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### Education

#### **University of Rochester, Rochester, NY**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015-current

M.A., Political Science, 2018

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

#### **Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia**

M.A. Political Science, 2014 (with honors)

B.A. Political Science, 2012 (with honors)

### Research Interests

Decentralization, local efficiency, public goods provision, institutions in  
political economy of development, historical legacy, causal inference, m

### Publications

“The Importance and Peculiarities of Archival Work in Political Science”  
*Politics Newsletter*, Fall 2019, XXIX(2): 5-11.

### Working Papers

“Indirect Rule and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Colonial India”  
(*Under Review*);

“How to Provide? Trade-offs for Local Officials: Evidence from Russia”

“Self-Governance and Regional Voting Salience: Evidence from 1917 Russia”

### Work in Progress

“Mayors as Brokers of Regime: Evidence from Budget Transfers in Russia”

“Causes and Consequences of the Governors’ Survival: Evidence from Russia”  
(with Randall Stone);

“Electoral Viability of Former Rebel Groups: Evidence from an Experiment”  
(with Karen Albert);

“Separation in Strategic Choice Models” (with Casey Crisman-Cox, Agnieszka  
Curtis Signorino);

“Burn for Money or Burning Money: Evidence from the Zemstvo Insurance

### Research Experience

Research Assistant to Professor Randall Stone, 2019-current

Research Assistant to Professor Anderson Frey, 2018

Research Assistant to Professor Alexander Lee, 2016

Research Assistant at Laboratory of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods  
for Political Regimes Research, Higher School of Economics, Moscow,

Awards and Fellowships	<p><b>University Fellowship</b> University of Rochester, 2015–present</p> <p><b>Additional Fellowships and Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beck Research Grant, University of Rochester, Fall 2019</li> <li>- The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Travel Grant, Summer 2019</li> <li>- Watson Field Work Grant, University of Rochester, January-February 2019</li> <li>- Summer Seed Field Work Grant, University of Rochester, Summer 2018</li> <li>- Second Year Paper Lanni Fellowship, University of Rochester, Summer 2017</li> <li>- PEPR Research Grant, University of Rochester, Fall 2016</li> <li>- Oxford Russian Fund Fellowship, Higher School of Economics, 2010-2012</li> </ul> <p><b>Best Lecturer at Political Science Department Award</b> National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2013-2014</p> <p><b>Golden HSE Award - “Silver Nestling”</b> National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2012</p>
Conferences and Talks	<p>APSA 2018, 2019; MPSA 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019; ICSID Annual Conference, Higher School of Economics (2019); Summer Workshop in Russian Economic History and Historical Political Economy, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2019)</p>
Teaching Experience	<p><b>University of Rochester</b> Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Terrorism, Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, Poverty and Development, Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, Elections in Developing Countries, Fall 2017</p> <p><b>Higher School of Economics, Moscow</b> Instructor, Causal Inference, 2014-2015 Teaching Assistant, Probability and Statistics, 2013-2014 Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods in Political Science, 2012-2015</p>
Languages and Skills	<p>English (fluent), German (intermediate), Russian (native) R, Python, Stata, SQL, ArcGIS, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML (basic)</p>
Memberships	<p>American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association</p>
Department Service	<p>Coordinator, Women’s Working Group, URPSD, 2018-current Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme, 2017</p>

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## References

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