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Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor, Southwestern University, 2020-present.

Lecturer, Dartmouth College, 2019-2020.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Middlebury College, 2018-2019.

Education

PhD Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2018.

Fields: Comparative Politics (major), Methodology (minor), International Relations (minor)

Dissertation: "Ethnic Heterogeneity and Party Politics in Eastern Europe"

Committee: Milada Anna Vachudova (chair), Liesbet Hooghe, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, Rahsaan Maxwell, and Graeme Robertson.

MA Diplomacy and International Relations, John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, May 2011.

Concentrations: International Organizations, and International Law and Human Rights

BA Political Science and History (double major), The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2007.

Research & Teaching Interests

Comparative politics, ethnic politics, democratization, political parties, European (Western and Eastern) politics, minority rights

Peer Reviewed Publications

Aha, Katharine. "Resilient Incumbents: Ethnic Minority Political Parties and Voter Accountability." *Party Politics*. Published online before print. DOI: 10.1177/1354068819881125.

Manuscripts Under Review

“Interethnic Coalitions in Post-Communist Europe” (article)

“Individual Support for the Euro in EU Candidate States” (article)

Manuscripts in Preparation

“The Ethnic Dimension: Political Competition in Diversely Diverse Eastern Europe” (article)

“Lip Service or Lasting Protection: The Effect of Transitional Justice Mechanisms on Minority Rights,” with Claire Greenstein (article)

“The Reliable Partner: Interethnic Coalitions and Government Stability in Post-Communist Europe” (article)

“The Euro after Accession: Public Opinion towards the Common Currency in New EU Member States” (article)

Ethnic Heterogeneity and Party Politics in Eastern Europe (book)

Teaching Experience

Southwestern University

Instructor, Comparative Politics

Instructor, European Politics

Dartmouth College

Instructor, Politics of the World: Fall 2019.

Instructor, Populism and Democracy in Europe: Winter 2020.

Instructor, Comparative Ethnic Politics: Winter 2020.

Instructor, Authoritarianism vs Democracy in Central & Eastern Europe: Spring 2020 (scheduled).

Middlebury College

Instructor, Comparative Ethnic Politics: Spring 2019.

Instructor, West European Politics: Spring 2019.

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics: Fall 2018.

Instructor, Central/East European Politics: Fall 2018.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science

Instructor, Introduction to European Politics: Spring 2018.

Instructor, Politics of East-Central Europe: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017.

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics: Summer 2017.

Teaching Assistant, Modern Political Thought: Spring 2015.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Politics: Fall 2014.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes

Academic Tutor, Quantitative Analysis of Public Policy: Summer 2018.

Academic Tutor, World History: Summer 2018.

Academic Tutor, Politics of Public Policy: Summer 2017.

Bilkent University School of English Language

Instructor, Communication Skills: 2008-2009.

Guest lecturer

“The Politics of Brexit,” Economics of the European Union, Middlebury College, March 2019.

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

Research Grants

Thomas M. Uhlman Competitive Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2018 (\$2,000)

Druscilla French Graduate Student Excellence Fund, UNC-Chapel Hill College of Arts and Science, 2017 (\$2,500).

Jurg Steiner Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate School, 2016 (\$4,000).

Alumni Fund Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2016 (\$3,000).

Summer Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2013-2016 (\$3,000 per summer).

European Research Council Research Fellowship, 2015 (€5,000).

European Union Center of Excellence Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2014 (€3,000).

Language Fellowships

Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (Turkish), UNC-Chapel Hill Center for European Studies, 2013-2014 (\$15,000 plus tuition and fees).

Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship (Turkish), UNC-Chapel Hill Center for European Studies, 2013 (\$2,500 plus tuition and fees).

Travel Awards & Professional Development

Faculty Professional Development Fund Grant, Middlebury College, 2019 (\$1,900).

Faculty Professional Development Fund Grant, Middlebury College, 2018 (\$1,100).

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2018 (\$200).

Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies Conference Travel Award, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2018 (\$300).

Whit Ayers Travel Award, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2016 (\$350), 2017 (\$350).

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2016 (\$300).

Salgo Noren Foundation Scholarship, Seton Hall University, 2010.

Conference Participation

Papers Presented

“Diverse Yet Durabler: Interethnic Coalitions and Government Stability”

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, virtual, September 10-12, 2020.

“The Reliable Partner: Interethnic Coalitions and Government Stability in Post-Communist Europe”

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19, 2020 (canceled, COVID19).

“Lip Service or Lasting Protection: The Effect of Transitional Justice Mechanisms on Minority Rights” (with Claire Greenstein)

Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast, Ireland, June 20-22, 2019.

“Interethnic Coalitions in Post-Communist Europe”

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17-19, 2019.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies Graduate Student Conference, Toronto, Canada, February 4-5, 2016.

“The Ethnic Dimension: Political Competition in Diversely Diverse Eastern Europe”

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York, NY, May 3-5, 2018.

“Resilient Incumbents: Ethnic Minority Political Parties and Voter Accountability.”

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 4-6, 2018.

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York, NY, May 5-6, 2017.

“Individual Support for the Euro in EU Candidate States.”

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9, 2016.

Panel Chair/Discussant

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC August 29-September 1, 2019.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York, NY, May 3-5, 2018.

Other Presentations

“*Wende Now*” Series Interdisciplinary Workshop, “The Berlin Wall and Current ‘Border Crises,’” Dartmouth College, January 2020.

Panel Discussion, “Populism, Homophobia, and Illiberal Democracy,” Middlebury College, April 2019.

Faculty Research Group, Department of Political Science, Middlebury College, October 2018.

Comparative Working Group, Department of Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, February 2018.

Uhlman Seminar, Department of Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, January 2018.

Comparative Working Group, Department of Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, December 2015.

Presentation on Turkey and Syria with Ambassador David C. Litt, East European and Eurasian Academic Seminar for the 92nd Civil Affairs Brigade Battalion, November 2014.

Research Experience

Research Assistant for Rahsaan Maxwell, 2016-2017.

Field research in Bulgaria, Latvia, Slovakia, and Turkey, 2014-2016.

Professional Service

Reviewer, *European Union Politics*.

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association
Association for the Study of Nationalities
European Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

Skills

Statistical analysis and methods

OLS, MLE/GLM, time series, game theory

Programming and software

R, STATA, L^AT_EX

Languages

English (native), Turkish (advanced intermediate), French (intermediate)

Additional Training

Inclusive Pathways for Advancement in the Academy (IPAA) Institute, Dartmouth College, 2019.

Professional Experience

United Nations Foundation, Global Partnerships Intern, 2011.

Event planning, research, community outreach

United States Department of State, Embassy-Turkey, Public Affairs Intern, 2010.

Community outreach, youth programming, research

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Central and Eastern Europe Project Assistant, 2008.

Grant writing and reporting, research, production of new materials for in-country programming

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