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EDUCATION	<b>University of Wisconsin–Madison</b> , Madison, WI, USA Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Advanced Statistical Methods</li><li>• Dissertation: “Reversal of the ‘Resource Curse?’ Negative Revenue Shocks and Development in Russian Regions” Dissertation committee: Scott Gehlbach (co-chair), Yoshiko Herrera (co-chair), Rikhil Bhavnani, Paul Dower</li></ul> M.A. in Political Science <b>University of Notre Dame</b> , Notre Dame, IN, USA M.A. in International Peace Studies <b>American University in Bulgaria (AUBG)</b> , Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria B.A. in Political Science and International Relations; European Studies ( <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> )	expected in 2020 2013 2009 2007
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Regime transition and persistence, sources of changes in institutions, political economy of natural resource dependence, Post-Soviet politics, quantitative and qualitative methods, Mongolian politics	
BOOK PROJECT	<b>“Reversal of the ‘Resource Curse?’ Negative Revenue Shocks and Development in Russian Regions”</b>  This project develops a theory on when and how decline in natural resource revenue (negative revenue shocks) incentivizes political elites to support private business activities and investment and reverse the ‘resource curse.’ I propose that resource-rich societies can reverse the economic resource curse during times of a negative revenue shock if political elites view this shock as permanent. During permanent shocks, elites have incentive to compensate for lost revenues in the long run and consequently improve the institutional environment and support private economic activities. In contrast, if a shock to resource revenues is temporary, elites lack such incentive and make up for the lost revenues by worsening the institutional environment and imposing difficulties on private actors. I support this theory using Russia’s oil and gas producing regions’ experiences following two negative revenue shocks, one permanent and one temporary. To examine the effects of these shocks, which constitute two natural experiments, on private economic activities, I employ a difference-in-differences framework. Specifically, I analyze regional statistical data and interviews gathered during fourteen months of fieldwork in Russia. This project extends the literature on the political and economic ‘resource curse’ by shifting away from the literature’s usual focus on the onset of the ‘curse’ and examining the conditions that may lead to its disappearance. In addition, it questions the inherent structuralism in existing research and emphasizes the role of agency in managing the dynamics of the ‘resource curse.’	
PUBLICATIONS	<b>“Moments of Change? Negative Revenue Shocks and Political Regime Changes”</b> Forthcoming. In <i>Democratic Struggles in Challenging Times: Insights from Mongolia and Around the World</i> , Christian Suter, Stephen Brown, Dolgion Aldar, and Tamir Chultemsuren eds. Photocraft LLC (World Society Foundation).  <b>“Correlates of Forest Cover Change in European Russia, 1989–2012.”</b> , <i>Land Use Policy</i> 96. Lead author (with Scott Gehlbach, Volker Radeloff, Peter Potapov, Catalina Munteanu, and Eugenia Bragina).	
WORKING PAPERS	“Democracy’s Triumph and Crisis in Miniature: The Case of Mongolia” (with Steven Fish) <i>Working paper</i> .  “Negative Revenue Shocks and Development in Russian Regions” <i>Working paper</i> .	

“Judicial Independence and Resource Dependence in Authoritarian Regimes” *Working paper*.

NON-ACADEMIC  
PUBLICATIONS

“Global Integrity Report: South Africa 2008.” Section published in Global Integrity Report, p. 209-244.

“Spreading the Culture of Peace through Family Traditions and Family Values: The Case of Mongolia.” 2008. Beyond Intractability.

<http://www.beyondintractability.org/reflection/uvsh-spreading>

HONORS AND  
AWARDS

**Columbia University**, Harriman Institute Travel Grant 2019

**Institute for Humane Studies**

Hayek Fund for Scholars 2019

Humane Studies Fellowship 2018

Ph.D. Scholarship 2015–2016

**Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)** 2018

Diversity and Inclusion Grant

**Independent Research Institute of Mongolia** 2018

World Society Foundation Travel Grant

**University of Wisconsin–Madison**

Vilas Student Research Travel Grant 2018

University Fellowship 2015–2017

Chancellor’s Opportunity Fellowship 2012–2013

*Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA)*

Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Awards 2018

*Department of Political Science*

Murray Edelman Graduate Student Conference Travel Award 2017

Departmental Conference Travel Award 2017, 2018

Political Science Summer Initiative Award 2014

**Open Society Foundations**, Civil Society Scholar Award 2015

**Ronald Coase Institute**, Fellowship 2015

**Streit Council for a Union of Democracies**, Research Fellowship 2009–2011

**University of Notre Dame**, Kroc Institute Full Scholarship 2007–2009

**American University in Bulgaria** 2007

Dean’s Certificate “*Outstanding Achievement in Political Science and International Relations*”

**Soros Foundation**, Full Scholarship for American University in Bulgaria 2003–2007

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Wisconsin–Madison**, Madison, WI, USA June 2013–August 2015

*Project Assistant* for Prof. Scott Gehlbach

NASA Land Cover and Land Use Change Program

**Streit Council for a Union of Democracies**, Washington, D.C, USA August 2009–July 2011

*Research Fellow*

**Institute for Democracy in South Africa**, Cape Town, South Africa July–December 2008

*Research Intern*

**University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN, USA September 2007–May 2008

*Research Assistant* for Prof. Robert Johansen

**Parliament of Bulgaria**, Sofia, Bulgaria January–May 2006  
*Research Intern* for Deputy Speaker Philip Dimitrov

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Wisconsin–Madison**, Madison, WI, USA  
*Head Teaching Assistant* for Prof. Mark Copelovitch  
Introduction to International Relations Fall 2018

*Teaching Assistant* for Prof. Jon Pevehouse  
Introduction to International Relations Spring 2017

*Teaching Assistant* for Prof. Nadav Shelef  
Introduction to Comparative Politics Fall 2016

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
AND INVITED  
TALKS

“Negative Revenue Shocks and Economic Development in Russian Regions” presented at 77th and 76th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019 and 2018; United Arab Emirates University, New York University in Abu Dhabi, and Higher School of Economics joint workshop, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, October 2018; Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars’ Conference, Madison, WI, July 2018; 49th Annual Convention of Association for Slavic East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, IL, November 2017; Political Economy Lab, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI. April 2017 and November, 2016.

“After 2014: Negative Revenue Shocks and Economic Development in Russian Regions” 50th Annual Convention of Association for Slavic East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, MA, December 2018.

“Negative Revenue Shocks and Political Regimes Around the World.” Democracy in the 21st Century Conference, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. July 2018.

“Resilient in the Face of A Curse? Resource Dependence and Democracy in Mongolia.” Talk sponsored by the Mongolia Society and the Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. November 2017.

“Effects of Natural Resources Dependence on Democracy in Mongolia.” Annual Conference of the Mongolia Society, Indiana University. Bloomington, IN. March 2017.

“Politics in Putin’s Russia.” Guest lecture at *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, University of Wisconsin–Madison. Madison, WI. November 2016.

“Negative Revenue Shocks, Diversification, and Economic Development.” Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis. Tel Aviv, Israel. December 2015.

“Methods to Study Political Questions.” Academy of Management. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. September 2015.

FIELD  
EXPERIENCE

Russia (Moscow, Republic of Tatarstan, Tyumen’ Region) June–July, 2014, October 2015–July 2016  
May–June, 2018

AFFILIATIONS

**Higher School of Economics**, Moscow, Russia October 2015–July 2016  
*Visiting Scholar*

**Academy of Management**, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia September 2014–September 2015  
*Affiliate Scholar*

SERVICE

Reviewer for *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* (University of Chicago Press); *Social Indicators Research* (Springer)

Editor for *The Mongol Survey*, The Mongolia Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USA

Coordinator for Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016–2017

Coordinator for Political Economy Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016–2017

Mentor for Incoming Students, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2013–2015

SKILLS

Language: Mongolian (native), English (fluent), Russian (advanced)  
Computer: STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS, R

REFERENCES

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