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Education

Columbia University

Ph.D. in Political Science Expected 2023
*Dissertation: The Causes and Consequences of Internationalizing
Education in Central Asia*

M.A. in Political Science 2019

Georgetown University

B.S.F.S. in International Affairs, *Magna Cum Laude* 2014

Grants, Fellowships

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000) 2019-22

PepsiCo Fellowship for Research Travel (for fieldwork in Russia
and Kazakhstan) (\$3,000) 2019

PepsiCo Fellowship for Research Travel (for fieldwork in
Kyrgyzstan) (\$1,300) 2019

PepsiCo Fellowship for Research Travel (for fieldwork in
Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan) (\$3,000) 2018

Science, Technology, and International Affairs Honors Research
Grant (\$1,500) 2013

Georgetown Center for the Environment Research Grant (\$500) 2013

Lisa J. Raines Fellowship (for fieldwork in Turkey, Georgia,
Ukraine) (\$5,000) 2012

Research and Writing

Works in progress

“Potemkin Schools: Reassessing Theories of Education, Language, and Identity in
Kyrgyzstan”

“YouTube as a Tool for Counter Narratives: The Case of Kazakh Advocacy for Co-Ethnics
in Xinjiang”

“On the Run: Prospective Candidate Behavior in Hybrid Authoritarian Regimes” (with Alexis Lerner)

Book reviews

“Blood Ties and the Native Son: Poetics of Patronage in Kyrgyzstan” by Aksana Ismailbekova. *Europe-Asia Studies* 75, 9 (2019).

Public Scholarship and Opinion (Selected)

“Kyrgyzstan Eradicates Statelessness,” *The Diplomat*, October 2019.

“Coming Home: Why Social Scientists Should Pay More Attention to Ethnic Return Migration,” *Harriman Magazine*, Fall 2019.

“Wave of creative protests threaten Kazakhstan’s elite ahead of elections,” *Waging Non-Violence*, May 2019.

“What are the Prospects for Reform in Uzbekistan?” *The Diplomat*, May 2019.

“Can Social Media Change Governance in Central Asia?” *The Diplomat*, April 2019.

“Uzbekistan education minister addresses challenges,” *Eurasianet*, October 2018.

“From Chernobyl to Gezi Park, Nationalism and Environmental Movements Just Don’t Mix,” *Muftah Magazine*, April 2015.

“Kyrgyzstan Ready to Adopt Gay Propaganda Law,” *Global Voices*, October 2014.

Presentations and Invited Talks

- 2020 Columbia University Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar Series. “Kyrgyzstan’s Slide to Autocracy” with Dr. Erica Marat at George Washington University.
- 2019 City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center Comparative Politics Workshop. Center for Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. NYU-Columbia Post-Communist Workshop. Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Harriman Institute-Institute for Global Economics and International Relations conference (Moscow, Russia).
- 2016 *Forum* English Teachers Association Annual Conference (Jalalabad, Kyrgyzstan).
- 2014 Georgetown University Walsh Exchange. Poster presentation at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Teaching

Instructor of Record

2020 Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, The City College of New York

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University

2018 Introduction to International Relations, Professor Bruce Cronin

2019 Nationalism and Contemporary World Politics, Professor Jack Snyder

Professional Development and Service

2019-20 Lead Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning

2019-20 Organizer, Columbia University Graduate Fieldwork Salon

2019 *Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research*, Syracuse University

2018-19 Member of Columbia University Political Science Graduate Student Council

2018 Chair, "Eurasia at the Crossroads" Conference at Columbia University

2012-13 Chair, Georgetown University Walsh Exchange

Professional Experience

Consultant, Freedom House Jan 2020
Peer Review for Kyrgyzstan 2020 Nations in Transit Report

Consultant, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Dec 2019
Spot Check for Kyrgyz-Language Services

United States Peace Corps, Kyrgyzstan 2015-17
Teacher Trainer and Secondary School Instructor

Muftah Magazine 2014-15
Editor for Eastern Europe/Central Asia

Research Languages

English (native)
Russian (advanced speaking, reading, writing)
Kyrgyz (advanced speaking, reading, writing)
Farsi, Kazakh (intermediate speaking, reading, writing)
Tajiki, Uzbek (basic reading)

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