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Positions

- Assistant Professor SKIDMORE COLLEGE, Saratoga Springs, NY
Department of Political Science, 2014-present
- Nonresident Senior Fellow ATLANTIC COUNCIL SOUTH ASIA CENTER, Washington, D.C.
March 2016-present
- Visiting Instructor UNION COLLEGE, Schenectady, NY
Department of Political Science, Winter and Spring 2014

Education

- Ph.D. BROWN UNIVERSITY
Political Science, 2008-14
Areas: Comparative Politics (*high merit*) and International Relations
Committee: Ashutosh Varshney (Chair), Peter Andreas, Pauline Jones
M.A. Political Science, 2010
- M.A. HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Regional Studies – Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, 2004-06
- B.A. WELLESLEY COLLEGE
International Relations, 2000-04, *Magna cum Laude*, Honors in International Relations
OXFORD UNIVERSITY
Philosophy and International Relations, 2002-03

Publications

Book

Gambling with Violence: State Outsourcing of War in Pakistan and India, New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Militia Welfare: Resource Endowment and Public Goods Provision by Armed Nonstate Groups in Pakistan and Nigeria” (with Megan Turnbull), *Political Science Quarterly* 133, no. 4 (Winter 2018-19): 695-727.
- “Self-Defense Militias, Death Squads, and State Outsourcing of Violence in India and Turkey,” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 41, no. 5 (2018): 751-781.
- “Genocidal Violence, Nation-Building, and the Bloody Birth of Bangladesh” (with Rachel Castellano), *Asian Security* 14, no. 2 (2018): 106-118.

- “How We Know What We Know About Pakistan: *New York Times* News Production, 1954-1971,” *Modern Asian Studies* 51, no. 5 (2017): 1598-1625.
- “Terrorist Prison Breaks” (with Trevor Cloen and Farhan Zahid), *Perspectives on Terrorism* 12, no. 1 (2018): 59-68.
- “Why Terrorists Target Children: Outbidding, Desperation, and Extremism in the Peshawar and Beslan School Massacres” (with Farhan Zahid), *Terrorism and Political Violence* 31, no. 2 (2019; online February 2016): 169-184.
- “Channeling Islam: Religious Narratives on Pakistani Television and Their Influence on Pakistani Youth,” (with Sahar Gul and Feryaz Ocakli), *Asian Affairs: An American Review* 43, no. 3 (2016): 78-97.
- “One Shield, Two Responses: Anti-U.S. Missile Defense Shield Protests in the Czech Republic and Poland” (with Feryaz Ocakli), *Politics & Policy* 43, No. 2 (April 2015): 197-214.
- “The Politics of Diplomatic Service Reform in Post-Soviet Russia,” *Political Science Quarterly* 126, No. 4 (Winter 2011-12): 669-680.
- “Bureaucratic Partisanship and State Building: The Case of Ukrainian Foreign Ministry,” *Problems of Post-Communism* 58, No. 2 (March/April 2011): 17-27.
- Awarded 2011 Millar Prize
- “Assessing the Costs of Weak Diplomatic Institutions” (Ukrainian: «Оцінюючи Втрати Внаслідок Слабких Інститутів Дипломатії»), *Academic Bulletin of the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine* (Науковий Вісник Дипломатичної Академії України) Vol. 15 (2010): 228-234.
- “Political Science and the Rules of Causal Inference” (Russian: «Политология и правила выявления причинно-следственных отношений»), *Polis* 10, No. 6 (2009): 168-176.

Book Chapter

- “Violence by Proxy: Russia’s Ex-Rebels and Criminals in Chechnya” (pp. 135-150), in *State Terror, State Violence: Global Perspectives*, Ed. Bettina Koch (Wiesbaden: Springer, 2016).

Policy

- “China and Pakistan Have Struck a Devil’s Bargain with Militants” (with Jared Schwartz), *Foreign Policy*, April 5, 2019.
- “Pakistan Is Ready for Stability in Afghanistan” (with Jared Schwartz), *East Asia Forum*, Australian National University, March 29, 2019.
- “Ending Terror in Kashmir,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, February 22, 2019.
- Reprinted in *Sri Lanka Guardian*
- “Global War on Dangerous Ideas” (with Samir Ahmad), *Greater Kashmir*, January 20, 2019.

- “Pakistani Militants Have Created Their Own Political Party. Can It Actually Win Votes?” (with Niloufer Siddiqui), *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, May 7, 2018.
- “An Opportunity for Regional Leadership in South Asia,” *New Atlanticist*, February 7, 2017.
- “Bridging the Gap between Policing and Counterinsurgency in Pakistan” (with Farhan Zahid and Philip Hultquist), *Military Review* (November-December 2016): 37-43.
- “When the Strong Weaponize the Weak: States and Guerrilla Warfare,” *Sustainable Security* (Oxford Research Group), October 19, 2016.
- “Between Radicalization and Violence” (with Gage Willand), *Political Violence @ a Glance*, June 23, 2016.
- “Peace by Assassination?” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, May 25, 2016.
- “The Problem with Proxies: Ideology is No Substitute for Operational Control” (with Orr Genish), *Small Wars Journal*, September 27, 2015.
- “Reimagining Pakistan’s Militia Policy,” *Atlantic Council Issue Brief*, April 27, 2015.
- “In Pakistan, Domestic Threats Begin to Overshadow India,” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, January 6, 2015.
- “Are There Lessons from Pakistan for Future of Fighting in Ukraine?” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, May 27, 2014.
- “Generation Putin,” *Foreign Policy*, January 22, 2008.
- “Between the East and West,” *Moscow Times* 4326 (Feb. 8, 2010), 7.
- “Unwelcomed Missiles” (with Feryaz Ocakli), *Russia Profile*, December 29, 2009.
- “Iran: Code Orange?” *Foreign Policy in Focus*, June 30, 2009.
- “Learning from the Soviets in Afghanistan,” *Foreign Policy in Focus*, June 20, 2008.
- “U.S.-Iran Relations Need Reform,” *Wellesley News*, September 2003.

Selected Reporting

- “Children of the Revolution: A New Generation of Russians Tries to Become Politically Active,” *Russia Profile*, February 5, 2008.
- “Why Alma Mater Matters,” *Russia Profile* 5, No. 6 (July 2008): 8-9.
- “A Rural Referendum: Villagers Hope Medvedev Will Continue Down Putin’s Path,” *Russia Profile*, March 3, 2008.
- “Banking on Russian Women,” *Passport Moscow* (September 2008): 30-32.

Awards and Fellowships

2016-present. Atlantic Council South Asia Center, Washington, DC, Nonresident Senior Fellowship

2015, 2016, 2017, 2019. Skidmore College Faculty Development Grant

2018. Skidmore College Faculty Development Committee Ad Hoc Grant

2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18. Judith Johns Carrico Faculty Grant

2016, 2017. Skidmore College Faculty Student Summer Research Grant

2017. Jacob Perlow Grant, Skidmore College

2014-15. Atlantic Council US-Pakistan Exchange Fellowship

2014. Skidmore College Center for Leadership in Teaching and Learning Course Development Grant

2014. American Institute of Pakistan Studies Travel Grant

2014. Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences Travel Grant

2013-14. Watson Institute for International Affairs Graduate Fellowship [declined, to accept a position at Union College]

2012-13. United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship

2012-13. American Institute of Pakistan Studies Junior Fellowship

2012. Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship

2011. Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant (Special Recognition: John L. Stanley Award)

2011. James R. Millar Graduate Student Prize from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER)

2011. New York Public Library Short-Term Research Fellowship

2011. American Political Science Association Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Fellow

2011. Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, South Asia Summer Language Institute (Urdu)

2011-12. Brown University Graduate School Internal Dissertation Fellowship

2011, 2012, 2013. Brown University Office of International Affairs Research Travel Grant

2010, 2011, 2012. Brown University Graduate School Research Travel Grant

2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013. Brown University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant

2010. Brown University Political Science Department Methods Training Fellowship

2009. IREX U.S. Embassy Policy Specialist Fellowship

2009. Watson Institute for International Affairs Graduate Program in Development Summer Fieldwork Grant

2008-09. Stanley J. Bernstein '65 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University

2006-07. Fulbright Fellowship

2005. Harvard University Davis Center Research Travel Grant

2005. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship

2005. Harvard University Ukrainian Institute Research Travel Grant

2002-03. National Science Foundation Award for the Integration of Research and Education

2002, 2003. Francis Beirne National Essay Contest First Place Prize

2003. Target "All-Around" Award

2003. Wellesley Class Of '69 Community Service Award

2002. Centuria of Excellence Award

2001, 2002, 2004. Wellesley College Spirit of Service Award

2001. Youth Venture Grant

2001. Wellesley College First Year Academic Distinction

Conferences, Workshops, and Invited Talks

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap: Connecting Research and Policy, Washington, D.C., 2019

India Security Workshop, NYU-Abu Dhabi, 2019

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019

Raisina Dialogue, New Delhi, India, Delegate, 2018

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2010, 2014, 2018

National Security Seminar, U.S. Army War College, 2016

Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, 2016

Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society at Skidmore College, Keynote Address, 2016

International Student Union, Skidmore College, 2016

Center for Contemporary South Asia Book Manuscript Workshop (daylong examination of my *Gambling with Violence* book manuscript), Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, November 11, 2016

Skidmore College Women in Business, 2016

Annual Conference on South Asia, 2013, 2014, 2015

American Institute of Pakistan Studies Junior Scholars Conference, 2015

International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, 2015, 2017

Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India, 2015

Center for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2015

Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, 2015

Political Violence Workshop at Hamilton College, 2015

Newcomb Foreign Affairs Roundtable, Newcomb, NY, 2015

Skidmore Encore, 2015

National Police Academy, Islamabad, Pakistan, 2014

National Ground Intelligence Center, Charlottesville, VA, 2014

Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies Basin Harbor Workshop, 2014

Modern South Asia Workshop at Yale University, 2014

Pay It Forward: Women Helping Women in International Relations, International Studies Association Annual Convention, 2014

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2013

Cambridge University Press Watson Seminar, book manuscript reviewer, 2013

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Strategic Use of Force Working Group, 2013, 2013

Jennings Randolph Senior Fellows and Peace Scholars Workshop, USIP, 2013

Olympia Summer Seminars: Transformation of Conflict, Olympia, Greece, 2012

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2009, 2012, 2014

Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russia, 2012

Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, 2012

Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, 2012

National Seminar for Research Scholars on “Understanding Pakistan,” Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, 2011

Harvard University Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop, 2011

IREX/Woodrow Wilson Center Regional Policy Symposium, 2009

Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium at Columbia University, 2009

IREX Regional Office in Kiev, Ukraine, 2009

American Center in Moscow, Russia, 2008

U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia, 2008

History of Russian-American Diplomatic Relations: 200 Years, FLEX Alumni Conference in Yaroslavl, Russia, 2007

Russian Academy of Education Conference on Professional Education, Cheboksary, Russia, 2006

Harvard University Graduate Student Conference on Comparative and Security Policies, 2006

Harvard University Davis Center Undergraduate Research Conference, 2004

Wellesley College Ruhlman Conference, 2004; Tanner Conference, 2003

Teaching

Politics of Modern South Asia States, Rebels, and Warlords Politics of Modern Warfare	Soldiers, Diplomats, and Spies: The Art of Politics by Other Means Introduction to Comparative and International Politics They Might Be Giants: Global Rise of BRICS
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Teaching Assistant, Brown University

Politics, Economy, and Society in India The Roots of Radical Political Islam	Introduction to International Relations Politics, Markets, and States in Developing Countries
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Volunteer Instructor

Global Learning Non-Profit Organization in San Roque, Costa Rica, 2001

Albany Youth Leadership Institute in Albany, NY, 2002

Founder and Director

College Prep Program in Albany, NY, 2002-03

Additional Training

Methodological

Research and Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern Law, 2014

Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences Geographic Information System (GIS) Institute, 2012

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, NY, 2010

Pedagogical

Project Vis Data Visualization, Skidmore College, 2017

Brown University Sheridan Center Teaching Certificate I, 2009-10, and Certificate III, 2010-11

College Reading and Learning Association Tutor Certification, 2002-03

Manuscript Reviewer

American Political Science Review, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Asian Security*, *Asian Affairs: An American Review*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, *Brown Journal of History* (Associate Editor, 2011)

Service

Honors Forum Council committee member (Fall 2018-present), Faculty Advisor to *Skidmore News* (Fall 2015-Spring 2017), Faculty Advisor to Kashmir Flood Volunteer Action Committee, Skidmore College (Fall 2014); Campus Access Advisory Committee, Office of Disability Services, Brown University (2011-12); Educational Equity Leadership Group, Brown (2011)

Selected Media Appearances

Foreign Policy, Quoted in “Streetfighting Men: Is Ukraine’s Government Bankrolling a Secret Army of Adidas-Clad Thugs?” February 6, 2014.

Al Jazeera Arabic News Channel, Live Interview, April 18, 2008.

The Wall Street Journal, The Informed Reader, Coverage of my *Foreign Policy* article “Generation Putin Eyes the World Warily,” January 29, 2008.

Chinese Xinhua News Agency, Interview, February 29 and March 3, 2008.

Political Talk Show *Narod Hochet Znat’* (TVS-Moscow Television Channel), Audience Question, November 30, 2007.

Languages

Urdu/Hindi – advanced introductory; Russian – fluent; Spanish – intermediate; Turkish – introductory; Belarusian, Ukrainian – working knowledge