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Curriculum Vitae

University of Florida
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2014 – 2015.

CPO 3103: Western European Politics (Spring 2015)

INR 2001: International Relations (Summer 2014)

Research Fellow, Graduate School, University of Florida, Fall 2014.

Research Fellow, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh, UK, 2013 – 2014.

Project Title: Physiology, Identity and Behaviour: A Neuropolitical Perspective

Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council Transformative Research Grant

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Florida, April 2015 (expected).

Major Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Minor Field: Political Methodology

Dissertation: New Model Europeans: How Regional, National, and European Identities Interact to Forge What it Means to be European.

Committee: Michael Bernhard (Chair), Ido Oren (Co-chair), Amie Kreppel, Aida Hozic, Tamir Sorek

My dissertation project focuses on understanding the formation of European identity and its effects on everyday political behavior with 23 months of ethnographic research, throughout Spain and the United Kingdom, and a first-of-a-kind physiological experiment conducted in Catalonia and Scotland. The goal was a multi-level analysis of how collective geopolitical identities interact, form supranational identity, and impact regional, national, and European political behavior. Evidence suggests that social norms, rather than identity politics, are significant drivers of political behavior in what could be considered an Europeanization of identity. Measures of salivary testosterone and alpha-amylase further suggest a reconditioning of the national subject along the same logic of appropriateness, toward more inclusion across regional and national identities. The Europeanization of EU citizens ultimately seems to go well beyond mere self-identification as “European” or the wealthy, educated, and socially mobile classes. Theoretical implications range from a more nuanced understanding of the formation of identity at the individual level, to providing a broad explanation of the relationship between collective identity and conflict across levels of analysis.

M.A., Political Science, University of Louisville, 2008.

B.A., Political Science, Arizona State University, 2004

B.A., Spanish Language and Literature, Arizona State University, 2004.

International Studies Certificate

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Olivieri, Victor M. 2015. “Sub-state Nationalism in Spain: Primers and Triggers of Identity Politics in Catalonia and the Basque Country.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (forthcoming).

Olivieri, Victor M. 2014. “The Trajectory and Political Implications of European Identity in a Time of Crisis,” in Radeljić, Branislav (ed.) *Debating European Identity: Bright Ideas, Dim Prospects* (Oxford: Peter Lang).

WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

- Olivieri, Victor M. "Finding the European Demos: Democratic Deficit and European Identity Beyond the Statist Perspective." Under review.
- Olivieri, Victor M., Laura Cram, and Adam Moore. "Resurgence of Identity Politics in the UK: Popular Drive Toward Scottish Independence." Under review.
- Olivieri, Victor M. and David J. Galbreath. "National Minorities and Human Rights: Untangling the Rhetoric of the Minority Rights-Security Nexus to Promote Empowerment."
- Olivieri, Victor M. "The Changing of a Flag and the Changing of a Nation: Meaning-Making in Spain and How a Soccer Team Changed State Identity."
- Olivieri, Victor M., Laura Cram, and Adam Moore. "European Identity and Political Behavior: Evidence from a Physiological Experiment in Catalonia and Scotland."
- Cram, Laura, Adam Moore, Victor M. Olivieri, and Ewan Keith. "What I do, not what I say...? Physiological and Behavioural Insights into the Implicit Aspects of Multiple Identities."

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Process Tracing Methods and Causal Case Studies: Comparing, Matching, and Tracing, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC (August 2014).
- Social Network Analysis Workshop, University of Edinburgh, UK (January 2014).
- Salivary Research Seminar and Practicum, Salimetrics Europe, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK (September 2013).
- Graduate Student Research Workshop on the European Union, European Union Center of Excellence, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (May 2013) and University of California, Berkeley, CA (May 2012).
- Interpretive and Relational Research Methodologies Workshop, International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI (October 2011).
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (June 2010).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "European Identity and Political Behavior: Evidence from a Physiological Experiment in Catalonia and Scotland," European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference, Boston, MA (March 2015).
- "What I do, not what I say...? Physiological and Behavioural Insights into the Implicit Aspects of Multiple Identities," American Political Science Annual Meeting, Washington DC, (August 2014).
- "The Physiological Effects of European Identity," Graduate Student Research Workshop on the European Union, European Union Center of Excellence, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (May 2013).
- "Finding the 'European Demos': Quantitative Indicators and the Performance of 'Being' European," European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference, Baltimore, MD (May 2013).
- "National Minorities and Human Rights: Untangling the Rhetoric of the Minority Rights-Security Nexus to Promote Empowerment," 2013 European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions of Workshops, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, Germany (March 2013).
- "Semiotic Topography: Strategy for Collecting and Packaging Empirical Qualitative Data for Comparative Research," Interpretive and Relational Research Methodologies Workshop, International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI (October 2011).

2011) and Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2012).

“New Model Europeans: How Regional, National, and European Identities Interact to Forge What it Means to be European and How we Should ‘Measure’ it,” European Union Studies Association Annual Graduate Student Conference on the European Union, Pittsburgh, PA (March 2012).

“The Changing of a Flag and the Changing of a Nation: Meaning-Making in Spain and How a Soccer Team Changed State Identity,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2011) and American Political Science Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (September 2011).

“Supranational Identity: Motivations and Cross-Level Relationships behind Self-Identifications in a European State,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2011).

“Supranational Identity: Cross-Level Relationships between Self-Identifications in a European State,” European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference, Boston, MA (March 2011).

INVITED TALKS

“Examining the Physiological Effects of European Identity: An Experimental Approach,” University of Bath, UK (November 2013).

“The Development of European Identity in Spain: Cultural and Political Ramifications,” Institute of Learning in Retirement, Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (February 2011).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Olivieri, Victor M. “The Perils of Identity Choice in Europe,” Newsletter of the European Union Center of Excellence at UC Berkeley (Winter 2013).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Identity Politics
Europeanization
EU Integration
Critical Security Studies
Neuropolitics

Political Psychology
Political Culture
Field and Natural Experiments
Political Ethnography
Symbolic Interactionism

TEACHING INTERESTS

International Relations
International Security
International Organizations
International Negotiations
European Politics

Comparative Politics
State Building
Identity Politics
Interpretive Approaches to Political Science
Qualitative and Mixed Methods

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
European Union Studies Association
International Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association

GRADUATE ASSISTANT & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork Research

Scotland and Catalonia: physiological experiment in Edinburgh and Barcelona, and semi-structured interviews and participant observation throughout Scotland (September 2013 – June 2014).
Spain and United Kingdom: semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and participant observation in Madrid, Catalonia, The Basque Country, Granada, Almeria, Asturias, Mallorca, London, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland (May 2012 – January 2013).
United Kingdom and Ireland: semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and participant observation in London, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Dublin, Galway, Limerick, Cork, Waterford, Wicklow, Louth, Monaghan (May – August 2011).
Spain: semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and participant observation in Madrid, Aragon, Catalonia, The Basque Country, Castilla and Leon, Galicia, Granada, Malaga, Mallorca (June – September 2010).

University of Florida

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Associate Professor Amie Kreppel (Spring 2013).
CPO 2001: Comparative Politics
Graduate Research Assistant, Associate Professor Amie Kreppel (Spring – Fall 2012).
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Professor Paul D’Anieri (Fall 2011, Fall 2010, and Fall 2009).
INR 2001: Introduction to International Relations
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Assistant Professor Katrina Schwartz (Spring 2011).
CPO 2001: Comparative Politics
Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Leslie Thiele (Spring 2010).

University of Louisville

Graduate Assistant, Associate Professor Jason Gainous (Spring – Fall 2008).
POLS 390: Political Research
Graduate Assistant, Professor Okbazghi Yohannes (Spring – Fall 2008).
POLS 362: Comparative Political Economy
POLS 355: Introduction to Middle East Politics
POLS 339: International Terrorism
POLS 330: International Relations Theory
Graduate Assistant, Professor Charles Ziegler (Fall 2007).
Managed the Institute of Democracy & Development, University of Louisville

Arizona State University

Junior Fellow, Professor Sheldon W. Simon (Spring 2004).
Performed primary research for “Realism and Regionalism in Southeast Asia: The ARF and the War on Terror,” The Study of Order in Southeast Asia: Essays in Memory of Michael Leifer, Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies, Singapore (May 2004)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Committee Member, Reviews & Critical Commentary, Council for European Studies, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2013 – 2014.
Founder and Director, Junior Fellows Program, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2011 – 2013.

President, Political Science Graduate Student Council, University of Florida, 2011 – 2012.
 Organizing Committee, Institutions, Narratives and Identities, Graduate Student Workshop,
 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (February 2012).
 Discussant, “Methodological Considerations,” Institutions, Narratives and Identities, Graduate
 Student Workshop, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (February 2012).
 Panel Chair, “Ethnic Identity, Group Boundaries and Conflict,” Midwest Political Science
 Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2011).
 Panel Chair, “Policymaking in the International Context,” Southern Political Science Association
 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (January 2011).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate School Dissertation Scholarship, University of Florida, Fall 2014 (\$9,646).
 Named Research Fellow for “Physiology, Identity and Behaviour: A Neuropolitical Perspective,”
 Economic and Social Research Council Transformative Research Grant, Professor Laura
 Cram (PI), University of Edinburgh, UK, September 2013 – March 2015 (£250,000).
 Awarded placement by the European Union Centers of Excellence to attend the Graduate Student
 Research Workshop on the European Union at the European Union Center of Excellence,
 University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 2013 (travel, room, and board).
 European Center for Minority Issues Bursary, Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft (German Research
 Foundation), Spring 2013 (€300).
 Graduate Travel Grant, Center for European Studies, University of Florida, Spring 2013 (\$300);
 Summer 2012 (\$500); Summer 2011 (\$400); Summer 2010 (\$1,000).
 Graduate Student Mentoring Award, Innovation Through Institutional Integration Program,
 University of Florida, Fall 2012 (\$500).
 Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award, University of Florida, Fall 2012 (\$5,000).
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Award, University of Florida, Fall 2012 (\$300); Spring
 2011 (\$250).
 Graduate Summer Research Award, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, Summer
 2012 (\$1,250); Summer 2011 (\$1,500); Summer 2010 (\$1,500).
 Research Grant, Office of Research, University of Florida, Summer 2012 (\$400).
 Awarded placement by the European Union Centers of Excellence to attend the Western US
 Graduate Student Research Workshop on the European Union at the European Union Center of
 Excellence, University of California, Berkeley, CA, May 2012 (travel, room, and board).
 Travel Grant, International Studies Association (Northeast), October 2011 (\$100).
 Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, September 2011 (\$300).
 Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, September 2011 (\$250);
 January 2011 (\$250).
 Travel Grant, European Union Studies Association, February 2011 (\$150).
 Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, January 2011 (\$250).
 Awarded placement by the University of Florida Department of Political Science to attend the
 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at The Maxwell School, Syracuse
 University, Summer 2010 (cost of attendance, room, and board).
 Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2009 – 2013.
 Grinter Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2009 – 2013 (\$8,000).
 Social, Behavioral and Economic Alliance Scholarship, University of Florida, 2009 – 2010 (\$5,000).
 University Graduate Grant, Graduate School, University of Florida, 2009 – 2010 (\$2,000).
 Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Louisville, 2007 – 2008.
 Junior Fellow, Department of Political Science, Arizona State University, Spring 2004.

SKILLS

Language

Spanish: native/professional level in speaking, reading and writing

French: proficient reading, beginner speaking and writing

Italian: proficient speaking and reading, beginner writing

Arabic: beginner speaking, reading and writing

Software

R, Stata, SPSS, UCINET, NetDraw, Microsoft Excel, TurningPoint.