review*, *Democratization*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *The Review of Politics*, *Journal of Advanced Military Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Communist & Post-Communist Studies*, *Journal of Illiberalism Studies*, and *International Journal of Constitutional Law*.
- Personal Substack (essay platform): "Political Order(s) with Julian Waller"

Languages

English – Native Fluent, **Russian** – Advanced, **German** – Intermediate, **Ukrainian** – Novice

Technical Skills

Microsoft Office, Stata, LaTeX, Python, NVIVO