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Education

University of Rochester

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

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

**Research
Interests**

Decentralization, efficiency of public goods provision, institutions in autocracies,
political economy of development, historical legacy, causal inference, machine learning

**Work
In Progress**

- *“Indirect Rule and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Colonial India” (Under Review);*
- *“Decentralization and Local Development: Evidence from Russian Cities”;*
- *“Decentralization and Ethnic Voting Salience: Evidence from the Russian 1917 Elections”;*
- *“Local Public Goods in India”(with Alexander Lee);*

Teaching

University of Rochester

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

Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Teaching Assistant, Causal Inference, 2014-2015

Teaching Assistant, Probability and Statistics, 2013-2014

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods in Political Science, 2012-2015

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| Research Experience | Research Assistant to Professor Anderson Frey, 2018–present Research Assistant to Professor Alexander Lee, 2016–present Research Assistant at Laboratory of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods for Political Regimes Research, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2014-2015 |
| Awards and Fellowships | University Fellowship University of Rochester, 2015–present Watson Field Work Grant University of Rochester, January-February 2019 (1400\$) Summer Seed Field Work Grant University of Rochester, Summer 2018 (1650\$) Second Year Paper Lanni Fellowship University of Rochester, Summer 2017 PEPR Research Grant University of Rochester, Fall 2016 |
| Languages and Skills | English (fluent), German (intermediate), Russian (native) R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, L ^A T _E X, HTML (basic) |
| Department Service | Coordinator, Women’s Working Group, URPSD, 2018 Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme, 2017 |