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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Florida

- Professor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, since 2021.
- University Term Professor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2018-2021.
- Robin & Jean Gibson Term Professor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2014-2015.
- Associate Professor, Political Science and European Studies, 2010-2021.
- Assistant Professor, Political Science and European Studies, 2004-2010.
- Interim Director of the Center for European Studies, 2010-2011.

Other Universities

- Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, 2003-4 & 2006-7. (postdoctoral fellowship)
- Visiting Scholar, Center for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden, 2010.
- Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2012-2013.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, PhD, Department of Political Science, December 2003.
Dissertation: "Runaway State-Building: How Parties Shape States in Post-Communist Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia."

Winner of the 2004 Ernst B. Haas Prize for Best Dissertation in European Politics,
American Political Science Association

University of California, Berkeley, MA, Department of Political Science, 1997.
MA Thesis: "From Regional Policy to Regional Strategy: Policy Responses to Economic Decline in Germany's Saarland and North Rhine-Westfalia, 1956-1990."

Vysoká Škola Ekonomická, (Prague School of Economics), 1994-5.
One year of political science and economics coursework in the Czech language through the Edgar M. Bronfman East-West Fellowship.

Harvard University, AB, Social Studies (magna cum laude), 1994.
Thesis: "The Center Cannot Hold: Fragmentation and Competition in the Czechoslovak Party System, 1990-1993."

BOOKS

Coming Out of Communism: The Emergence of LGBT Activism in Eastern Europe, New York University Press (2018).

Runaway State-Building: Patronage Politics and Democratic Development, The Johns Hopkins University Press (2006).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Conor O'Dwyer and Matthew Stenberg. 2021. "Local-Level Democratic Backsliding? The Consolidation of Aspiring Dominant-Party Regimes in Hungary and Poland." *Government and Opposition*, 1-24. doi:10.1017/gov.2021.12

Conor O'Dwyer. 2018. "The Benefits of Backlash: EU Accession and the Organization of LGBT Activism in Postcommunist Poland and the Czech Republic." *East European Politics and Societies* 32(4): 892-923.

Koen Sloopmaeckers and Conor O'Dwyer. 2018. "Europeanization of Attitudes Towards Homosexuality: Exploring the Role of Education in the Transnational Diffusion of Values." *Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research* 31(4): 406-428.

Conor O'Dwyer. 2014. "What Accounts for Differences in Party System Stability? Comparing the Dimensions of Party Competition in Eastern Europe" *Europe-Asia Studies* 66(4): 511-535.

Conor O'Dwyer. 2012. "Does the EU Help or Hinder Gay-Rights Movements in Postcommunist Europe? The Case of Poland." *East European Politics* 28(4): 332-352.

- Reprinted in *Social Movements in Post-Communist Europe and Russia*, Kerstin Jacobsson and Steven Saxonberg (eds.). (Routledge: 2014), pp. 26-46.

Conor O'Dwyer and Katrina Schwartz. 2010. "Minority Rights After EU Enlargement: A Comparison of Antigay Politics in Poland and Latvia." *Comparative European Politics* 8(2): 220-243.

Conor O'Dwyer. 2010. "From Conditionality to Persuasion? Europeanization and the Rights of Sexual Minorities in Postaccession Poland." *Journal of European Integration* 32(3): 229-247.

Conor O'Dwyer. 2008. "Re-stating Party Development in Central and Eastern Europe: A Response." *Czech Sociological Review* 44(6): 1181-1188.

Conor O'Dwyer and Branislav Kovalčík. 2007. "And the Last Shall be First: Party System Institutionalization and Second-Generation Economic Reform in Postcommunist Europe." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 41(4): 3-26.

Conor O'Dwyer. 2006. "Reforming Regional Governance in East Central Europe: Europeanization or Domestic Politics as Usual?" *East European Politics and Societies* 20(2): 219-253.

Conor O'Dwyer and Daniel Ziblatt. 2006. "Does Decentralisation Make Government More Efficient and Effective?" *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 44(3): 326-343.

Conor O'Dwyer. 2004. "Runaway State Building: How Political Parties Shape States in Postcommunist Eastern Europe." *World Politics* 56(4): 520-53.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Conor O'Dwyer. (2020). "Russian and Eastern European LGBT Movements and Interest Groups." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1276>
- Conor O'Dwyer. 2019. "The Democratization of Urban Planning in Prague?" In Nebojša Čamprag and Anshika Suri (eds.), *Three Decades of Post-socialist Transition*. Conference Proceedings. Darmstadt, tprints, pp. 501-508. (<https://tprints.ulb.tu-darmstadt.de/id/eprint/9222>)
- Conor O'Dwyer. 2017. "The Struggle for LGBT Rights." In Adam Fagan and Petr Kopecký (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics*. London & New York: Routledge, 245-254.
- Conor O'Dwyer and Peter Vermeersch. 2016. "From Pride to Politics: Niche-Party Politics and LGBT Rights in Poland." In Koen Slootmaeckers, Heleen Touquet, and Peter Vermeersch (eds.), *The EU Enlargement and Gay Politics: The Impact of Eastern Enlargement on Rights, Activism and Prejudice*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 123-146.
- Conor O'Dwyer. 2014. "Remembering, Not Commemorating, 1989: The 20-Year Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in the Czech Republic." In Michael Bernhard and Jan Kubik (eds.), *Twenty Years After Communism: The Politics of Memory and Commemoration*. New York: Oxford University Press: 171-192.
- Conor O'Dwyer. 2013. "Gay Rights and Political Homophobia in Postcommunist Europe: Is there an 'EU Effect'?" In Meredith L. Weiss and Michael J. Bosia (eds.), *Global Homophobia: States, Movements, and the Politics of Oppression*. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 103-126.
- Conor O'Dwyer. 2013. "From NGOs to Naught: The Rise and Fall of the Czech Gay-Rights Movement." In Kerstin Jacobsson and Steven Saxonberg (eds.), *Beyond NGO-ization: The Development of Social Movements in Central and Eastern Europe*. Ashgate, 117-138.
- Conor O'Dwyer and Katrina Schwartz. 2009. "Return to (Illiberal) Diversity? Resisting Gay Rights in Poland and Latvia." In Elisabeth Prügl and Markus Thiel (eds.), *Diversity and European Integration*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 115-134.
- Conor O'Dwyer. 2006. "State-Building." In Mark Bevir (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Governance*. New York: SAGE Publications, 923-924.
- Chris Ansell, Vanna Gonzales, and Conor O'Dwyer, "The Variable Geometry of European Regional Economic Development," in Steve Weber, ed., *Globalization and the European Political Economy* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001): 65-106.

BLOG POSTS AND NEWSLETTER PIECES

- Conor O'Dwyer and Matthew Stenberg. 2020. "Local Elections and the Durability of Illiberal Regimes in Hungary and Poland," *All the Russias' Blog*, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University. 6 May. (<http://jordanrussiacycenter.org/news/local->

[elections-and-the-durability-of-illiberal-regimes-in-hungary-and-poland/#.XrVnOy-ZNPU](#)).

Conor O'Dwyer. 2019. "How Poland's attacks on LGBT rights strengthened the Polish LGBT movement," *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. 26 August.

(https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/04/26/how-polands-attacks-lgbt-rights-strengthened-polish-lgbt-movement/?utm_term=.f12c4aa64ad8).

Conor O'Dwyer. 2013. "The Poland case shows that the EU should not be inhibited from putting pressure on member states over gay rights," *EUROPP: European Politics and Policy*. The London School of Economics and Political Science. 26 July.

(<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2013/07/26/the-eu-should-not-be-inhibited-from-putting-pressure-on-member-states-over-gay-rights/>).

Conor O'Dwyer. 2002. "Civilizing the State Bureaucracy: The Unfulfilled Promise of Public Administration Reform in Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic (1990-2000)." Berkeley Institute for Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies Working Paper Series, UC Berkeley.

Conor O'Dwyer. 2002. "Unruly Reform: Setting Boundaries on the Public Administration in Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic," *Center for Slavic and East European Studies Newsletter* (UC, Berkeley) 19:1.

BOOK REVIEWS

Conditionality and Coercion: Electoral Clientelism in Eastern Europe. By Isabela Mares and Lauren E. Young. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.

- Published in *Perspectives on Politics*, 18, 4 (2020), 1272-1273.
doi:10.1017/S1537592720002789

EU Enlargement and Civil Society in the Western Balkans: From Mobilisation to Empowerment. By Natasha Wunsch. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

- Published in *Europe-Asia Studies* 71, 9 (2019).

A Difficult Neighborhood: Essays on Russia and East-Central Europe since World War II. By John Besmeres. Acton: The Australian National University Press, 2016.

- Published in *The Russian Review* 77, 2 (April 2018): 330-331.

Party Patronage and Party Government in European Democracies. By Petr Kopecký, Peter Mair, and Maria Spirova (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

- Published in *Czech Sociological Review* 50, 3 (2014): 463-466.

The End and the Beginning: The Revolutions of 1989 and the Resurgence of History. By Vladimir Tismaneanu and Bogdan C. Iacob (eds.). New York: Central European University Press, 2012.

- Published in *The Russian Review* 72, 2 (April 2013): 349-350.

Communism and the Emergence of Democracy. By Harald Wydra. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

- Published in *Canadian – American Slavic Studies* 46 (Spring 2012): 123–124.

Origin, Ideology and Transformation of Political Parties: East-Central and Western Europe Compared. By Vít Hloušek and Lubomír Kopeček. Ashgate, 2010.

- Published in *The Slavic Review* 70, 3 (Fall 2011): 671.

Candidate Strategies and Electoral Competition in the Russian Federation: Democracy Without Foundation. By Regina Smyth. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

- Published in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 49, 3-4 (September-December 2007): 413-415.

After the Collapse of Communism: Comparative Lessons of Transitions. By Michael McFaul and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss (eds.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

- Published in *The Russian Review* 65, 1 (January 2006): 157-158.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020** “Homophobia and LGBT Empowerment as a Strategy of Political Parties: Comparative Perspectives from East Central Europe.” Presentation at the workshop “Homophobia and homosexuality as a political and electoral strategy,” Organized by the United Nations Development Program, Georgia office. Tbilisi, Georgia (via Zoom). June 29, 2020.
- 2020** “The Effects of Backlash on Political Participation by LGBT Activists: Reflections on the East European Experience.” Presentation at the workshop “Obstruction and Political Participation” organized at the University of Virginia. Originally scheduled for April 21, 2020 but postponed due to COVID pandemic.
- 2019** *Coming Out of Communism: The Emergence of LGBT Activism in Poland and the Czech Republic.* Book talk at the Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington. November 8, 2019.
- 2019** “The Politics of Memory 30 Years After the Berlin Wall.” Roundtable at the Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington. November 7, 2019. (Roundtable speaker).
- 2019** *Coming Out of Communism: The Emergence of LGBT Activism in Eastern Europe.* Book talk sponsored by the Center of European Studies and the Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women’s Studies Research, UF. January 28, 2019.
- 2018** *Coming Out of Communism: The Emergence of LGBT Activism in Poland and the Czech Republic.* Book talk at the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, UC Berkeley. April 20, 2018.
- 2018** “Demographic Threat and Public Attitudes Toward Homosexuality: A Comparison of Postcommunist and Western Europe.” Paper (co-authored with Dong-Joon Jung) presented at the European Politics Working Group, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley. April 19, 2018.
- 2017** “The Organization of LGBT Activism After Communism: A Comparison of Poland and the Czech Republic,” Presentation at Drexel University. May 23, 2017.
- 2016** “Gay-Rights Activism after Communism.” Presentation at the 2016 Frank Scholars conference, University of Florida, College of Journalism. February 27,

2016.

- 2015** “From Pride to Politics: Niche-Party Politics and LGBT Rights in Poland,” Presentation (with Peter Vermeersch) at the workshop “EU Enlargement, Democracy, and the Politics of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity,” organized by the University of Leuven (KU Leuven). Brussels, Belgium. February 4-5, 2015.
- 2014** “Gay Rights, Europeanization, and Political Activism in Postcommunist Europe” Presentation at UNC Chapel Hill, Center for European Studies (Friday Lecture Series). October 24, 2014.
- 2014** “Reflections on a Berkeley Training in the Politics of Postcommunism,” The Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of California, Berkeley. February 28, 2014.
- 2014** “Social Movements between Communism’s Legacy and Europe’s Pull: The Case of the Gay-Rights Movement,” Paper presented at the workshop “Whither Eastern Europe? Changing Political Science Perspectives on the Region,” sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, *East European Politics and Societies*, and the University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida. January 9-11, 2014.
- 2013** “The Politics of Gay Rights in Russia and Eastern Europe: From National Taboo to International Cause Célèbre,” Stetson College. November 12, 2013.
- 2013** “Social Movements in the Shadow of the EU: The Polish Women’s and LGBT Movements Compared,” Paper presented at the conference “The Challenge of Collective Action: ^[1]_[SEP]New perspectives on civil society and social activism in contemporary Poland,” Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland. October 18-19, 2013.
- 2013** “Helping Hand or Hindrance? Can Outside Actors Build Support for Gay Rights in Postcommunist Europe?” Rothman Center for the Humanities Talk (UF). October 9, 2013.
- 2012** “The Benefits of Backlash? The Rise and Fall of Gay Rights Movements in Postcommunist Europe” Paper presented at the Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop. Davis Center, Harvard University. November 26, 2012.
- 2012** “Social Movements in the Shadow of EU Accession: A Comparison of Gay Rights Activism in the Czech Republic and Poland.” Presentation at the conference “The Future of the Left in Central Europe” organized by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and The Centre for Social Market Economy and Open Democracy, Nov. 20, 2012. Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2012** “The Euro Crisis and Postcommunist Europe: What it Might Mean for Minority Rights,” Invited presentation at the “Faculty Seminar on Communist and Post-communist Countries,” co-sponsored by the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and the Center for European Studies, Harvard University. October 16, 2012.
- 2012** “The Benefits of Backlash: EU Accession and the Rise and Fall of Gay-Rights

Movements in Poland and the Czech Republic,” Presented at the “New Research on Europe” Seminar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University. October 10, 2012.

- 2012** “Does the EU Help or Hinder Gay-Rights Movements in Postcommunist Europe? The Case of Poland,” Invited presentation for the Jean Monnet research workshop “Antidiscrimination Law and Policy in the European Union,” Temple University. April 13, 2012.
- 2011** “Does the EU Help or Hinder Gay-Rights Movements in Postcommunist Europe? The Case of Poland.” Paper for presentation at the workshop “Social movements in Central and Eastern Europe: national mobilization strategies,” Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden, March 18-19.
- 2011** “The Velvet Children Come of Age: Commemorating the 1989 Revolution in the Czech Republic.” Paper presented at the workshop “Twenty Years After: 1989 and the Politics of Memory,” organized by Michael Bernhard and Jan Kubik at the University of Florida, February 4-6.
- 2010** “What Accounts for Differences in Party System Stability? Comparing the Dimensions of Party Competition in Eastern Europe.” Paper presented at the “Democracy and European Integration in Post-Communist Europe” Workshop, UNC, Chapel Hill, March 26.
- 2009** “Europeanization and Minority Rights in New EU Member States.” Presentation at the research workshop “From Postcommunism and Transitology to Non-teleological Change: Present and Future Research on Eastern and Central Europe” hosted by the Center for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES) at Södertörn University College Stockholm, Sweden, June 15-16.
- 2009** “From Conditionality to Persuasion? Europeanization and the Rights of Sexual Minorities in Postaccession Poland,” Center for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES) at Södertörn University College Stockholm, Sweden, June 4.
- 2009** “Fragmented Issue Spaces, Ephemeral Parties: Multi-Dimensional Issue Spaces and Party System Stabilization in Postcommunist Eastern Europe.” Department of Political Science, Södertörn University College Stockholm, Sweden, May 14.
- 2009** “Runaway State-Building: The Political Basis of State Reform in Postcommunist Europe,” Quality of Government Institute, Department of Political Science, Gothenburg University, Sweden, May 12.
- 2009** “The Advantages of Underdevelopment: The Politics of Second-Generation Economic Reform in the 'New' Europe.” Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, April 23.
- 2009** “From Conditionality to Persuasion? Europeanization and the Rights of Sexual Minorities in Postaccession Poland.” Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, April 24.
- 2008** “Paths of Party System Development in East Central Europe: Lessons for Other

New Democracies.” Recent Elections in West Africa Conference, Department of Political Science, Miami University, Ohio, April 10-11.

- 2008** “From Conditionality to Persuasion? The EU and the Struggle Over Gay and Lesbian Rights in Post-Accession Poland.” Paper presented at the conference workshop “The European Union After Enlargement: Policies and Politics in a New Context” at the University of Washington, Seattle, May 1-2.
- 2008** “The Politics of Postcommunist State-Building: An EU Perspective.” Presentation at the conference “From Borders in Space to Borders in the Mind” hosted by The Centre for Baltic and East European Studies in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Stockholm and the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies. Södertörn University College, Stockholm, Sweden. May 15-16.
- 2007** “Second-Generation Economic Reform in Postcommunist Europe: Origins of and Preconditions For.” Presentation to Members of the Polish parliament and members of the Forum for Economic Education Development (FREE), a public policy NGO. Warsaw, June 14.
- 2006** “And the Last Shall be First: The ‘New’ Neoliberalism in Postcommunist Europe.” Paper presented at the “Post-Communist Political Economy and Democratic Politics” conference workshop at Duke University, April 7-8.
- 2005** “Runaway State-Building: Patronage Politics and Democratic Development in Post-Communist Europe.” Presentation at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for West European Studies / European Union Center. January 27.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2020** “New Plans for an Old City: Spatial Planning, Urban Reform, and Institutional Legacy in Prague,” 27th International Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies) in Reykjavik, Iceland. Originally scheduled for June 22-24, 2020 but cancelled because of the COVID pandemic.
- 2019** Conor O'Dwyer and Matthew Stenberg, “Local-Level Democratic Backsliding? Right-Wing Regime Consolidation in Hungary and Poland,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, ^[1]and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES). San Francisco, Nov. 23-26, 2019.
- 2019** Conor O'Dwyer, “The Democratization of Urban Planning in Prague?” Paper prepared for the “International Conference on Cities and Change: Three Decades of Post-Socialist Transition,” Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany May 17-18, 2019.
- 2017** Jung Dong-Joon and Conor O'Dwyer. “Demographic Threat and Public Attitudes Toward Homosexuality: Postcommunist Societies in Comparative Perspective.” Annual conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Chicago, November 9-12, 2017.
- 2016** Jung Dong-Joon and Conor O'Dwyer. “The Demography of Prejudice: Putting Postcommunist Homophobia in Cross-Regional Perspective.” Paper presented at

the APSA annual meeting in Philadelphia, Sept. 1-4, 2016.

- 2015** Conor O'Dwyer, "Communism's Legacy and Europe's Pull: Social Movements and Gay-Rights Activism in Poland and Czech Republic, 1989-2011," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2-6, 2015.
- 2014** Conor O'Dwyer and Koen Slootmaeckers, "When Social Learning Does Matter: The Europeanization of Attitudes towards Homosexuality," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 27-30, 2014.
- 2014** Conor O'Dwyer & Peter Vermeersch, "From Pride to Politics: Niche-Party Politics and Gay Rights in Poland," Paper presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, 24-26 April 2014.
- 2013** Conor O'Dwyer and Koen Slootmaeckers, "Does the EU Temper Homophobic Attitudes in Postcommunist Europe?" Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, ^[1] and Eurasian Studies. Boston, Nov. 21-24, 2013.
- 2012** Conor O'Dwyer, "The Benefits of Backlash: EU Accession and the Rise and Fall of Gay-Rights Movements in Poland and the Czech Republic." Paper prepared for presentation at the APSA annual meeting in New Orleans, LA. August 29 - September 2, 2012. [Conference cancelled due to weather.]
- 2012** "Remembering, Not Commemorating, 1989: The 20-Year Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in the Czech Republic." Paper presented at the bi-annual meeting of the Council for European Studies, Boston, MA, March 22-24, 2012.
- 2012** Conor O'Dwyer, "What Policies Diffused and Why in Central and Eastern Europe?" Roundtable presentation at the bi-annual meeting of the Council for European Studies, Boston, MA, March 22-24, 2012.
- 2011** "Has EU Accession Helped or Hindered LGBT Rights in Poland?" Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the European Union Studies Association, Boston, March 3-5, 2011.
- 2010** "Reconsidering LGBT Rights in an Enlarged Europe: EU Accession and Homophobia in Postcommunist Europe." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Washington, D.C., September 2-5. (Presented as part of one of 24 special theme panels for the annual meeting.)
- 2010** "The Political Underpinnings of the Diffusion of Flat-Tax Systems in Postcommunist States." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Washington, D.C., September 2-5.
- 2010** "Precommunist Lineages of the Populist Radical Right in Postcommunist Europe." Paper presented at the annual convention of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Gainesville, Florida, March 25-27.

- 2009** “From Conditionality to Persuasion? Europeanization and the Rights of Sexual Minorities in Postaccession Poland,” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Boston, MA, November 12-15.
- 2009** “Committing to Professionalization? The Effects of Polarization and Turnover on State Administrative Reform,” (with Monika Nalepa) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 2-4.
- 2008** “Radical Right Redux: Precommunist Lineages of the Populist Radical Right in Postcommunist Europe.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, August 27-31.
- 2007** “Accounting for Party System Institutionalization: The Role of Social Cleavages in Postcommunist Party Competition.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Chicago, August 30-September 2.
- 2007** “Committing to Professionalization? Civil Service Reform in East Central Europe” (with Monika Nalepa). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Chicago, August 30-September 2.
- 2007** “Culture Wars in the New EU: Anti-Gay Political Mobilization in Latvia and Poland” (with Katrina Schwartz). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), New Orleans, November 15-18.
- 2007** “Return to (Illiberal) Diversity? Anti-Gay Politics and Minority Rights After the EU’s Eastern Enlargement.” Paper presented at the Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop, Davis Center, Harvard University, March 19.
- 2007** “Political Cleavages and Party System Stability: A Survey of Postcommunist Europe.” Paper presented in the “Research Seminar in Politics” at the Political Science Department of the University of Florida, October 31.
- 2006** “Europe’s New Illiberals: Anti-Gay Rhetoric and Party Politics in Postcommunist Poland and Latvia” (with Katrina Schwartz). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Philadelphia, August 30-September 3.
- 2006** “And the Last Shall Be First: The ‘New’ Neoliberalism in Postcommunist Europe.” Paper presented at the Fifteenth International Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Chicago, March 29-April 2.
- 2005** “Party System Institutionalization and Second-Generation Economic Reform in Postcommunist Eastern Europe: The Advantages of Underdevelopment?” (with Branislav Kovalčík). Paper presented at the Ninth Biennial International Conference of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Austin, Texas, March 31-April 2. Earlier presentations of the paper at:
- 2005** • Annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association (SWPSA), New Orleans, March 24-26.

- 2005** • Annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 7-10.
- 2005** “Decentralization and Government Effectiveness,” (with Daniel Ziblatt, Harvard University). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 7-10, 2005.
- 2004** “Government Accountability and the Development of the Post-Communist Welfare State: The Case of Health Care.” Paper presented at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, April 19.
- 2003** “The Expanding Post-Communist State: A Theory and Empirical Evidence.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the AAASS, Toronto, November 20-23. Earlier presentation of the paper at:
- 2003** • The Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, November 14.
- 2003** “Does Decentralization Make Government More Efficient and Effective?” (with Daniel Ziblatt. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Philadelphia, August 28-31.
- 2002** “Patronage Parties and the Formation of State Bureaucracies in Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the AAASS, Pittsburgh, November 21-23.
- 2000** “Centralization, Decentralization, and State-Building in East Central Europe: A Comparison of Poland and the Czech Republic.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), Warsaw, Poland, June 15-18.
- 1998** “From Regional Policy to Regional Strategy: Policy Responses to Economic Decline in Germany's Saarland and North Rhine-Westfalia, 1956-1990.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Regional Science Association (WRSA), Monterey, February 19-20.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & DISTINCTIONS

- 2019** Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund. Project: “Rehabilitating the Plan: The Rediscovery of Urban Planning in East Central Europe.” College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida (\$11,978).
- 2018** Askew Scholars Mentor (Bob Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida; \$2,000).
- 2015** CES Faculty Summer Travel Grant (Center for European Studies, University of Florida; \$2,000).
- 2014-15** Robin & Jean Gibson Term Professor. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, UF. Recognition of scholarship and teaching.

- 2014** Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida (\$9,497).
- 2013** National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend Award (\$6,000).
- 2013** New Course Development Grant (Center for European Studies, University of Florida; \$2,000).
- 2012-13** Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University.
- 2012** Rothman Summer Fellowship in the Humanities (Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, UF; \$3,000).
- 2012** CES Faculty Summer Travel Grant (Center for European Studies, University of Florida; \$1,000). Declined.
- 2011-13** CARTI International Scholar. Research mentor for a social scientist in Mongolia as part of the Central Asia and Caucasus Research and Training Initiative (CARTI) initiative of the Open Society Foundations.
- 2010** Course Enhancement Grant (Center for European Studies, University of Florida; \$3,000).
- 2009** Visiting Scholar at the Center for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES) at Södertörn University College Stockholm, Sweden. May-June 2009. (CBEES: ~\$13,000).
- 2009** Faculty Summer Research Travel Grant, Center for European Studies (CES). (UF: \$1,000)
- 2009** Faculty Collaborative Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Notre Dame University (\$3,200). [Co-Principle Investigator, Monika Nalepa, Notre Dame].
- 2008-10** Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Programme, grant (European Union: \$28,000). [Co-Principle Investigator, Petia Kostadinova, University of Florida].
- 2003-4, 2006-7** Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, postdoctoral fellowship (Harvard University: ~\$80,000).
- 2007** CLAS Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Grant (UF: \$9,500).
- 2007** “Outstanding Professor” designation for undergraduate teaching (Convocation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida).
- 2006** Department of Political Science Research Grant (University of Florida; \$3,000).
- 2005** New Course Development Grant (Center for European Studies, University of Florida; \$4,000).
- 2004** Ernst B. Haas Prize for Best Dissertation in European Politics, American Political

Science Association.

- 2002** Winner, Graduate Student Working Paper Competition, Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies (University of California, Berkeley).
- 1997-01** Jacob K. Javits Fellow, graduate fellowship (United States Department of Education).
- 1996 & 2002** Graduate Fellowship, Department of Political Science (University of California, Berkeley).
- 1996** Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS), fellowship for Polish language study.
- 2002-3** Summer Dissertation Research Fellowships (Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, UC Berkeley).
- 1999** Pre-dissertation Fellowship (Center for German and European Studies, University of California, Berkeley).
- 1996** German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Language Training Fellowship (Leipzig University, Germany).
- 1994-5** Edgar M. Bronfman East-West Fellowship, Post-baccalaureate study at the Prague School of Economics in the Czech Republic.

EDITORIAL SERVICE, REVIEWING & OTHER SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Editorial Board Member: *East European Politics* (since 2019)
- Journals (external reviewing): *World Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *East European Politics and Societies*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Governance*; *Europe-Asia Studies*; *Journal of European Integration*; *Review of International Studies*; *Slavic Review*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *Journal of European Public Policy*; *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *West European Politics*; *Social Movement Studies*; *Journal of Homosexuality*; *The International Journal of Human Rights*; *Canadian Slavonic Papers*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Problems of Post-Communism*; *East European Politics*; *South European Society & Politics*; *Baltic Worlds*.
- Publishers (external reviewing): Cambridge University Press; New York University Press; Oxford University Press; Polity; Routledge; Sage; University of Michigan Press.
- NGOs (external reviewing): Freedom House / Nations in Transit (country report reviewer).
- Granting Agencies and Universities (external reviewing):
 - National Endowment for the Humanities.
 - National Science Foundation.
 - External Grant Reviewer for the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium (2013).
 - External Reviewer for the Political Science Department of Charles University, Prague (2019-2020).

- Member of the editorial board of the Comparative Democratization Newsletter of the American Political Science Association, 2010-13.
- Service to Professional Associations:
 - Faculty Mentor for Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Maryna Shevtsova (Ukraine), visiting UF (2018-2019).
 - Member of the Committee for the Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies (Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, ASEEEES) (2015-2017).
 - Dissertation Prize Committee for the European Politics and Society section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) (2014).
 - Proposal Reviewer for the Annual Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES). (2014)
 - Book Prize Committee for the European Politics and Society section of the APSA (2009).
 - Panel discussant at the annual convention of the ASEEEES in 2017.
 - Panel organizer at the annual convention of the APSA in 2011.
 - Panel chair at the annual convention of the ASEEEES in 2010.
 - Panel discussant and chair at the annual convention of the MPSA in 2009.
 - Panel organizer at the annual conventions of the AAASS in 2007 and 2002.
 - Panel discussant at the annual conventions of the APSA in 2005 and the SWPSA in 2005.

TEACHING FIELDS

Comparative Politics, Social Movements, Democratization, State-Building, Eastern European Politics, European Union Politics. Chair of the Comparative Politics field at UF.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Florida

Graduate level:

- State-Building (graduate seminar)
- Social Movements (graduate seminar)
- Postcommunist Politics (graduate seminar)

Undergraduate level:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- East European Politics
- Democratization in Global Perspective
- European Economic Integration: Politics and Policy (Jean Monnet Module)
- Social Movements and Contentious Politics in Europe
- The Domestic Politics of EU Enlargement: From the Post-War to Post-Communism
- Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science

Summer Study-Abroad in Prague

- Return to Europe? Politics and Culture in East Central Europe from Empire to EU

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- 1995 “Economics Students View Tuition as a Fine Reform,” *The Prague Post* (March 8-14), p. 2.

- 1995** "Nobel Economist Cheers Transformation," *The Prague Post* (March 15-21), p. 3.
- 1995** "Political Youth Groups Blighted by Pre-1989 Memories," *The Prague Post* (March 29-April 4), p. 1.
- 1995** "Legal Action Sought Over Postwar Czech Atrocities," *The Prague Post* (May 17-23), p. 1.

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

- Czech** Advanced reading, speaking, and writing.
- Polish** Advanced reading, speaking, and writing.
- German** Intermediate reading, speaking, and writing.
- Slovak** Proficient reading, speaking, and writing.