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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian governance, law and courts, formal and informal institutions, property rights, comparative political economy and development

## EDUCATION

*The Ohio State University*. Ph.D., Political Science (Expected 2017).

- Major Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Economy
- Committee: Marcus Kurtz, Pauline Jones Luong (University of Michigan), Irfan Nooruddin (Georgetown University), Morgan Liu (Near Eastern Studies and Anthropology)

*European University at St. Petersburg*. M.A. with distinction, Russian Studies & Political Economy (2006).

*Grinnell College*. B.A. with honors, History (2005).

## AWARDS

2016	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDRIG) in Political Science
2015	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)
2015	Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Title VIII Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
2015	Ohio State University Office of International Affairs (OIA) Research Grant
2014	Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant for intermediate Tajik (Declined)
2014	Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award
2014	Social Science Research Council Title VIII Pre-Dissertation Award
2014	Mershon Center for International Security Studies Student Research Grant
2014	Office of International Affairs at Ohio State University Research (Honorary)
2013	Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship in Persian (Farsi/Tajik)
2012	Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship in Persian (Farsi)
2012	Summer Title VIII Funding for American Councils Eurasian Regional Language Program (Kazakh)
2011	University Fellowship (Ohio State University)
2009	U.S. Student Fulbright Research Grant (Kazakhstan)
2009	Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award (Russian)
2004	Charles E. Payne Memorial Scholarship in History (Grinnell College)
2001-2005	Trustee Honors Scholarship (Grinnell College)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Forthcoming

“Legalized Rent-Seeking: Local Government, Law, and Land Rights in Kazakhstan.” *Cornell International Law Journal*. Forthcoming April 2017.

### Working papers

Law and Conflict Emergence under Authoritarianism

Going to Court against the Regime: Citizen-State Civil Disputes in Kazakhstan

Regime Type and Investment in Human Capital (with Sarah Sokhey, University of Colorado-Boulder)

Land Privatization in Russia's Regions (with D. Lukmanov and D. Yumaguzhina).

#### Original datasets

Survey of landholders in Kazakhstan, N=1,200. I evaluate perceptions of property rights security, common types of conflicts, and experience with litigation. Funding provided by the National Science Foundation, Ohio State Office of International Affairs, and Ohio State Department of Political Science.

Survey of attorneys in Kazakhstan, N=1,000 (in progress). I use a list experiment to estimate citizen-driven bribery and the use of informal connections to influence civil court cases. Funding provided by the National Science Foundation.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 "The Rules of the Law: Property, Civil Courts, and Authoritarian Governance," *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2016 "Going to Court against the Regime: Citizen-State Land Disputes in Kazakhstan," *Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies*.
- 2015 "Land Rights and Local Governance in Kazakhstan." *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2015 "Which Regimes Invest in Higher Education? Evidence from Europe and Central Asia," with Sarah Wilson Sokhey, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2015 "Property Rights and Authoritarian Governance in Kazakhstan," *Institutions, Elites, and Collective Action in the Developing World*, International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation.
- 2014 "Land Privatization in Russia's Regions," with D. Lukmanov and D. Yumaguzhina, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2014 "Land Rights in the Developing World," *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2013 "Satellite Parties in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan," *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
- 2013 "The Puzzling Case of Satellite Parties in Authoritarian Regimes," *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*.

#### RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- 2015 - 2016 Visiting Researcher, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan
- Summer 2015 Visiting Researcher, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring, Summer 2016 & Fall 2016)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics Online (Summer, Fall 2014)

#### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- NurOrda International School, Middle School Teacher, Astana, Kazakhstan (2010-2011)
- Institute for International Education, Fulbright Student Grantee, Almaty & Astana, Kazakhstan (2009-2010)
- Foster Quan LLP, Legal Assistant, Houston, Texas (2007-2009)

## SERVICE

### Discussant

“Politics of Property Rights in Developing Countries,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2014).

“Will the Real Astana Please Stand Up?” Central Eurasian Studies Society – Association of Slavic, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies Regional Conference (2014).

### Membership

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Law and Society Association, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Computer skills

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### Languages

Native speaker of English. Advanced speaker of Russian and Spanish. Advanced beginner/intermediate Kazakh, Farsi, and Tajik.

## REFERENCES

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