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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

United States Naval War College, Newport, RI 2020-
Assistant Professor, Russia Maritime Studies Institute, Strategic and Operational Research Department

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 2018- 2019
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2017-2018
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies

Columbia University New York, NY 2017-
Associate Research Scholar, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science May 2017
M.A., 2010, M.Phil., 2013
Columbia University, New York, NY
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Dissertation: "Poisoned By Gas: Institutional Failure, Energy Dependency and Security."
Major Field: International Relations, *Minor Field*: Comparative Politics

BA, Political Science with Honors 2009
Columbia University, New York, NY
Salutatorian, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH

RESEARCH INTERESTS Energy politics, corruption, institutions, trade, foreign policy

PUBLICATIONS

"Every Day is Going to be a Fight: Populism, Nationalism and Conflict," with Hadas Aron. Under Review.

"Reaching Across the Border: Internationalizing Citizenship as Domestic Strategy," with Hadas Aron. Re-vise and Resubmit at *Problems of Post Communism*.

Policy (selection)

- “Ukraine and Taiwan: Small Powers in the Shadow of Great Power Rivalries,” *Perspectives on Taiwan: Insights from the 2017 Taiwan-U.S. Policy Program*, Editors: Bonnie S. Glaser & Matthew Funaiolo, March 2018.
- “Is Trump Nudging America Towards Corrupt Authoritarianism?” With Hadas Aron. *Newsweek*, February 9, 2018.
- “Countering Russian Influence in the Balkans.” With Rebecca F. Lissner. *Lawfare*, August 6, 2017.
- “Oligarchy 2.0: Rebuilding the Ukrainian Economy While Ensuring Energy Security.” *Harriman Institute Program on US-Russia Relations*, March 2017.
- “The Trump Dossier is aimed at taking down American democracy, not Donald Trump.” With Hadas Aron. *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, January 17, 2017.
- “How Vladimir Putin Became the Oracle of the East” With Hadas Aron. *Duck of Minerva*, December 8, 2016.
- “Poisoned by Gas: Domestic Networks and Energy Security Strategy in Ukraine,” *Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 69 No. 1, Fall/Winter 2015.
- “Russia and The West are Both Being Played by Ukraines Political Elite.” With Rebecca R. Friedman. *The Christian Science Monitor*, March 7, 2014.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Political Economy Analysis: Non-Technical Drivers of Reform, Serbia.” WBG, 2020.
- “Levers of Power: Russian & Chinese Nuclear Power Cooperation.” 2020.
- “Nuclear Geopolitics: Russian Dominance of the Global Nuclear Energy Market.” 2018.
- “Energy for the People: Populism, Transnational Corruption, and Energy Policy.” 2017.
- “Sign on the Dotted Line: Evaluating Dependence on Russian Energy.” 2017.
- “Breaking Chains: Lithuania’s Strategic Pursuit of Energy Independence.” 2017.
- “The Backlash Cascade: Populist Responses to Transnational Human Rights Movements.” With Hadas Aron, 2017.
- “The Trap of Dependency: Ukraine’s Failed Energy Policy.” 2016.

DATASETS

“Russian International Nuclear Energy Contracts”

- Systematic collection of Russian build-own-operate contracts governing global nuclear reactor sales

“Eurasian Energy Dependence Index”

- Original index of Eurasian dependence on Russian energy supplies 1991-2015, tracks dependence over time in 22 downstream states

“Natural Gas Contract Database” (in progress)

- First systematic collection of major producer (Russia, Algeria, Qatar, Nigeria, Norway) bi-lateral contracts governing sale and transport of gas across borders

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **2019 National Asia Research Project Fellow, National Bureau of Asian Research**
- **2017-2018 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University**
- **Consultant, Carnegie Corporation of New York Borderlands Project Summer 2017**
- **Government Accountability Project International Research Fellowship Summer 2017**
- **Taiwan-U.S. Policy Program Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies Summer 2017**
- **Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Cordier Fellowship 2016-2017 Academic Year Fellowship; 2015-2016 Academic Year Fellowship**
- **Harriman Institute Padma Desai Fellowship Summer 2015 Fellowship for fieldwork in Russia, Lithuania and Bulgaria**

- **Center for International Business Education and Research Doctoral Research Fellowship** Summer 2013 for fieldwork in Russia and Hungary
- **Harriman Pepsico Fellowship for Research Travel** Summer 2013 for fieldwork in Russia and Hungary

AWARDS

- **Graduate Student Finalist, Presidential Teaching Award** Columbia University, 2017
- **Salutatorian, Class of 2009, Columbia University** May 2009

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Presentations at Academic Conferences:

- European Political Science Association Annual Conference 2019
- International Conference of Europeanists 2019
- PONARS New Voices on Russia 2019
- American Political Science Association Conference 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
- International Studies Association Annual Convention 2014 and 2015

Other Talks:

- Briefing *Nuclear Geopolitics: Russian Dominance of the Global Nuclear Energy Market*, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo, Norway, November 2017.
- Guest Lecturer *Politics and Strategy in the Nuclear Age*, University of Oslo, Norway, November 2017.
- Discussant *Next Generation Policy Conference: Russia, the U.S., and the World*, New York, NY, March 2017
- Discussant *Russian-Western Relations until 2020: Scenarios and Options* IMEMO, MGU Moscow, Russia, April 2016
- Discussant *The Geopolitics of Energy*, School of International and Public Affairs Thought Leadership Forum, New York, NY, February 2016
- Discussant *The New Europe: Russia and US Relations after the Reset* NYU Center for Global Affairs, November 2013

RESEARCH AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Consultant 2019-
 The World Bank Group, Washington DC

- Consultant, Underlying Drivers of Policy Effectiveness: Serbia
- Political economy research and analysis of the mining sector, and public sector reforms in health and education

Getulio P. Carvalho Fellow Summer 2017
 Government Accountability Project, Washington D.C.

- Lead researcher, Project on Corruption in Development and Extractive Industries in Eurasia

Consultant January 2017- October 2017
 Political Economy of Extractive Industries Governance, Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment, Columbia University

- Consulted and provided research materials for Columbia Law School Executive Session on the Political Economy of Extractive Industries Governance

Visiting Fellow Academic Year 2014-2015
 German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin, Germany

- Initiated data collection project with the Department of Energy, Transportation and Environment on Russian natural gas contracts with European states and collaborated with researchers Russian market power models

- Conducted primary source research and field work on East European energy security policies and market power in Russia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Poland and Germany
- Provided policy analysis For the Valdai Discussion Club Conference on Energy Security in Berlin, Germany and the Frankfurter Allgemeine Forum Energy Security Summit

Visiting Fellow

Spring 2014

European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin, Germany

- Researched and wrote policy analysis reports on European and Russian energy politics and the Ukraine crisis
- Conducted original research on Russo-Ukrainian relations which culminated in a public lecture on US-Russian Relations vis--vis Ukraine held at the New York University (NYU) Center for Global Affairs

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

Learning Community on Inclusive Teaching, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning, Fall 2016

LECTURER

Conceptual Foundations of International Politics (U6800)

Instructor, Fall 2015, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

- An introduction to the foundations of International Relations Theory for MIA and MPA students.
- Supervised 60 incoming MA students
- Created and taught two weekly graduate level public policy seminars on IR theory and world politics, set criteria for evaluation and assessed student participation and written work

TEACHING FELLOW (selection)

International Politics (V1601)

Teaching Fellow, Fall 2012 (Kimberley Marten), Spring 2013 (Robert Jervis)

- Introductory undergraduate course on International Politics
- Lectured on Energy Politics and Russian Politics
- Led weekly mandatory recitation sections and evaluated student work

Globalization and International Relations (V3615)

Teaching Fellow, Spring 2012 (Alexander Cooley)

- Course exploring the impact of globalization on contemporary international politics
- Led weekly recitation sections, evaluated student work and advised students on research projects

Russia and the West (V3675)

Teaching Fellow, Spring 2012 (Elise Giuliano)

- Advanced course on the impact of the relationship with the United States on Russia's foreign and security policy
- Lectured on Russian Foreign Policy and Russian Energy Policy
- Led weekly discussion sections and evaluated student work

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

SWAMOS Program Coordinator

2012-2017

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, New York, NY

Supervisor: Dr. Richard K. Betts

- Coordinated and managed annual workshop on the analysis of military operations and strategy, held annually at Cornell University

- Organized the selection process, liaised with both participants and faculty, participated in discussion and facilitated the day-to-day operations of the workshop including organizing travel and reimbursement
- Managed and supervised the budget, wrote annual grant applications and reports

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Columbia University:

SWAMOS Coordinator, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, 2012-2017

President, Political Science Graduate Students Association, 2012

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: English (native), French (Fluent), Russian (Intermediate), German (Basic)

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE: STATA (proficient) and R (proficient)

OTHER SOFTWARE: LATEX (proficient) and OFFICE (proficient)