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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Department of Political Science, Kent State University, 2014.
Fields: Transnational and Comparative Politics, Public Policy and Administration.
Dissertation: *The Causes of Post-Mobilization Leadership Change and Continuity: A Comparative Analysis of Post-Color Revolution Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Georgia*.
Committee: Andrew Barnes (Chair), Joshua Stacher (Co-Chair), Julie Mazzei, and Stephen Crowley (Oberlin College).
- M. A., Political Science, Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, 2002.
- B.A., Political Science and History, Tbilisi State University, Graduated with Honors (Summa Cum Laude), Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2012-17 Political Analyst, The Jamestown Foundation, Washington, D.C.
2010-11 Chairperson, The Georgian Truth Commission, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2017 Reflections from Washington: A Chronological Digest of Georgian Politics in 2012-2017. Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia: Glosa Publishing.
- 2017 *Tserilebi Amerikidan* [The Letters From America]. Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia: Meridiani Publishing.

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2016 "Sovereignty Issues in the Caucasus: Contested Ethnic and National Identities in Chechnya, Abkhazia, and South Ossetia." (With Glen Duerr). *Nationalities Affairs*, 48: 30-47.

Books in Preparation

- 2018 The Causes of Post-Mobilization Leadership Change and Continuity: A Comparative Analysis of Post-Color Revolution Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Georgia.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- 2018 “Modern Urban Architecture in the Service of Semi-Authoritarian Regimes: Decoding the Unspoken Political Language in Post-Soviet Georgia and Kazakhstan.” To be submitted to the *Journal of Comparative Politics*.

Non-Academic Writings

- 2017 “Georgia Signs Unfavorable New Natural Gas Transit Deal With Russia.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 14, Issue 3.
- 2016 “Russia Alters Geopolitical Balance in South Caucasus with New Energy Project.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 13, Issue 79.
- 2015 “Political Bickering Over Georgian Financial Regulations Highlights Weaknesses in the Country’s Political Culture.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 12, Issue 147.
- 2015 “Are Georgian-Ukrainian Bilateral Ties Deteriorating” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 12, Issue 58.
- 2014 “Moscow’s Attempt to Annex Abkhazia Serves as a Bitter Lesson for Russia’s Friends and Opponents.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 11, Issue 192.
- 2014 “Few Successes and Many Disappointments--A Net Assessment of Developments in Georgia Since the Start of 2014.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 11, Issue 181.
- 2014 “Georgia’s Local Elections Signal Changes to the Country’s Political Landscape.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 11, Issue 115.
- 2013 “Russia Gradually Expands Its Occupation Zone in Georgia.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 10, Issue 168.
- 2013 “Feeble Pool of Presidential Candidates Indicates Weakened Presidency in Georgia.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 10, Issue 138.
- 2013 “Latest Georgian Casualties in Afghanistan Spark Unprecedented Public Debate and Doubts about Georgia’s NATO Perspectives.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 10, Issue 116.
- 2012 “Reinterpretations of Soviet History in Georgia and the Post-Soviet Space: Never-Ending Battle.” The Jamestown Foundation, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*. Volume 9, Issue 212.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2002 The Patricia Ruffin-Kittaw Memorial Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Political Science, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008-12 Ph.D. Fellowship, Kent State University.
2010 Georgian government grant, The Georgian Truth Commission, \$28,000.
2009 U.S. Embassy Policy Specialist (EPS) Fellowship, \$4,500.

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “How Diasporas Organize Themselves: The Case of the Georgian Community in the United States,” XXII Congress of Ukrainians in America, Hartford, Connecticut, September 24.
2009 “Dynamics of Democratic Transition and State-Building Processes: Parallels to Modern Georgia,” Tbilisi State University, July 7.
2007 “The New Energy Routes Across Georgia: Bringing the Nation Back to the West,” Columbia University, November 30.
2007 “Trans-Caucasus and Ukraine, the West's New Energy Corridors-Present State and Future Geopolitical Implications,” Columbia University, September 18.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

- 2017 “How Small Ethnic Communities Survive? The Case of Ingilos, Georgian Muslims, in Azerbaijan,” Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 4-6.
2015 “Historical and Post-Authoritarian Truth Commissions: Focus on the Georgian Truth Commission,” Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 15-18.
2012 “European Union’s Eastern Neighborhood: How Much Can EU Influence?” the conference on the European Union and World Politics at SUNY at Buffalo, October 5-6.
2010 “Same Strategy, Different Tactics? Tsarist and Soviet Language Policy in Georgia,” the conference on The Politics and Pragmatics of Translation in the USSR: The Daily Life of Language in a Multi-National Empire, April 8-9.
2007 “The Growth of Ethnic Intolerance in Russia’s Big Cities,” Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 18-21.

Panel Discussant

- 2012 “EU Public Policy Making,” the conference on The European Union and World

- 2007 Politics at SUNY at Buffalo, October 5-6.
"Cultural Beings across Iran-Post-Soviet Borders," Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 12-14.

Panel Chair

- 2017 "Memory, Heritage, and Historical Legacies in the Southern Caucasus," Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 4-6.
2015 "Political and Social Changes in the South Caucasus Region," Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 15-18.

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2014 "The Causes of Post-Mobilization Leadership Change and Continuity: A Comparative Analysis of Post-Color Revolution Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Georgia," Kent State University, November 19.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kent State University

- Introduction to Comparative Politics, (fall 2013; fall 2012)
World Politics, (spring 2013)

Teaching Areas/Courses Prepared to Teach

- Introduction to Comparative Politics.
Introduction to International Relations.
The Politics of Revolution and Regime Changes.
Comparative Political Systems.
Democratization.
Government and Politics of Russian Federation.
Eastern Europe in World Politics.
The Politics of Oil.
US Foreign Policy
Cold War.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2008-12 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Kent State University.
2007-08 Visiting Scholar, The Harriman Institute of Columbia University, New York.
2003-06 Research Associate, Legal Service-Court Express, New York.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Kent State University, 2011-2012
Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Kent State University, 2010-2011.

Representative, Graduate Student Senate, Kent State University, 2009-2010.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Interview with Georgia based TV Channel “Ertsulovneba,” May 16, 2017.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Accent,” August 16, 2016.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Accent,” October 23, 2015.
Interview with Washington D.C. based radio station Voice of America, August 18, 2015.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Accent,” July 16, 2015.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Accent,” May 29, 2014.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Front News,” November 20, 2013.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Front News,” October 14, 2013.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “New Posts,” April 12, 2013.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Front News,” February 10, 2013.
Interview with Georgia based news agency “Front News,” January 18, 2013.
Interview with Washington D.C. based radio station Voice of America, November 1, 2011.
Interview with Georgia based internet news agency “Pirweli,” May 31, 2011.
Interview with Georgia based major TV channel “Rustavi 2,” April 9, 2010.
Truth Commission Inauguration Speech on “Adjara TV,” April 9, 2010.
Interview with Georgia based internet news agency “Pirweli,” November 29, 2009.
Interview with Georgia based internet news agency “Pirweli,” October 2, 2009.
Interview with Georgia based internet news agency “Pirweli,” September 11, 2009.
Interview with Georgia based internet news agency www.presa.ge, August, 2009.
Interview with Georgia based political radio station 100.9. August 2, 2009.
Interview with Georgia based political radio station 100.9. July 26, 2009.
Interview with Georgia based internet news agency “Pirweli,” July 7, 2009.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

STATA quantitative data analysis software.

NVivo qualitative data analysis software.

LANGUAGES

Georgian (native).

English (fluent).

Russian (fluent).

Ukrainian (basic).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA).
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN).
Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS).

REFERENCES

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