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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
Director, Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, 2018–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

Vilas Faculty Mid-Career Investigator Award

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

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

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

[Under contract] *Formal Models of Domestic Politics: Second Edition*. Cambridge University Press (Analytical Methods for Social Research).

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). Honorable mention, AAASS Davis Center Book Prize for Political and Social Studies. Based on Ph.D. dissertation, Mancur Olson Award for best dissertation in political economy.

Articles

“Collective Action and Representation in Autocracies: Evidence from Russia’s Great Reforms.” 2018. With Paul Castañeda Dower, Evgeny Finkel, and Steven Nafziger. *American Political Science Review*. 112(1):125–147.

→ Related: “Democratization as a Continuous Choice: A Comment on Acemoglu and Robinson’s Correction to ‘Why Did the West Extend the Franchise?’” 2019. With Paul Castañeda Dower, Evgeny Finkel, and Steven Nafziger. *Journal of Politics*. 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

- “What is Next for the Study of Nondemocracy?” 2018. In *The Research Agenda in New Institutional Economics* (Claude Ménard and Mary Shirley, eds.). Northampton and Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- “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.). New York: Cambridge University Press.

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

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

University of Chicago Center in Paris, Book Manuscript Workshop (Monika Nalepa), 2019

Pennsylvania State University, Russian Economic History Workshop, 2019

New York University, Political Economy Seminar, 2019

Duke University, Department of Political Science, 2019

European University at St. Petersburg, PONARS Workshop on Modernization, 2019

University of Minnesota, Comparative Politics Colloquium, 2019

National Taiwan University, Webinar in Fake News and Election Meddling, 2019

University of Colorado, Department of Political Science, 2018

Middlebury College, Department of Economics, 2018

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, 2018

University of Virginia, Book Manuscript Workshop (Anne Meng), 2018

Cornell University, Department of Government, 2018

University of Chicago, Political Economy Workshop, 2018

University of Virginia, Lansing B. Lee, Jr. Seminar in Global Politics, 2017

George Washington University, PONARS 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 Institutional 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)

“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

Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 2015–present
Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2019–present
Editorial Board, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2018–present
Editorial Board, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2016–present
Editorial Board, *Politeia*, 2014–present
Editorial Board, *Comparative Economic Studies*, 2013–present
Program Executive Committee, Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics, 2019
Nominating Committee, American Political Science Association, 2017–2019
Board of Directors, Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics, 2017–2020
Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2017–2018
Selection Committee, Douglass C. North Research Award, 2018
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
Selection Committee, Gregory Luebbert Award for Best Article in Comparative Politics, 2010, 2015
Nominating Committee, APSA Political Economy Section, 2015
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 Economic Journal: Microeconomics*; *American Economic Review: Insights*; *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 Peace and Security Journal*; *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 History*; *Journal of Economic Literature*; *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*; *Journal of International Development*; *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*; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; *World Development*; *World Politics*