

Academic Positions

2023-Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Bradley University
2022-23	Assistant Professor-in-Residence, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Bradley University
2022	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Departments of Political Science and Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering, Iowa State University
2021-2022	Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics, Occidental College
2019-2021	Lecturer in Political Science, Iowa State University

Education

2019	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Ph.D. in Political Science <i>Dissertation Project:</i> “Post-Soviet Ethnic Politics and Public Goods Provision” <u>Committee:</u> Carol Leff (Chair), Sarah Hummel, Matthew Winters, Cara Wong
2010	BA in Political Science, San Francisco State University

Research

Interests and Areas of Specialization

Ethnic Politics/Nationalism, Institutional Legacies of Colonialism, Distributive Politics, Informal Institutions, Electoral Clientelism, Politics in the Post-Soviet States

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Research

- “Whose Ties Still Bind? Ethnic Domination, Informal Social Networks, and Public Goods Provision in Kyrgyzstan” (2023) *Problems of Post-Communism*, 70(1), 14-31.
- “Paradoxes of Minority Representation: A Comparison of Russophone Political Attitudes in Estonia and Latvia” (with Peter Chereson) (2023) *Journal of Baltic Studies*, 54(3), 581-599.
- “Stereotypes and Stereotype Threats Experienced by Latinx Undergraduate Engineering Students” (with co-authors) (2023) *International Journal of Engineering Education*, 39(5), 1181-1195.
- “Knowledge-Behavior Gap in Tap Water Consumption in Puerto Rico: Implications for Water Utilities” (with co-authors, Forthcoming—[Published Online](#), *ASCE Open: Multidisciplinary Journal of Civil Engineering*)
- “The Language of Access: Determinants of Distributive Efficacy in Georgia’s Multiethnic Kvemo Kartli Region” (Revise and Resubmit)
- “Ethnic Ukrainian Coherence after the 2022 Russian Full-Scale Invasion” (with Scott Feinstein, Revise and Resubmit)
- “External Threat and the Contours of Ukrainian National Identity” (with Scott Feinstein, Revise and Resubmit)

Book Reviews

Fragile Conviction: Changing Ideological Landscapes in Urban Kyrgyzstan, by Mathijs Pelkmans. Cornell University Press, 2017. In [*Nationalities Papers*](#).

Paradox of Power: The Logics of State Weakness in Eurasia, edited by John Heathershaw and Edward Schatz. University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017. In [*Central Asian Survey*](#).

Jobs for the Boys: Patronage and the State in Comparative Perspective, by Merilee Grindle. Harvard University Press, 2012. In [*Comparative Political Studies*](#).

In Progress

“For Kith and Kin? Ethnoregional Politics of Distribution in the Post-Soviet States”

“Conflict and Ethnic Boundary Change in Ukraine” (with Scott Feinsein)

“Improving Integration of Ukrainian Refugees in the US Through Equitable Housing Services” (with Scott Feinsein, Nell Gabiam, and Cristina Poleacovschi)

“Rhetoric and Action in the Failure of Global Governance: The (in)action of the OSCE in the June 2010 Osh Riots”

“Subnational Solidarity and Social Development in Russia” (with Colin Johnson)

“War and National Identity in Ukraine” (with Scott Feinsein)

“Ethnic Politics, Kin State Influence, and Public Goods Provision in the Republic of Georgia”

Selected Conferences and Invited Presentations

“Informal Networks and Public Goods Distribution in Georgia's Multiethnic Kvemo Kartli Region.” *Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies* (December 2023).

“External Threat, War, and Ukrainian National Identification and Solidarity” (with Scott Feinsein, Iowa State University). *Dmytro Shtohryn International Ukrainian Studies Conference at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign* (September 2023)

“War and National Identity in Ukraine” (with Scott Feinsein, Iowa State University). *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association* (October 2022).

“Public Mistrust of Drinking Water Quality in Puerto Rico Post Hurricane Maria,” (with multiple co-authors). *14th Aceh International Workshop and Expo on Sustainable Tsunami Disaster Recovery (AIWEST-DR 2022)* (September 2022)

“Subnational Solidarity and Social Development in Russia,” (with Colin Johnson, Idaho State University). *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* (April 2022)

“Bringing Home the Goods? Ethnic and Regional Distributive Politics in the Post-Soviet States.” *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities* (May 2019)

“Organized Hypocrisy Comes to Osh: Explaining OSCE (In)action During the June 2010 Unrest.” *Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society* (October 2018)

Teaching

Bradley University

PLS 105 Introduction to American Government

PLS 205 Introduction to Comparative Politics

PLS 305 Russia and Its Neighbors (Topics in Comparative Politics)

PLS 491 Comparative Senior Seminar

IS 353 Russian Foreign Policy

Occidental College

POLS 101 American Politics and Public Policy

POLS 201 Introduction to Comparative Politics

POLS 295 Comparing Colonial Legacies (Special Topics)

FYS 77 Immigration, Citizenship, and Political Community (Writing Intensive First-Year Seminar)

Iowa State University

POL S 241 Introduction to Comparative Governments and Politics

POL S 312 Caravans, Cages and Coyotes: An Introduction to the US Immigration Debate

POL S 340 Politics of Developing Areas

POL S 344 Public Policy

POL S 350 Politics of the Middle East

POL S 353 Immigration Policy (comparative)

POL S 370 Religion and Politics (comparative)

POL S 383 Environmental Politics and Policies

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

PS 100 Introduction to Political Science

PS 101 Introduction to US Government and Politics

PS 240 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Selected awards, grants, and fellowships

May 2024	Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award (2024-2025) for Georgia
February 2024	American Research Institute of the South Caucasus Junior Research Fellowship (\$5,000) for project “The Language of Giving: Ethnic and Distributive Politics in Georgia’s Kvemo Kartli Region”
May 2023	Faculty Scholarship Award Research Grant from Bradley University (\$4,205) for project “Informal Networks and Public Goods Distribution in Georgia's Multiethnic Kvemo Kartli Region"
March 2023	Outstanding Reviewer (2022), <i>Journal of Civil Engineering Education</i>
February 2023	National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) Short Term Research Grant (\$2,405) for project “Informal Networks and Public Goods Distribution in Georgia's Multiethnic Kvemo Kartli Region” (PI)
July 2022	National Science Foundation CIVIC Grant (\$50,000) for project “Improving integration of Ukrainian refugees in the US through equitable housing services” (Co-PI)
Spring 2019	Charles E. Merriam Travel Scholarship from Department of Political Science, U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2016-17 Academic Year	Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship (Kyrgyz) at American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
2014-15 Academic Year	Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship (Fourth Year Russian)
April 2013	Yaro Skalnik Prize for Best Graduate Student Essay from Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2013-14 Academic Year Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship (Ukrainian)

Teaching Awards

[Fall 2011](#), [Spring 2016*](#),

[Spring 2019](#)

List of Teachers Ranked Excellent, University of Illinois

*Ranked in top 10 percent university-wide

Academic activities and service

University and Department Service

Bradley University

Admission Visits Representative for Department of Political Science and International Studies (Fall 2023)

Major and Minor Fair Departmental Representative (Fall 2023)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Member of Department of Political Science Graduate Association's Visits Committee (AY 2018-19)

Volunteer Mentor for Department of Political Science Graduate Student Association's First Year

Mentorship Program (AY 2018-2019)

Scholarly Organization Memberships

American Association of University Professors

American Political Science Association

American Research Institute of the South Caucasus

Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies

Academic Society and Workshop Participation

Panel member/Presenter, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Global Institute Career Day, March 2023 (Panel: "Working in Non-Tenure Track Teaching Positions")

Organizer and participant in University of Illinois' Interdisciplinary Central Asia and Caucasus Study Group (2013-2018)

University Consortium's "Euro-Atlantic Week," Harvard University (2016)

Journal Peer Review

Intersections: East European Journal of Society and Politics

Journal of Civil Engineering Education

Journal of Eurasian Studies

Political Behavior

Politics, Groups, and Identities

Textbook Review

Introduction to Politics and Political Science (OpenStax, 2021; review of "Chapter 1: What Is Politics and What Is Political Science?" and "Chapter 9: Legislatures")

Media Appearances

"The Ukraine War One Year One," *WMBD News*, February 24, 2023

Community Presentations

May 2024 Presentation on “Seeking Shelter: Asylum Seekers and Governmental Reactions in the ‘Global North’” at meeting of Morton chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Research skills and language competencies

Quantitative analysis:

R/Splus; SPSS; Matching; ARC GIS

Qualitative analysis:

RQDA (R Qualitative Data Analysis package)

Elite and nonelite interviewing

Focus group organization and moderation

Survey design

Languages

Russian Advanced/Fluent

Uzbek Intermediate

Kyrgyz Intermediate

Ukrainian Intermediate

Azerbaijani Beginner

Georgian Beginner