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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Syracuse University

Director, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs. From September 2022.
Professor of Political Science. From May 2014.
Chair of Political Science. 2017-2020.
Astrid Merget Fellow, 2019, 2023.
Director, Center for European Studies. 2011-2015.
Associate Professor of Political Science. 2009-2014.
Assistant Professor of Political Science. 2004-2009.

University of Oklahoma

Assistant Professor of Political Science. 1998-2004.

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D. in Political Science, February 1998.

London School of Economics and Political Science

M.Sc. with Distinction in the Politics and Government of Russia and the Soviet Union (with Russian language), October 1988.

University of Iowa

B.A. in Political Science with Honors and Highest Distinction, July 1986.
Russian Minor, Global Studies Certificate.

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, and Carnegie Corporation of New York. Principal Investigator, Subcontractor for International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network Grant. 2023-2025. Amount: \$150,772.

Smith Richardson Foundation grant, Principal Investigator. Project: "Putinism, or How Russia is Misruled." 2013-2022. Amount: \$140,482.

Fulbright Scholar, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, January-June 2011.

Smith Richardson Foundation grant, Principal Investigator. Project: "Putin and the Power Ministries." 2006-2008. Amount: \$76,358.

Carnegie Scholar, Carnegie Corporation of New York. Project: "State Power and Russia's Regions." 2002-2003. Amount: \$100,000.

Smith Richardson Foundation grant, Principal Investigator. Project: "The Army and the State in Russia." 1999-2000. Amount: \$66,088.

International Security Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University. 1996-1998.

John M. Olin Predoctoral Fellowship in National Security, Harvard University. 1995-96.

IREX Individual Advanced Research Fellowship (Russia). 1993-94.

SSRC Graduate Training Fellowship. 1992-93.

George C. Marshall Scholarship. 1987-89.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1985.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship. 1984-86, 1989-91.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Russian Politics: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, 2024).

- - Audio book version by Tantor Media.

The Code of Putinism (Oxford University Press, 2018).

- Audio book version by Tantor Audio.
- Reviewed in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Washington Times*.
- "War on the Rocks" 2018 holiday reading list.
- Review Roundtable in *Asia Policy*, 14.2 (April 2019).

State Building in Putin's Russia: Policing and Coercion After Communism (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

- named an "Outstanding Academic Title 2011" by *Choice*
- named one of the "Best International Relations Books of 2011" by *Foreign Affairs*, and one of three "Best Books of 2011 on Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Republics"

Politics and the Russian Army: Civil-Military Relations, 1689-2000 (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“NATO Did Not Cause Putin’s Imperial War.” *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 48, No. 4 (Winter 2026), pp. 67-82.

“What Happened to Soviet Security Studies?: An Essay on the State of the Field.” *Russian Politics* Vol. 4, No. 2 (June 2019), pp. 196-210.

“The Russian Siloviki and Political Change.” *Daedalus* Vol. 146, No. 2 (Spring 2017), pp. 53-63.

“Police Reform in Russia: The Policy Process in a Hybrid Regime.” *Post-Soviet Affairs*, Vol. 30, Nos. 2-3 (2014), pp. 226-255.

“Tilly Tally: War-Making and State-Making in the Contemporary Third World.” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 10, No 1 (March 2008), pp. 27-56. With Roxana Botea.

“Putin’s ‘Historic Mission’: State-Building and the Power Ministries in the North Caucasus.” *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 54, No. 6 (November-December 2007), pp. 3-16.

“Force and Federalism: Controlling Coercion in Federal Hybrid Regimes.” *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (July 2007), pp. 421-440.

[Reprinted in: *Models of Individualism, Communalism, and Multinationalism in Federal Governance*, Vol. 3 of *Federalism*, edited by John Kincaid (London: Sage Publications, 2011), pp. 145-166.]

“Law Enforcement and Civil Society in Russia.” *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (March 2006), pp. 193-213.

[Abridged and translated as: “Pravookhranitel’nye organy i grazhdanskoye obshchestvo v Rossii.” *Otechestvennye zapiski*. No. 6, 2005.]

“The Soviet Military and the Disintegration of the USSR.” *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (Winter 2003), pp. 17-66.

“Russia’s Passive Army: Rethinking Military Coups.” *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 8 (October 2001), pp. 924-952.

“Russian Civil-Military Relations After the October Uprising.” *Survival*. Vol. 36, No. 1 (Spring 1994), pp. 3-29.

“Perestroika and Soviet Foreign Policy Research.” *Millennium*. Vol. 19, No. 1 (Spring 1990), pp. 59-82.

MONOGRAPHS

Russia's Power Ministries: Coercion and Commerce (Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University, October 2007). (70 pages)

Breaking the Disarmament Deadlock: Nuclear Weapons, Arms Control, and Russian-American Relations (Council for a Livable World Education Fund, June 1998). (28 pages)

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Stitches,” in Steven A. Fisher, ed., *Once Upon A Russia: Voices From a Vanished Era* (Chicago: Forest Cat Press, 2025), pp. 140-141.

“The Siloviki,” in Harley D. Balzer and Steven A. Fisher, eds., *Failure. Russia Under Putin* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2025), pp. 327-352.

“Intelligence,” in Andrei P. Tsygankov, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Russian Foreign Policy* (New York: Routledge, 2018), pp. 153-167. With Mikhail A. Strokan.

“The Transformation of the Russian State,” in Stephan Leibfried, Evelyne Huber, Matthew Lange, Jonah D. Levy, Frank Nullmeier, and John D. Stephens, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Transformations of the State* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 637-653.

“From Police State to Police State? Legacies and Law Enforcement in Russia,” in Mark Beissinger and Stephen Kotkin, eds., *Historical Legacies of Communism in Russia and Eastern Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), pp. 128-151.

“Russia’s Regions and Law Enforcement,” in Peter Reddaway and Robert W. Orttung, eds., *The Dynamics of Russian Politics: Putin’s Reform of Federal-Regional Relations*, Volume II (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005), pp. 65-90.
[Translated as: “Rossiiskie regiony i pravookhranitel’naya sistema,” in N. Petrov, ed., *Federal’naya reforma, 2000-2004: Strategii, instituty, problemy*, Tom 2 (Moskva: Moskovskiy obshchestvennyy nauchnyy fond, 2005), pp. 57-88.]

“Commentary on Moldova,” in Alexei Arbatov, Abram Chayes, Antonia Handler Chayes, and Lara Olsen, eds. *Managing Conflict in the Former Soviet Union: Russian and American Perspectives* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1997), pp. 211-218.

PUBLIC INTEREST PUBLICATIONS

“The Russian Siloviki: Twenty Years of Scholarship.” *Russian Analytical Digest*. No. 323, 20 January 2025, pp. 2-6.

“The Russia Stability Tracker.” Contributing expert. *Center for New American Security*. November 2023, June 2023, February 2023.

“Putin’s War of Recolonization.” *Journal of Democracy* [online], March 2023. With Renée de Nevers.

“The Power Struggle After Putin: Russia’s Inevitable Succession Crisis.” *Foreign Affairs* [online], April 26, 2022.

“Has Putin Lost It?” *Riddle Russia*, Mar 4, 2022. [Also published in Russian at same site]

“Understanding Putinism.” *PONARS Eurasia Online Academy*, November 9, 2021. <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/understanding-putinism-ponars-eurasia-online-academy/>

“Putin’s Rules of the Game: The Pitfalls of Russia’s New Constitution.” *Foreign Affairs* [online], April 12, 2021. [Translated into Russian by inosmi.ru]

“Personality and Power in Russian Foreign Policy.” *Project on Russian Power and Purpose in the 21st Century*, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, September 2020.

“US-Russia Relations in the Era of High Putinism.” *Russia Policy Under the Next U.S. President*, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy and Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Texas A&M University, September 2020.

“Putin’s Fourth Term: The Phantom Breakthrough.” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 602, July 2019.

“Author’s Response: The Code Is Central, but for How Long?” *Asia Policy*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (April 2019), 100–105 [roundtable on *The Code of Putinism*].

“Putin’s stability becomes Russia’s stagnation.” *OUPblog*, August 13, 2018.

“Putin the Hero.” *The Conversation*, July 23, 2018. Republished by *Albany Times Union, Houston Chronicle*, and *Gazeta do Povo* (Brazil).

“The Code of Putinism.” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 399, November 2015.

“Putin’s Own Goal.” *Foreign Affairs* [online], March 6, 2014. Reprinted in *Foreign Affairs* e-book, *Crisis in Ukraine* (March 2014).

“Putin’s Crackdown: Sources, Instruments, and Challenges.” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 277, September 2013. [Also published online in Russian by *Ekho Moskvy* and *Slon*.]

“Kudrin’s Complaint: Does Russia Face a Guns vs. Butter Dilemma?” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 254, June 2013.

“The Myth of Putin the State Builder,” *Montréal Review*, January 2012.

“Historical Legacies and Law Enforcement in Russia.” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 150, May 2011.

“Power Surge?: Russia’s Power Ministries from Yeltsin to Putin and Beyond.” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 414, November 2006.

“Moscow’s federalist policy adapts to a future after Putin.” *Jane’s Intelligence Review*. Vol. 18, No. 8 (August 2006), pp. 52-53.

“Russia: Will Oil Windfall Go To Military?” Interview with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (published online), May 11, 2006.

“Putin’s State Building Project: Issues for the Second Term.” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 323, November 2003.

“Strong Men, Weak State: Power Ministry Officials and the Federal Districts.” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 284, October 2002.

“The Duma and Military Reform.” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 154, October 2000.

“Putin and the Military: How Long Will the Honeymoon Last?” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 116, May 2000.

“Velikoderzhavnaya plavost.” *Moskovskiy Novosti*, No. 41 (26 October – 1 November), 1999.

“Russia’s Passive Army: Rethinking Military Coups.” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Working Paper Series, No. 14, July 1999.

“Arms Control in the Context of Current U.S.-Russian Relations.” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 63, May 1999.

“A New Role for the Russian Interior Ministry Troops?” *Analysis of Current Events*, Vol. 11, Nos. 1-2 (January/February 1999), pp. 16-18.

“The Rise and Fall of the Russian Internal Troops?” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 45, November 1998.

“The Russian Military Outside Politics: A Historical Perspective.” Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Memo Series, Memo No. 2, October 1997.

“The Challenges of Ukrainian Statehood.” *Perspectives on Contemporary Ukraine*. Vol. 2, No. 2 (March/April 1995), p. 5.

"Ukrainian Security: Dilemmas of Ukrainianization." *Soviet Defense Notes*. Vol. 5, No. 3 (August 1993), pp. 1-5.

"Red Army Blues: The Future of Military Power in the Former Soviet Union." *Breakthroughs*. Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring 1992), pp. 1-8.

"Soviet Air Defense Forces Defend Mission." *Soviet Defense Notes*. Vol. 3, No. 2 (April/May 1991), pp. 1-4.

"Internal Function of Soviet Army Discussed." *Soviet Defense Notes*. Vol. 1, No. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989), pp. 4-6.

BOOK REVIEWS

Roundtable Review of *Prestige, Manipulation, and Coercion: Elite Power Struggles in the Soviet Union and China after Stalin and Mao* by Joseph Torrigan. *H-Diplo Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum*, Roundtable Review 15-45, June 2024.

"Love and Fear." Contribution to "Roundtable on Gulnaz Sharafutdinova's *the red mirror: putin's leadership and russia's insecure identity*." *Post-Soviet Affairs*. Vol. 37, No. 4 (July 2021), pp. 405-407.

Review of *Russia's Military Revival*, by Bettina Renz. *H-Russia*. October 2020. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=55781>

Review of *The Putin System: An Opposing View*, by Grigory Yavlinsky. *Russian Review*. Vol. 79, No. 1 (January 2020), pp 165-166.

Review of *The Red Web: The Struggle between Russia's Digital Dictators and the New Online Revolutionaries*, by Andrei Soldatov and Irina Borogan. *Russian Review*. Vol. 75, No. 4 (October 2016), p. 739.

Review of *The Limits of Partnership: U.S.-Russian Relations in the Twenty-First Century*, by Angela E. Stent. *Slavic Review*, Vol. 74, No. 2 (Summer 2015), pp. 375-376.

Review of *Presidential Decrees in Russia: A Comparative Perspective*, by Thomas F. Remington. *Russian Review*. Vol. 74, No. 2 (April 2015), p. 364.

Review of *The Soldier and the Changing State*, by Zoltan Barany. *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 11, No. 2 (June 2013), pp. 660-662.

Review of *Political Consequences of Crony Capitalism Inside Russia*, by Gulnaz Sharafutdinova. *Comparative Political Studies*. Vol. 45, No. 3 (March 2012), pp. 401-405.

Review of *The Politics of Security in Modern Russia*, edited by Mark Galeotti. *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 8, No. 4 (December 2010), pp. 1270-1271.

Review of *Russian Civil-Military Relations*, by Robert Brannon and *Russian Civil-Military Relations: Putin's Legacy*, by Thomas Gomart. *Democracy and Security*. Vol. 5, No. 3 (September 2009), pp. 309-315.

Review of *The Evolution of Civil-Military Relations in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union*, edited by Natalie L. Mychajlyszyn and Harald von Riekhoff. *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies*. Vol. 18, No. 4 (December 2005), pp. 781-783.

Review of *Inside Putin's Russia: Can There Be Reform Without Democracy?*, by Andrew Jack. *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 120, No. 3 (Fall 2005), pp. 539-540.

Review of *Close Protection: The Politics of Guarding Russia's Rulers*, by David Cox. *Russian Review*. Vol. 62, No. 2 (April 2003), p. 325.

Review of *Democratizing Communist Militaries: The Cases of the Czech and Russian Armed Forces*, by Marybeth Peterson Ulrich. *Governance*. Vol. 15, No. 2 (April 2002), pp. 300-301.

Review of *The Collapse of the Soviet Military*, by William E. Odom. *Journal of Cold War Studies*. Vol. 2, No. 1 (April 2000), pp. 132-134.

RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Regime Change and the Geopolitics of East Europe and Eurasia” (Roundtable Speaker) and “Book Discussion: Failure: Russia Under Putin” (Roundtable Speaker). Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Washington,D.C. November 2025.

“A Conversation on Alexander Vindman’s The Folly of Realism: How the West Deceived Itself About Russia and Betrayed Ukraine” Panel (Discussant). Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, New York. May 2025.

“What Does Putin Really Think? A Methodological Provocation” and “The Russian-Ukrainian War. Challenges to the Documentation and to the Prosecution of International Crimes” Panel (Discussant). International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago. March 2025.

“The Siloviki, Russian Foreign Policy, and Putin’s War” (with Yulia Bychkovska). Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Boston. November 2024.

“The Siloviki and Russian Foreign Policy” (with Yulia Bychkovska) and “Repression and Human Rights” Panel (Discussant). International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco. April 2024.

“War as an Agent of Change” (Roundtable) and “Book Discussion: *State-Building as Lawfare: Custom, Sharia, and State Law in Postwar Chechnya*, by Egor Lazarev” (Roundtable). Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Philadelphia. November-December 2023.

“Getting Russia Right: Do we need to adjust our frameworks for studying Russia (yet again)?” (Roundtable). International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal. March 2023.

PREVIOUS CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies: 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2003.

Program on New Approaches to Russian Security/Eurasian Strategy Project Academic Conference: 2019, 2014, 2008, 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998.

Russian Elite Attitudes toward Conflict and the West Conference, Hamilton College. Clinton, NY, April 2018.

Regime Evolution, Institutional Change, and Social Transformation in Russia Conference, MacMillan Center, Yale University. New Haven, CT, April 2018.

Critical Issues in the Research of Contemporary Russian Politics Conference, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki. Helsinki, June 2017.

“Russia Beyond Putin” Workshop. American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Cambridge, MA, May - June 2016.

New Research on Strategic Challenges from China and Russia Conference. Brookings Institution and Dickey Center, Dartmouth University. Washington, D.C., May 2016.

American Political Science Association: 2013, 2006, 2004, 1995.

“Russian Police on Trial” Conference, Centre for International Studies and Research, Sciences Po, Paris, 2011.

“Becoming Authoritarian” Workshop, Cornell University Institute for European Studies, 2011.

International Studies Association: 2010, 2009, 2007, 2003, 1998.

“Post-Soviet In/Securities: Theory and Practice” Conference, Mershon Center, The Ohio State University, Conference, 2005.

“Postcommunist State and Society: Transnational and National Politics” Conference, Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2005.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

National and International

“Russian Foreign Policy.” MIT Seminar XXI. May 2025, May 2024, April 2023, April 2022.

“The Russo-Ukraine War: Peace For Our Time?” Freeman Spogli Institute and Hoover Institution, Stanford University. April 2025.

“The Geopolitics of Ukraine’s Ceasefire Talks (Roundtable).” New York-Russia Public Policy Series (Harriman Institute, Columbia University and the New York University Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia). March 2025 (virtual).

“The Russia-Ukraine War.” Defense Capabilities and Management program, U.S. Government Accountability Office. September 2024 (virtual).

“Putin’s Fifth Term: Regime Evolution and Future Challenges (Roundtable).” New York-Russia Public Policy Series (Harriman Institute, Columbia University and the New York University Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia). March 2024 (virtual).

“Russia-Ukraine War (Roundtable).” Baruch College. March 2024 (virtual).

“Putin’s War.” Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto. March 2024

“Russia and Ukraine: One Year Later,” Panel Discussion (virtual). Bates College. March 2023.

“Putin’s War.” Indiana University. February 2023.

“Putin’s War in Ukraine.” Defense Capabilities and Management program, U.S. Government Accountability Office. September 2022 (virtual).

“Russia-Ukraine: War, Statecraft, and Shifting Geopolitics in Eurasia” Roundtable. Eurasia International University, Yerevan, Armenia. July 2022 (virtual).

“The Power Struggle After Putin.” Global Challenges to Democracy Conference, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University. May 2022.

“Russia’s War in Ukraine: Impacts on International (Dis)Order” Roundtable. “Trillion Dollar Questions” series, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University. May 2022 (virtual).

“Russian Foreign Policy.” MIT Seminar XXI. April 2022.

“What Is Putin Up To? Understanding Russian Foreign Policy.” Department of Political Science, Texas State University. April 2022 (virtual).

“Ukraine, Russia, and the EU” Roundtable. European Politics Online Workshop (EuroPOW), Bocconi University and Syracuse University. March 2022 (virtual).

“What is Putin Up To? Understanding the Russia-Ukraine Crisis.” LeMoyne College, February 2022.

“Russia and NATO.” Roundtable. Institute on Russia, University of South Florida. February 2022 (virtual).

“Russia’s Attack on Ukraine” Roundtable. Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto. January 2022 (virtual).

“Navalny vs. Putin.” Roundtable on “Protests, Poison, Prison: Alexei Navalny’s Russian Opposition Movement.” Hobart & William Smith Colleges. April 2021 (virtual).

“Putinism and its Discontents.” Center for Russia, East Europe & Central Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. March 2021 (virtual).

“Main Issues in Russian Domestic Politics.” Hewett Forum on Post-Soviet Affairs, Brookings Institution. February 2021 (virtual).

“Putinism and Russian Foreign and Security Policy.” U.S. Army, Fort Hood. December 2020 (virtual).

“Russian Siloviki: Worldview & Political Role.” U.S. Department of Defense. July 2020 (virtual).

“Putin or the System?” Chatham House (London). February 2020.

“U.S. - Russian Relations Thirty Years After the Berlin Wall.” Brigham Young University. January 2020.

“Putin, Putinism, & US-Russian Relations.” Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University. November 2019.

“Is Russia’s Strategy Based on Ideology?” Albritton Center for Grand Strategy and Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs, Bush School, Texas A&M University. October 2019.

“A New Cold War?” National Security Studies Seminar, U.S. Government Accountability Office. June 2019.

“Putinism.” Focus on Russia Series, Center for International Studies, MIT. February 2019.

“Putin’s Fourth Term: Breakthrough or Stagnation?” Presentation at PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., February 2019.

“A New Cold War? Putin, Putinism and U.S.-Russian Relations.” 2018 McSwain-Walker Lecture, Reves Center for International Studies, College of William & Mary. October 2018.

“A New Cold War?” National Security Studies Seminar, U.S. Government Accountability Office. September 2018.

“Book Launch: The Code of Putinism.” Center for Strategic and International Studies. August 2018.

“Putin’s Rule: Siloviki and Kleptocrats.” Panel discussion. Atlantic Council. July 2018.

“Putinism.” Presentation at “Russia, Iran, and the United States” Conference, Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies/Institute on Russia, University of South Florida. April 2018.

“Punching above Its Weight: Explaining Russian Foreign Policy under Putin.” U.S. Department of State. September 2017.

“Western Approaches to Studying the Russian State.” European University in St. Petersburg, Russia, June 2017.

“The Code of Putinism.” U.S. Department of State. September 2016.

“The Code of Putinism.” Global Connections Speaker Series, Naval Postgraduate School, August 2016.

“Elite Loyalty.” Conference on Russian Internal Political Dynamics, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State, June 2016.

“Putin and Putinism Two Years after Euromaidan.” Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, The George Washington University, November 2015 (with Nikolay Petrov).

“Russian Civil-Military Relations.” Conference on Leadership and Ideology in Russia, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State, September 2015.

“The Code of Putinism.” Presentation at PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., September 2015.

“Putin, Ukraine, and the West.” Pearl A. and Albert E. Mall Lecture, Binghamton University Lyceum, May 2015.

“How Strong is Putin’s Russia?” Lecture at the Cornell Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, April 2015.

“Another Look at Russian Power.” Lecture at the Centre for EU-Russia Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia, November 2014.

“Is the Russian State Strong or Weak?” Presentation, Panel on “Russian state and society: how sustainable is the new consolidation?”, conference on “Russian power projection in the twenty-first century,” Baltic Defence College, Tartu, Estonia, November 2014.

“Western Approaches to Studying the Russian State.” Lecture at the School of Public Administration, Moscow State University, Russia, December 2013.

“Putin’s Crackdown: Sources, Instruments, and Challenges.” Presentation at PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., September 2013.

“Kudrin’s Complaint: Does Russia Face a Guns vs. Butter Dilemma?” Presented at the PONARS Eurasia/EUSP Conference on “Russia’s Global Engagement.” St. Petersburg, Russia, May 2013.

“Police Reform in Russia: The Policy Process in a Hybrid Regime.” Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto, March 2013.

“Russian Defense Modernization: Context.” Conference on “Russian Defense Modernization: Prospects and Implications for U.S. Interests,” RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C., May 2012.

“2012 Russian Presidential Elections.” Roundtable Presentation, Cornell Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, April 2012.

“Police Reform in Russia, from Brezhnev to Medvedev.” Roundtable Presentation, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, November 2011.

“State Building in Putin’s Russia: Policing and Coercion After Communism.” Presentation to the Institute for the Rule of Law, European University of Saint Petersburg, May 2011.

“Science and Education” and “Civil Society and Media.” Panel Presenter at the XX Annual Russian-American Seminar, School of International Relations, Saint Petersburg University, May 2011.

“Historical Legacies and Law Enforcement in Russia.” Presentation to the PONARS Eurasia Workshop on “Security Challenges in Russia and Eurasia,” Moscow, March 2011.

“Russian Civil-Military Relations.” Conference on Russia’s Political and Defense Leadership, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State, September 2010.

“Inside Russia: The Power Ministries and the *Siloviki*.” Foreign Service Institute and Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State, March 2009.

“Civil-Military Relations in Russia and the Former Soviet Countries”; “Russia Resurgent: Implications for Global Security”; “US-Eurasian relations, International Security, and the War on Terrorism.” Series of lectures and presentations at the University of Maine. Orono, ME, February 2009. “Russia Resurgent: Implications for Global Security” broadcast on Maine Public Radio, March 4, 2009.

“Russia’s Power Ministries and the *Siloviki* after Putin.” Workshop at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Washington, D.C., November 2007.

“Putin’s State-Building Project: The Case of Law Enforcement.” Presentation at the Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center. Washington, D.C., April 2007.

“Policing the Russian State: Coercion and Corruption.” Presentation at Indiana University, Department of Criminal Justice Colloquium Series. Bloomington, IN, March 2007.

“Power Surge?: Russia’s Power Ministries from Yeltsin to Putin and Beyond.” Presentation at Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., December 2006.

Discussant, multiple chapters, authors’ review workshop for *The Russian Military: Power and Policy* (Steven E. Miller and Dmitri Trenin, eds.). American Academy of Arts and Sciences and International Institute of Strategic Studies. London, May 2003.

“Strong Men, Weak State: Power Ministry Officials and the Federal Districts.” Presentation at Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., December 2002.

“Law Enforcement and Russia’s Federal Districts.” Presented at conference on Putin’s Federal Reforms, East-West Institute and George Washington University. Moscow, Russia, June 2002.

"Military Policy and Reform Under Putin." Presentation at Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and National Defense University (NDU). Series on "Putin's Russia: Leadership And Constraints In Current Policy." Washington, D.C., January 2002.

"Russian Military Reform." Presentation at Center for International and Security Studies, University of Maryland, and the National Security Agency Seminar, "Russia at the Beginning of the Twenty-First Century." Washington, D.C., February 2001.

"The Duma and Military Reform." Presentation at Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., December 2000.

"Putin and the Military: How Long Will the Honeymoon Last?" Presentation at Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., May 2000.

"Russia's Passive Army: Rethinking Military Coups." Presentation at Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago. Chicago, October 1999.

"Russian Civil-Military Relations." Presentation at Conference on Post-Cold War Nonproliferation and Security Challenges and Their Implications for Security in the Nordic, Baltic, and East European Regions. Parnu, Estonia, March 1998.

"Arms Control in the Context of Current U.S.-Russian Relations." Presentation at Aspen Institute Congressional Breakfast Series. Washington, D.C., June 1999.

"The Russian Military Outside Politics: A Historical Perspective." Presentation at Program on New Approaches to Russian Security Policy Conference. Washington, D.C., December 1997.

Discussant on "Energy Security and the Middle East" panel. New Faces Conference: Security Challenges of the 21st Century. Bonn, Germany, October 1997.

"Culture and Coups: The Norm of Civilian Supremacy." Presented at Conference on "A Crisis in Civilian Control? Contending Theories of American Civil-Military Relations," Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA, June 1996.

Syracuse

Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. November 2025, February 2023, October 2022, February 2022, April 2015, March 2014, October 2004.

Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse University, September 2025.

Century Club, Syracuse, September 2025, October 2023, October 2022, March 2022, February 2016.

Executive Education, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, September 2025, September 2024, September 2023, September 2022.

National Security Management and National Security Leadership Courses, National Security Studies, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, October 2024, June 2024, October 2023, June 2023, November 2022, June 2022, November 2021, May 2021, November 2020, May 2019, May 2018, May 2017, May 2016, April 2015, April 2014, May 2013, April 2012, April 2010, May 2009, May 2008, July 2006, March 2006, April 2005.

Institute for Security, Policy and Law, Syracuse University, September 2023, September 2022, February 2016, November 2013.

Central New York Council for Social Studies. October 2023.

Ukrainian Student Club, Syracuse University. March 2023.

Loretto Nottingham senior living community, Syracuse, January 2023.

Central New York Model United Nations, Syracuse, January 2023.

Upstate OASIS, Syracuse, October 2022, September 2013.

Strathmore Speaker Series, Syracuse, NY, May 2022, April 2018.

Manlius Informed lecture series, Manlius, New York, May 2022, May 2020, May 2017.

Office of Community Engagement, Syracuse University, April 2022.

Dean's Office, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, February 2022.

Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, October 2018, February 2013, March 2009.

Conference on “Convergence and Divergence: Practicing Public Diplomacy in a Globalized World.” Maxwell School, Syracuse University, October 2018.

Maxwell School Advisory Board, Syracuse University, September 2018, October 2008.

International Relations Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, November 2013.

Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, April 2013, April 2012, March 2010, April 2009.

Central New York Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Syracuse, October 2011.

Symposium on Public Diplomacy, Maxwell School and Newhouse School, Syracuse University, October 2008.

National and International Media

Television and Radio appearances: *BBC World News* (television); *CBS News*; *ABC News*; *Fox News*; “Who is Vladimir Putin?,” *Fox News* documentary; *C-Span*; “All Things Considered” and “Marketplace,” *National Public Radio*; *Reuters* (television); *WABC-TV* (New York City); *WGN* (television); *CBC News* (Canada, television); *Global News Canada*; “The World Today,” *Australian Broadcasting Corporation* (radio); *KTVU* (Fox, San Francisco); “The World,” *Public Radio International/WGBH*; “Radio Times,” *WHYY*; *LiveNow Fox*; *France 24* (television); *CNA (Channel News Asia)*, Singapore; *BS-TBS TV* (Japan); *24 News Channel Ukraine*; “Spotlight,” *Dawn News TV* (Pakistan); *Spectrum News*, Wisconsin; *RTVI*; “Top of Mind with Julie Rose,” *BYU Radio*; *Radio Svoboda* (Radio Liberty); *KCBS*; “The Morning Brief with Tim Farley,” *POTUS Politics*, *Sirius XM Radio*; “Progress,” *Sirius XM Radio*; “Counterpoint with Amanda Vanstone,” *Australian Broadcasting Corporation* (radio); “3AW Breakfast,” *3AW Radio* (Melbourne, Australia); “Good Morning Seoul,” *Arirang Radio* (South Korea); *Catalunya Radio* (Spain); “Air Talk with Larry Mantle,” *National Public Radio* (Los Angeles); “Tommy Tucker Show,” *WWL* (New Orleans); “A Little More Conversation with Ben O’Hara-Byrne,” *Global News* (Canada); “The Bill Good Show,” *CKNW AM* (Vancouver, Canada).

Newspaper, magazine, and website interviews: *New York Times*; *Washington Post*; *Wall Street Journal*; *Associated Press*; *USA Today*; *Newsweek*; *Los Angeles Times*; *Boston Globe*; *Vox*; *Science*; *Foreign Policy*; *Forbes*; *Politico*; *Telegraph* (UK); *Ozy.Com*; *CNN*; *Fox News*; *ABC News Digital*; *Virginia Gazette*; *Correio Braziliense* (Brazil); *Voice of America*; *New York Post*; *The Hill*; *New York Daily News*; *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*; *BBC* (Brazil); *International Business Times*; *Agence France-Presse*; *Daily Mail* (UK); *The Sports Network* (TSN) (Canada); *La Presse* (Canada); *Daily Express* (UK & US); *Metro* (UK); *Kristeligt Dagblad* (Denmark); *Kyiv Post* (Ukraine); *Kyiv Independent* (Ukraine); *Al Jazeera*; *Republic.ru* (Russia); *Fontanka.ru* (Russia); *Le Devoir* (Canada); *Novoye Vremya* (New Times, Russia); *Business Insider*; *Clarin* (Argentina); *Deutsche Welle*, Russian Service (Germany); *El Pais* (Spain); *United24* (Ukraine); *Washington Times*; *Folha de S.Paolo* (Brazil); *La Nacion* (Argentina); *El Mercurio* (Chile); *TASS* (Russia); *Razon* (Spain); *Watson* (Germany); *Adevarul* (Romania); *The Debrief*; *Expresso* (Portugal); *Sanlian Lifeweek Magazine* (China); *RiffReporter* (Germany); *Veja* (Brazil); *Netinfo.bg* (Bulgaria); *Laid Off NYC*.

Podcasts: “What’s Next,” *Slate*; “Diffusion,” Carnegie Corporation of New York; “Russian Roulette,” Center for Strategic and International Studies; “Point & Counterpoint,” PONARS Eurasia; “Brussel Sprouts,” Center for New American Security; “Defense & Aerospace Report”; “Bear Market Brief,” Foreign Policy Research Institute; “Naked Pravda,” *Meduza*; “This American President”; “Security in the 21st Century,” George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies; “Campbell Conversations,” Campbell Public Affairs Institute; “Update From Kyiv”; “World Discord”; Anders Puck Nielsen YouTube Channel; “Darth Putin” YouTube Channel; “On Deadline.”

TEACHING

Syracuse University:

Politics of Russia (Undergraduate)
Politics & The Military (Undergraduate)
Senior Distinction Seminar (Undergraduate)
Russian & Post-Soviet Politics (Graduate)
Comparative Civil-Military Relations (Graduate)
Research Design (Graduate)
International Security Theory (Graduate)

University of Oklahoma:

Governments Around The World/Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate)
Politics of Russia (Undergraduate)
Russian Foreign Policy (Undergraduate)
World Politics in the 21st Century (Undergraduate Senior Seminar)
Comparative Political Analysis (Graduate)
Russian Politics in Comparative Perspective (Graduate)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

Director, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, 2022-
Provost Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 2024-2025
University Senate, 2024-
 Senate Agenda Committee, 2025-
 Senate Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, 2024-2025
University Scholars at Risk Committee, 2022-
Comparative Politics Field Co-Coordinator, 2006, 2009, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2024-2025
University International Council, 2022-2023
Political Science Promotion and Tenure Committee, Comparative Politics, Chair, 2014-2015, 2016-
 2017, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2025-2026
Security Studies Field Co-Coordinator, 2014-2015, 2022-2023
Political Science, Department Chair, 2017-2020
Maxwell School Autonomous Systems Faculty Search, 2019-2020
INSCT Director Search, Law School & Maxwell School, 2018
Maxwell School Faculty Council, 2014-2017 (Secretary, 2016-2017)
Director, Center for European Studies, Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School, 2011-2015
Maxwell School Research Leave Committee, 2013-2014
Research Assessment Committee, Political Science, 2013-2014
East Asia Search Committee, 2012-2013
International Relations Curriculum Task Force, 2011-2012

Nationally Competitive Scholarships Committee, 2008-2010, 2011-2012
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2007-2010
Truman Scholarship Selection Committee, 2009-2010
Comparative, American, and Methods Search Committee, 2006-2007
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2004-2006
Center for European Studies, Fellowship Selection Committee, 2005
Institute for Security, Policy, and Law, Faculty Associate, 2004-present
College of Arts & Sciences Freshman Advisor, 2005-2006, 2011-2012
Doctoral Student Committees, Defended: David Arceneaux, Nicholas Armstrong, Jason Blessing, Olga Boichak, Sunghee Cho, Sinan Chu (chair), Erik French, Petra Hejnova, Asli Ilgit, Kilic Kanat, Drew Kinney, Kevin Krupski, Vlad Kravtsov, Evan Laksmana, Pedram Maghsoud-Nia (chair), Michael Makara, Angely Martinez, Michael Newell, Aykut Ozturk (chair), Raza Raja (chair), Eric Rittinger, Azamat Sakiev, Li Shao (chair), Prakhar Sharma, Kyungwon Suh, Honggang Tan, Jeffrey Treistman

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

Member, Editorial Board, *Problems of Post-Communism*, 2017-
Member, Scientific Board, *The Journal of Power Institutions In Post-Soviet Societies*, 2005-
Executive Committee, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS), 2003-2007
Reviewer: Carnegie Corporation of New York; International Research & Exchanges Board;
MacArthur Foundation; National Science Foundation; Smith Richardson Foundation (Grants); Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Cornell University Press; Hurst; Palgrave Macmillan; Oxford University Press; Polity; RAND; Routledge; Donald W. Treadgold Papers (Books and Monographs); *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*; *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; *Demokratizatsiya*; *Europe-Asia Studies*; *Governance*; *International Politics*; *International Studies Review*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies*; *Nationalities Papers*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Polity*; *Post-Soviet Affairs*; *Problems of Post-Communism*; *Russian Politics*; *Security Studies*; *Slavic Review*; *Studies of Transition States and Societies*; *World Politics* (Journals); Defence Research and Development Canada (Reports).
Member, International Studies Association
Member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Member, PONARS & PONARS-Eurasia

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Russian, dormant Ukrainian and French.