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Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor, Southwestern University, 2020-present.
Lecturer, Dartmouth College, 2019-2020.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Middlebury College, 2018-2019.

Education

PhD Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2018.

Fields: Comparative Politics (major), Methodology (minor), International Relations (minor)

Dissertation: “Ethnic Heterogeneity and Party Politics in Eastern Europe”

Committee: Milada Anna Vachudova (chair), Liesbet Hooghe, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, Rahsaan Maxwell, and Graeme Robertson.

MA Diplomacy and International Relations, John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, May 2011.

Concentrations: International Organizations, and International Law and Human Rights

BA Political Science and History (double major), The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2007.

Research & Teaching Interests

Comparative politics, international politics, party politics, ethnic politics, democratic transition, European (Western and Eastern) politics, minority rights, morality politics

Peer Reviewed Publications

Aha, Katharine, Catherine Bourland Ross, and Catherine Hiebel (SU‘22). 2023. “Populism and Surrogacy in Spain.” *Women’s Studies* 52(1): 1-21. DOI: 10.1080/00497878.2022.2147178.

Aha, Katharine. 2021. “Resilient Incumbents: Ethnic Minority Political Parties and Voter Accountability.” *Party Politics* 27(4): 680-691. DOI: 10.1177/1354068819881125.

Manuscripts Under Review

- “Interethnic Coalitions in Post-Communist Europe” (article)
- “Radical Right Success in East Central Europe,” with Catherine Hiebel (SU ‘22) and Linsey Jensen (SU ‘23)
- “Diverse yet Durable: Interethnic Coalitions and Government Stability in Post-Communist Europe” (article)

Manuscripts in Preparation

- “The Ethnic Dimension: Political Competition in Diversely Diverse Eastern Europe” (article)
- “Gestational Surrogacy and Party Politics in Europe” (article)
- “Gestational Surrogacy and Morality Politics in Italy and Spain,” with Mercedes Chernovny (SU ‘24) and Stephen Gilby (SU ‘24) (article)
- “Lip Service or Lasting Protection: The Effect of Transitional Justice Mechanisms on Minority Rights,” with Claire Greenstein (article)
- “The Euro after Accession: Public Opinion towards the Common Currency in New EU Member States” (article)
- Ethnic Heterogeneity and Party Politics in Eastern Europe* (book)

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

Research Grants

- Faculty-Student Project, Southwestern University, 2023.
- Summer Collaborative Opportunities and Experiences Research Program, Southwestern University, 2021.
- Thomas M. Uhlman Competitive Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2018.
- Druscilla French Graduate Student Excellence Fund, UNC-Chapel Hill College of Arts and Science, 2017.
- Jurg Steiner Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate School, 2016.
- Alumni Fund Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2016.
- Summer Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2013-2016.
- European Research Council Research Fellowship, 2015.

European Union Center of Excellence Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2014.

Language Fellowships

Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (Turkish), UNC-Chapel Hill Center for European Studies, 2013-2014.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship (Turkish), UNC-Chapel Hill Center for European Studies, 2013.

Travel Awards & Professional Development Grants

Professional Travel Award, Southwestern University, 2022-2023.

Professional Travel Award, Southwestern University, 2021-2022.

Faculty Professional Development Fund Grant, Southwestern University, 2020-2021.

Faculty Professional Development Fund Grant, Middlebury College, 2019.

Faculty Professional Development Fund Grant, Middlebury College, 2018.

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2018.

Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies Conference Travel Award, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2018.

Whit Ayers Travel Award, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, 2016.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2016.

Salgo Noren Foundation Scholarship, Seton Hall University, 2010.

Conference Participation

Papers Presented

“Gestational Surrogacy and Party Politics in Europe”

Summer Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, virtual, June 15-16, 2023.

“Diverse Yet Durable: Interethnic Coalitions and Government Stability”

Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Prague, Czech Republic, June 23-25, 2022.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, virtual, September 10-12, 2020.

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19, 2020 (canceled, COVID19).

“Populism and Surrogacy in Spain,” with Catherine Bourland Ross and Catherine Hiebel

XXIX Congreso Internacional de Literatura y Estudios Hispánicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 8-10, 2022.

“Radical Right Success in East Central Europe,” with Linsey Jensen and Catherine Hiebel

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, January 12-15, 2022.

“Lip Service or Lasting Protection: The Effect of Transitional Justice Mechanisms on Minority Rights” (with Claire Greenstein)

Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast, Ireland, June 20-22, 2019.

“Interethnic Coalitions in Post-Communist Europe”

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17-19, 2019.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies Graduate Student Conference, Toronto, Canada, February 4-5, 2016.

“The Ethnic Dimension: Political Competition in Diversely Diverse Eastern Europe”

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York, NY, May 3-5, 2018.

“Resilient Incumbents: Ethnic Minority Political Parties and Voter Accountability.”

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 4-6, 2018.

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York, NY, May 5-6, 2017.

“Individual Support for the Euro in EU Candidate States.”

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9, 2016.

Panel Chair/Discussant

Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Prague, Czech Republic, June 23-25, 2022.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC August 29-September 1, 2019.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York, NY, May 3-5, 2018.

Other Presentations

Guest Lecturer: “Coalition Government in Bulgaria” for European Politics at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, February 2023

Panelist: “Russia’s War Against Ukraine” brownbag series at Southwestern University, February & April 2022.

Guest Lecturer: “Turkey and National Memory” for Memory Politics at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, September 2021.

Presenter: “The Berlin Wall and Current ‘Border Crises’” for “*Wende Now*” Series Interdisciplinary Workshop at Dartmouth College, January 2020.

Panelist: “Populism, Homophobia, and Illiberal Democracy” Panel Discussion at Middlebury College, April 2019.

Guest Lecturer: “The Politics of Brexit” for Economics of the European Union at Middlebury College, March 2019.

Presenter: Department of Political Science Faculty Research Group at Middlebury College, October 2018.

Presenter: Department of Political Science Comparative Politics Working Group at UNC-Chapel Hill, February 2018.

Presenter: Department of Political Science Uhlman Seminar at UNC-Chapel Hill, January 2018.

Presenter: Department of Political Science Comparative Politics Working Group at UNC-Chapel Hill, December 2015.

Presenter: East European and Eurasian Academic Seminar Presentation on Turkey and Syria (with Ambassador David C. Litt) for the 92nd Civil Affairs Brigade Battalion, November 2014.

Teaching Experience

Soutwestern University

Instructor, Comparative Politics: Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

Instructor, Identity and Nationalism in Europe, Fall 2021, Fall 2023

Instructor, European Politics: Fall 2020, Fall 2022

Instructor, Politics of East-Central Europe: Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Instructor, Politics of the European Union: Fall 2021, Spring 2023

Dartmouth College

Instructor, Authoritarianism vs Democracy in East Central Europe: Spring 2020.

Instructor, Populism and Democracy in Europe: Winter 2020.

Instructor, Comparative Ethnic Politics: Winter 2020.

Instructor, Politics of the World: Fall 2019.

Middlebury College

Instructor, Comparative Ethnic Politics: Spring 2019.

Instructor, West European Politics: Spring 2019.

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics: Fall 2018.

Instructor, Central/East European Politics: Fall 2018.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science

Instructor, Introduction to European Politics: Spring 2018.

Instructor, Politics of East-Central Europe: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017.

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics: Summer 2017.

Teaching Assistant, Modern Political Thought: Spring 2015.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Politics: Fall 2014.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes

Academic Tutor, Quantitative Analysis of Public Policy: Summer 2018.

Academic Tutor, World History: Summer 2018.

Academic Tutor, Politics of Public Policy: Summer 2017.

Bilkent University School of English Language

Instructor, Communication Skills: 2008-2009.

Professional Service

Reviewer: *Democratization, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, Journal of Politics, Party Politics.*

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association
Association for the Study of Nationalities
European Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

Skills

Statistical analysis and methods
OLS, MLE/GLM, time series, game theory
Programming and software
R, STATA, L^AT_EX
Languages
English (native), Turkish (advanced intermediate), French (intermediate)

Additional Training

Race and Ethnicity Studies Summer Workshop, Southwestern University, 2021.
The Mellon Foundation Designing Inclusive Courses: Emerging Pedagogies Effective Practices, Southwestern University, 2020.
Inclusive Pathways for Advancement in the Academy (IPAA) Institute, Dartmouth College, 2019.

References

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