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## EDUCATION

### *Degree Programs*

**Ph.D. in Political Science and Economics**, University of California–Berkeley, 2003

*Dissertation committee:* Henry Brady (chair), George Akerlof, George Breslauer, Matthew Rabin, James Robinson

*Dissertation:* Mancur Olson Award for Best Dissertation in Field of Political Economy

**M.A. in Economics**, University of California–Berkeley, 2000

**M.A. in Political Science**, University of California–Berkeley, 1998

**M.B.A.**, University of Michigan, 1991, graduated with distinction

**B.S. in Agricultural Economics**, University of Illinois, 1989, graduated summa cum laude

### *Non-Degree Programs*

**Russell Sage Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics**, July 2000

**St. Petersburg State University**, Summer program in Russian language, June–August 1998

**Central European University**, Summer university course in Labor Markets and the Applied Microeconomics of Transition, July 1997

**Stanford University**, Coursework in mathematics while visiting at Stanford’s Center for International Security and Arms Control, 1996

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

**University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science**

Professor of Political Science, 2011–present

Associate Chair, 2012–2015

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2008–2011

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2003–2008

**Harvard University**

Visiting Professor, Department of Government, 2012

Senior Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, 2011–2012

**International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow**

Senior Research Fellow, 2011–2014

**Centre for Economic and Financial Research, New Economic School, Moscow**

Visiting Scholar, 2001–2003, 2007–2008

**University of California–Berkeley**

Research Assistant, Survey Research Center, 1999–2001

**Central European University, Prague and Budapest**

Research Associate, CEU Labor Project, 1995–1997

**Stanford University**

Visiting Fellow, Center for International Security and Arms Control, 1996

Research Assistant, Center for International Security and Arms Control, 1996

**Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences–Czech Republic**

Visiting Scholar, 1995–1996

**Central Europe Institute, Prague**

Senior Consultant, 1994–1995

**Office of Congressman Thomas W. Ewing, Washington, D.C.**

Legislative Assistant, 1992–1994

**HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

*Comparative Political Studies* Editorial Board Best Paper Award.

European Politics and Society Best Article Award

QJPS Referee Hall of Fame, 2005–2014

Kellett Mid-Career Faculty Researcher Award, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, UW Madison

Abram Bergson Prize for best paper published in *Comparative Economic Studies*

H. I. Romnes Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School, UW Madison

AAASS Davis Center Book Prize for Political and Social Studies, honorable mention

Lyons Family Faculty Fellowship, College of Letters and Science, UW Madison

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship

Fulbright Scholarship (declined)

IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship (declined)

SSRC Eurasia Program Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

Mancur Olson Award for Best Dissertation in Field of Political Economy

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship

SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship

IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship

Peter H. Odegard Memorial Award in Political Science

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (for summer language study)

Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and Senior 100 undergraduate honorary organizations

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

***Books***

*Formal Models of Domestic Politics*. 2013. Cambridge University Press (Analytical Methods for Social Research).

*Representation Through Taxation: Revenue, Politics, and Development in Postcommunist States*. 2008. Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics). AAASS Davis Center Book Prize for Political and Social Studies (for an

outstanding monograph published on Russia, Eurasia, or Eastern Europe in anthropology, political science, sociology, or geography), honorable mention.

### **Articles**

- “Collective Action and Representation in Autocracies: Evidence from Russia’s Great Reforms.” 2017. *American Political Science Review*. Forthcoming.
- “Formal Models of Nondemocratic Politics.” 2016. With Konstantin Sonin and Milan Svobik. *Annual Review of Political Science*. 19:565–84.
- “The Productivity Consequences of Political Turnover: Firm-Level Evidence from Ukraine’s Orange Revolution.” 2015. With John S. Earle. *American Journal of Political Science*. 59(3):708–723.
- “Does Reform Prevent Rebellion? Evidence from Russia’s Emancipation of the Serfs.” 2015. With Evgeny Finkel and Tricia Olsen. *Comparative Political Studies*. 48(8):984–1019. European Politics and Society Best Article Award. *Comparative Political Studies* Editorial Board Best Paper Award.
- “Electoral Manipulation as Bureaucratic Control.” 2015. With Alberto Simpser. *American Journal of Political Science*. 59(1):212–224.
- “Government Control of the Media.” 2014. With Konstantin Sonin. *Journal of Public Economics*. 118:163–171.
- “Private Investment and the Institutionalization of Collective Action in Autocracies: Ruling Parties and Legislatures.” 2012. With Philip Keefer. *Journal of Politics*. 74(2):621–635.
- “Investment Without Democracy: Ruling-Party Institutionalization and Credible Commitment in Autocracies.” 2011. With Philip Keefer. *Journal of Comparative Economics*. 39(2):123–139. Lead article.
- “Did Postcommunist Privatization Increase Mortality?” With John S. Earle. Summary published as “Did Mass Privatisation Really Increase Post-Communist Mortality?” 2010. *Lancet*. 375(9712):372. Full paper published in *Comparative Economic Studies*. 2011. 53(2):239–260. Abram Bergson Prize for best paper published in *Comparative Economic Studies* in the previous two years.
- “The Contribution of Veto Players to Economic Reform.” 2010. With Edmund J. Malesky. *Journal of Politics*. 72(4):957–975.
- “Businessman Candidates.” 2010. With Konstantin Sonin and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya. *American Journal of Political Science*. 54(3):718–736.
- “Helping Hand or Grabbing Hand? State Bureaucracy and Privatization Effectiveness.” 2009. With J. David Brown and John S. Earle. *American Political Science Review*. 103(2):264–283.
- “Electoral Institutions and the National Provision of Local Public Goods.” 2007. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*. 2(1):5–25. Lead article.
- “Revenue Traps.” 2007. *Economics and Politics*. 19(1):73–96.

“A Formal Model of Exit and Voice.” 2006. *Rationality and Society*. 18(4):395–418. Lead article.

“The Consequences of Collective Action: An Incomplete-Contracts Approach.” 2006. *American Journal of Political Science*. 50(3):802–823.

“A Spoonful of Sugar: Privatization and Popular Support for Reform in the Czech Republic.” 2003. With John S. Earle. *Economics and Politics*. 15(1):1–32. Lead article.

### **Shorter Papers**

“(Good) Land and Freedom (for Former Serfs): Determinants of Peasant Unrest in European Russia, March–October 1917.” 2017. With Evgeny Finkel and Dmitrii Kofanov. *Slavic Review*. 76(3):710–721.

“Is Putin’s Popularity Real?” 2016. With Timothy Frye, Kyle L. Marquardt, and Ora John Reuter. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 2017. 33(1):1–15. Lead article.

“Cooperating With the State: Evidence from Survey Experiments on Policing.” 2016. With Noah Buckley, Timothy Frye, and Lauren McCarthy. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 3(2):124–139.

“Reflections on Putin and the Media.” 2010. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 26(1):77–87.

“What is a Big Bureaucracy? Reflections on *Rebuilding Leviathan* and *Runaway State-Building*.” 2008. *Czech Sociological Review*. 44(6):1189–1197.

“Shifting Electoral Geography in Russia’s 1991 and 1996 Presidential Elections.” 2000. *Post-Soviet Geography and Economics*. 41(5):379–387.

### **Book Chapters**

“The Grand Experiment That Wasn’t? New Institutional Economics and the Postcommunist Experience.” 2014. With Edmund J. Malesky. In *Institutions, Property Rights and Economic Growth: The Legacy of Douglass North* (Sebastian Galiani and Itai Sened, eds.).

“Privatization.” 2013. With John S. Earle and J. David Brown. In *The Oxford Handbook of the Russian Economy* (Michael Alexeev and Shlomo Weber, eds.).

### **Reviews and Commentary**

“Taxes and Citizenship, 1850s–1920s [Review of Yanni Kotsonis, *States of Obligation: Taxes and Citizenship in the Russian Empire and Early Soviet Republic*].” 2016. *Kritika*. 17(3):698–701.

“The Fallacy of Multiple Methods.” 2015. *Comparative Politics Newsletter*. 25(2):11–12.

“Review of Venelin I. Ganey, *Preying on the State: The Transformation of Bulgaria after 1989*.” 2009. *Perspectives on Politics*. 7(2):425–426.

“Review of Yi Feng, *Democracy, Governance, and Performance: Theory and Evidence*.” 2004. *Economics of Transition*. 12(3):587–589.

## INVITED TALKS

Middlebury College, Department of Economics, 2018  
University of Virginia, Book Manuscript Workshop (Anne Meng), 2018  
Cornell University, Department of Government Seminar, 2018  
University of Virginia, Lansing B. Lee, Jr. Seminar in Global Politics, 2017  
George Washington University, PONARS Eurasia Annual Conference, 2017  
University of Iowa, Grand Rounds, Department of Medicine, 2017  
Williams College, Department of Economics, 2017  
Indiana University, Workshop on the Political Economy of Contemporary Autocracy, 2017  
University of Michigan, Political Economy Workshop, 2017  
Texas A&M, Political Behavior and Political Institutions Seminar, 2017  
Harvard University, Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference, 2016  
UCSD, Workshop on The Evolution of Communist Political Systems, 2016  
LSE-NYU Conference on Political Science and Political Economy, London, 2016  
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Tallinn, 2016  
University of Rochester, Wallis Seminar on Political Economy, 2016  
University of Washington, Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, 2016  
Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2016  
George Washington University, PONARS Policy Conference, 2015  
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Hong Kong, 2015  
VoxUkraine/Journal of Comparative Economics Conference on Ukraine, Kyiv, 2015  
UC Berkeley, Comparative Politics Colloquium, 2015  
Pennsylvania State University, Political Science Speaker Series, 2015  
Columbia University, Comparative Politics Seminar, 2015  
University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Seminar, 2014  
Emory University, Political Institutions and Methodology Working Group, 2014  
Washington University, Conference on Formal Theory and Comparative Politics, 2014  
UC Berkeley, Book Manuscript Workshop (Peter Lorentzen), 2014  
George Washington University, PONARS Workshop on Political Economy of Russia and Eurasia, 2014  
Duke University, Workshop on Political Accountability, 2014  
UW Madison, Applied Economics Workshop, 2014  
Northwestern University, Book Manuscript Workshop (Jordan Gans-Morse), 2014  
Harvard University, Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference, 2013  
Yale University, Conference on Russian, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Economic History, 2013  
Cornell University, Department of Government Seminar, 2013  
University of Houston, Workshop on Political Economy of the Rule of Law, 2013  
Kellogg School of Management, Political Economy Seminar, 2013  
University of Chicago, Political Economy Workshop, 2013  
Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Juan March Institute, Madrid, 2013  
Emory University, Workshop on Elections and Political Order, 2012  
Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Book Manuscript Workshop (Grigore Pop-Eleches and Joshua Tucker), 2012

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Book Manuscript  
Workshop (Stanislav Markus), 2012  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2012  
New Economic School/CEFIR, 2012  
Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, 2012  
Harvard-MIT Positive Political Economy Seminar, 2012  
Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Workshop, 2011  
Princeton University, Political Economy Workshop, 2011  
University of Chicago, Conference on Authoritarian Constitutions, 2011  
Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, 2011  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2011  
Columbia University, Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies, 2011  
UC Berkeley, Workshop on Endogenous Institutions and Conflict, 2011  
University of Illinois, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2011  
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Shanghai, 2010  
Tsinghua University, Beijing, 2010  
APSA Conference on “Appraising Media Indicators,” University of Pennsylvania, 2010  
Conference on “The Legacy and Work of Douglass C. North,” Center for New Institu-  
tional Social Sciences, Washington University, 2010  
University of Michigan, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2010  
University at Buffalo, Book Manuscript Workshop (Dinissa Duvanova), 2010  
University of Chicago, Political Economy Workshop, 2010  
Columbia University, Comparative Politics Seminar, 2010  
Stanford University, Conference on “Better Governance for Better Health,” 2010  
George Mason University, Public Choice Seminar, 2010  
UCLA, Workshop on Well-Being in New Democracies, 2010  
APSA Conference on “Democracy Audits and Governmental Indicators,” Berkeley, 2009  
Hitotsubashi University, Institute of Economic Research, 2009  
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Bratislava, 2009  
Harvard University, Center for International Development, 2009  
Weatherhead Center, Harvard University, Conference on “Conceptualizing and Measuring  
Legitimacy for Comparative and Cross-National Analyses,” 2009  
UW Madison, Development Economics Workshop, 2008  
University of Rochester, Wallis Seminar on Political Economy, 2008  
Moscow Carnegie Center, 2008  
Conference on “Frontiers of Political Economics,” Moscow, 2008  
University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2008  
UC Berkeley, Institutions and Positive Political Theory Seminar, 2008  
Rice University, Political Science Department Seminar, 2008  
Washington University, Political Economy Seminar, 2008  
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Singapore, 2008  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2007  
Harvard-MIT Positive Political Economy Seminar, 2007  
Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, 2007  
Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Workshop, 2007

New Economic School/CEFIR, 2007  
EERC Workshop on the New Political Economics, Kiev, 2007  
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Reykjavik, 2007  
UCSD, Political Economy of Development Seminar Series, 2007  
Middlebury College, Christian A. Johnson Visiting Lecturer Series, 2007  
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Boulder, 2006  
Duke University, Workshop on Post-Communist Political Economy and Democratic Politics, 2006  
Ohio State University, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2004  
UW Madison, Economic Theory Workshop, 2003  
New Economic School/CEFIR, 2003  
Stockholm School of Economics, 2002  
Collegium Budapest, Project on Honesty and Trust, 2002

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### *Articles and Op-Ed Columns (see also blog at [scottgehlbach.net](http://scottgehlbach.net))*

- “Trump Helps Putin—and All Dictators—When He Calls U.S. Elections ‘Rigged.’” 2016. The Monkey Cage [*Washington Post*]. October 26.
- “What Does Boris Nemtsov’s Murder Mean for Russia?” 2015. The Monkey Cage [*Washington Post*]. March 2.
- “What Can We Learn about the Electoral Behavior of Non-citizens from a Survey Designed to Learn about Citizens?” 2014. With John Ahlquist. The Monkey Cage [*Washington Post*]. October 28.
- “A Way Forward for Ukraine.” 2014. With Roger Myerson and Tymofiy Mylovanov. *New York Times*. March 19.
- “Why Do Leaders Manipulate (or not) Elections? Revisiting the 2013 Moscow Mayoral Elections.” 2013. The Monkey Cage [*Washington Post*]. October 2.
- “A Modest Proposal to Improve the Peer Review Process.” 2013. The Monkey Cage. August 27.
- “More on that Suspicious Russian Election.” 2012. The Monkey Cage. April 12.
- “Electoral Fraud in Russia: Report from the Russian Blogosphere.” 2012. The Monkey Cage. January 27.
- “Mif o biorokratii. Nevernaia problema, oshibochnoe reshenie [The Myth About Bureaucracy. Wrong Problem, Mistaken Solution].” 2011. With John S. Earle. *Vedomosti*. February 17.
- “Bigger Bureaucracy Can Be Better.” 2011. With John S. Earle. *Moscow Times*, January 25; *St. Petersburg Times*, January 26.
- “Knowing Who But Not Why.” 2007. With Konstantin Sonin. *Moscow Times*, September 13; *St. Petersburg Times*, September 14. Published in translation in *Obiectiv de Suceava*, Suceava, Romania, September 14; *La Vanguardia*, Spain, September 14.

- “Business-State Contract Lacks Credibility.” 2003. *Moscow Times*. August 6.
- “Owners and Winners in Eastern Europe.” 1996. With John S. Earle. Translated and published in the following newspapers: *Delo*, Ljubljana, Slovenia, October 19; *Bulgarski Business*, Sofia, Bulgaria, November 14; *Romania Libera*, Bucharest, Romania, November 29; *Rzeczpospolita*, Warsaw, Poland; *Logos Press*, Chisinau, Moldova.
- “Vouchers, Restitution Helped Klaus at the Ballot Box.” 1996. With John S. Earle, Zuzana Sakova, and Jiri Vecernik. *Prague Business Journal*. June 3-9.
- “Mass Privatization and Voter Response in the Czech Republic: Will the Klaus Strategy Work?” 1996. With John S. Earle, Zuzana Sakova, and Jiri Vecernik. *Open Media Research Institute Analytical Briefs*. 1(137).
- “Vertikalni Smysleni [The Hazards of Vertical Thinking].” 1995. With Vit Sedlacek. *Profit*. 95(36).
- “Kontrola Zasob a Nakupu [Inventory and Purchasing Control].” 1995. With Lucie Cerychova. *Profit*. 95(32).
- “Proc Podvojne Ucetnicvi? [Why Accrual Accounting?].” 1995. With Lucie Cerychova. *Profit*. 95(28).
- “Rizeni Rustu Firmy [Managing Company Growth].” 1995. With Lucie Cerychova. *Profit*. 95(22).

### ***Other***

- Prirucka Podnikatelskeho Planu* [The Business Planning Workbook]. 1995. With Debra Mosel. Prague: Czech-American Enterprise Fund.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- Political Science 274: Political Choice and Strategy  
 Political Science 612: Transitions to the Market  
 Political Science 800: Political Science as a Discipline and Profession  
 Political Science/Agricultural and Applied Economics 835: Game Theory and Political Analysis  
 Political Science 836: Formal Models in Political Science  
 Political Science 948: Nondemocratic Politics  
 Political Science 949: Postcommunist Politics  
 Government 2006 (Harvard): Formal Models of Domestic Politics

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Nominating Committee, American Political Science Association, 2017–2018  
 Board of Directors, Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics, 2017–2020  
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2017–present  
 Editorial Board, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2016–present  
 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics, 2016



Faculty, Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2016

Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 2015–present

Selection Committee, Gregory Luebbert Award for Best Article in Comparative Politics, 2010, 2015

Nominating Committee, APSA Political Economy Section, 2015

Editorial Board, *Politeia*, 2014–present

Editorial Board, *Comparative Economic Studies*, 2013–present

SSRC Eurasia Program Advisory Board on Quantitative Methodology, 2011–present

Academic Committee, New Economic School/Higher School of Economics B.A. Program in Economics, 2011–present

Co-editor, Higher School of Economics Working Paper Series in Political Science, 2011–2015

Selection Committee, Ed A. Hewett Book Prize, 2012–2014

Co-editor, *The Political Economist*, Newsletter of APSA Political Economy Section, 2010–2013

Editorial Board, *PS*, 2009–2012

Executive Council, APSA Political Economy Section, 2006–2008

Program Committee, Conference on “Frontiers of Political Economics,” Moscow, 2008

Faculty, EERC Workshop on the New Political Economics, 2007, 2008

Selection Committee, Mancur Olson Award for Best Dissertation in Political Economy, 2005

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Sociological Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; Cambridge University Press; *China Economic Review*; *Comparative Economic Studies*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; Cornell University Press; *Development Policy Review*; *Economic Systems*; *Economics and Politics*; *Economics of Governance*; *Economics of Transition*; *European Economic Review*; *International Organization*; *International Sociology*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Comparative Economics*; *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*; *Journal of Economic Literature*; *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Economic Theory*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; National Science Foundation; Oxford University Press; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Post-Soviet Affairs*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Review of International Organizations*; Russian National Award in Applied Economics; *Slavic Review*; *Social Science Journal*; *World Development*; *World Politics*