

## Colin Johnson

Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh  
4600 Wesley W Posvar Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260  
E-mail: [crj27@pitt.edu](mailto:crj27@pitt.edu)

### **Academic Positions**

---

*University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA*

- UCIS Postdoctoral Fellow, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Center, Political Science (2017-2019).

### **Education**

---

*Brown University, Providence, RI.*

- Ph.D. in Political Science (July 2017).  
- Field Exams: Comparative Politics and International Relations.
- M.A. in Political Science (2012).

*Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee.*

- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Minor in Russian Studies (2010), *cum laude*.

### **Research and Publications**

---

#### *Research Interests*

Migration politics, politics of post-communist Eurasia, development, human security, ethnic conflict.

#### *Dissertation*

“Political Machines and Regional Variation in Migration Policies in Russia”.

This dissertation examines the factors contributing to integrative regional migration policies in four regions in Russia. Utilizing elite-level interviews and newspaper data collected during a year of fieldwork, I argue that the reorganization of Russia’s electoral space under Putin’s administrations offers regional governments the capability to pursue independent policies, e.g., integrative migration policies.

Committee: Linda J. Cook, Melani Cammett, Douglas Blum.

#### *Book Chapters*

“Perspectives on Migration Theory – Sociology and Political Science,” (with Michael J. White) in Michael J. White (ed.), *International Handbook of Migration and Population Distribution* (Springer Publishing, 2016).

#### *In Preparation*

“Defying the Unitary State: Variation in Regional Migration Policies in Russia”.

“The Wrong Islam: Ethnic Identity and Marginalization of Labor Migrants in Tatarstan”.

### **Teaching Experience**

---

*Instructor of Record, University of Pittsburgh*

PS 1538 – “The Politics of Oil and Natural Resources,” Fall 2017.

PS 1536 – “Human Security,” Spring 2018; Fall 2018.

PS 1638 – “Global Migration,” Spring 2019.

RS 2092 – “Russian and East European Studies Capstone,” Spring 2019.

*Instructor of Record, Brown University*

POLS 1823X – “Survey of Comparative Politics,” Spring 2015.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant, Brown University*

POLS 0200: “Introduction to Comparative Politics,” Claudia Elliott, Brown University (Spring 2012).

POLS 1430: “Politics of Radical Islam,” Pauline Jones, Brown University (Fall 2011).

## **Grants and Fellowships**

---

### *External*

- NEH Humanities Connections Implementation Grant, 2018-2021 (\$100,000).
- UCIS Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Russian and East European Studies, 2017-2019.
- International Advanced Research Opportunity Fellowship, IREX, 2013-2014 (\$18,400).
- Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, 2013-2014 (\$24,000) [declined].
- Critical Language Scholarship Program, Kazan, Russia, U.S. Dept. of State, June–Aug. 2010 (\$7,000).

### *Internal*

- Interdisciplinary Opportunity Fellowship, Population Studies & Training Center, Brown University, 2015-2016, (\$30,000).
- Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, Brown University, Spring 2015 (\$7,500).
- Department of Political Science Dissertation Fellowship, 2014-2015 (\$24,500).
- Graduate School Incentive Grant, Brown University, 2013-2014 (\$9,000).
- Summer Fieldwork Grant, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, June 2012, (\$3,500).
- NSF-IGERT Fellowship, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 2012–2013, (\$30,000).
- Joukowsky Family Fellowship, Brown University, 2010-2011 (\$24,500).

## **Academic Conferences and Workshops**

---

“Politics of Exclusion: Central Asian Labor Migrants in Tatarstan,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies conference, Boston (December 2018).

“Discerning Who’s Desired: Regional Variation in Migration Politics in Russia,” American Political Science Association conference, Boston (September 2018).

“Defying the Unitary State: Variation in Regional Migration Policies in Russia,”  
- Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago (March 2018).  
- Midwest Slavic Association conference, Columbus (March 2018).

“The Wrong Islam: Ethnic Identity and Marginalization of Labor Migrants in Tatarstan,” American Political Science Association conference, San Francisco (September 2017).

“Complex Arrivals: The Politics of Migration in Tatarstan and Bashkortostan,” Islam in Russia Conference and Workshop, Davis Center at Harvard University, Cambridge (October 2015).

“Whose Problem Are They? Migration Politics in Russia’s Volga Region,”  
- American Political Science Association conference, San Francisco (September 2015).  
- Association of the Study of Nationalities at Columbia University, New York (April 2015).  
- Post-Communism Workshop at the Davis Center at Harvard University, Cambridge (March 2015).

“Maximizing Returns: The Social Politics of Central Asians’ Migration to Russia,” co-authored with Linda Cook, American Political Science Association conference, Chicago (August 2013).

“Demography and Immigration: A Xenophobic Outcome Inevitable?,” Association for the Study of Nationalities conference, Columbia University, New York (April 2012).

“Demographic Decline and Social Politics in the Russian Federation,” Social Science Research Council Eurasia Dissertation Workshop, “Youth and Social Instability in Eurasia,” University of Texas, Austin (October 2011).

## **Invited Lectures**

---

“Political and Social Impact of Central Asian Migrants to Russia,” closed panel briefing for policy officials on behalf of the Title VIII program, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC (May 2015).

“Open Arms or Closed Doors? Migration Politics in Russia’s Regions,” presented at Rhodes College, Dept. of International Studies Guest Lecture series, Memphis (March 2015).

## **Professional Experience**

---

### *University Service*

Organizer, Central Asia Interdisciplinary Reading Group, University of Pittsburgh (2018-2019).

Discussant, Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2018).

Selection Committee, FLAS Graduate Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2018).

Organizer, Interdisciplinary Research Workshop for Population Studies, Brown University (2015-2016).

### *Administrative Experience*

Institute Coordinator, Brown International Advanced Research Institute in Population and Development, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs (January – June 2013).

## **Relevant Experience and Information**

---

### *Additional Training*

GIS Methods Institute, Spatial Structures in the Social Science, Brown University (2013).

Population Studies Training Center Trainee, Brown University (2011–2017).

Graduate Program in Development Trainee, Brown University (2010–2012).

### *Additional Research Experience*

Fieldwork research in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for the NEH Humanities Connections Implementation Grant Project, “Water in Central Asia: Tributaries of Change,” University of Pittsburgh (Summer 2018).

Internship at the Podrostok Social Rehabilitation Center in Velikiy Novgorod, Russia as a Mertie W. Buckman Scholar for International Internships, Rhodes College (Summer 2009).

Prometheus Program in Transition Studies at the University of Tartu, Estonia as a Buckman International Studies Fellow, Rhodes College (Spring 2009).

Russian Language Study at the Gorniy Institute in Saint Petersburg, Russia as a LeMasters Scholar, Rhodes College (Summer 2008).

### *Professional Membership*

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Association of the Study of Nationalities

Population Association of America

Phi Beta Kappa

### *Languages*

Native English

High Proficiency Russian

## References

---

Dr. Ronald H. Linden  
Professor of Political Science  
University of Pittsburgh  
Email: [linden@pitt.edu](mailto:linden@pitt.edu)

Dr. Melani Cammett  
Professor of Political Science  
Harvard University  
Email: [mcammett@g.harvard.edu](mailto:mcammett@g.harvard.edu)

Dr. Linda J. Cook  
Professor of Political Science Brown  
University  
Email: [Linda\\_Cook@brown.edu](mailto:Linda_Cook@brown.edu)

Dr. Douglas Blum  
Professor of Political Science  
Providence College  
Email: [douglum@providence.edu](mailto:douglum@providence.edu)