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### EDUCATION

2000 - **The Ohio State University**  
*Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, December 2006 (expected)*  
Dissertation Title: “Legislative Party Institutionalization in New Democracies: The Case of Poland.”

Dissertation Abstract. My dissertation project examines the process of legislative party institutionalization in new democracies. Although often overlooked in the literature on the development of parties and party systems, the ability of political parties to institutionalize themselves within the legislature affects governmental performance and stability, as well as representation and accountability. Therefore, legislative party institutionalization is central to the quality and stability of newly emerging democracies. I develop a theory of legislative party institutionalization that equates institutionalization with the creation of party culture. I further hypothesize that the key factor in the creation of this culture is legislative party elites. I employ a multi-method approach to examine the case of one new democracy, that of Poland. I provide evidence from in-depth interviews with Deputies in Poland’s lower house of parliament, the Sejm, along with other top party officials. I further conduct an analysis of legislator attitudes using surveys of parliamentarians, and legislator behavior, looking at voting records from roll call data. Finally, I examine the process of legislative institutionalization in comparative context, looking at legislative parties in the Czech Republic and Hungary.

Dissertation Committee: Goldie Shabad (Chair), Timothy Frye, Anthony Mughan

Major Field: *Comparative Politics*  
(Post-Communist /Western Europe, Political Parties and Political Behavior)  
Minor Field: *Political Methodology*  
(Econometrics and Research Design)

2003 **Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland**  
*Certificate, Summer Program for the Study of Polish Language and Culture*

2001 **Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)**  
*Participant, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research*

- 1998-2000     **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**  
                  *M.A., Political Science, May 2000*  
                  Thesis Title: “Respect for Individual Rights? The Effects of Ethnic Nationalism  
                  in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.”
- 1992-1996     **James Madison University**  
                  *B.A., Magna Cum Laude and with Distinction in International Affairs, May 1996*
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

Kistner, Natalie A. 2006. “Public Perceptions of Corruption: Consequences for Voter Turnout.” In *Reaching Out: Polish Society Turning Capitalist 1988-2003*. Kazimierz M. Slomczynski and Sandy Marquart-Pyatt, eds. Warsaw: IFiS Publishers. *Forthcoming*.

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## **HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

*Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)* Fellowship for the study of Polish language, The Ohio State University (Summer 2003)

*Dissertation Research/Study Abroad Grant*, The Mershon Center at The Ohio State University (Spring 2003)

*Departmental Teaching Commendation*, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (Spring 2003, Winter, Summer & Autumn 2004, Spring 2005)

*Program for the Enhancement of Graduate Studies (PEGS)*, Dissertation Research Grant, The Ohio State University (Spring 2002)

*Program for the Enhancement of Graduate Studies (PEGS)*, Research Grant, The Ohio State University (Summer 2001)

*Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)* Fellowship for the study of Russian language, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Academic Year 1998-1999)

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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2005 -           **Denison University, Granville, Ohio**  
                  *Visiting Instructor/Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science*

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## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

*“Party Discipline and Legislative Party Institutionalization in Poland: The Rank and File Perspective.”* Paper Presented at the 2006 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

*“Party Elites and Legislative Party Institutionalization: Evidence from Poland.”* Paper Presented at the 2005 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

*“Legislative Party Institutionalization in New Democracies: The Case of Poland.”* Paper Presented at the 2004 Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, Illinois.

*“Respect for Individual Rights? The Effects of Ethnic Nationalism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.”* Paper Presented at the 2000 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Denison University, Department of Political Science

- *Political Science 212: Analyzing Politics* (Fall 2005, Spring and Fall 2006)
- *Political Science 221: Comparative Politics of Developed States* (Fall 2005, Spring and Fall 2006)
- *Political Science 370: Politics of European Integration* (Fall 2005)
- *Honors 286/Political Science 323: Politics of Eastern Europe* (Spring 2006)

### The Ohio State University, Department of Political Science

- *Political Science 100: Introduction to Comparative Politics* (Autumn 2002, Winter & Spring 2003, Winter & Autumn 2004, Winter 2005)
- *Political Science 528: Politics of European Integration* (Autumn 2004)
- *Political Science 585: Techniques of Political Analysis* (Summer 2004 & Spring 2005)
- *Political Science 597.02: Problems of the Contemporary World* (Winter 2004)

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## EMPLOYMENT

Reader, *Advanced Placement Exam*, Government and Politics: Comparative, Ft. Collins, Colorado (June 2004, 2005 and 2006)

Facilitator, *2004 Orientation on Teaching & Learning: A Conference for New TAs*, The Ohio State University (September 2004)

Instructor, *Department of Political Science*, The Ohio State University (2002 – 2005)

Teaching Assistant, *Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (ICPSR)*, The University of Michigan (Summer 2002)

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, *Department of Political Science*, The Ohio State University (2000 - 2002)

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## DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Academic Advisor, *Department of Political Science*, Denison University (August 2006- )

Faculty Advisor, *Young Scholars Program*, Denison University (Summer 2006)

Faculty Co-Advisor, *Model European Union*, Denison University (Spring 2006)

Graduate Student Representative, *Undergraduate Studies Committee*, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (September 2004 – June 2005)

Member, *Parallel Graduate Studies Committee (PGSC)*, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (September 2000 – June 2002)

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## TEACHING-RELATED TRAINING

Fellow, *Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program*, The Ohio State University (2004-2005)

Participant, *Graduate Seminar on Teaching Political Science*, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (Winter 2003)

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- American Political Science Association
- Council for European Studies
- European Union Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*

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**LANGUAGES**

Polish: proficient  
Russian: good  
Spanish: fair

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**REFERENCES**

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