

# PETER JAN TUNKIS

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**CURRENT POSITION** Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate Associate, The Ohio State University

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Political Science, The Ohio State University Expected 2018

M.A., Political Science, The Ohio State University 2013

B.A., Political Science and European Union Studies, University of Florida 2008  
*Departmental High Honors in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude*

Summer Study Abroad, Vesalius International College, Brussels, Belgium 2007

## RESEARCH AREAS

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Comparative Politics; Political Psychology; Political Elites; Legislative Studies; Political Behaviour; Political Parties; Central and Eastern Europe; European Union

## DISSERTATION

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“Safety in Numbers: Shared Social Identities and the Persistence of Party Switching”  
*Dissertation Committee:* Anthony Mughan (Chair), Goldie Shabad, Sara Watson, Thomas Nelson

## POSITIONS HELD

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Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate Associate, The Ohio State University 2010-Present

Graduate Administrative Assistant, The Ohio State University Honors and Scholars Center 2017-Present

Graduate Research Associate, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University 2016-2017

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University 2015-2016,  
2013-2014

Visiting Fulbright-Hays Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences 2015

Visiting Fulbright-Hays Fellow, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences 2015

Visiting Researcher, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences 2014

Experiments Coordinator, Political Research Laboratory, The Ohio State University 2011-2012

Research assistant, CDU/CSU Fraktion im Deutschen Bundestag, Berlin, Germany 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

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Tunkis, Peter J. 2017. “The Ties that Bind: Do Group Associations among Legislators Matter for Political Parties?” *Problems of Post-Communism* 64(2): 79-93.

Tunkis, Peter J. and Joshua K. Dubrow (eds.). 2017. “Political Biographies and Electoral Outcomes across Post-Communist Europe.” [Special Section]. *Problems of Post-Communism* 64(2): 63-93.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION**

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- Tunkis, Peter J. "Comparing two special-population surveys among political elites: A cautionary note on the effects of polling technique and question formulation on reliability and validity." (Under review).
- Tunkis, Peter J. "Accounting for Biographies, Activities, and Affiliations: Presenting the Members of Parliament Affiliations Data (MPAD), Poland (1997-2011) and Czech Republic (1992-2013)." (Under review).
- Tunkis, Peter J. "Birds of a Feather Switch Together? Social Identity, Self-Interest, and Group-Based Legislative Party Switching." (Under review).
- Tunkis, Peter J. "Measuring Nationalism among Political Elites in Survey Research." (In preparation).
- Tunkis, Peter J. "Closer to Danger, Farther from Harm: Frontbenchers, Backbenchers, and Party Loyalty in the Canadian House of Commons." (In preparation).

## **AWARDS, HONOURS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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OSU Council of Graduate Students Career Development Grant (\$350)	2016
Department of Political Science (OSU) Competitive Grant (\$3,000)	2016
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (\$42,814)	2014-2015
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) Fellowship (\$3,000)	2014-2015
Polish Studies Initiative Graduate Student Research Grant (\$2,500)	2014
Uprka-Laga-Schweitzer Award in Czech Studies (\$400)	2012
University Fellowship, The Ohio State University (\$20,220)	2010-2011
Magna Cum Laude, University of Florida, Gainesville	2008
Department of Political Science High Honors, University of Florida, Gainesville	2008
Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholars Award (Full tuition/fees, textbooks)	2004-2008
University of Florida Undergraduate Scholars Program Research Grant (\$3,000)	2007
University of Florida Honors Study Abroad Scholarship (\$1,000)	2007

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Cross-National Studies: Interdisciplinary Research and Training Program (CONSIRT)	2011-Present
Research Assistant	2016-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Welfare State Activation, Conditionality" (under Sara Watson)</li><li>• "Unexploded ordnance and agricultural productivity: Using remote sensing to detect the long-term impact of U.S. bombing of Cambodia" (under Erin Lin)</li></ul>	
Dissertation Fieldwork, collection of original biographical and legislative data in Poland and the Czech Republic, interviews with Polish and Czech politicians	2014-2015
Elite interviews and translation, CONSIRT, Polish Academy of Sciences, Sejm Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, Poland	2011
Policy research, CDU/CSU-Fraktion im Deutschen Bundestag, Berlin, Germany	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Fraktionsarbeitsgruppe Vertriebene, Flüchtlinge und Aussiedler</i> - Strategic outlook on the German minority in Poland</li><li>• <i>Auswärtige Ausschuss</i> - Foreign policy adviser on Polish, Ukrainian, and Russian affairs</li></ul>	
Undergraduate Research Scholar, Poland, Belgium	2007

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Instructor, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University		
PS 4597.02	Politics of European (dis)Integration? (Capstone course)	2017
PS 4210	Politics of European Integration	2016
PS 4219	European Political Development	2014
PS 1200	Introduction to Comparative Politics	2013-2014
PS 4597.02	Institutions and Crisis in the Eurozone (Capstone course)	2013
Teaching assistant, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University		
PS 4219	European Political Development	2013
PS 4285	Comparative Politics of the Welfare State	2013
PS 4280	State and Economy	2012

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE**

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Journal referee: <i>European Journal of Political Research, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly</i>		
Graduate Administrative Assistant: Ohio State International Affairs Scholars and Politics, Society, and Law Scholars Programs (OSU Honors and Scholars Program)		2017-2018
Panel Discussant: Fulbright-Hays DDRA Information Session, Office of International Affairs		2017
Award judge: Ohio State Council of Graduate Students Career Development Grant		2017
Board member: IPSA Research Committee 02: Political Elites		2016-present
Editorial Board member: IPSA Research Committee 08: Legislative Specialists		2016-present
Panelist: Social Sciences, Education, and Math, "Graduate School Survival Skills Workshop"		2016
Speaker: Czech Fulbright Commission, Prague, Czech Republic		2015
Speaker: Polish-US Fulbright Commission, Warsaw, Poland		2015
Volunteer, Guest-lecturer: Warsaw Summer School Abroad, Polish Academy of Sciences		2011, 2014, 2015

## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

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"Through Thick and Thin: Self-interest, Social Ties, and Party Switching"		
•	112 <sup>th</sup> American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2016
•	24 <sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association, Poznań, Poland	2016
•	Council of European Studies: International Conference of Europeanists, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2016
"Comparing Two Special-Population Surveys among Political Elites: Do Polling Technique and Question Formulation Matter?"		
•	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois	2016
"Safety in Numbers: Group Linkages and the Persistence of Party Switching"		
•	Research Seminars, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences	2015
•	Electoral Control Workshop II, Polish Academy of Sciences	2014
•	Polish Studies Initiative Series, The Ohio State University	2014

“The Ties that Bind: Do Political Parties or Group Associations Matter among Legislators?”

- Electoral Control Workshop III, Polish Academy of Sciences 2014

“Are Polish Parliamentarians Nationalist or Eurosceptic? Results from an Elite Attitudes Survey”

- Workshop: Euroscepticism in CEE 10 Years after the “Big Bang” Enlargement, 2014  
Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Kraków, Poland
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois 2014

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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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APSA, MPSA, CPSA, IPSA, ASEES, Golden Key Honour Society

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### **LANGUAGES**

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English, Polish, Czech, French, German

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### **ANALYTICAL SKILLS**

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Qualitative: Semi-structured and open-ended interview methods; Archival research; Text transcription and translation; experience with MaxQDA software.

Quantitative: OLS regression; Maximum likelihood estimation; Structured equation modeling; Survey research methods; Experimental research methods; Basic geographic and spatial analysis; experience with ARCGIS, SPSS, STATA software.