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## Education

### **MA: Russian, Eastern European, and Central Asian Studies**

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

**September 2019-Present**

GPA: 4.0

### **BPhil: Political Science and Russian, Eastern European Studies**

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA

**August 2014-August 2019**

GPA: 3.952

## Work Experience

### **Institute for the Study of War**

**May 2020-August 2020**

*National Security and Intelligence Analyst—Intern*

*Washington D.C.*

- Performed open source analysis working with Russian media
- Worked with a property-based ontology knowledge management system to manage content
- Published paper on EU accession processes and the Kremlin's setbacks in the Western Balkans

### **Davis Center's Program on Central Asia, Harvard University**

**September 2019-June 2020**

*Innovation Fellow*

*Cambridge, MA*

- Researching the effects of digital surveillance on Central Asia vis-à-vis China's Digital Silk Road.
- Designing and organizing a digital toolbox website on Central Asia and the South Caucasus
- Planning and coordinating an international workshop on digitization in Central Asia.

### **United Nations World Food Programme**

**October 2018-April 2019**

*Program Intern*

*Dushanbe, Tajikistan*

- Performed translation between English, Russian, and Tajik documents
- Tasked with English editing of academic articles and WFP reports
- Improved distribution of WFP resources according to gender reports

### **Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies**

**August 2017-April 2018**

*Office Assistant*

*Pittsburgh, PA*

- Assisted with preparations for 2017 ASEEES Convention in Chicago
- Posted academic job offerings, calls for papers, and grant proposals
- Involved with VISA applications for foreign academics attending the convention

### **Westminster Foundation for Democracy**

**September 2016-April 2017**

*Office Internship*

*Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan*

- Translated documents from English to Russian and Russian to English
- Advised for projects aimed at assisting sub-national governmental structures
- Planned cooperative program between UK's and Kyrgyzstan's Female Caucasus

## Awards

### **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship—Academic Year**

**April 2019 | April 2020**

- \$45,000 scholarship received twice to continue studying Russian at the graduate level
- Used in combination both times with a \$30,000 Harvard University tuition award

### **Boren Scholarship**

**April 2018**

- \$20,000 scholarship funded by the Defense Department to study in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Studied Farsi through American Councils for an academic year, August 2018-May-2019
- Performed research regarding Tajik perspectives of Chinese influence

<b>Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant, Russia</b>	<b>May 2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declined in lieu of the Boren and Fulbright-Hays to study in Tajikistan</li> </ul>	
<b>Fulbright-Hays</b>	<b>April 2018/January 2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$14,000 (\$7,000 each award) to support the study of Russian and Persian</li> <li>Used as additional funding for American Council's Eurasian Regional Language Program</li> <li>Augmented the Boren Scholarship to study Farsi in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.</li> </ul>	
<b>Brackenridge Research Grant</b>	<b>April 2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4,000 Summer research grant from the Honors College of the University of Pittsburgh</li> <li>Performed statistical analysis of diaspora minority migration, economic incentives, and discriminatory political practices</li> </ul>	
<b>Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society</b>	<b>April 2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fulfilled interdisciplinary course requirements while maintaining a high GPA</li> <li>Completed all requirements a year early and was inducted with distinction as a junior</li> </ul>	
<b>Critical Language Scholarship</b>	<b>March 2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All expenses covered State Department scholarship to study Russian.</li> <li>Earned 8 credits over 9 weeks in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia.</li> </ul>	
<b>Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship—Summer</b>	<b>April 2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full tuition scholarship and \$2,500 stipend to study Russian in Narva, Estonia</li> <li>Studied Russian for 8 weeks while performing field interviews in Russian</li> <li>Participated in the Defense Department's ProjectGo with ROTC students.</li> </ul>	
<b>Carroll Award</b>	<b>April 2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$5,000 Scholarship from the University of Pittsburgh Political Science Department</li> <li>Studied Russian in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for 8 months at the London School for Languages</li> <li>Performed field interviews in Russian for research on ethnic relations</li> </ul>	

## Publications

**Stryker, Cian.** (2018). *Integration and Differentiation within the Russian-Speaking Diaspora: Estonia and Kyrgyzstan*. (Bachelor of Philosophy Thesis). University of Pittsburgh. <http://d-scholarship.pitt.edu/34260/>

## Conferences

<b>Panelist at the European and Eurasian Undergraduate Research Symposium</b>	<b>April 2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented a conference paper titled, "Integration and Differentiation within the Russian Diaspora: Estonia and Kyrgyzstan" at the University of Pittsburgh</li> </ul>	
<b>Panelist at the Midwest Slavic Association</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented a portion of my honor's thesis as a conference paper titled, "Integration and Differentiation within the Russian Diaspora: Estonia and Kyrgyzstan" at Ohio State University</li> </ul>	

## Technical and Language Skills

### Languages

- Russian: Advanced (OPI: Advanced Mid/High. DLPT Reading: 2+. DLPT Listening: 2)
- Persian: Advanced Speaking (OPI: 2) Advanced Reading and Advanced Listening

### Programming Languages

- Highly proficient in R to perform large scale data gathering, cleaning, analysis, and visualization
- Comfortable with Stata to perform statistical analysis
- Proficient with ArcGIS Pro to perform a variety of spatial analytical tasks