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Academic Appointments

University of Kentucky, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce
Assistant Professor, January 2014 to present

University of Kentucky, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce
Distinguished Visiting Professor, August 2010 to December 2013

King's College London, Department of War Studies, United Kingdom
Graduate Teaching Assistant, September 2004 to March 2005.

Education

London School of Economics and Political Science, Ph.D. in International Relations, 2007
Dissertation: *State Weakness in Perspective: Trans-territorial Energy Networks in Georgia, 1993-2003*

University of London, Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomatic Studies, 1995
Thesis: *United Nations Intervention: From Peacekeeping to Peace- Enforcement*

University of Virginia, Bachelors of Arts in Foreign Affairs and Middle East Studies, 1993

Research and Teaching Interests

Diplomacy, comparative foreign policy, post conflict state building, energy security, weak states, Russian foreign and security policy, Middle East politics

Policy Experience

US Department of Defense, Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
Ukraine and Caucasus Desk Officer, November 1998 to May 2002

- Secretary of Defense Award for Exceptional Civilian Service, January 2001

US Department of Defense, Presidential Management Fellow, October 1996 to October 1998

- **Joint Chiefs of Staff J-5 Policy and Plans**, Middle East/Africa Division.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee**, Ranking Minority Member, Veterans Affairs Undersecretary Acquisition and Technology, Office of International and Commercial Programs, Russia/Ukraine/Baltics Desk Officer
- **Defense Attaché Office in Ukraine**, Office of Defense Cooperation

National Institute for Public Policy, Washington, D.C. and Tbilisi.

Consultant, June to August 2003. Conducted research and wrote report for U.S. Department of Defense on the Government of Georgia's budgetary process.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Energy Futures and Geopolitics, the Long View with Evan Hillebrand. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2014.

“The Military and Energy Security: Moving the US Beyond Oil” *Energy Policy*, Vol. 61, October 2013, pp. 306-316.

“A Comparative Analysis on Energy Subsidies in Soviet and Russian Policy” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 4, December 2011, pp. 343-356.

“State Weakness in Perspective: Strong Politico-Economic Networks in Georgia’s Energy Sector” *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 61, No. 5, July 2009, pp. 759-778.

“States, Separatists, and Networks of Profit: the Spoilers of State-Building” *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, Vol. 2, No. 2, June 2010, pp. 172-197.

Works in Progress

“The Oil Curse on Democracy Validated: A Comparison of Eurasia and Latin America” with JS Butler (to be submitted to *BJPS* 2014).

“Internationalization of Energy and Mineral Markets in Russia and Central Asia: A Study of Elite Command in Corporate Behavior” with G. Oczan (will submit to *American Journal of Management* 2014).

Energy and Russian Alliance Management: Carrying on Soviet Practices (accepted for review by Woodrow Wilson Center/Johns Hopkins University Press; complete manuscript 2015).

“Technology and Revolution: Overstated and Undermined” (will submit to *Comparative Politics* 2014).

Book Chapters

“Subsidies in Russia’s Gas Trade” In *Russian Energy and Security*, edited by Susanne Oxenstierna and Veli-Pekka Tynkkynen. London: Routledge, 2013.

“Georgia-South Ossetia Networks of Profit: Challenges to Statebuilding” In *State Formation*, edited by Berit Bliesemann de Guevara. London: Routledge, 2012.

“What do Unrecognized States tell us about Sovereignty?” In *Unrecognized States in the International System*, edited by Nina Caspersen and Gareth Stansfield. London: Routledge, 2010.

“Post-Soviet State Weakness: Troubled Transition and Insecurity” In *State Weakness in the Balkans: Context, Comparisons and Implications*, edited by Denisa Kostovicova and Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2009.

“Russia’s Key Customer: Europe” In *The Russian Perspective in International Markets*, edited by Jeronim Perovic, Robert Orttung, and Andreas Wenger. London: Routledge, 2008.

Book Reviews

“Unrecognized States in the International System” Nina Caspersen, *Nationalities Papers*, Summer 2013.

“Challenging the Consensus on the Oil Curse” Pauline Jones Loung and Erika Weinthal, *International Studies Review*, Volume 14, Issue 1, March 2012.

Peer-Reviewed Policy Reports

“Central Asian Energy Relations: Evaluating the Impact of Informal Dynamics on Formal Arrangements.” *James A. Baker Institute for Public Policy Papers*. Texas: Rice University, 2009.

“Die Georgien-Krise in ihrer kaukasischen Dimension.” (Georgia Crisis in the Caucasus Dimension) *SWP Aktuell*, October 2008. <http://www.swp-berlin.org>

“The North Caucasus after the Georgia Russia Conflict.” *Russia Analytical Digest*, No. 51. ETH Zurich Center for Security Studies, May 2008. <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn>

“Energy Security of the European Union.” *CSS Analysis in Security Policy*, Vol. 3, No. 36. ETH Zurich Center for Security Studies, June 2008. <http://www.sta.ethz.ch>

“Georgia's Secessionist De Facto States: From Frozen to Boiling.” *Russia Analytical Digest*, No. 40. ETH Zurich Center for Security Studies, May 2008. <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn>

Public Interest Publications

“The Rebalance to Asia: Implications for US Military Energy Use,” *Center for National Policy*, April 2014, <http://cnponline.org/>

“Russian Foreign Policy in the Middle East” *Royal United Services Institute*, February 3, 2011. <http://www.rusi.org/analysis/commentary>

“The End of Gazprom’s Reign?” *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*, January 5, 2010. <http://www.rferl.org/author/20369.html>

“Hope Won’t Keep Europe Warm,” *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*, January 8, 2009. <http://www.rferl.org/author/20369.html>

“Short-Circuiting Reform: Informal Politico-Economic Networks in Georgia’s and Kyrgyzstan’s Electricity Sectors.” *Visiting Research Fellow Papers*. Bishkek: American University of Central Asia Social Research Center, 2007. http://src.auca.kg/images/stories/files/Closson_eng.pdf

Honors & Fellowships

Emerging Leader for Environmental and Energy Policy, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C., 2011 to present. Selected in trans-Atlantic competition to engage with 75 other experts. Funded research trips to Germany and France, October 2012; United Kingdom, April 2013; Poland Germany, November 2014.

Fellow, Truman National Security Project, Washington, D.C., 2010 to present. Selected in nation-wide competition to craft and execute a progressive security agenda. Contributed research and writing to 'Energy 101' and 'Russia' briefings for public use.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships

Residential Fellowship Grant, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, DC, October 2009 to June 2010, Project "Russian Energy Politics in Europe" \$58,500

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Grant, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin. October 2007 to September 2009, Project "Axis of Energy: Achieving a European Strategy for a Secure and Competitive 'Wider Europe' Hydrocarbon Corridor" \$65,000

Social Research Fellow, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. August to September 2007, Project "Short-Circuiting Reform: Informal Politico-Economic Networks in Georgia's and Kyrgyzstan's Electricity Sectors"

Doctoral Studies Grants & Fellowships

Department of State, Title VIII Award, IREX Regional Policy Symposium, Washington, D.C. Presentation "Warming Relations in Georgia: The Case for Legitimizing Trade Between the Government and the Separatists," April 2008

Women in International Security, Award to attend Summer Symposium for Graduate Students in International Affairs, Georgetown University, Presentation "A Model of Post-Soviet Systemic State Corruption: Trans-territorial Energy Networks in 1990s Georgia," June 2007

Conciliation Resources, Funded for Conflict Resolution Workshop, Abkhazia, Georgia, June 2004

University of London Central Research Fund Field Research Grant, Georgia, Fall 2004, \$1,500

London School of Economics Goodwin Academic Scholarship, June 2002 and June 2003, \$13,000

University of London Central Research Fund Field Research Grant, Georgia, Spring 2003, \$3,000

Pre-Doctoral Research Scholar, Carnegie Center Moscow, Russia, September to December 2003

Department of State, Title VIII Award for Russian Language, Moscow, August-December 2003

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses
International Relations
Contemporary Security Studies

Assistant Professor, Graduate Courses
Energy Security
Weak States and International Security
Russian Foreign and Security Policy
Comparative Foreign Policy
Middle East Politics

Professional Conference Presentations

"Technology and Revolution: Overstated and Undermined," Kentucky Political Science Association, March 2014

"The Military and Energy Security: Moving the US Beyond Oil," Western Energy Policy Conference, September 2013

Paper panelist, "Technology and Revolution: Overstated and Undermined" International Studies Association, April 2012

Paper panelist, "Informal Relations in the Central Asian Energy Sector," Ohio State University, Central Eurasia Studies Society, September 2011

Paper panelist, "Subsidies in Russia's Gas Trade" Swedish Defense Research Agency, May 2011

Paper panelist, "Russia v. Venezuela: Whose Oil Promotes Democracy and Why?," International Studies Association, March 2011

Paper panelist, "The Energy Curse: Dependency in Soviet and Russian Policy," American Political Science Association, August 2010

Invited roundtable, "The Political Economy of Central Asia's New Entrepreneurial Class," Michigan State University, Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 2013

Paper panelist, "Russian Energy Empire: Legacies of the Soviet Union," Columbia University, Association of Nationalities 2010

Paper panelist, "Russia's Key Customer: Europe," Conference on Energy in Europe and North America: From National to Human Security, University of Trento, Italy, April 2008

Paper panelist, "States, Separatists, and the Networks of Profit: The Spoilers of State-Building," International Studies Association, March 2008

Paper panelist, "Russia's Key Customer: Europe." Conference on the Russian Perspective on International Markets Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, October 2007

Paper panelist, "Post-Soviet State Weakness: Troubled Transition and (In) Security, Conference on State Weakness in Comparison, London School of Economics, November 2007.

Paper panelist, "The Nexus of the Weak State and International Security," University of Cork, British International Studies Association, December 2006

Paper panelist, "Georgia's Energy Situation Post-Revolution," Michigan State University, Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 2006

Paper panelist, "Political-Economic Stakeholder's Networks in 1990s Georgia," Boston University, Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 2005

Paper panelist, "Energy Networks Across a Weak State: The Case of Samskhte-Javakheti," *Georgia*. Indiana University, Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 2004

Paper panelist, "Perpetual Quasi State of Georgia: Economic Functions of Violence," Columbia University, Association of the Study of Nationalities, April 2003

Paper panelist, "Prospects for Ukraine's European Integration in the Absence of a National Security Concept," Columbia University, Association of the Study of Nationalities, April 2001

Invited Talks & Lectures

Invited talk, "US Energy Revolution," Shanghai Institute of American Studies, China, May 2014

Invited talk, "Russia Foreign Energy and Security Policy," Dalin University, China, May 2014

Invited talk, "Russia's Ukraine Crisis," University of Kentucky, March 2014

Invited talk, "Energy Empire: Russia, Europe, and the Politics of Energy Interdependence," Power and Energy Institute of Kentucky, October 2012

Invited Talk, "Russia's Energy Empire", Royal Military Academy, England, May 2011

Invited talk, "Informal Relations in the Central Asian Energy Sector," The Kennan Institute, Washington, D.C., March 2012

Invited talk, "Egyptian elections and U.S. policy," YMCA, Lexington, KY, January 2012

Invited talk, "Energy & International Diplomacy," University of Kentucky, December 2011.

Invited talk, "Arab Spring Turns to Summer," Rotary Club, Lexington, KY, June 2011

Invited talk, "Arab Spring," Kiwanis Club, Lexington, KY, May 2011

Invited talk, "Recounting the Egyptian Revolution," University of Kentucky, March 2011

Invited talk, "Energy and the U.S. Military," University of Kentucky, March 2011

Invited talk, "Intermediaries in Russia's Gas Trade and Their Effect on European Energy Security," Defense Intelligence Agency's Distinguished Speakers Series, April 2010

Invited talk, "Russia's Energy Investments in Central and Eastern Europe: Mixing Politics and Business," Kennan Institute, February 2010

Invited panelist, "Central Asian Energy Relations: Evaluating the Impact of Informal Dynamics on Formal Arrangements," James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Energy Forum, Moscow, February 2009

Invited panelist, "European Energy Security," Annual German-French-India Security Talks, Sciences Po, Paris, November 2008

Invited talk, "Networks of Profit in Georgia: The Spoilers of State-building," Helmut Schmidt University of the Federal Armed Forces, Hamburg, Germany, November 2008

Presenter, "Short-Circuiting Reform: Informal Politico-Economic Networks in Georgia's and Kyrgyzstan's Electricity Sectors," American University of Central Asia, September 2007

Discipline Service

Book Manuscript Reviewer: Margarita Balmaceda, "The Politics of Energy Dependency: Ukraine, Belarus and Lithuania between Domestic Oligarchs and Russian Pressure, 1992-2010" Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012.

Fellowship Reviewer: Woodrow Wilson Institute for International Scholars, 2011

Scholarship Reviewer: American Council for Teachers of Russian 2013

Journal Reviewer: *International Security Review*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Central Asia Survey*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*

Academic Service

Atlantic Council, Group Grant Award for Student Arctic Fellowship, Summer 2014, \$20,000. Design, Market, Award, and Supervise a graduate student intern on Arctic program.

University of Kentucky, Study Abroad Program Development, Egypt, Summer 2013, \$3000

Council on Foreign Relations, Second Annual CFR Educators Workshop, New York, April 2013

Transylvania University Sustainability Course, Summer 2012, \$750

University of Kentucky Energy Club, Faculty Lecturer, 2011 to present.

Kentucky Energy & Innovation Roundtable, Networking, 2012 to present.

International Service

National Democratic Institute, Election Monitor, Georgia 2003, Egypt 2011.

Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe, Election Monitor, Georgia 2004.

International Book Project, Member Advisory Board, Lexington, KY, 2011 to present.

Languages

Russian (advanced written, spoken, read); Arabic (Egyptian basic spoken)