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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2013-present
Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute Visiting Professor	Summer 2017, 2019
Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute Eugene and Daymel Shklar Fellow	Fall 2015
Indiana University Maurer School of Law Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Law, Society and Culture	2012-2013
University of Washington Lecturer, Department of Political Science Affiliated Faculty Member, Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies	2010-2012 2012

EDUCATION

PhD	University of Washington	December 2011	Political Science <i>Committee: Stephen Hanson, Jamie Mayerfeld, Rachel Cichowski, Anthony Gill</i> <i>Fields of study: Comparative Politics, Post-Communism, Public Law,</i>
MA	University of Washington	December 2005	Political Science
MS	Utah State University	December 2003	Political Science
BA	Utah State University	May 2001	Broadcast Journalism
	Uzhgorod State University, Ukraine	attended 1995-1998	Medical School

Certificate: Comparative Law and Society Studies, University of Washington, 2011

Dissertation: *Human Rights and Law Enforcement in the Post-Soviet World*

Book Manuscript: *The Ukrainian Maidan Revolution: The Ukrainian Maidan Revolution: Restoring Democracy and Evoking Russian Imperialism*

AWARDS

- SIUE University Teaching Recognition Award, 2018
- SIUE University Phenomenal Woman Award for contributions to diversity and inclusion at SIUE and community, 2018
- Nomination: Best Mentor Award, SIUE Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED:

- "The Ukrainian Revolution: Repression, Interpretation, and Dissent", Solomon, J.A. (Ed.) *Four Dead in Ohio (Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change, Vol. 45)*, 2021, Emerald Publishing Limited, Bingley, pp. 157-188
- "Law Enforcement and the Politics of Religious Minority Rights in Azerbaijan," in *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, vol. 28, no.1, Winter 2020: pp. 177-198
- "Cause Lawyering in Revolutionary Ukraine" in the *Journal of Law and Courts*, vol. 5, no. 5, Fall 2017, pp. 267-288
- "Majoritarian Values and Women's Rights: Police and Judicial Behavior in Tajikistan and Azerbaijan" in the *Journal of Post-Soviet Affairs*, vol. 33, no. 4, March 2017, pp. 298-312
- "Courts, Police and Journalists: Overlooked Support for Press Freedom in Post-Soviet Authoritarian States" in *Problems of Post-Communism*, vol. 59, no. 5, September–October 2012, pp. 6-17

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Review of *With Their Backs to the Mountains: A History of Carpathian Rus' and Carpatho-Rusyns* by Paul Magosci, in the *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, Vol. 36, Number 1-2, 2019
- Review of *The Emergence of Ukraine* by Wolfram et al, 2013. *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, Vol. 35 Number 1-4, 2017-2018
- Review of *Beyond the Euromaidan: Comparative Perspectives on Advancing Reform in Ukraine* by Hale, Henry E., and Robert W. Orttung, eds. 2016. In *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Volume 31:1, 122-125, 2018.
- Review of *Authoritarian Rule of Law: Legislation, Discourse and Legitimacy in Singapore* by Jothie Rajan, 2012, in the *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, Volume 21, Issue 1, Winter 2014
- Review of Andrew Wilson, *Ukraine's Orange Revolution*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005, in the *Comparative Political Studies*, Volume 40 Number 2, February 2007 1-4, 2007

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- **Book manuscript** *The Ukrainian Maidan Revolution: Restoring Democracy and Evoking Russian Imperialism*
- Article "Post-Soviet Post-Colonialism: Nation-building, Social Discourse and Human Rights in the Post-Soviet World"
- Article "Genocidal Propaganda and the True Causes of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine"

GRANTS

- 2021, Assisted Research Time Grant, SIUE
- 2020, SIUE Excellence in Undergraduate Education Grant, Study Abroad Program to Ukraine, \$26,587
- 2015, CAD Research Grant, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta
- 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program (URCA) SIUE Grants
- 2015, SIUE Assisted Research Time Grant (declined)
- 2009-2010 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Washington Graduate School
- 2007-2008 IREX-IARO Dissertation Research Grant
- 2007 University of Washington Graduate School Chester-Fritz Research Grant
- 2005-2006 FLAS Fellow (Foreign Language/Area Studies Fellowship to study intermediate Persian and the political systems of the Middle East and Central Asia)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE, 2013-PRESENT

Honors Seminar: State-Society Relations in Modern Ukraine

Politics of Resistance: Social Mobilization and International Law in Northern Ireland

Women and Cross-National Politics

Eastern European Political Systems in Transition

Western European Political Systems

Comparative Law

Senior Assignment Seminar

Introduction to Political Science

MA THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER, NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY, KAZAKHSTAN, 2019-2020

VISITING PROFESSOR, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 2017 & 2019

State-Society Relations in Independent Ukraine

LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 2010-2012

Soviet and Post-Soviet Government and Politics

Women's Rights as Human Rights

International Human Rights Law

Soviet and Russian Foreign Policy

Comparative Law and Courts

INVITED LECTURES

- “The Ukrainian Revolution and Russian Genocidal Propaganda: Inciting Mass Violence” in The Role of Disinformation during Wartime, the Fulbright Program in Ukraine, June 9, 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTx0NFF44U>
- “Democracy. Revolution. Ukraine,” Invisible University for Ukraine, organized by the Central European University Budapest for the Ukrainian students, affected by the Russian invasion, May 4, 2022
- “Women and Social Revolutions: Individual Rights v. Nation-Building,” Lewis and Clark College, Edwardsville, IL, March 10, 2020
- “The Ukrainian Maidan Revolution,” Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 11, 2018
- “Cause Lawyering in Revolutionary Ukraine,” February 28, 2018, SIUE Political Science Student Association
- “Internal and Global Political Implications of the Ukrainian Revolution,” July 19, 2017. Presentation delivered at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Cambridge
- “Cause Lawyering in Revolutionary Ukraine,” June 27, 2017. Presentation delivered at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Cambridge
- “Ukraine's Maidan and the Theory of Social Revolutions,” 2016. Paper presented at the Comparative Politics Seminar, Harvard Davis Center of Russian and Eurasian Studies
- “The Ukrainian EuroMaidan Revolution: Actors and Their Motivations.” Lecture presented November 9, 2015 at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- “The Ukrainian Revolution and Russian Invasion.” Lecture presented May 12, 2014 at North Central College, Naperville, Illinois
- “Ukraine’s Revolution: Winter 2013-2014.” Lecture presented April 21, 2014 at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana
- “Human Rights and Law Enforcement in the Post-Soviet World, or How and Why Judges and Police Bend the Law” research presentations at the Woodrow Wilson Center Kennan Institute, and the U.S. State Department, April 2011, January 2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Theory: The Ukrainian Maidan Revolution,” 2022, Paper presented at the Association for the Studies of Nationalities Annual Meeting.
- “Social Discourse and the Ukrainian Maidan Revolution,” 2019. Paper presented at the 60th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in Toronto, Canada
- “The Ukrainian Revolution: Repression, Interpretation and Dissent,” 2018. Paper presented at the Association for the Studies of Nationalities Annual Meeting, New York.
- “Cause Lawyering in Revolutionary Ukraine,” 2017. Paper presented at the Brigham Young University Political Science Conference, Provo
- “The Role of Churches and Clergy in the Ukrainian Revolutionary Movement,” 2016. Paper presented at the Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies International Conference, Lviv, Ukraine
- “Cause Lawyering in Revolutionary Ukraine,” 2015. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Seattle
- “Revolution Deconstructed: Ukraine’s Maidan,” 2014. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio
- “Battered Women and the Black Hole of Post-Soviet Legal Reform in Ukraine,” 2014. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- “Legal Reform and Family Violence in Ukraine,” 2013. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Boston
- “Women’s Rights and Law Enforcement Behavior in the Post-Soviet World,” 2011. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle

- “Soviet Policies of Suppression and Post-Soviet National Revival: the Implications for Religious Minorities.” 2011 Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies Northwest Conference, Seattle
- “Policy Implications: Research regarding Women’s Rights in the Post-Soviet World,” 2011. Poster presented at the U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.
- “Women’s Rights, Law Enforcement Behavior and Policy Implications for the Post-Soviet World,” 2011. Paper presented at the IREX/Woodrow Wilson Center Kennan Institute Symposium, Washington D.C.
- “Human Rights and Law Enforcement Behavior in the Former Soviet States.” August, 2010. Paper presented at the International Graduate Summer School on the Cultural Study of the Law, Osnabrück, Germany
- “Nationalism, Ethnic Minorities and Judicial Behavior in the Post-Soviet World,” 2010. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco
- “The Role of Courts in the Development of Human Rights in the Post-Soviet World,” 2008. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia
- “The Role of Courts and Police in the Development and Suppression of Human Rights in the Post-Soviet World,” 2008. Paper presented at the Annual International Young Researchers Conference, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
- “Women’s Rights in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union: Islam, National Identity and Law Enforcement,” 2008. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Montreal, Quebec
- “Post-Orange Ukraine and Civil Liberties,” 2008. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies Northwest Conference, Portland
- “The Effects of Publicity on Judicial Decision-Making in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union,” 2007. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany
- “Social Theory, The Orange Revolution and Press Freedom: Democratization in the Post-communist World,” 2006. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies Northwest Conference, Tacoma, Washington. Also presented at the Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (RECEIVED TRAVEL AND PARTICIPATION GRANTS):

Engaging the Law in Eurasia and Eastern Europe, Workshop Series, Woodrow Wilson Center Kennan Institute, January 2013

Gender in the 21st Century: Eastern Europe and Eurasia, IREX/Woodrow Wilson Center Kennan Institute/Dept. of State Symposium, Washington D.C., April 6-8, 2011

International Graduate Summer School on the Cultural Study of the Law, Osnabrück, Germany, August 4-18, 2010

Dissertation Development Workshop, West Coast Law and Society Graduate Student Retreat, Stanford University, September, 2009

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT:

- Retention Committee, Chair, 2021
- Sabbatical Committee, Chair, 2021
- Political Science Undergraduate Research Committee (Chair), Spring 2017
- Political Science Scholarship Selection Committee, 2014-2021
- Merit Review Committee, Chair, 2019, Member, 2014, 2017, 2021
- Senior Assignment Committee, 2016, 2017
- Comparative Politics Committee, Fall 2014

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

- Social Justice Studies Certificate Committee, *Fall 2021*
- CAS Curriculum Committee, *Fall 2016-2020*
- CAS Teaching Excellence Award Committee, *Fall 2015*
- CAS Congress Policies Committee, *Fall 2014*

PROFESSIONAL:

- Board Member, American Ukrainian Studies Association, 2018-present
- Best English-Language book Award Committee, American Ukrainian Studies Association, 2016-present
- Panel Organizer, International ASEEEES convention in Lviv in 2016, Ukraine
- Panel Organizer, ASEEEES Convention in Chicago in 2017
- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Comparative Politics, Polymath, Nationalities Papers, Justice System Journal*

COMMUNITY:

- Consulting for legal team on an asylum case for member of the LGBT community from Ukraine in 2016
- "Communism, Socialism and Fascism," "Racism in the Concept of Democracy in the U.S," lectures presented at the SIUE Political Science Department Panel, Fall 2020
- "The Future of Europe: The Role of the Neo-Fascist Parties," "Refugee Crisis," "Russia's Near Abroad," "Ukraine and Global Politics," Lectures presented at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Lifelong Learning Program for local community, Edwardsville, Illinois
- Lectures on the topic "The Ukrainian Revolution and Russian Invasion" presented at the various SIUE venues
- "Soviet Collapse: Causes and Legacies." Lecture presented October 8, 2011 for the Washington State Council for the Social Studies, Edmonds, Washington
- "Comparing Women's Rights in the U.S. and Azerbaijan; Concept of Individual Rights in the West," 2008. Lecture presented at the Women's Rights Legal Group ("Chistyj Mir"), Baku, Azerbaijan

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH, UKRAINIAN, RUSSIAN, INTERMEDIATE PERSIAN, BASIC HEBREW